India launches world’s fastest cruise missile

NEW DELHI: India said the world’s fastest cruise missile passed another key test yesterday when it successfully hit a land target after being fired from a light-aircraft carrier. The flying distance of 3,450 kilometers per hour - with a speed of 3.45 times the speed of sound - is more than twice the speed of the BrahMos missile, which has a top speed of 1,600 kilometers per hour. The test was conducted at the eastern coast and the missile successfully hit its target. The Indian defense ministry said a specially converted Su-30 MKI fighter jet was launched from an Indian aircraft carrier in a test fire. The missile traveled at a speed of almost Mach 1.5, which is about 500 kilometers per hour. The launch from the aircraft was smooth and the missile followed the desired trajectory before directly hitting the target, the ministry said.

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Kuwait’s diplomacy playing a realistic and balanced role

His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah is pictured with His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah and other top officials at Kuwait Palace yesterday.

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Adviser defends expats against racist remarks

By Ri Enak

KUWAIT: A senior Kuwaiti legal advisor yesterday defended expatriates against what he called a “rhetoric of racism and xenophobia” among Kuwaiti officials who have been attacking the government for failing to protect the rights of expatriates. In a statement, the advisor, who is a member of the Kuwaiti Bar Association, said that the government has been using racist rhetoric to justify its actions. He said that the government’s recent actions are a violation of the rights of expatriates and other foreigners living in Kuwait. He added that the government’s actions are a violation of international law and norms of human rights.

His Highness the Amir was also accompanied by the President of the Kuwaiti National Guard, Sheikh Shaker Al-Ahmed Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, and by His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak Al-Sabah. The meeting was attended by the Prime Minister of the Arab League, Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled, and by the Highness the Amir for setting foundations of Kuwait’s diplomacy and “we are living in an uncertain region and a dark political scene. We see deterioration of situation of our brothers and a prolonged conflict that tarnished our skies, and on the other hand we experience an escalation... which requires the need to take effective and principled stances and to prepare for all eventualities.”
Amir, Crown Prince meet senior state officials at Bayan Palace

Sheikh Nawaf meets former head of Al-Azhar University

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KUWAIT: Firemen battle the Shuwaikh Industrial blaze.

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ABK celebrates Ramadan with staff ghabqa

ABK’s ghabqa shares exciting evening of activities and prizes for employees

ABK, the Al-Ahli Bank of Kuwait (ABK) held its Annual Ramadan ghabqa for all members of staff in celebration of the holy month. Taking place at the Arraya Ballroom - Marriott Courtyard Hotel, in an ‘old Kuwaiti’ architectural style, the ambience created much excitement among employees. The event was attended by over 600 staff members including Michel Accad, ABK’s Group CEO, who opened the evening with a warm welcome.

Throughout the evening, Master of Ceremonies, Humoud Adel, called the senior management to the stage to assist in drawing lucky numbers for some exciting raffle prizes which included cash prizes, Smart Phones, and trips to London, Paris, Barcelona, Beirut and Dubai. The biggest prize of the night was for a KD 1,000 cash prize, which was won by Ahmad Ashraf Mohammed. The evening also saw an array of other entertainment which included fun games by talented radio presenter, Osama Fouda, an instant photo booth in a traditional old Kuwaiti house setting, a vending machine full of surprise gifts and a coffee booth, as guests enjoyed music played by renowned band Jazz Club. A true family spirit coupled with the spirit of Ramadan was enjoyed by all.
Gulf Bank donates foodstuff boxes to families in need

In partnership with Kuwait Food Bank and Saveco

KUWAIT: As part of its interest in bringing joy and happiness to children across Kuwait, Gulf Bank partnered with the Kuwait Food Bank and Saveco to distribute foodstuff boxes to local families. This is the third consecutive year that Gulf Bank launched this initiative with the Kuwait Food Bank, and its fourth partnership with Saveco, to distribute foodstuffs to local families. Each box contains a number of basic essential food items that cover one family’s needs for approximately one week. Volunteers from Gulf Bank and Saveco prepared the boxes, while members of the Kuwait Food Bank distributed them to families around the country.

Ahmad Al-Amir, Assistant General Manager for External Communications at Gulf Bank said: “We take great pride in going back to our local community this holy month from AUB.

On this occasion, Sahar Dashti, General Manager of Customer Protection Department, who is in charge of the Bank Social Responsibility Program participated in the celebration.

Dashti added that these visits are part of the social programs prepared by the CSR unit of the Bank which covers several charity and humanity activities and events aiming to support all segments of the Kuwaiti society and promote the spirit of communication and compassion among its members. In their turn, children and their families in the hospital expressed their great joy of the visit and receiving the gifts and presents on the occasion of this holy month from BCB.

Ramadan Favorites

Ramadan is a joyful time of year in the Muslim world as families gather at sundown to break their fast, enjoy traditional meals, and spend time with family and friends. With the holy month of Ramadan around the corner, the Kuwait Times is asking readers what they love about Ramadan. What is your favorite food, activity, memory, event, or story that you absolutely adore and look forward to each year? We want to hear from you and your fellow Kuwaitis, and let us know what you want to see in our newspaper. Omar shared that the favorite part of Ramadan for him and his family is the celebration of the holy month from AUB.

By Faten Omar

Ramadan is a joyous time of year in the Muslim world as families gather at sundown to break their fast. In Kuwait, there are many traditions and activities that take place every year during the holy month of Ramadan. One of the most popular activities during Ramadan is the celebration of ‘girgian’ by children. Girgian is a tradition where children go from door to door in their neighborhood, dressed in traditional Kuwaiti attire, and singing songs such as “I celebrate it every Ramadan.” Children, led by AUB volunteers, distributed foodstuffs to local families in need during the holy month. The Gulf Bank, in partnership with Saveco and the Kuwait Food Bank, distributed foodstuffs to local families in need around the country. The Gulf Bank aims to spread hope in their hearts in the holy month of Ramadan while promoting the spirit of communication and compassion among its members. In their turn, children and their families in the hospital expressed their great joy of the visit and receiving the presents and gifts on the occasion of this holy month from the Gulf Bank.
Six dead after election riots in Jakarta

Authorities restrict access to social media to stop rumors and fake news

JAKARTA: At least six people were killed in violence yesterday after police clashed with protesters opposed to the re-election of President Joko Widodo. Dozens were injured in brawls and burned-out cars, as the violence triggered security advisories from the US and Australian embassies. Authorities also restricted access to some social media in a bid to stop rumors and fake news from spreading online.

National police chief Idham Fujianto said the six people had died, but denied authorities had fired live rounds on protesters, and called for calm. ‘Some had gunshot wounds, some had blunt force wounds but we still need to clarify this,’ he told reporters. Jakarta’s governor Anies Baswedan said earlier that about 200 had been injured. The violence came after Indonesia’s election commission on Tuesday confirmed Widodo had beaten his rivals to clarify this,” he told reporters. Jakarta's governor Anies Baswedan said earlier that about 200 had been injured. The violence came after Indonesia’s election commission on Tuesday confirmed Widodo had beaten his rivals for the presidency in April.

Subianto has said he would challenge the results in court – as the infeasibility, unacceptability and illegality of Widodo’s election results, he said. In a statement published online, Subianto said Widodo’s victory was secured through欺诈, stuffing, syndicated crimes, and violence, among others. ‘We cannot accept the fraud,’ he added, referring to reports of rampant cheating. Widodo’s victory was officially confirmed on Thursday. The home ministry “alerted” the state police, the army, the air force, and the navy to prepare for the possibility of violence on the day of counting of votes tomorrow.

However analysts said China appears to target the minerals just for fear of losing them, having developed a global dollar-based system that uses rare earths in its processes. The Chinese government has been in a strategic position to exploit the fact that most of the world’s rare earths come from China, and has been able to use this leverage to negotiate higher prices from buyers of rare earths.

The rare earths are crucial for China’s high-tech industries, and the country is the world’s largest consumer and producer of rare earths. China’s dominance in the industry has given it significant leverage over its suppliers, and has allowed it to negotiate higher prices and terms with buyers of rare earths.

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KANO, Nigeria: When the state of Kano returned from the pilgrimage, the millions supporting loyalists to the emir of Kano, Muhammadu Sanusi II, have been growing rapidly in numbers and size. But if the movement is gaining strength and gaining adherents, the emirate is facing a new threat from the government, which has been increasing its control over the emirate.

The situation in the city of Kano is closely watched by the international community, which has been expressing concern about the situation in the emirate. The emir, who is known to be a moderate, has been a vocal critic of the government's policies and has been calling for greater political participation for the people of the emirate.

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LONDON: Prime Minister Theresa May today unveiled an alternative Brexit plan that has already divided Labour MPs, forcing a second meaningful vote on Thursday. The offer was made in a last ditch attempt to avoid a no-deal Brexit, which would trigger a general election under the terms of Article 50.

The package includes a proposal for a customs union and an “implementation period” for Northern Ireland. But Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn, who has already dismissed the plan, said it was “little more than a repackaged deal”. The DUP has also rebuffed the plan, which it said was “too little too late.”

The government’s plan was tabled after talks between May and Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn failed earlier this week.

But Labour MPs are expected to vote against the plan, with sources suggesting up to 70 Labour MPs are likely to vote against it.

The move comes after the government was defeated in a vote on Wednesday night, losing 21 votes on its latest Brexit plan. The government has until Wednesday to come up with an alternative plan.

A spokesman for the DUP said: “While we welcome the fact that the prime minister has changed tack, it is little more than a repackaged version of her three-times rejected deal.”

“The DUP may have changed their minds but they’ve already had their chance, and Labour MPs don’t seem to think that the DUP have,” he said.

The DUP has already shown it is not for the government to do the job, “we expect the DUP to do the job,” he added.

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Manila: President Rodrigo Duterte's drive to dump the death penalty and advance his project to rewrite the constitution - a key fallout of the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN) victory - has been adversely affected by the coronavirus pandemic, according to a top aide to the president.

“ICAN’s victory has been a double-edged sword,” said one of Duterte’s long-time advisors and aides, Mercado. “Duterte has been called on to step up the war on drugs, in particular the narcotics trade, which is booming and criminal gangs are capitalizing on the pandemic and the state of emergency imposed locally,” he said.

“Since the emergency was declared last March 16, the government has arrested scores of suspects, both in connection with the drug war and other crimes. The lockdown had failed to prevent ‘engagement, production, distribution and diversion of drugs,’ the official said.”

The Duterte administration said it needs to move swiftly in implementing the anti-drug measures that it has for locals come at a price. “It used to be nice, before the war,” said a woman in a hammock in her makeshift shelter. —AFP

Duterte tightens grip on power in Philippine polls

Electoral tsunami also a win for president’s family

MANILA: Allies of President Rodrigo Duterte stormed the May 9 national elections yesterday, showing a clear bias in his favor as they swept into power with a surge of votes ordered to support the administration. "Duterte is a winner," said Marcy, who had campaigned for him in the last election. "He will continue to grow in power because of the landslide victory of his allies."  “Duterte’s allies have had a strong showing so far,” said another aide. "They are expected to win most of the seats in the Senate and House of Representatives."  “The Duterte administration has moved to bring the country out of the coronavirus pandemic and stabilize the economy, which has been hailed by international experts," said Mercado. "The president has also moved to advance his legislative agenda, including the rewrite of the constitution and the war on drugs."  "Duterte’s allies have also been able to unite the government and the opposition to support the president’s agenda," said Mercado. "The government has been able to pass key legislation, including the anti-drug bill and the anti-corruption bill."

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Boy or girl? HK at centre of banned China gender test

Some middle-aged men are openly advertising on Chinese social media to smuggle blood samples of pregnant women to Hong Kong to help their clients to perform gender selection, "he said. — AFP

The agents did not directly address questions about the authenticity of the smuggled samples. Among questions they raised were what would/should happen if a person has reason to suspect that it was not their own. They also asked about the limits of the tests they would send to Hong Kong.

The tests analyse small fragments of foetal DNA in blood samples and can often accurately predict the gender of a fetus weeks before doctors can see the sex organs in an ultrasound. The tests can also be used to screen for chromosomal disorders such as Down’s syndrome.

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China must prepare for difficult times: Xi
Mobile carriers delay launch of Huawei handset; US firms face retaliation

BEIJING/WASHINGTON: China must prepare for difficult times, as the international situation is increasingly complex, President Xi Jinping said in comments carried by state media yesterday, as the US-China trade war has taken an increasingly strident and nationalistic tone. US firms said in a survey released yesterday they were facing retaliation in China over the trade war. The American Chamber of Commerce in China and its sister body in Shanghai said members reported that they faced increased obstacles such as government inspections, slower customs clearances, delays in obtaining licenses and other paperwork.

China’s big three airlines seek Boeing compensation over 737 MAX grounding

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KUFPEC subsidiary signs new exploration deals in Pakistan

KUWAIT: Kuwait Foreign Exploration Corporation (KUFPEC)’s Pakistan subsidiary, Kufpec Pakistan BV (KPBV), yesterday signed petroleum exploration licenses and production concession agreements for Makhad block in Pakistan, a press release said.

The Makhad Block No. 3371-19 covers an area of approximately 1,560 square kilometers. It is located in the Attock, Chakwal and Mianwali districts of the Punjab province and in the Kohat district of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province.

Philippines exempts gold sales to CB from taxes to boost foreign reserves

MANILA: The Philippines has passed a law exempting gold sales by small-scale miners to the central bank from excise tax and import duties to boost the country’s foreign exchange reserves and prevent smuggling, the Bangko Sentral Ng Pilipinas (BSP) said. The Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte signed the law into effect on March 25, the central bank said in a statement. It is the first law passed by small-scale miners in the Philippines, which will be sold to the central bank at around world market prices. However, miners have encountered taxes introduced in 2008 by selling gold on the black market. Gold sold to the central bank fell 39 percent to P10,000 per fine ounce this year from 9,000 pesos per fine ounce in 2013 because of taxes imposed in 2008. The government data showed.

Analysts’ consensus forecast had been for a jump to 2.2 percent in April. While April’s figure is back above the Bank of England’s main interest rate, the central bank is expected to be cautious in the near term given prolonged Brexit uncertainties as well as a fraught domestic political situation and a challenging global economic environment. The Bank of England’s main interest rate stands at 0.75 percent. —AFP

British inflation climbs on rising energy costs

LONDON: British annual inflation climbed to 2.1 percent in April, above forecasts, fuelled by higher energy prices, official data showed yesterday. “The Consumer Prices Index (CPI) annual rate was, up from 1.5 percent in March 2019 in line with expectations. Inflation re-emerged as a statement. ‘Rising energy prices and air fares, which was fuelled by higher utility bills for households, was the largest upward contribution to changes in the rate between March and April 2019’,” the ONS added. “And so, average annual inflation forecast has been lifted for a jump to 2.2 percent in April.”

While April’s figure is back above the Bank of England’s 2.0 percent target, the latest data is not expected to cause the BoE’s Monetary Policy Committee to change interest rates any time soon, especially since inflation rose less than forecast. The claim “will put further pressure on consumer purchasing power following a fallback in earnings growth in March,” said Howard Archer, chief economist at the IHS Markit. “However, it is unlikely to prompt the Monetary Policy Committee to hike interest rates any time soon, especially since ongoing Brexit uncertainties and a tightened domestic political environment,” Archer added. “The recent decision to sign new production deals will boost the country’s growth forecast in 2019. However, the world economy faces hampering by prolonged Brexit uncertainties as well as a fraught domestic political situation and a challenging global economic environment. The Bank of England’s main interest rate stands at 0.75 percent. —AFP

Turkish Airlines to open five lounges at new Istanbul Airport

With the completion of “Great Move” to its new Istanbul Airport, Turkish Airlines is set to open the five lounges available for Business Class, Miles & Smiles Elite Plus & Elite, Star Alliance Gold and Corporate Club passengers. There are currently three lounges open – the Turkish Airlines Business Lounge, Miles & Smiles Lounge and Domestic Lounge. The Exclusive Lounge and Terminal Lounge are scheduled to open in Summer 2019.

The Turkish Airlines Business Lounge has an approach roof of over 60,000 square feet with 768 guests and features 13 private suites with showers. Turkish Airlines also designed a 50 square foot spa area in here collaborating with the arts and cultural landscape.

The Turkish Airlines Miles & Smiles Lounge is also over 60,000 square feet with 768 guests and offers 13 private suites with showers and space where guests can rest on comfortable couches, savour delicacies and refreshments, along with international newspapers, magazine, or enjoy mobile mapping services. A console with computers and the Turkish Airlines Miles & Smiles Lounge is also equipped with entertainment, while a technology center with 30 games and virtual reality is planned.

The two lounges also provide meeting rooms, a library and prayer room.

The Turkish Airlines Domestic Lounge is accessible through a special entrance gate located outside the terminal so passengers can complete check-in procedures and transfer directly to the aircraft via buses. Lounge amenities include comfortable couches, Turkish cuisine, a large children’s play area, media wall with multiple TV screens and prayer room.

The overall design concept of the Business Class and Miles & Smiles Lounges reflect an Aegean theme including designs depicting brewery from the Aegean region. The Ribambelle wall, which is the most striking feature in Turkish Airlines’ lounges and inspired by a flower motif, consists of solid wood panels that uninflate through all lounges. Panels circulating in the hall have arowaneous sculptures expressing the flow. Turkish Airlines passengers gain access to the lounges by presenting their business class tickets or Miles & Smiles Elite Plus & Elite, Star Alliance Gold and Corporate Club membership cards.

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For more information, please contact Turkish Airlines’ official website at www.turkishairlines.com.
Japan's exports fell as Trump's trade threats threatened outlook

Global slowdown, trade war hits exports

Tokyo: Japanese exports contracted for the fifth month in a row due to a slump in shipments of ship- making equipment to China, undermining the growth that led to the world's third-biggest economy from a slumping US-China trade war.

The monthly drop follows a smaller fall in April and further eroded prospects that Japan's economy will pick up later this year, tying the central bank's (BOJ) efforts to achieve its inflation goal.

Analysts saw the monthly drop as evidence that the trade war will weigh on sales of exports, which account for nearly one-third of Japan's GDP.


tokyo

Japan's exports, excluding fresh goods, fell 0.7% in May to $43 billion, revised from an originally reported 0.2% gain, according to government data released Wednesday.

The result is likely to extend Japan's streak of five straight monthly drops and raise uncertainty as to whether the central bank can achieve its 2% inflation target.


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The BOJ, which cut its inflation forecast in April, is expected to release its updated economic projections in June.

The agency that supervises exports said it was holding a meeting of economic experts to discuss the impact of the US-China trade war on the economy.


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Analysts said the drop in exports reflected a slowdown in Chinese demand and could add to deflationary pressures in Japan, which has been grappling with long-term deflation.


tokyo

A stronger yen also weighed on export prices, with the dollar buying 1.07 yen on Wednesday, compared with 1.09 yen a month earlier.


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The government forecast in April that Japan's exports would rise 1.9% in the April-June quarter from a year earlier, but warned there was a risk of a downturn if the trade conflict with China continues.


tokyo

Some economists expected exports to fall 1% in the quarter.


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China is Japan's top trading partner, accounting for about 25% of its exports and 15% of its imports.


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The BOJ's decision last month to keep its monetary policy ultra-loose reflected the need to support growth in the world's third-largest economy.


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However, the central bank's efforts have been hampered by the trade war, which has hit Japanese exports and raised uncertainty about the outlook.


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Analysts said the BOJ may have to ease policy further to support growth, but it has limited options given its already low interest rates.


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The BOJ last month also announced a new program to support banks that lend to companies hit by the trade war.


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The government is also expected to announce additional stimulus measures to support the economy in the coming months.


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Business

Toyota bags two prestigious titles at Middle East Car of Year awards 2019

Yaris scooped ‘Best Sub-compact Sedan’ award • Camry crowned ‘Best Midsize Sedan’

The Toyota Yaris was named ‘Best Sub-compact Sedan’ at the 2019 Middle East Car of Year (MECOTY) awards. The Toyota Yaris claimed the title at the 8th edition of the region’s premier automotive awards ceremony, which took place in Dubai, United Arab Emirates. The Yaris was named the best in its class due to its outstanding design, performance, and overall quality. It is the second consecutive year that the Yaris has received this prestigious award.

The Toyota Camry was named ‘Best Midsize Sedan’ at the same event, making it the second year in a row for this award. The Camry is known for its advanced technology, comfortable interior, and reliable performance. This recognition underscores the company’s commitment to providing innovative and high-quality vehicles to meet the needs of modern consumers.

Toyota’s success at the MECOTY awards underscores its leadership in the automotive industry in the Middle East region. The company’s focus on innovation, quality, and customer satisfaction has enabled it to consistently deliver vehicles that exceed expectations and meet the evolving needs of the market.

Malabar Gold & Diamonds announces summer offers

This summer, Malabar Gold & Diamonds is offering a range of exciting offers to its customers. Customers can expect a variety of deals on gold and diamond jewelry, including discounts and freebies. The campaign will run at all Malabar Gold & Diamonds outlets located in the region until 6th July, 2019.

The offers include:

- Unveiled latest collection of jewelry specially designed for the season in gold and diamonds
- Customers get one raffle coupon for every gold and diamond jewelry purchase worth KD 250 or above
- 50% off on gold and diamond jewelry purchase worth KD 1500 or above
- Add to the above, customers get a chance to win gold bars with the purchase of gold and diamond jewelry worth KD 40, and diamond jewelry purchase worth KD 200
- Customers get a chance to win a 20% cashback on gold and diamond jewelry purchase worth KD 2000 or above
- Additional layer of luxury: an additional 10% cashback in the form of gold or diamond jewelry purchase worth KD 1000 or above
- Malabar Gold & Diamonds introduces the latest collection of gold, diamond jewelry, and precious gems.

The focus of the “Bank4.0” era is expected to revolutionize banking services and Internet financial services, diversifying requirements for mobile banking and rebuilding core competitiveness in the service continuity of financial services.

The financial industry solution jointly developed with Huawei. These products enable financial institutions to achieve more efficient and accurate management and control and automatic (IDM) systems to achieve more efficient and accurate manage- ment and control and further improve the service continuity of financial services.

The new Huawei FusionCube, the world’s first all-inclusive infrastructure platform that integrates data access performance are the most critical, data access performance are the most critical, storage capabilities. Data reliability and performance are the most critical. Storage capabilities. Data reliability and performance are the most critical. Storage capabilities. Data reliability and performance are the most critical.

KUWAIT: Ooredoo Shamel Control is the first hybrid plan in the Middle East, offering a new way to provide cost-effective and user-friendly solutions for mobile and Internet services. The plan is designed to cater to the needs of customers who want to benefit from the convenience of a prepaid plan while having the assurance of a postpaid plan. The hybrid plan also helps users avoid additional fees that may arise from using the available prepaid recharge methods. The hybrid plan is based on a postpaid bundle with fixed benefits, in which the plan can be topped up and after it is recharged, customers can subscribe for special Shamel Control addresses or bundles or even use the prepaid balance as PAYGO for making calls.

Shamel Control customers can choose their lines using the available prepaid exchange methods. The prepaid bundle will provide the flexibility with the assurance of a fixed bill. In the event of a customer being in a commitment with the plan, customers will receive a one-time international recharge. This will allow customers to use their plan even during their commitment. Customers who sign up for the 24-month commitment will be able to switch and add an iPhone, Samsung or Huawei device.
Universal American School graduation ceremony for academic year 2018/2019

NBK is committed to supporting students and all educational activities
WASHINGTON: Washington on Tuesday became the first US state to legalize human composting after its eco-friendly governor signed a bill that allows the body to be turned into compost in a process called recomposition.

“This innovative option offers an alternative to existing burial and cremation options that are not eco-friendly and don’t always yield significant savings in carbon emissions and land,” said Katrina Spade, who founded the startup Recompose.

The company set to be the first to offer the service is the founder of Recompose, a Seattle-based company, said Katrina Spade, who lobbied for the law and is the founder of Recompose, a Seattle-based company.

“We have found that the essential methods that we use for livestock mortality composting are also effective for human disposition,” said Dr Lynne Carpenter-Boggs, a professor of soil science at Washington State University. “We have substantially changed the materials used to be socially acceptable, but the basic principles that we have learned from livestock mortality composting are very effective for the human research subjects that we used.” According to statistics, more than two out of three Americans opt for cremation. In Washington state, nearly 75 percent of people choose that option.

Spade noted that the law would also help the environment, as recomposing human remains is “ecologically and socially acceptable, but the basic principles that we use for livestock mortality composting are also effective for human disposition,” said Dr Lynne Carpenter-Boggs, a professor of soil science at Washington State University. “We have substantially changed the materials used to be socially acceptable, but the basic principles that we have learned from livestock mortality composting are very effective for the human research subjects that we used.” According to statistics, more than two out of three Americans opt for cremation. In Washington state, nearly 75 percent of people choose that option.

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“Everything - including bones and teeth - is recomposed,” Spade said. “That’s because our system creates the perfect environment for microbes. In four short months microbes and beneficial bacteria break everything down quite quickly. The process used by Recompose is the same as that used for decades with farm animals. The actor Luke Perry, star of the hit-series Beverly Hills 90210, who died in March, was wrapped in a simple shroud in towns that allow it. The new law that will go into effect in May of next year, people who die in the state will have the option to have their bodies transformed into compost in a process called recomposition. The container is then shut and the body is decomposed by microbes within 30 days. The end product is a dry, fluffy nutrient-rich soil resembling what one would buy at a local nursery. The so-called “mushroom suite” was developed by Coeio, a California startup, that said the attire helps the body decompose quickly. The process used by Recompose is the same as that used for decades with farm animals. The actor Luke Perry, star of the hit-series Beverly Hills 90210, who died in March, was wrapped in a simple shroud in towns that allow it.

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Aries (March 21-April 19)

You're feeling nervous in your career area. You have an ambitious initiative under way and a new opportunity is on the horizon. You're finding new avenues of earning profit and other recognition. No one else, but yourself, has the ability to get in your way. You think that you are ready to face any obstacle. You may want to wait and see what will happen. Your ability to take action is strong, but your confidence is too low. This is not the time to take on a task. You should avoid taking on a task at this time.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)

This is a good time for you because you can see your current situation changing and you can make plans for the future. You can be more efficient if you can work at this time. Others around you may not be able to understand your current situation, but you can see the bigger picture. You need to think carefully about your current situation and make sure you are ready to take action.

Gemini (May 21-June 21)

Problem solving comes naturally to you today but you may not make any progress because you are not sure what to do. This time can be used to plan your strategy and to think about all the possibilities. You can use your creativity today to come up with new ideas and to think about your current situation.

Cancer (June 21-July 22)

This is a time when others feel you are not following the right path. You can do almost anything you want today. This is the time to think about your current situation and to make plans for the future. You can make changes today that will help you move in the right direction.

Leo (July 23-August 22)

This is a time of using that mental clarity you have to your best interest. You can think clearly today and can use your mind to make plans for the future. You can use your creativity to come up with new ideas and to think about your current situation.

Virgo (August 23-September 22)

You're thinking about a new venture and you're trying to figure out how to make it work. You can do almost anything you want today. This is the time to think about your current situation and to make plans for the future.
Omani writer wins Man Booker literature prize

Jokha Alharthi on Tuesday became the first Arabic author to win the Man Booker International prize for her novel “Celestial Bodies,” which won her Oman’s first post-colonial transformation. “I am thrilled that a novel has been openly to the rich Arabic culture,” Alharthi, 40, replied after the ceremony at the Southbank Centre in London. Alharthi is the author of two previous collections of short fiction, a children’s book and three novels in Arabic. She studied classical Arabic poetry at Edinburgh University and teaches at Sultan Qaboos University in Oman.

“Aman inspired me but I think international readers can relate to the human values in the book—freedom and love,” she said. The prize, 100,000 pounds ($134,000) of prize, which celebrates translated fiction, was awarded to Alharthi by the judges and the Man Booker International prize’s founder, and the following five other shortlisted authors: France’s Annie Ernaux, Germany’s Marion Poschmann, Poland’s Olga Tokarczuk, Colombia’s Juan Gabriel Vasquez and Chile’s Alia Trabucco Zeran. — AFP

Grandmother hypothesis

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A copy of "Celestial Bodies" by Arabic author Jokha Alharthi, translated by Marilyn Booth, which has won the Booker International Prize in London. — AFP photos

Wingmoms: How bonobo mothers help their sons find love

Researchers who’ve experienced a mother guiding them to meet attractive ovulating females and producing grandchildren might just be more successful because their communities’ highest ranks are dominated by males who compete for females to interfering with male rivals’ attempts to mate. The paper was published Monday in the journal Current Biology and found that if a mother got along with her son, her son was more successful in his mating attempts. In addition to intervening in their sons’ rivals’ attempts. In addition to intervening in their sons’ rivals’ attempts. In addition to intervening in their sons’ rivals’ attempts.

A mother’s presence can be a selective pressure, too. Alharthi said researchers had found that if a mother lost her high rank, her son also fell in rank and was subsequently less successful at mating. Surbeck believes that, since bonobo daughters leave the community and remain behind, it may signal “the arrival of a major literary talent,” calling it an “ingenious structure.” The National said it offered “a glimpse into a culture relatively little known in the west” and The Guardian said it signalled the arrival of a major literary talent, calling the book “a densely woven, subtly imagined tear-jerker.” Surbeck believes that, since bonobo daughters leave the community and remain behind, it was simple not to be worth the mothers’ time and efforts from an evolutionary perspective. One thing that scientists believe they may now need to test is whether grandmothers have other reproductive advantages. In The Netherlands, researchers found that if grandmothers were still alive and participating in the society, they were three times more likely to father grandchildren.

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In this photo, a young bonobo male bonobo is groomed by his mom in the Kibale Forest Reserve in Oyate, Eastern Province of Tanzania in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. — AFP

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‘Aladdin opens in Middle East theaters today’

The stars of Disney’s live-action adaptation, “Aladdin,” are back in Jordan as part of the gangster crime cartel world tour of one of the most anticipated films of the year. The film, which was shot in the stunning landscapes of Jordan, is set to make its regional premiere in the Middle East on May 24, following its release in the US and Europe.

While in Jordan, the stars of the film will be promoting the movie and engaging with fans from all over the region. They will also be visiting some of the most iconic landmarks and locations that were used as settings in the film, including the ancient city of Petra and the stunning desert landscapes.

The film itself is a live-action adaptation of the classic 1992 animated film, which starred Robin Williams and made a huge impact on audiences around the world. The new version features a talented cast, including Mena Massoud as Aladdin, Naomi Scott as Jasmine, and Marwan Kenzari as Jafar.

In addition to the stars of the film, the cast and crew will also be promoting the ongoing rollout of the film in the Middle East, as well as the various initiatives that Disney is supporting in the region.

The Disney team is working closely with local government officials and organizations to ensure that the film’s release is a success, and to promote the many ways in which the film can benefit the region.

In conclusion, the stars of “Aladdin” are set to make a huge impact in Jordan as part of the film’s Middle East tour. With its stunning visuals, talented cast, and positive message, the film is sure to be a success in the region and beyond.

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**Handwritten wills purportedly found at Aretha Franklin’s home**

Aretha Franklin’s handwritten wills have been found at her home, according to reports. The wills reportedly date back to 1987 and were discovered among other documents in the singer’s home.

The wills reportedly divide Franklin’s estate among her children and other family members. They also include provisions for her estate planning, including the appointment of a power of attorney.

The discovery of the handwritten wills comes after Franklin’s death in August 2018. A probate court in Delaware is currently overseeing the estate, which is estimated to be worth over $80 million.

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**American picked to design vast car-free garden at Eiffel Tower**

The city of Paris has chosen an American landscape architect to design a vast car-free garden at the Eiffel Tower. The project, which is part of the city’s ongoing efforts to reduce traffic in the area, is expected to create a massive garden that will be accessible to the public.

The chosen architect is Lauren Greenfield, a landscape architect based in New York. Greenfield is known for her work on urban public spaces and has previously designed gardens in cities around the world.

The garden will be located at the base of the Eiffel Tower and will include a variety of plant species, as well as seating areas and other amenities.

The project is expected to be completed within the next few years, and will be a major addition to the city’s public green spaces. It is hoped that the garden will be a popular destination for Parisians and tourists alike.

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**Rodriguez and Gariba take meditative turn**

Venezuelan world famous guitarists Rodríguez y Gariba have released a new album that takes them into a meditative turn, titled “Meditación”. The album features a blend of their signature styles and a range of new sounds, as well as collaborations with other artists.

The album features a mix of traditional Venezuelan music and modern elements, as well as a range of diverse styles and textures. It is a reflection of the duo’s journey and growth as musicians, and a celebration of their love for music and their cultural heritage.

The album is a true testament to Rodríguez y Gariba’s musical talent and creativity, and is sure to be a hit with fans of both their signature styles and their new meditative sound.
The stars were aligned for Brad Pitt and Leonardo DiCaprio to put their dazzling good looks to use on big-budget films, but both Hollywood golden boys have been obsessed with making a name for themselves through their acting chops and movie reviews at the Cannes film festival. Both men have already starred in Tarantino’s “Once Upon a Time... in Hollywood”, which hit theaters earlier this year. Pitt spent ten minutes in 1991 with “Thelma and Louise” and DiCaprio hit the big screen in 1993 with “This Boy’s Life” and “What’s Eating Gilbert Grape”. The latter earned him an Oscar nomination.

Their acting careers have been built on films that have made them household names. DiCaprio was born and raised in Los Angeles, the son of New York City. So it was no surprise when he began pursuing his dream of becoming an actor. Pitt on the other hand grew up on the South side of Chicago and wanted to be a professional baseball player. The two met at the University of Missouri in 1994.

But he’s always been so charming that it made some people think twice. The first time my mom met him, she called him a little punk. Pitt says that his reputation as a pretty face was something he “used to wrestle with a lot”. He learned to be a real movie star.

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Going rogue

The pair have never shied away from danger or playing against type. “Once Upon a Time... in Hollywood” is on the whole a workmanlike homage to the Coen brothers, which the stars were aligned for. But there’s a sense of rebellion in Pitt’s acting that’s emerging in his career as a whole.

DiCaprio has also worked with boundary-pushers like the Coen brothers, DiCaprio going rogue in “Django Unchained”. Pitt has worked with Tarantino’s movies like “The Hateful Eight”, “Inglourious Basterds” and “Once Upon a Time... in Hollywood”.

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All dressed up but no film to show: Bollywood needs new take at Cannes

It may be bold and booming but Bollywood needs a fresh approach if it wants to gain traction of the world’s top film festival in Cannes, a leading Indian actress has said. Although Bollywood movies can be turning heads with their extravagant storytelling and direction, the red carpet of Cannes is a different story. Indian movies have been absent from the festival for too long. Since the desert began in 1991, Indian pictures have walked away with several major prizes. But it has been the desert for so long that it is a welcome accomplishment of the DLF-India film submitted for the official selection this year, not a single film from any other country on Earth.

High fashion, luxury and film

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Iraqis turn to budding ecotourism to save marshes

Turtles and tourists

It all started with a particularly dry winter last year that left the “ahwar” as they are known in Arabic, painfully parched. But heavier rains this year have fed more than 80 percent of the marshes’ surface area, according to the United Nations, compared to just 27 percent last year. That has resurrected the ancient “ahwar” that dominated this area for more than 5,000 years. “The water returned, and with it normal life,” said 35-year-old Mehdi Al-Mayali, who raises water buffalo and sells their milk, used to make rich cream served at the firepit where carp is being grilled, Iraqi-style. A few cans still be, carrying couples and groups of friends singing to the beat of drums. “I didn’t think I would find somewhere as beautiful, and such a smell of water in Iraq,” said Hisham Al-Jamal.

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Around 90 percent of the once-expansive marshes were covered in cracked desert. Legend has it, they were home to the biblical Garden of Eden. But they were also a haven for political opposition to dictator Saddam Hussein, who cut off water to the site in retaliation for the south’s uprising against him in 1991.

Thirty years after Saddam Hussein starved them of water, Iraq’s southern marshes are blossoming once more thanks to a wave of ecotourism paneled: and pushing down their southernmost river banks, an even-handed homestead of elaborately woven palm reeds floats on the river surface. Near it, a soft plume of smoke curl up from a firepit where camp is being grilled, Iraqi-style. A few cans still be, carrying couples and groups of friends singing to the beat of drums. “I didn’t think I would find somewhere as beautiful, and such a smell of water in Iraq,” said Hisham Al-Jamal.

The environmental activist group has long advocated for the marshes to be better protected and for authorities to develop a long-term ecotourism plan for the area. “It’s a much more sustainable activity than the hydrocarbon and petroleum industry,” said Assadi, referring to the dominant industry that provides Iraq with about 90 percent of state revenues.

Some 15,000 square kilometers (5,792 square miles) is the world’s most dangerous place, with nothing but desert, water, or distilled air. People don’t know what Iraq is really like—they think it’s the worst and most dangerous place, with nothing left to be saved, according to Assadi, referring to the dominant industry that provides Iraq with about 90 percent of state revenues.

The numbers have steadily gone up in recent years, according to Assadi. In 2016, there were 2,000 tourists, then 12,000 in 2017 and 18,000 in 2018, he told AFP. But he was in no position to accommodate them. “There are no tourist centers or hotels, because the state budget was sucked up by war the last few years,” Qarghouli told AFP. Instead, the Islamic State group entered swaths of Iraq in 2014, prompting the government to direct its full attention and the bulk of its resources on fighting it back. Iraqi government declared victory in late 2017 and has slowly began reallocating resources to infrastructure projects.

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Iraqi security forces ride in and navigate a motorboat in the marshes of the southern district of Chibayish in Dhi Qar province. — AFP photos

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He left Iraq in 1990 for the United States, and was stuck in his ancestral homeland for a family visit. “Most people don’t know what Iraq is really like—they think it’s the worst and most dangerous place, with nothing left to be saved,” he said. But without a long-term government plan, residents worry that water levels will be hostage to fluctuating yearly rainfall and shortages caused by Iranian and Turkish dams. These shortages have already led to several fish kills and the collapse of Salinity last year killing fish and forcing other wildlife to migrate. Jurani, the returning expatriate, has an idea of the solution. “Adventurers and nature-lovers,” he said hopefully. — AFP

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NEW DELHI: India boast the game's unbridled superiority in bowling. Virat Kohli's backline attack could hold the key to their hopes of World Cup glory. Despite their status as the game's global powerhouses, India have fallen short of emulating their predecessors alongside the host nation and defending champions Australia in the World Cup since 1983. The top-ranked ODI bowler in the world, Bumrah, has a long tail as none of the special-interest sides have a weakness to exploit in the middle. Kohli, 30, has scored more than 19,000 runs across three formats for his country, taking his tally to 3,237 runs in the World Cup, the highest for any player in the tournament's history. Kohli, who has won three World Cups, also boasts record-breaking success in the Twenty20s. His tally of 3,237 runs is the highest for any player in the tournament's history. Kohli has scored more than 19,000 runs across three formats for his country, taking his tally to 3,237 runs in the World Cup, the highest for any player in the tournament's history. Kohli, who has won three World Cups, also boasts record-breaking success in the Twenty20s. His tally of 3,237 runs is the highest for any player in the tournament's history. Kohli has scored more than 19,000 runs across three formats for his country, taking his tally to 3,237 runs in the World Cup, the highest for any player in the tournament's history.

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LAUSANNE: The International Olympic Committee's (IOC) cassation council in Lausanne yesterday was tasked with delivering a verdict on the 85-year-old AIBA's (Association Internationale de Boxe Amateur) appeal to a higher court, which has faced allegations of serious mismanagement.

Formed in 1912, AIBA has undergone decades of sporadic Olympic memberships, yet in 2017, the body was notably the first gold medal winner in the Netherlands at the Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro.

At that time, the organization's status with the IOC was quelled by allegations of financial mismanagement, following a raid by the Dutch tax authorities.

It was replaced as interim president by Frenchman Carlos Moussa in 2019, who later led the organization to second place within the IOC.

In 2016, Krausen was appointed as the organization's executive director, a position which was vacated of the position in 2018.

However, in 2018, Krausen was declared as a means to ensure boxing is featured at the Olympic Games, a move which will lead to the organization being placed in the fourth round of the Paris 2024 Olympic Games.

The Silver Arrows reeled off an unprecedented fifth consecutive season-opening one-two in Spain, with Verstappen, in fine form this year, looking a likely candidate for the title.

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The team that fought in the clincher and sat downtown in St. Louis celebrating on Monday night found itself in a familiar atmosphere Tuesday night.

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Toronto Raptors beat Milwaukee Bucks 100-94 in Game 4 of the NBA Eastern Conference Finals to level the series 2-2.

Kawhi Leonard carried the Toronto Raptors throughout most of the game, but it was Kyle Lowry who made the biggest impact in the first half.

Lowry scored 18 points in the first half to set the tone and finished with 23 points as the Raptors defeated the visiting Milwaukee Bucks 126-102 in the best-of-seven Eastern Conference finals at two games apiece.

Game 5 is Thursday in Milwaukee. The winner of the best-of-seven series will advance to meet the Golden State Warriors in the NBA Finals. "We have to rely on (Leonard) so much, and when everybody steps up, it takes the load off him," Lowry said.

Raptors coach Nick Nurse added of Leonard's health, "I mean, yeah, we were concerned. I think he's feeling a lot of pressure. He's certainly tried to do a lot of things in this series and the rest there, and he didn't really want it. So he must be alive." Leonard was limited Tuesday and that the rest of them had to step up.

Leonard contributed 19 points and seven rebounds in 34 minutes. Norman Powell added 18 points off the bench for the Raptors, Serge Ibaka and Marc Gasol each scored 17 points, and Fred VanVleet had 13 points. Ibaka also grabbed 11 rebounds.

Powell, Ibaka and VanVleet led a strong defensive performance by Toronto's bench that made the difference. "I'm going out there and trying to impact the game where I can," Powell said. "Just take what the defense is giving me and just stay confident in my reads. Just try to follow the game flow. We're not playing for one another. We were calling out each other on different spots, different reads that are there."

Khris Middleton amassed 30 points, six rebounds and seven assists for the Bucks. Giannis Antetokounmpo added 25 points and 10 rebounds, and Nikola Mirotic contributed 11 points.

"They did a great job on us defensively," Middleton said. "The panel reiterates that the charges which it has found to be established are serious," the statement said. "The conduct of Major Rotich was dishonest and corruptly and in deliberate violation of core principles of the Code of Ethics," it said. — AFP

Ex-Kenya athletics chief banned for 10 years

PARIS: Kenya’s former athletics team manager Michael Rotich has been banned for 10 years for agreeing to provide advance notice of athletes doping tests in exchange for money, the IAAF announced yesterday.

Rotich was exposed by two undercover journalists from the Sunday Times in an article published in August 2016 and was sent home in disgrace from the Olympic Games in Rio which were under way at the time.

He was also provisionally banned by the IAAF from his coaching job in a statement yesterday an IAAF ethics panel ruled that Rotich had offered to warn athletes of impending tests so they could flush doping substances from their system in order to circumvent tests.

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LONDON: Chris Hughton admitted he was ‘hugely disappointed and surprised’ to be sacked by Brighton.

Hughton was axed despite keeping the club in the Premier League in three years in total, 2017, according to the Ellis panel.

They were promised advance warning of doping tests in returns for £10,000 ($12,600, 11,300 euros). The statement said that it had found no evidence that Rotich had in fact provided advance notice of doping tests nor that he had ever received payments.

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