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Kuwait seeks ‘nuke weapons and WMD free’ Middle East

Kuwait, 8 UNSC members call for urgent session

KUWAIT: The official Kuwait News Agency (KUNA) today reported that the Kuwaiti delegation to the United Nations (UN) Office in Geneva held last Thursday in Cairo. The delegation is assigned to take part in the Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT). This will be the second of three planned sessions that will be held prior to the 2020 Review Conference.

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Ministry draws up plans to overhaul education sector

MoE plans to enhance professional capacities, curricula

KUWAIT: The Ministry of Education (MoE) has drawn up plans for enhancing teacher’s professional capacities and educational curricula, effective in the coming years, Minister of Education and Higher Education Dr Hamed Al-Azmi said yesterday. Minister Al-Azmi was speaking to journalists, on sidelines of the 43rd Teaching Conference, organized by Kuwait Teachers Society and patronized by His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah.

His Highness the Crown Prince patronization of the event emanates from his special concern for the sector, said Minister Al-Azmi. “Teacher’s professional development and contemporary challenges” is the theme chosen by the society for the conference, he said, indicating that the title depicted great need for overhauling the vital sector. Enhancing teacher’s potentials constitute the cornerstone for revamping the sector, he said, disclosing that his department had worked out a program for updating teachers’ professional performance.

The Ministry of Education has dispatched delegations to advanced nations to study their expertise in professional refurbishing, employing Kuwaiti and foreign specialists and advisors, the minister said, also noting that the ministry is involved in development projects at this level with the World Bank and local authorities. The efforts at the various levels aimed at “any loopholes and meeting the challenges with respect of the teacher’s graduation in addition to keeping the profession of the teachers,” Minister Al-Azmi stressed.

Meanwhile, the society president, Mutee Al-Ajmi, said in a statement at the gathering that the conference is held as part of the society’s relentless and serious efforts to reach solutions through constructive dialogue with elite educational cadres. He added that the convention will proceed for three days and will include workshops to tackle up to 34 topics namely teacher’s professional overhaul in the digital era, teacher’s training needs and contemporary challenges and their impact on teacher’s vocational development and role of the educational institutions for sharpening teachers’ skills.

—KUNA

Kuwait health system outperforms others in the region

KUWAIT: Kuwait’s Health system has outmatched others in the region, and is proceeding to the level reached by advanced countries, Sheikh Basil Hamoud Al-Sabah said yesterday. Kuwait has hit 77 marks on the Universal Health Coverage (UHC) citing a report by the World Health organization (WHO) and the World Bank (WB). It has been announced that the minister will lead a Kuwaiti delegation to the 3rd Global Ministerial Summit on Patient Safety Tokyo, Japan April 13-14.

Sheikh Basil Al-Sabah said that taking part in the conference will offer a chance to review what Kuwait has achieved on the health sector, and to exchange researches and experiences with world specialists and experts, and the WHO. “No doubt, this will benefit the Kuwaiti health system a lot,” he said, noting that the ministry is committed to the application of criteria of health care quality in all services. Patients’ safety is a human, ethical and a professional commitment, he stressed. The First and Second Global Ministerial Summits on Patient Safety were held in London, March 2016, and Bonn March 2017.

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by Rima Al-Mutairi

SWS, HLO organize ‘Protecting Domestic Workers from Neo-slavery’ forum

Some helpers physically and mentally tortured, sexually abused

KUWAIT: Sheikha Bibi Al-Sabah and Rima Al-Mutairi discussed SWS’ protection of domestic workers from Neo-slavery. —Photos by Joseph Shagra

By Rima Garcia

CIVIL SOCIETY organizations, SWS and Human Line Organization (HLO), Human Rights Club and the Ministry of Interior, organized a forum yesterday to speak about the issue of domestic helpers. Some experts discussed the issue of domestic helpers, who are very delicate. We have to look at this issue with an open mind. We should not look at it as an attack on us as Kuwaitis. We have to be open-minded. If we cannot see solutions for this problem, join us in this campaign, because we have to implement the law,” said Sheikha Bibi.

Lebanon hails Kuwait’s support, cooperation

BEIRUT: Lebanese Army Chief General Joseph Aoun yesterday hailed Kuwait’s support for Lebanon on economic and political levels. Aoun’s remarks came in an exclusive interview, at KUNA, on the occasion of his visit to Kuwait on April 10-11, upon an invitation from the Kuwait Army. The visit is in follow-up to Lebanese President Michel Aoun’s visit to Kuwait last January, he said. It is also part of the Rome-2 Conference to support the Lebanese Army and security services, which Kuwait participated in.

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KUWAIT: The Cabinet held its regular session at 2nd Floor yesterday, presided over by Acting Prime Minister and Minister of Defence Sheikh Nahayan Mubarak Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah. Following the session, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs Suheil Al-Sabah stated that the session kicked off with a presentation by the acting premier about last week’s visit to the country by the president of the Concorde, namely his talks with His Highness the Amir that dealt with means of boosting bilateral relations-coupled with an agreement to set up a joint cooperation committee.

As to Al-Mubarak and Mubarak’s visit, concluding on April 15, the cabinet decided to declare April 10 as a national rest day when all public institutions will close. The ministers expressed congratulations to His Highness the Amir, His Highness the Crown Prince, the Kuwaiti people, the Arab and Muslim nations on the issuance of the cabinet’s decision regarding mechanism and operating public services. They decided to assign the Public Authority for Housing Welfare to coordinate with competent authorities to set a timetable for delivering and operating the buildings in the two districts.

Also, Kuwait Cabinet yesterday extended sincere congratulations to President’s Al-Sisi on his re-election. The Cabinet wished Al-Sisi perpetual good health, success, and good luck in accomplishing the advanced tasks and the socioeconomic projects and programs to achieve the aspirations and expectations of the Egyptian people.

The Cabinet also expressed its appreciation and support for the efforts of the Ministry of Health and the Center for Disease Control and Prevention towards containing the novel coronavirus and ensuring health safety for all the affected countries and the citizens who live in them. The Cabinet considered steps and measures taken by the concerned authorities to achieve this outcome as a result of the vision and leadership of His Highness the Amir.

KUWAIT: The Public Authority for Housing Welfare (PAHW) has removed brick walls, target and cement columns in a building that was in violation and was encroaching on state property. In addition, the department removed 229 sq of surfaces using many vehicles and equipment including two bulldozers.

Bader. For her part, Princess Ghida lauded the role played by Indian engineers in Kuwait through the Indian Society of Engineers’ Kuwait Jeeva Sagar, who was received by KSE Chairman Faisal Dowaih Al-Ottol. Ottol hailed the role played by Indian engineers in Kuwait, so the trucks were placed under surveillance. It also called on all parties to implement UNSC resolution 241, entirely and end the stages of Eastern Ghouta’s attempts to stop this humanitarian disaster.

EU backs Kuwait efforts

KUWAIT: Kuwaiti Finance Services Development (KFSD) has received a message of support from the European Union (EU) and national efforts to reduce the role of donor at both local and regional levels. The EU acknowledged continuous efforts of the local and national government for the development and poverty reduction efforts that took place in the last decade. It also thanked the Kuwaiti government for their efforts to help alleviate poverty, especially in the field of education, health and social development.

EU Envoy to Kuwait, Ambassador Zacharias, said that the EU acknowledged the efforts made by the Kuwaiti government and the role played by Kuwaiti financial institutions in supporting the development process. The EU acknowledged the role played by Kuwait in supporting the development process and the role played by Kuwaiti financial institutions in supporting the development process.

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Thousands rally in B'desh after 100 injured in protest

DHAKA: Thousands of students across Bangladesh staged protests against the government's decision to suspend classes at the country's top university, which would leave at least 100 people injured. Police fired tear gas and rubber bullets, and used batons and water guns in clashes with protesters. Organizers in Dhaka said they had been holding protests for months but had not been able to achieve their aims.

Another student, Saimon Rahman, said quotas meant "our fight. "We won't leave the streets unless our demands are met," said Abdullah Bhuiyan, a 22-year-old English student. "We demand the withdrawal of the new law and a decision on the future of the university is left at least 100 people injured. Police fired tear gas and rubber bullets, and used batons and water guns in clashes with protesters. Organizers in Dhaka said they had been holding protests for months but had not been able to achieve their aims.

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Hungary’s anti-immigrant PM basks after election walkover

The opportunity to defend themselves and to defend Hungary

BUDAPEST: Hungary’s anti-immigrant Prime Minister Viktor Orban basked yesterday in the glory of a bulldozer election walkover, in which his FIDESZ party secured a huge majority in the country’s parliament.

Orban’s victory, which was anticipated by polls, is a major blow to Brussels and to the EU, which has been struggling to deal with a surge of migration into Europe.

In his victory speech yesterday, Orban thanked his supporters for their support and promised to continue his policies of reducing immigration.

Orban also thanked the citizens of Hungary for their support and vowed to continue to defend the country’s interests.

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KSA
You will be responsible for analyzing, planning and executing recruitment programs and the hiring process to ensure that HR service provided meets the needs of company, coordinating with the HR consultant to track annual employees’ performance.

Assistant Executive Director
Netherlands Foreign Investment Agency- UAE
You will be responsible for providing secretarial and administrative support to the Executive Director, assisting with the organization of meetings in which NFA participates, making arrangements for incoming and outgoing visitors.

Spa Manager
Forefront Middle East
Qatar
You will be responsible for the commercial success and smooth running of the spa, manage spa operations, facilities, schedule, pricing and staff timinng, achieving financial targets relating to spa revenue, resistant for ensuring that spa membership sales, retail and treatment sales are in line with budgeted expectations etc.
Will closure of Backpage damp Britain’s sex slave trade?

Britain’s sex slave trade is unlikely to be damped by the March closure of Backpage.com, the world’s largest and most influential online classifieds site for adult services. For many years, the site has been a key element in the global sex trafficking economy, facilitating the online sale of intimate services and, in some cases, the sale of women and children.

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Backpage.com, a popular adult classifieds website, has been criticized for its role in facilitating sex trafficking. Critics argue that the site has provided a platform for traffickers to advertise the sale of sexual services, including child sex trafficking.

While Backpage.com’s closure is a positive step, it is important to note that the site was not solely responsible for the sex trafficking that occurred on its platform. Other factors, such as demand for sexual services, law enforcement efforts, and the availability of trafficking networks, also played a role.

It is also important to note that the closure does not mean that sex trafficking will disappear completely. Traffickers may simply shift their operations to other platforms or use alternative methods of communication.

In conclusion, while the closure of Backpage.com is a positive step towards reducing the online facilitation of sex trafficking, it is important to continue the fight against sex trafficking in all its forms and to support those who have been affected by it.
CEO Zuckerberg: Facebook could have done more to prevent misuse

WASHINGTON - Facebook Inc Chief Executive Mark Zuckerberg expressed concern that the social media network would have done more to prevent itself and its members’ data from being misused and offered a broad apology to lawmakers. The constituency of the House Oversight and Government Hearing where Zuckerberg is not to answer questions about Facebook user data being improperly appropriated by a political consultancy and the role the network played in the 2016 election.

"We didn’t take a broad enough view of our responsibility and didn’t do enough," he said in remarks released by the US House Energy and Commerce Committee yesterday. "It was my mistake and I’m sorry. I started Facebook, I run it, and I am responsible for what happens here." "Zuckerberg's apologized two days of Congressional hearings and a ferocious line of questioning - even from a liberal Democrat who chairs one of the two panels - that branded the company a 'cancer' of the internet.

Arye Brandt, an analyst at the Center for a New American Security, who spoke at a conference in Sydney on Monday, predicted that the US government would "be taking a closer look at Facebook and its activities" in the wake of the scandal.

Zuckerberg did not respond to questions as he entered and left a meeting with Senator Bill Nelson, the top Democrat on the Senate Commerce Committee. He is expected to meet with Senator John Thune, the Commerce Committee's Republican chairman, later in the day. After a few days of heated controversy, the Facebook chief offered a broad apology to lawmakers. His conciliatory tone precedes two days of Congressional hearings and a ferocious line of questioning - even from a liberal Democrat who chairs one of the two panels - that branded the company a "cancer" of the internet.

UK's Foreign Secretary and Foreign Ambassadors have said they will not accept Facebook's apology as "insufficient." They have called for the company to be held accountable for its actions.

Zuckerberg's testimony said the company was "too slow to act" and that he had been "slow to grasp the magnitude of the problem." He promised to do more to protect user data and prevent misuse in the future.

Australian sheep ship to Kuwait

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Nearly 200,000 sheep were unloaded at the port in Kuwait as the ship carrying them arrived yesterday. The ship, which had been滞留 in the vicinity of the port for several days, was finally allowed to dock after a government inspection found that the sheep were healthy and fit for transport.

Trump vows 'major decisions' as 'Israel'

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Trump's visit to Israel is expected to be a major event in the region, with many countries' leaders expected to attend. The visit will focus on the issue of Israeli-Palestinian relations and the possibility of a two-state solution.

Saudi seek French opera help to show... Amfie the flurry of announcements in France, campaigns for the French presidential election have entered a new phase with the head-to-head contest between the two main candidates.

Separately, melons contaminated with deadly listeria bacteria were reported to have killed seven people and caused one miscarriage, the World Health Organization said yesterday. The rockmelons, or can-
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Ahye wins women’s 100m gold

Bolt, who retired last year with eight Olympic golds, including two 100m titles shared with Blake, received a congratulatory hug by his team mate and reigning champion Yohan Blake. “Keep going in the same work. You know your work is done,” remarked Blake. “The goal is to run like a champion.”

The gold is Bolt’s, made smoother for him when England’s Adam Gemili, a 2012 London Olympic bronze medallist, at the London 2012 Olympic Games if he achieved what he did. Gemili, who was one of the sport’s great upsets, wanted to win his first Commonwealth Games medal on a big night for South Africa on the track.

It was just never (going) to happen today, I don’t know why,” he said. “I’m very humbled. I knew had the Gold Coast.

The path to gold was a more open one for Cameron. “It was a better Commonwealth Games than I have ever been involved and the introduction of lottery funding and the medal system,” he said. “The introduction of lottery funding was a huge boost for GB Boxing. The team has identified another trait in champions. “They don’t get hurt, they get better every day and the more you work, the better you get. It’s a combination of three things: attention to detail, mental toughness and a desire to win.”

While the Commonwealth Games are still in full swing, GB Boxing is already looking ahead to the next quadrennial cycle, with the team aiming to be even more successful in 2022.

The spritely granddad, known as “Ras” to his teammates, underwent heart surgery last August and insists he is in tip-top shape to contest his fourth The hit factory: How British boxing took on the world

GOLD COAST: When Anthony Joshua beat Joseph Parker in their first meeting in 2018, the 12-round heavyweight clash was hyped as a meeting of an Olympic gold medalist and a world champion. The fight was billed as a battle of two eras — the rising star of British boxing had been tipped to become the next heavyweight champion of the world, while Parker was seen as the last of the “old guard”.

Joshua and Parker came out of this encounter with reputations intact, with Joshua retaining his IBF, WBA, and WBO titles and Parker losing his WBO belt. The fight was described as a “hard-fought” contest with both fighters demonstrating their strengths and weaknesses.

However, the輕量級 boxer, who is one of the best fighters in the world, has been tipped to become the next heavyweight champion of the world. He is currently training in the United States ahead of his next fight against the unbeaten American Frank Warren.

Parker, a former world champion, has been out of the ring for some time due to an injury, but is said to be in good shape and ready to return to the ring. Parker is expected to face a tough challenge from Warren, who is known for his aggressive style of boxing.

The fight is scheduled for May 2019 and is expected to draw a large audience, both in the UK and internationally. The match will be broadcast on Sky Sports and is expected to be one of the biggest events in British boxing in recent years.

The fight will be a significant milestone in the career of Anthony Joshua, who is one of the most successful and highest-paid boxers in the world. He has been tipped to become the highest-earning boxer in the world, surpassing his rival, Tyson Fury.

The fight is likely to be another significant step forward in the career of Anthony Joshua, who has already achieved great success and is widely regarded as one of the best fighters in the world. He is expected to use this fight to further establish himself as one of the top fighters in the world and to take on the top opposition in the heavyweight division.
Boston Bruins fall short in pursuit of Atlantic Division title

The closely fought battle between the Boston Bruins and the Toronto Maple Leafs comes to an end, as the Bruins fall short in their pursuit of the Atlantic Division title. The Bruins were unable to secure the victory they needed to take over first place in the division, as the Leafs defeated them 3-1 on the final day of the season. This result means that the Bruins will finish second in the Atlantic, unable to win their third straight Stanley Cup and the expansion era. The Bruins had a difficult season, with injury setbacks and tough losses to strong opponents like the Tampa Bay Lightning and the Philadelphia Flyers. Despite these challenges, the Bruins showed resilience and fought hard throughout the year, and their fans will remember this season as one of great effort and determination.

Napoli re-ignite title campaign with help of two fringe players

Napoli's title campaign was re-ignited last night with the help of two fringe players, as they secured a crucial victory at Genoa. The match was a closely fought battle, with both teams showing great determination and拼劲。Napoli took the lead through a goal from defender Elseid Hysaj in the first half, and despite some scare towards the end, they were able to hold on for the win. The victory puts Napoli back in the top four of Serie A and keeps alive their hopes of a title challenge. This result is a testament to the hard work and dedication of all the players, and it gives Napoli a much-needed boost as they look to secure their place in Europe next season.

Japan switch coach two months before World Cup

In a dramatic move, Japanese football coach Vahid Halilhodzic has been replaced by 63-year-old Hiroshi Nanami as Japan Football Association General Manager. The move comes as a shock to many, as Halilhodzic had only been in charge since the start of last season. However, the move is seen as a necessary step to improve Japan's performance, especially in the upcoming World Cup. The new coach has a reputation for bringing young talent and a fresh approach to the team, and he will be looking to guide Japan to a successful World Cup campaign.

Ohtani dazzles with his bat and arm for Angels

Los Angeles Angels two-way star Shohei Ohtani had a night to remember last night, as he became the first two-way player to have a home run and at least 10 strikeouts in a game since 1999. Ohtani's performance was a testament to his incredible talent and versatility, as he showcased his offensive and defensive skills in equal measure. This result is a huge boost for the Angels, who are in the thick of the playoff race, and it gives them hope for a successful season.
Man City need to produce the ‘perfect game’, says Guardiola

City must overturn 3-0 deficit against Liverpool

MANCHESTER: Manchester City must overturn a 3-0 deficit when they face Liverpool on Saturday when a win would have secured the title.

The 3-0 defeat at Anfield last month is a psychological barrier for the Citizens, but they have shown they are capable of coming back from such a large deficit.

“Liverpool will make their task of progressing to the semi-finals almost impossible,” he added.

“We need titles in Europe - it’s complicated but you need nights that make you understand it,” he said. “Hearing Raúl (last season) was special because we know the best team in the world but it will happen sooner or later. With that, this club has done in the last 10 years in terms of creating facilities and making it happen it will happen. It’s completely with the big clubs you need then but hopefully we can do it. Maybe that last feat we’ll happen.”

Torres to leave Atletico at end of season

ROMA: Torres is expected to leave Atletico Madrid at the end of this season, with the club looking to bring in a new striker.

The 34-year-old has enjoyed a fruitful five-year spell at the club, scoring 76 league goals during his time there.

“Romário has often said he is not going to stop and that I have others to live,” said Torres. “I’ve always said that I’m not going to stop playing until it’s impossible.”

Roma coach Eusebio Di Francesco has urged his players to put on a show in their semi-final against Barcelona, but Torres believes it will be the end of an era for Atletico.

“We are here to make our dream come true. We need to work hard to achieve it. We need a good performance from everyone.”

Europeans Bayern hungry for more success

BAYERN: Bayern Munich are aiming to become the first team to retain the Champions League title.

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Bayern Munich are backed to win the competition at Bet365, who are offering 10/1 odds on the German champions to lift the trophy once again.

It’s a significant achievement for the German club, who are looking to become the first team to retain the Champions League title in five years.

Roma duo return from injury

ROMA: Roma coach Eusebio Di Francesco has confirmed that two key players, Edin Dzeko and Daniele De Rossi, will return for the team’s semi-final against Barcelona.

Dzeko, who has scored 15 goals in 34 appearances for Roma this season, has been out injured since April.

De Rossi, who has been a key player for Roma in recent seasons, has also been out injured since April.

“Dzeko has recovered from a hamstring problem and De Rossi has recovered from a foot injury,” said Di Francesco. "We need them for the semi-final against Barcelona.”

Di Francesco hopes for Barcelona ‘miracle’

Di Francesco is hoping for a ‘miracle’ from his Roma players as they face Barcelona in the Champions League semi-final.

"I'm very happy with the team," said Di Francesco. "They have shown they can be competitive against the best teams in Europe.

"It's not going to be easy, but we have to believe. This is a great opportunity for us to show our quality and continue our journey to the final."
Indiana Pacers overpower Charlotte Hornets 123-117

LOS ANGELES: Ben Simmons scored 16 points as the Philadelphia 76ers routed the Dallas Mavericks to extend their winning streak to 14 games in the Eastern Conference playoff race on Sunday. Australian star Simmons finished with nine assists and seven rebounds as the Sixers cruised to a 109-97 victory to move one win clear of the Cleveland Cavaliers in the standings.

The Sixers and the Cavs are locked in a duel for the third seed spot in the Eastern Conference playoff picture, with Philadelphia now at 50-30 for the season, ahead of Cleveland who are fourth with 49-31.

Philadelphia are now assured of at least a top-four finish in the East and a home court advantage for the start of the playoffs.

Sixers win, Jazz book playoff spot

PHILADELPHIA: Dwight Powell #7 of the Dallas Mavericks dunks the ball against the Philadelphia 76ers on Sunday at Wells Fargo Center in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. —AFP

LOS ANGELES: The Sixers and the Mavericks played to a 109-97 win for the Sixers on Sunday at the Wells Fargo Center. The win also guarantees Philadelphia home-court advantage for the start of the playoffs.

Sixers head coach Brett Brown said: "It's a great feeling to have that," Mitchell said. "But at the same time, we got two more games left and want to stay where we're at." Also, the Indiana Pacers are one game behind Cleveland after overcoming the Charlotte Hornets 123-117 on the road.

Dunantia Sabonis led the scoring for the Pacers with 30 points from the bench, while Victor Oladipo had 27 points. The Pacers improved to 48-33 with the victory.

Elsewhere in the East, second-placed Boston outscored the Miami Heat to become one of the last four teams to qualify for the playoffs. The Celtics were rocked this week after it was confirmed star Kyrie Irving would miss the remainder of the season after complications from knee surgery.

Cycling mourns death of Michael Goolaerts

PARIS: The world of cycling mourns death of Belgian cyclist Michael Goolaerts after he died of heart failure at the age of 22 during the gruelling Paris-Roubaix one-day classic race in France. Goolaerts was found unconscious and not breathing at the side of the road on Sunday, after racing along one of the course's famous cobbled sections.

Doctors were unable to revive him at the scene and he was flown to hospital in the north of France. Goolaerts was found unconscious and not breathing at the side of the road on Sunday, after racing along one of the course's famous cobbled sections.

No other rider appeared to be involved. The incident happened at around the 100-kilometre mark of the 257-kilometre race.

"It is with unimaginable sadness that we have to communicate the passing of our rider and friend Michael Goolaerts," his team said on Twitter. "He died of cardiac arrest, all medical assistance was to no avail." His loss was felt especially keenly in Belgium, where the Flemish VRT broadcaster said cycling was "in mourning".

David Lappartient, president of the sport's governing body, the UCI, said on Twitter: "I would like to extend my deepest condolences to the family, team and friends of Michael Goolaerts, who left us too early today. We share their immense sadness." Lappartient was at the Tour de France, which are also in charge of the Paris-Roubaix, and official race doctor had managed to reach Goolaerts within "two to three minutes." They tried to bring him back to life. In this type of race they administer the first treatment and then call the local emergency services," said organiser Pierre-Vincent Thibaut told AFP.

Tour de France race director Christian Prudhomme said Goolaerts' team had been delighted to receive an invitation to Sunday’s race. "They so wanted to be on the start line," he said. "We are united in compassion for them."-AFP

The winner of the race, Slovakia’s three-time world champion Peter Sagan, paid tribute to Goolaerts on Twitter, writing: "All the thoughts and prayers of the BORA-hansgrohe team and myself are with Michael Goolaerts. Such sad news..." Paris-Roubaix is known as the "Hell of the North" because a large section of the course is made up of uneven cobbles and the riders have to contend with thick mud in some parts. Goolaerts became a professional rider in 2014 aged just 20, and had taken part in 20 days of racing in 2018, including during the Tour of Oman earlier in the month, although he did not enter.

He was yet to win any major honours in the sport. He had studied law at another young Belgian rider, 22-year-old Daan Myngheer, who died in hospital two days after suffering a heart attack on the Criterium International race in Corsica in 2016. In 2011, Belgian Wouter Weylandt was killed in a crash during the third stage of the Giro d'Italia. —AFP

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NBK reports net profits of KD 93.6m for 1Q 2018

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Al-Sayer: NBK’s robust financial position, substantial buffers and strong sovereign support are key drivers of profitability

Al-Sayer: NBK’s consolidated financial statements reflected a period of solid growth and robust operating performance. The Bank continued to enjoy strong profitability, as its capitalization and capital adequacy ratios are among the highest in the world. Al-Sayer added.

Al-Sayer highlighted the Bank’s continuing commitment to the well-being of its customers, especially Kuwaiti. “The Group’s position of excellence in the Kingdom is at par with any of the world’s leading financial centers, and the Bank is proud to be the country’s foremost financial provider and the largest contributor to the economy and key driver of economic activity for the domestic market,” Al-Sayer said.

NBK enjoys the widest banking presence in MENA. Its international presence spans many of the world's leading financial centers including New York, Europe, Singapore and China; in addition to its presence in Kuwait in 2017 by the Banker, Euromoney and Global Finance. Al-Sayer noted that NBK is also named among Global Finance’s list of the 50 safest banks in the world for twelve consecutive times.

Al-Sayer added that “Economic indicators remained positive in Kuwait as capital spending continued to be a key driver of economic activity for the domestic market. Kuwait’s fiscal position continued to strengthen. All of our key markets have been performing strongly with the integration of foreign capital and the diversification of the domestic market. NBK’s consistency with its strategic direction towards non-oil diversification is better than peers given the subpar global performance. Given the Bank’s adequacy capitalization, stable funding and strong liquidity conditions, NBK continues to benefit from emerging opportunities locally and regionally, allowing the Bank to strengthen its capital adequacy ratios and improved profitability trends.”

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Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev said Moscow was looking at how to support the companies and sectors that have been hit by US-imposed sanctions. According to Rusal, the sanctions "may result in technical difficulties in relation to critical obligations of the company which is headed by Oleg Deripaska."

The latest wave of sanctions also saw Russian steel maker NLMK sell its stake in the aluminium giant United Company Rusal to the Swiss steelmaker Thyssenkrupp for $7.5 billion. It is not clear if this will help either company's relationship with Moscow. "Base metals are making a substantial start to the new wave of deals with the exception of aluminium," Commerzbank Commodities Research said in a note. "This is due to the sanctions imposed by the US on Rusal's oligarchs and their companies.

Matt Franks, global commodities broker at Marex Spectron, agreed: "No doubt about the outperformer in the metals today is aluminium. Some big news on the metal yesterday with the collapse after US sanctions, putting the metals major at risk of defaulting on part of its debt."

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ANALYSIS

Expat remittance tax could expel knowledge workers from Kuwait

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Kuwait - Minster Menaella, a government advisor, said yesterday the country was preparing a draft law to implement a remittance tax in Kuwait. Ms. Menaella told Kuwait Times that the Cabinet has approved the draft law, and it is expected to be voted on this week by the Parliament. The draft law imposes a 15 percent tax on expatriate workers remitting income or even savings sent abroad from Kuwait. The Ministry of Finance and National Economy confirmed that the Cabinet had approved the draft law, and it is expected to be passed by the Parliament in the next few days. The government aims to use the revenue from the tax to boost the national economy and to help in reducing the current budget deficit. However, critics have warned that the tax could lead to parallel markets, and it could affect the economy negatively. The government has stated that the tax will not affect the remittances of workers who are earning more than the minimum wage, and it will be applied only to the fee charged rather than the remittances themselves.
Boj chief pleads for time as he starts new term

Tokyo: Bank of Japan Governor Haruhiko Kuroda said today the bank would take time to reflect on the world’s largest economy from its ultra-loose monetary policy as he embarked on a five-year term as the country’s monetary guard. Kuroda has been at the forefront of the central bank’s quantitative easing, adopting in January 2016 the BoJ’s first-ever negative interest rates-regulatory in Japan that effectively stopped the interest rate at 0.1 percent for the first time in a decade.

“Improvement is needed” Kuroda said.

Kuroda is expected to mark the start of his new term today. Prime Minister Shinzo Abe handed him a second term at the helm of the central bank with a mandate that runs through March 2022.

Yesterday it was reported that Kuroda had said in a speech that it would take time to extricate the world’s third largest economy from its worst economic performance in over 60 years.

However, Kuroda has failed in his mission to hit the inflation target of two percent-the US Federal Reserve achieved last year by 15 percent in February.

For the US dollar yesterday was on track for a third consecutive day of gains, with the greenback rising against a Reuters-JPMorgan basket of 16 major currency.

The gains were a reversal after a two-week losing streak led by trade conflict between the United States and China's increasing economic worries. New York: Wall Street stocks bounced yesterday ahead of US-Denmark’s interest rate decision. The S&P 500 advanced 0.5 percent to 2,617.11, while the tech-rich Nasdaq Composite Index jumped 0.8 percent to 6,967.49. The Dow Jones Industrial Average, which is composed of 30 blue-chip industrial stocks, ended up 122.7 points, or 0.5 percent.

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Investors are just not willing to reduce duration given the concern about the slowdown in the global economy, said Commerzbank’s eurozone economist, Jochen Kraft, who is also managing director of the firm’s investment banking division.

The bank warned of a “big price to pay” for dozens of people killed by poison gas in a rebel-held town, was not impacting confidence, the fact that the pound’s fall pushed up inflation, said Commerzbank’s Guntermann. Sentix’s index for the eurozone rose to a two-year high.

The bank estimated that around 60 billion euros of European government bonds are due to mature in Europe this week, and that there will be “a significant unknown, and as such further volatility seems inevitable,” said Commerzbank’s Guntermann.

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However, the cautious 73-year-old told reporters there was a “clear focus” to the world’s two largest economies have threatened each other with billions of dollars in duties.

Japan’s exports fell in February, posting their biggest monthly drop in more than two years and warning that the “trade tensions” between the United States and China will slow growth amid the trade tensions: ECB vice-president Vitor Constancio.Boekepim, which managing the Czech central bank, was down over 20 percent and said the sanctions were “highly likely” in its business operations.

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Gulf Air’s first Dreamliner takes to the skies at Bahrain Grand Prix

Boeing 787-9 Dreamliner flypast showcases Gulf Air’s state-of-the-art aircraft

Gulf Air has taken delivery of its first Boeing 787-9 Dreamliner, marking a historic moment for the airline.

Gulf Air’s Chief Executive Officer, H.E. Mr. Ghaith Al Ghaith, delivered the historic aircraft to Bahrain International Airport. In his remarks, Mr. Al Ghaith said, “We are very proud to see Gulf Air take delivery of this super-efficient aircraft, as the Dreamliner is a global symbol of innovation and environmental leadership.”

During the delivery ceremony, Mr. Al Ghaith was greeted by a water cannon salute. The inaugural flight was welcomed by representatives from the Ministry of Transportation and Communications, the Civil Aviation Authority, the Bahrain Tourism and Antiquities Authority, the Royal Bahrain Air Force, the National Guard, and many other agencies in the Kingdom of Bahrain.

The Boeing 787-9 Dreamliner is the latest addition to Gulf Air’s fleet, featuring advanced technology and amenities that provide passengers with a superior in-flight experience. The aircraft is equipped with large overhead bins, modern entertainment systems, and comfortable seating, ensuring a smooth and enjoyable journey for passengers.

Mr. Al Ghaith added, “The delivery of this aircraft marks a new chapter in Gulf Air’s history. It demonstrates our commitment to providing our passengers with the highest level of comfort and convenience. The Boeing 787-9 Dreamliner is a symbol of our dedication to innovation and excellence, and we are confident that it will further enhance our reputation as a leading airline in the region.”

After the ceremony, Gulf Air’s President and CEO, Mr. H. E. Mr. Ghaith Al Ghaith, delivered the aircraft to Bahrain International Airport. The Dreamliner will commence operations from Bahrain to destinations in Europe, the Middle East, and Asia, with plans for expansion to other regions in the future.

“This delivery is a significant milestone for Gulf Air,” said Mr. Al Ghaith. “The Boeing 787-9 Dreamliner is a game-changer for the aviation industry, offering superior fuel efficiency, lower emissions, and enhanced passenger comfort. It represents our continued commitment to excellence and innovation, and we are proud to be the first airline in the region to operate this state-of-the-art aircraft.”

The delivery of the Boeing 787-9 Dreamliner aligns with Gulf Air’s strategy of modernizing its fleet and enhancing its network offerings. The airline is committed to providing passengers with a seamless and enjoyable travel experience, and the introduction of the Dreamliner is a significant step towards achieving this goal.

Gulf Air’s Chief Financial Officer, Mr. Ali bin Ahli, said, “The delivery of the Boeing 787-9 Dreamliner is a testament to our financial strength and strategic planning. We are confident that this aircraft will contribute to our continued growth and success.”

The delivery ceremony was attended by representatives from various companies and organizations, including the Bahrain Economic Development Board, the Bahrain Chamber of Commerce and Industry, and the Bahrain Tourism and Antiquities Authority.

Mr. Al Ghaith concluded, “We are grateful to our partners and stakeholders for their support and assistance in making this delivery a success. We look forward to a bright future for Gulf Air, as we continue to expand our network, enhance our services, and provide our passengers with the highest level of comfort and convenience.”

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To deal with the crisis in allergy admissions, the city’s major government hospitals have allocated special beds, stocked medicines, and announced free diagnosis and treatment for allergy patients. In March, health experts warned that Islamabad’s allergy sufferers might have to cope with their symptoms for longer than usual as a result of climate change, which is reducing spring showers that normally wash pollen from the air.

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Dar Suad Al-Sabah announces closing of 2nd Festival of Arab Literature Buds

The Islamic Development Bank and the Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sports in Kuwait announced the closing of the 2nd Festival of Arab Literature Buds. The Festival, held from April 5th to April 8th, aimed to promote cultural, literary, and educational creative work centered around the theme of the Arab world. The Festival was held in the presence of Sheikha Dr. Souad Al-Sabah, President of Dar Suad Al-Sabah, and the participation of more than 800 delegates from 18 countries.

The Festival included a variety of activities, including seminars, workshops, exhibitions, and a literary market. The event was held at the Sheraton Hotel in Kuwait City, and it was attended by a large number of visitors from different Arab countries.

The Festival's closing ceremony was held on April 8th, with a concert featuring various Arab artists. The event was sponsored by the Islamic Development Bank and the Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sports in Kuwait.

Members of CHIEA to visit Kuwait

Kuwait

Kuwait and Canada enjoy strong and growing bilateral relations, which are well-founded in shared values and interests. Canadian contributions to the country's economic and social development are wide-ranging, including health care, education, and technology. The two countries have a strong historical and cultural connection, with Kuwaiti culture and traditions being reflected in Canadian society.

Members of the Canadian Health Education Initiative (CHIEA) are planning to visit Kuwait as part of a broader initiative to strengthen ties between the two countries. The visit is expected to focus on educational and cultural exchanges, with a particular emphasis on health care and public health.

The visit will take place towards the end of April, with the delegation expected to arrive in Kuwait on April 28th. The public is welcome to attend the delegation's activities, which will include several events and workshops. The delegation will stay in Kuwait for approximately three days, with specific details to be announced in due course.

About CHIEA

The Canadian Health Education Initiative (CHIEA) is a non-profit organization that aims to promote healthy lifestyles and reduce the burden of chronic diseases in Canada. CHIEA works to improve the health of Canadians by providing evidence-based health promotion programs and resources.

At the end of this week, on March 24, at 8:30 pm, staff and guests at Symphony Style Hotel will join together in turning off lights around the hotel, in restaurants, public areas and even the hotel's suites. The hotel's responsible business team backed the light out in the hotel grounds as part of the global initiative to reduce energy consumption in the built environment. The hotel's sign, inspired by Amman's unique cityscape and cubic features that mirror Amman's extraordinary skyline. Banyan Club is an exclusive Soho-inspired beverage bar, offering signature beverages and delicious bar bites. The hotel's Living Room (the brand's signature floor-to-ceiling windows and vivid designs, along with a DJ deck), will be reimagined to create a contemporary space for guests to relax and enjoy with their friends.

W, a Luxury Collection Hotel, Saraya Aqaba

The hotel features a range of suites including four 20th Stories and a 1,500-square-foot Extreme WOW Suite (the brand's take on the Presidential suite) - the utmost luxury in the city. Each Suite features a private balcony overlooking the hotel's iconic outdoor pool, two bathrooms, a living room, and a dining area. Each suite has access to the hotel's private beach and boasts stunning views of the Red Sea. The Presidential Suite offers an extra level of luxury with its own private butler and personal maid service. The hotel also offers three more hotel openings across Jordan - The St. Regis Amman, The Westin Saraya Aqaba and Al Manara, Symptoms Style Hotel celebrates Earth Hour

From time to time, we should look back around corners towards the future. It is a movement that can change the world to become a cleaner and more beautiful place. Symphony Style Hotel, Kuwait, the jewel of Kuwait City, joined millions of people from over 100 countries around the world, in sending an ecological message to the world, this March 24, at 8:30 pm. to visit Kuwait

The following organizations will be participating in the event: The Canadian Institute of Internal Medicine (CIHEA) will visit Kuwait today. In addition to the delegation's private mandate to expand partnerships in Kuwait, the Canadian delegation will be participating in demonstrations of visual communications through hands-on activities around the GUST campus, ranging from seven squadrons of versatile meeting and event spaces, including the stunning 720-square-meter Great GUST, and four fully equipped, stylish and Strategy and Studio spaces.

Dar Suad Al-Sabah's model of higher education and currently hosts approximately 3,900 full-time students. Established 1961

Dar Suad Al-Sabah, Kuwait's first center for higher education outside the country, was founded in 1961. The university is committed to providing a high-quality education that prepares students for leadership roles in Kuwait and beyond. The university currently offers a wide range of programs and degree levels, including undergraduate, graduate, and professional programs.

GUST launches 'The Seen' conference

The Mass Communication and Media (MCM) Department at the Gulf University for Science and Technology (GUST) launched a three-day conference titled "The Seen" on April 9th to 11th. The conference aimed to celebrate the various art forms and the creative individuals who contribute to the arts and culture in the Gulf region. The conference was organized by students, faculty, and the department's Bachelor of Arts degree in Mass Communication and Media (MCM) Department at GUST.

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Leo (July 23-August 22)
You desire to change behaviors and routines; focus on making them positive and they will be much deeper than usual. Starting over will be easy regarding a new romance and other personal issues sparks sensitivities and could cause serious damage to the relationship. It will take time to turn former rushing and处 existent thoughts to balance and create harmony. You are capable of self-fulfilling friendship.

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T he Vaccines debut their new album Rolling Stones like teenagers at Hyde Park - the first of what is set to be an iconic series of gigs, that will also feature headline performances from Michael Bublé and Take That.

The Vaccines frontman Justin Young said: "We’ve always been massive Rolling Stones fans and their summer tours have always been iconic. So when the idea came up, we were buzzing to be part of it. My mum was actually the one who suggested it, she thought it would be a great idea to have a really iconic summer tour, with some iconic people playing.

We’re really happy to be part of this, it’s a really exciting time for music and we’re really looking forward to it. We’re really looking forward to seeing each other and playing together in such a big arena. It’s going to be a really special night, and I’m really excited about it."

The Vaccines are a British indie rock band from East London, formed in 2008. They are known for their energetic live shows and their association with the 2010s garage rock revival. Their debut album, 'What Did You Expect From The Vaccines?', was released in 2011 and was critically acclaimed. They have since released three more albums, with their most recent, 'Highly Devoted', released in 2018. The band has been praised for their catchy hooks and their ability to turn significant, seemingly dull moments into something empowering and hopeful.

Justin Young, the lead singer and guitarist of the band, was also interviewed about the gig and the band's current musical direction. "It’s an amazing opportunity to play at such an iconic venue with such iconic artists. We’re really excited about it and we can’t wait to see what happens."

The gigs take place on 28th June at Hyde Park, London and are set to be one of the biggest events of the summer season. Tickets are already selling out fast, making it a must-see event for music lovers across the country.

The Vaccines' new album 'Highly Devoted' was released in 2018 and was met with critical acclaim. It features a blend of garage rock and indie elements, with catchy melodies and powerful vocals. The album was produced by Justin Young himself, along with his bandmates and it showcases the band's growth and evolution over the years.

The band has been on a steady rise since their debut album, with their music gaining popularity both in the UK and internationally. Their live shows are known for their high energy and their ability to connect with the audience. The band's upcoming Hyde Park gig is sure to be a highlight of the summer season.

The Vaccines' frontman Justin Young has said that the band are looking forward to playing to a large crowd and that they are excited about the opportunity to perform with some of their heroes. "It’s going to be a real honour to play with some of our favourite bands and artists. It’s going to be a really special night, and we can’t wait to see what happens."

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**James Blunt's Twitter success**

James Blunt has revealed that his Twitter success is due to his honest and open attitude towards his fans. In an interview with the BBC, Blunt said, 'I think people feel that they can trust me, that I'm not putting on a false front. I think that's why they follow me.'

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**Mark Strong prefers being a bad guy**

Mark Strong is known for his role as Dr. Henry Silk in the 2018 film 'The Meg.' However, in a recent interview with Variety, he revealed that he prefers playing villains to heroes. 'I prefer to be a bad guy,' he said. 'I like being the bad guy.'

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**Andie MacDowell chose 'normal life' over film career**

Andie MacDowell has decided to focus on her family and personal life over her film career. The actress, who has been in the industry for over three decades, says she is no longer interested in pursuing a career in Hollywood.

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**Samuel L. Jackson doubts Black Panther's impact**

Samuel L. Jackson has been outspoken about his doubts regarding the success of 'Black Panther.' In a recent interview with Variety, he said, 'I don't think 'Black Panther' is going to be the biggest movie ever. I think it's going to be a big movie, but I don't think it's going to be the biggest movie ever.'

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**Solo: A Star Wars Story plot hints**

The new trailer for 'Solo: A Star Wars Story' has been released, and it hints at some exciting developments for the beloved franchise. The trailer showcases new characters, new locations, and a new, thrilling adventure for the beloved characters of Han Solo and Chewbacca.
### Homeless actors put Britain's housing crisis in the spotlight

In an anonymous east London backstreet, Cathy sat in front of a blaring TV screen for four hours a day, also known as "Cathy". The show, which started in Cardboard City, a site where about 200 homeless people live, was performed in Whitechapel offices was made up of dozens of homeless performers.

The play, which has been touring the UK since 2010, returns 50 years later as British director Ken Loach's latest television production "Cathy Come Home", focusing on the consequences of austerity measures on the state of homelessness.

A Hollywood Princess”, which is due out in Britain on Tuesday, April 10, 2018 & is covered by this photo: meghan markle (right) arrive to meet participants at the uk team trials for the invictus games sydney 2018 at the british airways athlete village on april 10, 2018 in london, england. in this arranged photograph, the cover of the book entitled "meghan: a modern princess" by author andrew marcotte, will be released. --- afp photos

### Americans world’s biggest TV addicts watching four hours a day

The average person around the world spent nearly three hours a day in front of their television programming last year, according to a report released Tuesday by Media Monitoring Europe.

There was a slight fall in TV viewing in North Americans were biggest TV addicts, said the report, watching four hours and three minutes on average daily. Europeans viewers came next watching three hours and 20 minutes a day in 2017, just ahead of Asians and Australians, who watched two hours and 59 minutes a day.

The report found that TV viewing was still relatively high in Britain, with the average person watching four hours and 20 minutes a day.

### Comic children’s actor, voice of Cocoa Puffs’ cuckoo dies

The goofy voice behind the “I’m cuckoo for Cocoa Puffs” call for breakfast cereal fell silent Sunday, as the Brooklyn, New York, native died of congestive heart failure at a Los Angeles hospital last March. The obituary released by his publicist said. "His work was legendary," said his publicist Edward Lozzi. "He was the original voice of Cocoa Puffs." The Brooklyn, New York, native died of congestive heart failure last March at a Los Angeles hospital at age 85, Lozzi said.

McCann later moved to Los Angeles and worked as a character actor on shows including "Cathy Come Home" on the BBC, "Bouquet" and "The Goodies". He was known for voicing the hungry bird Sonny for General Mills cereal "Cocoa Puffs".

### Prince Harry’s fiancée craves ‘Diana 2.0’ role: Biography

Meghan Markle has her heart set on becoming "Diana 2.0", according to a new biography of the actress who has been described as the "independent princess" for the 21st century. The book, which is set to be published in the US next month, claims that Markle is the perfect choice to play Princess Diana. Markle, who is set to become the Duchess of Sussex after marrying Prince Harry in May, has revealed that she is looking to follow in Diana’s footsteps.

### Prince Harry’s fiancée (left) and his fiancée US actress Meghan Markle (right) arrive to meet participants at the UK team trials for the Invictus Games Sydney 2018 at the British Airways Athlete Village on April 10, 2018 in London, England. (Photo by Geoff Desmarais/Shutterstock)

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Azerbaijan holds a snap presidential election on Wednesday boycotted by the opposition and expected to extend the autocratic rule of President Ilham Aliyev. Here are five points on the culture and history of the Caspian Sea nation.

**The Land of Fire**

Due to the abundance of natural flames coming from the many oil and gas underground deposits, Azerbaijanis often call their country “The Land of Fire.” The expression is rooted in Zoroastrianism, a fire-worshipping religion that dominated the territory of modern-day Azerbaijan before it adopted Shia Islam. The pentagonal castle-like Baku Temple of Fire had an altar with eternal fire that was fed by underground gas coming to surface and lit up due to the contact with oxygen. A red flame features at the centrepiece of Azerbaijan’s state emblem.

**Azokh Cave**

One of the country’s most important landmarks, the imposing Amzi Magarasi six-cave complex, is located on the territory of Nagorny Karabakh which has been under Armenian control since it was seized during a bloody conflict in the early 1990s after the breakup of the Soviet Union. The labyrinthine limestone caves adorned with stalactites and stalagmites are considered by archaeologists to be one of the oldest living sites of prehistoric humans in Eurasia dating back 1.5 million years.

**Intangible heritage**

A complex art form blending traditional Azerbaijani musical improvisation and classical poetry, Mugham reflects different periods of Azerbaijan’s history and its contacts with other Turkic peoples, as well as Persians, Armenians, and Georgians. Cultivated by members of the Sufi orders and by performers of religious dramas, the genre features a male or female singer accompanied by musicians playing traditional instruments, such as a long-neck lute, a four-string spiked fiddle, and a large tambourine. A short selection of Azerbaijani Mugham was in 1977 included on the Voyager Golden Record attached to the Voyager spacecraft to represent world music.

**National animal**

Azerbaijan’s national animal, the Karabakh horse, is a mountain-steppe racing and riding breed noted for its speed, intelligence and red-golden color. Thanks to their suppleness, the Karabakhs are ideal mounts for Azerbaijan’s national sport, chovgan, a polo-like horse-riding game played on a flat, grassy field by two competing teams. One of the world’s oldest, the breed currently numbers below 1,000 and is threatened with extinction.

**Dynastic rule**

According to the Azerbaijani constitution, the country is a democratic republic, but in fact it is in for even three decades ruled by an iron fist by unelected monarch—a family which critics say has crushed the opposition and used their power to amass a fortune that funds its lavish lifestyle. Current president Ilham Aliyev, succeeded in 2003 his father Heydar, the former Communist leader of the ex-Soviet republic. Cementing his family’s grip on power, Ilham Aliyev last year appointed his wife Mehriban Aliyeva as first vice president after having awarded her with the country’s highest honor, the Order of... Heydar Aliyev. — AFP

**‘Land of Fire’: Azerbaijan’s history and culture**
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Al-Turkistani checks her Instagram feed for her fashion line Lin Collection. — Reuters photos

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