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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa delegated Deputy Prime Minister Jawad bin Salem Al Arrayedh to attend the award ceremony of the ninth UNESCO-King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa Prize for the Use of Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs) in Education. The UNESCO and Ministry of Education jointly staged the event on the UNESCO premises in Paris, in the presence of Education Minister Dr. Majid bin Ali Al Nuaimi; UNESCO Director-General Audrey Azoulay; UNESCO senior officials; diplomats; journalists; researchers; ICT specialists and Bahraini students studying at French universities. The Education Minister conveyed greetings and congratulations of HM the King to the prize winners at the function.

11th Hour

Syria 'takes half of rebel-held enclave'

Beirut

Syrian and allied forces have retaken half of the territory rebels held in Eastern Ghouta since they launched a blistering offensive in mid-February, a monitoring group said yesterday.

"Regime forces control more than 50 percent of Ghouta," said Rami Abdel Rahman, the head of the Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights monitoring organisation. (AFP)



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Iranian meddling in Bahrain slammed

Turkey part of 'triangle of evil'



Cairo
Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman has described Turkey as part of a "triangle of evil" along with Iran and hardline Islamist groups, Egypt's *Al-Shorouk* newspaper reported yesterday.

The Saudi

prince also accused Turkey of trying to reinstate the Islamic Caliphate, abolished nearly a century ago when the Ottoman Empire collapsed.

His reported comments reflect Saudi Arabia's deep suspicion of President Tayyip Erdogan, whose ruling AK Party has its roots in Islamist politics and who has allied his country with Qatar in its dispute with Saudi Arabia and

some other Gulf states.

Turkey has also worked with Iran to try to reduce fighting in northern Syria in recent months, and Iranian and Turkish military chiefs exchanged visits last year.

Al-Shorouk quoted Prince Mohammed as saying "the contemporary triangle of evil comprises Iran, Turkey and extremist religious groups."

The prince spoke to Egyptian

newspaper editors during a visit to Cairo, on his first foreign trip since becoming heir to the oil exporting giant last year.

He said the dispute with Qatar could be long-lasting, comparing it to the U.S. embargo of Cuba imposed 60 years ago, but played down its impact, dismissing the Gulf emirate as "smaller than a Cairo street". - Reuters



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AGU students win top award

“Kanoo” award for Scientific Research

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Six research papers done by Sgraduate students from the Colleges of Graduate Studies and Medicine and Medical Sciences of the Arabian Gulf University (AGU) won the Yusuf bin Ahmed Kanoo Award in its ninth edition, in the scientific research category.

The award, given annually to the best scientific university research was won by graduate of AGU Nawaf Buaijan Al-Mutairi from Kuwait for his master’s thesis presented to the Department of Environmental Sciences and Natural Resources, entitled “Spatial Assessment of Water Quality in Kuwait’s Atmosphere Using the Water Quality Guide, Statistical Analysis and Geographic Information Systems”.

Dr Moda Isa Al-Nashmi, Kuwaiti PhD holder in Molecular Medicine from AGU, also received an award

for her PhD thesis “Differential Gene Expression and White Blood Cell Antibodies in Bahraini MS Patients.” In the field of open learning and distance learning, graduate of the distance learning programme at AGU, researcher Aisha Mohammed Al-Foudri, won for her thesis “Designing an Interconnective Environment for Mobile Learning and its Impact on Developing Higher Thinking Skills and Students’ Satisfaction with Learning”.

While the gifted education specialist, Kuwaiti researcher Reema Hussain Al-Mutairi won for master’s thesis “Building a Development Readiness Test to Diagnose Learning Difficulties Among Primary School Students in the Kingdom of Bahrain”.

In the field of Gifted Education, researcher Muna Hamad Al-Tarif from Saudi Arabia won for her master’s thesis “Effectiveness of the

Future Leadership Programme in Developing Transformational Leadership Behaviour Among Talented Students in the First Intermediate Grade In Riyadh”.

From the Department of Innovation and Technology Management, Muna Faisal Al-Otaibi won for her thesis entitled “Evaluating Factors Affecting the Adoption and Usage of Electronic Employment in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia”.

The Yusuf Bin Ahmed Kanoo Award aims to incentivise individual or group work that contributes to a qualitative addition to Arab societies, especially in the GCC countries, honouring scientists, authors, researchers and creators, and contributing to the development of a scientific environment that encourages thinking and creativity. The Kanoo family has allocated a financial sum to be invested, the profits of which are given as awards in various fields.

For the first time, this edition of the award presented five new fields: economics, short films, visual arts, entrepreneurship, and scientific university research, for which AGU was chosen as a model.

It’s worth noting that AGU had formed a selection committee of academics to nominate the best scientific research presented in the master’s and doctorate theses from the College of Medicine and College of Graduate Studies, in its technical and educational fields. The committee decided to nominate the six award-winning names after a wide search and careful evaluation of the outputs of its students and research graduates.



AGU graduates during the award reception

Iranian meddling in Bahrain slammed

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Algiers

Iran has become a place of shelter for criminals and fugitives, said Interior Minister Lieutenant-General Shaikh Rashid bin Abdullah Al Khalifa yesterday.

Speaking at the 35th session of the Arab Interior Ministers Council here, he said, "Security personnel in Bahrain constantly deal with the systematic Iranian interference that targets our internal security and stability".

"The country breaks all international conventions and norms and has no commitment to the Interpol or its Red Notices. It has set itself above the law and offers its land

and camps to train terrorists and traffic in weapons and explosives. This has been documented based on solid evidence," he said.

"The Iranian interference in our internal affairs takes various forms. Investments are made to provide cash in Bahrain to promote its power through individuals or organisations, or to give it to those committing terrorist acts," he said.

"The Iranian schools work to promote the Persian culture and lay the groundwork for the youth who believe in the principles of the Khomeini Revolution and the Guardianship of the Islamic

Jurist (Wilayat al-Faqih) and thus remain loyal to Iran," he said.

"The culture of sectarianism and extremism is spread on the excuse of protecting Shiites against the spirit of nationalism through the control of charity organisations and religious centres (Hawzat). This creates a base of the extremists loyal to the Iranian leadership and includes all sections of society, men and women, politicians, religious scholars, capitalists, professionals, writers and media personalities," he said.

"Iran had wanted to ignite a sectarian crisis but by the grace of God we didn't give it any opportunity to achieve its

dangerous goal though their plots to achieve their aims are long-term ones. We have dealt with their interference at various levels through the solidarity and cooperation of all," he said.

"We have today an agenda full of issues related to security plans and strategies that determine the joint Arab security work, including the Arab Security Agreement project submitted by the Kingdom of Bahrain," he said.

The council praised the security authorities for foiling terror plots and eliminating terror groups and cells with foreign links, operating with the aim of disturbing the



Shaikh Rashid bin Abdullah Al Khalifa addressing the Council security and stability of the Arab nation. The council also affirmed cooperation to combat terror activities and choke the terrorists' intellectual and financial resources. The Arab Interior Ministers stressed the importance of a unified stand to face security challenges and extremism.

Daniel Seal, Founder & CEO - unbound Innovations addressing the participants

'Unbound' opens

Event held as part of Startup Bahrain Week

'Bahrain is a testbed for startups'

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Manama

Bahrain aims to be a testbed and a launch-pad for startups in the region, said CEO of EDB Khalid Al Rumaihi. Bahrain will continue to ease regulations to encourage startups, said Al Rumaihi. He was speaking at the opening of 'Unbound' conference yesterday.

"During this period of time in the Gulf, we face two sides of a coin. A challenge on one side of the coin and opportunity on the other side of the coin. I think everyone in this time has to innovate, governments need to readjust to a different environment where their revenue has dropped, they have to innovate in policy. Businesses have to innovate, schools and universities have to readjust, workplace in the future is going to be completely different in the future so the way we educate has to adapt. The



Khalid Al Rumaihi winners are the ones who can think on their feet, ones who can adjust and react to a new reality," he said.

"For a small country like Bahrain, our agility and innovation is our secret weapon, like it has been in the past. Much like other small countries like Singapore and Hong Kong has done, it will be our ingenuity and our ability to make being small work to our effect that will help build a bright future for our people. We want to encourage our country to be a testbed for startups, we want them to benefit from our young ecosystem. We want them to scale and use Bahrain as a launchpad," he said.

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The first-ever edition of 'Unbound' was held in Bahrain yesterday with 1500 participants and more than 50 startups

The event which aims to celebrate startup culture brings together entrepreneurs and experts from around the MENA region.

The event, which is part of Startup Bahrain week, is being held at Bahrain International Circuit.

Unbound, which takes place around the world, was brought to Bahrain, thanks to the support of Economic Development Board and Startup Bahrain.

The event featured talks by veteran businessmen and experts and also served as a platform for budding

entrepreneurs to pitch their ideas to investors. Fifty influential speakers from fintech, adtech, travel, e-commerce and more, were at the event for panel sessions and keynote speeches

The opening ceremony featured talks from Daniel Seal, Founder & CEO - Unbound Innovations Ltd, Dr Nasser Ali Qaedi, Chief Investment & Marketing Officer - Tamkeen, Khalid Al Rumaihi, Chief

Executive - Bahrain Economic Development Board (EDB), and Simon Martin, UK's Ambassador to the Kingdom of Bahrain.

Various seminars and workshops were held throughout the day.

"We have startups here from all over the region including from Tunisia, Cairo, Dubai, Oman and of course Bahrain. We are thankful to EDB and Startup Bahrain for enabling

us to make this a success. This would not have been possible if it were not for a conversation I have had with the CEO of EDB Khalid Al Rumaihi in Singapore. He mentioned that could look to have an event gathering a thousand people. Today we have a huge participation, we were expecting a thousand people initially but in the end, we have over 1500 registrations," he said, adding, "It is really

amazing to witness this region transforming from oil-based economies to knowledge-based economies," said Daniel Seal, Founder & CEO - Unbound Innovations

The event will continue today. A series of panel discussions such as 'Routes for Growth - Sourcing Capital', 'Global Stories of Startup Success' and Building MENA Innovation Ecosystems will be held in today's session.

US-Bahrain action plan to tackle environmental issues



Justin Siberell and Jennifer Prescott at the forum

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A US-Bahrain joint forum has launched a plan of action in environmental co-operation at its inaugural session. The 2017-2021 plan aims to address environmental issues of mutual importance including air quality issues, coastal environment protection, protecting endangered species and promoting the

growth of environmental technology.

Dr Mohammed Mubarak bin Daina, Chief Executive Officer for Bahrain's Supreme Council for the Environment, headed the Bahrain delegation, while Jennifer Prescott, Director of Environment and Natural Resources at the United States Trade Representative's Office (USTR) led the U.S. delegation.

U.S. and Bahraini officials

also met with representatives from civil society and the private sector during a public session, opened by the Ambassador of the United States to the Kingdom, Justin Siberell. At the close of the event, there was a public question and answer session.

United States-Bahrain Memorandum of Understanding on Environmental Cooperation

(MOU) was negotiated in parallel with the FTA and recognizes the importance of strengthening capacity to protect the environment while promoting sustainable development in concert with expanded bilateral trade under the FTA.

Since the FTA came into effect, bilateral trade between Bahrain and the US has more than doubled.

High Court upholds death penalty in cop murder case



Representational image

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The High Court of Appeal has upheld the death sentence in the bomb attack case in which policeman Mahmoud Farid was killed, a statement issued by Terror Crime Prosecution said yesterday.

The High Criminal Court sentenced the man on April 29, 2015 to death and handed life in jail to seven others in the case. It had also sentenced four others to ten years in prison, revoking the citizenship and confiscating the seized items.

The man sentenced to death faced charges of setting

up a terrorist organisation in collaboration with others with the aim of targeting and killing policemen by using explosives.

On July 4, 2014, the accused placed, in collaboration with others, a homemade bomb in the parking place of an Interior Ministry's armoured vehicle with the intention of killing the

policemen in it. The terrorist act was carried out on Al-Eker Highway, close to the Applied Sciences University. When the armoured vehicle arrived at the scene and stopped, the convict blew it up at a signal by one of the convicts, killing the policeman. The convicts were referred to the High Criminal

Court and an arrest warrant was issued to bring those at large to justice. The court heard the case and listened to the pleading of the defence and the Public Prosecution. It decided to impose maximum penalty on the convicts and issued its verdict that was upheld yesterday.

Premier appoints directors at NOGA

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His Royal Highness Prime Minister Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa today issued Edict 7/2018, on appointing directors at the National Oil and Gas Authority (NOGA).

Under the edict, Mohammed Sa'ad Abdulla Al-Hajiri was appointed as Human and Financial Resources Director, Ezz Ahmed Ali Al-Mannae, as Planning and Development Director, Abdulaziz Abdulqader Mohammed Said as Petroleum Industries Development Director and Adnan Said Mohammed Al-Makhrag as Exploration and Production Development Director.

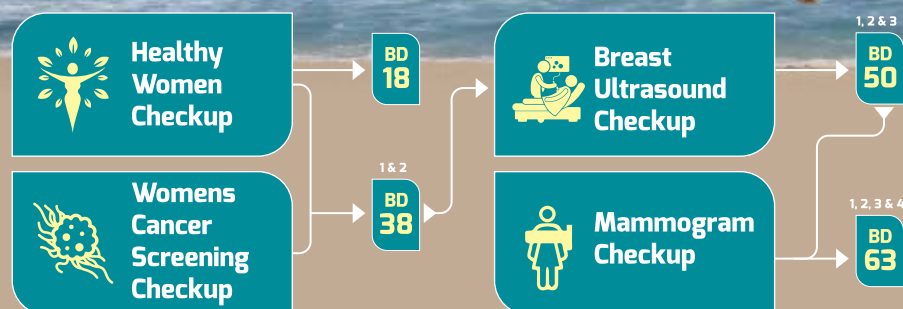
Oil Minister shall implement the edict, which takes immediate effect and will be published in the Official Gazette.

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Al-Basta terror case: Court upholds verdict

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The High Court of Appeals has upheld verdict in the Al Basta terror case in which eight persons were sentenced to life in jail, nine to 15 years, and two to 10 years and BD100,000 fine, the Terror Crimes Prosecution said in a statement yesterday.

All the 19 accused in the case were charged with exchanging intelligence with a foreign country, receiving funds from the country to carry out hostile acts targeting the national interests of the Kingdom, illegally establishing and joining a terrorist group and providing funds for a terrorist cell.

The High Criminal Court had issued, on October 30, 2017, its verdicts against members of the cell. The court had also ordered the revocation of the citizenship of the 15 suspects.

Investigations had revealed that the members of the "Al-Wafa Islamic Movement" had formed a clandestine cell under the name "Al-Basta Group". The cell was responsible for inciting Bahrainis against the government and disseminating tendentious propaganda that called for toppling the regime through violence and to revive Al-Wafa Islamic Movement.

The case documents contained evidence that the defendants had met leaders

The High Criminal Court had sentenced 19 persons in the case on October 30, 2017

from the Iranian Revolutionary Guards and Hezbollah to receive the necessary financial and technical support to carry out the criminal plots of "Al-Basta" terror cell in the Kingdom and provide funds for its activities.

During their meetings, the suspects agreed to provide the Iranian Revolutionary Guards and Hezbollah with secret periodic reports on the political, economic and social situation in Bahrain, the activities of so-called "Al-Wafa Islamic Movement", the "Al-Basta Group", and other affiliate terrorist groups, as well as on how the money they were receiving from them (Iranian Revolutionary Guards and Hezbollah) was being spent.

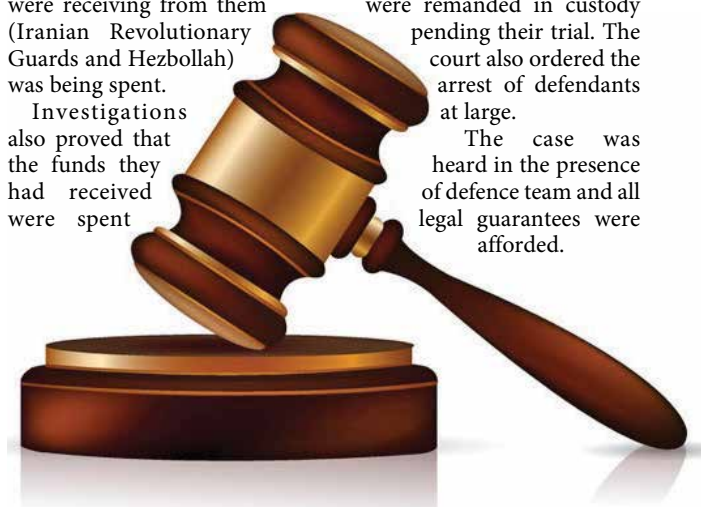
Investigations also proved that the funds they had received were spent

on providing support to convicts and detainees in terror cases, as well as active terror cells in Bahrain to encourage and motivate them to carry out more terror crimes that inflict more damage to Bahrain's political and economic interests and undermine its national security.

Investigators also found that they had provided financial support to the "Sraya Al-Ashtar" (Al-Ashtar Brigades) terrorist organisation and other terrorist and subversive groups in many areas in Bahrain, the Advocate-General said.

Ten of the defendants were remanded in custody pending their trial. The court also ordered the arrest of defendants at large.

The case was heard in the presence of defence team and all legal guarantees were afforded.



CBB takes a big step forward with SRO

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Manama

The Central Bank of Bahrain (CBB) yesterday issued a resolution authorizing exchanges licensed by it as the “main point of contact” for all listing applications as part of the implementation of Self-Regulatory Organisation (SRO) model.

“The resolution is valid for all concerned parties and persons in their respective fields, where issuers are intending to list their securities or for any concerned entity acting on their behalf,” said Abeer Al Sheikh Ebrahim Al Saad, Director of the Capital Markets Supervision Directorate at the CBB.

The move, which will be effective 2 March 2018, requires exchanges licensed by the



Abeer Al Saad authority to issue its own listing rules, “which shall take into account the protection of the rights of investors, the Disclosure Standards and in addition to addressing systemic risk”.

This is as per the Resolution

The Capital Markets Supervision Directorate would continue to review the public offering and listing requests

No. (11) issued by CBB in coordination with the Bahrain Bourse, being the concerned exchange licensed by the CBB.

“Providing local Exchanges with Self-regulation on the listing of securities and financial instruments will enhance the regulatory and supervisory role of Exchanges in all listing

applications,” added Al Saad.

She, however, said that the Capital Markets Supervision Directorate would continue to review the public offering and listing requests concurrently with the licensed exchange and to approve the registration of the prospectus.

The development is in line with the implementation of the Self-Regulatory Organization (SRO) model of the Exchanges on listing securities and financial instruments post its initial public offering.

The main objective for the CBB, according to Al Saad, is to provide the legal and regulatory framework for the SRO model of the Exchanges in regards to the listing of securities and financial instruments after being offered to the public.

United to create a biz oriented system, says Mohammed Dadabhai



“We are all united in one thing and our unity is the most significant tool to create a business oriented system in Bahrain.”

Manama

Bahrain and Asian merchants are all united to cast their votes and elect the upcoming Bahrain Chamber of Commerce and Industry elections, said pioneer Bahraini businessman Mohammed Dadabhai yesterday.

Dadabhai said it is for the overall interest of Bahrain for businessmen to vote for a chamber that combines both the new generation and vast experience.

“We are all united in one thing and our unity is the most significant tool to create a business-oriented system in Bahrain. The Chamber of Commerce and Industry is essential. I am a great believer in change and after 25 years, I believe we need a chamber with a new generation and experienced people who can all contribute towards economic progress. Tojjar bloc is one the most committed to serving the business community and I believe they will have a major contribution towards a healthy business growth in Bahrain,” said Dadabhai.

Push for disarmament

Chemical weapons committee of the Kingdom holds its first meeting



Undersecretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs chaired the first meeting of the National Committee on the Prohibition of Development, Production, Stockpiling or Use of Chemical Weapon and the destruction of such weapons

Manama

Bahrain will support all efforts to disarm and prevent the proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD), a top Bahraini official said yesterday.

This came as the National Committee on the Prohibition of Development, Production, Stockpiling or Use of Chemical Weapon and the destruction of such weapons held its first meeting at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The meeting was chaired by Undersecretary for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Dr Shaikha Rana bint Isa bin Daij Al Khalifa.

“Weapons of Mass Destruction are the main pressing threats to humanity and international peace and security,” Dr Shaikha Rana told the meeting adding: “It is important to use nuclear technology for peaceful

“Weapons of Mass Destruction are the main pressing threats to humanity and international peace and security”

purposes as long as it fully complies with the agreements signed with the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA).”

In this regard, the Undersecretary also called for promoting international cooperation in intelligence-sharing and to develop infrastructure with qualified equipment, technology and legislation.

The meeting, as per the Edict No 37 of 2017, authorised the committee to follow-up the implementation of all agreements, treaties, protocols and the Security Council

resolutions signed, including that with the International Atomic Energy Agency.

The Committee, which will act as the contact point for international organisations and agencies involved in prohibiting weapons of mass destruction, also elected Brigadier Sameer Ahmed Al-Zayani as its Vice-Chairman.

The committee was restructured with the following members: Fatema Abdulla Fares Aldhaen, Director of Organizations Directorate of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Brigadier Samir Al Zayani from the Bahrain

Defence Force, Dr Jassim Al Mehza from the Ministry of Health, Colonel Hamad Al Kaabi, representative of the General Directorate of Civil Defense, Ministry of Interior, Abdulrahman bin Daij Al Khalifa, representative of Customs Affairs at the Ministry of Interior, Faihan Mohammed Al-Faihani, representative of Energy, Electricity and Water Authority, representative of the National Oil and Gas Authority, Shaikh Hamad Bin Salman Al Khalifa, representative of the Ministry Of Industry, Commerce and Tourism, Prof. Dr. Mohammed Al-Sayed, representative of the Ministry of Works, Municipalities Affairs and Urban Planning, Abbas Al-Mahrous, representative of the Supreme Council for the Environment and Dr. Abdullah Faisal Al-Shater representative of the University of Bahrain.



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Dividends' Distribution Announcement

Following the Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders of Aluminium Bahrain B.S.C. held on Wednesday March 7, 2018, we are pleased to inform you that the distribution of dividends for the fiscal year of 2017 (26 fils per share) will start from Wednesday March 21, 2018.

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Women's Day 2018: Progress for women is progress for all

We are at a pivotal moment for women's rights. The historical and structural inequalities that have allowed oppression and discrimination to flourish are being exposed like never before. From Latin America to Europe to Asia, on social media, on film sets, on the factory floor and in the streets, women are calling for lasting change and zero tolerance for sexual assault, harassment, and discrimination of all kinds.

Achieving gender equality and empowering women and girls is the unfinished business of our time, and the greatest human rights challenge in our world.

The activism and advocacy of generations of women has borne fruit. There are more girls in school than ever before; more women are doing paid work and in senior roles in the private sector, academia, politics and in international organizations, including the United Nations. Gender equality is enshrined in countless laws, and harmful practices like female genital mutilation and child marriage have been outlawed in many countries.

But serious obstacles remain if we are to address the historic power imbalances that underpin discrimination and exploitation.

More than a billion women around the world lack legal protection against domestic sexual violence. The global gender pay gap is 23 per cent, rising to 40 per cent in rural areas, and the unpaid work done by many women goes unrecognized. Women's representation in national parliaments stands, on average, at less than one quarter, and in boardrooms it is even lower. Without concerted action, millions more girls will be subjected to genital mutilation over the next decade.

Where laws exist, they are often ignored, and women who pursue legal redress are doubted, denigrated and dismissed. We now know that sexual harassment and abuse have been thriving in workplaces, public spaces and private homes, in countries that pride themselves on their record of gender equality.

The United Nations should set an example for the world.

I recognize that this has not always been the case. Since the start of my tenure last year, I have set change in motion at UN headquarters, in our peacekeeping missions and in all our offices worldwide.

We have now reached gender parity for the first time in my senior management team, and I am determined to achieve this throughout the organization. I am totally committed to zero tolerance of sexual harassment and have set out plans to improve reporting and accountability. We are working closely with countries around the world to prevent and address sexual exploitation and abuse by staff in peacekeeping missions, and to support victims.

We at the United Nations stand with women around the world as they fight to overcome the injustices they face – whether they are rural women dealing with wage discrimination, urban women organizing for change, women refugees at risk of exploitation and abuse, or women who experience intersecting forms of discrimination: widows, indigenous women, women with disabilities and women who do not conform to gender norms.

Women's empowerment is at the heart of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Progress on the Sustainable Development Goals means progress for all women, everywhere. The Spotlight initiative launched jointly with the European Union will focus resources on eliminating violence against women and girls, a prerequisite for equality and empowerment.

Let me be clear: this is not a favour to women. Gender equality is a human rights issue, but it is also in all our interests: men and boys, women and girls. Gender inequality and discrimination against women harms us all.

There is ample evidence that investing in women is the most effective way to lift communities, companies, and even countries. Women's participation makes peace agreements stronger, societies more resilient and economies more vigorous. Where women face discrimination, we often find practices and beliefs that are detrimental to all. Paternity leave, laws against domestic violence and equal pay legislation benefit everyone.

At this crucial moment for women's rights, it is time for men to stand with women, listen to them and learn from them. Transparency and accountability are essential if women are to reach their full potential and lift all of us, in our communities, societies and economies.

I am proud to be part of this movement, and I hope it continues to resonate within the United Nations and around the world.

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

Iranian meddling a threat to peace

Arab Ministerial Quartet Committee holds meeting

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The Arab Ministerial Quartet Committee yesterday strongly condemned Iran's meddling in the internal affairs of Bahrain and Saudi Arabia, terming it as a constant threat to "regional and international efforts to solve the issues and crises of the region by peaceful means".

This came during the seventh meeting of the Arab Ministerial Quartet Committee to follow up the developments of the crisis with Iran and ways to address their interference in the internal affairs of Arab countries.

Bahrain was represented at the conference by the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Shaikh Khalid bin Ahmed bin Mohammed Al Khalifa. The meeting was held yesterday on the sidelines of the Arab League meeting at the ministerial level of its 149th ordinary meeting in Cairo, the Arab Republic of Egypt.

The communiqué issued at the meeting praised the ability of security authorities of Bahrain to thwart terrorist acts and plots and reiterated support for the measures taken by Bahrain and Saudi Arabia to combat these acts of aggression to protect their security and stability.

Bahrain recently arrested 116 members of a terrorist group backed by Iranian Revolutionary Guards and its foreign forces, including the Asaib Ahl al-Haq and Hezbollah.

The meeting also expressed deep concern about Iran's inciting sectarianism in Arab countries, including its support and arming of terrorist militias in some Arab countries.

"This hinders regional and international efforts to solve the issues and crises of the region by peaceful means and the committee demanded that such actions must stop."

The Committee condemned Iran's continuing support for terrorist and subversive acts in Arab countries, including the continued firing of ballistic missiles from within Yemeni territory into Saudi Arabia. "This constitutes a flagrant violation of Security Council resolution 2216



Shaikh Khalid during the meeting (2015), which states that the militias must not be armed," the meeting said.

Iran's commitment under the Joint Comprehensive Action Plan (JCPOA), and the ability of this agreement to prevent Iran from acquiring nuclear weapons in the future, especially in light of Iran's hostile policies in the region were also reviewed during the meeting. The Committee also stressed the need to monitor the developments of this issue.

It also stressed the need for Iran to comply with Security Council resolution 2231 (2015) regarding its missile programme and the need to implement an effective mechanism to verify the implementation of the agreement.

Statute of Arab Court for Human Rights

On the sidelines of the 149th Ordinary Session, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Shaikh Khalid signed the minutes of the Statute of the Arab Court for Human Rights with the Arab League Secretary-General, Ahmed Aboul Gheit.

Establishment of the Arab court for human rights came as a result of the initiative of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, and the proposal submitted by Bahrain to the Arab League.

"This reflects the keenness of His

Majesty the King to promote respect for rights and freedoms and also highlights the importance placed by the Kingdom of Bahrain to granting and protecting human rights," said the Minister.

Separately, the Minister held a discussion with the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Arab Republic of Egypt, Sameh Shoukry.

The meeting highlighted the relations between Bahrain and Egypt and stressed the importance of continued coordination regarding all issues in various regional and international forums. The meeting also discussed the latest regional developments as well as the issues on the agenda of the meeting.

On the same day, the Minister of Foreign Affairs also took part in the meeting of the Ministerial Committee of the Arab Peace Initiative.

The Committee discussed the latest developments towards Al-Quds Al-Sharif, the efforts and movements exerted by the mini-committee formed by the Council of the Arab League, the Palestinian efforts and moves in the international arena, and the participation of President Mahmoud Abbas in the meeting of the Security Council.

The meeting also discussed the latest developments in the Palestinian issue at the regional and international levels.



Arab League meeting at the ministerial level

Award-winning firm brings VAT expertise to Bahrain

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Dhruva Advisors, a boutique tax advisory firm, has expanded their footprint in the GCC region with the opening of a new office in Bahrain at the Bahrain Financial Harbour, Manama.

With the opening on March 6, Dhruva Advisors further strengthens its international operations after having set up offices in Singapore, Dubai, New York and Silicon Valley.

The event at Capital Club, Harbour Towers (East) was attended by senior executives from leading business and professional organisations of Bahrain. The event was also graced by the representation from Indian Ambassador's office.

"We are very excited about Dhruva Advisors' launch into Bahrain. The GCC regional experience that we have built-up by working on UAE & KSA projects and our extremely talented and experienced staff gives us the confidence to become a trusted tax advisor to local business houses as well as multinationals operating in Bahrain. The support we received from our business partners and EDB have been very heartening," Dinesh Kanabar, Group CEO, Dhruva Advisors said.

"There are many people who have not been exposed to taxation in this part of the

world, it is critical to spreading awareness among the different trades and industries," said Pratik Shah, Partner and head of the United Arab Emirates operations.

"We are playing a dual role, we educate and prepare," Pratik Shah told *DT News*.

Dhruva Advisors has worked with multinational clients and regulators on policy issues and tax advocacy matters. The firm currently has around 250 Tax specialists, operating in 5 countries, who are not only Subject matter experts (SMEs) but also bring in a diverse experience of many industries & countries. The key industries that Dhruva advises include financial services, IT and IT-enabled services (ITES), real estate and infrastructure, telecommunications, oil and gas, pharmaceuticals, chemicals, consumer goods, power, as well as media and entertainment.

"We wish to bring to Bahrain the experience gained from other countries," Dinesh Kanabar, CEO WTS Dhruva Consultants, told *DT News*.

Dhruva Advisors is a member of the WTS Alliance, a global network of selected firms represented in more than 100 countries worldwide.

"Given that VAT is expected in the latter part of 2018, this is the ideal time for Dhruva Advisors to open an office in Bahrain. We bring in a unique

blend of technical expertise, varied industry knowledge, exemplary GCC VAT experience (given the work was done by our Dubai office in UAE and KSA), practical yet compliant solutions for varied operational and system problems. We are confident to help our clients smoothly transition into the VAT regime in a most efficient manner," Gaurav Khurana, head of Dhruva Bahrain with 16 years of VAT experience, said.

"We need better knowledge of VAT in this part of the world," said Jamal Mohamed Al-Fakhro, managing partner at Klynveld Peat Marwick Goerdeler (KPMG), Bahrain, at the inauguration ceremony.

"Our job is to help restructure the business to be compliant and effective from

a VAT perspective," Dinesh Kanabar told *DT News*.

Dhruva Advisors was named "India Tax Firm of the Year 2017" at International Tax

Review's Asia Tax Awards 2017 and consecutively recognized as a Tier 1 Firm in the International Tax Review, World Tax Guide 2016 and

2017 to the world's leading tax firms. The firm was also awarded the Best Newcomer of the Year 2016 - ASIA by the International Tax Review.



Dhruva Advisors opened their Bahrain office on March 6



Dhruva Advisors team with the Indian Ambassador to Bahrain, Alok Kumar Sinha

Alba okays US\$97.9m cash dividend



Alba held its Annual General Meeting (AGM) at Al Dana Hall during which approval was given to the distribution of cash dividends related to the fiscal year of 2017.

Manama

Aluminium Bahrain (Alba) will distribute a total cash dividend of BD36.8 million (US\$ 97.9 million) for the fiscal year 2017.

This is equivalent to 26 per cent of the nominal value of the Company's shares (excluding treasury shares) - which is 26 fils per share.

The dividends are payable from Wednesday, March 21,

2018, to Alba's shareholders of record as of 7 March 2018.

The decision was taken during the company's General Meeting (AGM) held yesterday at Al Dana Hall, Alba, Askar, yesterday.

Approval was also given to the Directors' remuneration for the fiscal year of 2017 as well as the transfer of BD25.2 million to Retained Earnings.

Approval was given to the minutes of the Previous Ordinary General Meeting, which was held on 21 March 2017. The Report of the Board of Directors for the fiscal year of 2017 was discussed and approved while the Auditors' Report for the year ended 31 December 2017 was reviewed during this meeting.

At the AGM, Chairman of Alba's Board of Directors,

Shaikh Daij Bin Salman Bin Daij Al Khalifa said: "Alba had an exceptional finish in 2017 on multiple fronts - Safety, Productivity and Financial Performance. We were also able to transform challenges into opportunities with our resilience, determination and teamwork. As we progress in 2018, we look forward to Alba's transformation into the largest

smelter in the world with the completion of our landmark project, Line 6 Expansion Project."

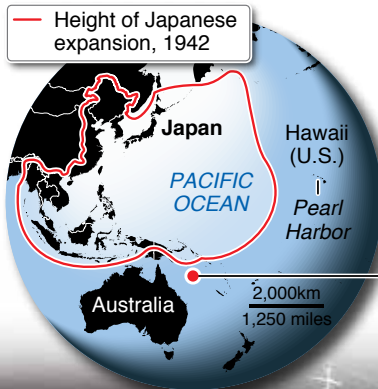
Addressing the AGM, Chairman of Alba Board of Directors, Shaikh Daij bin Salman bin Daij Al Khalifa, said "With the remarkable appreciation in the LME prices (23pc YoY), Alba's Total Sales reached BD 857.8 million (US\$ 2.3 billion), up

by 28pc YoY, while Alba's EBITDA reached BD 160 million (US\$ 425 million) due to the Company's focused approach on its operations. Alba's Net Income in 2017 was up by 91pc YoY to reach BD 92.5 million (US\$ 245.9 million)."

Ernst & Young was approved to continue as the Company's external auditors for 2018.

WW2 aircraft carrier found after 76 years

Wreckage from the *USS Lexington*, a U.S. aircraft carrier that was sunk during World War Two, has been found off the coast of Australia



Wreck discovered by search team led by Microsoft co-founder **Paul Allen** at depth of around 3,000 meters in Coral Sea, some 800km off Australia's north east coast

USS Lexington: Scuttled on May 8, 1942 after suffering massive damage by Japanese forces during Battle of Coral Sea – key moment in halting Japan's advance in Pacific war. 216 crew members died in fighting

SPECIFICATIONS (as built)

Displacement 36,580 tonnes

Length 270m

Beam 32.6m



Propulsion
Four turbo-electric generators, 47,200hp
Top speed 33 knots (62km/h)
Range 19,000km at 10kn
Crew 2,791 (including air group)



Wreck shows stunningly intact features, including 5-inch gun with rifling still visible inside barrel

Ship went down with 35 aircraft. So far 11 planes have been found, including Grumman F4F-3 Wildcats

Sources: www.paulallen.com, Encyclopaedia Britannica, www.navsource.org

Pictures: Douglas Curran/AFP/Getty Images, U.S. Navy

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NBB to distribute 25 pc dividends, 10pc bonus shares

Names new board, including Bank's first female director

Manama

National Bank of Bahrain (NBB) has approved the distribution of a dividend of 35 per cent, which comprises a 25pc cash dividend and a 10pc stock dividend in the form of bonus shares.

Shareholders in the Bank's share register as of date 7 March 2018 are eligible to receive the dividend, which will be distributed from 18 March 2018, the banks said in a statement following its Ordinary General and Extraordinary General Assembly.

The meeting approved the bank's financial statements for 2017, a year in which NBB reported record net profit of BD61.01 million (US\$ 162.25 million), an increase of 4.8pc from 2016 and a number of transfers including approximately BD3.1 million (5pc of the Bank's profits) to its Donations and Contributions Program.

The assembly also elected the Bank's new Board of Directors for the next three years from March 2018 to March 2021. They are Farouk Yousuf Khalil Almoayyed – Chairman, Dr. Essam



Abdulla Fakhro – Vice Chairman, and Directors: Khalid Yousif Abdul Rahman, Hussain Sultan Al Ghanem, Fawzi Ahmed Kanoo, Khalid Omar Al Romaihi, Shaikh Rashid Bin Salman Mohamed Al Khalifa, Hala Ali Husain Yateem, Yusuf Abdulla Yusuf Akbar Alireza, Mohamed Tareq Mohamed Sadeq and Rishi Kapoor.

Commenting, Farouk Yousuf Khalil Almoayyed, Chairman of NBB, said, "We are pleased with the performance of the Bank and the strong shareholder returns delivered for 2017. As we

move forward in 2018, I would like to reiterate our commitment to our shareholders, customers and the community and to delivering even stronger results in the year ahead."

Jean-Christophe Durand, NBB's Chief Executive Officer, added, "We look forward to building on the momentum with which we have entered 2018 and leveraging our enhanced focus, financial position and human capital to achieve even further progress and growth."

NBB Board of Directors:



Farouk Yousuf Khalil Almoayyed
Chairman



Dr. Essam Abdulla Fakhro
Deputy Chairman



Khalid Yousif Abdul Rahman
Director



Hussain Sultan Al Ghanem
Director



Fawzi Ahmed Kanoo
Director



Khalid Omar Al Romaihi
Director



Sh. Rashid Bin Salman Mohamed Al Khalifa
Director



Hala Ali Husain Yateem
Director



Yusuf Abdulla Yusuf Akbar Alireza
Director



Mohamed Tareq Mohamed Sadeq Mohamed Akbar
Director



Rishi Kapoor
Director

Former Russian spy critically ill in UK

A former Russian spy and his daughter are critically ill in a British hospital after exposure to an unknown substance, in a case that echoes the 2006 poisoning of ex-KGB agent Alexander Litvinenko



SERGEI SKRIPAL (born June 1951)

■ **Mid-1990s:** Russian army colonel recruited by UK's **Secret Intelligence Service** (MI6)

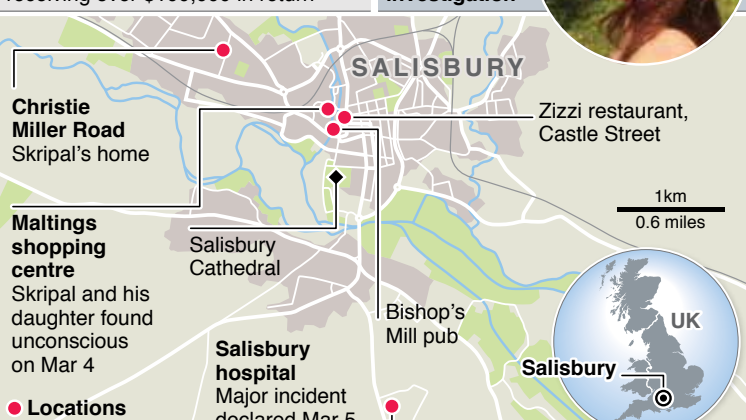
■ **Dec 2004:** Arrested in Moscow by Russia's **Federal Security Service** (FSB). Confesses to feeding MI6 information about Russian agents working undercover in Europe, receiving over \$100,000 in return

◀ **Sergei Skripal** speaks to his lawyer from behind bars in 2006

■ **Aug 2006:** Convicted of treason and sentenced to 13 years in prison

■ **Jul 2010:** Released along with three other Russians in exchange for 10 "sleeper" agents planted in U.S. by Moscow, including "glamour spy" **Anna Chapman**. Skripal granted asylum in UK, settles in Salisbury

■ **March 6, 2018:** Skripal and his 33-year-old daughter **Yulia** critically ill in Salisbury hospital after being found slumped on shopping centre bench. **Police cordon off parts of city centre as counter-terrorism unit takes over investigation**



Sources: AP, BBC, The Guardian

Pictures: AP, Facebook

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India plans Bharat Dynamics IPO

Mumbai

India seeks to raise up to 9.6 billion rupees (\$148 million) by selling a 12 per cent stake in state-run guided weapon systems maker Bharat Dynamics Ltd in an initial public offering next week. The government, which fully owns the company, will sell about 22.5 million shares in a range of 413 rupees to 428 rupees a share, Bharat Dynamics said in a statement.



U.S. trade deficit jumps

Washington

The U.S. trade deficit increased to a more than nine-year high in January, with the shortfall with China widening sharply, suggesting that President Donald Trump's "America First" trade policies are unlikely to have a material impact on the deficit. The Commerce Department said on Wednesday the trade gap jumped 5.0 percent to \$56.6 billion. That was the highest level since October 2008.



“Because of Brexit, we will be drifting apart. In fact, this will be the first free-trade agreement in history that loosens economic ties instead of strengthening them. Our agreement will not make trade between the UK and the EU frictionless or smoother. It will make it more complicated and costly than today for all of us.”

-Donald Tusk,

European Council President



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Front row, from left, Atif Baig – Fly Dubai Commercial Manager, Deepak Janardanan – General Manager (Al Fanar Travel Company), Sami Debbiche (Regional Manager – Oman Air), Rheju Samban – Manager – Operation & Training (Al Fanar Travel), Sunil Unni – Asst Sales Manager (Movenpick Hotel Bahrain).
Back row, from left, Vishal Shetty (Manager – Sales & Marketing – Al Fanar Travel), Rajesh Nair (Assistant Manager – Operation & Sales), Abdul Ghani (Manager – Al Fanar Travel), Kevin Webster (Sales Manager – Grand Safir Hotel Bahrain) and Shameer Abdul Latheef (Sales Executive – Oman Air)



-Deepak Janardanan, GM Alfanoar Travel.

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Draw on 17 May

Lucky draw will be held on 17th May in the presence of MOIC officials and sponsors.

Dial A Ticket

Alfanoar Travel is offering ticket delivery at free of charge for the customers through a new programme called Dial A Ticket.

“Just call our offices and our consultants will coordinate with you and deliver ticket to your door steps without any additional cost. This is our fourth event, previously we accomplished successful promos with the support of leading airlines like Jet Airways and Cathay pacific in Dec 2017. With the support of our Global partners our leisure & holidays division, Alfanoar Holidays successfully launched their fixed departures to Georgia, Thailand, Azerbaijan, and many more in the pipeline”



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Dr Jawahery named GPCA Vice Chairman

Manama

Gulf Petrochemical Industries Company (GPIC) President Dr. Abdulrahman Jawahery has been appointed as Vice Chairman of the Gulf Petrochemical and Chemical Association (GPCA).

During a recent Board meeting in Dubai, it also approved the appointment of Chief Executive Officer and Vice Chairman of Saudi Basic Industries Corporation (SABIC) Yousef bin Abdullah Al-Benyam as its Chairman.

Dr. Jawahery expressed his gratitude for the decision to continue his Chairmanship of the GPCA's Fertilizer Committee.

Dr. Jawahery praised the expansion of GPCA activities and programmes and its achieving new dimensions, especially with organizing the annual forum.

Dr. Jawahery holds a PhD from London's South Bank University and a Master's of Chemical Engineering, also from London. He is Chairman of the Arab Fertilizer Association and the



first Arab to have been named Chairman of the International Fertilizer Industry Association.

He has also held several senior and important positions in local, regional and global institutions and organizations and is a prominent and influential figure in the petrochemical industry

worldwide. He was appointed to the Board of Directors of the United States' National Safety Council, again a first for the Arab world and the Middle East.

Established in 2006, the GPCA has at its members more than 90 per cent of the region's petrochemicals and chemicals producers.

India tightens curbs on trade with North Korea

New Delhi

India has imposed new restrictions on trade with North Korea, a government statement said yesterday, in line with U.N. Security Council sanctions slapped on the reclusive country for its nuclear and missile programs.

New Delhi has been cutting back on trade with North Korea

but has maintained diplomatic links. It has given food aid in the past, but even that has been brought down to the minimum.

The new restrictions were mainly on "new or used vessels", food and farm products, electrical equipment and wood, the government said in the statement.

Curbs have also been

toughened on the export of industrial machinery, transportation vehicles, iron, steel and other metals.

Washington has been leading diplomatic efforts to ramp up international pressure on North Korea. The U.S. State Department said on Tuesday it had imposed the new sanctions. (Reuters)

Did You Know?



There's a restaurant in Albuquerque called Tim's Place that serves breakfast, lunch, and hugs - and it's owned by a man with Down's Syndrome.



BFC CURRENCIES EXCHANGE RATE

COUNTRY/CURRENCIES	BUY	SELL
AUSTRALIA	0.3013	0.2988
BANGLADESH	0.00472	0.00452
CANADA	0.2977	0.2945
DENMARK	0.0660	
EGYPT	0.0237	0.0219
EURO	0.4745	0.4720
HONGKONG	0.04968	0.04928
INDIA	0.00594	0.00586
INDONESIA	0.00003016	0.00002805
IRAN TUMAN	0.00010959	
IRAQI DINAR	0.000317	
JAPAN	0.00373	0.003660
JORDAN	0.5359	0.5351
KOREA	0.00040413	
KUWAIT	1.266	1.263
MALAYSIA	0.0990	0.0987
NEW ZEALAND	0.2787	0.2787
NORWAY	0.0506	
NEPAL	0.00395	0.00364
OMAN	0.98168	0.98301
PAKISTAN	0.00354	0.00342
PHILIPPINES	0.00749	0.00727
QATAR	0.10381	0.10404
SAUDI ARABIA	0.1006	0.10066
SINGAPORE	0.2911	0.2891
SOUTH AFRICA	0.03330	0.03320
SRI LANKA	0.00277	0.00244
SWEDISH	0.0490	
SWITZERLAND	0.4088	0.4058
SYRIA	0.001740	0.0017
TAIWAN	0.013600	
THAILAND	0.012230	0.012200
TURKEY	0.1043	
UNITED KINGDOM	0.5304	0.5275
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	0.102850	0.102870
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	0.37790	0.37800
YUAN	0.056800	0.056800

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GULF INTERBANK RATES

COUNTRY	1 US DLR	1 UK STG	1 SFR	100 YEN
BAHRAIN	0.3770	0.5738	0.4008	0.3562
KUWAIT	0.2855	30.2145	0.3035	0.2698
OMAN	0.3849	0.3621	0.4092	0.3637
QATAR	3.6420	3.4260	3.8716	3.4414
UAE	3.6730	3.4552	3.9045	3.4707
SAUDI	3.7500	3.5276	3.9864	3.5434

Representative picture



Stocks down with global markets; Saudi, Egypt defy trend

Closing Bell

SAUDI went up 0.21pc to 7,453.17 points.

DUBAI shed 0.72pc to 3,181.96 points.

ABU DHABI dropped 0.09pc to 4,519.58 points.

QATAR went down 0.69pc to 8,371.11 points.

EGYPT rose 2.26pc to 16,384.07 points.

KUWAIT was up 0.04pc to 6,808.45 points.

BAHRAIN was down 0.62pc to 1,366.29 points.

OMAN dropped 0.39pc to 4,928.10 points.

Dubai
Gulf stocks mostly fell yesterday with only Saudi Arabia resisting a broad decline in global markets after the resignation of a key White House economic adviser sparked fears of a trade war.

The departure of Gary Cohn, who had opposed U.S. President Donald Trump's plan for tariffs and was seen as a bulwark against protectionist forces within the Trump administration, triggered a global sell-off across asset classes.

The Qatar market lost 0.7 per cent. Vodafone Qatar was the worst performer, shedding 5.4pc.

Its stock has been falling since the firm announced last week a plan to reduce its share capital by halving the nominal

value of the company to 5 consumer stocks and real estate. Major developer Emaar Properties fell 1.4pc.

The Abu Dhabi exchange was broadly flat, losing only 0.09pc. But Dubai slipped 0.7pc, weighed down by

sentiment related to steady oil prices.

BUPA Arabia, the second most-traded stock on the Tadawul, jumped 9.9pc. The stock has rebounded after hitting its lowest price since 2014 in late February.

Other key movers included Banque Saudi Fransi, up 1.8pc, and Savola Group, up 2.1pc.

Outside the Gulf, Egypt's index continued to climb, reaching another all-time high as it benefits from the central bank's decision to cut interest rates last month, the first time it has done so since letting the currency float freely in 2016.

The Egyptian exchange closed at 16,384.07 points, up 2.3pc, led by gains in the consumer and industrial sectors. (Reuters)

CBB launches secure private network for Financial sector

Manama

The Central Bank of Bahrain's (CBB) has launched a secure private network to connect all Retail Banks in Bahrain with the CBB.

The network, CBB statement said, will act as the primary communication hub to perform real-time Inter-Bank payments settlement (RTGS), while retaining the existing SWIFT network as a contingency backup.

The introduction of this new network is a conscious move towards strengthening the

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system resiliency further and aligning it with global Payment System best practices.

The move also supports the required infrastructure

readiness, which can cater for the introduction of other services with these Institutions in the future.

Moreover, the network,

CBB said, will facilitate the communication between Bahrain and the GCC Real Time Gross Settlement (RTGS) system, which will soon enter its implementation phase.

Commenting on the move, Executive Director - Corporate Services, Dr. Huda Al Maskati, stated, "This network provides a secure environment to complete the settlement of payments in an efficient way, while at the same time ensuring that the participants' payment messages retain the security and confidentiality needed."

The study of mathematics, like the Nile, begins in minuteness but ends in magnificence.
-Charles Caleb Colton



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US Ambassador honours students



Students with US Ambassador Justin Siberell

Thirty young Bahraini students graduated from the English Access Microscholarship Programme in a ceremony at Bahrain Engineers Society in Juffair. U.S. Ambassador to

Bahrain Justin Siberell honoured the students who successfully completed a two-year program of rigorous study in English and American culture. In his remarks, Ambassador Siberell

noted that almost 200,000 students have received Access scholarships in 88 countries since 2004, including 1,000 Bahraini students.

Sponsored by the U.S.

Embassy in Bahrain, the Access program provides scholarships to disadvantaged youth to help them become better citizens and fulfil their aspirations for higher education and better jobs.

Al Raja School bags medals in World Scholars Cup Bahrain Round



Students with their certificates

Thirty students from Al Raja School finished with pride in the recently concluded World Scholars Cup Bahrain Round held at St. Christopher's School.

The students that formed

ten teams garnered individual and team awards in team debates, scholar's challenge, and scholar's bowl. Six of the teams have qualified to participate in the global rounds in Kuala Lumpur

(Malaysia), Barcelona (Spain), and Melbourne (Australia).

The delegation was headed by ARS teachers, Virgil Fernandez and Thomas Jaussi under the leadership of the principal, Joshua Perkins and

Vice Principal, Vinolia John.

It is a delight to have achieved such as first-timers in the World Scholars Cup which has been running in Bahrain for five years now, school officials said.

St Chris year 11 careers fair



Highlights of the event

All Year 11 students at St Christopher's School attended the annual Year 11 Careers Fair at the Isa Town Campus last week. The Careers Fair is an opportunity for students to engage in conversation with Bahrain based professionals representing a wide range of careers. A total of 28 careers were represented this year.

Nick Wilson, Head of Senior School, and Adrian Walker, Assistant Head of Senior School, welcomed the

visiting professionals and provided some guidance to the students. The students then had the opportunity to visit five different professions, listening to short presentations and asking a wide range of questions.

The Fair proved to be highly informative and we are extremely grateful for the support of the following professionals who gave up their valuable time to assist the students in their career planning.



Asmita Bhaumik (X J)
The Indian School Bahrain



Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Prime Minister HRH Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa received Pakistani Ambassador Javed Malik at Riffa Palace to mark the end of the Ambassador's service in the Kingdom. During the meeting, the Crown Prince highlighted the strong ties between Bahrain and Pakistan, noting that Pakistan plays an active role alongside its regional and international partners to counter terrorism and violent extremism.



Deputy Prime Minister Sheikh Mohammed bin Mubarak Al Khalifa received at Gudaibiya Palace Lebanese Ambassador Milad Nammour who was accompanied by former ambassador Mohammed Al Hajjar. The Deputy Premier hailed the strong and growing fraternal relations between Bahrain and Lebanon. The Deputy Premier hailed the former ambassador in cementing bilateral ties, wishing the new ambassador every success.



Representatives Council Speaker Ahmed Al Mulla received Italian Ambassador Domenico Bellato in the presence of MP Abdulrahman Bumjid. The Speaker hailed outstanding relations between Bahrain and Italy and growing cooperation between both countries mainly in the parliamentary field.



Representatives Council Speaker Ahmed Al Mulla received Al Ahram Foundation delegation led by its Chairman, Head of Egypt's Journalists Syndicate Abdul Mohsin Salama. The Speaker praised the Bahraini-Egyptian relations boosted by both leaders' keenness on further promoting them in various fields.



Interior Minister Lt-General Shaikh Rashid bin Abdullah Al Khalifa met Saudi Interior Minister Abdulaziz bin Abdulrahman Al Ghamdi. The Minister met Saudi Interior Minister Abdulaziz bin Abdulrahman Al Ghamdi, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Interior Lt-General Nohad Machnouf in his meeting with his Lebanese counterpart Nohad Machnouf.



Advisor of HM King for Media Affairs Nabeel Alhamer received Al-Ahram Press Corporation Chairman Abdel-Mohsen Salama and his accompanying delegation. The advisor praised the distinguished Bahraini-Egyptian historical brotherly relations, expressed his appreciation of the Egyptian's journalists for their continuous support to Bahrain.



Southern Governor HH Shaikh Khalifa bin Ali Al Khalifa has honoured citizens of the Southern Governorate Academy of Police. The governor stressed the role of scientific courses in preparing security officers capable of handling the latest practices.



Computer News Middle-East (CNME), in partnership with ManageEngine a leading IT asset management software provider, held its first Symposium in Bahrain Ritz Carlton this week under the title of "The Changing Role of IT in Era of Digital Transformation" which was attended by several top IT executives. During the event Middle-Eastern Technology expert Dr. Jasim Haji presented in the opening keynote speech a topic on Internet of Things and Digital Transformation in the Middle-East.



Former Chairman of Institution of Engineers Pakistan - Bahrain Chapter - IEP-BC Qamar Ul Hassan arranged a Reception Dinner in honour of Charge d'affaires of Pakistan Embassy Murad Ali Wazir and Welfare Attache of Pakistan Embassy Saad Bin Rafique. Prominent business community members joined the Dinner.



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Lebanese Am-
They discussed
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Supreme Council for Youth & Sport Chairman, Bahrain Olympic Committee President & Royal Charity Organisation (RCO) Chairman HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, received the Military Attaché at the Kuwaiti Embassy Colonel Nasser Abdul Aziz Al Samhan. The royal guard commander praised the historic relations between the two brotherly countries. They also reviewed areas of joint cooperation, which is growing steadily in various fields, especially the military one.



Commander-in-Chief of BDF Field Marshal Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa received a delegation from the Pakistan Naval War College. He welcomed them, lauding distinguished relations of friendship between Bahrain and Pakistan and growing bilateral cooperation mainly in the military field.



HH Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa led the Bahraini delegation at the 35th session of the Arab Interior Ministers Council in Algeria. On the sidelines of the meeting, HH Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa met UAE General Shaikh Saif bin Zayed Al Nahyan as part of security cooperation between the two brotherly countries. The Minister also held meetings with Jordanian counterpart Samir Mubaidin and Iraqi counterpart Qasim al-Araji to discuss security issues of common interest.



Foreign Affairs minister Shaikh Khalid bin Ahmed bin Mohammed Al Khalifa received his Egyptian counterpart Sameh Shoukry on the sidelines of the 149th Ordinary Session of the Arab League Council at the Ministerial Level in Cairo. The meeting highlighted the distinguished relations between Bahrain and Egypt and their continuous development that reflects string cooperation.



who have obtained master's degrees from the Royal
of confronting security challenges according to the



Malaysian Ambassador Agus Salim Yusof officially launched the establishment of Malaysian Universities' Alumni Club in Bahrain. The idea was initiated by Dr. Sutan Emir Hidayat who completed his PhD and MBA from International Islamic University Malaysia. Many Alumni of Malaysian Universities in Bahrain attended the ceremony.



Inauguration ceremony in honour of Board of Director RICI Tariq Bin Zafar . Prominent Business Community
at Ritz Carlton Hotel



Blood Donors Kerala - Bahrain Chapter held a Blood Donation Camp at SMC in cooperation of social media group Koyilandy kootam The camp was very successful as 106 Donors (including Expatriates & Bahrain Nationals) donated blood

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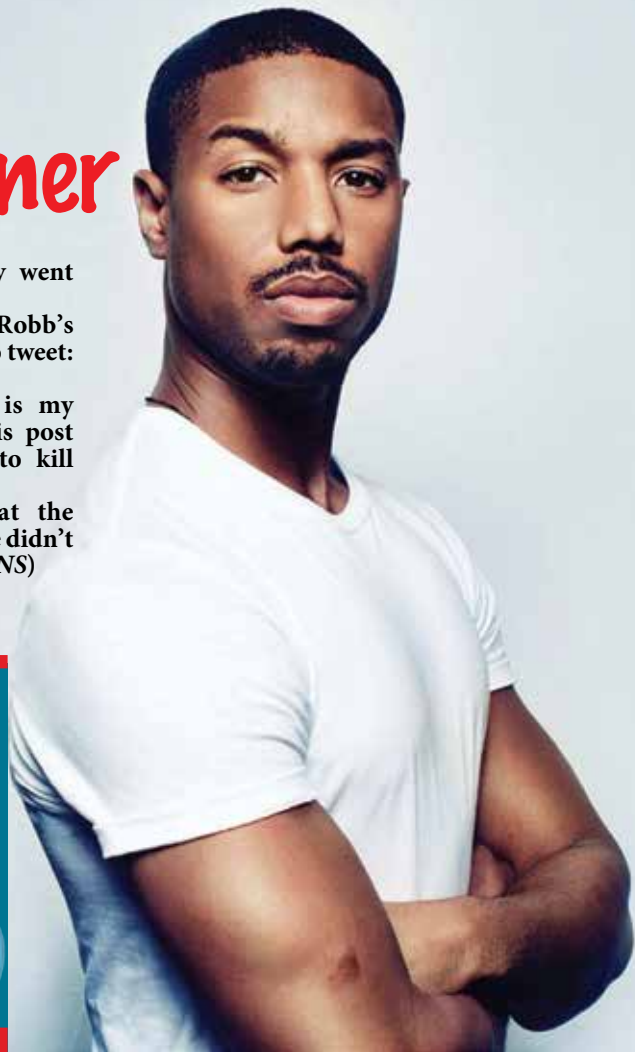
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 Congratulations on your 10th anniversary, I'm proud to be an ambassador @britishasianstst #princecharles



Jordan offers to replace fan's retainer

Los Angeles
Actor Michael B. Jordan offered to replace a fan's retainer after she broke it watching his film "Black Panther". The actor's performance seemingly captivated his fan, Sophia Robb, so much that she clenched her teeth hard enough during the movie to break her retainer. An emergency visit to her orthodontist's office resulted in her doctor sharing the anecdote

on Tumblr, which quickly went viral, reports *people.com*. The post also caught Robb's attention, enough for her to tweet: "Wait. That girl is me. That is my orthodontist's tumblr. This post is about me? I'm going to kill myself." Robb later tweeted that the phrasing was wrong and she didn't intend to harm herself. (IANS)



STARRY Birthday
Boris Kodjoe
 March 8, 1973

Television and film actor who became known for his role in the 2009 film *Surrogates* and for playing Luther West in the *Resident Evil* films.

Rihanna to launch lingerie line soon

Los Angeles
After making her presence known in the fashion and beauty world with her namesake cosmetic and apparel collection, singer Rihanna is working on a lingerie line. Rihanna has inked a partnership with TechStyle Fashion Group for the lingerie range, reports *billboard.com*. The Rihanna-helmed lingerie line hasn't received an official release date but samples have already been produced. TechStyle Fashion Group boasts successful brands like Fabletics, ShoeDazzle and Just Fab. Its partnership with Rihanna is not the company's first celebrity team-up. (IANS)



'CHARMED' REBOOT GETS ITS THREE SISTERS

Los Angeles
Actresses Madeleine Mantock, Melonie Diaz and Sarah Jeffery will play sisters in the reboot of "Charmed" show. The final casting was announced on Monday, reports *eonline.com*. Described as "fierce, funny, feminist", the reboot centres on three sisters who discover that they are witches after the tragic death of their mother. Mantock will play the oldest sister Macy. She is a geneticist who is described as practical, driven and brilliant, and she is completely shocked by the discovery that she is a witch. Mel will be played by Diaz. (IANS)



Weinstein sells Connecticut estate

Disgraced Hollywood producer Harvey Weinstein has sold his long time oceanfront estate in a \$16 million off-market deal.

He sold it to neighbour Andrew Bentley, reported by source. Weinstein purchased the two waterfront parcels that comprise the 5.71 acre spread for \$8.24 million in two transactions more than five years apart.

In 1994, he and his first wife Eve Chilton paid \$4.24 million for the smaller of the two parcels, 2.38 acres with a stately, 8,896 sq ft black-shuttered Colonial estate that tax records indicate was built in 1909. (IANS)

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(boxofficemojo)

Los Angeles

The son of Oscar winner Gary Oldman has defended his father after the actor's former wife's claims of spousal abuse resurfaced.

According to reports, Gulliver Oldman, the 'Darkest Hour' star's 20-year-old son, slammed his mother, former model Donya Fiorentino, for perpetuating an alleged domestic violence incident that he says never happened.

"I can see how coming out with a statement to combat an allegation must look. However, I was there at the time of the 'incident,'" Gulliver said in a statement. (IANS)



Gary Oldman's son defends him

'Wolf of Wall Street' producer to pay \$60mn

'Wolf of Wall Street' producer Red Granite Pictures has agreed to pay \$60 million to the US government to resolve allegations that it profited from a massive Malaysian corruption scandal.

The company filed a joint stipulation with federal prosecutors on Tuesday.

Under the agreement, Red Granite does not admit to any wrongdoing. "We are glad to finally put this matter behind us and look forward to refocusing all of our attention back on

our film business," the company said in a statement.

Prosecutors filed a civil asset forfeiture action against the company in July 2016, as part of a much broader effort to recoup more than \$1 billion allegedly embezzled from 1MDB, a Malaysian state-run development fund.

The Justice Department has accused financier Jho Low of masterminding a scheme to steal \$4.5 billion from the fund. (IANS)





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

OUT & ABOUT

RECYCLING PALM TREE WORKSHOP

Date: 15 March 2018, 5:00pm
Venue: Archaeologies of Green - Muharraq

Bahrain is well known as «The mother of a million palm trees» Recycling of palm trees is a way to revive the importance of palm trees in our beloved country. This is what we are aiming to in this workshop and in a very simple way ... Children can do this by encouraging them to use raw materials Available everywhere, especially in the palm tree and recycling it. As a result the kids will come-up with something new and beautiful.

FOR U MAMA ..!

Date: 22 March 2018, 5:00pm
Venue: Bahrain National Museum

Mothers Day.. ! we honour the mother of the family, as well as motherhood, mother bonds, and the influence of mothers in society. It is celebrated in different days in many parts of the world, most commonly in the months of March.

This workshop will celebrate Mothers Day by letting children make a greeting card for their mothers and also decorating cupcakes. Later they will gift it to them.

SCENAMADRE

Date: 27 March - 27 May 2018, 8:00am - 8:00pm

Venue: Bahrain National Theatre

In celebration of the World Theatre Day, the Bahrain National Theatre hosts SCENAMADRE, an exhibition curated by the Accademia Albertina Di Belle Arte in Torino, Italy. The display features

a collection of models that illustrate the history of theatre set design and highlights the story of scenic architecture in the world of theatre, scenography and stage design.

ARCHITECTURE OF THE ISLAND OF MUHARRAQ

Date: 27 March 2018, 7:00pm
Venue: Bahrain Fort Museum

A lecture by Eng. Ahmed Abdulrahman Al-Jowder focusing on the island of Muharraq and its development in terms of construction and architecture, as well as highlighting some of cultural publications that discussed these aspects throughout history. Al-Jowder earned a Bachelor's degree in Architecture from the University of Riyadh in Saudi Arabia in 1976 and a Master's degree in Urban Planning from the University of Pennsylvania in the USA in 1981.*Lecture will be conducted in Arabic

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MUSIC AND MIRRORS BY JAMAL ABDULRAHIM

Date: 4 - 30 April 2018, 9:00am - 8:00pm

Venue: Art Centre

Bahraini Artist, Jamal Abdulrahim, has been presenting abstract and experimental art throughout his 30 years of works. Such works were representations of his continuous studies and research of lines, colours and compositions. In this upcoming solo exhibition, Music and Mirrors, Jamal Abdulrahim revisits the Realism school of art and presents his newly developed approach to this classic school.

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Date: till 31st March 2018

Venue: Budaiya Botanical Gardens

Bahrain Farmers Market targets promoting Bahrain's agricultural products and highlighting the development taking place in Bahrain's agricultural sector. It also aims to contribute to improving the Bahraini farmers' income through a marketing system prepared by the Agriculture and Marine Resources to assist in meeting the farmers' aspirations.

FOOD IS CULTURE III

Date: 21 January - 25 February 2018, 7:00-9:00pm

Venue: Bahrain National Museum

Food is Culture is a creative experimental project that aims to bridge together the mediums of art and food. Running in parallel with the Bahrain Annual Fine Arts Exhibition, this experiment sheds light on creative processes that take place when two individuals (from different creative disciplines) collaborate. Every year five artists and five chefs get together and work to produce a creative product; be it a painting, installation, video, cake, drink, all or something completely different. The result of their two months' work, which is documented in a short film and a publication, will be presented during the course of the week, where they share and display their collective creations.

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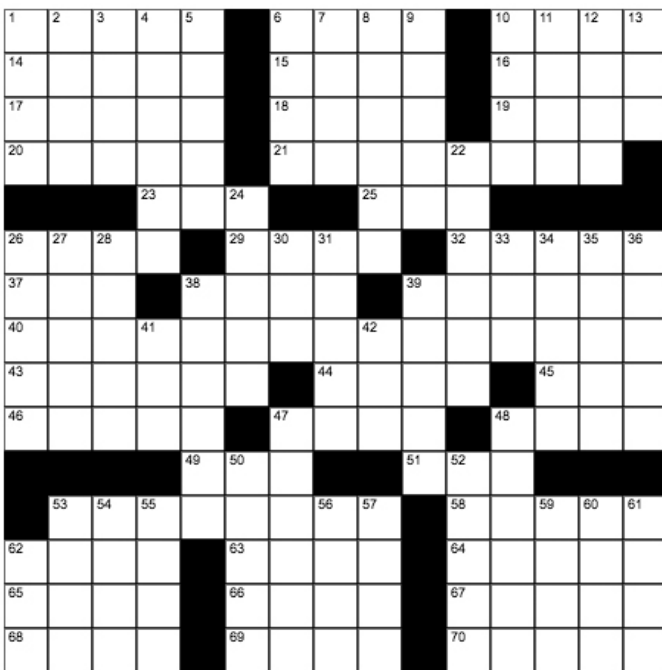
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(Mar 21st - Apr 20th)



The more you can apply to your own life the advice you give to others, the better off you'll be. No one is going to follow a leader who doesn't abide by his or her own standards. If you're going to offer your guidance to someone else, make sure you're willing to operate by the same rules and accept feedback regarding their effectiveness.

(Apr 21st - May 21st)



You may be on a slow, steady track of discipline that embraces an older, more traditional way of looking at things. Suddenly, however, you're hit by an aggressive force urging you to do things differently. The more you try to resist this force, the more it's apt to cause friction and tension. Open your arms and welcome this new energy that will have a very positive effect on you.

(May 22nd - Jun 21st)



A radical force seems to be stirring up trouble and challenging your long-established beliefs about how things should be done and what you hold most dear. The truth is that what you might see as trouble is really a growing pain to be endured as you move to the next step in your personal evolution.

(June 22nd - July 23rd)



Things could get a bit tense for you. One of your first reactions might be to look to your loved ones for support. Unfortunately, you might find that your standbys aren't standing by. In fact, it could seem like they've joined the opposition. You might at first feel like you've been betrayed. In reality, maybe you're fighting for an old cause.

(July 24th - Aug 23rd)



Parts of your life might seem like gladiatorial games out of ancient Rome. The good news is that if anyone can rise above this situation and see the truth in the matter, it's you. Be careful to not be too obstinate about how to resolve things. This is likely to get you deeper into a mess that you shouldn't have to deal with in the first place. Your job is to mediate not dictate.

(Aug 24th - Sep 23rd)



You're apt to go in circles if you only see the negative side of every situation. Your lack of perspective could keep you from seeing an answer right in front of you. Your mind is your greatest asset and your worst enemy. Don't become a victim of its automatic bias toward the negative. Once you take control and start looking at the positive aspects, the answer will become clear.

(Sep 24th - Oct 23rd)



You're likely to be on a roll with new and innovative ideas about your goals in life. Unfortunately, there are some obstacles. People who are scared of the new and different are apt to try to toss a monkey wrench into the spokes of your wheels. More than likely, these people are simply reacting out of fear of something they don't understand.

(Oct 24th - Nov 22nd)



Remember that even though there is tension and chaos all around, it doesn't have to affect you. Your motto should be you're "in it but not of it." The basis of most feuds boils down to the struggle between the old and the new. Try not to let their battles become yours. Learn from them by staying close enough to observe but far enough away that you keep your hands clean.

(Nov 23rd - Dec 21st)



While your brain may want to charge ahead with new and revolutionary ideas, there is something holding you back from setting these ideas into motion. It could be that there is a small voice in your head telling you to slow down and not automatically accept things and adopt them into your life just because they're new. Do your best to strike a balance between these two viewpoints.

(Dec 22nd - Jan 20th)



You could feel like you're walking a puppy that won't heel. The puppy is curious and, at times, rather reckless. It doesn't know about the dangers of cars or a twisted leash. You have a great responsibility to teach this dog some lesson, while at the same time giving it a bit of freedom to go out and explore alone. Earn the respect of others by tempering discipline with fun.

(Jan 21st - Feb 19th)



Your mental processes may run into a snag as you discover that there are certain rules and guidelines by which you need to abide. Sometimes you feel as if you're above all the rules, that you can establish your own based on your personal morals, and that everything will be fine. Unfortunately, you must sometimes obey others' rules.

(Feb 20th - Mar 20th)



In all the time spent trying to stabilize your emotions and achieve sensitivity, you may get too caught up in your feelings. Because of this, you may have not been listening to your rational mind lately, even though it's crying out for you to move forward to a different situation. Take some time to listen to your thoughts and take them more seriously than you have been.

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Starring: Omar Al Mulla, Yousef Al Qaab, Ahmed Al Rekabi
DANA: Timings: 11:00,12:45,14:30,16:15,18:00,19:45,21:30,23:15,01:00
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AAMI (Malayalam / Biography / Drama)

Starring: Manju Warriar, Murali Gopy, Tovino Thomas
DANA: Timings: 11:00,14:00,17:00,20:00,23:00
SEEF (II): Daily At: (12.30 Mn Thurs/Fri)
SEEF (I): Daily At: 11.30 Am + 2.30 + 5.30 + 8.30 + 11.30 Pm
AL JAZIRA: Daily At: 2.00 + 5.00 + 8.00 + (11.00 Pm Thur/Fri)
AL HAMRA: Daily At: 12.00 + 3.00 + 6.00 + 9.00 Pm + (12.00 Mn Thurs/Fri)

HANGMAN (Crime / Mystery / Thriller)

Starring: Brittany Snow, Al Pacino, Sarah Shahi
DANA: Timings: 11:00,13:00,15:00,17:00,19:00,21:00,23:00,01:00
CINECO (20): Daily At: 10.30 Am + 12.45 + 3.00 + 5.15 + 7.30 + 9.45 Pm + 12.00 Mn + (1.00 Am

Thur/Fri)

SEEF (II): Daily At: 12.15 + 2.30 + 4.45 + 7.00 + 9.15 + 11.30 Pm + (1.00 Am Thur/Fri)

SAAR: Daily At: 12.00 + 2.15 + 4.30 + 6.45 + 9.00 + (11.15 Pm Thur/Fri)

WADI AL SAIL: Daily At: 12.30 + 2.45 + 5.00 + 7.15 + 9.30 + 11.45 Pm

FERDINAND - 2D (Animation/Adventure/Comedy)

Starring: John Cena, Kate Mckinnon, Bobby Cannavale
DANA: Timings: 10:45,12:45,14:45,16:45,18:45,20:45,22:45
CINECO (20): Daily At: 12.00 + 4.45 + 9.30 Pm

THE ODDSOCKEATERS 2016 (Animation/Adventure/Family)

Starring: Krystof Hádek, Jan Maxián, David Novotný
DANA: Timings: 11:00,13:00,15:00,17:00,19:00,21:00,23:00,01:00
SEEF (II): Daily At: 11.30 Am + 1.15 + 3.00 + 4.45 Pm

DEATH WISH (Action / Crime / Drama)

Starring: Bruce Willis, Vincent D'onofrio, Elisabeth Shue
DANA: Timings: 11:30,13:30,15:30,17:30,19:30,21:30,23:30
CINECO (20): Daily At: 11.30 Am + 2.00 + 4.30 + 7.00 + 9.30 + 12.00 Mn + (1.00 Am Thur/Fri)
 Daily At (Vip li): 10.30 Am + 1.00 + 3.30 + 6.00 + 8.30 + 11.00 Pm
SEEF (I): Daily At: 11.15 Am + 1.45 + 4.15 + 6.45 + 9.15 + 11.45 Pm

WADI AL SAIL: Daily At: 2.30 + 7.00 + 11.30 Pm

FIRSTBORN 2016 (Horror)

Starring: Antonia Thomas, Luke Norris, Thea Petrie
DANA: Timings: 10:45,12:30,14:15,16:00,17:45,19:30,21:15,23:00,00:45
SEEF (II): Daily At: 10.30 Am + 12.30 + 2.30 + 4.30 + 6.30 + 8.30 + 10.30 Pm

DIL JUUNGLEE (Hindi / Romance / Comedy)

Starring: Tapsee Pannu, Saqib Saleem, Nidhi Singh
DANA: Timings: 11:15,13:30,15:45,18:00,20:15,22:30,00:45
SEEF (I): Daily At: 10.30 Am + 1.00 + 3.30 + 6.00 + 8.30 + 11.00 Pm

JUMANJI: WELCOME TO THE JUNGLE - 2D (Action / Adventure / Comedy)

Starring: Dwayne Johnson, Karen Gillan, Kevin Hart
DANA: Timings: 10:45, 13:00, 15:15, 17:30,19:45, 22:00, 00:15
CINECO (20): Daily At: 11.00 Am + 1.30 + 4.00 + 6.30 + 9.00 +

11.30 Pm + (12.30 Mn Thurs/Fri)
SEEF (II): Daily At: 11.30 Am + 2.00 + 4.30 + 7.00 + 9.30 Pm + 12.00 Mn

HATE STORY 4 (Hindi/ Crime/ Drama/ Thriller)

Starring: Urvashi Rautela, Daniel Eghan, Vivan Bhatena
DANA: Timings: 10:45, 13:15, 15:45, 18:15, 20:45, 23:15
SEEF (I): Daily At: 10.45 Am + 1.15 + 3.45 + 6.15 + 8.45 + 11.15 Pm

GAME NIGHT (Action / Comedy / Crime)

Starring: Rachel McAdams, Jesse Plemons, Jason Bateman
DANA: Timings: 10:45,12:45,14:45,16:45,18:45,20:45,22:45,00:45
CINECO (20): Daily At: 12.15 + 2.30 + 4.45 + 7.00 + 9.15 + 11.30 Pm
SEEF (II): Daily At: 11.00 Am + 3.15 + 7.30 + 11.45 Pm
WADI AL SAIL: Daily At: 12.15 + 4.45 + 9.15 Pm

HOSTILE (Drama / Horror)

Starring: Brittany Ashworth, Grégory Fitoussi, Javier Botet
DANA: Timings: 11:15,13:00,14:45,16:30,18:15,20:00,21:45,23:30
SEEF (II): Daily At: 11.00 Am + 1.00 + 3.00 + 5.00 + 7.00 + 9.00 + 11.00 Pm

THE MIDNIGHT MAN: 2016 (Horror)

Starring: Logan Creran, Robert Englund, Grayson Gabriel
DANA: Timings: 10:45,12:30,14:15,16:00,17:45,19:30,21:15,23:00
CINECO (20): Daily At: 10.30 Am + 12.30 + 5.15 + 10.00 Pm

BORG VS. MCENROE (Biography/ Drama/ Sport)

Starring: Sverrir Gudnason, Shia Labeouf, Stellan Skarsgård
DANA: Timings: 11:15,13:15,15:15,17:15,19:15,21:15,23:15
SEEF (II): Daily At: 2.30 + 7.00 + 11.30 Pm

BLACK PANTHER: 2D (Action/Adventure/Sci-Fi)

Starring: Chadwick Boseman, Michael B. Jordan, Lupita Nyong'o
DANA: Timings: 11:30,14:00,16:30,19:00,21:30,00:00
CINECO (20): Daily At (Atmos): 11.30 Am + 2.30 + 5.30 + 8.30 + 11.30 Pm Daily At (Imax 3D): 12.30 + 3.30 + 6.30 + 9.30 Pm + (12.30 Mn Thurs/Fri) Daily At (Vip li): 12.00 + 3.00 + 6.00 + 9.00 Pm + 12.00 Mn
SEEF (I): Daily At: 12.00 + 3.00 + 6.00 + 9.00 Pm + 12.00 Mn

WADI AL SAIL: Daily At: 12.15 + 3.00 + 5.45 + 8.30 + 11.15 Pm

BULLET HEAD (Crime / Drama / Thriller)

Starring: Adrien Brody, John Malkovich, Antonio Banderas
DANA: Timings: 11:00,12:45,14:30,16:15,18:00,19:45,21:30,23:15,01:00
CINECO (20): Daily At: 11.00 Am + 1.00 + 3.00 + 5.00 + 7.00 + 9.00 + 11.00 Pm
SEEF (II): Daily At: 12.00 + 2.00 + 4.00 + 6.00 + 8.00 + 10.00 Pm + 12.00 Mn

THE SHAPE OF WATER (Adventure/Drama/Fantasy)

Starring: Sally Hawkins, Octavia Spencer, Michael Shannon
DANA: Timings: 11:15,13:30,15:45,18:00,20:15,22:30,00:45
CINECO (20): Daily At: 11.15 Pm + 1.45 + 4.15 + 6.45 + 9.15 + 11.45 Pm + (12.45 Mn Thur/Fri)
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WADI AL SAIL: Daily At: 10.30 Am + 1.00 + 3.30 + 6.00 + 8.30 + 11.00 Pm

THREE BILLBOARDS OUTSIDE EBBING, MISSOURI (15+)

(Drama/Crime)
 Starring: Frances McDormand, Woody Harrelson, Sam Rockwell
CINECO (20): Daily At: 12.30 + 2.45 + 5.00 + 7.15 + 9.30 + 11.45 Pm
SAAR: Daily At: 7.00 + 9.15 + (11.30 Pm Thurs/Fri)
WADI AL SAIL: Daily At: 11.45 Am + 4.30 + 9.15 Pm

DARKEST HOUR (Pg-13)

(Drama/History/Biography)
 Starring: Gary Oldman, Lily James, Kristin Scott Thomas
CINECO (20): Daily At: 10.45 Am + 1.15 + 3.45 + 6.15 + 8.45 + 11.15 Pm
SAAR: Daily At: 11.00 Am + 3.45 + 8.30 Pm
WADI AL SAIL: Daily At: 2.00 + 6.45 + 11.30 Pm

COCO (Pg) (Animation/Adventure/Comedy)

Starring: Anthony Gonzalez, Gael Garcia Bernal, Benjamin Bratt
CINECO (20): Daily At: 11.30 Am + 1.45 + 4.00 + 6.15 + 8.30 +

10.45 Pm
SEEF (II): Daily At: 12.15 + 4.45 + 9.15 Pm

SAAR: Daily At: 12.15 + 2.30 + 4.45 Pm

WADI AL SAIL: Daily At: 11.30 Am + 4.15 + 9.00 Pm

THE POST (Pg-13) (Drama/ Biography)

Starring: Tom Hanks, Meryl Streep, Alison Brie
CINECO (20): Daily At: 11.45 Am + 2.00 + 4.15 + 6.30 + 8.45 + 11.00 Pm
SAAR: Daily At: 1.30 + 6.15 + (11.00 Pm Thurs/Fri)
WADI AL SAIL: Daily At: 1.45 + 6.30 + 11.15 Pm

GNOME ALONE (Pg) (Animation/Comedy/Adventure)

Starring: Tara Strong, Becky G., Olivia Holt
CINECO (20): Daily At: 10.30 Am + 12.30 + 2.30 + 4.30 + 6.30 + 8.30 + 10.30 Pm
SEEF (II): Daily At: 1.15 + 5.30 + 9.45 Pm

TALQ SENA3Y (Pg-15) (Arabic/Comedy/Thriller)

Starring: Maged El Kedwani, Bayoumi Fouad, Sayed Ragab, Horeya Farghali
CINECO (20): Daily At: 10.45 Am + 12.45 + 2.45 + 4.45 + 6.45 + 8.45 + 10.45 Pm

THE COMMUTER (Pg-15) (Thriller/Crime)

Starring: Liam Neeson, Vera Farmiga, Patrick Wilson
CINECO (20): Daily At: 12.00 + 2.15 + 4.30 + 6.45 + 9.00 + 11.15 Pm

DEN OF THIEVES (15+) (Action/Crime/Thriller)

Starring: Gerard Butler, Jordan Bridges, Pablo Schreiber
CINECO (20): Daily At: 2.15 + 7.00 + 11.45 Pm

MAZE RUNNER: THE DEATH CURE (Pg-15) (Action/Thriller/Adventure/Sci-Fiction)

Starring: Rosa Salazar, Thomas Brodie-Sangster, Dylan O'brien
CINECO (20): Daily At: 2.30 + 7.15 Pm + 12.00 Mn

TORBAL RAYEH JAY (Pg) (Arabic/Comedy)

Starring: Ali El Ghoureir, Khalil El Roumeithy, Khaled Al Ajeerb
SEEF (II): Daily At: 10.30 Am + 12.45 + 3.00 + 5.15 + 7.30 + 9.45 Pm + 12.00 Mn



THE SHAPE OF WATER

I, TONYA

Not the movie the notorious ice-skating flameout Tonya Harding probably deserves – but happily (for us) the one she's gotten – 'I, Tonya' is a dazzlingly complex and exuberant treatment of a disgraced figure. It flies along like 'Goodfellas': Director Craig Gillespie never passes up the chance to needle-drop on classic rock or break the fourth wall with an into-the-lens confession. But as with Martin Scorsese's 'I always wanted to be a gangster'

crime epic (or more aptly, Paul Thomas Anderson's 'Boogie Nights'), the combination of supercharged style with so tawdry a story creates an unshakable tension, the kind that has you laughing and cringing at the same time. Ultimately, 'I, Tonya' feels like a major reclamation, not of Harding's reputation but of the sports biopic itself, fallen into clichés since 'Raging Bull'.

Setting the tone with a surly, confrontational stare and her fuming lit cigarette, Margot Robbie – making the

most of this gift of a role – drops the film into the touchy realm of paranoia and class envy. She refuses to be judged in the film's series of faux interviews, and even as Steven Rogers's satisfying script sends us backward in time to the angelic young Tonya (Mckenna Grace from 'Designated Survivor') twirling on the ice, we're never far from a scene in which money is the film's not-so-secret subject. Her Oregonian mother, the raging LaVona (a revelatory Allison Janney, *timeout*)



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US finds North Korea killed Kim brother



Kim Jong Nam

Washington

The United States formally concluded Tuesday that North Korea murdered Kim Jong Un's half-brother with the banned VX nerve agent, blasting Pyongyang for deploying a chemical weapon in a packed international airport.

Kim Jong Nam died in February last year, shortly after two women sprayed his face with a liquid as he walked through Kuala Lumpur airport.

The brazen daylight assassination unleashed diplomatic shockwaves and widespread condemnation of North Korea.

The two women, an Indonesian and a Vietnamese national, are currently on trial in Malaysia where they are accused of using a nerve agent to murder Kim Jong Nam, who lived in exile in China

and was seen as a potential rival to his younger half-brother.

The two women say they were recruited to take part in what they thought were prank TV shows but were instead tricked into becoming inadvertent assassins, in an elaborate plot by a group of North Korean agents who then fled country.

On Tuesday, Washington announced it had formally concluded that VX -- an extremely powerful nerve agent -- was used to conduct the slaying and that North Korea was to blame.

"The Government of North Korea used the chemical warfare agent VX to assassinate Kim Jong Nam, in the Kuala Lumpur airport," State Department spokeswoman Heather Nauert said in a statement.

"This public display of

contempt for universal norms against chemical weapons use further demonstrates the reckless nature of North Korea and underscores that we cannot afford to tolerate a North Korean WMD program of any kind," she added.

The statement gave no details or evidence on how the US had come to their conclusion.

The finding triggered another layer of US economic sanctions against Pyongyang, just as South Korea reported that the regime is ready for talks to end a nuclear standoff.

Under US law, when a country or leader violates its ban on chemical and biological weapons, an import ban is imposed on its products, but North Korea is already under severe US and UN sanctions, and Tuesday's decision will have little impact. (AFP)

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Saudi prince says Turkey part of 'triangle of evil'. Do you agree?

Yes No Cant Say



"A trade war has no winners. We should be very careful with that word... there are only losers in that, and that's why we will respond in a proportionate and balanced way."

Cecilia Malmstrom
EU trade commissioner

Rest in sight

'Explosive' eruptions at Japan volcano



Powerful eruptions at a volcano in southern Japan spewed ash thousands of metres into the air, as authorities warned locals not to approach the mountain.

Sierra Leone votes for new leader

Sierra Leone voters queued for hours in steamy humidity to elect a new leader they hope will end years of economic crisis caused by twin shocks of a commodities slump and an Ebola epidemic.

8 die as Russian helicopter crashes

At least eight people were killed in a Mi-8 helicopter crash in south Russia's Chechnya Republic yesterday.

Child marriage declining globally

Child marriage is on the decline globally with several countries seeing significant reductions in recent years, said the UN children's fund (UNICEF).

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Britain knows more about Russian double agent illness

Salisbury, England

Britain said yesterday that investigators now knew more about a mystery substance that struck down a former Russian double agent and his daughter in an English city, in a case that threatens to further damage already strained ties with Moscow.

Sergei Skripal, once a colonel in Russia's GRU military intelligence service, and his 33-year-old daughter, Yulia, were found slumped unconscious on a bench outside a shopping centre in the southern English city of Salisbury on Sunday

afternoon.

Both remain critically ill in intensive care.

British politicians and media have speculated that Russia may have been behind the suspected poisoning of a man it regards as a traitor. Moscow has strongly rejected any involvement.

"We do know more about the substance and the police will be making a further statement this afternoon in order to share some of that," interior minister Amber Rudd said after chairing the government's emergency response committee. (Reuters)

Sri Lanka blocks social media to curb attacks



2 Sri Lanka's Special Task Force and Police officers stand guard near a burnt house after a clash between two communities in Digana, central district of Kandy

Colombo

Sri Lanka barred social messaging networks including Facebook yesterday to stem violence against minority Muslims after mob attacks continued despite the imposition of emergency on the Buddhist-majority island.

Tension has been growing between the two communities in Sri Lanka over the past year, with some hardline Buddhist groups accusing Muslims of forcing people to convert to Islam and vandalizing Buddhist archaeological sites. Muslims

deny this.

Some Buddhist nationalists have also protested against the presence in Sri Lanka of Muslim Rohingya asylum seekers from mostly Buddhist Myanmar, where Buddhist nationalism has also been on the rise.

Police declared a curfew until 4 p.m. (1130 GMT) Thursday in the central highlands district of Kandy, the epicenter of the violence since Sunday in the wake of the death of a Buddhist youth in an altercation with a group of Muslims. (Reuters)

Reformist pope, murdered archbishop to be made saints

Vatican City

Pope Paul VI, who oversaw sweeping reforms of the Catholic Church in the 1960s, will be made a saint along with a Salvadoran archbishop who was shot dead while celebrating mass, the Vatican said yesterday.

Pope Francis signed decrees giving the go-ahead for the honours on the basis of miracles attributed to each candidate, the Holy See said in a statement.

The pope put Paul VI on the path to sainthood by beatifying him in October 2014, while Oscar Romero

was likewise elevated to the status of "blessed" in May 2015.

Paul VI completed the reforms of the Second Vatican Council, or "Vatican II", which revolutionised the relationship between Catholic believers and priests and opened the Church to dialogue with other religions.

Mass, historically celebrated in Latin, was translated into local languages and priests addressed their congregations face-on instead of facing the altar. (AFP)

Orangutan puffing cigarette

Bandung (Indonesia)

Indonesia can now add a smoking orangutan to its roster of nicotine addicts.

A video taken on Sunday shows the beast picking up a cigarette butt that was flicked into its zoo enclosure by a visitor and then puffing away on it like a pro.

The images of 22-year-old Bornean orangutan Ozon at the zoo in Bandung, about 150 kilometres (93 miles) southeast of Jakarta, promptly went viral.

This not the first that a zoo orangutan has been caught



Apeing the visitors...an orangutan picks up bad habits at Bandung zoo

sneaking a smoke in Indonesia, which has an abysmal record of animal protection and one of the world's highest smoking rates.

In 2012 a great ape at another zoo became a nicotine addict after picking up butts, and had to be forced to quit cold turkey. (AFP)

HIGH-END SPORTS CARS GLEAM AT GENEVA

Geneva

When it comes to gawking at high-end sports cars, the Geneva International Motor Show is a pretty good place to be. There's one every few steps. They're sleek, fast and the product of the latest engineering technology. They are also some of the most expensive cars you can buy. As the show prepares to open to the public Thursday through March 18, here's a look at five of the most eye-catching models.



Italdesign Zerouno Duerta

The vehicle designer and builder located near Turin, Italy, offers "racing performance in a street-legal vehicle." The lightweight carbon fibre body is propelled by a 10-cylinder engine to a top speed of 310 kph (193 mph.) The low-slung two-seater with a rear spoiler has a carbon-fibre hard top that can be removed for sunny days. It is made in low numbers and sold to wealthy collectors. The company says five will be built, and three are available for sale at around 2 million euros (\$2.5 million).

Zagato Isorivolta Vision Gran Turismo

This is a driveable car in the Sony PlayStation video game Gran Turismo Sport, and if you have the money you can now bid to drive the real-world version. Design firm Zagato, based in Rho, near Milan, gave the carbon-fibre body big sweeping curves, with large wheel wells reminiscent of the 1930s. The two-person cockpit is encased in dark glass. The company uses 2018 Corvette engines from U.S. carmaker General Motors — American muscle car power encased in Italian design. Prices are above 1.5 million euros (\$1.9 million), and only five will be built.



Ferrari 488 Pista

This one has a top speed of over 211 mph (340 kph), and a new steering system will make it easier for nonprofessional drivers to handle it, Ferrari says. The company says the car offers "blistering mechanical performance in terms of lap times and standing starts, driving pleasure and accessibility of performance to drivers of all types." It not only looks good, with sweeping lines and large air intakes over the rear wheels, but it sounds impressive, too. Ferrari tuned the engine sound to make it "unique and unmistakable" — and left it up to 8 decibels louder than a preceding version. The base price in the home market of Italy is 296,000 euros (\$367,365), including tax.



Porsche 911 GT3 RS

This model stood out with its big rear spoiler and bright green paint job. A 4-liter, six-cylinder engine produces speeds of up to 312 kph (194 mph). Porsche offers a racing package including protective roll bar, six-point safety harness and fire extinguisher for no added cost. It's available from mid-April in the German market at prices starting from 195,137 euros, or the equivalent of \$242,000 at current exchange rates.



Mclaren Senna

All body lines on the Senna eventually lead to an intake or a vent — a token of the race-car inspired, functional design that gives the 750,000 pound (\$1 million) luxury sports car its angular, aggressive looks. The company has buyers for all 500 of the vehicles, hand-assembled in a 300-hour process at its plant in Woking, England. The company also showed off an even faster track-only GTR version. The firm is taking "expressions of interest" for the GTR, with prices starting at a million pounds (\$1.4 million) — not including tax. (AP)



BIC to host an exciting double header programme this week

DT News Network
Manama

Bahrain International Circuit (BIC) has lined up an exciting double-header this Saturday for the maximum enjoyment of even the most die-hard motorsport enthusiast.

BIC has put together a day-long programme of activities, featuring both the Ultimate Track Experience and an Open Track Night.

Kicking things off from 8am to 4pm will be the Ultimate Track Experience, taking place along BIC's 2.55-kilometre Inner Circuit.

A trio of fun and exhilarating activities make up the experience. On offer



Highlights from the previous race

will be a couple of drives in a Clio Cup sports car and a Radical SR1 prototype, as well as 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-a-half 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.

Later on Saturday, from 4pm to 11pm, Open Track Night will take place.

Open Track 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.

The cost to take part is BD75 for the whole day and BD50 for a half day. There is also an option at BD25 per session.

Also as part of the Open Track activity, fans wishing to take a passenger ride in a Clio Cup race car or a Radical SR3 prototype may do so.

Taylor strikes 181* as NZ triumph

Dunedin

New Zealand's Ross Taylor yesterday produced the innings of his limited-overs career, scoring a career-best unbeaten 181 off 147 deliveries to steer his team to a memorable chase of 336 in the must-win fourth ODI against England in Dunedin.

With this win, the hosts have levelled the five-match series 2-2. England's total of 335 was overhauled with five wickets and three deliveries remaining, Taylor's contribution being an exceptional 181 featuring 17 fours and six sixes which made him the owner of the fourth highest individual score in a successful ODI chase.



Ross Taylor cuts one away (Pic courtesy-espncricinfo)

The 33-year-old Taylor batted through pain during the latter half of his astounding innings, having injured himself while diving into the crease not long after he reached three

figures. When Taylor, in his 204th ODI, walked to the crease the scoreline was 2/2 with New Zealand openers Martin Guptill and Colin Munro both dismissed for zeroes.

BRIEF SCORE

New Zealand 339 for 5 (Taylor 181*, Latham 71) beat **England** 335 for 9 (Baird 138, Root 102, Sodhi 4-58) by five wickets

With his skipper Kane Williamson (45), Taylor began the repair work before the partnership of the chase ensued between him and Tom Latham, who made 71 off 67 balls in an alliance worth 187.

Taylor's ability to keep swinging and finding the boundaries was startling, and this unbeaten 181 will rank as one of the best innings in ODI chases. (TOI)

All systems go for Mini Olympics



Askar and other officials look into the final preparations

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The opening ceremony of the 2018 School Mini Olympics, organised by the Bahrain Olympic Committee (BOC) in cooperation with the Education Ministry, is set to commence today at Isa Sports City in Riffa.

Fifty eight government and private schools will be taking part in this year's event, which will run until March 22, with more than 3,500 students to compete in 20 sports in total, including football, 3-on-3 basketball, volleyball and handball.

The remaining sports are table tennis, athletics, cricket, hockey, swimming, water sports, cycling, fencing, tennis, badminton, gymnastics, judo, karate, taekwondo, jujitsu and karting.

To be held under the patronage of HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, His Majesty the King Representative for Charity Works and Youth Affairs,

Supreme Council for Youth and Sports chairman and BOC president, the opening ceremony programme will see a group of athletes and officials lighting up the Olympic torch at the Bahrain Volleyball Association premises.

Upon arrival, the big main torch will be lit up for one week when the curtain comes down on this edition of the Mini Olympics.

Today's ceremony is scheduled to take place at the Bahrain Volleyball Association's gym from 11am onwards.

Meanwhile, the final rehearsal for the opening ceremony was staged yesterday, where BOC general secretary Abdulrahman Askar looked into the closing preparations ahead of today's ceremony.

Shaikh Ali bin Mohammed Al Khalifa, president of the Bahrain Volleyball Association, said the Mini Olympics reflects the great support offered by the BOC.

ISB win under 14 championship



ISB team during a photocall

DT News Network
Manama

The Indian School Bahrain (ISB) has defeated the Rest of the School by 8 wickets in the final to lift the CBA-BOC Under 14 School Cricket Championship for boys at the

National stadium. Batting first, the Rest of the School scored 73 runs for 9 wickets in 20 overs.

Chasing a total of 74 runs, the ISB reached the target in 12 overs to register a marvellous victory. ISB Vice Captain Adnan Khan bowled extremely well to

take 3 wickets for just 9 runs. Adnan Khan was declared Man of the Match.

The Indian School felicitated the ISB cricket team members who won laurels for the school.

ISB Chairman Prince S Natarajan, Secretary Saji

Antony, EC Members Rajesh Nambiar, Premalatha NS, Senior Section Vice Principal Anand R Nair, Middle Section Vice Principal Vinod Asari, Physical Education HoD Saikat Sarkar and Cricket Coach Mukunda Warriar were in attendance.

Shafiq Glass crush Young Blasters

DT News Network
Manama

Shafiq Glass beat Young Blasters by 6 wickets in the latest matches of the CBA Division D cricket tournament.

Young Blasters won the Toss and elected bat first, Shafiq Glass removed the Blasters opener for cheap runs, then the middle order batsmen took the responsibility and start scoring runs.

Sunny scored a brilliant half century well supported by Hassan with 32 runs. Nabeel took 4 wickets for Shafiq Glass, at the end of 25 overs. Young Blasters scored 155 runs.

Chasing the target, Shafiq Glass opener Nabeel gave a solid start with his 50 runs. Deepak scored 26 runs in 17 ball helped their team to reached the target in 18th overs.

Other scores:

Titans 157/5 in 25 overs (Zeeshan 38, Waseem 34, Ibrar 29, Prakash 2/22) beat Bahrain Indian Challengers 150/10 (Rajeev 54, Latif 3/23, Ibrar 3/17) by 7 runs.

Asma 114/5 in 14.4 overs (Sohaib 48, Shafeer 2/22) beat BHI Matrix 113/10 (Jagan 36, Nouman 3/16) by 5 wickets.

Fateh Curtain 156/7 (Imran 45, Nouman 33, Rejy 2/33) beat Tornado Riders 131/10 (Arun 53, Imran 3/13) by 25 runs.

Royal Blaster 179/10 (Philson 39, Sudeesh 34, Sanju 5/28) beat Rising Star 153/10



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(Allen 56, Binu 30, Roshan 2/19) by 26 runs.

Masters CC 61/5 in 15.3 overs (Majeed 13, Rijo 2/13) beat Bulls 55/10 (Arun 24, Hari 3/12, Shihab 3/16) by 5 wickets.

NDC Bahrain 130/5 in 17.5 overs (Jimsheer 43, Rahul 25, Waqaz 2/20) beat Muharrag Eagles 129/10 (Waqas 44, Alex 3/25) by 5 wickets.

Karnataka Strikers 104/3 in 15.3 overs (Shailu 29 Abdullah 2/25) beat SAG Bahrain 100/9 (Zeeshan 21, Hafeez 4/13) by 7 wickets.

FOG Printing 177/7 (Dilofar 39, Salman 2/17) beat Arabian Oryxes 78/10 (Usman 20, Reji 4/10) by 99 runs.

Zayani Motors 128/10 (Rehan 38, Jairaj 3/310) beat Bahrain Super Kings 108/10 (Gautam 35, Bashir 3/10) by 20 runs.

Tornado A 139/2 in 18.5 overs (Gigin 54, Nithin 54) neat Focused Eye 138/10 (Naveed 48, Sharath 2/13) by 8 wickets.



Manama

Brave Combat Federation will be hosting the eleventh edition of the event in the Mineirinho Arena (officially Estádio Jornalista Felipe Drummond) at Belo Horizonte, which is the

biggest indoor sporting arena in Brazil. Located in Belo Horizonte, Brazil, the arena holds 25,000 people.

The fight night is announced to take place on 13th April, 2018.

The event marks the third

edition of the show in Brazil.

Brazil will be leading as the nation that has hosted most number of Brave events.

Brave has announced that the event will be three times bigger than previous

editions of the promotion.

The main event of the night will be for the Interim Lightweight championship title between 2016 Brazil Fighter of the Year, Luan Santiago and former UFC fighter Lucas Martins.

2018 BPL Semi-finals scheduled

Manama

The semi-finals of the 2018 Coca Cola Bahrain Premier League (BPL) is scheduled for 9th March, 2018.

Bahrain Premier League is the first franchise based T20 Cricket tournament in the Kingdom of Bahrain held under the patronage of His Highness Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa.

The semi-finals will be between Bahrain Supergiants and Awan Warriors followed by the match between Foursquare Challengers and Intex Lions. In the first edition of the T20 tournament six franchise

teams participated. The event will be telecasted on Bahrain TV alongside Live streaming over the YouTube.

Mohammad Mansoor, President of Bahrain Premier League thanked His Highness Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa for the support towards the growth of sports in the Kingdom and for patronising the first and only International premier league from the Kingdom of Bahrain.

Bahrain Premier league will be associated with Cricket Bahrain Association which is affiliated by International Cricket Council & Asian Cricket Council.



Cricket Bahrain association (CBA) held a camp at Alba Club on March 4th and 5th for the ICC T20 Sub Asia Qualifiers to be held in Kuwait in April. 44 players attended under the supervision of coaches and selectors

Paris-Nice: Poels wins stage 4 time trial

Paris

Wout Poels (Team Sky) claimed victory on the stage 4 time trial of Paris-Nice to move within striking distance of the yellow jersey, which remains on the shoulders of Luis Leon Sanchez (Astana Pro Team).

The 18.4km test from La Fouillouse to Saint-Étienne was not a straightforward one, but Poels

made light work of the hilly course to take the stage win, 11 seconds ahead of Marc Soler (Movistar Team), while Julian Alaphilippe (Quick-Step Floors) recovered well from a misjudged corner on the final descent to place third, 16 seconds down.

Sanchez, the day's final starter, produced a solid ride to place seventh, 28 seconds down on

Poels, though his overall lead has been reduced to just 15 seconds as Poels moves up into second place. Alaphilippe's general classification challenge remains resolutely intact, and he lies third overall, 26 seconds down on Sanchez, and just ahead of Soler.

"It was quite a hard time trial, especially in the beginning with the uphill," said Poels. (Cyclingnews)



Highlight from the previous match

Ricciardo top, McLaren loses time

Barcelona

Daniel Ricciardo set the fastest ever time around the Barcelona Formula 1 circuit on the second day of the final Formula 1 pre-season test, as McLaren missed most of the running.

With the exception of the drivers who only appeared in the afternoon, most focused on performances run in the morning before switching to race simulations later in the day.

That meant Ricciardo's 1m18.047s, set just after 1pm, remained unbeaten as the rest of Wednesday was dominated by long runs.

Ricciardo's effort usurped Felipe Massa's time from 2008 as the fastest lap of this configuration of the Spanish Grand Prix circuit.

The Red Bull driver used the new hypersoft tyre for the first time to overhaul Lewis Hamilton's Mercedes, which had topped most of the morning across medium, supersoft and ultrasoft tyre runs.

Hamilton ended up 0.353s adrift on a 1m18.400s on Pirelli's ultrasoft compound, with team-mate Valtteri Bottas taking over for the afternoon and lapping a further 0.160s slower on hypersofts.

Ferrari rejigged its plan and only ran Kimi Raikkonen in the afternoon because the Finn was unwell, so Sebastian Vettel had an unexpected extra morning in the SF71H.

He posted the fourth-best time, 1.494s off the pace on soft tyres, and concentrated mainly on long runs.

Raikkonen only made it as high up the leaderboard

as eighth when he emerged, and added just 49 laps to Vettel's tally of 66 in the process.

Behind Vettel came Brendon Hartley, who improved late on a mixed day in which he had a spin and a stoppage at the pitlane exit but still completed 118 laps.

Toro Rosso driver Hartley posted a 1m19.823s on hypersofts to vault up the order in the closing stages, and give Honda another boost as its old partner McLaren suffered miserable day.

Fernando Alonso was quickest for part of the morning during a very productive opening two hours.

Alonso racked up 57 laps and set a 1m19.856s on hypersoft tyres, but then slowed to a halt on the run to Turn 7 after his Renault-powered MCL33 suffered an oil leak.

An engine change consigned Alonso to the garage for six hours and a half hours, though he emerged in the final 15 minutes to take his final tally to 54 laps. (Autosport)



McLaren have brought out the red flag on four occasions so far in testing (Pic courtesy: BBC)



Red Bull's Daniel Ricciardo drives his car (Pic courtesy: racefans.net)