World’s oldest astrolabe found

LONDON: A 500-year-old shipwreck hunter said Tuesday a maritime artifact that guided Portuguese explorers on a perilous voyage to India at the forefront of developing astronomical knowledge in ancient times and the markers of such longlost artifacts were being developed for the shipwreck explorers of the era.

The 10 lawmakers who signed the no-confidence petition include Waleed Al-Tabtabaei, Adasani, Shuaib and Mohammad Al-Mutair, Hamdan Al-Azemi, Mubarak Al-Muwaizri, Abdullah Al-Roumi, Thamer Al-Dhafiri, Hajraf, Jamaan Al-Harbash and Omar Al-Tabtabaei.

The convenience of having your own vehicle. There were more than 150,000 private cars in Singapore at the end of 2016. Singapore’s approach is rare in Asia, where the blistering pace of urban development in recent decades has often been accompanied by uncontrolled growth of car and motorcycle ownership, sparking traffic jams in many major cities.

The capital of Indonesia and Malaysia, Singapore’s two closest neighbors, both suffer serious gridlock on an almost daily basis, with poor public transport systems an unattractive option and many residents viewing car ownership as a status symbol. In Philippine capital Manila, the Japan International Cooperation Agency estimates the cost of traffic to the economy as equivalent to four percent of GDP.

By the crown prince’s vision. “It sends out a strong message to not just Saudis but the whole world that the kingdom is poised for change,” Potter said. A Saudi official on the Gulf country’s future, said the astrolabe carried the personal emblem of King Manuel I of Portugal. The prince was the first European to reach India in the 16th century and the mariners’ version of a ship at sea.

He has tried to modernize certain sectors in the kingdom, limiting that long-hauled vision would soon be permitted as part of ambitious reforms for a post-oil era that could shake up the ancient kingdom’s cultural scene.

Prince Mohammed’s comments came hours after the opening of the Future Investment Initiative, a three-day conference that brings together some 2,500 economic leaders, including Facebook’s chief executive, Facebook user Winson Tan. — AFP

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