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Bahrain-US defence agreement extended



HRH Crown Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa with US Secretary of State Rex Tillerson during a meeting held at US State Department in Washington yesterday

Greetings to Leadership

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The Shura Council has extended greetings to His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, His Royal Highness Prime Minister Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa, His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Bahraini people and Arab and Muslim nations on the occasion of Prophet Mohammed (PBUH)'s birthday, wishing them many happy returns of the occasion. It called for the need to take advantage of the occasion and draw inspiration from the life of Prophet (PBUH) to foster tolerance, solidarity, unity and compassion.

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The United States and the Kingdom of Bahrain yesterday extended the defence cooperation agreement (DCA).

The extension of the DCA was signed on the sidelines of a meeting with His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Prime Minister, and the U.S. Secretary of State, Rex Tillerson, at the Department

of State. U.S. Secretary of Defence, Jim Mattis, took part in the signing ceremony held at the Pentagon.

Earlier, the Crown Prince and the Secretary of State met at the US States Department. Both reviewed efforts to maintain stability in the region, including Bahrain's active military role in combatting terrorist groups, and the Kingdom's hosting of over 30 regional and international security partners under the Combined Task Forces.

HRH Crown Prince praised the U.S.' valuable support to Bahrain's security to assist counter-terrorism operations.

The Crown Prince welcomed and underscored the importance of continued cooperation between Bahrain and the U.S. on areas of shared concern. His Royal Highness acknowledged the importance of the U.S. Administration's ongoing engagement with Bahrain and its allies, noting that enhanced relations between the U.S. and the Kingdom are supporting

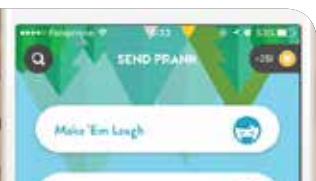
regional security.

"The defence cooperation represents the cornerstone of long-standing bilateral relations between the two countries," stated HRH Crown Prince.

"The extension of the Bahrain-U.S. DCA signals the next phase in a strategic partnership that has underpinned bilateral ties for over 70 years," His Royal Highness noted, lauding Bahrain-U.S.' alignment on various international security issues. HRH Crown

Prince and the Secretary of Defence also reviewed ways of advancing defence cooperation across a number of areas. HRH Crown Prince welcomed President Trump's unequivocal stance regarding Iran's interference in the region and its sponsorship of terrorism on the global level.

The Crown Prince noted that Bahrain remains deeply concerned about the consistent level of terrorist activity in the region, which indicates increased Iranian support. (See also Page 2)



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Bitcoin falls 18% after hitting \$11k

'Create nuke free zone in Middle East'

Manama

A top Bahraini official yesterday called for creating a zone free of nuclear and mass destruction weapons in the Middle East.

This came as Undersecretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Dr Shaikha Rana bint Isa bin Daij Al Khalifa participated in the 22nd Conference of the States Parties to the Chemical Weapons Convention in Hague.

"All countries should join the conventions and treaties related to the non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and should remain committed to them," Dr Shaikha Rana told the conference which began on 27 November.

She told the conference participants that the destruction of chemical weapons by the Russian



Undersecretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Dr Shaikha Rana bint Isa bin Daij Al Khalifa

Federation was a move in the right direction and urged the remaining member states to follow suit.

Earlier, Ahmet Üzümcü, Director-General of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons, who inaugurated the conference stressed that the international community still faces the problem of the continued and systematic use of chemical weapons,

noting the need of chemical weapons users to shoulder their responsibilities for the benefit of all state parties to the convention.

The conference also discussed the progress made in the clearance of declared chemical weapons stockpiles.

Headed this year by Ambassador Abdelouahab Bellouki from Morocco, the conference will continue until December 1.

Supreme Council for Islamic Affairs Dep. Chairman gets top honour

Cairo

Egyptian President Abdelfattah El-Sisi bestowed on Deputy Chairman of the Supreme Council for Islamic Affairs, Shaikh Abdulrahman bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Khalifa, the Order of the Republic for Sciences and Arts-First Class in tribute for his role in serving religious and cultural issues and backing co-existence, moderation and peace.

The honour was conferred on Shaikh Abdulrahman during the annual celebration marking the birthday of Prophet Mohammed (PBUH) which was patronised by the Egyptian President at Al-Azhar Conference Centre.

The ceremony was held in the presence of Acting Prime Minister Dr. Mustafa Madbouli, Al-Azhar Al Sharif Grand Imam Sheikh Dr.



Egyptian President during the honouring ceremony

Ahmed Al-Tayyeb, Mufti of the Republic Dr. Shawqi Allam, Endowments Minister and Chairman of the Supreme Council for Islamic Affairs Dr. Mohammed Mokhtar Juma'a, ministers, ambassadors of Arab and Islamic countries and scholars from the Endowments and Al-Azhar.

Shaikh Abdulrahman expressed thanks and

appreciation to the Egyptian President for the honour which is considered as a tribute to Bahrain, under the leadership of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa.

He lauded deep-rooted historic relations between Bahrain and Egypt, stressing the pivotal role of Egypt in serving Arab and Islamic issues.

Preimplantation Genetic Diagnosis Conference

Manama

The first regional Preimplantation Genetic Diagnosis (PGD) Conference will be held at the Princess Al Jawhara Center on Friday featuring 17 participants representing countries including Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, UAE, Oman and the UK.

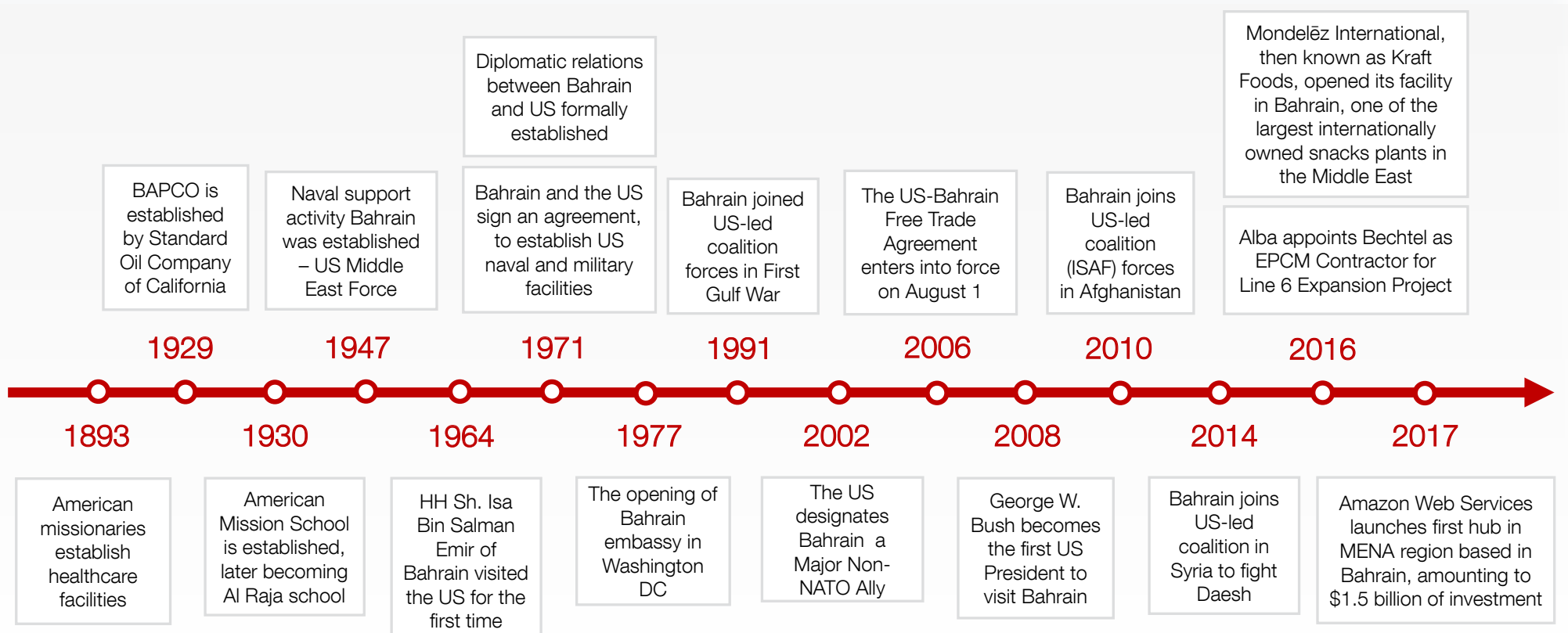
To be held under the

patronage of Dr Shaikh Mohammed bin Abdullah Al Khalifa, President of the Supreme Council for Health in the Kingdom of Bahrain, the event will bring together Gulf experts who will showcase their experiences in the field of Reproductive Medicine and its latest technologies.

Dr Musallam bin Said

Al-Araimi, Head of Clinical Genetics and Counselling Department at the National Genetic Centre at the Royal Hospital of Oman, will present two papers. Dr Al-Araimi will address the case of a rare genetic disorder which was diagnosed in an Omani child by identifying a specific gene defect for the first time in the Sultanate.

Bahrain US Relations



Abusive prank phone calls annoy residents in Kingdom

The calls originate from 65009284, a fictitious number, possibly from phones with prank-calling apps

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Manama

Local residents are receiving abusive and threatening prank calls from users of a prank-calling app, which uses the fictitious number 65009284, people who received such calls said complained yesterday.

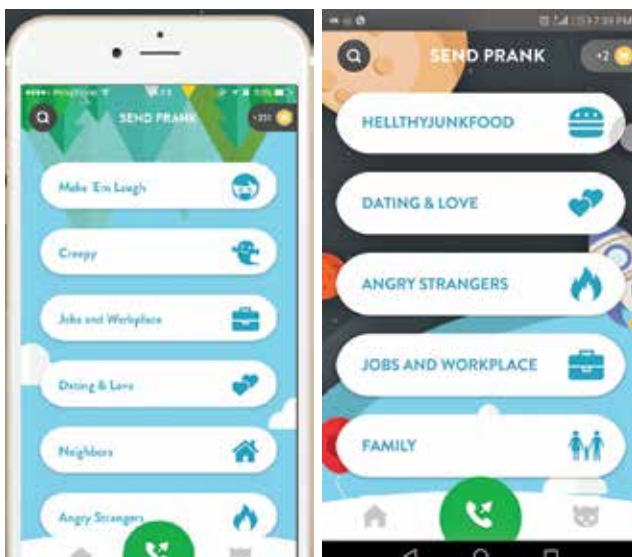
Numerous anonymous calls disguised with voices of fictitious characters were reported in the Bahrain. The phenomenon began after a prank-calling smartphone application became popular.

Fictitious characters called Tyrone - an African American, Abdu - an Egyptian and Buk Lau - a Chinese, are some of the fake characters used by the software. The app has

Indian, American and a female character as well and it can be downloaded from the app store on Android as well as iOS. The pranks, often are threatening in nature, according to those who have received such calls. Residents have complained that the prankster even threatened to visit their homes insinuating an assault or challenge a physical confrontation.

The user of the app only needs to click a button to 'send' the prank. Once the prank is sent, a pre-recorded audio file starts playing.

The recording is played in such a way that the person pranked will have the chance to respond to questions and comments made by the recording, leading the person to believe that it is an actual



Screenshot of the prank mobile app

conversation. "I received a call was yelling at me claiming that from a Chinese person who I cut him off on the road. He

claimed that I showed him an inappropriate hand gesture and accused me of being obscene. I kept asking who it is but he did not answer my question, instead, he kept yelling at me. He said he has my home address and at the end of the call, he threatened to visit my home to confront me. I did not visit the police station because I was not sure how serious the threat was so I just let it go but I was a little worried because my family lives with me. I later found out that it was a prank call," said Ahmed.

"I received two calls like this. One said that he was a registered sex offender who said he moved into my neighbourhood and was instructed by his probation officer to tell his neighbours

about my criminal past. He said he wanted to meet me and I disconnected the line. In another call, an African American called me accusing me of being racist," said Asif.

A prankster, who did not disclose his name, said he sent an 'intimidating' prank to his friend, "The prank was a man who calls up my friend and accuses him of an obscene crime. My friend was stumped and did not say much during the prank. I later revealed to her that it was a prank," he said.

When tried to call 65009284, the automatic answering machine said: "All circuits are busy now". According to the software Truecaller, 54 spam reports have been reported against it.

Trial of Ali Salman, others postponed to December 28

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The High Criminal Court yesterday postponed the trial of Ali Salman Ali Ahmed, Hassan Ali Juma Sultan and Ali Mahdi Ali Al Aswad to December 28.

The three accused are facing charges of intelligence links with the State of Qatar. They were referred by the Public Prosecutor to the court for intelligence contacts with a foreign state to carry out

subversive acts against the Kingdom of Bahrain in order to undermine its political and economic status and its national interests and topple the regime.

They were also charged with revealing defence secrets to a foreign country, accepting money from a foreign state for divulging military secrets and information pertaining to the internal situation, and disseminating false

information and allegations abroad in order to weaken financial trust in the Kingdom and undermine its prestige.

The session was held in public as stipulated by the law, and the first suspect Ali Salman attended it alongside four of his lawyers. The second and third suspects are being tried in absentia after they fled the country. The court decided to postpone the trial to December 28.

Indian expat ends life



Jaffrey Passanha
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Manama

An Asian expatriate ended his life at his residence in Arad yesterday noon.

The deceased is identified as Jaffrey Passanha, an Indian expatriate who worked as a supervisor for Ebrahim Khalil Kanoo Company.

"Jaffrey ended his life yesterday afternoon. The reason is still being investigated. Jaffrey had lost his job following that he ended his life," a source said.

"As soon as the legal formalities are over his body will be repatriated to his home country," the source added.

Anti-economic Crime Directorate holds forum



A participant receiving certificate of appreciation

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Manama

Under the patronage of the General Director of Anti-corruption and Economic and Electronic Security, the Anti-economic Crime Directorate held the second joint forum for 120 participants from the public

and private sectors.

The forum was aimed at enhancing security awareness among the public and limit crimes that could affect the national economic growth. On the sidelines of the event, the department held an exhibition that showcased forged currencies and credit cards as well as forgery devices.

Throwing road safety to the winds

Two trucks were spotted yesterday on the Khalifa Bin Salman Causeway in Hidd carrying heavy loads in

an unsafe way. The load seemed like it could fall off at any moment as it was unsecured. A motorist who drove behind the

truck said he was alarmed at the sight. "I was wondering when the load would fall off. It looked totally unsafe," he said.

The truck carrying cargo in an unsafe way



Pic by Kasun Hettiarachchi



My Opinion

Ahdeya Ahmed

I celebrate 26 years in the Fourth Power

December first is a day I personally celebrate every year and many might think it could be my wedding anniversary or the birth of one of my lovely three sons but it's actually a day that is related to how my career started.

December 1, 1991 was my first working day in the print press in the world of news and newspapers. It's a day I joined a career that turned into a passion that I could never give up and nothing is as enjoyable in life as practicing a job you have passion for because you become both emotionally and mentally dedicated to it.

I fell in love you with from day 1. Journalism. You are the Fourth Estate or Fourth Power and an influential tool that has led to drastic changes in many countries through significantly influencing a society. Even though it is not formally recognized as part of the political system, it today shapes the political system

I will of course share where the term the Fourth power came from after which I will write about how it affected and shaped who I became. When it can change one person's perceptions and personality, imagine the difference it makes when it affects a whole society.

Many social media activists who label themselves as journalists continue to hit on issues that cause a rift in the society when we have much bigger challenges we are facing in the region.

Hitting on current issues, addressing and spreading awareness on what's going on around us is what we will need on the long term.

To many writers in the world, journalism unfortunately has also become a business where personal interests come before the overall interest of the country and people.

Back to the source of the Fourth Power.

According to Wikipedia "The term fourth estate derives from traditional European concept of the three estates of the realm: the clergy, the nobility, and the commoners. The equivalent term fourth power is somewhat uncommon in English but is used in many European languages referring to the separation of powers in government into a legislature, an executive and judiciary."

In this side of the world we can safely say that this concept applies especially following the reform process that granted the freedom of press leading to an increase in the number of press publications.

The origin of the term The Fourth Power goes back to Edmund Burke, a member of the British House of Commons who used it in a parliamentary debate in 1787 on the opening up of press reporting of the House of Commons of Great Britain.

Burke in 1787 gave high value to journalists and 230 years later we cannot disagree with Burke that we remained to be the fourth power and will remain to have an unbelievable impact on our societies.

But let's be very honest here and touch on a very important issue that journalists always debate about. Should any person be labelled as a journalist and should just any person be fully granted the right of freedom of expression. Should we all be granted that right and assure that it will be practiced with responsibility and not cause a rift in the society.

Should we demand the right to say anything just because we are journalists regardless of the consequences it may cause? After all, we are all young democracies and society is influenced by media which makes us more committed to the codes and principles of our duties.

I'm a writer and I believe in the freedom of expression accompanied by self-censoring because that's how journalists can make positive changes in their societies instead of continuing to cause rifts that only reap harm to any nation.

I've been in the field of media tomorrow for 26 years, more than quarter a century and I promise my readers that I will share with you stories that had an impact on me in unbelievable ways.

They were not necessarily world leaders, politicians but the biggest impact that shaped who I became were stories told by people with tears in the eyes, children who were dying and strong and powerful people who could never stop shedding their tears on televised interviews. These are the people that made a difference and changed Bahrain through their most impressive contributions.

(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.)

Celebrating women

HRH Princess Sabeeka to patronise Bahraini Women's Day

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The Supreme Council of Women (SCW) will celebrate Bahraini Women's Day this Saturday by putting the spotlight on the achievements made by Bahraini Women in the profession of Engineering.

Observed annually on December 1, the event celebrates women's achievements that helped accelerate Bahrain's development march, while pledging to help women achieve their ambitions.

The event, held under the patronage of Her Royal Highness Princess Sabeeka bint Ibrahim Al Khalifa, Wife of His Majesty the King and President of the Supreme Council of Women (SCW), will be celebrated by all official and private bodies in the Kingdom.

According to the United Nations, it is "a day when women are recognised for their achievements without regard to divisions, whether national, ethnic, linguistic, cultural, economic or political. It is an occasion for looking back on past struggles and accomplishments, and more importantly, for looking ahead to the untapped potential and opportunities that await future generations of women."

This year, the event focuses on the contributions made by Bahraini women over the past forty years in various engineering professions including chemical and civil engineering, architectural, agricultural and electrical engineering.

A forum on the "Role of Academic Guidance and Enlightenment" in boosting the sustainability of women's working in the engineering fields as well as a conference on 'Women in Engineering Professions' will be held among other activities.



Her Royal Highness Princess Sabeeka bint Ibrahim Al Khalifa, Wife of His Majesty the King and President of the Supreme Council of Women

Bahrain reiterates full support to Palestine

Manama

A top Bahraini official yesterday affirmed Bahrain's full solidarity with the Palestinian people and called on the International community to "exert more efforts to restore peace in the region".

"We in the Kingdom of Bahrain are deeply concerned by the continued Israeli occupation practices," said the Undersecretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for Regional and GCC Affairs, Ambassador Waheed

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Mubarak Sayyar.

He was addressing the United

Nations House in Manama on the occasion of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People.

Strongly criticising Israeli aggression, the Undersecretary told the UN conference that this constitutes "a flagrant violation of the United Nations resolutions and international conventions".

The actions, he pointed out, inflicted great suffering on the Palestinian people and are also a threat to international peace and security.

The Ambassador further told the UN delegates that the Kingdom will continue to support the cause of the Palestinian people in all possible way and in forums.

In this regard, the Ambassador also expressed his deep regret in the failure of the United Nations in putting an end to the Israeli occupation of the Arab territories or the decades-long Palestinian suffering.

The international community, he said, should exert more efforts to restore peace in the region. This, he said, should be in accordance with the relevant UN resolutions, the two-state solution and the Arab Peace Initiative of 2002, which calls for Israel's full withdrawal from the occupied Arab territories to the borders of the 4 June 4 1967, the establishment of a sovereign Palestinian state with East Jerusalem as its capital, and the return of refugees.



Undersecretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for Regional and GCC Affairs, Ambassador Waheed Mubarak Sayyar addressed the United Nations House in Manama, yesterday



Saudi Arabian Prince Miteb bin Abdullah at the Elysee Palace in Paris, France (file)

Saudi prince freed in \$1bn deal: official

Riyadh
Senior Saudi Arabian prince Miteb bin Abdullah has been freed after agreeing to pay over \$1 billion to settle corruption allegations against him, a Saudi official said on Wednesday.

Miteb, 65, son of the late King Abdullah and former head of the elite National Guard, was among dozens of royal family members, high officials and senior businessmen rounded up this month in a crackdown on graft.

The official, who is involved in the crackdown and spoke on condition of anonymity, said Miteb was released on Tuesday after reaching "an acceptable settlement agreement". The official said he believed the agreed sum to be the equivalent of over \$1 billion.

"It is understood that the settlement included admitting corruption involving known cases," the official said, without giving details.

According to the official, Prince Miteb was accused of embezzlement, hiring ghost employees and awarding contracts to his own firms, including a deal for walkie talkies and bulletproof military gear. Prince Miteb is the first senior figure known to be released among those detained. Around 200 people in total have been questioned in the crackdown, authorities said earlier this month.

The allegations, which include kickbacks, inflating government contracts, extortion and bribery, could not be independently verified.

Saudi authorities, who

estimate they could eventually recover around \$100 billion of illicit funds, have been working on reaching agreements with suspects detained at Riyadh's luxurious Ritz Carlton hotel, asking them to hand over assets and cash in return for their freedom.

Apart from Miteb, the Saudi official said that at least three other suspects had finalised settlement agreements and that the public prosecutor had decided to release several individuals.

The prosecutor has decided to put at least five people on trial, the official said without disclosing their identities.

The fate of billionaire Prince Alwaleed bin Talal, chairman of investment firm Kingdom Holding and one of Saudi Arabia's most prominent

international businessmen, was not known.

Two Saudi sources told Reuters that Prince Alwaleed

has so far refused to reach a settlement and had asked for access to his lawyer in order to fight allegations against him.

Relatives, his lawyer and officials in his office could not be contacted to comment. (Reuters)

CAT FESTIVAL

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Bahrain's first ever cat festival, Meow Day 2017 will be held on 1st December from 4 to 10pm at the pavilion in Adhari Park.

The festival, organised by 1984 PR in collaboration with Directions PR and Events, which is sponsored by Lulu Hypermarket, will offer visitors several feline-themed activities, including a beauty pageant and a "cat race" for cat owners who have opted to bring their cats following a pre-festival registration and approval process.

Bahrain Rescuers, a group of active animal rescuers in the Kingdom, will also be present



Representative picture

at the festival with a number of cats up for adoption.

Dr. Nonie Coutts Veterinary Surgery, Advanced Veterinary Clinic, Pets Cabana, and Black Power Pets Store will be exhibiting their pet products and services at the festival. In addition, there will be several artists offering visitors the rare chance of drawing their cats and selling other cat-themed arts and crafts, while Bahrain

Writers' Circle, a group of local writers and poets, will be providing custom-made poetry and short stories on request.

Other festival activities include a screening of funny cat videos, trivia quiz with prizes, and face painting for kids.

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Licence must for Ramadan tents

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Permission of concerned Municipal authorities is a must for setting up a tent during the Holy Month of Ramadan.

"As per the proposal, people will have to take approval or a licence from their concerned municipal area to set up a tent," Chairman of the Board of the Capital Secretariat Council, Mohammed Ali Al Kozae told *DT News*.

The decision came during the ordinary session of the Capital Secretariat Council held yesterday at the hall of the Ministry of Municipalities Affairs and Urban Planning in Manama.

Elaborating on the proposal to enforce stricter Ramadan-tent safety regulation, Al Kozae said that a tent must be inspected by a safety officer to ensure compliance with fire

safety standards as well as by officials from the Ministry of Health before getting approval.

"Since tents are set up in the residential areas permission from people in the locality is also a must to prevent trouble," he added.

Among other decision, the meeting approved naming a street as Field Marshal Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa in the Sanabis on behalf of His Excellency Shaikh Khalifa Bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, the Commander-in-Chief of the Bahrain Defence Force and changing the status of Ain Al-Rahi in Sitra from residential to tourist zone.

The Council also approved creating a public parking space in the Fadhel area, Manama. "The Fadhel area is one of the most overcrowded areas," he said adding: "An empty plot has been selected for the purpose."



Chairman of the Board of the Capital Secretariat Council, Mohammed Ali Al Kozae

INJAZ Bahrain holds annual Appreciation Day



The event was held in the presence of HH Shaikha Hessa bint Khalifa Al-Khalifa, the Executive Director of Injaz Bahrain

DT News Network Manama

Injaz Bahrain held the annual appreciation day of its schools and universities yesterday at the Ministry of Education Hall in the presence of more than 300 attendees.

The event, held in the presence of HH Shaikha Hessa bint Khalifa Al-Khalifa, the Executive Director of Injaz Bahrain, honoured the best schools and universities, as well as all school coordinators, for the academic year 2016-

17. Ministry of Education was recognised for their support in implementing Injaz Bahrain programmes.

In her opening speech, Shaikha Hessa told the audience that Injaz has reached 150,000 students since 2004 to this semester at all levels of education. "We hope that this number will double in the coming years."

"We know that the target is great, but with God's will and the commitment of all involved parties we will achieve our goal," added

Shaikha Hessa.

Students from Al Isteqlal Secondary Girls School, the winners of "Students Company of Best Social Impact" of the National Company Competition, shared their experiences about the programme initiated by INJAZ Bahrain.

Team "Machla" from Ibn Khaldoon National School and team "Royal Creators" from the Royal University of Women, that represented Bahrain in the 11th Annual Young Entrepreneurs

Competition 2017 held in Egypt last week, was honoured.

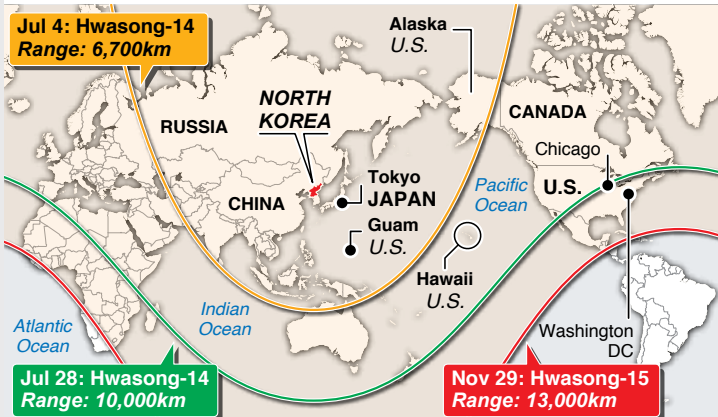
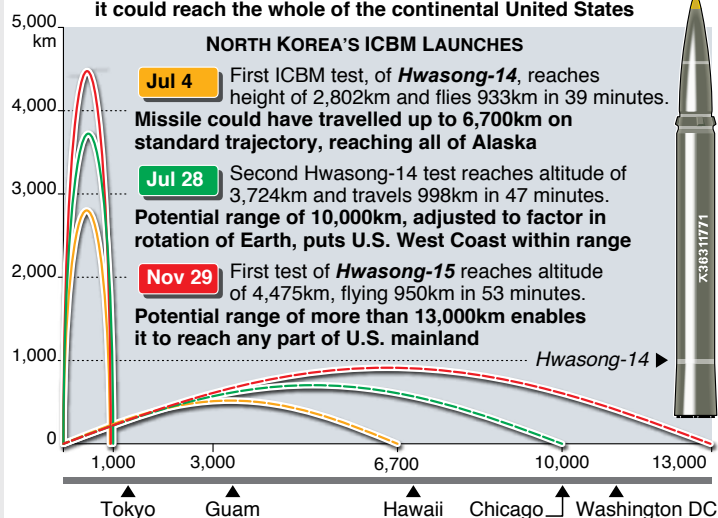
Team "Machla" qualified for more than four awards: "Citi Client Focus Award" by City Foundation, "High School of Best Social Impact", "High School Best Product", and were among the top three candidates for the "Best High School Company of the Year award". Team "Royal Critters" qualified for the MBC Al Amal Pitch Award of the Year and were also ranked among the top three.



The Capital Secretariat Council and Ministry of Works, Municipal Affairs and Urban Planning inspected Jidhafs and Musalla yesterday as per a directive issued by Prime Minister, HRH Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa to follow up public needs. "Decision was taken to install a new traffic light near the Youth Club in Jidhafs to ensure and facilitate free traffic flow," said Chairman of the Board of the Capital Secretariat Council, Mohammed Ali Al Kozae following the visit. He also said that the public playing area in the sector will be revamped.

Latest ICBM "can reach all of U.S."

North Korea says it has successfully tested its newly developed Hwasong-15 intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM), claiming it could reach the whole of the continental United States



Sources: Union of Concerned Scientists, 38north, Center for Nonproliferation Studies © GRAPHIC NEWS

US believes it can defend against North Korean missiles for now

Washington

The US military remains confident it can -- at least for the moment -- protect against any North Korean missile threat, a US official said yesterday after Pyongyang tested a new rocket.

North Korea earlier launched a previously unseen intercontinental ballistic missile, which it called a Hwasong 15, that was capable of carrying a "super-large heavy warhead" to any target in the continental United States.

US Defense Secretary Jim Mattis has said the missile flew higher than any other from North Korea, and warned that Pyongyang could soon threaten "everywhere in the world."

The US official, speaking on condition of anonymity, told AFP that America has not changed its assessment that its various missile

defense systems can stop a North Korean missile attack, though the guarantee cannot be ensured indefinitely.

"I don't think they could successfully nuke the US at this time," the official said. "There is a general sense we can stop whatever North Korea has right now. For the future, I don't know."

The United States has spent decades and billions of dollars developing technologies to stop an incoming ballistic missile, and Congress is throwing billions more dollars at the Pentagon to step up its efforts.

To protect against an ICBM, the military has the Ground-based Midcourse Defense (GMD) system, which is designed to fire an interceptor missile into space and use kinetic energy to destroy the incoming target. (Reuters)

Trump retweets violent videos



Trump hugs a US flag in Tampa Florida (File)

Beirut

Among the inflammatory videos retweeted by President Donald Trump yesterday was one released by the al-Qaida affiliate in Syria and another showing a radical Islamist in Egypt throwing a 9-year-old boy off a roof. Both are from 2013.

Trump retweeted the videos from the account of the deputy leader of the far-right Britain First, a small fringe group that opposes multiculturalism and what it calls the "Islamization" of Britain.

The video of a bearded man pushing a boy off the roof was filmed in Egypt days after the overthrow of Islamist President Mohammed Morsi by Egypt's military. In the video, a

supporter of Morsi is seen roaming the roof of a building in the coastal city of Alexandria, raising a black flag often used by militants.

The perpetrators of the roof violence were later sentenced to death for killing the boy and another man who were thrown off the roof.

Another video Trump retweeted Wednesday shows a man — said to be a supporter of Syria's al-Qaida affiliate then known as the Nusra Front — smashing a blue and white statue of the Virgin Mary.

The video appeared on the internet in October 2013, in the midst of a civil war in Syria, and was reported by the Middle East Media Research Institute, MEMRI, who identified the

man as Sheikk Omar Raghba. In the video, he declares that "idols" will no longer be worshipped in the Levant before he smashes the large statue in the Yakubiya village in northwestern Syria.

The third video shows two young men fighting near a river bank. It was originally posted to a Dutch viral video site in May 2017 and picked up by Dutch media the following day. Two 16-year-old boys were arrested, according to De Telegraaf, and police removed the video. The boy's religion was not included in any of the reports.

In her tweet, Jayda Fransen, the deputy leader of Britain First, wrote: "VIDEO: Muslim migrant beats up Dutch boy on crutches!" (AP)



It is wrong for the president to have done this," the spokesman for British Prime Minister Theresa May said. "Britain First seeks to divide communities through their use of hateful narratives which peddle lies and stoke tensions. They cause anxiety to law-abiding people."

Theresa May



"I'm delighted," Fransen, who has 53,000 Twitter followers, told Reuters, saying it showed the U.S. president shared her aim of raising awareness of "issues such as Islam"

Jayda Fransen



Look, I'm not talking about the nature of the video," White House spokeswoman Sarah Sanders told reporters. "The threat is real and that's what the president is talking about is the need for national security, the need for military spending, and those are very real things. There's nothing fake about that."

Sarah Sanders

Mysterious N Korean ships full of skeletons wash up in Japan

Ships believed to have come from North Korea and filled with dead bodies and skeletons have been washing up on the west coast of Japan, as desperate fishermen are forced further and further out to sea in search of a catch.

Japanese authorities said Monday they uncovered the skeletons of eight individuals from the hull of one wooden boat that washed ashore on

Miyazawa beach in the northwest of Japan's main island of Honshu.

According to CNN the unidentified "ghost ship" was spotted by the Akita Coast Guard drifting offshore Friday but it wasn't until it came into land that the grisly discovery was made.

It is not entirely clear the boat came from North Korea but the discovery of the wooden vessel fits a pattern of debris and other boats being washed

up from the waters of the hermit nation on the Japanese coast, officials said.

A wooden boat, which according to a police official carried eight men who said they were from North Korea and appear to be fishermen whose vessel ran into trouble, is seen near a breakwater in Yurihonjo, Akita Prefecture, Japan November 24, 2017. (Kyodo/via REUTERS)



Brexit – Britain’s divorce issues

Prime Minister Theresa May will meet European Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker and Brexit negotiator Michel Barnier to discuss three priority areas ahead of an EU summit on December 14-15



DIVORCE BILL (estimates, € billions) **€86.4 billion**

9.6	17.4	14.2	32.4	12.8
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Officials' pensions Projects 2019-20 Agriculture 2019-20 "Reste à liquider" (unpaid commitments) Other

Commission wants Britain to pay its share of EU's €665bn long-term liabilities – estimated to be 13% or €86.4bn. London has increased its offer of €20bn to €40-45bn

EU CITIZENS' RIGHTS

More than 3 million EU citizens live in UK. Differences remain on status of EU citizens in UK after Brexit, so-called right of family reunification.

EU wants unrestricted entry of family members to EU citizens in UK. European Parliament's lead Brexit negotiator



Guy Verhofstadt (left) opposes any attempt to dilute citizens' rights

IRISH BORDER ISSUE

Dublin wants Northern Ireland to remain in EU customs union and single market, London says Britain will leave both institutions. Ireland's Taoiseach **Leo Varadkar** (right) wants open border guaranteed in writing before start of trade talks. 35,000 people commute across border every day – bilateral trade with UK amounted to €29bn in 2016



Sources: CSO, Financial Times, LSE, Politico, Reuters Pictures: Associated Press © GRAPHIC NEWS

Foreign involvement in Syria's civil war

As Syria's long-running civil war winds down slowly, the country is awash with weapons and a bewildering array of local militias and thousands of foreign troops, some of which may never leave



Syria's President **Bashar al-Assad** has regained control over large parts of Syria but is heavily reliant on support from Russia and Iran

AREAS OF CONTROL (Nov 28)

- Syrian government and allies
- Syrian rebel groups
- Turkish troops and allies
- So-called Islamic State (IS)
- Kurdish-led Syrian Democratic Forces (U.S-backed)

United States Number of troops in north may exceed 1,500 – including special forces, Marine artillery unit and forward air controllers. Presence could be maintained until settlement for war is found

Russia: Plans to maintain and expand main bases at Hemeimeem and Tartus. Troop count could exceed Sep 2016 figure of 4,300, as Moscow has this year deployed military police to patrol Syria's so-called "de-escalation zones"

Iran: Revolutionary Guards, Iranian officers and tens of thousands of militia deployed across Syria, plus Iranian-backed Hezbollah fighters from Lebanon. Iran reportedly building permanent base in Syria

Turkey: At least 2,500 troops in border zone retaken from IS in 2016, plus 400 in Idlib province as part of de-escalation agreement with Russia and Iran. Key strategy is to limit expansion of Syrian Kurds



Sources: Associated Press, LiveUAMap Picture: Getty Images © GRAPHIC NEWS

Apple to audit development after finding new Mac bug



A guest points to a new MacBook Pro during an Apple media event in Cupertino, California

Apple Inc said yesterday it would review its software development process a day after a researcher discovered a bug in a new version of its Mac operating system that could give hackers total control of vulnerable machines.

Apple said it released a patch to fix the bug on Wednesday morning and it would be automatically installed on vulnerable machines later in the day.

"We greatly regret this error and we apologize to all Mac users," Apple said in a statement. "Our customers deserve better. We are auditing our development

processes to help prevent this from happening again."

To exploit the bug, a hacker would need to have physical access to a vulnerable Mac when a user is logged on to the computer. The attacker would then need to change settings on the computer to establish a "root" account, which they could later access.

Root accounts give users complete control over a machine. The U.S. and German governments issued alerts advising Mac users to install the patch.

Apple said its security engineers learned of the problem on Tuesday

afternoon and posted the patch within 24 hours.

"Security is a top priority for every Apple product, and regrettably we stumbled with this release of Mac OS," Apple said in its statement.

Apple stock was down 2.6 percent at \$168.55 on Wednesday during a broad selloff in tech stocks.

The behaviour in the Mac operating system that led to the bug's discovery was described by developers on an Apple forum as early as Nov. 13 as a workaround for problem accessing administrator accounts. (Reuters)

UN weighs response as North Korea claims nuclear power status

United Nations (United States)

The UN Security Council faced calls to ratchet up pressure yesterday on North Korea after its groundbreaking missile test, as leader Kim Jong-Un declared his country had completed its drive to become a nuclear power.

US President Donald Trump vowed to respond to Pyongyang's test-firing of an intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM) with "major sanctions" following crisis telephone talks with Chinese President Xi Jinping.

Pyeongyang on Wednesday tested its third ICBM -- which it claimed was capable of striking anywhere in the United States -- snapping a two-month pause in missile launches.

The council was set to open an emergency meeting at 4:30 pm (2130 GMT) at the request of the United States, Japan and South Korea to weigh a response to the ICBM test, which violates UN resolution.

Ahead of the urgent talks, the White House said Trump urged China to use "all available levers" to press the hermit state.

"Additional major sanctions will be imposed on North Korea today. This situation will be handled!" Trump said on Twitter.

"The ICBM Hwasong-15 type weaponry system is an intercontinental ballistic rocket tipped with super-large heavy warhead which is capable of striking the whole mainland of the US," the North's official news agency KCNA said.

North Korean state television brought out Ri Chun-Hee, a star presenter who only appears for significant developments, to announce the landmark. (AFP)



Gulf Air yesterday celebrated Bahraini Women's Day by honouring its women employees in its engineering section. Those honoured, as part of a company-wide celebration held at its Muharraq headquarters, included: Hameeda Mohamed Sharif, Controller Engineering Publications & Modification; Maryam Isa Ali, Technical Records Officer; Mardheya A.Majeed Mosawi, Repair Specialist; Eman Hameed Mandeel, Aircraft Maintenance Supervisor; Batool Adnan AlQassab, Aircraft Maintenance Technician; Buthaina Abdullatif AlGHunaim, Aircraft Maintenance Technician; Sameera Abdulla Jamal, Controller Engineering Publications & Modification; Ameera Mohamed Aljasim, Administration Assistant; Maryam Faisal Ali, Assistant Planner; and Amal Husain AlHoori, Project Engineer. Bahraini Women's Day is celebrated annually on 1st December.

India planning to exclude Air India debts

New Delhi

India plans to exclude more than half of the \$7.6 billion debt owed by the struggling national airline to help burnish its appeal as Prime Minister Narendra Modi presses ahead with a sale, people with knowledge of the matter said. The government proposes to transfer all non-aviation assets and short-term loans of as much as \$4.7bn to a separate company, readying the airline for prospective buyers.



UAE's RAK plans expansion in India

Abu Dhabi

RAK Ceramics plans to build a third plant in India to almost double its production capacity there next year, the UAE-based company's chief executive said. "Our target in India is to have 20 million square metres of capacity by 2018. We are bullish on growing our capacity and increasing our market share in a fast-growing economy," Chief Executive Abdallah Massad said.



No deal would be a very bad deal,"

- Michel Barnier,

European Union chief Brexit negotiator on failure to reach Brexit agreement



CrediMax announces MaxWallet offer

CrediMax announced teaming up with three of its big merchants to provide customers an exclusive MaxWallet offer. The offer allows CrediMax cardholders a buy 1 get 1 free deal with CINECO, Costa Coffee and Jasmis.



Use QR code

The cardholder needs to use the QR Code for the payment to be eligible for the offer. The campaign will run for a period of one month starting from November 29th to December 31st or until stock lasts.

Participating merchants

The participating merchants for this exclusive offer include, CINECO Bahrain City Centre, where they will be offering a buy 1 get 1 free ticket. Costa Coffee in Seef Mall, Bahrain City Centre, Juffair and Zayed Town, where they will be offering a buy 1 get 1 free coffee. Jasmis in Seef Mall, Bahrain City Centre, Bahrain Mall, Zallaq, Muharraq and Zayed Town where they offer a buy 1 get 1 free meal.

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Yousif Ali Mirza,
Chief Executive of CrediMax

Bitcoin falls 18% after hitting \$11k

London

Bitcoin has gained, and plunged, well over \$1,000 in less than 24 hours.

The digital currency dropped more than 18 per cent from a record high of \$11,388.33 to \$9,290.30 on Wednesday, according to CoinDesk. Bitcoin then attempted to recover the \$10,000 level in the late afternoon and was last trading around \$9,795. Trading was extremely volatile as exchanges struggled to keep up with the surging demand.

Trading volume was a whopping \$9.75 billion over the last 24 hours, according to CoinMarketCap, compared to \$2.26 billion for digital currency ethereum.

Coinbase, the leading U.S. website for buying and selling bitcoin, reported record high traffic Wednesday. Services were unavailable for some customers. Coinbase's GDAX exchange also reported "performance issues and downtime" Wednesday afternoon, but as of about 3:20 PM ET, it said those issues had been resolved.

That all-time high itself came as bitcoin's gains accelerated. About a

Bitcoin crosses \$10,000 milestone

Bitcoin has surpassed \$10,000 for the first time – a more than tenfold increase in value over the course of the year – as warnings grow that the largest digital currency is an asset bubble



Source: Bloomberg

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week after crossing above \$8,000, bitcoin topped \$9,000 Sunday before soaring above \$10,000 Tuesday evening.

"This isn't going to end. There's not enough liquidity from the market making to handle big-size

[trading] when stuff gets loose like this. It's not going to end," said Leigh Drogen, a former trader who now heads Estimote, a six-year-old company that collects and publishes financial estimates for data such as earnings. (CNBC)



Nass Contracting Company celebrated Bahraini Women's Day with 55 of their female engineers and administration employees. The celebration took place in The Dome Hall in the Applied Science University on Tuesday. David Anthony, General Manager of Nass Contracting, said, "We extend all the support needed to all the women in our company to rise and shine, because empowering women is a change we want them to lead themselves."

Did You Know?



On 22 May 2010, two Papa John's Pizzas were exchanged by Laszlo Hanyecz for 10,000 BTC. This was the first official documented purchase of goods using bitcoins. At that time, the worth of 10,000 BTC was \$41.



BFC CURRENCIES EXCHANGE RATE

COUNTRY/CURRENCIES	BUY	SELL
AUSTRALIA	0.2920	0.2896
BANGLADESH	0.00483	0.00458
CANADA	0.3018	0.2985
DENMARK	0.0627	
EGYPT	0.0241	0.0218
EURO	0.4501	0.4476
HONGKONG	0.04970	0.04930
INDIA	0.00582	0.00585
INDONESIA	0.00003017	0.00002855
IRAN TUMAN	0.00010964	
IRAQI DINAR	0.000300	
JAPAN	0.00352	0.003450
JORDAN	0.5362	0.5354
KOREA	0.00039646	
KUWAIT	1.254	1.254
MALAYSIA	0.0938	0.0936
NEW ZEALAND	0.2616	0.2616
NORWAY	0.0481	
NEPAL	0.00395	0.00365
OMAN	0.98220	0.98340
PAKISTAN	0.00366	0.00358
PHILIPPINES	0.00758	0.00747
QATAR	0.10386	0.10381
SAUDI ARABIA	0.10065	0.10071
SINGAPORE	0.2834	0.2814
SOUTH AFRICA	0.02850	0.02840
SRI LANKA	0.00283	0.00246
SWEDISH	0.0479	
SWITZERLAND	0.3891	0.3861
SYRIA	0.001740	0.0018
TAIWAN	0.013100	
THAILAND	0.011730	0.011710
TURKEY	0.1024	
UNITED KINGDOM	0.5076	0.5047
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	0.3799	0.3354
KUWAIT	0.2855	32.0873	0.2877	0.2540
OMAN	0.3849	0.3820	0.3878	0.3425
QATAR	3.6420	3.6143	3.6699	3.2405
UAE	3.6730	3.6451	3.7011	3.2681
SAUDI	3.7500	3.7215	3.7787	3.3366

Saudi market firm after settlements in probe

Dubai Saudi Arabia's stock market was firm yesterday after news that senior prince Miteb bin Abdullah had been freed by authorities after settling corruption allegations against him by paying more than \$1 billion.

Miteb was the first senior figure confirmed to have been released in the kingdom's sweeping anti-graft probe, and at least three other suspects have finalised settlement agreements, a Saudi official told Reuters. A senior Saudi commercial banker told Reuters that the number of bank accounts frozen in the crackdown, which at one stage was around 2,000, had now fallen by many hundreds.

The Saudi stock index spent almost all the day trading higher though it closed up only 0.1 per cent at 6,972 points, retreating from major technical resistance around 7,000 points, a level which has capped the market since mid-

October and which roughly coincides with the 200-day average.

Gainers outnumbered losers by 92 to 84, with builder Khodari adding 0.8 percent after saying it had renewed a 94 million riyal (\$25 million) Islamic credit facility with Gulf International Bank.

Al Babbain Power gained 3.0 percent after saying it would distribute a cash dividend of 0.5 riyal per share for the third quarter of 2017.

Dubai's index slipped 0.3 percent before a public holiday on Thursday as the most heavily traded stock, Dubai Investments, sank 2.4 percent.

Blue chip Emaar Properties fell 1.2 percent; it has been soft for several weeks because of a slump in Dubai's real estate market and a weak stock market debut by its local development unit, Emaar Development. Emaar Development slid 3.5 percent to 5.60 dirhams, its lowest

Closing Bell

SAUDI ARABIA edged up 0.1pc to 6,939 points.

DUBAI edged down 0.1pc to 3,445 points.

ABU DHABI edged down 0.2pc to 4,275 points.

QATAR rose 0.1pc to 7,768 points.

EGYPT edged down 0.02pc to 14,220 points.

KUWAIT edged down 0.03pc to 6,255 points.

BAHRAIN lost 0.6pc to 1,270 points.

OMAN edged down 0.1pc to 5,108 points.

finish yet and well below its IPO price of 6.03 dirhams.

But builder Drake & Scull surged 4.4 percent; it has been strong since Monday when it announced that its shares had been included in MSCI's GCC index.

Qatar was the strongest major market, rising 0.6 percent as shipper Qatar Navigation, which has

been rebounding from an eight-year low hit in mid-November, jumped 4.9 percent.

Egypt, which had surged 2.2 percent to a record closing high on Tuesday after the central bank removed caps on deposits and withdrawals of foreign currency for importers, gained a further 0.3 percent. (Reuters)

55 Old St opens doors in Adliya

Manama Shaikh Khalid bin Humood Al Khalifa, CEO of the Bahrain Tourism and Exhibition Authority, patronised the opening of 55 Old St in Adliya. A high-end casual/all-day dining, 55 Old St. serves a full and seasonal menu with speciality coffee.

The idea, owner and Chef Shaikha Maryam Al Khalifa said, was to plant a piece of East London scene in Bahrain, further strengthening the Kingdom as a culinary hub, as well as creating a social space.

Commenting on the opening, Shaikh Khalid said, "We encourage more entrepreneurs to take this step and provide the community with new and fresh ideas that will contribute to the advancement and development of the Kingdom and support the local economy."



55 Old St is a high-end casual/all-day dining concept. Above, officials during the opening ceremony

Poaching

Poaching is the simplest way to cook chicken and experts claim that it is also one of the healthiest methods as it involves just water which enables the chicken to retain its nutrition. Boil water in a pan, once it reaches the boiling point, reduce the heat and add chicken. Allow it to simmer till the chicken is cooked. You can later season with salt and pepper.

**Grilling**

Grilling is also considered a healthy way to cook chicken. But it is important that you should use a healthy oil in marinating your chicken. Wash and pat dry chicken. Add spices, salt and a little oil. Rub well and allow the chicken to marinate for 4-5 hours. Grill in a pre-heated oven till it is fully cooked.



It is very important to cook chicken in the right manner lest you lose to gain from the benefits it offers. Chicken is a rich source of protein and has immunity boosting properties, but if you do not cook it the way it is required to be cooked, you will lose all its nutrition and it will be nothing but a piece of lean fat for you! In fact the role of chicken soup in providing relief in common cold has been scientifically established.

Experts believe that poaching is the best way to cook chicken, followed by grilling and sautéing. But it is important to use very little oil while you are sautéing your chicken as it will make it richer and heavier thus defeating the purpose of having lean meat.

Never cook chicken in too much oil or it will defeat the purpose of having lean meat. Use a non-stick for sautéing as this will reduce the amount of oil you consume. Also, add spices towards the end of the cooking process to retain the flavour. Do not throw away the water in which the chicken has been cooked.

Use it as a base for other dishes.

Use skinless chicken. It has lesser oil content. Experts believe that chicken thighs are healthier than chicken breast. Do not use processed chicken as it is loaded with salts and preservatives.

Here are some facts related to the perfect way of cooking chicken that you would like to know.

Sauteing

It is among the most popular methods used to cook chicken. Sautéing chicken with vegetables and spices is what most people practice. You can also sauté chicken in water instead of oil. But your chicken will taste better if you add a little oil.

**Things to keep in mind**

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**Tips**

to make chicken healthier

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Cooking chicken the right way

RECIPES**Salmon Wellington****Ingredients**

- ▶▶ 2 medium cucumbers, peeled
- ▶▶ 5 tbsp Dijon mustard
- ▶▶ 2 tbsp clear honey
- ▶▶ 1 tbsp white wine vinegar
- ▶▶ 50g/1¾oz fresh dill, finely chopped
- ▶▶ salt and freshly ground black pepper
- ▶▶ 1 x 380g/13oz ready-made puff pastry sheet
- ▶▶ plain flour, for dusting
- ▶▶ 1 x 2.8kg/6lb salmon, skin removed and filleted into 2 pieces
- ▶▶ 1 free-range egg, beaten, combined with a little milk

Method

- Step 1.** Preheat the oven to 180C/350F/ Gas 4. Line a large baking tray with baking parchment.
- Step 2.** Slice the cucumbers lengthways, scrape out the seeds with a teaspoon, and chop into 1cm/½in thick pieces.
- Step 3.** Place the cucumbers in a mixing bowl with the mustard, honey, vinegar and finely chopped dill. Season well with salt and freshly ground black pepper and set aside.
- Step 4.** Roll the pastry out to 40cm/16in x 30cm/12in on a lightly floured surface.

Lay on the lined baking tray.

Step 5. Lay one fillet in the centre of the pastry, pile half of the filling on top and then cover with the second fillet.

Step 6. Brush the edges of the pastry with the mixture of milk and beaten egg.

Step 7. Fold the pastry over the fish, sealing the edges by pressing them together, leaving a gap in the centre, so that you can see inside.

Step 8. Brush the pastry with more beaten egg and milk and bake for 45 minutes.

Step 9. Serve with the remaining cucumber mixture. (BBC Food)





His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al-Khalifa yesterday received at Al-Sakhir Palace painter Jassim Al-Dosari, who presented to HM the King an artwork themed "Bahrain, Land of Tolerance and Interfaith Co-existence". HM the King thanked artist Al-Dosari, hailing his efforts to produce this outstanding artwork, which reflects Bahrain's standing as an international model of tolerance and co-existence between religions.



His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al-Khalifa received at Al-Sakhir Palace Staff Colonel Abdulla bin Ahmed Al-Kaabi, who presented to HM the King his new book themed "Um Al Naasan .. Magic Haven", which focuses on the environmental aspects of the island. HM the King thanked Staff Colonel Al-Kaabi for his efforts to issue the book, stressing the importance of such publications which enrich the national library and provide a valuable reference for researchers and all those interested in the eco-riches that characterize the Islands making up the Kingdom of Bahrain.



Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Prime Minister HRH Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa and accompanying delegation met with the U.S. Secretary of Defence Jim Mattis at the Pentagon.



The Bahrain Olympic Committee (BOC) held its staff annual gathering at the Regency Hotel in Manama. Supreme Council for Youth and Sports deputy general secretary and Bahrain Olympic Committee general secretary Abdulrahman Askar, along with other board members, attended the function. Forty-two of the committee's representatives were honored for their distinguished efforts, while Bahrain Olympic Academy director Nabeel Taha was also presented with a special award for his recently-obtained Positive psychology PhD degree.



Bahrain Islamic Bank (BisB) hosted the 'Business Outlook 2018' event at Bahrain Financial Harbour in partnership with the Capital Club Bahrain. The workshop was hosted by a panel of distinguished keynote speakers including BisB CEO Hassan Jarrar, Viva Bahrain CEO Ulaiyan Al Wataid, Managing Director of Adiira S.P.C Mireilie Babti, and Board Member of Bahrain Petroleum Company Dr Dawood Naseef. CEO of H Squared Consultants W.L.L. Stephen Harrison acted as Moderator.





His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al-Khalifa received, at Al-Sakhir Palace, citizens from Jidhafs and other neighbouring areas, thus reflecting royal keenness on reaching out to all people of Bahrain. HM the King named an avenue in Jidhafs after late Sheikh Suleiman Al-Madani, in recognition to his great dedication and national contributions.



...tagon yesterday. On the sidelines of the meeting, HRH Crown Prince and the U.S. Secretary of Defence took part in a signing ceremony to mark the extension of the Bahrain-U.S. Defence Cooperation Agreement.



NBB made a donation to UCO Parents Care Centre as part of its ongoing commitment to the community. In picture, NBB Chief Executive – Treasury, Capital Markets & Wealth Management, Hussain Al Hussaini presenting the donation to Thabet Al Shorogi, Financial Secretary of UCO (second from left). Also in attendance were Nasser Mohammed Nasser, NBB Board Secretary (first from right) and Reema Ahmed bin Shams, General Manager of the Centre.



Batelco has sponsored First Aid training for staff of Bahrain Free Labor Unions Federation (BFLUF), arranged by Batelco's Health & Safety and training sections as part of the Company's Community Outreach Programme. The Training took place at Batelco's Hamala Headquarters and was led by Vicky Honar, a professional trainer from the First Aid Box (FAB), Bahrain's one-stop-shop for all first aid needs.



Award-winning Australian chef Johnny Di Francesco has debuted his 400 Gradi Italian restaurant brand in the Middle East with the opening of the first restaurant at The Avenues Bahrain, in partnership with international retail franchise operator M.H. Alshaya Co. The opening was celebrated by Italian Ambassador Domenico Bellato, the President of Alshaya's Food Division Ian Toal, the Vice President of Food Retail at Alshaya Nigel Doughty; and, the founder of 400 Gradi chef Di Francesco



The K Hotel organized a pre-Christmas culinary class in KOLORS restaurant on 25 November. The Executive Chef Nitai Chand, with his team, lead the class in which participants learnt fresh, modern method, first-hand tricks and techniques.



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Handling fame without support difficult

Actor Margot Robbie said it would have been a tough ride had she shot to fame like figure skater Tonya Harding without a support system. Reportedly, the 27-year-old actor, who plays the title role in the biopic 'I, Tonya', although believes she deals with her popularity quite well.

"... becoming famous at (Tonya's) age without a support network around her, and without a clear distinction, I think would have been incredibly difficult," Robbie said. The 'Suicide Squad' actor, who hails from Australia, said spending so much time away from home in Hollywood is a "bittersweet" feeling.

"It's bittersweet living outside of Australia, because I miss everyone so much, but the fact that they are so removed from it helps me keep my life and my work separate - even though they are intrinsically linked, because all I want to do is work all the time," she said. (TOI)

Meghan Markle quits 'Suits'

London
Actress Meghan Markle, who has got engaged to British royal Prince Harry, has wrapped up her role in the legal drama 'Suits', production companies behind the show have announced.

A day after the actress said she was leaving her acting career behind to start a new life with Prince Harry following their engagement news, USA Network and Universal Cable Productions put out a statement confirming her departure, reports *mirror.co.uk*.

Markle, 36, played Rachel Zane in the series, rising up the ranks from paralegal to lawyer. The character is engaged to be married to Mike Ross, played by Patrick J. Adams.

The star has completed all her filming for the seventh season, which will return in early 2018, the network said. (IANS)



SPIELBERG'S 'THE POST' BAGS BEST FILM AWARD

Los Angeles
Filmmaker Steven Spielberg's "The Post" has won an award for being the Best Film of the year at the The National Board of Review.

Actors Tom Hanks and Meryl Streep, who play the lead characters in the movie, also won Best Actor and Best Actress of the year, read a statement.

The National Board of Review announced their top honourees on Tuesday. However, the organisation's gala will be held on January 9 in New York.

Helmed by Spielberg, "The Post" also features Alison Brie, Carrie Coon, David Cross, Bruce Greenwood, Tracy Letts, Bob Odenkirk, Sarah Paulson, Jesse Plemons, Matthew Rhys, Michael Stuhlbarg, Bradley Whitford and Zach Woods. (IANS)



STARRY Birthday
Ben Stiller
November 30, 1965

Actor, comedian, director, producer, and voice actor who won an Emmy Award for *The Ben Stiller Show*. His most well known films include *Starsky & Hutch*, *Heavyweights*, *Zoolander* and *Meet the Parents*.



Don't like my pop songs most of the time

Los Angeles

Singer Miley Cyrus says she doesn't like her own pop songs "most of the time".

Cyrus is not a fan of her own more commercial songs and finds it hard to relate to popular tracks that get a lot of radio play, reports *femalefirst.co.uk*.

While critiquing her team member Brooke Simpson on "The Voice", Cyrus said: "I think people will look forward to keeping you on the show, so everyone has to vote for Brooke obviously to see that happen. But what you all can really look forward to is Brooke's record when she makes one." (IANS)

Franco part of 'Multiple Man'

Actor James Franco is on board to produce as well as act in the 'X-Men' spin-off, 'Multiple Man'. "I do have a superhero that I am developing. I don't know how much I can say. But I will say I am producing and performing in it. It's early stages. I think probably what I can say is, like anything, there's a need to develop more," Franco told.

The actor also added that the spin-off would have a more adult-oriented rating, following the example of 'Deadpool' and 'Logan'. He also mentioned working with Simon Kinberg, a longtime 'X-Men' producer and the director of upcoming 'X-Men: Dark Phoenix'.

"What I love about what Simon Kinberg and the 'X-Men' people have done with 'Deadpool' and 'Logan' is that it took a while to get there, maybe 10 years-but they are going to go hard R. We are going to take this superhero thing and really just push it into a new genre," said Franco. (TOI)



TOP BOX OFFICE Movies

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|--------------------------------------|------------|
| 1. Coco | \$50.8mn |
| 2. Justice League | \$41.09mn |
| 3. Wonder | \$ 22.67mn |
| 4. Thor: Ragnarok | \$16.86mn |
| 5. Daddy's Home 2 | \$13.21mn |
| 6. Murder on the Orient Express | \$13.17mn |
| 7. The Star | \$6.9mn |
| 8. A Bad Moms Christmas | \$4.8mn |
| 9. Roman J. Israel, Esq. | \$4.44mn |
| 10. Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, | \$4.40mn |

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Gyllenhaal to play art critic in next

Los Angeles

Actor Jake Gyllenhaal is reportedly immersing himself in the art world here in preparation for a role in his next film.

Gyllenhaal, 36, is working on a currently untitled art-world movie for Netflix where he will star as an art critic, reports *nypost.com*.

"He plays an art critic in a revealing look at the art market in LA that involves billionaire collectors, gallerists, auctions and sales. He plays the critic and he's busy doing research," said Gyllenhaal.

The film, which will be helmed by Dan Gilroy, will have Gyllenhaal re-team with his "Nightcrawler" co-star Rene Russo. (IANS)

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Show Time

16 Thursday, November 30, 2017

LAVA KUSHA (Malyalam / Comedy)

Starring: Biju Menon, Aju Varghese, Neeraj Madhav
DANA: Timings: 10:30,13:15,16:00,18:45,21:30,00:15
SEEF (I) : Daily At: 9.15 Pm
AL HAMRA : On Thursday 29Th : 12.00 + 3.00 + 6.00 + 9.00 Pm + 12.00 Mn
 From Friday 30Th: 9.00 Pm

OXYGEN (Telugu / Action)

Starring: Raashi Khanna, Anu Emmanuel, Gopichand
DANA: Timings: 11:00,13:30,16:00,18:30,21:00,23:30
SEEF (I) : From Friday 30Th: 1.00 Pm
AL HAMRA : From Friday 30Th: 3.00 Pm

JAWAAN (Telugu / Action)

Starring: Sai Dharam Tej, Mehrene Kaur Pirzada, Prasanna
DANA: Timings: 10:45,13:15,15:45,18:15,20:45,23:15
SEEF (I) : From Friday 30Th: 10.30 Am
AL HAMRA : From Friday 30Th: 12.00 Noon

S.M.A.R.T CHASE (Action / Adventure / Crime)

Starring: Orlando Bloom, Lynn Hung, Simon Yam
DANA: Timings: 10:45,12:30,14

:15,16:00,17:45,19:30,21:15,23:00,00:45
 Timings: 11:00,12:45,14:30,16:15,18:00,19:45,21:30,23:15,01:00
CINECO (20) : Daily At: 11.30 Am + 3.30 + 7.30 + 11.30 Pm
SEEF (I) : Daily At: 10.30 Am + 12.30 + 2.30 + 4.30 + 6.30 + 8.30 + 10.30 Pm
THE WALK CINEMA : Timings: 11:15,13:00,14:45,16:30,18:15,20:00,21:45,23:30

DADDY'S HOME 2 (Comedy)

Starring: Will Ferrell, Mark Wahlberg, Mel Gibson
DANA: Timings: 11:00,13:00,15:00,17:00,19:00,21:00,23:00,01:00
 Timings: 10:45,12:45,14:45,16:45,18:45,20:45,22:45,00:45
CINECO (20) : Daily At: 10.30 Am + 12.45 + 3.00 + 5.15 + 7.30 + 9.45 Pm + 12.00 Mn + (12.45 Mn Thurs/Fri) Daily At (Vip I): 11.45 Am + 2.00 + 4.15 + 6.30 + 8.45 + 11.00Pm
SEEF (I) : Daily At: 12.15 + 2.30 + 4.45 + 7.00 + 9.15 + 11.30 Pm + (12.30 Mn Thurs/Fri)
SAAR : Daily At: 11.45 Am + 2.00 + 4.15 + 6.30 + 8.45 + (11.00 Pm Thurs/Fri)
AL JAZIRA : Daily At: 2.15 + 4.30 + 6.45 + 9.00 + (11.15 Pm Thurs/Fri)
WADI AL SAIL : Daily At: 12.30 + 2.45 + 5.00 + 7.15 + 9.30 +

11.45 Pm
THE WALK CINEMA : Timings: 11:30,13:30,15:30,17:30,19:30,21:30,23:30
THE WALK CINEMA : Timings: 13:45,15:45,17:45,19:45,21:45,23:45

AL JAWLA AL AKHIRA (Kuwait / Comedy / Romance)

Starring: Abdullah Al-Talhi, Nirmen Maher, Shehab Hajeia
DANA: Timings: 11:00,13:00,15:00,17:00,19:00,21:00,23:00,01:00
SEEF (I) : Daily At: 10.45 Am + 3.00 + 7.15 + 11.30 Pm
THE WALK CINEMA : Timings: 11:15, 15:15,19:15,23:15

BETTER WATCH OUT (Comedy / Horror / Thriller)

Starring: Olivia DeJonge, Levi Miller, Ed Oxenbould
DANA: Timings: 11:00,12:45,14:30,16:15,18:00,19:45,21:30,23:15,01:00
CINECO (20) : Daily At: 10.45 Am + 12.45 + 2.45 + 4.45 + 6.45 + 8.45 + 10.45 Pm
SEEF (II) : Daily At: 11.45 Am + 1.45 + 3.45 + 5.45 + 7.45 + 9.45 + 11.45 Pm
SAAR : Daily At: 11.30 Am + 3.30 + 7.30 + (11.30 Pm Thurs/Fri)
WADI AL SAIL : Daily At: 11.15 Am + 1.15 + 3.15 + 5.15 + 7.15 + 9.15 + 11.15 Pm
THE WALK CINEMA : Timings: 11:15,13:00,14:45,16:30,18:15,20:00,21:45,23:30

THIRUTTU PAYALE 2 (Tamil / Action / Thriller)

Starring: Bobby Simha, Amala Paul, Prasanna
DANA: Timings: 11:15, 14:00, 16:45, 19:30, 22:15
SEEF (I) : From Friday 30Th: 3.45 Pm + 12.00 Mn
AL HAMRA : From Friday 30Th: 6.00 Pm



FIRANGI (Hindi / Action / Comedy / Drama)

Starring: Kapil Sharma, Ishita Dutta, Monica Gill
DANA: Timings: 11:00, 14:00, 17:00, 20:00, 23:00
SEEF (I) : Daily At: 11.30 Am + 2.30 + 5.30 + 8.30 + 11.30 Pm

ANNADURAI (Tamil / Action / Thriller)

Starring: Vijay Antony, Diana Champika, Mahima
DANA: Timings: 11:00,13:30,16:00,18:30,21:00,23:30
SEEF (I) : From Friday 30Th: 6.30 Pm
AL HAMRA : From Friday 30Th: (12.00 Mn Fri)

PADDINGTON 2 (Animation / Adventure / Comedy)

Starring: Ben Whishaw, Sally Hawkins, Hugh Grant
DANA: Timings: 10:45,12:45,14:45,16:45,18:45,20:45,22:45,00:45
DANA: Timings: 11:00,13:00,15:00,17:00,19:00,21:00,23:00,01:00
CINECO (20) : Daily At (Imax 2D): 12.15 + 5.15 + 10.15 Pm Daily At: 11.30 Am + 1.45 + 4.00 + 6.15 + 8.30 + 10.45 Pm
SEEF (II) : Daily At: 12.30 + 2.45 + 5.00 + 7.15 + 9.30 + 11.45 Pm + (12.30 Mn Thurs/Fri)
SAAR : Daily At: 12.15 + 2.30 + 4.45 + 7.00 + 9.15 + (11.30 Pm Thurs/Fri)
AL JAZIRA : Daily At: 5.15 + 9.30 Pm
WADI AL SAIL : Daily At: 12.00 + 2.15 + 4.30 + 6.45 + 9.00 + 11.15 Pm
THE WALK CINEMA : Timings: 11:15,13:15,15:15,17:15,19:15,21:15,23:15

A BAD MOMS CHRISTMAS (Adventure / Comedy)

Starring: Mila Kunis, Kristen Bell, Kathryn Hahn
DANA: Timings: 10:45,14:45,18:45, 22:45
CINECO (20) : Daily At: 12.00 + 2.00 + 4.00 + 6.00 + 8.00 + 10.00 Pm + 12.00 Mn
SEEF (II) : Daily At: 11.15 Am + 1.15 + 3.15 + 5.15 + 7.15 + 9.15 + 11.15 Pm
THE WALK CINEMA : Timings: 11:30,15:30,19:30,23:30

ACTS OF VENGEANCE (Action / Drama)

Starring: Antonio Banderas, Cristina Scriveri, Atanas Srebrev
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 + (1.00 Am Thurs/Fri)
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MURDER ON THE ORIENT EXPRESS (Crime / Drama / Mystery)

Starring: Daisy Ridley, Johnny Depp, Michelle Pfeiffer
DANA: Timings: 13:30, 18:00, 22:30
CINECO (20) : Daily At: 11.00 Am + 1.30 + 4.00 + 6.30 + 9.00 + 11.30 Pm + (1.00 Am Thurs/Fri)
SEEF (II) : Daily At: 11.30 Am + 2.00 + 4.30 + 7.00 + 9.30 Pm + 12.00 Mn
THE WALK CINEMA : Timings: 13:45,18:15,22:45

THOR: RAGNAROK: 2D (Action / Adventure / Sci-Fi)

Starring: Chris Hemsworth, Tom Hiddleston, Cate Blanchett
DANA: Timings: 11:00,15:30, 20:00
CINECO (20) : Daily At: 12.15 + 3.00 + 5.45 + 8.30 + 11.15 Pm
SEEF (II) : Daily At: 12.45 + 3.30 + 6.15 + 9.00 + 11.45 Pm

THE MOUNTAIN BETWEEN US (Action/Drama/Adventure)

Starring: Idris Elba, Kate Winslet, Beau Bridges
DANA: Timings: 11:15,13:15,15:15,17:15,19:15,21:15,23:15,01:15
CINECO (20) : Daily At: 12.15 + 2.30 + 4.45 + 7.00 + 9.15 + 11.30 Pm + (12.30 Mn Thurs/Fri)
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THE WALK CINEMA : Timings: 11:30,13:30,15:30,17:30,19:30,21:30,23:30

JUSTICE LEAGUE (Pg-13) (Action/Adventure)

Starring: Ben Affleck, Henry Cavill, Gal Gadot
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SEEF (II) : Daily At: 10.30 Am + 1.00 + 3.45 + 6.30 + 9.15 Pm +

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THE WALK CINEMA : Timings: 11:30,16:00,20:30

COCO + OLAF'S FROZEN ADVENTURE (Pg) (Animation/Adventure/Comedy)

Starring: Anthony Gonzalez, Gael Garcia Bernal, Benjamin Bratt
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SEEF (I) : Daily At: 12.00 + 2.45 + 5.30 + 8.15 + 11.00 Pm
WADI AL SAIL : Daily At: 12.45 + 3.15 + 5.45 + 8.15 + 10.45 Pm
THE WALK CINEMA : Timings: 11:00,13:30,16:00,18:30,21:00,23:30

WONDER (Pg-13) (Drama/Family)

Starring: Julia Roberts, Jacob Tremblay, Owen Wilson
CINECO (20) : Daily At: 11.30 Am + 1.45 + 4.00 + 6.15 + 8.30 + 10.45 Pm
SEEF (II) : Daily At: 11.15 Am + 1.30 + 3.45 + 6.00 + 8.15 + 10.30 Pm

THE FOREIGNER (15+) (Action/Thriller/Crime)

Starring: Jackie Chan, Pierce Brosnan, Charlie Murphy
CINECO (20) : Daily At: 12.00 + 2.15 + 4.30 + 6.45 + 9.00 + 11.15 Pm

THE SON OF BIG FOOT (Pg) (Animation/Adventure)

Starring: Cinda Adams, Bob Barlen, Cal Bruner
CINECO (20) : Daily At: 10.30 Am + 12.30 + 4.30 + 8.30 Pm
SEEF (II) : Daily At: 10.30 Am + 12.30 + 2.30 + 4.30 + 6.30 + 8.30 + 10.30 Pm

JIGSAW (18+) (Crime/Thriller/Horror)

Starring: Matt Passmore, Tobin Bell, Callum Keith Rennie
CINECO (20) : Daily At: 2.30 + 6.30 + 10.30 Pm

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

Starring: Gerard Butler, Jim Sturgess, Abbie Cornish
CINECO (20) : Daily At: 12.00 + 4.30 + 9.00 Pm

THE HITMAN'S BODYGUARD (15+) (Action/Comedy)

Starring: Ryan Reynolds, Gary Oldman, Samuel L. Jackson
CINECO (20) : Daily At: 2.15 + 6.45 + 11.15 Pm

BOO! A MADA HALLOWEEN (Pg-15) (Comedy/Thriller)

Starring: Tyler Perry, Brock O'hurn, Patrice Lovely
CINECO (20) : Daily At: 1.30 + 5.30 + 9.30 Pm

WONDERSTRUCK (Pg-13) (Drama) New

Starring: Oakes Fegley, Julianne Moore, Michelle Williams
SEEF (I) : Daily At: 12.45 + 5.00 + 9.15 Pm

IMPERIUM (Crime / Drama / Thriller)

Starring: Daniel Radcliffe, Toni Collette, Tracy Letta
THE WALK CINEMA : Timings: 13:30,17:30,21:30

KHAIR WE BARAKA (Arabic / Comedy)

Starring: Ali Rabie Mohamed Abd Al-Rahman Tara Emad
THE WALK CINEMA : Timings: 13:15,17:15,21:15



It's hard to know if this clunky comedy is part of Mel Gibson's redemption arc or some strange new form of karmic retribution. A seasonal turkey, 'Daddy's Home 2' sees him unleash a monster as the alpha dad of Mark Wahlberg's rough-hewn Dusty. Meanwhile, John Lithgow is the touchy-feely father to Will Ferrell's wimpy Brad, who's still happily married to Dusty's ex (Linda Cardellini) and now has a baby of his own. Yes, it's complicated.

The set-up has the pair of younger men sharing dad duties for a posse of mischievous scamps – if you haven't seen 'Daddy's Home', prepare not to know who any of them are – until Gibson's twinkly he-devil, Kurt, flies in to bring the arrangement crashing down. 'It looks as if he's been chiselled from Gibraltar itself,' gasps Ferrell of Gibson as the clans head off for a shared Christmas. In truth, his acting is Gibraltar-like too: glowering, rock-

like, as chaos reigns. It's an oddly jarring comic turn from a man who once did this stuff with his eyes closed. Saving the day is Ferrell, who gamely flings himself into all kinds of slapstick. The film's best moment, though, comes later: the families go to see a fictional action movie headlined by a cameoing star. It's a hilarious bit of self-parody and it makes you wish you could watch that film instead. (timeout)

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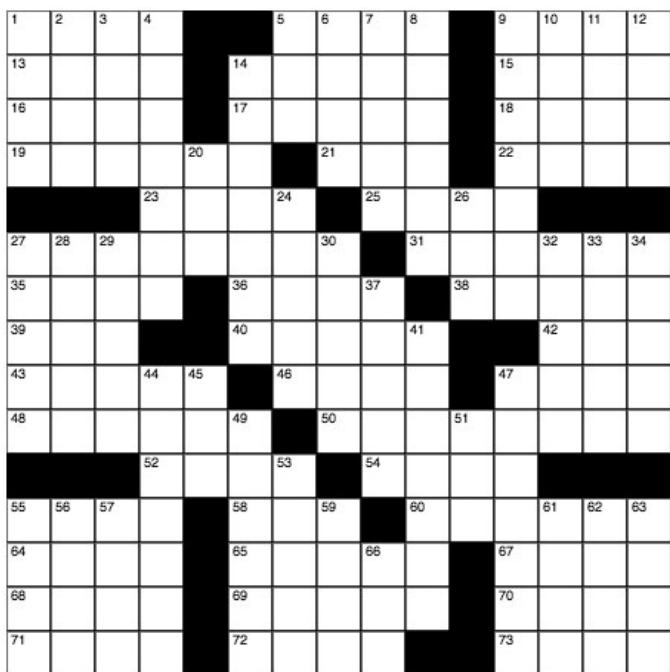
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Across

1 Switchblade; 5 Meets one's maker; 9 Londoner, e.g.; 13 Costa ____; 14 Country singer Gibbs; 15 Isolated; 16 Waste allowance; 17 Have ____ to pick; 18 Rowing implements; 19 In danger; 21 Diarist Anaïs; 22 Bad mood; 23 Soso grades; 25 Slaughter in Cooperstown; 27 Bearing two branches; 31 Warships; 35 Org.; 36 "Exodus" author; 38 Overact; 39 Hearst kidnap grp.; 40 Triumphant cries; 42 Not in; 43 Claw; 46 Prefix with sphere; 47 Meatgrading org.; 48 Clown Kelly; 50 Type of ballot; 52 Arab sailing vessel; 54 Big name in razors; 55 Jai ____; 58 Stutz contemporary; 60 Breadwinner; 64 Cop's collar; 65 Less loony; 67 Prefix with drama; 68 Jacob's twin; 69 Creamfilled cookies; 70 Slippery swimmers; 71 Bears' lairs; 72 Flat sound; 73 June 6, 1944;

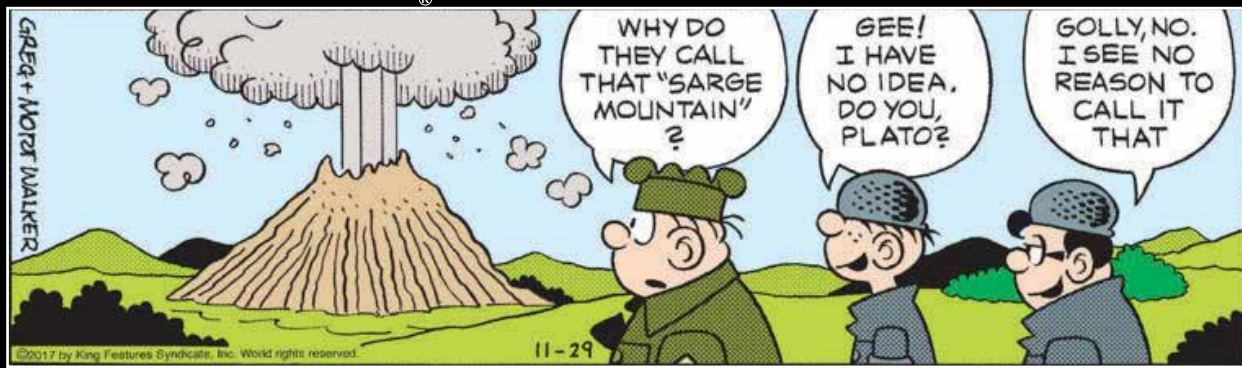
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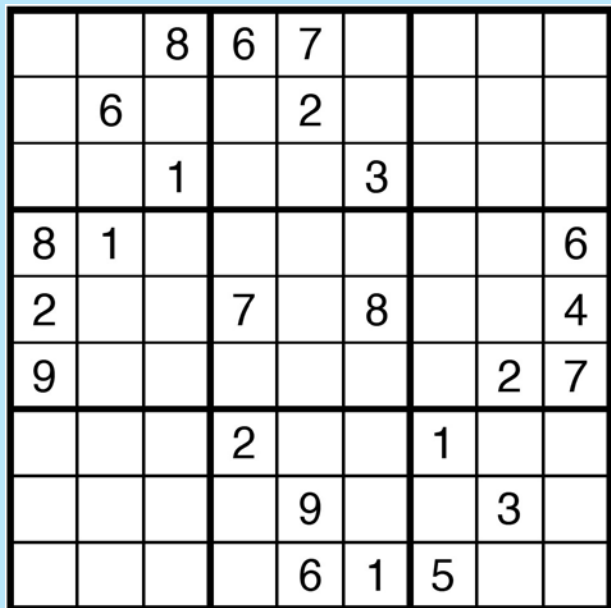
Down

1 Mex. miss; 2 Trumpeter Al; 3 Bakery worker; 4 Residence of the popes; 5 Ball girl; 6 Golf club which can be numbered 1 to 9; 7 Bert's roomie; 8 Yellowish brown pigment; 9 Bloom; 10 Horse shade; 11 Cross letters; 12 Try out; 14 Food ordered to go; 20 Sun. delivery; 24 Twilled fabric of silk; 26 Praiseful poem; 27 Moisten while cooking; 28 Muslim religion; 29 Sacred song; 30 Cassette half; 32 Fowl pole; 33 Musical study piece; 34 Stiff bristles; 37 Brazilian dance; 41 Teachers in habits; 44 Legendary king of Thebes; 45 ____ degree; 47 Without weapons; 49 Some sculptures; 51 Period; 53 Has on; 55 Copied; 56 ____ majesty; 57 Irish island group; 59 Change for a five; 61 Lack; 62 First name in jazz; 63 Optimistic; 66 Dawn deity;

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How to play:

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

Your star today

(Mar 21st - Apr 20th)



Out with the old and in with the new! That seems to be your mantra for the day, especially where your home is concerned. Your energy and motivation are high. If anyone can execute a complete one-day redecoration, you can. But even you can get hurt when trying to move a sofa by yourself.

(Apr 21st - May 21st)



Don't look a gift horse in the mouth, as the saying goes. You're likely to receive some good news today. Don't second-guess it, or worry if you're worthy of it. Accept it for what it is, though it might be worth taking some time to consider why you feel unworthy in the first place.

(May 22nd - Jun 21st)



Are you one of those people who thinks that your bank account can't be overdrawn as long as you still have checks in your checkbook? As bad as you think your financial situation is, your problems are easily reconciled. It's not that you're spending more money than you have, but that you're not keeping track of what you spend.

(June 22nd - July 23rd)



Today is good for relationships. Regardless of whether it's personal or professional, you can expect good things to happen. You may be called upon to participate in an unusual group project and strike up some potentially beautiful friendships. At home your mate may be especially thoughtful and demonstrative. You radiate an aura of love and warmth, and people respond in kind.

(July 24th - Aug 23rd)



You deserve a day off. Why not play hooky from your duties and surround yourself with beautiful works of art? Better yet, try to create some yourself. Admit it, you've been hankering to try a creative endeavour. Why not begin today? Your creativity and intuition are at an all-time high. The combination might produce something of real merit.

(Aug 24th - Sep 23rd)



You have an exciting, intense day in store. Your curiosity is at a peak, and today it combines with a vivid imagination. This makes you ideally suited for medical research projects, as it gives you the ability to make connections among seemingly disparate themes. Regardless of your profession, you can expect to see the world in an entirely new way today.

(Sep 24th - Oct 23rd)



It's likely that you've been working too hard and too long. Don't you think the time has come for a bit of a break? Even if you manage to drag yourself out of bed, you're unlikely to accomplish much. When your heart isn't in it, it's difficult for your mind to work. A few days of rest and relaxation will rejuvenate you. Perhaps you should take a short jaunt out of town.

(Oct 24th - Nov 22nd)



It's time to expand your horizons. No more waiting around for events to change of their own accord. You've grown up enough to realize that if change is going to happen, you have to make it happen. As a result, today is busier than most as you begin to execute all those ideas you've been thinking about.

(Nov 23rd - Dec 21st)



As much as you want to change your financial situation, don't act rashly. If there are several options to choose from, you're advised to refrain from making any decision until your thoughts have crystallized. If you feel in a hurry to make progress, you can record your options so you have them to review in the light of a clearer day.

(Dec 22nd - Jan 20th)



Try as you might, you may spend the better part of the day with your foot in your mouth. It's one of those days when anything you say to clear up the confusion only confuses matters more. You want to spend a fun evening with friends but fear you'll only make matters worse. Your friends love you even on days when your social skills aren't at their peak!

(Jan 21st - Feb 19th)



Just because you're stressed now doesn't mean that you need to be stressed tomorrow, or the rest of the day for that matter. There are steps you can take to soothe your troubled soul. Stop, close your eyes, and relax into some deep breaths. You'll be surprised by how refreshing these few moments can be. Why not try it?

(Feb 20th - Mar 20th)



Your tendency is to rush headlong into a new project. Not everyone is caught up in your enthusiasm. Be careful not to steamroll over those you care about most. Your partner, especially, feels a bit miffed and left out at the moment. Do what you can to soothe any ruffled feathers. It might be time to set aside your project in favour of a romantic outing.

War criminal 'takes poison' in court

The Hague

ABosnian Croat war criminal died yesterday after apparently drinking poison in dramatic courtroom scenes after UN judges upheld his 20-year jail term, Croatian media said, throwing the tribunal into chaos during its final judgement.

Slobodan Praljak, 72, died in hospital, according to Croatia's state-run news agency HINA after he drank from a brown bottle at the hearing at the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY) in The Hague.

After the judges upheld a 20-year jail term originally imposed in 2013, Praljak, 72, a former military commander of a breakaway Bosnian Croat statelet, shouted out angrily: "Praljak is not a criminal. I reject your verdict."

He then raised a small brown bottle to his lips, and tipped it into his mouth in full view of the cameras filming the appeal hearing for the six Bosnian Croat political and military leaders.

The hearing was then quickly suspended as Praljak's lawyer shouted out: "My client says he has taken poison."



Croatian former general Slobodan Praljak

Resuming a few hours later amid confusion, presiding judge Carmel Agius revealed Dutch authorities had already launched an investigation into the incident.

"Courtroom one is now a crime scene," Agius said, but giving no details on what had happened to Praljak except to say he was not in court.

Court officials also told *AFP* they had "no comment" on what had happened.

Earlier, *AFP* journalists had seen an ambulance arrive outside the tribunal in The Hague, and several emergency rescue workers rushed into the building carrying backpacks.

In the complex ruling the judges upheld the jail terms against all six defendants, including a 25-year sentence imposed on Jadranko Prlic, the former prime minister of the Bosnian Croat statelet, known as Herzog-Bosna.

Praljak was specifically charged with ordering the destruction of Mostar's 16th-century bridge in November 1993, which judges in the first trial had said "caused disproportionate damage to the Muslim civilian population".

A symbol of Bosnia's devastation in the war, the Ottoman-era bridge was later rebuilt. (*AFP*)

Age of Jesus Christ's Purported Tomb Revealed

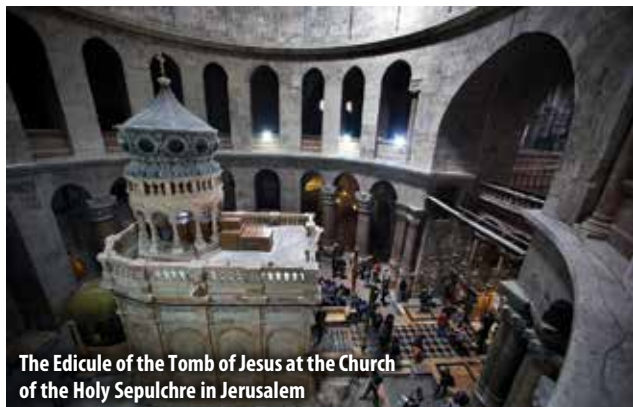
Jerusalem

The tomb in which Jesus Christ may have been buried dates back nearly 1,700 years, scientists have discovered.

Tests carried out on the remains of a limestone cave in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, in Jerusalem, date it back to around 345 CE, National Geographic reported.

Previous evidence had only dated the tomb back 1,000 years, to the Crusader period.

Although it's impossible to definitively say whether the tomb is the burial site of a Jew known as Jesus of Nazareth, the Church of the Holy Sepulchre is largely accepted as the site of



The Edicule of the Tomb of Jesus at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem

Christ's burial.

The research, carried out by the National Technical University of Athens, does not offer further evidence as to whether Jesus was actually

buried in the tomb, but it is consistent with the historical belief that the ancient Romans constructed a monument at the site around 300 years after his death. (*Independent*)

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Do you think US should be more alert as North Korea finally has a missile that has entire US in range?

Yes No Cant Say



I know that many in Myanmar bear the wounds of violence, wounds both visible and invisible. We may think that healing can come from anger and revenge. Yet the way of revenge is not the way of Jesus."

Pope Francis

Rest in sight

Bali airport reopens as wind clears ash



The airport on the Indonesian holiday island of Bali reopened as wind blew away ash spewed out by a volcano, giving airlines a window to get tourists out.

Philippine troops kill 14 Maoist rebels

Philippine soldiers have killed 14 Maoist guerrillas in an offensive south of the capital, Manila, days after President Rodrigo Duterte ended peace talks with the rebels

Police foil 'attack' on school in Australia

Two teenagers have been charged with planning an attack at a school in Australia using guns and explosives in an act police alleged was designed to harm "a large number".

Afghanistan executes five members of gang

Afghanistan executed five members of a gang involved in kidnapping and murder, as the government of the war-torn nation struggles to curb criminals who target foreigners and wealthy locals

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North Korea says new missile can hit entire US



South Korea's Hyunmoo II missile is fired during an exercise at an undefined location in the east coast of South Korea

Seoul

North Korean leader Kim Jong Un said yesterday his country had achieved full nuclear statehood after what he said was the successful test of a new missile capable of striking anywhere in the United States.

The intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM) launch snapped a two-month pause in testing by the North and poses a new challenge to US President Donald Trump who has vowed such a capability "won't happen".

North Korean state television brought out Ri Chun Hee, a star presenter who only appears for significant developments, to announce the landmark.

"Kim Jong Un declared with pride that now we have finally realised the great historic cause of completing the state nuclear force, the cause of building a rocket power," she said.

"The great success in the test-fire of ICBM Hwasong-15 is a priceless victory won by the great and heroic people of the DPRK," she said, using the official abbreviated name for North Korea.

Yesterday's missile was more sophisticated than any previously tested, state media said.

South Korea's Joint Chiefs of Staff (JCS) announced that Seoul held a missile exercise minutes after Pyongyang launch. (*AFP*)

Egypt's Sisi tells army to restore Sinai security in 3 months



Egyptian President Abdel-Fattah al-Sisi

Cairo

Egyptian President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi on Wednesday ordered his military command to use all force necessary to secure the Sinai peninsula within the next three months following a militant attack on a mosque that killed more than 300 people.

No group has claimed responsibility for Friday's attack in which authorities say gunmen carrying an Islamic State flag opened fire after setting off an explosive. It was the worst militant attack in Egypt's modern history.

Egyptian forces have battled an Islamic State affiliate for several years in North Sinai, where militants

have killed hundreds of police and soldiers.

"It is your responsibility to secure and stabilize Sinai within the next three months," Sisi said addressing his new chief of staff in a speech that gave no details on any operations. "You can use all brute force necessary."

Islamic State's Wilayat Sinai branch has claimed some of the most deadly attacks in Egypt. The group was made up in 2014 of former fighters of a local jihadist group and has staged raids on the security forces for more than three years.

Sinai has become one of Islamic State's last holdouts after military defeats in Iraq and Syria.. (*Reuters*)



Rory Fallon:

FOOTBALLER TO ICE CREAM ENTREPRENEUR

London

It is the big decision that looms for professional footballers at every level of the game - what to do with your life after your playing career ends.

Many move into coaching, others become agents or media pundits, while back in the day opening a pub was a route taken by lots of ex-pros.

It's safe to assume starting an ice cream business is a notably less popular option, but that is exactly what former New Zealand forward Rory Fallon has chosen to do after hanging up his boots aged 35.

The striker's last involvement in the game was his country's 2018 World Cup qualifying exit at the hands of Peru, but by then he already intended to swap football for ice cream.

"Ice cream's been a passion of mine since I was young," he said as we sat in one of the restaurants in south-west England that he and his wife supply through their Plymouth-based Cowlick Creamery business.

"I remember when my dad used to coach football on Saturday and I'd play my games. On a Sunday we'd get ice cream as a treat if we won.

"My wife and I both had a major passion for it. Every time we'd go on holiday, the first place we'd hit wouldn't be the theme parks or beach - it would be the best ice cream shop in town.

"The opportunity came up when I got injured to start up our own ice cream business."

Fallon played for 15 clubs,

from the second to the seventh tier of English football as well as the top flight in Scotland with Aberdeen.

So while he and his wife Carly moved around the country, club to club, it gave them plenty of guinea pigs to test out their recipes on - and, as a result, the confidence to set up their business.

He continued: "She was a trained chef but was pretty much just following me around the country. So while I was playing football she was making ice cream and thinking of new flavours.

"She had a desktop ice cream machine and all the lads at Aberdeen would come and rate the different flavours."

A national hero in New Zealand

While ice cream is his new love, football was what

made Fallon a hero in his native New Zealand.

The son of Kevin Fallon, the assistant manager of the New Zealand team at the 1982 World Cup, it was Fallon's goal in the second leg of the All Whites' play-off with Bahrain that sent the Kiwis to the 2010 World Cup.

He said: "I played at every level except the English Premier League. But I doubt that even if I played in the Premier League or the Champions League, nothing can compare to taking my team to the World Cup and playing in it."

New Zealand got a 0-0 draw away in Bahrain and Fallon's headed goal at a packed Westpac Stadium in Wellington gave his side a 1-0 win to send them to South Africa.

"We shouldn't have got a draw (in the first leg), we should have lost 2-0 really, we had angels blocking the goal I believe," he recalled. "They hit the post, the crossbar and missed an open goal.

"Out of all of the games I played in, that was the only time I was scared to play. I was petrified because I knew the repercussions - to have an opportunity like that and to blow it at home would have been catastrophic.

"When I headed that ball it felt so good off my head. As soon as I saw it in the back of the net I just felt euphoric." (BBC)

Bale returns to save Real blushes in Copa



Real Madrid's Borja Mayoral controls the ball

Madrid

Gareth Bale made a welcome return from injury to spare Real Madrid embarrassment in their Copa del Rey clash with Segunda B leaders Fuenlabrada.

Zinedine Zidane's young side struggled desperately and faced the very real danger of seeing their 2-0 first leg lead wiped out before Bale's 62nd-minute introduction changed the course of the game.

Bale set up two goals for Borja Mayoral but it was still not enough to serve up a win

on the night as the visitors hit back for a deserved 2-2 draw at a sparsely populated Bernabeu.

In a stunning start, Fuenlabrada laid siege to the Real goal with home keeper Keylor Navas -- by far the most experienced player in the starting line-up -- saving well to deny Alvaro Bravo.

Hugo Fraile also hit a fine chance over the bar before Luis Milla lashed a 25th-minute rocket in off the underside of the bar to give the visitors a remarkable lead.

Zidane's men rallied with

chances for Marcos Llorente and Francisco Feuillassier but it took 41 minutes to test visiting keeper Pol Freixenet, who saved well from Mateo Kovacic.

Fuenlabrada went in ahead at the interval and came agonisingly close to levelling the aggregate scoreline early in the second half when defender Daniel Diaz struck a header against the bar.

Having missed the last 11 games to injury, Bale made his return in place of Feuillassier just past the hour mark and within a minute

had set up his side's equaliser on the night.

Bale produced a pinpoint cross to find Mayoral who headed home -- and three minutes later Bale's shot deflected off the legs of Freixenet to Mayoral, who scored his second.

If the goals ended the tie as a contest, they did not sap the will of Real's third-tier opponents who secured a richly deserved draw on the night when Alvaro Portilla fired home at the second attempt one minute from time. (*espn.in*)

Lewandowski aims to make up for lost time

London

Success-starved Poland will be banking on the goals of top striker Robert Lewandowski to make up for lost time when they make their first World Cup appearance in 12 years.

The Bayern Munich forward almost single-handedly fired them to Russia, scoring 16 out of their 28 goals in their 10 qualifiers to help them finish top of their group, ahead of Denmark.

The 29-year-old became the first player to score as many goals in a single European qualifying campaign for the World Cup.

Once an exciting football nation, Poland finished third in the 1974 and the

1982 World Cups but their last two appearances in 2002 and 2006 were nothing to write home about, with the team crashing out in the group stage.

Lewandowski, however, wants to change all that, knowing that at his age and in his current blistering form that includes 13 goals in 12 Bundesliga games, he may not get another such golden chance.

"Poland have a great team at the moment with lots of very good players," he said. "We

can play really well sometimes and we have a lot of potential but we also know there are many things we can do better."

(Reuters)



Lewandowski (file pic)

Allardyce to finalise terms to become Everton boss



Sam Allardyce (file pic)

London

Former England boss Sam Allardyce will arrive at Everton on Wednesday to finalise terms on becoming their new manager, the Premier League club said yesterday.

Allardyce, 63, stepped in to rescue struggling Crystal Palace from relegation midway through last season but resigned before the start of the current campaign. He will replace Dutchman Ronald Koeman at Everton.

"Sam Allardyce will be at USM Finch Farm this afternoon

to finalise terms on becoming the new manager of Everton Football Club," the club said in a statement on their website.

Caretaker manager David Unsworth will remain in charge for Wednesday's league game against West Ham United at Goodison Park.

Everton sacked Koeman last month after a poor start to the season and placed their Under-23 coach Unsworth in temporary charge, but results have not improved and the club are currently one place above the relegation zone. (Reuters)

Spurs toppled by Vardy, Mahrez

London

Tottenham Hotspur's hopes of returning to the Premier League top four were dashed as they lost 2-1 at Leicester, who rose to ninth in the table thanks to fine finishes from Jamie Vardy and Riyad Mahrez.

Leicester were rapidly out of the blocks, threatening after only five minutes when Ben Chilwell crossed and the ball was worked back to Wilfried Ndidi, whose strike lacked sufficient power.

Minutes later, the home side showed their menace on the break as Vardy charged forward to win a corner and, from it, Wes Morgan's header was scrambled off the line by Danny Rose.

And with 13 minutes played they had a deserved lead, Vardy scoring his 100th league goal in style with a delicate lob over Hugo Lloris from Marc Albrighton's fine cross.

Spurs were struggling to get going as Leicester set the tempo, but they almost levelled when Kasper Schmeichel got a touch to Mousa Sissoko's shot



Jamie Vardy scores with a spectacular volley as Tottenham's Eric Dier watches on (Picture courtesy: theguardian)

and Vicente Iborra cleared off the line.

After 23 minutes, Harry Kane set off on a twisting run but saw his ambitious attempt to curl the ball past Schmeichel from the edge of the area fly high.

With half an hour gone, the Londoners came close again when Christian Eriksen played in Dele Alli, but Schmeichel

did well to block.

Eriksen then went close from range -- but, in first-half stoppage time, Spurs were two down as Mahrez drifted in from the right to give Lloris no chance with a brilliant curling effort.

Ten minutes into the second half it was almost three as another sharp move saw Chilwell and Vardy find

Albrighton, whose cross was headed narrowly over by Shinji Okazaki.

Spurs took off Sissoko for Son Heung-Min and replaced Mousa Dembele with Fernando Llorente, but Mauricio Pochettino's team were struggling to find a way through as the clock ticked towards the final quarter of an hour. (*espn.in*)

Cazorla's comeback delayed

London

Arsenal midfielder Santi Cazorla's comeback has been delayed because he has had further ankle surgery.

The 32-year-old revealed the news on social media and

said he had been having some pain in his tendon.

Doctors told the Spain international that he should be "satisfied" to walk again after contracting gangrene in his right ankle. (BBC)

Ferrari continue to set pace



Sebastian Vettel rides his car (file pic)

Abu Dhabi

Sebastian Vettel continued to keep Ferrari at the top of the timesheet in Abu Dhabi after a productive morning session on the final day of tyre testing.

The new range of 2018 tyres are in use at the Yas Marina circuit, including the hypersoft tyres which are two steps quicker than the 2017 ultrasoft

compound.

Kimi Raikkonen topped the standings at the end of day one and Vettel has picked up where his team-mate left off.

At the lunch break, Vettel had completed 53 laps with a best time of 1:37.551 – a second and a half quicker than Esteban Ocon in the Force India.

Valtteri Bottas sits third with 65 laps under his belt, with Max Verstappen moving up to fourth late in the session ahead of Carlos Sainz in the Renault.

Kevin Magnussen put himself sixth in the standings before heading back to the Haas garage, while Sergey Sirotkin, in P7, got through 51

laps before he hands the car back over to Robert Kubica later this afternoon.

McLaren are once again able to run two cars because of their cancelled test in Brazil, so Stoffel Vandoorne (P8) and Lando Norris (P10) are on double duty with the latter completing the most laps of any driver so far with 84. (*planetf1*)

Alfa Romeo returning to F1 with Sauber



London

The Alfa Romeo brand is returning to Formula 1 for the first time since 1985 after agreeing a new partnership with the Swiss-based Sauber team.

The move strengthens the links between Sauber and Ferrari, which is a sister brand of Fiat-owned Alfa Romeo.

Fiat and Ferrari share the same boss in Sergio Marchionne, who described the arrangement as “a multi-year technical and commercial partnership agreement”.

Sauber are expected to run Ferrari protege Charles Leclerc next season.

The other car will be raced by either current driver Marcus Ericsson of Sweden or Ferrari reserve Antonio Giovinazzi.

Sauber chairman Pascal

Picci said: “Alfa Romeo has a long history of success in grand prix racing, and we are very proud that this internationally renowned company has chosen to work with us for its return to the pinnacle of motorsport.”

“Working closely with a car manufacturer is a great opportunity for the Sauber Group to further develop its technology and engineering projects.”

The Alfa Romeo logo has been on the Ferrari cars this season but this will be the marque’s highest-profile involvement in F1 since 1985, the final year of a seven-year involvement as a factory team.

Prior to that, Alfa Romeo won the first two F1 titles in 1950 and 1951 with Giuseppe ‘Nino’ Farina and Juan Manuel Fangio. (*BBC*)

Froome confirms he will race 2018 Giro d’Italia

London

Britain’s Chris Froome will ride next year’s Giro d’Italia as he aims to complete his collection of Grand Tour victories.

Froome, winner of this year’s Tour de France and Vuelta a Espana, will tackle the race for the first time since 2010.

Should he win Froome would become only the third rider in history to hold all three Grand Tour titles at the same time.

“It’s a unique situation for me, having won the Tour and Vuelta and now having the opportunity to go to the Giro and attempt to win a third consecutive Grand Tour,” Froome said in a statement issued by Team Sky.

“It’s really exciting to be able to take on a new challenge, to do something that perhaps people wouldn’t expect and to mix it up. It’s a whole new motivation for me to see if I can pull off something special next year.”

The race begins in Israel on May 4. (*Reuters*)



Conor McGregor ‘might never fight again’ in the octagon

London

UFC president Dana White says the UFC are trying to thrash out a new deal with Irish superstar Conor McGregor, but hinted there’s a chance we may already have seen the last of ‘The Notorious’ inside the octagon.

McGregor hasn’t fought under the UFC banner since his knockout win over Eddie Alvarez at UFC 205 in November 2016.

And with McGregor now one of the richest sportsmen on the planet following his lucrative boxing match with Floyd Mayweather Jr earlier this year, White suggested there’s a possibility McGregor’s time in the UFC may be over.

Speaking at the UFC’s Las Vegas headquarters, White said: “Conor might never fight again. The guy’s got \$100 million.”

“I’ve got guys that made less than that and were lawyers and went to school their whole life



Conor McGregor (file pic)

and quit working.”

White and the UFC are understandably keen to get McGregor’s signature on a new fighting contract soon. The Dubliner is their biggest box office star and the biggest draw in the company’s history.

But the Irishman, who captured the UFC lightweight championship in that

November 2016 win over Alvarez, has yet to defend his world title, and White says it’s unclear if the desire is there to return after his monumental payday against Mayweather.

“Try to get up and get punched in the face every day when you’ve got \$100 million in the bank,” he said. “Money changes everything with a lot of people.” (*BBC*)

Luan Santiago challenges Ottman Azaitar

Manama

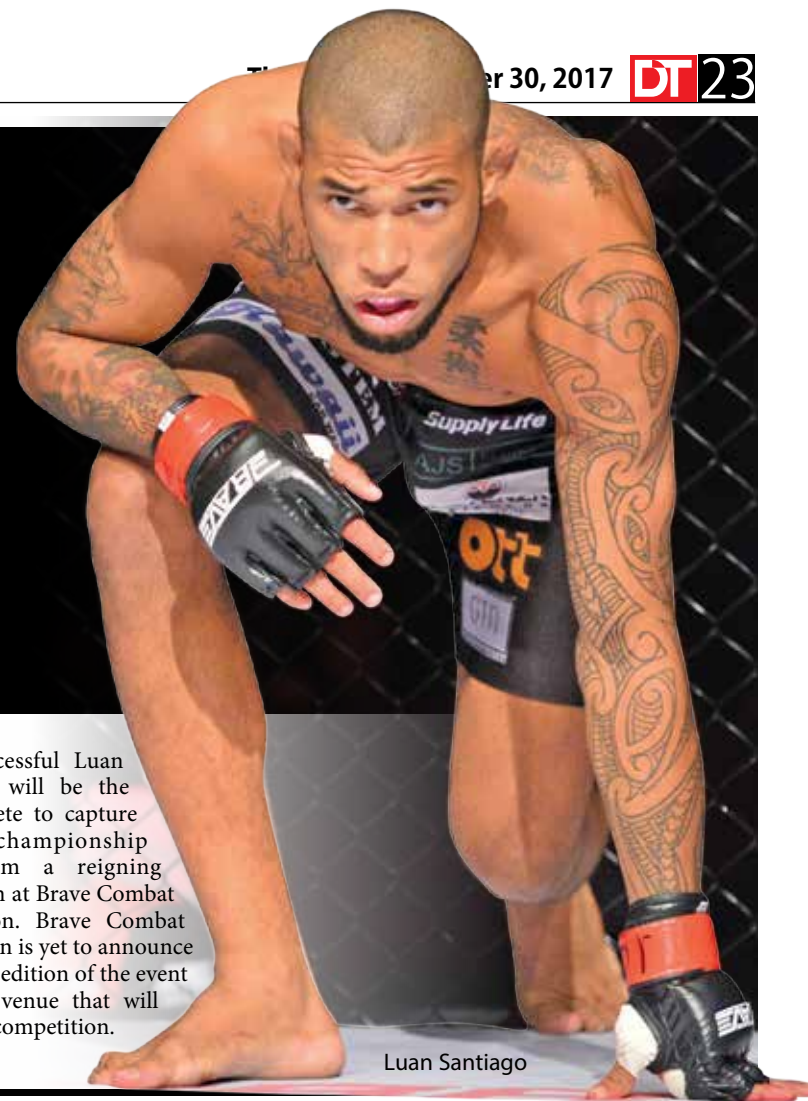
Luan Santiago from Brazil made an official announcement challenging the Lightweight champion of Brave Combat Federation, Ottman Azaitar. Ottman Azaitar from Morocco won the Lightweight championship title at Brave 9: The Kingdom of Champions held in Bahrain. Ottman defeated Alejandro

Martinez from Mexico to win the Lightweight championship. After his championship victory, Ottman embarked on a world tour to thank his supporters.

The lightweight champion was welcomed by ambassadors of Morocco in Bahrain and yet again in the United Arab Emirates. Ottman is undefeated in his career and has nine victories and

the championship title of Brave Combat Federation to his credit. If Luan Santiago can win over Ottman, then it would be the second championship title held by Brazil. Brazil already holds the Light-Heavyweight Championship through Klidson Farias de Abreu. Luan is on a seven fight win streak and has a career record of 12 victories and just two losses.

If successful Luan Santiago will be the first athlete to capture the championship title from a reigning champion at Brave Combat Federation. Brave Combat Federation is yet to announce the tenth edition of the event and the venue that will host the competition.



Luan Santiago

Top local talent to showcase skills at BIC

DT News Network Manama

Bahrain International Circuit (BIC) sets the stage for top local talent to showcase their skills when National Race Day takes place on Friday in Sakhir.

The kingdom's three hotly contested circuit racing championships will be hitting the tarmac. They include the BIC 2,000cc Challenge, the Bahrain Superbike Championship (BSBK), and the Bahrain Motorcycle Racing (BMR) 600.

Action gets underway at 9.15am under daylight and continues until past 7pm when BIC's 2.55-kilometre Inner Track will be

brilliantly illuminated. All are welcome to attend and enjoy a full day's racing. Tickets are available at the gate.

The 2,000cc Challenge will be holding the third round of its 2017/2018 season. Practice will get all the action going in the morning. It will then hold Qualifying at 10.25am to determine the start grid for Race One at 11.58am. Race Two will be at 1.15pm.

The BSBK will be holding their second round of competition this season. Their first session at 3.45pm will be a Practice, to be followed at 4.55pm by Qualifying. Race One flags off at 6.02pm, to be followed

by Race Two at 7.07pm.

There will also be racing in the BSSB, which is the new class in the BSBK. These riders will be holding Practice at 9.50am and then Qualifying at 11am. That sets up the grid for the only race of the day at 12.42pm.

In the BMR 600, the weekend will be staging the championship's third round. Practice is at 3.10pm gets the BMR riders on the tarmac, and then once again for Qualifying at 4.20pm. Race One will be held at 5.27pm, to be followed by Race Two at 6.34pm.

For more information, visit www.bahraingp.com or call the BIC Hotline on +973-17450000.



PyeongChang Olympic medal design

The 2018 Winter Olympic Games in PyeongChang, South Korea, will see 222 medals awarded across 102 events

CREATOR
South Korean industrial designer **Lee Suk-woo**

TEXTURE
Inspired by tree trunks, symbolising work so many Koreans put into planning Games

COMPOSITION
Gold medal: 99.9% pure silver, plated with 6g of gold
Weight: 586g

Silver medal: 99.9% pure silver
Weight: 580g

Bronze medal: 90% copper, 10% zinc
Weight: 493g (diameter of all: 92.5mm)

DESIGN
Based on consonants from 600-year-old **Hangeul** alphabet, representing words **PyeongChang Winter Olympics**

3D software extrudes letters into bars that when placed together create tree bark ridges, while alphabet can still be read around medal rim

RIBBON
Gabsa fabric — delicate gauze textile used in traditional **Hanbok** clothing

VOLUME
Total of **259** sets of medals — 222 for podium athletes, five put aside for ties, 25 for IOC display purposes, and seven exhibited by host nation

Young haunts Watford

Hertfordshire

Ashley Young struck twice against former club Watford as Manchester United won a thrilling contest at Vicarage Road to close to within five points of leaders Manchester City.

With City not in action until Wednesday evening, Jose Mourinho's side had a chance to put some pressure on the title favourites and did so as they

eventually ran out 4-2 winners in Hertfordshire.

Young scored two sublime goals in quick succession, with Anthony Martial adding a third as United seemingly wrapped up three points before the interval.

Watford rallied, however, with Troy Deeney pulling one back from the penalty spot before Abdoulaye Doucoure turned home with six minutes remaining.

A fine solo strike from Jesse Lingard assured United of victory and three points which could prove vital come the end of the season.

After seeing his winner against Brighton on Saturday go down as an own goal, the opener was Young's first league strike since May 2016.

The 32-year-old needed less than six minutes to add to that tally with an even better goal, this time bending a precise free-kick

past a helpless Heurelho Gomes.

Marco Silva's Watford hit the bar through Richarlison, but never looked like recording a second successive home win over the Red Devils.

The impressive Brazilian came within inches of making contact with Kiko Femenia's low cross as the hosts looked to strike early against Mourinho's men.

United slowly grew into the game, although they struggled to link up with Romelu Lukaku.

The first time they successfully fed the Belgian, he played in Lingard, whose pass to Young was thrashed home by the former Watford man to give the visitors the lead.

The England international celebrated with vigour in front of the home fans who had given him a warm reception before kick-off and he was soon getting their backs up once more.

Doucoure was booked for fouling Paul Pogba and Young clinically dispatched a 25-yard free-kick with unerring accuracy.

United continued their onslaught as Martial latched on to a Lukaku through-ball following a poor attempted clearance from Christian Kabasele to finish low past Gomes.

It should have been even worse for Watford at the break, but Gomes saved well from Lukaku before jumping to his feet to make an even better stop from Lingard's follow-up effort.

The Hornets ended the half on a high as Femenia burst forward and clipped a cross towards Richarlison, who headed against David De Gea's crossbar.

It was not all good news for Mourinho as Nemanja Matic limped off early in the second half to be replaced by Ander Herrera.

Lukaku wasted a fine opportunity to add a fourth with 15 minutes remaining as he dawdled when picked out free in front of goal and eventually saw a shot blocked from an acute angle. (*espn.in*)

Manchester United's Ashley Young celebrates (Picture courtesy: Goal.com)

Manchester United's Jesse Lingard (C) celebrates with teammates



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