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May Day: Federation to honour 240 workers

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Inder the patronage of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, Bahrain Free Labour Unions Federation (Al Hurr) will honour 240 workers nominated by ministries, directorates and institutions in the Kingdom on May Day.

May day festivities also include a children's art contest on April 30, workers futsal on May 1 and family entertainment programmes on May 5.





It is an honor to welcome President @EmmanuelMacron to the Capitol. Our republics must always stand together when our shared interests and values are at stake. Today's joint meeting is another step in strengthening this historic alliance even further.

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26th Annual Heritage Festival opens

Plot to kill BDF Chief: Death penalty upheld

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Bahrain's top Military Court yesterday upheld the death sentences of four men for forming a terrorist cell and plotting to assassinate a senior military official here last year.

The four men were among six others sentenced to death by the Military High Court last December for attempting to assassinate Field Marshal Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, the Commander-in-Chief of Bahrain Defence Force (BDF).

"The Military Court of Cassation turned down the objections raised by four convicts against the death penalty and 15 years jail



Field Marshal Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa (file picture)

term as well as revocation of their Bahraini nationality," a statement released by BDF said yesterday.

One of the accused was a serving soldier before his arrest.

The men sentenced to capital punishment are Mubarak Adel Mubarak Mohanna, a soldier, Fadhil Alsayed Abbas Hassan Radhi, Alsayed Alawi Hussain Alawi Hussain and Mohammed Abdulhassan Ahmed Almitghawi."

According to an earlier report by *Bahrain News Agency*, 18 defendants were originally implicated in the plot.

The Court also upheld a 7-year jail term and revocation of the nationality of Mohammed Abdulhussain Saleh Al Shehabi and Mohammed Abdulwahid Mohammed Alnajjar. They were sentenced along with five others who are members of the terrorist cell on December 25. Five other Bahraini men were acquitted.

Îssuing the verdict, the Military Cassation Court said, "The Court also turned down the objections raised by the two convicts against the seven-year jail term as well as revocation

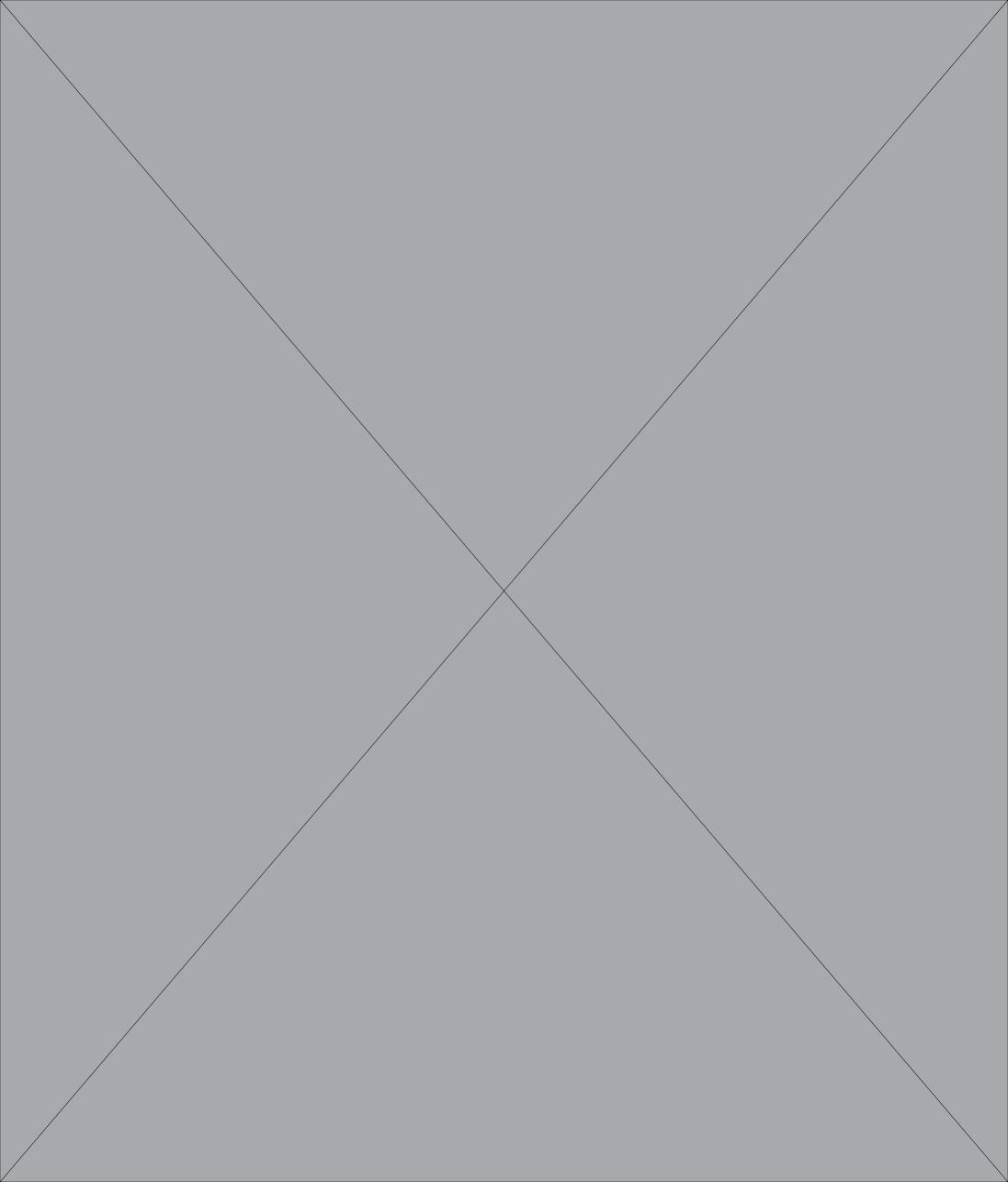
of their Bahraini nationality.'

The statement further said that all "judicial sureties were granted, in compliance with the Criminal Procedures Law 2002 and the Military Judiciary Law 2002, to the defendants including access to defence lawyers.

The defendants, Court said, have the right to challenges this first-instance court ruling at the Military Appeals High Court and the Military Court of Cassation according to provisions of the

"Representatives of human rights institutions and societies, media channels and several relatives of the defendants attended the court session," the BDF statement said.

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US report 'inaccurate'

Human right activist rejects 'Bahraini Human Rights in 2017' report by US State Department

Report based on organisations that do not have members or offices in Bahrain

Report ignored all violations

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Prominent human right activist yesterday rebuked the allegations made against Bahrain in the US State Department's human rights report as "inaccurate" and based on sources having no direct knowledge of the situations inside Kingdom.

Rejecting the report, Faisal Fulad, Bahrain Human Rights Watch Society (BHRWS) Secretary-General, in a statement, pointed out that the report was "based on information from associations or organisations operating outside Bahrain."

The report, Faisal Fulad accused, has failed to take into account the context of

terrorism faced by Bahrain from the Iranian regime.

He also criticised the report for lack of impartial Bahraini and Arab sources saying, "the report was unfair to Bahraini human rights organisations."

The report was based on organisations that do not have members or offices in Bahrain and "some of them never visited Bahrain."

The 'Bahraini Human Rights in 2017', he said, ignored reports of rights organisations registered and centred their activities in Bahrain, with many of them established in 2004.

Fulad also pointed out that the report also failed to account the systematic terrorism of the Iranian regime in the Kingdom. Report lacks impartial Bahraini and Arab sources

The report was unfair to Bahraini human rights organisations

The Iranian regime has been striving to destroy the stability of the Kingdom by supporting armed groups through their intelligence services and Revolutionary Guards, resulting in the loss of lives of several innocent people and police officers. "The report ignored all these violations," stressed Fulad.

Warning about the dangerous Iranian activity in Bahrain, which aims to destabilize the entire Gulf region, the Secretary-General said: "These terrorist activities also had its toll on the national economy."

"The Iranian regime since 1979 has been trying to overthrow the government here through armed groups trained in Iran.

"Many of these individuals linked to Iran are currently active in Western countries as human rights activists after their inability to attempt a coup against the Monarchy in Bahrain. For example, the failed attempt in 1981 and 1996, in addition to several terrorist attacks targeting security and stability of Bahrain," he stressed.

Further supporting his claims, he also pointed out that Bahrain has historically respected all religious traditions and there is no discrimination against religions and sects in Bahrain and "the US report on this issue do not have an official source."

Demanding the US State

Report failed to account the systematic terrorism of the Iranian regime



Department to focus it reports on all human rights organisations and civil societies in Bahrain, Fulad said that these organisations have full independence in writing reports on the situation of Bahrain with sufficient sources and evidence.

He also called on the US

State Department to focus on the Iranian threat aimed at destabilising Bahrain by using armed groups associated with Iran.

Fulad, however, said the Bahrain Human Rights Watch Society (BHRWS) welcomes any reports and believes in the idea of criticism and reform.

Iran will 'never' possess nuclear weapons: Macron

Washington

French President Emmanuel Macron drew Wednesday on the "shared bond" of US-French relations to call for a rejection of isolationism and instead for the countries to bond together anew for a 21st century security.

Macron opened a joint meeting of Congress, saying "the American and French people have had a rendezvous with freedom."

The French president received a warm, three-minute standing ovation from US lawmakers before delivering — in English — a rare address to Congress, which he hailed as a "sanctuary of democracy."

Macron shook hands with senators and representatives, and pressed his hand to his heart several times before a speech expected to touch on the two countries' shared history and international challenges.

Speaking almost directly to President Donald Trump, Macron quickly turned to the top issues of Syria, free trade and the Paris accord on climate change — issues where he and Trump disagree — as he urged the United States not to retreat from world affairs, but to embrace its historic role as a military leader of world affairs.

"We are living in a time



of anger and fear because of these current global threats," Macron told lawmakers. "You can play with fears and angers for a time, but they do not construct anything."

With a nod to great American leaders, including former President Franklin Roosevelt, he warned against sowing seeds of fear.

Macron told Congress that Iran will "never" be allowed to develop atomic weapons, as the fate of a landmark 2015 nuclear accord with Tehran hangs in the balance.

"Our objective is clear," Macron told lawmakers on the final day of a state visit during which he and President Donald Trump called for a broader "deal" that would also limit Iran's ballistic missile program and support for militant groups across the Middle East.

"Iran shall never possess any nuclear weapons. Not now.

Not in five years. Not in 10 years. Never," Macron said.

Macron has pushed for a new approach that would see the United States and Europe agree to block any Iranian nuclear activity until 2025 and beyond, address Iran's ballistic missile program and generate conditions for a political solution to contain Iran in Yemen, Syria, Iraq and Lebanon.

"Whatever the decision of

the United States will be, we will not leave the floor to the actions of rogues. We will not leave the floor to this conflict of powers in the Middle East," Macron told Congress.

"I think we can work together to build this comprehensive deal for the whole region, for our people, because I think it fairly addresses our concerns," he said.

On climate change, Macron told US lawmakers there is

Macron to block any Iranian nuclear activity until 2025 and beyond

Trump called for a broader "deal" that would also limit Iran's ballistic missile

Macron says can work together to build this comprehensive deal for the region

"no Planet B," acknowledging a disagreement with President Donald Trump, who pulled his nation from the landmark Paris accord.

"Let us face it. There is no Planet B," Macron said in an address to Congress on the final day of his state visit to the United States.

(AFP)

Focus on occupational safety

Deputy Prime Minister Shaikh Khalid bin Abdullah Al Khalifa yesterday described Bahrain's strides in boosting occupational safety as a cornerstone in the Kingdom's development march.

Speaking as he opened the 4th Occupational Safety Conference and Exhibition Shaikh Khalid said joining the world through the organisation of this key event reflects Bahrain's celebration of its achievements in this respect and the care given to the workers.

The Deputy Premier said setting up of the Occupational Safety and Health Council is the dividend of the efforts made in carrying out the general policy in this respect. Shaikh Khalid hailed the Deputy Prime Minister Shaikh Khalid bin Abdullah Al Khalifa during the inauguration

large-scale participation in the event consolidates kingdom's status as a major host of

specialised conferences and

The exhibition, organised

by the Labour and Social Development Ministry, is being held at the Gulf Hotel's Conference Hall.

The event, which brought together a host of experts, specialists and specialised Arab and international organisations, is held under the theme "Innovated Approaches in Occupational Safety and Health".

In his address on the occasion, the Deputy Premier wished the conference every success in mapping out applicable formulae by making use of cutting edge methods.

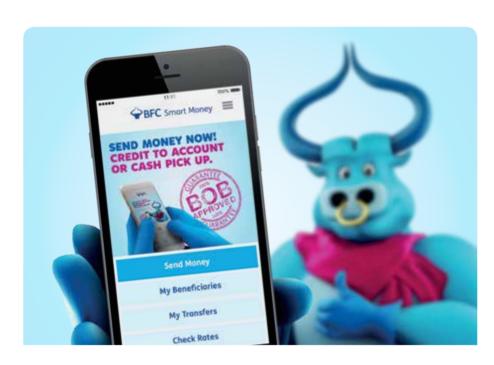
Labour and Social Development Minister Jameel Humaidan, the Chairman of the Occupational Safety and Health Council, hailed the Deputy Premier's patronage of the event which, he said, reflects Bahrain's keenness on protecting human resources and working environment.

The Minister also pointed out the need to exert more efforts to develop human resources and training in light of the fast-paced technological progress in the world.

The Deputy Prime Minister honoured the sponsoring companies of the conference as well as Secretary General of the Royal Charity Organisation (RCO) and Board Chairman of the Safety and Health Society Mustafa Sayed in recognition of his efforts in voluntary work and health

Three pioneers in this field were also honoured. The Deputy Premier also opened the associated exhibition which showcased the latest technologies in occupational safety and health.

Deputy Prime Minister Shaikh Khalid opens 4th Occupational Safety Conference and Exhibition



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Lane closure on highways

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inistry of Works,
Municipality Affairs & of Works, Urban Planning announced closures of avenues on Wali Al Ahd Highway and sub roads in Riffa as part of improvement

According to the statement, Avenue 38 will be fully closed and the traffic will be diverted to Al Ezel Avenue. The move is planned in co-operation with the General Directorate of Traffic of the Ministry of the

Traffic movement from

Wali Al Ahd Highway to Jari Al Shiekh Area will be stopped starting today from 03:00 p.m. to Saturday at 08:00 a.m.

On Wali Al Ahd Highway, one lane in both directions will be closed while keeping a lane open for traffic flow, effective today at 11:00 p.m. to Sunday at 05:00 a.m.

The Ministry also said it will close a lane on Road 2819 leading to the petrol station and prevent the traffic flow from Wali Al Ahd Highway to Wadi Alsail Area on Friday from 01:00 a.m. to 01:00 p.m.

All road users are requested to observe and obey the traffic rules for the safety of all.

In another statement, the Ministry said that due to resurfacing works on Al Ghous Highway at Muharraq, right lane for northbound traffic near Sh. Isa bin Salman Causeway Junction will be closed and will stop right turn movement leading to Airport Avenue.

The closure will be effective during weekend only from Thursday at 11:00 p.m. to Saturday at 05:00 a.m.

BCCI removes Chief Executive

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Bahrain Chamber for Commerce and Industry (BCCI) Chairman Sameer Nass yesterday announced the removal of the chamber's CEO Dr. Khalid Mohammed Al Rowaihi from his position.

The last working day for him in his current position would be today, a statement released last night by BCCI confirmed.

The statement read, "BCCI Chairman announced the decision, in accordance with the mandate granted to him by the Ordinary General Assembly meeting held on April 22, 2018, in connection with the violation of the appointment of the Chief Executive Officer of the Chamber.'

The decision, according to the statement, to terminate the service of the Chamber's CEO Dr. Khaled Mohammed Al Rowaihi was due to the invalidity of the contract of work signed between him and the Chamber on December 26, 2017.

The deal violates Article 45 of Law 48 for 2012 with regards to BCCI and Article 86 of BCCI's executive regulations issued by Resolution 156 of 2013 which stipulate that the Chamber's CEO shall not be a member of the chamber.

The announcement came two days after a similar statement by BCCI stating that the Chamber is taking all legal procedures in regards to the current CEO's condition.

The statement Tuesday mentioned that the matter is being investigated by the BCCI Chairman Sameer Nass in response to the news published by a number of local newspapers on expelling or termination of the Chamber's CEO's work contract.

Heritage Festival begins

His Highness Shaikh Isa bin Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa attends opening ceremony

The 26th annual Heritage Festival was opened yesterday by His Highness Shaikh Isa bin Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa on behalf of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa.

The festival, organised by the Bahrain Authority for Culture and Antiquities and based on a theme of 'Memory of Muharrag', was held at the Heritage Village near Arad

In his inaugural address, HH Shaikh Isa told the participants of the festival that the event, which is actively supported by HM the King, "reflects a commitment to showcasing authentic Bahraini culture and preserving it for future generations."

HH Shaikh Isa welcomed the commemoration of the city of Muharraq's rich heritage at this year's festival, which coincides with the celebration of Muharraq as the Capital of Islamic Culture 2018, highlighting the vital cultural contribution Muharraq has made throughout Bahrain's history.

His Highness then toured the festival, accompanied by Shaikha Mai bint Mohammed Al Khalifa, President of the Bahrain Authority for Culture and Antiquities, and was briefed on the festival's programmes and events, which focus on the important aspects of Muharraq's history in a number of areas including

architecture.

Shaikh Isa was also briefed on the Bahrain National Museum's collection of Bahraini Women's Fashion and toured the local Market and cafes. Later, HH Shaikh Isa observed folk dances and games and was told about the different workshops being held throughout the festival.

His Highness praised the Bahrain Authority for Culture and Antiquities for their successful organisation of the festival and wished the authority continued success in their work to highlight the cultural impact of the Kingdom

For her part, Shaikha Mai Bint Mohammed Al Khalifa extended her thanks to His Majesty King Hamad for his role in enhancing the Kingdom of Bahrain's heritage and for his ongoing patronage of the Annual Heritage Festival.

expressed appreciation to His Highness Shaikh Isa for opening the 26th Annual Heritage Festival on behalf of His Majesty the King.

This year's Heritage Festival programme, Shaikha Mai said, highlights some of the many historic achievements and cultural features of Bahrain. "Bahrain's heritage, extending from the civilisation of Delmon until today, represents a great source of pride to the Kingdom's citizens," added Shaikha Mai.

The 26th Annual Heritage Festival will continue until 5









Highlights of the event

Weapons stolen from UAE facility in Somalia, sold on open market

At least 600 weapons were stolen in the past week from a former United Arab Emirates-run training center in Somalia's capital Mogadishu and are for sale in the city, weapons dealers said yesterday.

The weapons, including new Kalashnikov assault rifles and Chinese versions of them, were stolen by Somali National Army soldiers who had been trained by the UAE at its facility, three Somali men who purchased weapons from the soldiers told Reuters.

The Gulf nation has trained hundreds of Somali troops since 2014 as part of an effort boosted by an African Union vehicles fixed with anti-aircraft military mission to defeat an Islamist insurgency and secure the country for the Somali government, which is backed by Western nations, Turkey and the United Nations.

The UAE ended the programme on April 15, shortly after security forces at Mogadishu's airport seized millions of dollars and temporarily held a UAE plane.

On Sunday night a ship docked at Mogadishu's port was loaded with equipment from the UAE's training center, including several dozen shipping containers of weapons, dozens of armored guns and hundreds of cars, a port staff member told Reuters.

On Monday, gunfire broke out at the former training center where some of the



troops were still camped out, and UAE-trained troops who were still there fled with as many weapons as they could, before a rival group took over the facility.

UAE officials did not immediately respond to requests for comment.

The dealers showed Reuters five weapons they said they bought from the soldiers. They all bore the marking "SO XDS" indicating that they belonged to the Somali army.

An arms expert said this was consistent with the previous arrangement between the two countries.

"The weapons belonged to

the SNA, which distributed them to the UAE training center. So they are marked SO XDS," he said.

"About 600 to 700 AK-47 and (other) guns were looted from the former UAE training camps," weapons dealer Jama Ali told Reuters, speaking from a home in Mogadishu where he and two other men presented the weapons.

Ali said they purchased the weapons for \$700, a significant discount on the current price of \$1,350 in Mogadishu for a new Kalashnikov. The dealers then began last night reselling the weapons at \$1,000 each, he said. (Reuters)

Kuwait asks Philippines ambassador to leave

Kuwait yesterday ordered the Philippines ambassador to leave within a week and recalled its own envoy for consultations after embassy staff tried to "rescue" Filipino domestic workers amid reports of abuse.

In a statement issued, Kuwaiti Foreign Ministry said that it had notified the Philippine Ambassador Renato Villa that he is persona nongrata in the country asking him to return home in a week.

The decision, Kuwaiti Ministry said, was in retaliation for undiplomatic acts by Philippine embassy staff, encouraging Filipino domestic workers to flee employers' households.

The official statement renewed its utter rejection and condemnation of the Philippine embassy's "flagrant and grave breach of rules and regulations that govern diplomatic action, where staff helped Filipina house helpers run away.'

The ministry termed such illegal acts as blatant violation of the State of Kuwait law, international covenants and charters, tantamount to intervention in the state domestic affairs and meddling in jurisdictions of the security



File picture of Philippine Ambassador to Kuwait Renato Villa (Courtesy Khaleej Tlmes/AFP)

apparatuses.

The Kuwaiti Foreign Ministry statement noted that the foreign ministry of the Asian nation dispatched "reinforcements to the embassy in Kuwait; comprised of seven teams affiliated with the foreign undersecretary for labour in immigration at the pretext of rescuing female housemaids in

These acts had prompted the ministry to summon the Philippine ambassador twice. "However this duration has passed without any response from the embassy," the statement reads.

The decision was the latest episode in a three-month crisis sparked by reports that abuse by employers in the wealthy Gulf Arab state had driven

several Filipinos to suicide.

Philippines had apologized on Tuesday for what Kuwait viewed as a "flagrant" violation of its sovereignty, with the Philippine foreign secretary saying the embassy was forced to "assist" Filipino workers who sought help as some situations were a matter of life and death.

Kuwait's foreign ministry

said it had given the ambassador three days to provide the names of Filipino residents in Kuwait who had "kidnapped" domestic workers from their employers' homes, adding it had yet to receive a response from the embassy.

Kuwaiti security forces "will

continue to chase down those who violated the security of the country" and put them on

The ambassador to leave within a week

Recalls its own envoy for consultations

Given three days to reveal names of violators

trial, the ministry added in a statement.

Domestic helpers account for more than 65 percent of the more than 260,000 Filipinos in Kuwait, according to the Philippines' foreign secretary.

Philippines President Rodrigo Duterte in February called on Filipino workers in Kuwait to return home after the discovery of a domestic worker's body in a freezer in an abandoned home. He said then that a list of both reported and unreported cases of mistreatment of Filipino migrant workers would be prepared. (Agencies)

Top Italian Orthopedic Consultant to visit RBH



Dr. Gianluca

Gianluca Cusma Guatteri, a highly accomplished Orthopedic consultant, will be visiting Royal Bahrain Hospital from April 28 to 30, 2018.

Dr Guatteri will be available for consultations on the diagnosis, treatment and management of hip and knee joint diseases, minimally invasive surgery from arthroscopy to replacements, regenerative treatments for hip and knee and Platelet-rich plasma (PRP).

"We are delighted to welcome Dr Gianluca Cusma Guatteri at RBH. We look forward to benefitting from his insights and experience in the treatment of different orthopaedic disorders," said Jacob Thomas, Group Director - Operations and Projects (GCC).

Dr Guatteri is currently head of the Minimally Invasive Ortho Surgery Department at a Gruppo San Donato private hospital in Pavia, Italy leading a group of 6 surgeons specializing in hip, knee, ankle, foot, shoulder and spine surgical treatments. As a first surgeon, he performs more than 250 hip and knee joint replacements each year.

During his residency orthopedics and traumatology, he focused on hip and knee surgery, and after a 12-month fellowship in Mini-Invasive Solutions for Knee Replacement, he completed his residency in 2006 with a final thesis on unicompartmental knee replacement. After 4 years working as an orthopedic specialist, he started working as a hip and knee replacement consultant at the Humanitas

Research Hospital in Milan, Italy in 2010.

Dr. Guatteri was involved in the research and development of the new GTS (Global Tissue Sparing) hip stem designed by Dr. Guildo Grappiolo and produced by ZimmerBiomet. He was the consultant for the medical education and cadaver lab where surgeons experienced hands-on training with Dr. Guatteri by their side.

He was a member of Livio Sciutto Foundation's scientific board from 2013 to 2016 and is currently a member of European Hip Society, International Society for Technology in International Arthroplasty, Italian Society of Arthroscopy, and he actively participates in annual congresses and courses.

In January 2016, he conducted a training to local surgeons called Difficult Primary and Revision Hip and Knee Cases at the Joint Replacement Department at the Northern Jiangsu People's Hospital in China and received the Yangzhou Medical School Visiting Professor award. In February 2016 he lectured at the Master in Mini Invasive Hip Surgery organized by the Campus Bio-Medico University in Rome. Since September 2016, he has been training surgeons at MicroPort with a focus on the micro invasive SuperPath hip replacement technique.

To book your appointment with Dr. Gianluca, call 17246800 or book online on www.royalbahrainhospital. com. You can now also download the Royal Bahrain Hospital Mobile App to book your appointments and more on iOS and Android devices.

FIVE GUYS TO SERVE UP ULTIMATE BURGER CREATION AT THE AVEN

Five Guys, the highly anticipated American burger joint, opens in The Avenues new leisure, retail and hospitality destination. This marks the expansion of the Five Guys restaurant chain in the MENA region through the Cravia Inc.



The opening of Five Guys in The Avenues follows hot on the heels of our multiple openings in the region. Delighted to be expanding within the region, the popularity of this ultimate burger and fries restaurant in the rest of the MENA region gives us confidence that

-Marwan Kandeel, Regional Brand Manager, Cravia Inc.

1.200 locations across US

Founded in 1986 in Washington DC by Jerry and Janie Murrell, Five Guys now hoasts over 1 200 locations across the United States and with a further 1,500 units in development.

Dining options

Both the North and South Food Courts now open, in addition to a range of fast food and casual dining outlets placed in convenient locations throughout the mall. Upon completion, there will be over 100 places to dine and relax including restaurants, cafes, and casual dining outlets.

Choose from 250,000 ways

- Hand-formed grilled patties are sandwiched with an array of premium toppings between fresh-baked buns and its fries are cooked to perfection in pure peanut oil.
- The high-grade beef is chilled, never frozen, with customers able to choose from a possible 250,000 ways to have their order served.

Investors nervous of anticipated Apple slump A sharp slowdown in production by Apple's five largest device manufacturers suggests demand for the iPhone X is fading APPLE'S LARGEST DEVICE ASSEMBLERS (all headquartered in Taiwan) 1. Foxconn (1.3 million employees): iPhone, iPad, MacBook 2. Pegatron (177,950): iPhone 3. Wistron (83,278): iPhone 3. Quanta (70,000+): Apple Watch, MacBook 5. Compal (43,000+): iPad, Apple Watch REVENUE GROWTH LINKED TO FACTORY OUTPUT Monthly sales' growth (five main assemblers) 20 10 2016 2017 CONSUMERS SHY AWAY FROM MOST EXPENSIVE IPHONE iPhone units sold. Q4 2017 iPhone units sold. Q1 2018 iPhone SE (costs from \$349) iPhone 6S (\$449, \$549) iPhone SE iPhone 8 (\$699, \$799) iPhone 6S iPhone X iPhone 7 8m 29m 48.3m

Phone models with two prices indicate regular-size and Plus (larger screen) r Charts refer to actual calendar quarters and not Apple's fiscal quarters Sources: Bloomberg, Dazeinfo, Statista, 9to5Mac, Apple Picture: Apple

Pope invites Mideast religious leaders to Italy

Vatican City

Pope Francis has invited leaders of all Christian denominations in the Middle East to join him in Italy in July to discuss how they can help bring peace to the region, the Vatican said on Wednesday.

The meeting will take place on July 7 in the southern Adriatic port city of Bari, chosen because it is home to the relics of St. Nicholas, a figure venerated in both the Western and Eastern branches of Christianity.

Nicholas, who lived about 1,700 years ago in what is today Turkey, is particularly honored by Christian Orthodox Churches in countries such as Syria, Iraq, Egypt and Lebanon in the Middle East.

Nicholas is also widely venerated among Orthodox Christians in Russia.

BHB, INJAZ ink deal for Smart Investor plan



Manama

 $B_{\text{and}}^{\text{ahrain}} \underset{\text{INJAZ}}{\text{Bourse}} \ \ \text{(BHB)}$ Bourse (BHB) a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) yesterday to enhance joint cooperation and deliver specialized businesseducational programme "Smart Investor" to educate educational and empower elementary-level students with basic financial literacy concepts.

The agreement was signed by Chief Executive Officer of Bahrain Bourse Shaikh Khalifa bin Ebrahim Al-Khalifa and the Executive Director of INJAZ Bahrain Shaikha Hessa bint Khalifa Al-Khalifa at Bahrain Bourse's premises with the attendance of the Executive Management of BHB and INJAZ Bahrain.

Based on the MoU, Bahrain Bourse in cooperation with INIAZ Bahrain will deliver and implement the Smart

Investor Programme during the new academic year 2018-2019 by penetrating all primary government schools, to have approximately 5,000 students of grade 4 benefiting from the program on an annual basis.

On this occasion, Shaikh Khalifa bin Ebrahim Al-Khalifa said, "We are pleased to partner with INJAZ Bahrain given its experience in training students and educating them with financial literacy concepts going in line with the objectives

of the program in particular and Bahrain Bourse's strategy in general that aims at spreading investment awareness across all age groups in the Kingdom of Bahrain."

Shaikha Hessa bint Khalifa Al-Khalifa commented, "This MoU contributes to developing students' financial literacy skills and equips them to be more empowered to take on-board financial decision making as well as practical investment & saving skills."

What is Smart Investor programme?

The Smart Investor programme aims to introduce to students the concept of smart investing, saving, and planning for their financial future through hands on learning & interactive activities.

Some of the topics covered during the sessions include: how to use ATM machines, earning money from various resources, financial services offered through banks, and how to be empowered for financial decision making.

Alba completes hiring for Line 6



Alba Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Ali Al Bagali

Aluminium Bahrain (Alba), the Bahrain-based international aluminium smelter, announced that it has successfully completed the hiring process for its Line 6 Expansion Project.

In line with the Kingdom's 2030 Economic Vision, the Line 6 Expansion Project has created around 500 permanent direct jobs in Alba and will boost the downstream cluster by creating indirectly a few thousand job opportunities.

The new recruits have started to join the Company and the last batch is expected to join in June 2018.

Chief Deputy Alba's Executive Officer Ali Al

Bagali said: "We are pleased to have successfully completed the hiring process for Line 6 Expansion Project, which will accelerate the various works associated with the pouring of the First Hot Metal on January 01, 2019. As we progress with the construction of the Project, we are proactively training the new hires to get ready to carryout respective responsibilities in Line 6 smelter and PS 5 facilities.

One of the biggest brownfield expansions in the Region, the Line 6 Expansion Project bring Alba's total production capacity to 1.5 million metric tonnes per year making it the world's largest single-site aluminium smelter.

Eskan Bank REIT to pay dividend of 3%



Ahmad Tayara, CBC Eskan Bank

Manama

Eskan Bank Realty Income Trust (EBRIT) announced yesterday a second semiannual dividend payment of 3 per cent to unitholders.

The Trust reported a total dividend distribution of BD 594,000 or Bahraini fils 3 per investment unit, which is a 3 per cent yield over the sixmonth period from 1 July to 31 December 2017, or 6 per cent on an annualised basis.

Unitholders who are listed on the REIT register at the close of trading on the Bahrain Bourse as at 30 April 2018 (the record date) will be entitled to receive the dividend.

Payment will be made by cheque, which eligible unitholders can collect from Tuesday 15 May



Dr. Khalid Abdulla, GM Eskan

onwards at the offices of the REIT's paying agent, Karvy Computershare, located on the 7th floor of Zamil Tower, Government Avenue, Manama.

An original CPR or letter of authorisation will be required. Payments will be made via bank transfer for those unitholders that have previously provided the necessary details to Karvy.

Naser Obaid, a Director of the Board of Trustees, said: "We are pleased to announce this semi-annual dividend payment of 3 per cent, which is in line with the Trust's annual target of up to 6.5 per cent in net distributable income. Net profit for the period amounted to BD 1.1 million. Rental income,



Najla Al Shirawi, CEO SICO

including tenant service charge contributions, was BD 1.5 million before expenses."

Dr. Khalid Abdulla, General Manager of Eskan Bank, the investment manager of the REIT, noted: "We remain on the look out for attractive new investment properties for the Trust."

Najla Al Shirawi, Chief Executive Officer of SICO, the sub-investment manager and dedicated market maker, and formerly the lead manager for the REIT offering, pointed out: "The Trust offers investors the opportunity to benefit from Bahrain's growing real estate market without directly owning and managing properties, while at the same time contributing to the development of the



Naser Obeid, Director

Kingdom's real estate market."

Ahmad Tayara, Chief Business Officer and Deputy General Manager of Eskan Bank, re-iterated: "EBRIT's underlying real estate investments, Segaya Plaza and Danaat Al Madina, continue to make progress. Occupancy levels at Danaat Al Madina have reached 71 per cent, up from 63 per cent at the time of the IPO, and at Segaya Plaza, which is currently at 100 per cent occupancy level, we are working on setting up digital media screens to further enhance revenues. Total property operational costs stood at BD245,990 compared with the initially BD384,355, budgeted representing a saving of 36pc."

BisB holds graduation ceremony

Manam

Bahrain Islamic Bank (BisB) recently held a graduation ceremony to honour its first batch of employees who completed a series of training programs organized by the Bank in 2017, under the patronage of the Minister of Labor and Social Development, Jameel Humaidan.

The programme focused on equipping employees with enhanced soft skills

and financial knowledge and developing management and leadership, under the support of the Tamkeen Labour Fund and in cooperation with EMIC Training and AMPOWERED Training.

Commenting on the programme, Jameel bin Mohammed Ali Humaidan, stressed the importance of training Bahrainis working in the financial and banking sector.

Inovest appoints Al Jar acting CEO

Manama

Inovest yesterday announced naming Yasser Al Jar as its Acting Chief Executive Officer.

Having served the Group as Chief Financial Officer, Al Jar has in-depth knowledge of the Group's structure, investment orientation and plans for strategic development. Al Jar's career spans 19 years of focused experience in the fields of Islamic Investment Banking, Assurance Services, Commercial and Investment Banking, and Real Estate.

Prior to joining the Inovest team, Al Jar served in key controller positions in several reputable financial institutions, including Shamil Bank of Bahrain, Qatar First Investment Bank, and Arthur Andersen. Al Jar has the distinguished credentials of having worked in the Islamic banking sector on numerous levels, from dealing and interacting with different type of Islamic products, to financial and investment



structures capped with a sound understanding of Shari'a (Islamic) principles in respect of the Islamic banking. He further sits on the Boards of a number of real estate and construction-based companies. In regard to professional memberships, Al Jar is a member of the Technical Advisory and Interpretations Committee of AAOIFI.

Dr. Omar Al Mutawa, Chairman of Inovest's Board of Directors noted, "Yasser has shown excellent leadership skills in his previous role, and we believe that despite recent challenges, the Group will achieve much greater milestones."





Chief Executive Officer of the Bahrain Tourism and Exhibitions Authority, Shaikh Khaled bin Humood Al Khalifa, held a number of meetings on the sidelines of BTEA's participation in the 25th Arabian Travel Market (ATM) in Dubai, UAE. Bahrain's pavilion at the Arabian Travel Market attracted numerous international companies and visitors to explore investment opportunities as well as sign mutual agreements focused on attracting tourist groups to Bahrain. Shaikh Khaled held meetings with officials from Gulf, Arab and foreign countries and also met with the President of Natalie Tours, Vladimir Vorobyev, to discuss ways of strengthening further cooperation. The BTEA also held meetings with representatives from major tour operators, European-based travel agencies and hotel management companies to offer travel packages and organize tourism trips to the Kingdom of Bahrain.

BUSINESS DT 9

Trump could visit Britain in July

President Donald Trump could possibly come to Britain for a working visit in July, Sky News reported on Wednesday,

saying details of the trip were expected to be announced in the next few days. A working visit would be more low-key than a full state visit. Prime Minister Theresa May invited Trump for a state visit when she went to Washington in January 2017.



China warns of more action against Taiwan

series of Chinese drills near Taiwan were designed to send Aa clear message to the island and China will take further

steps if Taiwan independence forces persist in doing as they please, Beijing said, as Taiwan denounced threats of force. Ma Xiaoguang, spokesman for China's Taiwan Affairs Office, said the message the People's Liberation Army was sending was "extremely clear".





Subscription open for 16th bond issue

With a size of BHD 300 Million and a Return of 5.50%

Manama

Bahraini and Non-Bahraini investors can now directly subscribe through the primary market of Bahrain Bourse (BHB) in the Government Development Bond Issue 16 through registered brokers at the Bourse

The Central Bank of Bahrain issued the Government Development Bond on behalf of the Government of Bahrain. The Government of Bahrain

directly guarantees the Bond securities.

The BHD 300 million Bond issued at a par value of BHD 1 each on the 3rd of May 2018 for a period of 2 years ending on the 3rd of May 2020.

The annual fixed return on these securities is 5.50% and will be paid every six months on 3rd of November and 3rd of May every year throughout the period of this issue.

subscription Minimum amount is 500 BHD (500 Bond). Minimum allotment is 10,000 Bonds per subscriber applying for an amount of BHD 10,000 and above, while the remaining quantity will be allocated on pro-rata

Subscription period, which opened yesterday, is effective until Monday.

The subscription will be open on Wednesday,

Thursday, and Sunday from 9:30 am until 1:00 pm and on Monday from 9:30 am until 11:00am.

One of the main advantages of subscribing through Bahrain Bourse is the ability to own Bonds directly (beneficiary ownership). This allows investors to trade the Bond on the secondary market once listed on BHB, which is expected to be on the 13th of May 2018.



S&P reaffirms ABG rating

Manama

l Baraka Banking Group (ABG) announced that Standard & Poors' (S&P) had re-reaffirmed ABG's rating of BB+ (long term) and B (Short

Announcing the decision, S&P commented that ABG's strength was its superior geographic diversification when compared to its peers and the competitive benefits it derives from its status as an Islamic bank. The quality of ABG's management and clarity of strategy are also seen as positive factors, and so is its granular financing book.

Commenting on the move, the President & Chief Executive of the ABG, Adnan Ahmed Yousif, said that the rating outcome is a testimony to the consistent performance of the Group since many years, with the future looking positive.

Al Baraka Banking Group is licensed as an Islamic wholesale bank by the Central Bank of Bahrain and is listed on Bahrain Bourse and Nasdaq Dubai stock exchanges. It is jointly rated BBB+ (long

term) / A3 (short term) on the international scale and A+ (bh) (long term) / A2 (bh) (short term) on the national by Islamic International Rating Agency & Dagong Global Credit Rating Company Limited.



Clarification

This is to clarify that in the Huawei CEO's interview published on Page 9 of DT News edition dated April 24 the sentence "We have invested over 310 billion US Dollars with 10 to 12 billion dollars every year" should be read as "For the past decade, we have invested over CNY310 billion in R&D, putting Huawei in a strong position for future growth. Moving forward, we will continue to invest US\$10-20 billion per year." The error is sincerely regretted.

Eskan Bank Realty Income Trust

Semi-Annual Distribution for the Six Months Ended at 31 December 2017

Eskan Bank Realty Income Trust (EBRIT), Bahrain's first listed and traded real estate investment trust (REIT), is pleased to announce the disbursement of its second semi-annual distribution for the six-month period from 1 July 2017 to 31 December 2017. The distribution equates to 3 fils per Unit, or 3% of its par value, and is payable to all Unitholders registered in EBRIT's register of Unitholders with Bahrain Clear as at 30 April 2018 (the Record Date).

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Any Zakat payments due are the responsibility of the Unitholders.





In the mid-90s, Hitachi produced an ATM that sterilized bills by heating them to 200 degrees Celsius, then ironed them before dispensing.



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EGYPT	0.0237	0.0219
EURO	0.4668	0.4643
HONGKONG	0.04967	0.04927
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OMAN	0.3849	0.3767	0.3933	0.3542
QATAR	3.6420	3.5641	3.7216	3.3517
UAE	3.6730	3.5944	3.7533	3.3803
SAUDI	3.7500	3.6698	3.8320	3.4511

Markets fall on weak investor sentiment



audi Arabia's stock index Sfell for a second consecutive day yesterday as investors dumped blue-chip stocks, while property stocks dragged down Dubai's market.

The Saudi index closed 1.0 per cent lower after hitting a more than two-year high earlier in the week.

Saudi Basic Industries, the largest stock, was a big contributor to the decline, falling 0.9pc. Banks Samba Financial Group and National Commercial Bank also weighed on the index, falling 3.2pc and 1.3pc, respectively.

Saudi stocks have attracted huge inflows in recent months sending the index up nearly 14pc - on anticipation of the upgrade of some companies to emerging markets indexes. But in recent days, investors

the banking and petrochemical stocks as expensive, analysts

L'azurde Company for Jewelry surged 1.9pc after it agreed with Tamkeen Industrial & Trading Company the price and final terms for the pair to buy a competitor, Izdiad Commercial Company of Arabia.

Dubai's index edged down 0.3pc. Emaar Properties slipped 1.5pc, while Damac Properties fell 2.2pc. Both property stocks have sagged so far this year, with Emaar down 17.3pc and Damac down 18.2pc, mainly on anxiety about the outlook for the real estate market. The most active stock in early trade was contractor Drake & Scull, which plunged 9.4pc, its lowest since May 2017.

The Qatar index moved up

SAUDI index fell 1.0pc to 8,233 points.

DUBAI dropped 0.3pc to 3,026 points.

ABU DHABI edged down 0.4pc to 4,671 points.

QATAR rose 0.2pc to 9,110 points.

KUWAIT edged up 0.6pc to 4,823 points.

OMAN edged down 0.5pc to 4,741 points.

BAHRAIN was down 1.0pc to 1,269 points.

0.2pc. Shares in Barwa Real Estate rose 1.6pc after it said it would seek shareholder approval to raise the non-Qatari ownership ceiling to 49pc from 25pc.

The Abu Dhabi index finished 0.4pc down. Telecoms operator Etisalat sank 0.9pc after the company on Tuesday reported flat profit growth in the first quarter. (Reuters)

AlMabarrah AlKhalifia, Abdulrahim AlKooheji Foundations join hands



Shaikha Zain with Abdulghaffar

Manama

lMabarrah AlKhalifia Foundation signed memorandum understanding (MoU) with the Abdulrahim AlKooheji Foundation in the field of education and capacitybuilding. The agreement aims to strengthen cooperation in education and self-development programs provided to the local community.

"We are pleased to sign an agreement with the Abdulrahim AlKooheji Foundation, which focuses on developing the Bahraini youth and enabling them to reach their full potential. This partnership will

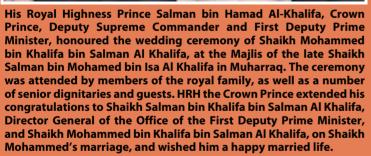
enhance the relations between both entities towards elevating education and empowering young people," commented Chairperson of AlMabarrah AlKhalifia Foundation, Shaikha Zain bint Khalid Al Khalifa.

"We value this partnership with AlMabarrah AlKhalifia Foundation, which seeks to develop the Bahraini youth and enhance their capabilities and skills in the field of education and capacity building," said the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Abdulrahim AlKooheji Foundation. Abdulghaffar Abulrahim Al Kooheji.







































Prime Minister HRH Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa received newly-appointed UAE Ambassador to Bahrain Shaikh Sultan bin Hamdan bin Zayed Al-Nahyan at the Gudaibiya Palace. The Prime Minister hailed deep-rooted historic and fraternal relations binding the Kingdom of Bahrain and the United Arab Emirates, affirming mutual keenness on further strengthening joint ties.



Prime Minister HRH Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa received new Thai Ambassador Tha Songkhla. The Premier hailed strong relations binding Bahrain and Thailand, affirming shared ness of the two governments on further developing joint ties.



Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Prime Minister HRH Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa held his weekly Majlis at Riffa Palace. Members of the royal family, senior government of the broad range of visitors at the weekly Majlis, which demonstrates Bahrain's commitment to rooted traditions and values, that are underpinned by His Majesty's aspirations to maintain a strong bond among the broad range of visitors at the weekly Majlis, which demonstrates Bahrain's commitment to rooted traditions and values, that are underpinned by His Majesty's aspirations to maintain a strong bond among the broad range of visitors at the weekly Majlis, which demonstrates Bahrain's commitment to rooted traditions and values, that are underpinned by His Majesty's aspirations to maintain a strong bond among the broad range of visitors at the weekly Majlis, which demonstrates Bahrain's commitment to rooted traditions and values, that are underpinned by His Majesty's aspirations to maintain a strong bond among the broad range of visitors at the weekly Majlis, which demonstrates Bahrain's commitment to rooted traditions and values, that are underpinned by His Majesty's aspirations to maintain a strong bond among the broad range of visitors at the weekly Majlis, which demonstrates are underpinned by His Majesty's aspirations are underpinned by His Majesty's aspirations are underpinned by His Majesty's aspiration and the broad range of visitors are underpinned by His Majesty's aspiration and the broad range of visitors are underpinned by His Majesty's aspiration and the broad range of visitors are underpinned by His Majesty's aspiration and the broad range of visitors are underpinned by His Majesty's aspiration and the broad range of visitors are underpinned by His Majesty's aspiration and the broad range of visitors are underpinned by His Majesty's aspiration and the broad range of visitors are underpinned by His Majesty's aspiration and the broad range of visitors are underpinned by His Majesty's aspiration and the broad range of visitors are underpinned by His Majesty's aspiration and the broad range of visitors are underpinned by the broad range of visitors are underpinned by the broad range of visitors are unde



Deputy Prime Minister Shaikh Mohammed bin Mubarak Al Khalifa received the Chairman of the Executive Council of the Bahrain Free Labour Unions Federation (Al-Hurr) Yaqoob Mohamed Yousif. Deputy Premier was briefed about the Federation's activities and efforts to benefit the workers inside and outside the Kingdom.





Kuwait's Commerce and Industry Minister and Minister in charge of Youth Affairs Khalid Nasser Al-Rawdhan received Industry, Commerce and Tourism Minister Zayed bin Rashid Al-Zayani on his arrival in Kuwait to attend the 25th meeting of the Arab Industrial and Mining Organ-isation. They sides discussed key issues of mutual interest, stressing the importance of coordinating stances regarding all mutual interests.





Prime Minister HRH Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa received the Undersecretary for Migrant Workers Affairs at the Philippine Department of Foreign Affairs Sarah Lou Y. Arriola. The Prime Minister praised the current level of the Bahrain-Philippines relations, as well as the steady progress of bilateral cooperation.



Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Prime Minister HRH Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa received the newly-appointed Ambassador of the UAE Shai kh Sultan bin Hamdan bin Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan at Riffa Palace. During the meeting, the Crown Prince and the Ambassador discussed historic bilateral ties. Crown Prince congratulated the Ambassador, and wished him every success in his new diplomatic role.



ficials, members of the Shura Council and Council of Representatives, members of municipal councils, religious and community leaders, journalists, and diplomats attended the Majlis. The Crown Prince welcomed ngst Bahrain's society.



Deputy Prime Minister Shaikh Khalid bin Abdullah Al Khalifa opened the 4th Occupational Safety Conference and Exhibition which is organised by the Labour and Social Development Ministry at the Gulf Hotel's Conference Hall. The Deputy Premier stressed Bahrain's big strides in boosting occupational safety through laws and practices to curb work incidents and protect workers from occupational risks in light of the ongoing technological progress.



Commander-in-Chief of BDF Field Marshal Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa received Director General of the First Deputy Prime Minister's office Shaikh Salman bin Khalifa Al Khalifa.



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Bahrain Airport Company (BAC) has conducted a successful Hazard Material "Chemical Liquid" Accident Exercise in line with the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA). The participants involved in the activity on the 24th of April were Ministry of Interior Opera-tions Directorate, Civil Defence & Fire Services, Airport Police, Airport Customs, BAC Airport Rescue & Firefighting Services, BAC security, BAC Airside Operations, BAC Corporate Communications, BAC Health, Safety & Environment, King Hamad University Hospital and Bahrain Airport Services (BAS)



World Fellowship of Inter-religious Council (WFIRC) Bahrain and Middle East Coordinator Soman Baby spoke on Bahrain's religious tolerance at the World Assembly of Religions held in Bangalore.



Demi Lovato @ddlovato

Haven't been using my phone as much over the past week or so and it feels SO GOOD!!! I suggest everyone tries it!!



Miranda Lambert romancing Evan Felker?

Los Angeles

merican singer-songwriter Miranda Lambert is reportedly romancing Evan

The 34-year-old singer is believed to have struck up a new relationship with fellow musician Evan, who is a member of the neo-folk band Turnpike Troubadours.

A source told *Us Weekly* magazine: 'They are very much involved.'

Evan's band are currently opening for Miranda on her 'Livin' Like Hippies' tour, which kicked off in January and runs until June.

Another insider told the publication that the pair started spending a lot more time together while on the road," when things just "happened" between them, and they've been romantically involved ever since. (femalefirst.



Downey Jr.'s '30 years of depravity and despair'



ron Man" star Robert Downey Jr. says he lived through "30 years of depravity and despair" before his comeback.

Addressing the audience at the screening of his forthcoming film "Avengers: Infinity War" here on Monday, the actor, 53, referenced his battle with addiction in an emotional speech, reports people.

"I want to talk about the past, present, and future," Downey said onstage, alongside his "Avengers" co-stars, including Gwyneth Paltrow and Chadwick

'The past for me was 30 years of dependency, depravity, and despair otherwise known as 'an actor prepares!" (IANS)

Whedon on his exit from Batgirl project

oss Whedon has opened up about his exit from the yet-untitled 'Batgirl' project of Warner Bros and DC Entertainment.

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Whedon, who played an instrumental role in setting up 'The Avengers' and its follow-up 'Avengers: Age of Ultron' for Marvel, said the story of 'Batgirl' "crumbled in my hands" as he could not put its elements together. "It had been a year since I first pitched the story and a lot happened in that year. I felt some of the elements might not work as well, and the story. that year. I felt some of the elements might not work as well, and the story kind of just crumbled in my hands," Whedon told at the world premiere of



Lopez sees 'bright future' with Rodriguez

Los Angeles

ennifer Lopez believes her future is "super bright" with Alex Rodriguez. The 48-year-old star has been dating the retired baseball player since February last year, and the singer-and-actress said the couple are "In a really great time in our lives" and looking forward to the next chapter.

She told 'Entertainment Tonight':
"[We are] Happy personally,
professionally. The future is super
bright and I feel like we both
feel like we're just beginning.
We're beginning a new chapter

of our lives, in every way. And it's exciting." (femalefirst.co.uk)



Los Angeles

ctor Hugh Jackman has thanked Indian fans for supporting him during his journey as Wolverine.

The actor thanked the fans by posting a video on *Twitter* after seeing a tribute video of his fans made by Star Movies as part of #OneLastTime campaign, read a statement.

In the video, he said: "To all my fans in India,

In the video, he said: "To all my fans in India, I just saw that incredible compilation, thank you so much it means the world to me. It's been an amazing journey and your support over 17 years, analysis it touches me So thank you so much for

honestly it touches me. So thank you so much for sending me that video, I'll keep it forever." (IANS)

BRETA 2019 TO ALA

London

he British

Academy of Film
and Television

Arts has announced the
dates for its next year's
ceremony.

The BÁFTA Awards will take place on February 10, 2019 in London, a statement from the British Academy stated. This year, actor Gary Oldman won the Best Actor trophy at the BAFTAs for his portrayal of British Prime Minister Winston Churchill, while Frances McDormand bagged the Best Actress award for 'Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri'. McDormand's co-star Sam Rockwell

McDormand's co-star Sam Rockwell went home with Best Supporting Actor trophy while 'I, Tonya' star Allison Janney was adjudged the Best Supporting Actress. (PTI)

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5. Truth or Dare \$7
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7. Blockers \$6
8. Black Panther \$7
9. Traffik \$3
10. Isle Of Dogs

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Model turned actor who won a Sundance Film Festival Special Jury Prize for his role in A Guide to Recognizing Your Saints in 2006. His other notable films include Coach Carter, 21 Jump Street, 22 Jump Street and Magic Mike.



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LITERARY TRIBUTE TO KANNADASAN

Date: April 27 Venue: Tropicana Hotel

Bharathi Association Literary Wing is planning to conduct a Literary Tribute to Kannadasan who is attributed as "Kaviarasu" which means "King of Poets", on this coming Friday at Tropicana Hotel, Mahooz at 6.30 pm.

Professor Lion P.M.Mansure, a great Tamil Scholar, Former Vice Principal of Jamal Mohammed College and Former Principal of M.I.T., Tiruchirappaali will be giving a speech on Kannadasan with a comparative study on his works with Tamil literature of "Sangam" age. Prof. Mansure is on short private visit to Bahrain and he is well versed in Tamil Literature

Kannadasan has contributed nearly 5000 film lyrics apart from 6000 poems and 232 books including novels, epics, plays, essays, his most popular being 10 religious essay on Hinduism, "Arthamulla Hindumatham" (Meaningful Hindu Religion).

Tamil Literary Enthusiasts are all welcome for this brainstorming literary session. Entry is free.

26TH ANNUAL HERITAGE FESTIVAL - MEMORY OF MUHARRAQ

Date: 25 April - 5 May 2018, 5:00 - 9:30 pm Venue: Events Tent By Arad Fort

Under the Patronage of his Majesty King Hamad Bin Isa AlKhalifa, the 26th Annual Bahrain Heritage Festival brings the island's unique culture to the forefront and showcases the variety and diversity of local heritage. The festival portrays the theme of "Memory of Muharraq" which features exhibition spaces, craftsmen, workshops, food vendors, and live traditional music. It also offers a chance to see some of Bahrain's finest craftsmen at work. A balanced mixture of contemporary and traditional products at the souq which is surrounded by Bahraini cafes and offers the visitor to experience flavours of the Kingdom.

THE 13TH SPRING OF CULTURE FESTIVAL

Date: February – April 2018 Venue: Different Locations

The 13th edition of the Spring of Culture Festival brings with it a treasure trove of surprises that cover the different interests and tastes of the culture and art audience. Hosted by the Kingdom of Bahrain's numerous cultural institutions, historical sites and landmarks, the festival's wide variety of events, programs and activities continue to build bridges of cultural communication between Bahrain and the rest of the whole world.

This year's edition of the festival is part of the Bahrain Authority for Culture and Antiquities' celebration of Muharraq, the Capital of Islamic Culture in 2018, in which it highlights the deep-rooted heritage and traditions of this ancient city, particularly the history of pearl diving, a glorious history whose details are revealed by the Pearling Trail, Bahrain's second site to be inscribed as UNESCO World Heritage site.

The festival kicks off in conjunction with Arab Tourism Day, an initiative which was adopted when Manama was the 2013 Capital of Arab Tourism to mark the anniversary of the birth of the Arab traveler Ibn Battuta.

EVENING CONVERSATION: "THE MAGIC OF NATURAL PEARLS"

Date: 30 April 2018, 7:00pm Venue: Bin Matar House

In collaboration with the Pearling Path, the Parisian-based L'Ecole Van Cleef & Arpels brings together two pearl experts: Talal Mattar, a 6th generation pearl merchant from one of the oldest pearl merchant families in the Kingdom of Bahrain, and Olivier Segura, Director of the French Gemological Laboratory (LFG) and natural pearl expert, for an insightful discussion about this gem that has fascinated civilizations since ancient times.

TRIBUTE TO THE TRINITY

Date: May 3 Venue: Bahrain Society of Engineers auditorium

'Samarpan', an entity formed by Carnatic musicians in Bahrain seeks to promote Indian classical music. The upcoming program, "Tribute to the Trinity", the first ever in Bahrain, will be held on 3rd of May at the Bahrain Society of Engineers auditorium at 7pm under the aegis of Convex Corporate Events.

The Trinity of South Indian classical music refers to the outstanding trio of composers Thyagaraja Swamy, Mutthuswamy Dikshitar and Shyama Sastri. These 18th century contemporaries were prolific composers and are known for creating a new era in the history of South Indian classical music. To celebrate their genius, the local musicians and students of music will be rendering renowned compositions of the trinity.

KNIGHTS OF RIZAL BOWL-O-RAMA

Date: May 4 Venue: Dana Mall

The Knights of Rizal, a Filipino Community organization chartered under Philippine Laws, will open its annual activities with a one-day bowling tournament to be held on Friday, 4th of May 2018 under the auspices of the Philippine Embassy in Manama, tagged as "Bowl-O-Rama."

It is expected that the bowling tournament will be participated by Knights of Rizal members from the Middle East region, most particularly from the Eastern Province of Saudi Arabia. It will be a day for Family, Food and Fun for OKOR members and their families.

This annual gathering in Bahrain of knights from the GCC region showcases the strong bond and camaraderie among members and chapter of the KOR in the region. The organization which was named after the Philippine national hero, promotes patriotism, civic works, nationalism and educational programs among the Filipino youth. Occasionally, it also extends assistance to distressed OFWs in the Kingdom of Bahrain and elsewhere.

Trophies and medals, as well as door prizes and tokens, will be given away to the winners and participants. Companies interested to sponsor the event may kindly coordinate with Rene Caceda through mobile no. 33456449.

The tournament is open to the public and entries should be composed of a 5-man team plus one alternate.

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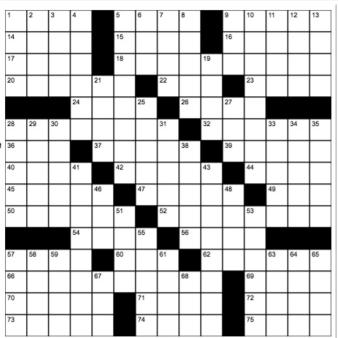
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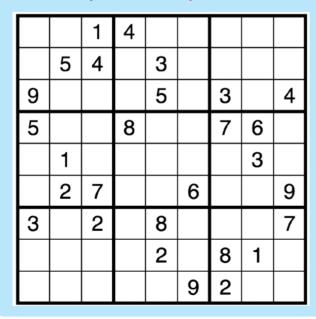
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1- Contributes; 2- Large cat; 3- Bacchanalian cry; 4- Photographic device; 5- Collecting; 6- Pathetic; 7- Cushions; 8- Look happy; 9- Samuel's teacher; 10- Kilo; 11- Author ____ Christian Andersen; 12- Lou's "La Bamba" coser: 10- Kilo; 11- Author_ land; 19- Actress Daly; 21- Wife of a rajah; 25- Soul mate?; tar; 13- In 27- Half of MCII; 28- Darken; 29- City near Gainesville; 30- Italian city; 31- Pry; 33- Less diluted; 34- Grenoble's river; 35- Impressionist Edgar; 38- Have dinner at home; 41- Annoying person; 43- Poisonous alkaloid; 46- Prefix with content; 48- Toiletries case; 51- Monk's hood; 53- Not lie; 57- Scored 100 on; 58- Japan's first capital; uniform: 55- I cannot 59- Understood; 61- Hard work; 63- San ____, Italy; 64- Journalist Jacob; 65- Comrade in arms; 67- UFO crew; 68- Prefix with classical;

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Your star today

(Mar 21st - Apr 20th)

You can relax a little at last! That's what you could be thinking with today's celestial energy. The time is perfect to get ready for the challenges that up to now were just anxieties inside you. If you're thinking clearly today, it's because you have the strength to face your problems. Now that you have your self-confidence back.

(Apr 21st - May 21st)



You're interested in better understanding yourself and your reactions to the world around you. Well, today you should take the time to look over your successes and failures, especially where your family life is concerned. The atmosphere is changing and things will be much more positive over the next few

(May 22nd - Jun 21st)



This is a perfect day for falling in love! You can expect anything to happen today. You could even meet someone who is ready to love, support, and listen to you when you need him or her most. You need to put all your fears and hesitations behind you on a day like today. Besides, a little madness every now and then won't hurt.



Today, you'll really be in the limelight. This could help you change what is sometimes a very negative image you have of yourself. You have a certain kind of energy and magnetism about you - it's about time someone noticed! It's only natural that you should be proud of yourself, and that other people should acknowledge your hard work and effort.

(July 24th - Aug 23rd)



If you've been feeling a little under the weather, today's planetary configuration will make you feel a whole lot better. In a few days you'll have the strength to pick up where you left off on the projects you perhaps began last month. A lot of things are changing in your life. Your motivations are evolving and your behitings could be be things. ambitions could be taking a different direction.

(Aua 24th - Sep 23rd)



Today is another passionate day in a series of passionate days! Usually, you're a fairly reserved person where feelings are concerned. You'll be much more demonstrative with your emotions over the next few days. You can be like a fire trapped inside a wall of ice, and today that ice is beginning to melt! Let it – and enjoy it!

(Sep 24th - Oct 23rd)



If you come across someone a little strange or eccentric today, try and get to know him or her, because that person could be a reflection of part of you. The person will help you to see how modern and innovative you are, and how much you should appreciate your wonderful qualities. Meeting this person could be a kind of exercise in self-satisfaction.

(Oct 24th - Nov 22nd)



If you often help people in need, or if helping people is part of your profession, this day will bring certain ideas to light. You need to take the time on a regular basis to take care of yourself. If you don't, you won't be able to continue to help others. Think about it and stop making excuses for why you can't do it. Think of yourself for a change.

(Nov 23rd - Dec 21st)



One couldn't really say that you have a hard time making decisions regarding your love life. You're a passionate person and you believe in love at first sight. You're probably the most spontaneous lover in your immediate circle! Add to that, you're entering a period in which your emotions will be heightened.

(Dec 22nd- Jan 20th)



You enjoy reaping rewards for all your efforts. But in your love life, you have to admit that you can never be sure of the quantity or the quality of the fruits of your labours. Yet, today, you could realize that it's time to plant some new seeds. You might not know how they'll turn out, but you do know better than anyone else that you can't win if you don't play.

(Jan 21st - Feb 19th)



You probably know that you don't attain freedom in one fell swoop, but rather bit by bit as you go through life. Perhaps you've been feeling as if you don't have enough freedom. Over the next few days you could find the situations or people you need in order to liberate yourself. yourself. Don't forget that love is the greatest



Throughout the day you may get the feeling that something has changed in the way people relate to each other. It will be as if people are surer of themselves, more open, more expressive. Where, exactly, do you fit into all of this? Are you in a mood to charm other people just for fun? This period is perfect for taking care of your appearance and getting in shape. Do it!

DTNEWS **Show Time**

Thursday, April 26, 2018

MOHANLAL (Malayalam / Comedy)

Starring: Manju Warrier, Indrajith Sukumaran, Soubin Shahir DANA: Timings: 10:30, 13:15, 16:00, 21:30, 00:15

KRISHNARJUNA YUDHAM (

Telugu/Action/Romance) Starring: Nani, Anupama Parameshwaran, Rukshar Mir **DANA:** Timings: 10:30.15:45.21:00

MARPAPPA (Malayalam / Comedy / Drama)

Starring: Kunchacko Boban, Aditi Ravi. Shantikrishna **DANA:** Timings: 13:15,18:30,23:45

BHARAT ANE NENU (Telugu / Horror / Thriller)

Starring: Gajaraj, Ramya Nambeeshan, Prabhudheva **DANA:** Timings: 10:30,13:30,16:30,19:30,22:30

AVENGERS: INFINITY WAR: 3D

(Action/Adventure/Fantasy) Starring: Karen Gillan, Elizabeth Olsen, Tom Holland **DANA:** Timings: 10:30,13:15,16:0 0,18:45,21:30,00:15

2D - DANA: Timings: 11:00,13:45 ,16:30,19:15,22:00,00:45

MASHA AND THE BEAR (Anima-

tion/Adventure/Comedy) Starring: Boris Kutnevich, Alina Kukushkina, Elsie Fisher **DANA:** Timings: 10:45,14:15,17:45,21:15 SEEF (I): Daily At: 11.15 Am + .15 + 3.15 + 5.15 Pm

SAAR: Daily At: 11.00 Am + 1.00 - 3.00 + 5.00 Pm

WADI AL SAIL: Daily At: 10.45 Am + 12.45 + 2.45 Pm

STOLEN PRINCESS: RUSLAN & LUDMILA (Animation / Comedy / Fantasy)

Starring: Nadiya Dorofeeva, Oleksiy Zavhorodniy, Yevhen Malukha

DANA: Timings: 12:30,16:00,19:30,23:00

CINECO (20) Daily At: 11.15 Am - 1.15 + 3.15 + 5.15 + 7.15 Pm SEEF (II): Daily At: 10.45 Am + 12.45 + 2.45 + 4.45 + 6.45 + 8.45 + 10.45 Pm

SAAR: Daily At: 10.45 Am + 12.45 - 2.45 + 4.45 Pm

WADI AL SAIL: Daily At: 11.45 Am + 1.45 + 3.45 + 5.45 Pm

HERE COMES THE GRUMP (Animation/Adventure/Comedy)

Starring: Lily Collins, Toby Kebbell, Ian Mcshane

DANA: Timings: 11:00,12:45,14 :30,16:15,18:00,19:45,21:30,23:1 5.01:00

DIYA (Tamil / Drama)

Starring: Samiksha Bhatnagar, Subrat Dutta, Jatin Goswam DANA: Timings: 10:45,12:45,14:4 5,16:45,18:45,20:45,22:45,00:45

FINDING YOUR FEET (Com-

edy/Drama/Romance) Starring: Timothy Spall, Imelda Staunton, Joanna Lumley

DANA: Timings: 11:00,13:00,15:0 0.17:00.19:00.21:00.23:00.01:00

HALIMO (Arabic / Comedy) Starring: Talaat Zakareia Nermin

Maher Dina **DANA:** Timings: 10:45,12:45,14:4 5.16:45.18:45.20:45.22:45.00:45

TRUTH OR DARE (15+) (Thriller/ Horror) New

*- Lucy Hale, Tyler Posey, Violett

CINECO (20) Daily At: 10.30 Am + 12.45 + 3.00 + 5.15 + 7.30 + 9.45 Pm + 12.00 Mn + (12.45 Mn Thurs/Fri)

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UNSANE (18+) (Thriller/Crime)

*- Claire Foy, Joshua Leonard, Jay Pharoah

CINECO (20) Daily At: 12.15 + 2.30 + 4.45 + 7.00 + 9.15 + 11.30Pm + (12.30 Mn Thurs/Fri) SEEF (II):Daily At: 10.30 Am + 12.45 + 3.00 + 5.15 + 7.30 + 9.45Pm + 12 00 Mn

SAAR: Daily At: 5.00 + 7.00 + 9.00 + (11.00 Pm Thurs/Fri)

WADI AL SAIL: Daily At: 12.00 + 2.15 + 4.30 + 6.45 + 9.00 + 11.15

THE TITAN (Pg-15) (Thriller/ Drama/Sci-Fiction) New

*- Sam Worthington, Taylor Schilling, Tom Wilkinson **CINECO (20)** Daily At: 10.30 Am

+ 12.30 + 2.30 + 4.30 + 6.30 + 8.30 + 10.30 Pm

SEEF (II): Daily At: 11.45 Am + 1.45 + 3.45 + 5.45 + 7.45 + 9.45 +11.45 Pm

WADI AL SAIL: Daily At: 7.30 + 9.30 + 11.30 Pm

CHAPPAQUIDDICK

(Pg-15) (Drama) New

*- Kate Mara, Clancy Brown, Olivia Thirlby **CINECO (20)** Daily At: 2.15 + 4.30 + 6.45 + 9.00 Pm **SEEF (II):**Daily At: 2.00 + 6.30 + **SAAR:** Daily At: 6.45 + 9.00 +

BACKSTABBING FOR BEGINNERS

(11.15 Pm Thurs/Fri)

(15+) (Thriller/Drama) New

*- Theo James, Ben Kingsley, Jacqueline Bisset CINECO (20) Daily At: 12.00 +

7 15 + 9 30 + 11 45 Pm WADI AL SAIL: Daily At: 4.45 + 7.00 + 9.15 + 11.30 Pm

RAMPAGE

(Pg-15) (Action/Thriller/Sci-Fiction)

*- Dwayne Johnson, Jeffrey Dean

Morgan, Will Yun Lee **CINECO (20)** Daily At (Atmos):

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A QUIET PLACE (15+) (Thriller/ Horror/Drama)

*- Emily Blunt, John Krasinski, Noah Jupe

CINECO (20) Daily At: 12.00 + 2.00 + 4.00 + 6.00 + 8.00 + 10.00Pm + 12.00 Mn

SEEF (II):Daily At: 11.30 Am + 1.30 + 3.30 + 5.30 + 7.30 + 9.30 +

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(Pg) (Adventure/Comedy/Familv)

*- Rose Byrne, Domhnall Glee-

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TRUTH OR DARE

ou played the game in junior stomach vour butterflies and wine coolers. Watching 'Truth or Dare' won't bring back any of those feelings, unless your experience was one of crushing boredom and unintentional amusement.

The latest horror joint from Blumhouse, a genre-minded indie studio that likes to take risks ('Get Out', 'Happy Death Day', the 'Paranormal Activity' films), 'Truth or Dare' falls into an uncanny valley of dumbness, as its group of

blandly pretty collegians are preyed upon, one by one, by a demon that invades their PG-13-rated spring-break festivities.

Actors Lucy Hale and Violett Beane, as the movie's central pair of besieged BFFs, commit to every turn of the film's silly screenplay, putting them in the steel-jawed company of 'Final Destination 3's Mary Elizabeth Winstead (who at least had a better premise to submit to).

The main innovation here is a creepy facial expression – wide smile,

head tipped forward like Jack Nicholson's in 'The Shining' – that takes over a person's features whenever the malevolent spirit is speaking through them. It's 'like a messed-up Snapchat filter', says one of the victims, echoing the movie's pitch

meeting.

Those brief bits of digitally inserted spookiness are the only glints of interest in a plot that otherwise makes more Mexican border crossings (it's where the game starts) than an alarmist Trump speech. (timeout)

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11.15 Pm

(Pa-15) (Action/Adventure)

- Alicia Vikander, Hannah John-Kamen, Walton Goggins CINECO (20) Daily At: 11.15 Am + 1.45 + 4.15 + 6.45 + 9.15 + 11.45 Pm **SEEF (I):** Daily At: 1.15 + 6.15 +

ACTS OF VIOLENCE

(15+) (Action/Crime)

⁶- Bruce Willis, Cole Hauser, Shawn Ashmore

CINECO (20) Daily At: 11.45 Am + 1.45 + 3.45 + 5.45 + 7.45 + 9.45+ 11.45 Pm

HURRICANE HEIST

(Pg-13) (Action/Crime/Thriller) - Toby Kebbell, Maggie Grace, Ryan Kwanten

CÍNECO (20) Daily At: 11.45 Am + 2.00 + 4.15 + 6.30 + 8.45 + 11.00 Pm

BLACK PANTHER

(Pg-15) (Action/Adventure/ Thriller)

*- Chadwick Boseman, Michael B. Jordan, Lupita Nyong'o **CINECO (20)** Daily At: 12.30 + 3.15 + 6.00 + 8.45 + 11.30 Pm

JUMANJI WELCOME TO THE JUNGLE (Pg-15) (Action/Adventure/Comedy)

*- Dwayne Johnson, Karen Gillan,

CINECO (20) Daily At: 11.15 Am + 4.00 + 8.45 + 11.15 Pm

RAGADAH MOTAWAHESHA

(Pg-15) (Comedy/Romantic) Ramez Galal, Reham Haggag, Bavoumi Fouad **CINECO (20)** Daily At: 1.00 + 5.00

+ 9.00 + 11.15 Pm READY PLAYER ONE

(Pg-15) (Action/Adventure/Sci-

*- Leititia Wright, Olivia Cooke, Hannah John-Kamen **CINECO (20)** Daily At: 1.15 + 6.15 + 11.15 Pm

THE COMMUTER

(Pg-15) (Thriller/Crime)

Liam Neeson, Vera Farmiga, Patrick Wilson CINECO (20) Daily At: 11.00 Am

+ 3.00 + 7.00 + 11.00 Pm

GAME NIGHT (15+) (Comedy/Crime)

- Jason Bateman, Rachel Mcad-

ams, Kyle Chandler **CINECO (20)** Daily At: 1.45 + 6.30 + 9.15 + 11.15 Pm

COCO (Pg) (Animation/Adventure/Comedy)

*- Anthony Gonzalez. Gael Garcia Bernal, Benjamin Bratt **CINECO (20)** Daily At: 11.00 Am + 4.00 + 9.00 Pm

SERB AL HAMAM (Pg-15) (Kuwaiti/Drama/War) New

*- Dawood Hussein, Jamal Al-Radhan, Bashar Al Shatti **SEEF (II):**Daily At: 7.15 + 9.15 + 11.15 Pm

BEYOND THE CLOUDS (15+)

(Hindi/Drama) New *- Tannishtha Chatterjee, Ishaan Khattar Malavika Mohanan SEEF (I):Daily At: 11.00 Am + 1.30 + 4.00 + 6.30 + 9.00 + 11.30 Pm

NANU KI JAANU (Pg-15) (Hindi/Comedy/Drama) New

*- Alicia Vikander, Hannah John-Kamen, Walton Goggins **SEEF (I):** Daily At: 12.45 + 3.30 + 6.15 + 9.00 + 11.45 Pm

PAROLE (Malayalam) New

*- Mammootty, Miya George, Iniya, Suraj Venjaramoodu SEEF (I): Daily At: 11.30 Am + 2.30 + 5.30 + 8.30 + 11.30 Pm **AL HAMRA:** On Thursday 19Th: 12.00 + 3.00 + 6.00 + 9.00 Pm + 12.00 Mn From Friday 20Th: 6.00 + (12.00 Mn Fri)

BHARAT ANE NENU (Telgu)

New

*- Mahesh Babu, Kiara Advani, S.sarathkumar, Prakash Raj SEEF (I): From Friday 20Th: 10.30 Am + 1.45 + 5.00 + 8.15 + 11 30 Pm

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SUDANI FROM NIGERIA

(Malavalam)

*- Soubin Shahir, Aneesh Menon, Samuel Robinson, Mashar

SEEF (I): Daily At: 10.45 Am + 3.45 + 8.45 Pm



NKorea nuclear site collapsed



North Korean leader Kim Jong-un inspects a purported hydrogen bomb (file photo)

North Korea's underground nuclear test site has partially collapsed following a massive bomb blast last year, making it unusable, Chinese seismologists have concluded.

The North's leader Kim Jong Un declared last week that his regime would halt nuclear and long-range missile tests and shut down its nuclear site at Punggye-ri under Mount Mantap in the country's northeast.

The offer came days before his summit this Friday with the South's President Moon Jaein, which is scheduled to be followed by a summit with US President Donald Trump.

North Korea conducted five of its six nuclear tests at the site, with the biggest blast last September 3 triggering a 6.3-magnitude earthquake that was felt across the northern border with China.

The North claimed it tested a hydrogen bomb.

Landslides and earthquakes following the explosion led to speculation that the site was suffering from "tired mountain syndrome".

Two studies involving Chinese experts have found that a 4.1-magnitude aftershock that took place 8 1/2 minutes after the first quake caused the collapse of rock inside the mountain.

"It is necessary to continue monitoring possible leaks of radioactive materials caused by the collapse incident," said the University of Science and Technology of China in a summary of one study posted on its website.

The university said the study would be published in Geophysicial Research Letters, a journal of the American Geophysical

English-language abstract by the study authors in another section of the university's website concluded: "The occurrence of the collapse should deem the underground infrastructure beneath mountain Mantap not be used for any future nuclear

The line about the site being unusable does not appear in the Chinese-language summary and it was unclear whether it would be included in the iournal.

One of the study's authors, Lianxing Wen of New York's Stony Brook University, did not immediately respond to emailed questions.

A second study led by Chinese scientists, including experts from the China Earthquake Administration, also concluded that the September aftershock had caused a collapse. (AFP)

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Do you think Kim has agreed to freeze missile tests due to the collapse of the nuclear

○ No ○Cant Say



negotiator and not even mentioning human rights at this very first stage of negotiations would be a misstep and a lost opportunity."

> Tomás Ojea Quintana U.N. Special Rapporteur

Rest in sight

Indonesia oil well fire kills 18



A newly drilled illegal oil well in western Indonesia exploded into flames, burning 18 people to death and injuring dozens of others.

Philippines hold drills at Boracay

Philippine police preparing to shut down the Boracay resort island staged drills in riot gear, startling the laid-back beach community as workers mounted a last-ditch effort to halt the six-month closure.

Massive protest as Armenia crisis grows

Several thousand protesters took to the streets of the Armenian capital after talks between the opposition and the acting prime minister were called off

Philippines revokes Australian nun's visa

The Philippines revoked the visa of a 71-year-old Australian nun who has been ordered to leave the country within 30 days after President Rodrigo Duterte accused her of unlawfully criticising his government.

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Danish inventor gets life for murdering reporter

Copenhagen

A Danish court sentenced inventor Peter Peter Madsen to life in prison yesterday for murdering dismembering a Swedish journalist aboard his home-built submarine in Copenhagen harbour in August 2017.

Madsen, dressed in black, sat completely still as his sentence was handed down in the Copenhagen City

Police detained him on Aug. 11 last year when he

emerged from his submarine without Wall, a 30-year-old Swedish journalist who was researching a story on the man who was already well known in Denmark for his submarines and his plan to send a human into space in a home-made rocket.

Later that month, police identified a torso washed ashore in Copenhagen as Wall's. Arms, legs and a head determined to be that of the victim were also later retrieved by the authorities.

Singapore euthanizes polar bear born in tropics



Inuka, the first polar bear born in the tropics, swims in his new enclosure at the Singapore Zoo in Singapore intensive treatment.

Inuka, the world's first polar bear born in the tropics, was euthanised vesterday by the Singapore Zoo, officials

The 27-year-old bear suffered from age-related ailments including arthritis, and its limbs became too weak to support its over 500-kilogram (1,100-pound) frame.

The zoo said this resulted in injuries to its abdomen and paws which did not respond well to weeks of

A team of veterinarians and keepers decided not to revive the bear after it was anaesthetised yesterday for a thorough health check.

"Looking at all symptoms it is quite clear that from ... Inuka's point of view, he would have been suffering quite a fair bit of discomfort and pain," said Cheng Wen-Haur, deputy chief executive of Wildlife Reserves Singapore, which runs most of the country's

'Golden cabbage' leaves stolen off Vienna landmark

Vienna

Thieves have stolen half a ▲ dozen of the gilded leaves that make up the famous "golden cabbage" dome on the iconic Secession building in Vienna, police said Wednesday.

The Art Nouveau building, completed in 1898, is undergoing restoration and the culprits made use of the scaffolding to clamber up and prise off six to eight of the leaves, police spokeswoman Irina Steirer said.

The theft from the roof. visible from afar and a well-



known landmark in the Austrian capital, took place on Monday night, Steirer

The building by architect Joseph Maria Olbrich was

constructed to house works by Gustav Klimt and other artists after they quit the stuffy Kuenstlerhaus to found a new art association called the Secession. (AFP)

Parents of terminally ill UK toddler launch new legal bid

London

The parents of terminally ill British boy Alfie Evans were to appeal a decision preventing them from going to Rome for treatment following highprofile interventions in the case from Pope Francis and the Italian government.

Toddler Evans, who suffers from a rare neurological disease, had his ventilator support removed late on Monday, but has continued breathing independently for more than a day.

A judge ruled on Tuesday that the 23-month-old could be taken home from Alder Hey Children's Hospital in Liverpool, northwest England, but could not be taken to Rome for further treatment.

"The court of appeal have reached out to us and said they are going to set back three judges to hear the case," Tom Evans told reporters outside the hospital on Tuesday. (AFP)

Empire Boxing at Art Rotana

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Empire Championship of Boxing for amateurs and professionals will be held at Art Rotana Hotel in Amwaj Islands on Saturday, under the patronage of HH Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa, First Deputy President of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports, President of Bahrain Athletics Association, President

Bahrain Mixed Martial Arts Association.

Empire aims to create special and unique events and sports that targets all community and encourage them on practicing and promoting it in the Kingdom.

In order to promote Bahrain on the world sports map, the Empire works on a strategy that contribute in promoting the Kingdom by

hosting the Championship in more countries.

Also, there will be a Press Conference at Golden Tulip Hotel to announce the details of the Championship and last updates, and a "Weigh in" will be held for the participants.

Moreover, The Fight Cards of the participants and their schedule of competitions will be announced in this Press Conference.



Liverpool beat Roma

Mohamed Salah and Roberto Firmino scores two each

Anfield

iverpool scored five but Lconceded two late goals as Roma gave themselves a glimmer of hope in a 5-2 defeat at Anfield after the home side had swept into a huge lead.

Jurgen Klopp's side were 5-0 ahead after overcoming an uncertain start but the visitors kept going and were rewarded when Edin Dzeko thumped home in the 81st minute and Diego Perotti struck from the spot with five minutes left.

The visitors, playing a high defensive line, were torn apart by Jurgen Klopp's side for much of the match, Mohamed Salah and Roberto Firmino scoring two each and Sadio Mane contributing another.

Roma had the first shot within the first couple of minutes, Dzeko holding the ball up and finding Kevin Strootman, whose strike was held by Loris Karius.

Liverpool responded moments later, Salah cutting in to curl a shot that keeper Alisson, a reported Liverpool target, grabbed.

With five minutes gone Salah played a pass through to Firmino who -- from an angle and appearing offside -- slid the ball low across goal with nobody able to get a touch.

Firmino was involved when he fed Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain, who tried his luck from distance

without troubling Alisson.

At the other end, Roma worked the ball to the left but Karius claimed Aleksandar Kolarov's cross, aimed towards Dzeko.

Oxlade-Chamberlain went down in pain after a tackle on Kolarov and was unable to continue, Giorginio Wijnaldum coming on and the ex-Arsenal player stretchered to the dressing room after treatment.

Roma won the first corner after 17 minutes and were within a whisker of taking the lead from it as a swerving Kolarov drive was touched onto the bar by an uneasy-looking Karius.

The visitors were comfortable in the opening stages as Liverpool struggled to find the rhythm that had swept Manchester City aside in the previous round.

Trent Alexander-Arnold tried to get things moving, taking possession after good work from Salah, but his cross was easily cleared.

26 minutes gone, With Liverpool won a promising free kick when Mane was fouled by Juan Jesus, who picked up a yellow card, but Milner's floated

delivery was headed away.

Three minutes later, they should have been in front, Firmino putting Mane through only for the Senegal international to blaze over from inside the

Firmino was quickly in the thick of the action again, getting onto a Salah through ball and playing in a low cross for Mane, who scooped high and wide.

Alisson saved from Salah as Liverpool continued to turn up the heat and Mane put the ball into the net minutes later only to be thwarted by an offside flag.



rsenal manager Arsene Wenger says the timing of his Adeparture from the club after nearly 22 years "was not really my decision".

It was announced on Friday that the 68-year-old Frenchman will leave the club at the end of the season, despite having a year left on his contract.

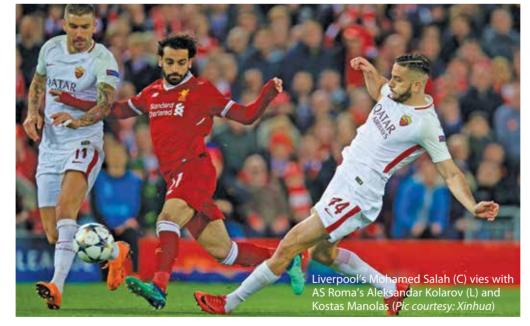
Speaking before Thursday's Europa League semi-final first leg against Atletico Madrid, Wenger said: "I focus on what I have to do every day. "At the moment, I work

Wenger said he would continue to work "for sure" in the future, but was not ready to commit to anything else 'at the moment". Arsenal have won three Premier League titles and seven FA Cups, including the Double in 1998 and 2002, under Wenger.

A number of managers have been linked with replacing Wenger, including former Gunners captain Patrick Vieira and ex-Barcelona manager Luis Enrique.

Asked about the latter, Wenger said: "I don't want to influence the next manager, but of course I have a high opinion of Luis Enrique.'

Arsenal have said a replacement will be announced as soon as possible, while chief executive Ivan Gazidis said the club must be bold in their search for a new manager.





toffel Vandoorne believes She is now more capable of producing the same sort of performances in difficult circumstances as McLaren Formula 1 team-mate Fernando Alonso.

rookie Vandoorne's

F1 season coincided with McLaren's tricky final year with Honda and the Belgian struggled, particularly as two-time champion Alonso continued to impress.

McLaren switched to a Renault engine supply for 2018 and although it has not been able to escape a tight midfield battle, Vandoorne has been much closer to Alonso's performance.

He has qualified one place behind his team-mate in all three grands prix, trailing him by 0.25 seconds on average, with his race

highlight being a Bahrain charge to eighth after falling to last at the start.

Vandoorne said was beginning to emulate Alonso's ability to "still be able to pull it out of the bag" in tougher scenarios. (Autosport)





Top seed Rafael Nadal and Grigor Dimitrov advance

Former world number one Novak Djokovic has suffered another early defeat as Slovakia's Martin Klizan won their second round match at the Barcelona

Djokovic has now won just two of five matches since the Australian Open, where he was beaten by Chung Hyeon, after a 6-2 1-6 6-3 loss at Sabadell yesterday. Klizan converted all three of his break-point opportunities to prevail.

After losing to Dominic Thiem of Austria at the Monte Carlo Masters last week, the 30-year-old Serb experienced another defeat ahead of the French Open at Roland Garros, which begins

Djokovic suffered early exits at the Miami Open,



losing to Frenchman Benoit Paire earlier this month, and last month at Indian Wells, where Japan's Daniel Taro was the victor. He has not reached the last eight of a tournament since Wimbledon 2017 and has struggled with a longterm elbow injury.

Klizan, a qualifier and world number 140, will meet Feliciano Lopez in the quarter-finals after the Spaniard's win over Serbia's Dusan Lajovic on Tuesday.

Top seed Rafael Nadal and

second seed Grigor Dimitrov of Bulgaria experienced no such problems, but Japan's Nishikori retired after losing the first set to Guillermo Garcia-Lopez. Nishikori had an issue with his right wrist.

Nadal beat fellow Spaniard Roberto Carballes Baena 6-4 6-4 to win his 37th and 38th consecutive sets on clay, breaking a record he had jointly held with Ilie Nastase of Romania.

Nadal has now won 15 successive matches on the surface and next plays Garcia-Lopez.

Dimitrov defeated France's Gilles Simon 6-2 6-1, while Thiem, the third seed, defeated wildcard Jaume Munar of Spain 7-6 (8/6) 6-1.

Dimitrov will next play Malek Jaziri of Tunisia. (PA

Omar Fraile clinches stage

Bahrain-Merida's Sonny Colbrelli finishes second place in Stage 1



Delemont

Fraile took Astana's 14th victory of the 2018 season after he beat Bahrain-Merida's Sonny Colbrelli on stage 1 of the Tour de Romandie. Fraile went long on the run-in to the line Delémont and held off the Italian with Rui Costa taking third.

Astana have enjoyed a strong start to the season and dominated last week's Tour of the Alps. The Kazakh team looked determined to do something today and Dario Cataldo launched a brief attack near the top of the final climb with 11 kilometres remaining.

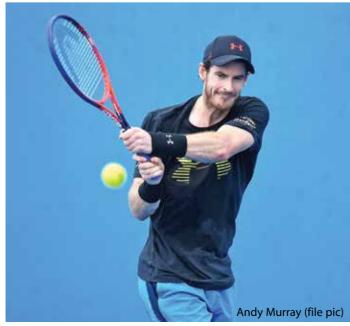
They had a second bite of the cherry after bringing back a number of late attackers in the final two kilometres with Fraile opting to kick out as they rounded the final corner.

The Spaniard's of pace caught Colbrelli by surprise, who might have assumed he was the fastest rider remaining in the dramatically reduced peloton, and he quickly nudged in front of the Bahrain-Merida rider.

Colbrelli did his utmost to overhaul Fraile, but the frenetic finish had taken its toll and he had to settle for second place. He fared better than race leader Michael Matthews (Team Sunweb), who was distanced on the final climb, leaving Primoz Roglic (LottoNL-Jumbo) in perfect position to take control of the general classification.

He is equal on time with Rohan Dennis (BMC Racing) while Geraint Thomas (Team Sky) sits in third place at four seconds. (Cyclingnews)

Murray to sit out new Glasgow event



ndy Murray has decided not to launch his comeback to Andy Murray has decided not to faunch the Commentary has decided not to faunch the Challenger ATR Challenger He was considering playing in the new ATP Challenger event in Scotstoun, which gets under way on Saturday.

But the former world number one has opted to continue his recovery from hip surgery away from the match court.

The next confirmed tournament in Murray's schedule is the Rosmalen grass-court event, the Libema Open, in Netherlands in May.

That comes before the tournament at Queen's Club that immediately precedes Wimbledon.

Murray does, however, also have an option to play a Challenger event in Loughborough next month.

Although the 30-year-old's name is among the entries for the French Open, it is understood the former Roland Garros finalist will not be playing in Paris or at any other tournament in the current clay-court swing.

Murray last played competitively at Wimbledon, the scene of two tournament triumphs, in July.

Meanwhile, the Lawn Tennis Association has announced that fellow Scotsman Aidan McHugh, a Murray protege, is among four wildcards for the new £72,000 event, which runs until 6 May. (BBC)

Tour de Romandie, stage one: Fribourg to Delémont, 166.6km

1. Omar Fraile (Esp) Astana, in 4 hrs 03 min 42 secs
2. Sonny Colbrelli (Ita) Bahrain-Merida
3. Rui Costa (Por) UAE Team Emirates
4. Rudy Molard (Fra) Groupama-FDJ
5. Gorka Izagirre (Esp) Bahrain-Merida
6. Egan Bernal (Col) Team Sky
7. Pierre Latour (Fra) Ag2r La Mondiale
8. Xandro Meurisse (Bel) Wanty-Groupe Gobert
9. Merhawi Kudus (Eri) Dimension Data
10. Eros Capecchi (Ita) Quick-Step Floors, all at same time

General classification:
1. Primoz Roglic (Slo) LottoNL-Jumbo, in 4 hrs 09 min 16 secs
2. Rohan Dennis (Aus) BMC Racing, at same time
3. Geraint Thomas (GBr) Team Sky, at 4 secs
4. Diego Rosa (Ita) Team Sky, at 5 secs
5. Pierre Latour (Fra) Ag2r La Mondiale, at same time
6. Gorka Izagirre (Esp) Bahrain-Merida, at 8 secs
7. Egan Bernal (Col) Team Sky, at 10 secs
8. Jonathan Castroviejo (Esp) Team Sky, at same time
(Cyclingweekly)

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Packed Friday of racing thrills awaits fans

The Ultimate Track Experience activities include drives in a Clio Cup sports car or in a Radical SR1 prototype and a passenger ride in an ultra-quick Radical SR3

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Bahrain International Circuit (BIC), "The Home of Motorsport in the Middle East," is set to host a full day of exhilarating experiences on Friday in Sakhir.

From 8am to 3pm, fans will be able to choose from a series of thrilling activities that are a part of BIC's hugely popular Ultimate Track Experience. Then, from 4pm to 11pm, race

to satisfy their need for speed while in their own cars or motorbikes with Open Track

The Ultimate Track Experience activities include drives in a Clio Cup sports car or in a Radical SR1 prototype and a passenger ride in an ultra-quick Radical SR3.

The Clio Cup drive is sure to give motorsport fans an exciting look into the racing capabilities of one of the world's most popular sports cars. This

Renault-manufactured mean machine features a 1.6-litre Turbocharged engine that can generate up to 220bhp and 6,000rpm. The Clio Cup drive can be purchased for BD120 and the entire experience lasts roughly two-and-a-half hours.

The Radical SR1 drive promises the ultimate adrenaline rush. The SR1 prototype features a 1,340cc engine which can generate 185bhp. It launches from zero to 100kph in 3.6 seconds.

The SR1 experience could last up to around two-and-ahalf hours at the cost of BD140. Completing the Clio Cup drive is required before taking part in the SR1 experience.

The Radical SR3 passenger ride will be conducted alongside one of BIC's expert driving instructors. This passenger ride costs BD35 for a session of around 40 minutes.

Meanwhile, Open Track Night is one of the most popular and highly subscribed events at BIC, and this weekend's event is expected to attract racing enthusiasts from all over Bahrain and even from Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Oman and the UAE.

Participants get a breathtaking setting similar to that of the Formula 1 Gulf Air Bahrain Grand Prix, where they race under BIC's brilliant floodlighting system.

The cost to take part is BD90 for the whole night and BD65 for a half of the evening. There is also an option at BD30 per session.

Also set to be on offer to the public on Friday night are a pair of Ultimate Track Experience passenger rides. These are to be conducted in a Clip Cup race car and a Radical SR3 prototype.

Discounts are available for all those who book their participation in advance. For more information, visit www. bahraingp.com or call the BIC

Amwaj Rotana posts huge total

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nter Hotel Charity Cricket Tournament has witnessed the highest total in a single innings since it's happening and breaks the previous record of 96 runs.

Art Amwaj Rotana have scored 118 runs in allotted 6 overs with Nasir Pathan scoring a first 50 of the current tournament.

The tournament is heading towards the knock out stages in the presence of huge crowd enjoying the games. I.H.E. ruled out Marriott Executive Apartments, ART Amwaj Rotana outweighed Swiss-Bel. Four Season A prevailed over Ramada Amwaj and Movenpick outclassed Wyndham Garden in respective games.

All of the matches were important in perspective to qualify for the knock out games. Whereas Diplomat Radisson Blu, Regency Intercontinental, Lagoona Beach and Ritz Carlton A have secured their berths in Quarter Final matches to be played on April 27.

KHK Sports welcomed by Metropolitan Police



(from L to R) Buyung Amin Daud, Valeria, Yundini Husni, Mohammed Shahid, Brigadier General Purwadi, Rika Aryuna, Sule, Kombes Slamet, Akp Seto

SCORECARDS

I.H.E. (67 for 4 in 6 overs) defeated Marriott Executive (59 for 5 in 6 overs) by 8 runs. Man of the Match: Avil De

ART Amwaj Rotana (118 for 4 in 6 overs) defeated Swiss-Bel

(28 for all out in 5 overs) by 90 runs. Man of the Match: Nasir

Match 3:

Four Season A (45 for 5 in 6 overs) defeated Ramada Amwaj(40 for 5 in 6 overs) by 5 runs. Man of the Match:

Move n Pick (57 for 2 in 6 overs) defeated Wyndham Garden (19 for all out in 4.2 overs) by 38 runs. Man of the Match: Ruwan.



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from KHK Sports Bahrain represented by Mohammed Shahid, President of Brave Combat Federation was welcomed by Jakarta Metropolitan Police on occasion of hosting the first event by Brave Combat Federation in Indonesia.

The officials recognised the commitment by the Kingdom of Bahrain to develop sports and the efforts to bring the nations together by opening new avenues for economy and tourism.

Brave Combat Federation has announced to host the twelfth edition of the event on 11 May at Balai Sarbini in Iakarta, Indonesia which will be broadcasted live around the world.

The event marks the first by Brave Combat Federation in South East Asia. The event features International athletes including Indonesian fighters and Bahraini fighters competing in the fight night.

The event will be a platform for the Kingdom of Bahrain to expand overseas investments and global partnerships.

"Martial Arts evolved in the Kingdom of Bahrain under the initiative of His Highness Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa. Combat sports have been successful in spreading a healthy lifestyle and holistic development of the youth in the Kingdom of Bahrain. We are thankful towards the Government of Indonesia for welcoming Brave Combat Federation and supporting our initiative. We are proud that Brave Combat Federation is receiving global recognition. This is helping us to explore new partnerships and investment opportunities around the world. We sincerely believe that this initiative will have a significant social, cultural and economic impact for Indonesia and for the Kingdom of Bahrain," said Mohammed Shahid.





SPORTS



McMahon, Plese and HH Shaikh Nasser will toe the starting line

Texas

Bahrain Endurance 13 (BE13) faces a big weekend of racing at the Ironman North American Championship in Texas. Brent McMahon, David Plese, and team captain His Highness Shaikh Nasser Bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Representative of His Majesty the King for Charity Works and Youth Affairs, Chairman of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports and President of Bahrain Olympic Committee and Captain of Bahrain Royal Endurance Team, will toe the starting line of their respective divisions.

McMahon and Plese are on the hunt to qualify for the Ironman World Championship, while HH Shaikh Nasser is validating the spot he secured racing the military division at the Ironman Middle East Championship Bahrain.

McMahon says, "Ironman Texas is a new race for me. I like the comfort of competing on courses I've done well at but I also love going into a new race with no expectations. I just focus on my personal effort and taking the course and race dynamic as it comes. No comparisons to previous paces or lap times, just going hard and fast on the day!"

The Canadian is one of the world's fastest Ironman competitors with four sub-8 hour finishes to his name. Hopefully he makes it five this weekend.

Bahrain Endurance will also be amply represented across other race distances this weekend. Ben Kanute is on the start list for WTS Bermuda, Javier Gomez is racing the Cannes International Triathlon, and Jan Frodeno will defend his Challenge Taiwan half distance title.

