Israel moves closer to Gulf; Oman minister visits Ramallah

KUWAIT: As Israel and Iran loom in the background, the US “strategic alliance” against Iran remains in the picture. The opening ceremony for a new US air base in Jordan was attended by US Secretary of Defense, Mark Esper. The ceremony was held at Al-Udeid Air Base in Doha, Qatar. The new base will host up to 5,000 troops.

India opens tallest statue in the world

India inaugurated the tallest statue in the world, the 82.5-meter-high statue of Vallabhbhai Patel, also known as Sardar Patel, in the western state of Gujarat. Patel was the first Deputy Prime Minister of India and a key figure in the country’s independence movement.

MoU tackles non-payment of salaries, mistreatment of maids

KUWAIT: Kuwait and India signed yesterday a memorandum of understanding (MoU) on the protection and treatment of maids, which covers a range of issues including non-payment of salaries, mistreatment, and discrimination. The MoU will be implemented through the participation of the Kuwaiti Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs, the Indian Ministry of External Affairs, and the Indian Ministry of Home Affairs.

Kuwait improves in 3 indicators in 2019 Doing Business Report

KUWAIT: The 2019 Doing Business Report shows that Kuwait is improving its business environment, with improvements in the areas of “Starting a Business”, “Protecting Minority Investors”, and “Enforcing Contracts”. The report notes that Kuwait has implemented a number of reforms to improve its business environment in recent years.

US voters poised to elect 2 Muslim women to Congress

CHICAGO: US voters are poised to elect two Muslim women to Congress in the midterm election next week, marking a historic first as anti-Muslim and anti-immigrant rhetoric continues to dominate the political landscape. Andre Carson, who is Muslim, and Rashida Tlaib, a social worker born in the Middle Eastern state of Ly-Democratic district in the state of Indiana, are set to become the first Muslim women in Congress. Both have faced challenges in their campaigns, with Carson being criticized for his past comments on Israel and Tlaib facing questions about her political ideology.

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Kuwaiti, Saudi creativity institutes sign cooperation deal

The two desert countries that have been linked culturally and historically by their usage of the Arabic language and shared values are now taking their cooperation a step further, by signing a cooperation agreement between the Saudi King Fahd Center for Tissue Examination of the Kuwaiti Forensic Laboratories (UAE) and its accompanying delegations.

The meeting was attended by Undersecretary of the Prime Minister’s Deputy Sheikh Hamad Al-Sabah, Assistant Foreign Minister for Asian Affairs Sheikh Al-Sabah, Ambassador to Kuwait Sheikh Jabir Al-Mubarak Al-Sabah and Kuwaiti Ambassador to London, Yasser Al-Ahmad. On the other hand, His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah received the 51st Di Al-Malik, His Excellency Mohammad Al-Azmi and Chairman of the Supreme Council for Education and Higher Education Dr Hamed Noor Al-Nasser, as well as His Highness the Amir congratulated Ikhlas School over Arab Reading Challenge award.

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Controversy after National Assembly keeps lawmakers’ membership

Different opinions on if MPs can return home without being arrested

By Ilyas and A Al-Faleh

KUWAIT: The National Assembly’s vote late on Tuesday has divided constitutional experts, lawmakers and politicians on whether the vote to keep their membership despite the suspension of the immunity of the two lawmakers caused by their conviction of being arrested is right or not. The assembly voted 31 against 29 with two abstentions to maintain the parliament’s vote of eliminating MPs Waleed Al-Istithlal and Jamran Al-Mutairi after the deadly stabbing in the assembly.

Different constitutional experts insisted that the vote was illegal and the two lawmakers’ membership has automatically been revoked after they were sentenced to a jail term for entering the National Assembly building during a protest in November 2013. Other constitutional experts however insisted that the Assembly vote is within the law as it was voting on whether to revoke the two lawmakers’ membership or not.

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By Mehal Al-Anezi

NEW YORK: The State of Kuwait called for a peaceful resolution to the crisis in eastern Ukraine in a speech at the UNSC meeting on Ukraine, Kuwaiti Permanent Representative to the UN Mansour Al-Otaibi said that a solution is needed to end the war in the region. He added that Iran and Russia are key players in the situation and that they should take action to bring about a peaceful resolution.

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KUWAIT: Current conditions in the global oil market indicate that the price of Kuwaiti crude oil would remain within the range of $67 to $77 per barrel, according to an analyst. The price of a barrel of Kuwaiti crude is roughly equivalent to Brent crude, which costs between $67 to $72 a barrel, Mohammad Al-Shatti said yesterday, adding that “limit of supply” is a factor that could lower the price of Kuwaiti crude. The oil expert drew a correlation between geopolitical conditions in the region and the stability of the oil market, pointing out that in an interest growth, oil production growth is a hike. He predicted that oil prices would soon pick up again, given the fact that the “core structure of the market remains solid.”

On the reasons behind the decline in oil prices, Shatti pinpointed the decline of China’s currency against the US dollar as a major factor in addition to the rise in US stocks of crude oil. The current conditions in the market have pushed oil prices towards a state of “Contango,” a situation where the future price of a commodity is above the expected spot price, the analyst explained. “Oil producing nations could keep production limited as a tactic to ensure stability in the market,” Shatti added, highlighting OPEC’s forecast of slower oil demand growth in 2019.

Exports to Japan

Meanwhile, Kuwait’s crude oil exports to Japan declined by 16.3 percent in September from a year earlier to 6.89 million barrels, or 230,000 barrels per day (bpd), down for the first time in two months, government data showed yesterday. As Japan’s fourth-biggest oil provider, Kuwait supplied 7.9 percent of the Asian nation’s total crude imports, compared with 8.7 percent in the same month of last year, the Japanese Natural Resources and Energy Agency said in a preliminary report.

Japan’s overall imports of crude oil of 4.79 million barrels per month was to 2.92 million bpd, the first drop in two months. Shipments from the Middle East accounted for 86.1 percent of the total, down 3.0 percentage points from the year before. Saudi Arabia remained Japan’s No.1 oil supplier, but imports from the kingdom slid 13.1 percent from a year earlier to 1.03 million bpd, followed by the United Arab Emirates (UAE) with 698,000 bpd, down 17.2 percent. Qatar ranked third with 240,000 bpd and Iran fifth with 149,000 bpd, respectively. Resources-poor Japan, which is the world’s third-biggest oil consumer after the US and China, relies on imports for virtually all of its oil, gas and coal — KUN

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**Uzbek bloggers test-and-hit-the-limits-of-a-new-found-freedom**

Bloggers begin to tackle issues once considered taboo

TASHKENT: When Uzbek authorities obtained several convictions against bloggers in June, activists in Tashkent packed some clothes in a bag and rushed for the airport, the last chance to escape the clutches of the regime. The country’s first blogger to be convicted of extremism under a law that is under international scrutiny, the conviction of Islomkhon Guebla in November 2016, left many Uzbek bloggers wondering about their safety in the future.

However, this is changing, and despite a rise in prosecution cases against some writers and members of the Uzbek blogosphere in the past two years, activists say that new laws created in 2017, which allows bloggers to obtain registration, have opened the door for Uzbek bloggers to more freely cover topics that are previously considered taboo.

“With the new registration and openness of the authorities, it’s not too difficult to find topics that bloggers are interested in covering,” said Rinat Zaytullov, a local Uzbek blogger. “Today, bloggers can freely cover topics such as democracy, human rights, and the government’s campaign against extremism.”

Starting in late 2017, authorities began to target bloggers and journalists who were critical of the regime, leading to a backlash among Uzbek citizens who are calling for an end to censorship.

The new laws have allowed bloggers to more freely express their opinions and to cover topics that were previously considered taboo. However, authorities continue to monitor the activities of bloggers and to issue warnings for violations of the law.

Despite the challenges, activists remain hopeful that Uzbekistan will continue to move towards greater openness and freedom of the press.

**Yemeni teacher turns his home into school for 700 students**

TAEZ: Outside the home of Yemeni teacher Ala Al-Mahdi, the space of his small house barely reaches more than 30 square meters. But it is enough for him to convert his home into a school for 700 students, including 400 children from the nearby governorate of Dhamar.

Both the Andalusian-aligned Houthi group and pro-government forces have destroyed schools in the city, according to local activists.

“Because of the destruction of schools in the city, the decision to open a new school in my home was a way to continue with my mission as a teacher,” Al-Mahdi said.

**Tunisian woman suicide bomber a jobless graduate**

TUNIS: A woman who blew herself up in a busy street of the Tunisian capital this week, plowing through crowds and killing at least 10 people, was a jobless 26-year-old graduate of a local university, her brother and the government said on Wednesday.

Tahera Abouchchour, 26, was either unemployed or doing an unskilled job, the Interior Ministry said. She was the second woman to blow herself up in Tunis in a little over a week after a 27-year-old woman died in an attack on the presidential palace.

**Danish envoy summoned**

TEHRAN: Iran’s foreign ministry summoned the Danish ambassador yesterday over the arrest of an Iranian student at Aalborg University in northern Denmark.

The Danish ambassador to Tehran arrived at the ministry’s headquarters in a diplomatic car on Thursday afternoon, a source told The Times of Israel.

**42 Nigerian Shiites killed in attack by Islamic State’s Syrian affiliate**

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Machar had returned to Juba on August 21 to continue the peace process that was initiated in February, but was forced to leave after the Sudanese government refused to extend his mandate.

The government of President Salva Kiir is also said to have blocked Machar from entering the capital.

**Machar back in Juba**

NEPAL: South Sudan rebel leader Riek Machar returned to the capital Juba for the first time in nearly two years yesterday, the most significant development since his return to the country.

The government of President Salva Kiir has agreed to extend Machar’s mandate as vice president, allowing him to return to the capital.

His return is seen as a positive step towards a lasting peace in the country, which has been mired in conflict since 2013.

However, Machar will continue to face challenges as he works to forge a consensus between rival factions and bring an end to the conflict.

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A 80-year-old Bulger found unrecognizable by fellow inmates

WASHINGTON: Notorious Boston gangster James "Whitey" Bulger was found dead in hospital at age 89 in West Virginia, one day after he was transferred to the high-security facility to save the remaining 14 years of his life. According to the Washington Post, the 89-year-old Bulger, who was known for his life of crime, was found in his hospital room on Wednesday. The cause of death is not yet known.

Bulger is known for his life of crime, having served time in prison for racketeering, fraud, extortion, and other crimes. He was later released from prison due to health reasons but was later arrested and sent back to jail.

Fake news accounts: Nigeria social media's copycat issue

LAGOS: When one of Africa's richest men jointed Twitter and posted his first tweet on Mar 13 this year, his followers in his native Nigeria were immediate followers. "Social media is a powerful tool for information and the fight for our freedom," he wrote, even signing his name "Muhammadu Buhari".

But within hours of his Twitter debut, nascent accounts冒稱 are purported to have some online confusion. Some that had been dormant for years suddenly sprung to life. In some cases, accounts that would be impossible to had been active, and were seemingly posting content, which can be hard to verify.

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In addition to concerns about the authenticity of the posts, there were also concerns about the integrity of the posts. Some had even been using fake accounts to spread misinformation.

Erdoğan's Turkey remembers WWI battles, not defeat

ANKARA: Turkish President and leader of Turkey's ruling Justice and Development (AK) Party, Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, referred to the battle at the Canakkale Victory Day celebrations in Turkey on Saturday. Erdoğan said in his speech that the battle was a turning point in the history of Turkey.

"We remember the Canakkale Victory Day as a turning point in the history of Turkey," Erdoğan said in his speech. "We remember the battle as a turning point in the history of Turkey."

Born in 1954, Erdoğan has been a key figure in Turkish politics since the 1990s and has been serving as president since 2014.

World War I, a revolution for women

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"Women stepped up to fill roles previously held by men, allowing women to take on new responsibilities and contribute to society in new ways," says historian Sarah Sonn, author of "Women, War, and Revolution: The First World War and Gender in France, Britain, and the United States, 1914-1918."
Seven killed in suicide attack near Kabul prison

Heart: An Afghan army helicopter carrying 25 people crashed yesterday near a prison in Afghanistan, killing at least seven people on board, officials said. The attack came just over a week after a Taliban attack near the prison, which killed eight people, including two American military personnel. The Taliban claimed their attack was a response to the US military's bombing of an Afghan military base near the prison. The US military has denied these claims.

Pakistan’s charity crackdown spreads uncertainty

Islamabad: Foreign and domestic groups working in Pakistan say that the sudden clampdown on foreign aid groups has left them in limbo. The government announced plans to expel all foreign aid groups from the country, alleging that they were working for foreign agents and that they were involved in activities that were against national security. The move has sent shockwaves through the aid sector, which has been working in Pakistan for decades.

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Asia Bibi: Pakistani Christian acquires of blasphemy

Islamabad: For the majority of Asia Bibi’s life, she lived in obscurity like many of Pakistan’s devout Christians until a blasphemy allegation against her took her to the spotlight in deeply conservative Muslim Pakistan where even unsubstantiated accusations of disrespecting Islam can provoke death at the hands of mobs. The allegations against Bibi date back to 2005, when her husband, a Christian lawyer, was killed in an attack on his home in the town of Multan, where Bibi was living. Bibi’s case drew the attention of the global community in 2010, when her case was taken up by the Pakistani Supreme Court. In 2018, Bibi was acquitted of all charges and released from death row.

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Back to Bin Laden

After Bin Laden

The US military launched a daring night raid on May 2, 2011, to kill Osama bin Laden, the mastermind of the September 11, 2001, attacks on the United States. The operation, codenamed "Operation Neptune Spear," was a joint effort between the US Army Special Forces and Navy SEALs. After the raid, Bin Laden's body was not found, but the operation was a success in terms of military strategy, as it allowed the US to claim victory in the war on terrorism.

In the years since, the US military has continued to pursue bin Laden's network, and the US government has stated that it has killed a number of high-level al-Qaeda leaders. However, the US military has never confirmed the death of bin Laden, and some experts believe that he could still be alive. In February 2017, a US military operation in Pakistan killed one of bin Laden's top lieutenants, an al-Qaeda commander named Abu Yahya al-Libi. The US military also claims to have killed several other top-level al-Qaeda leaders in recent years.

Despite the US military's efforts, al-Qaeda continues to operate in several countries, and its network of affiliates remains intact. The group has been responsible for a number of attacks in recent years, including the suicide bombing of a US army base in Afghanistan in 2017 and a bomb attack on a restaurant in Egypt in 2018.

The US military has focused on targeting the leaders of al-Qaeda in recent years, and it has been successful in eliminating several high-level figures. However, the group continues to pose a threat, and the US military will continue to pursue it until it is completely eliminated.
Cities seek cash, tech to activate plans for safer, greener future

A 14 million people move to cities each week. Local abilities to help residents safely and efficiently needs to improve substantially, warned the United Nations secretary-general. The "city is the engine of the 21st century," he said. The US-based 100 Resilient Cities (100RC) has found that 70 percent of the region's population living in cities, said conditions had improved in the past 10 to 20 years is Latin America, of the benefits," she said. "If you only get the costs of that population density and none of basic infrastructure and basic services, then you need to implement their strategies.

In 2018, American elections are beginning to look dis-

Is the US still a real democracy?

Voters in established democracies are accustomed to going to the polls to choose between parties, enact policies or change governments. In these countries, citizens have an opportunity to vote and participate in a free and fair election. "The region that has made the largest leaps in
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Kuwait improves in three indicators


KUWAIT: The 2019 Doing Business Report, released yesterday by the World Bank Group (WBG), notes that Kuwait’s ease of doing business score improved during the past year from 4.1 to 4.2. The improvement was driven by Kuwait’s improved score in Starting a Business and Protecting Minority Investor. Kuwait ranks at 97 on the ease of doing business.

The report says a year-long campaign improved in three indicators: Online registration and the establishment of a “one stop shop” for all business registration procedures; the elimination of minimum capital requirement (percent of income per capita) from 8.5 to zero; Kuwait’s rank improved in Getting Electricity from 97 to 95, reduced the number of days from 85 to 83. This progress was achieved through online registration and the establishment of a “one stop shop” for all business registration procedures and the elimination of minimum capital requirement (percent of income per capita) from 8.5 to zero. Kuwait’s rank improved in Filing Electricity from 97 to 95, reduced the number of days from 85 to 83. This progress was achieved through online registration and the establishment of a “one stop shop” for all business registration procedures and the elimination of minimum capital requirement (percent of income per capita) from 8.5 to zero. Kuwait’s rank improved in Filing Electricity from 97 to 95, reduced the number of days from 85 to 83. This progress was achieved through online registration and the establishment of a “one stop shop” for all business registration procedures and the elimination of minimum capital requirement (percent of income per capita) from 8.5 to zero.


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**Business**

**Samsung Electronics enjoys record Q3 despite struggles**

Solid demand for memory chips, but warning of tougher times ahead

South Korea tech giant is the world’s top maker of semiconductors and smartphone chips, receiving a flood of orders for iPhones and Huawei devices. The firm reported record Q3 sales and profits for the quarter ending September 30.

**Labour:** The Q3 operating profit of 11.6 trillion won ($10.1 billion), up 25 percent from a year ago, are an all-time high for any quarter.

**Profit:** Net profit also jumped 17.5 percent to 13 trillion won, with sales rising 6.8 percent to 73 trillion won. The company attributed the growth to continued strength in the memory chip market.

**Forecast:** Samsung said it expects the memory market to be the peak,” Greg Roh of HMC Securities & Investment told AFP.

**Trade:** It also revised its total sales for this year in the same line as long-term orders for its chips.

**Future:** At the same time, Samsung said it would focus on developing foldable phones and artificial intelligence.

**Fees:** The company’s overall sales and profit, but the unit’s anticipated foldable phones and artificial intelligence

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**Memorandum:** According to options markets, as fears grow that Britain is headed for a sudden, disruptive exit from the European Union, its largest trading partner, the currency also fell against the yen.

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**Trade:** The pound is at its weakest level against the dollar in nearly a year in January after a Brexit deadline was announced.

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**Shopping at Venezuelan stores? Better take dollars**

GARAGA: A luxury hotel in Caracas, capital of Venezuela, is a small shopping mall with expensive goods ranging from luxury items to food. When a man enters the store, he is greeted by a security guard with a metal detector. The guard then proceeds to check the man’s belongings.

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**Rolling in euros:** France’s Basques’ thriving currency

**YARRONEN, France:** Nipping out to buy a cup of coffee or some bread? Today in France’s Basque country, it may be a cup of champagne, always runs out within a week.

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**Cash or euskos?**

**France:** A small European country has its own currency, the euskos, which is used in a small region in Northern France. The euskos are used in a local market that sells Basque products.

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**ABK launches ‘ABK SecurePay’ for Mastercard cardholders**

**KUALA LUMPUR:** ABK Home Bank Berhad (ABK) recently introduced a digital payment solution for its Mastercard cardholders called ‘ABK SecurePay’. The launch of this technology is in line with the Bank’s focus on being customer-centric and offering customers more secure, convenient and efficient ways to transact.

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**Net profit:** The company said its net profit was up 40 percent to $115.6 million in the quarter ended September 30, while its revenue rose 27 percent to $1.2 billion.

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**Dollar stores:** These stores typically sell basic products at lower prices than traditional supermarkets.

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Job growth accelerates after Hurricane

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The ADP national employment report showed growth in payrolls increased by 134,000 in September, the fewest in a year. That followed a revised gain of 189,000 in August and a revised increase of 224,000 in July. August's number was revised down to 185,000 from 208,000.

The unemployment rate is forecast unchanged at 3.9 percent. With another month of job gains, it is highly unlikely that US employers added less than 100,000 positions in October.

The dollar was little changed against a basket of currencies after the data, while US Treasury yields rose to 3.25 percent, the highest since February 2011, suggesting a pickup in inflation. The job report comes with US economic growth slowing, with US growth forecast revised down to 2.9 percent in the third quarter from 3.1 percent.

Facebook shares roller-coaster as it rides change

SAN FRANCISCO: Facebook announced plans to ramp up spending on content moderation, which is drawing scrutiny, by adding 5,000 new jobs to its 7,000-person global team. The company, which has been facing backlash and criticism over how it handles false and misleading content, said it was adding 5,000 new jobs in the next three months to review more messages and posts. The move is intended to address concerns about the social network "mired in a spate of controversies - gained Tuesday to adapt to users sharing more privately as the market is really nervous and it doesn't take much to move Facebook shares.

LONDON: Prime Minister Theresa May met about 120 business leaders and major investors yesterday as concerns about the Brexit negotiations are currently stalled over a dispute about the Irish border. The government is scheduled to release an updated Brexit strategy on Thursday.

Big spender Airbus says Q3 net profit more than triples to 957m euros

PARIS: European aerospace giant Airbus reported a third quarter net profit of 957 million euros ($1.1 billion), more than triple the 303 million euros it reported a year earlier. The company, which makes flying cars of the US, said it was maintaining its forecast for deliveries of 800 commer-

Private payrolls rise in October: wages surge in third quarter

German firms should cut their depend-a dependence on China: Group

BERLIN: German firms should cut their dependence on China in the medium term, according to a policy paper that underscores the importance of reducing dependence on Beijing's state-dominated economy, according to a draft seen by Reuters. The 25-page China position paper from the Federation of German Industries (BDI) says in a statement that it is "insolvent" to keep allowing Chinese companies to "pursue a low-wage strategy in China and to minimise their dependence by diversifying supply chains, production sites and energy raw materials. For a bigger EU budget, they argue, "a growth that is more strongly being used by 2020 members and the text could change before publication.

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Our "community and business continue to grow quickly and now more than two million people one at least one of our services every day," Zuckerberg said in a conference call, including WhatsApp, Instagram and Messenger in the country. "We have an ongoing business for private messages and status and there are huge opportunities ahead to find new and better ways to develop those ideas."

"I think we will get there in time, and the opportunity exists that we will be the one to look back at Facebook and see it as the social network by foreign actors trying to influence the upcoming election will be a real test of the protections we have put in place," Zuckerberg said of the challenge.

The company is in the process of implementing new ad policies and moderating ads on its platform, according to Zuckerberg. While Facebook is tackling the issue of moderating ads on its platform, it has yet to make meaningful investments in the safety of the social network. As long as they are meeting or exceeding on the bot-tom line, the company said it expects its ad revenue growth to slow. Facebook finished the quarter rose 53 percent to $7.95 billion from $5.2 billion in the year-ago period, including $3.1 billion in revenue from Facebook itself, the latest member of the Airbus family of single-aisle aircraft. The Airbus A320neo, the latest version of the A320 family, will be increasingly important for companies in China and to minimise their dependence by diversifying supply chains, production sites and energy resources. For a bigger EU budget, they argue, "a growth that is more strongly being used by 2020 members and the text could change before publication.

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Global Finance recognition for 7th time

KUWAIT: Kuwaiti Financial Centre “Markaz” operates in the field of investment banking in Kuwait, was recognized for the seventh time in eight years by Global Finance magazine to be the “Best Investment Bank in Kuwait” for the year 2018.

The Chairman of the Board of Directors, Mr. Ali Khalil Al-Mutlaq, stated: “Naming Markaz as the ‘Best Investment Bank’ in Kuwait for the year 2018 is a real confirmation of the performance of underwritings and market reputation. It underlines the capabilities, distribution network, efforts to address the needs of clients, strong financial and human resources, performance of underwritings and market reputation, editors and industry experts, including market share, earnings, the nature of the services provided, and strengths.”

“Markaz is one of the top financial institutions in the Middle East, with a threefold offering of investment banking, asset and wealth management as well as treasury management. It is among the top twenty-five investment banks in the world for thirteen consecutive years by Global Finance magazine, a specialized magazine in Middle Eastern and global financial markets. Markaz was also named “Best Asset Management Company” in the Middle East by Global Finance magazine.”

Markaz’s performance continues to attract recognition from experts in the region’s financial industry. Markaz was recognized twice in 2017 as ‘Best Investment Bank in Kuwait’ by Global Finance magazine and EMEA Finance. Markaz was also named “Best Asset Management Company” in the world for 2017 by Global Finance magazine, in addition to the awards for its professional skills in executing many successful transactions for its clients in the fields of credit market, equity, capital and acquisition along with offering financial advisory services.

Health assurance hospitals company DHAMAN continues recruitment steps

KUWAIT: Health Assurance Hospitals Company — DHAMAN — announced that its expansion is in full swing to complete the human resources system and recruitment of a number of medical and administrative staff to meet its future needs. This coincides with the operation of Primary Healthcare Companies in Kuwait. DHAMAN has started its preparations and completed the technical administrative and human resource requirements and has also completed the stages of employment needs in a short span for the operation of the first phase of the project which covers the governorate of Kuwait, in coordination with the Ministry of Health.

In addition, as the completion of the program of employment in the company, a notification for medical posts which are announced are subject to a number of precise professional criteria, In this respect, Datafile Group provides job opportunities for authorities (DWW) and investigates information and requirement examination. The company has set strict limits of gates, says and false professional practices in the campaign so that the qualified candidates who are provided will possess the required and proven qualifications that are required in the healthcare sector as it is considered a project of vital importance to the health of KUWAIT.

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Indian Embassy hosts cultural event to honor Sushma Swaraj

By Sajeeb K Peter

The Indian Embassy in Kuwait hosted a cultural program on Tuesday evening at the Indian Embassy Cultural Centre. The event aimed to honor Sushma Swaraj, the former Indian Foreign Minister, and to celebrate India’s cultural heritage.

The event was graced by Dr. Basma Abdullah Al-Saadoun, the Kuwaiti oncologist who is also a prominent breast cancer awareness advocate. She delivered a speech about the importance of breast cancer awareness and the need for early detection. Dr. Al-Saadoun emphasized the significance of regular self-examinations and seeking medical advice promptly.

The musical program was followed by a Kathak recital by Malini Mahadevan, a renowned Kathak dancer. She exuded self-confidence like a mature singer, and her performance was an absolute treat. Despite being a school-going girl, she displayed the poise and grace typical of a professional performer.

Earlier, paying tribute to Mahatma Gandhi, the minister interacted with the Indian students at the event. The minister interacted with the students and encouraged them to continue their efforts in promoting Indian culture and heritage.

Swaraj said in her address, "I feel that my association with the Indian community wherever I visit. It was an amazing experience for me. I feel that my journey will be incomplete without meeting the Indian community wherever I visit. Swaraj said in her address."

In summary, the event was a successful platform for cultural exchange and awareness, highlighting the significant role of cultural programs in fostering mutual understanding and fostering goodwill between nations.
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**Motorworks**

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And circle all of the words and change them as The Golden Girls TV show The remaining blanks spell the name of a sportsperson.

**Songs With Girls’ Names**


Coffee farmers in matrilineal villages in a mountainous region of Indonesia are getting assistance from a geothermal energy company, which said it is helping them to grow and find global buyers for their beans. Backed by the Asian Development Bank (ADB), PT Supreme Energy Rantau Dedap has been supporting coffee growers in South Sumatra province while building a nearby geothermal power plant. The company began linking them with buyers including PT Fortunium, Rumah Kopi Ranin and Indokom, which supply both the domestic and overseas markets, said company and ADB officials.

“We are now reaching out to a global market,” said Viswanathan Ramasubramanian of ADB yesterday. “If there is an improvement in coffee quality, it has the potential to attract big buyers, which can further improve livelihoods,” he said by phone from the Philippines capital Manila, where ADB is based. The geothermal project on Sumatra, a large and mountainous island west of the capital Jakarta, began in 2011 and is being built with $227 million of funding provided by the ADB.

Coffee-growing communities in the area have a matrilineal culture, which means that women play a key role in society and property inheritance is passed down to the eldest daughter. To make way for the geothermal plant, the company purchased 125 hectares (309 acres) of land from 150 households, which used the proceeds to buy nearby land for coffee farming. Two years ago, Supreme Energy and ADB brought agronomists and other farming experts from Indonesian universities to review the coffee growing practices and provide training to increase yields. After just six months, the annual coffee bean production of many farmers who took part in the training doubled, according to Ramasubramanian.

Earlier this year more coffee specialists were called on to help improve the quality of the beans to eventually help farmers attract higher prices from international buyers. To achieve the best prices, farmers also formed collectives for selling their coffee to local buyers, Ramasubramanian told the Thomson Reuters Foundation.

The power project also supported the formation of women’s groups in several villages, with equipment and technology provided to help with coffee roasting, grinding and packaging. “The plan is for the new coffee facilities to be developed step by step, to be mostly operated by local people and prioritize the employment of women,” said Ismoyo Argo, a senior manager at Supreme Energy. — Reuters

Renewable brew: Indonesian geothermal project energizes women coffee growers

Coffee farmer is given advice by an agronomist and coffee expert in Yayasan village, South Sumatra, Indonesia.

A pumpkin carvings by Russian artist Anastasiya Dubach is displayed in a park in Moscow yesterday — AFP
There is more than the Great Wall to visit in China

By Joseph Shagra

The Chinese Embassy invited Kuwait Times and other Kuwaiti media to visit and discover the beauty of China. China boasts a large number of wonderful attractions including historical sites, natural wonders, and cultural heritage. With its diverse folk customs, China is the world's number one tourist destination. It will take years to visit all of these attractions. Our first destination was Beijing, which is definitely one of the most visited cities in the world. Every year millions of visitors flock to Beijing to see the capital of China, a great blend of old and new. Hundreds of tourist scenic spots and historical sites are in Beijing. Some are walkable, while some are a little far from the city center.

You absolutely don't want to miss Tiananmen Square, Forbidden City, Temple of Heaven, and to explore the Great Wall and the nearby Ming Tombs. Before you depart to the next destination don't miss the Summer Palace and Huangpu from Beijing you can travel to all popular destinations in China conveniently. There are daily trains and flights to most travel destinations in China.
As for Shanghai, on China’s central coast, it is the country’s biggest city and a global financial hub. It has a long history as a gateway to China on the Yangtze River Delta. It is the largest economic and trade center in China, and one of China’s cultural centers. Shanghai’s heart is the Bund, a lined waterfront promenade lined with colonial-era buildings. Across the Huangpu River rises the Pudong district’s futuristic skyline, including the 632m Shanghai Tower and the Oriental Pearl TV Tower, with distinctive pink spheres. The sprawling Yu Garden has traditional pavilions, towers and ponds.

The gleaming manifestation of China’s economic miracle, Shenzhen has risen from the marshy Pearl River Delta into one of the world’s megacities. Shenzhen attracts high-flying tech graduates and global corporations. Shenzhen is located in the southern portion of Guangdong Province, neighboring the Pearl River Delta and Hong Kong. Shenzhen is a prime example of a geographical advantage for economic development.

It has created a number of excellent theme parks which entertain while teaching visitors about China and the world. Splendid China - Folk Culture Villages introduce visitors to China’s long history and varied cultures, while Window of the World will take you to every corner of the world in one day. Additionally, if you want to make your stay even more luxurious, visit Happy Valley, the largest of its kind in the city, situated on a picturesque coastline.
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US voters poised to elect 2 Muslims...

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The expected electoral showdown is in stark contrast to the US Muslim community's hope for a more inclusive and democratic society.

President Trump's retreat from the Middle East...
Defending champion Georges suffers bruising defeat to Kontaveit

Defending champion, 23-year-old, Belgian Elise Mertens was left reeling yesterday afternoon when she was dethroned by her Polish opponent Dabrowska.

Georges, who had managed to reach the quarter-finals, was left without a way to win back the title after her defeat yesterday afternoon.

The Frenchwoman struggled to find her rhythm against Kontaveit and was forced to play from behind, with Kontaveit taking control of the match with ease.

The result leaves Georges with no chance of regaining the title and will be a blow to her hopes of making it to the semi-finals.

Kontaveit, on the other hand, will be delighted with her performance and is likely to be looking forward to the semi-finals and beyond.

Federer confirms Indian Wells Masters

Federer confirmed that he would not compete in the Indian Wells Masters, which is set to take place in the US this month.

The Swiss maestro announced this news during a press conference in Dubai, where he is currently preparing for the ATP World Tour 2020.

Federer has not played in the Indian Wells Masters since 2011, and this year’s event will mark his first appearance since then.

Despite his decision not to compete, Federer praised the tournament and its organizers for their commitment to the game.

“Indian Wells is a special place for me, and I’m excited to be returning to the tournament where I’ve had so much success in the past,” said Federer.

Federer’s decision is a setback for the Indian Wells Masters, which has traditionally been one of the most prestigious tournaments on the ATP Tour.

However, it is not the first time that a top player has pulled out of the tournament, and it is likely to have little impact on the overall quality of the event.

Ottawa: Calgary will not bid for 2026 Winter Olympics

Calgary is determined to avoid becoming the third city to withdraw from the bidding process for the 2026 Winter Olympics.

The city is one of eight remaining bidders for the Winter Games, which are scheduled to take place in February 2026.

Despite facing fierce competition from other cities, Calgary is determined to make a successful bid and is working hard to secure the necessary funding.

City officials are confident that they can deliver a world-class Winter Games and are committed to ensuring that the event will be a success.

“Calgary has a long and proud history of hosting major sporting events and we are confident that we can deliver a world-class Winter Games,” said Calgary Mayor Naheed Nenshi.

Nenshi added that the city is committed to ensuring that the Games will be a success and that the city will be a strong contender for the hosting rights.

Federer's only tournament victory in Bercy

Federer’s only tournament victory in Bercy came against fellow Spaniard Fernando Verdasco, a match that he won in straight sets.

Federer had been struggling with a variety of injuries in recent months, and his victory over Verdasco was a welcome relief.

It marked the end of a successful tournament for Federer, who had reached the final of the tournament in three previous years.

Federer is now looking forward to his next tournament, which is the ATP World Tour 2020, where he is expected to continue his dominance of the game.

In a press statement, Federer said: “I’m happy to play tomorrow. I feel like I have some energy left in the tank and I’m looking forward to the next challenge.”

Meanwhile, Verdasco will be disappointed with his performance, which was not up to his usual standard.

Despite losing the match, Verdasco said he was proud of his efforts and that he had given his best.

Verdasco will now focus on his upcoming tournament, which is the ATP World Tour 2020, where he is expected to continue his good form.

Ottawa: The Olympic bid committee in Calgary has announced that the city will not bid for the 2026 Winter Olympics.

The decision comes after the city was forced to withdraw from the bidding process earlier this year.

Calgary was one of eight cities that had expressed interest in hosting the Games, but the city was unable to secure the necessary funding.

Calgary Mayor Naheed Nenshi said that the decision was a tough one, but that it was necessary to ensure the city’s long-term financial health.

“The Olympic Games are an incredible opportunity, but they also come with significant costs,” said Nenshi.

He added that the city is committed to ensuring that it has a sustainable financial future and that the decision to withdraw from the bidding process was the best choice for the city.

The council voted unanimously to withdraw from the bidding process, and the decision was announced during a press conference yesterday.

“While we are disappointed that the city will not bid for the 2026 Winter Olympics, we are committed to ensuring that we have a sustainable future,” said Nenshi.

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“Just that we will be decided before the qualifications, sometimes in the first quarter of next year,” he added. He acknowledged that preparations remained on track despite the blockades, and that the budget of $20 billion for the entire infrastructure, including metro and expressways, has not been affected.

“We are very happy and excited with the progress. It is on track. By 2020-2021 all our stadiums will be ready,” he said.

Garrett Temple scored 20 points, and Mike Conley added 19 points as Memphis topped the Clippers 122-112 on Thursday night. The Grizzlies improved to 6-3 in the second quarter. Nurkic and Lillard each had 19 points, and McCollum added 10. The Rockets, playing a second consecutive game without All-NBA guard James Harden (Grade 1-plus left hamstring strain), offered too much resistance in the second half, trailing by as many as 26 points while remaining without a home. Three Paul led Houston with 17 points and seven assists, and Clint Capela had 10 points and 14 rebounds.

CELTICS 108, PISTONS 105
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