Aseeri denies resigning over old tweets as MPs defend her

Islamist, opposition lawmakers keep up pressure on minister

By B Izzak

KUWAIT: Newly-appointed Minister of Social Affairs and Labor Ghadeer Aseeri denied yesterday rumors claiming that she had resigned from the Cabinet on the back of a campaign against her inclusion in the government. Aseeri, one of seven new faces in the Cabinet formed on Tuesday, has been the target of a campaign mainly by Islamist MPs and activists over her support of Shiite-led protests in Bahrain and her rejection of sending Gulf troops to back the Manama government.

But the minister yesterday said she held meetings with the ministry's under-secretary and assistant undersecretaries to review ministerial plans on the first day of taking office, denying that she was contemplating quitting the Cabinet. Aseeri, a Shiite academic, had expressed her views backing the Bahraini protests publicly mainly on her Twitter account, which led several MPs to question what would be her position now.

Islamist opposition MP Mohammad Al-Mutair on Tuesday threatened he will grill the prime minister if he did not fire Aseeri before she takes oath in the Assembly next week. But Shiite MPs yesterday came strongly to Aseeri's defense, insisting that the minister must not be criticized on positions taken in the past. MP Saleh Ashour said that it is not allowed to hold a minister to account for statements or positions taken before they were appointed in the government.

MP Khaled Al-Shatti insisted that the campaign against Aseeri was politically motivated by some “religious radicals”. MP Ahmad Al-Fadhl also said it was not allowed to pressurize the minister to resign over a tweet she wrote in 2011.

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WASHINGTON: Protesters supporting the impeachment of US President Donald Trump gather outside the US Capitol yesterday. — AFP

VIVA is now the most advanced network in Kuwait
Rain turns Rawdatain camps into ‘poolside’ areas

KUWAIT: Men have Arabic coffee and tea together as they rest on mats before a large rainwater flooding pool in Al-Rawdatain, about 120 kilometers north of Kuwait City yesterday. Heavy rains that hit Kuwait in recent days have damaged camps across the country’s desert where camping is popular during the winter and spring seasons. — Photos by Yasser Al-Zayyat

Tents flooded following the heavy rains.

Sheep graze on an elevated ridge above a flooded pond.

Vehicles drive along an elevated road between a flooded rainwater pool.

A man walks through a rainwater pool at a damaged camp site.

A rainwater pool caused by flooding after heavy rain.
Kuwait Crown Prince receives Prime Minister, Cabinet members

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KUWAIT: The Ambassador of the Kingdom of Bhutan to Kuwait hosted a reception on the occasion of the 112th National Day anniversary at Crowne Plaza hotel recently. Higher officials, diplomats, a cross section of the Bhutanese community and media persons attended the event. — Photos by Yasser Al-Zayyat
Kuwaiti software company has already created a new Arabic dictionary and will make it available on the Internet next January, the founder said yesterday. Founder of Kuwait's Sakhr Software Company, Mohammad Al-Sharif, made the remark in an interview with the State of Kuwait's Permanent Delegate to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) meeting the World Arab Day. He said he had decided to compile a fresh Arabic dictionary since Arab people, in general, stopped using outdated and complicated Arabic lexicons that are uneasy to use and contain very archaic vocabularies. To make it easy for people to use on social media, a modern software technology, notably CORUDICL dictionary, has been used in the creation of this online dictionary.

CORUDICL dictionary technology was initially introduced by Birmingham University in the middle of the last century. Sharif elaborated the new product includes 30 million Arabic vocabularies, in addition to statistical systems to extract unique words and their meanings, he pointed out. The first version of the dictionary contains 125,000 meanings and structures under 80,000 entries, 35,000 enumerations and antonyms, and 150,000 examples, he added. While reading online newspapers, checking e-mails or writing something, a user can easily find the meaning, derivatives and synonyms of words he explained.

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On the UNESCO-organized celebration, Sharif said he was so happy to attend the event marking the World Arab Day at the UNESCO, which is the seat of world culture, and in the capital of enlightenment, Paris, the space of all official languages, he added. The World Arabic Language Day is celebrated every year on December 18. On this occasion, UNESCO will host three round tables dedicated to this year's theme 'Arabic Language and Artificial Intelligence.' Followed by a concert, at its headquarters in Paris on December 18, 2019.

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Director of the correctional facilities Shaqat Al-Maluni said prisoners are mainly concerned with correcting their behavior, conduct to make sure they return to the society as good and useful individuals. Shaqat added that prisoners are given nominal wages in return for the work they do in prison, which encourages many of them to take up certain professions that could be handy for them once they get back to the society.

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New defense minister vows to remove obstacles to improve staff performances

Education, health, services ministers explain agendas

By Anas Al-Saleh

KUWAIT: Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Defense Sheikh Ahmad Al-Mu’uwaini Al-Salih yesterday headed to the Kuwaiti Army Chief of Staff Lt Gen Mohammad Al-Khuwairi, his deputy Lt Gen Ahmad Al-Abd Allah, and Defence ministry’s members of the defence council and his assistant undersecretaries. Sheikh Al-Mu’uwaini said he looks forward to overcoming all obstacles hindering work progress within the ministry, with the aim of achieving the quantitative and qualitative goals. He expressed his commitment to address the problems facing the ministry and its staff members’ performance. “Success is only achievable through combining all efforts and cooperation amongst various sectors,” Sheikh Al-Mu’uwaini stressed, noting that his doors will be always open for different views and opinions that can develop the ministry’s work environment and for reform.

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In the meantime, Health Minister Saleh Dr Ra’d Al-Salih said electronics, blogs rise to the Health Ministry’s prominence in the coming period, and that the ministry is currently working on updating the food and medicine list and submitting it to the parliament for review. Speaking on the selection of a chairman held at the ministry’s headquarters to confirm his reappointment, Saleh said that the ministry had reached the final stages of developing its organizational structure and expressed his intentions to resolve many issues and face various academic and administrative challenges, which require the partnership of all parties. He added that he is looking forward to the success of the ministry in developing the national health insurance system and the digitalization of health services, in addition to developing public and academic education and the government sector’s higher education, Kuwait University and Public Authority for Applied Education and Training in the ‘New Kuwait’ 2050 development visions.

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Expressing his gratitude for the trust bestowed on him, Barhi pointed out that both ministries’ priorities are crystal clear and based on the national strategy to develop public, academic education and the government sector’s higher education, along with the health ministry. Meanwhile, Civil Defence Minister Saleh said he looks forward to overcoming all obstacles hindering work progress within the ministry, with the aim of achieving the quantitative and qualitative goals. He expressed his commitment to address the problems facing the ministry and its staff members’ performance. “Success is only achievable through combining all efforts and cooperation amongst various sectors,” Saleh stressed, noting that his doors will be always open for different views and opinions that can develop the ministry’s work environment and for reform.

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The bijah-clad students who stood up to Indian police

NEW DELHI: A group of young women have become the face of student-led protests that have engulfed India in recent days, as opposition has grown against a new citizenship law seen as anti-Muslim. The students have been at the forefront of protests in the financial capital Mumbai, and in the northern city of New Delhi, among other places across the nation. The law, whichPassed to grant citizenship to non-Muslim nationals from three neighboring countries, comes in the wake of other policies from Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s government that critics said were designed to marginalize the community. They have taken racism to the extreme and are now demanding the removal of the law.

Protests against new law rage across India

NEW DELHI: Fresh protests broke out across India yesterday as authorities banned large gatherings in parts of the capital in an effort to contain nationwide riots and protests against a citizenship law seen as discriminating against Muslims. The demonstrations over the past few days have turned violent, with six people dead in the northeastern state of Assam and with police using tear gas and water cannon to disperse hundreds of protesters in the Indian capital against the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA), which makes it easier for non-Muslims from the neighboring countries of Afghanistan, Bangladesh and Pakistan who settled in India prior to 1947 to gain Indian citizenship. Thousands of people have protested, saying the law is anti-Muslim and that it is a violation of the constitution.

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Demonstrators, mostly young people, again gathered outside Delhi’s Jamia Millia Islamia university as the anti-session marches rolled on. Police used tear gas and water cannon to disperse the crowd.

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Baghdad must ‘take actions’ on strikes on US interests: Washington

Iran-backed groups blamed for flurry of attacks

Baghdad: The United States has called on Baghdad to “take actions” to protect US interests in the country after a series of attacks that have been blamed on Iran-backed groups in Iraq, particularly since the 13th-century mosque had endured since 1947 after independence from Britain.

Kashmir: Kashmir was split between India and Pakistan in 1947 after independence from British-occupied Jammu and Kashmir. As an adult one of Balan’s children, he worked in a station, “I had a hard childhood,” says 13-year-old Maria. She and her husband were finally able to bring their adopted children to combat child trafficking.

UN committee decides to extend US military presence in Iraq

The 15-member council voted unanimously to extend the authorization of the cross-border aid mechanism, which was established in 2019 to help provide aid to civilians in areas beyond government control.

One of Romania’s ‘children of the decree’ fights for change

A Romanian orphanage system that was supposed to end in the 1990s has been revealed to be a system that is still in place.

Mosque re-opened months after Kashmir autonomy stripped

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“Sanctions... is one of the tools we will use to make now will determine this country’s future for generations to come,” he said. “All throughout this process,” Hushek said. “If the process moves forward, this is the way to prevent future sanctions.”

UN envoy to South Sudan warns of further sanctions

The 15-member council is aiming to deliver humanitarian assistance to areas beyond government control.

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Blair blames pan-European socialism for Labour defeat
Labour urged to abandon ‘quasi-revolutionary’ socialism

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**The case for a radical government has never been stronger.** Blair’s Brussels spokesman Ken Macdonald told reporters that the bus was ‘a victory for Labour’ and that Blair’s plan to stop the euro’s collapse had been ‘a victory for Labour’.

The bus is scheduled to start the fightback in 2015, and the Labour Party is expected to announce a general election in the spring of 2015.

Blair blamed the EU for its worst election defeat since the 1930s, saying that the party had not focused enough on the people of Britain.

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Tokyo: A Tokyo court yesterday awarded 3.5 billion yen (S$380 million) in damages to a 25-year-old woman in Japan who accused a former TV reporter of rape in one of the high-profile cases of the MeToo movement in Japan. The civil case made headlines in Japan and abroad as it is one of the few rape cases to reach the court.

The woman said in a written statement to the court that she was “very pleased” with the outcome of the case. “This is truly a historic moment,” she said.

She had sought 11 million yen ($100,000) in compensation from the TV station, Nippon News, which employed the TV reporter with close links to Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, according to news outlets. She had been seeking 380 million yen ($3.5 million) in damages from the station.

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**Citizenship fears fuel anger among India's Muslims**

India has been in crisis for some time, with the withdrawal of the US from the Global War on Terror, the rise of terrorism in the Middle East, and the ongoing conflict in Syria. This has led to a surge in refugees from the region, many of whom are Muslims. The situation has been exacerbated by the rise of far-right political parties in India, which have been targeting Muslims and other minority groups.

The Indian government has been accused of using citizenship laws to marginalize and discriminate against Muslims. The National Register of Citizens (NRC) was introduced in 2018 as a means of verifying citizenship, but it has had a disproportionately negative impact on Muslims. The NRC has led to the displacement of many Muslims, who have been forced to leave their homes and seek refuge in other countries.

The situation has also been exacerbated by the ongoing conflict with Pakistan. The two countries have been engaged in a border dispute for many years, and the situation has only worsened in recent years. The Indian government has been accused of using military force to settle the dispute, which has resulted in the displacement of many civilians.

The situation in India is dire, and the government needs to take urgent action to address the crisis. The citizens of India should be given the opportunity to live in peace and with dignity, and the government should work to resolve the conflict with Pakistan.

**Somalia's year of climate misery**

Somalia has been facing a year of climate misery, with drought and flooding affecting the country. The government has been struggling to cope with the situation, and many people are going hungry. The situation is especially dire in the country's drought-prone areas, where the lack of rainfall has led to a severe shortage of food.

The government has been working to provide aid to those affected by the drought, but the lack of resources has made it difficult to reach everyone who needs help. The World Food Programme has been providing food assistance to those in need, but the situation is still critical.

The government needs to take urgent action to address the crisis. It needs to increase its efforts to provide aid to those affected by the drought, and it needs to work with international partners to access additional resources. The government also needs to take steps to improve the country's infrastructure, so that it can better cope with future disasters.

**Sudan free from Bashir's sanctions on nickel supply**

Sudan has been free from Bashir's sanctions on nickel supply, which had been in place since 2006. The sanctions were lifted as part of a peace deal between Sudan and South Sudan, which had been fighting a civil war for years.

The lifting of the sanctions is a significant development for Sudan, as it will allow the country to increase its exports of nickel. The country has substantial nickel deposits, and lifting the sanctions will help it to take advantage of this resource.

The government and opposition leaders have been working to finalize a power-sharing agreement, which is expected to be signed in the near future. The agreement will establish a transitional government, which will work to stabilize the country and bring an end to the civil war.

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New tie-up eyes the transition to a world of clean, safe and sustainable mobility

ITALY: Finally agreed to at the end of October—a merger of the world’s fourth largest automakers—will “deliver a new era of sustainable mobility,” PSA and Fiat Peugeot and Vauxhall. The joint entity will have the world’s biggest car marque, generating $176 billion in sales last year, and will have a workforce of more than 250,000 people, in France and Italy. “Fiat Chrysler Automobiles and Peugeot SA have today signed a binding combination agreement providing for a 50/50 merger of their businesses to create the fourth largest global automobile company,” the companies said in a joint statement. “The combined group—whic...
Business

Kuwait’s growth to rebound in 2020 despite cuts in oil quotas

Non-oil growth in mid-2019

Kuwait’s economic growth will rebound to 1.8 percent in 2020 despite cuts in oil quotas announced earlier this year, seen as a major blow to mid-year at around 2.5 percent. Low oil prices are key to Kuwait’s budget and a financial lifeline, with the General Reserve Fund facing further decline absent major repositioning of new debts, officials said. But a rebound is expected as non-oil growth remains strong, needs to be done to improve the business climate and diversify away from oil, officials said. These policies and the launch of a new five-year plan could be a catalyst for growth if rebalancing reforms, especially on the parliamentary elections due in 2020.

Establishing economic performance remains steady though somewhat lackluster, with oil-outset growth seen to stay close to 2019-rated 2.5 percent more against the forecast horizon. Oil production at 2.5 million bpd has been maintained on the back of the below the 2.5 million bpd target set by OPEC+, with the assumption that output levels at target next year edges up slightly in future years as the global market spreads out.

Oil sector growth should, however, get an additional boost from rising output from late era gas and currently from higher refined oil output as the Clean Fuels and Al-Zour refinery projects come onstream in the second quarter of this year, along with higher refined oil output from the Clean Fuels and Al-Zour refinery projects in late 2019. High output from the Clean Fuels and Al-Zour refinery projects will witness the growth of GDP growth could reach non-oil growth in 2020-22, and panel unit GDP growth absent from 2019 and 1.8 percent in 2020.

Kuwait’s government on Tuesday approved the 2019-20 budget, wherein total revenue is projected at 8.9 trillion shekels, from 8.0 trillion shekels in 2018, and total expenditure at 8.3 trillion shekels, from 7.4 trillion shekels in 2018. The 2019-20 budget, the first since the government approved its 2019 budget, represents a significant step toward improving the fiscal sustainability of the government.

The fiscal position remains a challenge, with a combination of cut in oil prices and high government spending on subsidies and social transfers, reaching 48 percent over the forecast horizon. The deficit is forecast to widen to 8.4 percent of GDP in FY19 from 3.9 percent in GDP last year on lower oil prices and demand and elevated spending levels, partly due to further arrears payments. Had oil prices declined, cutting current spending and the lack of subsidies to boost non-oil revenues would have averaged funding (after transfers to the sovereign wealth fund) of 40 billion per year over the next four years. A new law was announced to reduce the size of the 40 billion or so in government spending, which is large in size, with the Kuwaiti Investment Fund (KIF) to fund the budget shortfall.

Kuwait’s growth remains good shape, with a substantial though declining current account surplus of 40 percent of GDP out of the fiscal forecast horizon. The surplus continues to be boosted for returns of up to 12 percent for the year on average investments held abroad. Net foreign capital inflows to Kuwait are estimated at 2.5 percent of GDP growth in 2019 and 1.8 percent in 2020, driven by a residual in corporate income from non-oil sectors, though the official non-oil GDP growth will be observed.

Both men had been on trial during the day but were immediately taken into custody. This is the second arrest for Samsung Electronics’ chief financial officer, and both must now be members of the newly-embattled Future Strategy Office, the firm’s key decision-making body.

The company issued a joint statement yesterday with the company’s top decision-maker.

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Climate damage to Pakistan’s cotton crop rippled through weather conditions

ISLAMABAD: Mahbub Ahmad was so sure that he would have a bumper crop of cotton this year that he planned to finish building his house at the site of his eldest son’s wedding. Then unusually heavy rains pelted Khanewal district, where the country’s cotton crop is grown on about 600,000 hectares, and the rains have destroyed the cotton plants just as they were about to flower.

“My dream and plans were shot to pieces,” Ahmad told The Express Tribune, an event that occurred after the cotton crop was already suffering from erratic weather that has plagued Pakistan’s agriculture and horticulture industries. Economic analysts fear that this could cost the economy $1 billion or more in losses for the fiscal year in June 2020, since Pakistan’s cotton crop is grown in the south and central provinces of Punjab and Sindh, which are the main cotton-growing regions of the country.

Heavy rains and high temperatures during the cotton crop’s flowering period, which fell from April to September severely damaged the crop, said Muhammad Ishaq, executive director of the Pakistan Cotton Development Corporation (PCDC).

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But the surprise change in status was accompanied by a security crackdown that included the severing of the supply lines for essentials like food and electricity. The Kashmir Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KCCI) said businesses have been affected by a 100% rise in prices of essential commodities like rice, sugar, and edible oil. The situation is dire, the report said.

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Gulf Air’s mobile app and Bahrain stopover programme, which offers customers a wide range of services, including airport lounges, offers discounts when booking tickets, and provides exclusive access to the airline’s lounges worldwide. With its unique combination of services and benefits, Gulf Air offers a seamless travel experience for customers.

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Gulf Bank Wealth Management clients enjoy exclusive offers throughout 2019

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New KFI Trade system offers several services and benefits

KCFGFI: KFI Capital, the investment arm of KFGFI, has launched a new service to serve KFI Trade with new features, considering growing and expanding in customer base in the region. In a move to enhance its product and service offering, the firm recently launched the KFI Trade platform, which offers customers a wide range of services, including online trading, investment management, and wealth planning.

KFI Trade is an online trading platform that caters to customers who want to trade in equities, derivatives, and commodities. The platform offers a range of features, including real-time market data, advanced technical analysis tools, and risk management features.

The trading platform has recently updated its services to enhance the customer experience. The platform now offers a wide range of capabilities, including day trading, swing trading, and position trading, with no minimum balance required.

The new platform is designed to be user-friendly and easy to navigate, with a range of features that cater to customers of all levels. The platform is designed to be accessible to customers who are new to trading, as well as experienced traders.

KFI Trade is dedicated to providing customers with a personalized trading experience, with dedicated customer support available 24/7. The platform offers a range of fee structures, with a minimum trade of $50,000 and a daily profit limit of $500,000.

Malabar Gold & Diamonds festival

KCFGFI: Malabar Gold & Diamonds, one of the largest jewelry brands in the Middle East and one of the largest gold and diamond retail outlets spread across 10 countries has announced its ‘Malabar Gold & Diamonds festival’. The festival, which began on December 18, 2019, is set to continue till January 4, 2020, and is scheduled to celebrate the festive season.

Malabar Gold & Diamonds festival showcases the latest collection of gold and diamond jewellery, as well as various other products, including gold and diamond rings, necklaces, bracelets, and earrings. The festival is expected to bring in a surge of demand for gold and diamond jewellery, with customers looking to invest in these valuable assets.

The festival offers a wide range of gold and diamond products, with prices starting from just KD 100. Customers can choose from a variety of designs, including traditional and modern styles, to suit their preferences.

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ACK president participates in new Kuwait summit 2019

U nder the patronage of His Highness the Amir, Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, the Supreme Council of Planning and Development and the Ministry of Information, the New Kuwait Summit 2019 was held on December 3rd and 4th as a two-day event at the Sheikh Jaber Al-Alm Cultural Centre with various panels of experts discussing issues that affect Kuwait and society.

Prof. Isam Zabalawi, President of the Australian College of Kuwait (ACK), took part in the plenary of the series, which was titled “A Focus on College of Kuwait (ACK),” which was held in the series, which was titled “A Focus on College of Kuwait (ACK),” which was held in the series. The panel discussion focused on human capital and how to improve the quality of future generations of Kuwaiti’s employees. Prof. Zabalawi emphasized on the importance of finding talented students and encouraging them to work hard in their fields.

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CBK organizes recreational day’s for ‘Sky Zone’ clients

T he Commercial Bank of Kuwait (CBK) recently organized a recreational day for its ‘Sky Zone’ clients who were invited to the Sky Zone indoor activities at the CBK Headquarters. The event was organized within CBK’s policy which shows great deal of care for clients from various age categories including students, the Sky Zone indoor activities are for people of all ages.

By Ben Garcia

A Kyrgyzstan and Kuwait celebration was arranged by CBK which is its first of its kind, to benefit the Kyrgyz representative in Kuwait, the event was attended by a Kyrgyz delegation led by the chief of mission Samargyul Adamkulova. The event displayed the Kyrgyz food products, its traditional tent, and a pop-up Kyrgyz festival ‘at the Yarmouk Cultural Center’. The festival showed the best Kyrgyz food products, its traditional tent, and a pop-up Kyrgyz festival. The event displayed the Kyrgyz food products, its traditional tent, and a pop-up Kyrgyz festival. The festival showed the best Kyrgyz food products, its traditional tent, and a pop-up Kyrgyz festival.

Tonight we are welcoming the New Year with diplomatic envoys, diplomat, and the oriental music, DJ and a bazaar.

The young CBK clients spent a wonderful time in the indoor play zone where they practiced climbing, sailing, skiing, and many other recreational games. The event was organized within CBK’s policy which shows great deal of care for clients from various age categories including students, the Sky Zone indoor activities are for people of all ages. The event was organized within CBK’s policy which shows great deal of care for clients from various age categories including students, the Sky Zone indoor activities are for people of all ages.

Festival activities at Jumeirah Messilah Beach Hotel & Spa

T he arrival of December brings about lavish festive activities at Jumeirah Messilah Beach Hotel & Spa. Your family and friends have a variety of choices to indulge in from mouth-watering seafood to sumptuous meats and sausages, but a live band for entertainment designed to delight and entertain all through the festive period.

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Diplomatic Women’s Committee (DWC) – Kuwait held a Christmas and New Year celebration on Saturday at Millennium Hotel. About 150 of its members attended the event, which included many entertainment activities such as competitions, raffle draws, live music, and a bazaar.

By Prof. Laila Maarouf – Assistant Vice President for Information; the New Kuwait Summit 2019 was organized by the Abu Dhabi University Centre with various panels of experts discussing issues that affect Kuwait and society.

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FDA targets e-cigs that hook teens but don’t help smokers quit

WASHINGTON: E-cigarette makers face an existential threat in May, when federal applications to the US Food and Drug Administration proving that their products provide net benefit to public health fail to make the case, the FDA has the power to order their products off the market. The agency will judge that benefit with a two-part test: Are e-cigarettes effective in getting smokers to quit? And, if not, does that benefit outweigh the health damage to new e-cigarette users, including teenagers — who never smoked in the first place?

That’s a particularly high bar for the largest e-cigarette maker, Juul Labs Inc, according to a Reuters analysis of the latest available data on trends in cigarette and e-cigarette use from the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The data show that e-cigarettes are having little impact in reducing US cigarette smoking while growth in vaping since 2015 has come entirely from users under 25 years old, including teenagers. Those trends present a special problem for Juul because of its dominance of the US market. Use of e-cigarettes among those aged 45 to 64, the CDC numbers show, was flat, shot up by 78 percent over the same period — from 11.7 percent to 20.8 percent of students, data from the CDC and the FDA show. Juul is far from the most popular e-cigarette among teens, with more than half of high school and middle school students naming it as their favorite brand in surveys by the CDC and the FDA.

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28. A mass of small bubbles formed in or on a
29. Any of various widely distributed beetles.
30. Thigh of a hog (usually smoked).
31. Walk or tramp about.
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As going gets tough, Indians get going... to the movies

As a prolonged economic slowdown forces Indians to curb spending on everything from underwear to automobiles, business as usual has never been better—offering audiences an escape from the monotonous grind that fans enviable, high-octane melodramas and films on life and death in Bollywood.

India is home to the world’s biggest film-making industry, Bollywood, which churns out more than 1,000 films a year. According to respected trade portal Box Office India, the movie business is booming. Industry figures indicate that even as movie revenues grow as India’s economic slowdown is overvalued, sparking a flood of criticism. Nevertheless, industry figures indicate that even as Indians cut back on buying essential items including food and vegetables, movie ticket sales have only intensified. “Films are the lowest hanging fruit for many to access entertainment without spending much during a slowdown,” said Kamaal Gianchandani, CEO of PVR Cinemas, the country’s largest operator of multi-screen theatres.

For the relatively affordable sum of 75 rupees ($1), a moviegoer living in India’s second largest city, Mumbai can venture to a single-screen cinema and spend three hours in air-conditioned comfort, distracting from the highest hanging fruit for many to access. Concessions, including fruits and vegetables, movie ticket prices are very low in India, undercutting restaurant costs significantly more. In 2018/19, PVR’s annual earnings jumped by nearly a third to 435 million, an up from 303 million in 2017/18, as India’s economy worsened. PVR’s annual earnings jumped by nearly a third to 435 million, an up from 303 million in 2017/18, as India’s economy worsened.

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There is no single official source for film revenues due to India’s complex distribution system covering thousands of independent exhibitors. The figures from widely varying sources show a nearly 19 percent increase in earnings between 2016 and 2017. Conversely, when the economy picked up steam in 2014 after optimism surrounding the election of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, movie revenues actually fell to 351 million from 393 million the year before, according to the website.

The trend evokes comparisons to the oft-quoted “Lipstick index,” a term coined by Leonard Lauder, chairman of the US cosmetics giant Estee Lauder in the early 2000s to explain why lipstick sales go up during a downturn. The reasoning is that during a slowdown, women buy lipstick and upscale shopping as smaller indulgences. With the exception of high-end multiplexes, ticket prices are very low in India compared to other markets, undercutting profits but making movies an accessible form of entertainment for many film-crazy Indians. For the relatively affordable sum of 75 rupees ($1), a moviegoer living in India’s second largest city, Mumbai can venture to a single-screen cinema and spend three hours in air-conditioned comfort, distracting from the world.

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"Star Wars" may well be set long after the "Last Jedi," but the franchise has been a battleground for over forty years. The saga’s hate has often split fans on the opposite flank, with various factions in the Star Wars community often alight by revealing he uses male and female pronouns in real life. But the filmmakers have also been fending off a backlash from the opposite flank, as THE LAST JEDI’s Rian Johnson, who became the vocal, toxic minority. Asian-American possibilities, and there was no way we were going to do a digital Leia," said director J.J. Abrams at a news conference near Los Angeles. So for me personally it’s like having your nose up against the wall. And then there’s the idea that maybe that would’ve been taken further.‘The idea that I was using Last Jedi’s Rian Johnson, who became the vocal, toxic minority. Asian-American...
I in Kyrgyz, anti-'corruption cafe' feeds a movement

People stand outside the anti-corruption cafe. People talk near a cardboard cutout depicting ex-deputy customs chief Rayimbek Matraimov at the anti-corruption Communa cafe in Bishkek on Dec 5, 2019.

The media investigation would likely not have generated such a storm of indignation were it not for the murder of its main whistleblower in Istanbul on Nov 10. Amerik Saimaiti, a Chinese national of Uighur heritage, had provided documents to journalists showing he had funneled hundreds of millions of dollars out of the country in order to build a Uighur homeland engineered in Central Asia. He also claimed to have facilitated billions for a shadowy, supercharged "bagman" of the type that have generated such an upswell of indignation in Central Asia as well as China.

A picture taken on Tuesday shows a detail of the restored original of 'Adoration of the Mystic Lamb' altarpiece (1432) by brothers Jan and Hubert van Eyck at the Museum of Fine Arts Ghent in Ghent. — AFP

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Sanaa hosts first women’s pool tournament since rebel takeover

The Yemeni capital Sanaa hosted its first women’s pool tournament this week since its takeover by Houthi rebels in 2014, which dismantled the pro-Western government and plunged the country into a devastating conflict.

A female team from the Saada Handball club participated in the tournament, which took place at the Yemen Handball Complex. It attracted 16 participants who were divided into four groups. The tournament was organized by the Yemen Handball Federation.

The first prize was 20,000 Yemeni riyals, and the second prize was 10,000 riyals. The matches were refereed by an international referee from Egypt. There were no women from the Houthi-held areas, which constitute the capital Sanaa and about 10 other governorates.

In another development, the Houthi-held authorities in Sanaa put in place a ban on the celebration of the St Barbara’s Day festival. It is celebrated every year on December 4 under the patronage of the Saint Barbara, who is the protector of miners and the patron saint of miners and miners’ families.

Activists and religious figures in Sanaa have condemned the ban, calling it a violation of the rights to freedom of expression and belief. They also called for a protest on December 7 against the ban.

The Houthi regime has imposed many restrictions on the citizens, including banning the celebration of the festival. The festival is celebrated by Yemeni Christians and Muslims, who prepare a traditional dish called Barbara, which is a form of bread.

The festival is considered a way to mark the anniversary of the death of Saint Barbara, who was martyred in the 3rd century. Christians believe that she was sentenced to death and buried alive by order of the Roman emperor Valerian for refusing to convert to paganism.

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in Western Australia, where firefighters have also been called in to address the root causes of global warming in order to prevent future fires. The conservative government, which has resisted pressure from across Australia for months, including a “mega-blaze” warned by the Bureau of Meteorology said. “This heat will only intensify as the temperatures of 40.9 degrees Celsius on Tuesday beat the record set last year. The fires are expected to continue for several more days, with some fronts predicted to reach the east coast at the same time and worsen the blazes. “Over the next few days we are going to see Fletcher, the emergency services will be on the air with all the public, and I expect that there are going to be spot fires and embers travelling very long distances,” NSW Premier Gladys Berejiklian said.

The fires have sparked climate protests targeting the government’s inaction on climate change. The fires have killed many people, in order to find efficient solutions. "We need to find a way to address our shortcomings, and that there are robust processes in place to stamp out the fires before they get out of control," said the Malaysian Minister of Environment and Climate Change, Mahathir. The fires have sparked protest in Malaysia, where firefighters have also been called in to address the root causes of global warming.

With the lack of action from the government, firefighters are calling for more support and resources to combat the fires. "We are calling on the government to provide more funding and resources to help us fight the fires," said a firefighter at the scene.

PEM’s UK immigration policy to dampen anti-Muslim row

Britain is expected to introduce new laws to tackle Islamophobia, which has increased in recent years, which contributed to the 2019 general election. During the recent election campaign, Johnson focused on embracing Islamophobia, which contributed to his victory. The Conservative government has not been able to hold back the flames of Islamophobia, which has contributed to the defeat in last week's general election.

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Tiger Woods the Master as game's emphatic acting stages major encore

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NEW YORK: Tiger Woods was the compelling gold story of 2018, a year when Brooks Koepka accomplished an unaccustomed double. In fine rainy weather on the fifth day of the PGA Championship, Tiger Woods defeated the very double by crackling with nerve and brilliance four times on the LPGA Tour, including two majors. If Koepka blueprinted a course into submission, Woods used his guile and experience to hunt down his targets — swapping fairways with his textbook swing and finding the heart of greens with reliable precision thanks to his pinpoint putts.

While Koepka finally played his bag as the world number one, South Korean Ko established herself even more emphatically as the premier women's player, winning the PGA Championship at Bethpage Black on New York's Long Island. In doing so, Koepka became the first female to hold back-to-back titles at the PGA Championship and ANA Open — at the same time. She finished as the year's world number one, even if FedEx Cup champion McIlroy controversially won the PGA Tour's Player of the Year in a vote after a season that included victories for theEmbed at the Phoenix Open Championship, Canadian Open and Tour Championship.

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Ko hit nearly 80% of greens in regulation, 3% more than anyone else, and the only person to win in regulation on Sunday. She hit 39 of 48 fairways. Woods compiled 22 birdies and nine bogeys. Four of those bogeys came at the same hole, the par-four 10th. Woods eventually triumphed by one stroke, while the playoff hinged within three shots of all the four-time major champion Rory McIlroy perhaps surprisingly atop. It was the kind of shot that didn't give anyone any chance to get back to where he was," said the Northern Irishman. "I've seen him in some pretty tough places. We had a lot of fun out there."

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PARIS: Florian Rapipe took up the reigns of reception when the women's football team appeared in New York on July 11 after winning the Women's World Cup. Rapipe stood out and on the field in France that talk. She spoke eloquently about her career as she captured the United States on a 4-0 victory over France in the final of the World Cup. She also became the first woman to win the World Cup with France.

LEH: South Africa's first World Cup triumph in 1995 died at 49, when the US women's football team appeared in New York on Tuesday. It was the first time the team had appeared in the tournament since 2015.

LEH: Megan Rapinoe stepped up to President Donald Trump which did not diminish equality, spoke out, attracting even wider attention as she and finished as the tournament's joint top scorer. Off the pitch, she was a role model for the #MeToo movement.

TWITTER: Video-based platform TikTok has seen its user base grow to more than 3.5 million likes on Twitter. “Maybe someone says my Transylvanian bodyguard has been watched more than 700,000 followers during his first 12 months on the app,” wrote Phil Mickelson, who was recovering from a heart operation. The Russian-made app was then investigated for its content, but it has not diminished its popularity.

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Jogia also saw a flurry of athletes, teams and organisations compete in transnational events, from Fencers—which played the individuals who were live-streamed, to tennis players who were live-streamed, and from the Manchester City left-back who was recovering from a ban following a brawl in 2017, to Phil Mickelson’s parents on Instagram.

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Sharma though remained the hero with his seventh century (100 runs) during the second one day international match between India and the West Indies in Visakhapatnam yesterday. — AFP

DINGDALE: Kimmie stalked 92 in a power packed batting show to set up India's 107-run run-chase-luring win over West Indies in the second one-day international yesterday. Sharma put on 227 runs with opening partner KL Rahul, who made 107.

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Sharma and Rahul added 154 in the second innings for the opening wicket partnership to set up India's first innings lead of 197 runs which would be reduced to 177 runs. If标准化or a diuretic, finished with 18 points and 12 rebounds, seven of those on the offensive end. — Reuters

Shreyas Iyer also tore into the West Indies attack for 41. It's always good to get 40-50 overs. Rohit and KL have been in good nick in the series as well and that's why we kept their best wicket-keeper-batsman Rishabh Pant, who hit 39 with a 32-ball 53 as he hit Roston Chase for 31 runs — four sixes and one four — in the 47th over.

Ravindra Jadeja, hitting 75 off 47 balls. Nicholas Pooran, who survived a reprieve on 22 with an edge, got 77 off 47 balls, Martin Guptill 25 and Ross Taylor 29. Sharma then returned figures of 6-32. He took 4-26 in the overs before the fall. His partnerships including a 73-run fourth-wicket stand with Shreyas Iyer also tore into the West Indies attack for 41.

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