Omar bin Abdulaziz bin Faisal Al-Saud yesterday denied ‘false press stories’ it said was caused by the US.

Khalid Al-Falih said yesterday he recom- mend to the OPEC+ producers to continue to maintain production restraint and that ‘dialogue’ was important to keep the market in a balanced situation.

The US President said the US was open to a dialogue but that ‘we’ll see what happens’. The US President also announced that the US would impose a 5% tariff on Brazilian citrus fruit and a 15% tariff on EU steel imports and a 25% tariff on EU aluminum imports.

Iraq slams Exxon for evacuating its staff amid tension

Iraq has condemned ExxonMobil for evacuating its staff from the West Qorna oil field west of the southern port city of Basra “as an act of sabotage”.

Iraq’s Oil Ministry said the evacuation was “not based on sound reasoning” and accused Exxon of “using the situation to its own advantage”.

Foreigners get rare chance to sample Emirati culture

DUBAI: No question of limits for curious tourists and foreign residents of Dubai wanting to learn more about Emirati culture and the Muslim fasting month of Ramadan. The culture centre of the Dubai Islamic Heritage House and the Islamic Heritage House have been opening their doors to the public for the first time.

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Qatar Amir in Kuwait

On September 2, 2021, the Amir of Qatar, His Highness Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al-Thani arrived in Kuwait on a three-day official visit.

The Amir’s visit comes amid the ongoing tensions between Qatar and the UAE, following the UAE’s decision to sever ties with Qatar over its support for the Iran-backed Houthi rebels in Yemen. The UAE has also withdrawn its ambassador to Qatar and cut diplomatic relations.

The Amir’s visit is expected to strengthen ties between the two countries and to discuss the regional situation, including the situation in Yemen and the Middle East peace process.

The Amir met with Kuwait’s Emir, Sheikh Sabah al-Ahmad al-Jaber al-Sabah, and the two leaders exchanged views on regional and international issues.

The Amir also held talks with Kuwait’s Prime Minister, Sheikh Nasser al-Mohammad al-Ahmad al-Sabah, and the two leaders discussed the latest developments in the region.

The Amir’s visit is expected to contribute to the cementing of ties between the two countries and to the strengthening of cooperation in various fields.
Amir receives invitation from Saudi King to attend 14th OIC Islamic Summit

KUWAIT: His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah received an invitation to participate in the 14th OIC Islamic Summit which will be held in Islamabad, Pakistan from June 14 to 16.

The meeting is scheduled to discuss means of boosting bilateral trade links across the two countries, and they also discussed economic cooperation, especially in investment opportunities in both public and private sectors, in addition to boosting collaboration in all fields. — KUNA

Pakistan could help facilitate de-escalating tension in region: FM

KUWAIT: Pakistan expressed readiness to facilitate in de-escalating tension in the region and support peace and stability, visiting Pakistan's Foreign Minister Shah Mehmood Qureshi has said. "We are concerned about rising tension between the US and Iran. "Qureshi said that Pakistan also supports global efforts to support peace and stability, we would be more than happy to facilitate in de-escalation and I am sure that we are equally interested in de-escalating," he added.

The minister noted, however, "relations between Kuwait and Pakistan have been historically cordial and politically, we have had excellent relations, we have been supporting each other at the regional level and on many global issues our positions on a number of issues are common, and our approach about regional issues, on the issue of Palestine, they are close to each other.

Kuwait's role

Qureshi meanwhile said Pakistan wanted the settlement of the Kashmir dispute according to UN Security Council's resolutions and UNSC resolutions are clear, which is why Pakistan has always been defending the cause of justice and they helped demarcate and define fronts. "With Amisom (the African Union Mission in Somalia) and the Somali government, the Muslims in East Africa have contributed to the economic development of Kuwait and we feel that we can facilitate more by sending skilled and semi-skilled manpower to Kuwait for further economic development."

One of the issues that I intend to talk about is how to enhance our economic relationship, the other is the issue of trade relations and we get input from the Kuwaiti Foreign Minister on some of the evolving initiatives that are of mutual interest, he said. Qureshi met yesterday with Kuwait's Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Sheikh Nasser Al-Mohammad Al-Sabah and discussed a number of issues, including the Kashmir dispute. Anis Al-Mehanna, the Interior Ministry's traffic, department to ease traffic across the country. — KUNA

Gulf Bank moves towards a greener future with Omniya

KUWAIT: Gulf Bank continues to go green as it joins Omniya nationwide recycling initiative. The bank has signed a cooperation agreement to recycle plastic waste used at the bank's head office and in the surrounding areas. The agreement comes as part of the bank's corporate social responsibility program, in which sustainability and the environment has played an integral role, and will see the placement of a recycling bin in front of Gulf Bank's head office, Crystal Tower. The recycling receptacle will be used to collect used plastic from the bank and surrounding area.

Communicating on the initiative, Ahmad Al-Jahdari, Assistant General Manager for External Communications, Gulf Bank, said: "Following our recent participation in Earth Hour and Earth Day, the bank is renewing its support of raising awareness about environmental issues. Through the agreement with Omniya, the bank is promoting the importance and need of recycling, increasing awareness amongst employees and customers. The bank has a responsibility to support the preservation of our environment and we are proud to be contributing to its protection. This initiative was launched in Earth Hour and we are aiming to initiate a number of initiatives and strides to support the environment every year.

KUWAIT: Kuwaiti National Assembly Speaker Mohamed Al-Shammari received the distinguished member of the Assembly, Assistant General Manager for External Communications, Gulf Bank, following the bank's participation in Earth Hour and Earth Day.
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**Kuwaiti teachers increased by 3,800, expats dropped by 800 in one year**

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By Aishah

KUWAIT: Kuwaiti teachers increased by more than 3,800 in one year while expatriate teachers were decreased by 800 in the same period. The Ministry of Education said on Monday that the total number of teachers working in the public educational sector increased this year to 40,500 or 3.8% compared to 39,700 in the same period last year. The ministry said that public schools (both primary and secondary) employed 40,000 teachers while private schools had 500 teachers. The total number of teachers in Kuwait is expected to increase by 1,000 next year as the ministry is planning to employ 1,000 more teachers to cover the increasing student population.

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KUWAIT: The Kuwaiti Red Crescent Society (KRCS) announced on Monday that it has launched a fund campaign for premature babies in Yemen tomorrow. KRCS Deputy Chairman Amr Al-Musaif stressed the importance of increasing efforts to protect Yemeni children by providing medical equipment and medicines in addition to nurses whom they need most. He added that Yemeni premature babies need special care as they are exposed to serious conditions that could cause lasting damage. KRCS will provide more support to these health care professionals and nurses in the affected areas with the help of the Yemeni Red Crescent, which supports the women and children concerned. The KRCS official noted that the campaign is aimed at providing medical assistance to Yemeni children, including removing the tires and recycling them instead of burying them in landfill sites. The campaign is expected to run for several days to ensure the safety of the Yemeni babies. KRCS is expected to offer a leader to supply, install and maintain the central panels and out systems at various ministry sectors in order to unify working hours in various departments.

**Final statement**

Finance Minister Nasr Al-Harri pledged on Tuesday that the 2017-2018 financial statement, which has been submitted to the Kuwaiti Parliament for Partnership Projects. Responding to an inquiry by MP Hamoud Al-Sabbah about the measures taken against the allegations made by Harri, the report only included remarks that were all denied. He added that what Harri referred to is the news that was published in various newspapers and social media.

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International Advertising Association (IAA) & Crowne Plaza Hotel Host their Annual Ghabqa

Kuwait Advertising Association (KAA) announced that 2019 is a very special year for the IAA, as we are celebrating our 90th Anniversary worldwide & 20th Anniversary in Kuwait.

KAA highlighted the participation of IAA Kuwait Chapter in the IAA Global Marketing Summit in New York April 2019. Another Conference October 2019 as well as the participation in IAA World Congress Feb 2019 & Dubai Lynx held in March 19 as a major achievement. He announced the future participation of the chapter in Cannes from June 2019, IAA Global Conference in Bucharest October 2019, and IAA Kuwait considered a strategic partner. The conference will highlight the state of digital economy and trends in Kuwait, as well as define the latest trends in digital, media & marketing and the latest trends in mobile and web & future participation in the IAA world congress in Russia May 2020.

KAA discussed the success of the major Apprentice competition 2 that IAA Kuwait held in March 2019. The IAA Apprentice Competition was conducted to contribute to the many challenges for the marketing and communications industry in attracting the best and brightest young minds & women. The inaugural event brought together junior & senior under-graduate students as well as young industry professional delegates. The program includes presentations, discussions & workshops with regional & international industry professionals, recruiters & clients where students had the chance to learn, network & impress. The central idea is to enhance & empower graduating students with first-hand knowledge of real-world industry, provide opportunities in the new communications landscape & help them get hired. The event welcomed 12 professional speakers with the participation of 130 students from different local & private specialized universities.

KAA, in collaboration with the IAA, organized a campaign to promote advertising. The new IAA “Growth for Advertising” campaign focuses on many of the core benefits that are deeply rooted in marketing communications – that advertising promotes stronger economies; informs enthusiasts; creates jobs; supports the arts; entertains & scope; and contributes to the success of the economy. The campaign focuses on economic growth and governments to understand the value of advertising in its many forms, including sponsored content. Advertising – your right to choose.

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NBK continues ‘Feed the Fasting’ campaign

NBK senior management participated in visiting the center. They were welcomed by Colonel Tariq Al-Wazir, Director of Naval Brigade Unit at the General Directorate of the Kuwait Coast Guards and Acting Colonel Bashir Al-Musallam.

“NBK is proud of our public institutions and supports their vital role in serving the community,” NBK’s Public Relations Manager Abdul Mohsen Al-Rushaid said. “NBK is always keen on visiting the Coast Guard Center to share an iftar meal with its officers and field visits to remote areas, as well as iftar tent during the holy month of Ramadan to show our gratitude to them.”

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The visit is part of a comprehensive program set up especially by NBK for the holy month of Ramadan, including NBK iftar tent and field visits to remote areas, as well as iftar tent at a hotel and the distribution of small snacks to people to break their fast. During the holy month of Ramadan, the bank continued its participation in the various activities organized by Kuwaiti organizations and projects.

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India's acrimonious election comes to an end

Modi on tenterhooks over second term

KOLKATA: Voting ended yesterday in India's most acrimonous election in decades that will decide whether Hindu nationalist Prime Minister Narendra Modi gets a second term in power. As the final polling booths closed, a huge security cordon was thrown around the voting machines and bags of paper votes were placed inside them. The final results will not be announced until after the counting has ended on May 23.

Tens of thousands of police and paramilitaries on duty in West Bengal state were a symbol of the mounting tensions between Modi's right-wing Bharatiya Janata Party and the opposition during the six weeks of voting. Long queues formed outside polling stations in the eastern state but the BJP and its rivals again awaited the results of the acrimonious election before the official count starts on Thursday.

The animosity has taken a toll on voters. "All the abuse and misinformation spread by the BJP has affected people's minds," said an elderly voter in the state capital, adding that she was voting for an opposition candidate.

The vote was the third since independence in 1947, cast his ballot in mountainous Himachal Pradesh state, was also among those to vote. Conjoined booths across the state capital that was hit by two days of violence was one Kolkata area was in use for the first time for a vote. The 2016 election, held in two phases over 34 days, saw Modi's party win an absolute majority with 303 seats in the 542-seat Lok Sabha, the lower house of Parliament.

Amash first GOP lawmaker to call for Trump impeachment

WASHINGTON: Republican lawmaker Justin Amash yesterday called for impeaching President Donald Trump, becoming the first Republican politician to publicly demand his removal from office. Amash, a libertarian-leaning congressman for Michigan's 3rd district, accused Trump of "abuse of power" and said he would be willing to vote for impeachment.

Amash's move comes amid a growing chorus of voices calling for Trump's impeachment, following the release of a report by special counsel Robert Mueller that found Trump's campaign had worked with Russian officials to tip the 2016 presidential election their way.

Lanka president vows to eliminate extremist threat

COLOMBO: Sri Lanka's president has promised to eliminate the extremist threat in the country after a series of suicide bombings that killed more than 200 people.

Maithripala Sirisena, who until yesterday was the country's interim president, said he would take action to prevent any further attacks.

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EU voters apathy despite populist surge

No big personalities have emerged among candidate parties.

Parties try to remove doctor in right-to-die case

LILAC: The parents of a braindead infant kept alive in a French intensive care unit have lost a legal bid to have him die. In a major setback for life-and-death decisions, the French supreme court has ruled that the parents of Vincent Lambert cannot remove the supplements they require.

The case, which has been watched closely by doctors and bioethicists across the world, has been viewed as a test of the limits of medical technology and the role of the state in making decisions about when a patient's life should end.

In a 6-3 decision, the court ruled that the parents did not have the medical expertise to make the decision on their son's behalf. The court said that the parents' right to care for their child was not absolute and that the decision should be made by medical professionals.

Italian law allows doctors to refuse treatment, but in this case, the court said that the parents had not shown that the medical decisions were not in the best interest of the child.

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Dutch lead populist charge in EU elections

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EU political leaders have been warned that the outcome of the EU elections could have serious implications for the future of the European Union.

The, UK's hold over the EU is unlikely to last, and a new political balance is emerging. The French far-right, led by Marine Le Pen, has won a record 25 per cent of the vote, while the German Christian Democrats (CDU) and Christian Social Union (CSU) have lost ground.

In the UK, the Brexit Party, led by Nigel Farage, has secured an impressive 31 per cent of the vote, while the Labour Party, led by Jeremy Corbyn, has seen its support drop to 16 per cent.

The result of the elections has thrown the future of the EU into doubt, with some predicting that the UK could leave the EU without a deal if the other member states do not agree to a new arrangement.

Austrian Prime Minister Sebastian Kurz has said that the result of the elections is a sign of the changing political landscape in Europe. He said that the result is a wake-up call for the EU and that it is time to move towards a more federal model of governance.

The results of the elections have also sparked debate about the future of the EU, with some predicting that it could become more fragmented, while others believe that it could become more united.

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LA PAZ: Bolivian President Evo Morales vowed “close cooperation on shared priorities” with US President Donald Trump after the results came in, as Mr Trump got in on the act, following the US midterm elections, emphasizing his support for Mr Trump’s policies and strategies. The result looks in the balance but it remains unclear if he can make it through to next year.

In poor Malawi village, hope divides after election

As awed Australian pundits declared “Australia election glory” and the nation’s prime minister Scott Morrison emerged as strong support ahead of October elections, Malcolm Turnbull, his long-time contender from the party’s left, was left to ponder what went wrong.

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Rahul Gandhi: Destiny's child or an 'empty suit'?

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Rahul Gandhi, the son of the Gandhi family who is considered the heir apparent to India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi, was born in 1970. He is the grandson of India's first Prime Minister, Jawaharlal Nehru, and the son of India's fourth Prime Minister, Indira Gandhi. Rahul Gandhi became the leader of the Congress party in 2013 after his mother, Sonia Gandhi, was forced to step down due to health issues.

Gandhi's political career began when he was elected to the Lok Sabha, India's lower house of parliament, in 2004. He has faced criticism for his lack of experience and leadership, and for his family's influence in Indian politics.

Poor boy Modi becomes India's national powerhouse

Suresh Prabhu, principal secretary to the prime minister, said that Rahul Gandhi had failed to deliver on his promises and was found wanting in his handling of the economy.

"In 2014, when Rahul Gandhi made his declaration of a 'New India', it was like a blank slate on which everyone expected him to write a new constitution for the country," Prabhu said. "But the reality is that he has failed. His promises have not been kept, the economy has not improved, and the country is worse off today than it was before his tenure."
J&J's biggest India plant idle 3 years after completion: facility was expected to employ 1,500

Two sources familiar with J&J’s operations in India and one state government official told Reuters production at the plant, at Penjerla in Telangana state, never began because of a slowing in the growth in demand for the products. One of them said that demand didn’t rise as expected because of two shock policy moves by Prime Minister Narendra Modi: a late 2016 ban on then circulating 500 and 1,000 rupee notes and the nationalisation of banks and services (scries) in 2018. Penjerla is 150 km from the state capital Mumbai and could not immediately be reached for a response.

A J&J spokesperson in Mumbai, operations in India are being handled by the local chief secretary, told Reuters, who declined to respond to a list of questions from Reuters.

J&J, the world’s biggest maker of health products, operates in 170 countries, and reported 2018 sales of $82.1 billion.

Mineral misery: Vietnam salt farmers battered by imports

According to a Reuters survey, Vietnam’s salt industry exports, already suffering from low crop prices, have been further hit by imports from China. The Vietnamese government says the South East Asian superpower’s imports of food and raw materials are hurting domestic producers.

Local media reports at the time said the J&J facility would employ some 1,500 people. A J&J official, who was not identified by name, was reported subsequently in December 2018 in Indian business newspaper as saying that the 500 billion rupee plant would be operated by 2019 after it had overcome procedural delays. The official was quoted as saying the company had appointed an additional $100 million for expansion.

A Telangana industries department official, who was quoted in local media, said the J&J facility would have production capacity of 500,000 tonnes per year.

Huawei will not bow to US pressure, says founder

Chinese telecom giant Huawei is not bowing to US pressure after Washington last month added it to a list of companies on trade war sanctions.

Huawei founder and CEO Ren Zhengfei told a group of Japanese journalists preparing for this, “We have come close to collapse last year after US firms which were also targeted by Washington. ZTE’s founder and CEO Li Xiong was reported subsequently in May as saying that US pressure was “just the beginning” after being put on a blacklist.

Huawei’s revenue growth last year was 21 percent on steel and aluminum imports. Mexico’s President Lopez Obrador said Saturday the US move to remove Mexico from the US本期焦点——贸易协议

OTTAWA: Ottawa plans to proceed “full steam ahead” on ratification of a free trade agreement with the US and Mexico, despite the US move last month to remove Canada from the list of countries covered by the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement.

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said this week he had already called a meeting of his cabinet to review all options in the US-Mexico-Canada Agreement, which enters into force on July 1.

Ottawa intends to submit the treaty to Canada’s Parliament to be discussed and examined by a special committee. Once passed, the treaty can only be ratified by the federal government.

The proposed Canada-China trade deal is one of the most visible examples of the impact of the broader trade picture.

In the first month after demonstration some business owners showed that sales of products such as shampoo and soap fell more than 20 percent. Lack of skin growth and a zero-income crisis became a large drop in store prices for Rasheed in the current general elections, according to several political strategists.

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A range of Modi’s business policies, such as capping state-owned banks’ credit, have led to a decline in the number of new banks and financiers, but local experts believe the reform has in fact led to a decline in the number of new banks and financiers.

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Al-Babtain, Total Marketing celebrate 10 years of successful partnership in Kuwait

Commercial and OEM customers attend event

US-China trade negotiations near collapse

Trade talks between the US and China seemed close to collapsing in the past week after the US imposed tariffs on Chinese goods and Beijing retaliated with higher duties on American products. The two sides are currently trading at around the 3,138.79 level. Shanghai's Composite index tumbled as much as 2.8 percent, while the already struggling S&P 500 dropped 2.4 percent to a one-month low of 2,811.87 last Monday, though later recovered and is currently trading at around the 2,859.53 level. Stocks in Europe were closer to collapsing in the past week after the US hiked tariffs on $200bn worth of goods, trimming its order, Trump shifted his stance from the positive rhetoric of months to come, and raised the rate on $200bn worth of goods.

The two reports added to the recent mixed bag of economic data. The US Federal Reserve is expected to maintain its policy stance of maintaining interest rates near zero for the time being. We hope that this relationship with China will continue to strengthen further in Kuwait with support of our valued customers and we will scale new heights in the years to come," said Shaine Benz, President of Al-Babtain.

Today, Total through its Al-Babtain Group, is a major player in the local market and upholds a strong presence in the Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEM) with total being 20% of the market share for Toyota, Honda, Renault, Citroen, KIA, Daewoo cars in Kuwait. Besides, the company has the largest share of the Ford, Peugeot, and MAN trucks.

It is worth mentioning that in 2009, a new range of Total Quanti-X was introduced and since then, Total Quartz 9000 Future-Plus has been recommended for vehicles using premium fuels. These measures have been developed keeping in mind the latest OEM requirements that meet the highest and most stringent requirements of the modern-day engines. This range provides eco-friendly performance. Al-Babtain, European, American, Japanese, and Korean car manufacturers.

High-performance Industrial grades from Total like tur- bon oil, engine oils, compressor oils and hydraulic fluids have also been successfully introduced in the market. This has contributed to a healthier environment and has helped Al-Babtain boost the flagships products in commercial segment such as the 970 40 – 114 90 – 50 – 30.

The central bank, encouraged by growth for the second time in six months as some political parties called for the federal budget, gave the go-ahead and financial support for its own economic recovery. The RBA further raised its benchmark rate on 3 March, the first hike since August 2016, and forecasted that growth will slow to 1.5 percent this year, and financial support for first-time home buyers. The RBA forecasted that growth will slow to 1.5 percent this year, and financial support for first-time home buyers. The central bank downgraded its growth prediction for the second time in six months as some political parties called for the federal budget to be increased by more than $227 billion dollars. Today, Total through its Al-Babtain Group, is a major player in the local market and upholds a strong presence in the OEM.

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The oil market has been volatile in recent months, with Brent crude continuously rose last week, ranging up to $68.72 per barrel.

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Ramadan is captured beautifully

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What’s On

**NBK distributes iftar meals in Al Haifa and Mahboula**

National Bank of Kuwait (NBK) distributed iftar meals in Al Haifa and Mahboula areas in line with NBK charitable campaign conducted throughout the holy month of Ramadan as part of “The Good Deed in Ramadan” program. NBK continues to carry out its field visits to distribute iftar meals to the poor throughout the holy month of Ramadan in the spirit of the Good Deed campaign, which is celebrated on the 10th day of Ramadan. The visit included the hospitals of Al Razi, Ibn Sina, and Farwaniya. The program’s volunteers shared the hospitality of the traditional Iftar occasion by distributing houses of Iftar to the children. The houses were prepared previously by the volunteers in the camp of the program’s main headquarters, preparing Iftar meals in advance, which included rice, meat dishes, and sweets, while the volunteers provided the children with necessary training before matching them with volunteer opportunities. The program received more than 500 applicants this year.

**Ooredoo celebrates girgian with children in Razi, Ibn Sina, and Farwaniya hospitals**

Ooredoo Kuwait participated via its volunteer program in celebrating the holy month of Ramadan. Ooredoo continues to participate in the ‘Do Good Deeds in Ramadan’ campaign. Ooredoo convos have proven themselves throughout history caring and connecting, two of the core values of Ooredoo.

This year saw the launch of the fifth edition of the volunteer program, which is operated in collaboration with Spread the Passion non-profit organization. The program aims to educate youth and provide them with necessary training before matching them with volunteer opportunities. The program received more than 300 applicants this year.

**ACK and KNFSME renew collaboration agreement**

ACK President Prof. Isam Zabalawi and KNFSME President Sheik Jaber Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah agreed to emphasize project incubation for future cooperative ventures at the 2nd Annual Meeting between the Kuwait National Fund for Small and Medium Enterprises (KNFSME) and the Kuwait National College of Kuwait (ACK) in collaboration with Spread the Passion non-profit organization. The meeting was held on May 15 at the Kindergarten College of Kuwait (ACK) meeting room.

Both parties agreed to collaborate to push the CBRE Initiative for teaching engineering which includes a focus on hands-on and action learning. They also agreed to emphasize project incubation for future cooperative ventures, considering included offering courses in entrepreneurship, which could help students who’ve designed projects and invented new mental technologies to market and benefit from their creation.

**Dar Al-Shifa organizes Ghabga to celebrate Kuwaiti Women’s Day**

Dar Al-Shifa organized Ghabga to celebrate Kuwaiti Women’s Day, organized by the Ministry of Women’s Affairs and the Kuwait Institute of Social Research. The event is part of the Ministry of Women’s Affairs’ efforts to promote their vision for women in Kuwait. The event was held at the Al-Mirabile Hall on May 15.

The event included a series of speeches and discussions by women’s rights advocates and activists. The activities were aimed at promoting gender equality and empowering women in Kuwait.

**Fruit Salad Day celebrated at ICSK Amman**

A fruit salad was served at the Kindergarten College of Kuwait (ICSK) on Monday, May 20.

The event was organized for the students’ welfare and to promote a healthy lifestyle. The salad consisted of a variety of fruits, such as apples, oranges, and bananas. The students were encouraged to eat the fruits daily and to make it a habit. The event was well received by the students, who were excited to try the different fruits.

**By Faten Al-Andalous**

Dar Al-Shifa Hospital organized a Kuwaiti Women’s Day celebration at the hospital. The event was attended by the hospital’s management and staff, as well as representatives from various government and non-governmental organizations. The event aimed to raise awareness about the importance of women’s rights and to promote gender equality.

The celebration included speeches by prominent women’s rights advocates and activists, as well as a series of activities designed to promote gender equality. The event was well received by the attendees, who were encouraged to continue working towards the goal of gender equality in Kuwait.
Dirty data: Firms count the growing environmental costs of digital planet

PARIS. Technology is often touted as a solution to the world’s environmental challenges, but it is also part of the problem. Industry executives are facing mounting pressure to clean up their energy and resource-intensive business model. Much of our energy, for example, does not take a one-way flight, but is produced locally. This is particularly true for internet services, which keep the equipment from getting too hot.

According to a recent study by Stanford University, global internet traffic has doubled every year since 2013. This growth is expected to continue, with internet traffic expected to reach 60 exabytes per second by 2020, from 2.5 exabytes per second in 2013. This increase in data is driving up energy use, which is expected to reach 1,300 terawatt-hours (TH) by 2020, from 470 TH in 2013.

The surge in video and streaming services poses a particular challenge. Already in 2017, Sandvine estimated that video accounted for 56% of all downstream traffic, up from 43% in 2013. This increase in video traffic is expected to continue, with video traffic projected to reach 79% of all downstream traffic by 2020.

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Recycling costs

The environmental costs of digital planet are also part of the problem. Industry executives are facing pressure to mitigate these costs. This is particularly true for internet services, which require huge amounts of electricity to run and to power air-conditioning.

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4. Caught or fixed.

82. City in central Iran.

78. Psychoactive substance present in

68. (Bible) The archangel who was the

59. Having the leading position or higher

58. The table in Christian churches where

53. A state of abnormal softening of tissue.

43. The blood group whose red cells carry

22. Any of various strong liquors distilled

16. Freetail bats.

1960's wearing Edwardian style

11. Make high-pitched, whiney noises.

10. A villainous Jew in Charles Dickens'

66. (military) Signal to turn the lights out.

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32. Relating to or characteristic of

28. A member of the Semitic speaking

14. English monk and scholar (672-735).

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9. Radioactive element of the alkali-metal

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6. The garden of Eden.

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28. A member of the Semitic speaking

14. English monk and scholar (672-735).

11. Make high-pitched, whiney noises.

9. Radioactive element of the alkali-metal

8. A radioactive isotope of potassium.

7. The monorid of the Pirineos.

6. The garden of Eden.

5. The place where the sea meets the land.

4. The archangel of the north.

42. A state of abnormal softening of tissue.

41. An inn in some Eastern countries with a

39. A type of sea animal that has no backbone.

38. A promontory in northern Morocco

37. A soft white precious univalent metallic

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German star in Cannes a go-to actor for Hollywood

A revolutionary fervor

Dillah placed a British accent on campy prisoner in the scarifying Austrian drama “The Counterfeiters”, which shocked the lord for foreign-language film Oscar in 2006. Two decades later, Dillah is still on the lam thanks to the director’s renowned filmography. According to — AFP photos

In this file photo taken on October 1, 2015 shows veteran actor Harvey Keitel arriving for the screening of the film “Dolor Y Gloria (Pain and Glory)” at the 72nd edition of the Cannes Film Festival in Cannes, southern France. — AFP

Harvey Keitel

to play Meyer Lansky in gangster biopic

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It is to be expected that Harvey Keitel will continue to be a presence on the cinema circuit in 2020, this time as Meyer Lansky in “The Offer,” a biopic on the mobster.

Keitel was a key figure in the film world of the 1970s, but his career has been somewhat overshadowed in recent years by the rise of younger actors. However, his latest role as Lansky could be a significant return to form, given Keitel’s long-standing reputation as one of the great actors of his generation.

Keitel’s work in “The Offer” will be interesting to see, as he has often been known for his performances in a wide range of genres, from gangster films to dramas and even musicals. It will be interesting to see how he approaches Lansky, who is often portrayed as a ruthless and violent figure.

The film, directed by Matt Marsiello, is set to be released in late 2020. Keitel is joined in the cast by actor Daniel DiSanto, who will play Lansky’s son, Meyer Lansky Jr.

Almodovar’s ode to filmmaking

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Peter Almodovar is used to a good reception from festr

us, as the director jotted on Saturday that he “wants to join the cast of 'n'”. With the director’s first film in 14 years, “Dolor Y Gloria (Pain and Glory)” at the Cannes Film Festival in France, it’s a notable return to the top of the film world for one of Spain’s most celebrated filmmakers.

The film, which stars Penelope Cruz and Antonio Banderas, explores the life and career of a film director who is facing a creative crisis. Almodovar has said that the film is a personal reflection on his own experiences as a filmmaker and his struggles with depression.

The film has received critical acclaim, with some reviewers praising the performances of Cruz and Banderas, as well as the film’s themes of creativity and personal struggle. However, others have expressed concern about the film’s length and pacing.

Almodovar has said that he hopes the film will be a “return to narrative form” for him, after a series of experimental films in recent years. The film is set to be released in late 2020.
I.M. PEI, A PILLAR OF MODERN ARCHITECTURE. DIES AT 102

master architect I.M. Pei in dates

Collected architectural I.M. Pei has died of age 102. Here is key data in his life:

• April 10, 1917: Born in Ping Shan in Guangdong, southern China, the son of a banker.
• 1935: Left for the United States to study architecture at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Cambridge, Massachusetts, graduating in 1940. He then enrolled in the Graduate School of Design, receiving an advanced degree in 1946.
• 1951: Married an American named Sarahinson, who became a major influence on his work.
• 1954: Naturalized as a US citizen.
• 1955: Pritzker Prize, awarded by the Chicago-based Rockefeller brother.
• 1960: The Louvre pyramid in Paris, designed by I.M. Pei, is inaugurated. The project was deeply controversial in Paris and around the world, but in the end, it became a landmark in the city's landscape.
• 1973: The Oriental Institute of Art in Chicago, IL, is completed. It is the largest of Pei's works in the United States.
• 1977: The East Building of the National Gallery of Art in Washington, DC, is opened. It is the first major building in the United States to receive the Pritzker Prize.
• 1983: The Pei Fragrant Hill Hotel in Beijing is opened. It is the first major hotel Pei has designed.
• 1987: The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum in Cleveland, Ohio, is opened. It is the largest museum of American popular music in the United States.
• 1995: The Pritzker Prize is awarded to I.M. Pei for his lifetime of work.
• 2000: The Miho Museum of Shigo in Japan is opened. It is the first major museum Pei has designed in Japan.
• 2006: The National Museum of Singapore, designed by I.M. Pei, is opened. It is the largest museum in Singapore.
• 2011: The New Museum of Contemporary Art in New York is opened. It is the first major museum of contemporary art to be built in New York since the 1970s.
• 2014: The National Gallery of Art in Washington, DC, is completed. It is the first major building in the United States to receive the Pritzker Prize.
• 2016: The Fondation Louis Vuitton in Paris is opened. It is the first major museum Pei has designed in France.
• 2018: The glass pyramid of the Louvre in Paris is completed. It is the first major museum Pei has designed in France.

I.M. Pei, the prominent US architect who forged a distinct brand of modern building design with his sharp lines and stark structures, has died in New York. In recent years, he was the architect of some of the most ambitious and controversial projects in the world, including the Louvre Pyramid in Paris, the Apple headquarters in Cupertino, California, and the redesign of the National Mall in Washington, DC.

Pei was born on April 10, 1917, in Shanghai, China, the son of a banker. He was the eldest of four children and grew up in Shanghai, where he attended a private school. At the age of 17, Pei left Shanghai for the United States to study architecture at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Pei's career began with a commission to design a new building for Harvard University's Graduate School of Design, which he completed in 1942. He then went on to work for several prominent architects in New York City, including Pei's mentor, Paul Rudolph, and eventually became a partner in his own firm, I.M. Pei & Partners.

Pei's most famous project is the Louvre Pyramid in Paris, which he designed for the French president Francois Mitterrand. The pyramid is made of glass and stainless steel and is 110 feet high. It is considered one of the most controversial buildings of the 20th century, but it has also become a symbol of modernity and innovation.

Pei's other major works include the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in Cleveland, Ohio; the Los Angeles County Museum of Art; the National Gallery of Art East Building in Washington, DC; and the National Museum of Singapore.

In addition to his work in the United States, Pei designed many buildings in other countries, including the Bank of China in Hong Kong, the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in Cleveland, Ohio, and the Miho Museum of Shigo in Japan.

Pei was a recipient of the Pritzker Prize, which is considered the highest honor in architecture, and he was also awarded the Medal of Honor by the United States government.

Pei was known for his ability to blend modern design with traditional elements, creating spaces that were both functional and beautiful. He was also known for his commitment to design as a way to improve the quality of life for people around the world.

Pei's designs were often criticized by those who saw them as too modern or too aggressive, but he remained committed to his vision and continued to produce works that were celebrated around the world.

Pei was a true pioneer in the field of modern architecture, and his influence can be seen in the work of many of today's leading architects. He will be remembered as a true visionary and a great talent.
Belgium is all business at the front, in the very serious EU capital Brussels, but it’s all party at the back, in the little western town of Boussu. Here, outside an artisanal brewery, hundreds of nostalgics and merry-makers gathered on Saturday to celebrate the mullet haircut festival. For some it’s a throwback to a simpler time, for others an anti-fashion statement or simply a bit of a laugh for folklore specialists. “This cut is a state of mind, a declaration of independence. It carries symbolic weight as an affirmation of self,” organizer Damien Hubert told AFP, explaining how the festival evolved from a music video film shoot. “To be honest, I’m not sure that many people ever found the cut very attractive. We’re not kidding ourselves about that,” he admitted. Laid back outback Australia has hosted mullet festivals in the past, but organizers think that Boussu’s—which they hoped would attract around 1,500 people—is a first in Europe. Many of those who turned out on Saturday for a beer and a bold trim were thirty and forty-something nostalgic for the age of rocker Rod Stewart, footballer Chris Waddle or the US adventure series MacGyver, in which the lead character sports a mullet. “When I was little, I was in love with MacGyver, this is like a return to my childhood,” said 31-year-old Marie Vandeville as she went under the razor. “I’ll only leave it a few days, afterwards we’ll even it up.” —AFP

IN BELGIUM A MULLET IS NOT A HAIRCUT, IT’S A STATE OF MIND

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Trout hits 250th HR as Angels top Royals

Tyler White capped a five-run first inning with a two-run home run on Friday night as Los Angeles defeated three runs in three home runs before turning 28. The home run also gave him 250 for his career. He joined Alex Rodriguez, Jimmie Foxx, Ken Griffey Jr., Mickey Mantle and Juan Gonzalez as one of 15 players with at least 10 career 250th home runs and 25 home runs. Five through 2 and two walks while recording just one out.

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Nationals: 3, Cubs: 2

Stephen Strasburg tied up just one earned run and four hits in eight innings, while giving up just a single hit in three as Washington topped Chicago. Strasburg (2-2) struck out six in the third and finished with seven strikeouts before Sean Doolittle pitched the ninth to record his 11th save. The win extended Washington's winning streak to three games. The Nationals have scored more runs in the win than they did during a blowout win over Texas in Arlington. The Cardinals scored six runs on five hits, striking out five and walking two, in the 11th inning. He deposited a 1-0 changeup from Plutko (1-0) to the upper reaches of the right field stands. It was the 250th home run for the Indians, who improved to 13-4 against the Nationals.

Tigers: 2, Yankees: 1 (11 innings)

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Impact Golf produces top progeny

Koepka seizures record-seven PGA lead ahead 54 holes

BETHESDA, Md. — Defending champion Brooks Koepka overcame struggles to grab a seven-stroke lead after Saturday’s third round of the PGA Championship, the largest 54-hole advantage a golfer has ever enjoyed.

Third-ranked Koepka, in prime position for his third career major title, holds a 17-under-par 205 that included top-ranked Dustin Johnson, fifth-ranked Patrick Reed and 2016 champion Jordan Spieth. Europe’s Tommy Fleetwood is seven shots back in fourth place.

"I feel confident. I feel good. I feel excited," Koepka said. "We have a shot to go out here on that first tee. Just go out and try to play the best you can play."

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Bale was substituted in the 74th minute, after being named as a substitute for the final league game of the campaign for the treble winners. "It has been an unbelievable season on a high for the Belgian," De Bruyne insisted it in his post-match interview, as Manchester City beat Watford 6-0 at Wembley to claim the FA Cup. Bale has had an exceptional campaign, scoring 10 goals and providing 10 assists in his 11 appearances so far this season.

In the wake of this victory, the club confirmed that Bale will be leaving the club at the end of the season. "It was important to be at the top of the table. We have delivered and we are in the final," a delighted De Bruyne said. "We deserved it." The club's Chief Executive, Karl-Heinz Rummenigge, also hailed this as the club's "biggest investment in its history so far." His words were echoed by Pep Guardiola, who praised Bale's "true genius".

Bale, who joined Madrid from Tottenham in 2013, has established himself as one of the world's best players during his time in Spain. His departure marks the end of an era at the club, with many fans paying tribute to his contribution.

Meanwhile, Manchester United have confirmed that they will not be signing any players in the summer transfer window. The Red Devils have struggled to find form this season and have missed out on the Premier League title race.

Bale is just one of many high-profile players who have left the club this season, with others including David de Gea, Bruno Fernandes, and Harry Maguire. However, the club has resisted the temptation to make any big-name signings, choosing instead to invest in youth development and improving the academy system.

"The club has made a conscious decision to focus on the development of our young players," said Ole Gunnar Solskjaer, the club's manager. "We are committed to building a sustainable future for the club, and that means investing in the next generation of talent."
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Golden State out-scored Portland 29-13 in the third quarter to lead by three heading into the final frame. The Trail Blazers, who won Game 1 of the series, struggled from the floor all game, shooting 39% from the field, 31% from three-point range and 63% from the free-throw line.

"I'm definitely pleased with this week. This is my second final in three weeks. That's still quite an achievement," said Konta. "I'm looking forward to Paris."

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