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TEHRAN: An Iranian passenger plane overshot a runway as it landed yesterday in the southwestern city of Shiraz, state television reported. At around 4am local time, the aircraft overran the runway at Shiraz airport, the broadcaster quoted the head of Khouzestan province’s aviation authority as saying. The cause of the accident is unknown. The Boeing 737, a twin-engine jet, is a common type of plane used in Iran. The Iran Air plane was operated by Caspian Airlines and was flying from Tehran’s Mehrabad Airport with 145 passengers and seven crew members.

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IMF calls for slashing public sector wages, imposing taxes

Global lender warns that without reforms, Kuwait’s financing needs will grow very steeply, according to the new report. The IMF has called for Kuwait to reduce its public sector wages and impose taxes to help balance its budget. The government has announced a series of measures to help balance the budget, including a reversal of some of the recent wage hikes and a introduction of new taxes. The IMF has also urged Kuwait to continue with its privatization efforts to help reduce its public sector wage bill. The IMF has also raised concerns about the country’s fiscal sustainability and has called for a reduction in the government’s debt burden. The country’s large public sector wage bill is a major challenge for the government, which has a large public sector and a high government wage bill. The IMF has called for a reduction in the government’s wage bill to help reduce its fiscal deficit.
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KUWAIT: Zain, the leading digital service provider in Kuwait, received three public relations and customer service awards in recognition of the company’s distinguished efforts during the year 2019. The announcement was made during the conclusion ceremony of the Kuwait Public Relations and Communications Society (KPACS) event, organized by Zain and under the title ‘Kuwait’s Second Prime Minister Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Sabah’ yesterday at the Jaber Al-Ahmad Cultural Center (JACC) under the patronage of His Highness the Amir.

The awarding ceremony was attended by the attendees of the ceremony, the members of the society, the Kuwait Prime Minister Sheikh Dr Ahmad Nasser Al-Mohammad Al-Sabah and of the Public Relations Association, the KPACS President and the Chairperson of the JACC among others.

The event also included a number of presentations and conversations about the achievements of the company during the event. The Excellence in Customer Service in the Telecommunications and Information Technology Sector Award was the first award received by the Zain company.

Zain’s presence in the telecommunications and information technology sector has been successful and remains a key factor in driving the growth of the company. The company’s efforts in providing high-quality services and customer satisfaction have been acknowledged through the various awards received, which highlight its commitment to excellence in telecommunications and information technology.

The key drivers of the company’s success in telecommunications and information technology include its competitive pricing, reliable network services, and commitment to innovation.

KUWAIT: A Kuwait inventor has come up with a new profitable and humanitarian idea, by proposing a law to establish a national shipyard to produce boats for humanitarian purposes. According to him, this public company will not only produce boats for humanitarian purposes but also support small and medium enterprises producing these inventions.

The invention was presented to MP Ali Al-Deqbasi, who supported this idea by submitting a draft law to the legislative committee at the parliament.

KUWAIT: MP Ali Al-Deqbasi (center) speaks during a press conference to announce the MP’s idea to establish a national shipyard — Safinat Al-Amal (Ship of Hope) — during a press conference on Sunday. The project will contribute to the economic development of the country and create new jobs in the shipbuilding sector.

Sheikh Sabah Al-Hamad Al-Sabah, the Prime Minister of Kuwait, attended the event and expressed his support and commitment to the success of the project.

“This is a unique project. "This huge project is commercial and humanitarian at the same time. Realizing this project needs legislation, as it would transform the inventions into real products and bring additional income to the public budget," he said.

There are further details of this project that will be discussed later. "Unusually we are focusing on approving the law to establish this national public company. This law is in line with the New Kuwait 2035 vision and transferring Kuwait into a financial and trade center.

This project will serve investors of all nationalities and the government will benefit from the production of the inventions," added Al-Deqbasi.

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In the meeting, His Highness the Amir received Chairman of Kuwait Supreme Judicial Council and Cassation Court, Justice Yousef Al-Mutawaa. Also yesterday, His Highness received Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah at Bayan Palace and received His Highness the Prince received at the closing ceremony of the King Abdulaziz Camel Racing Festival in Riyadh. His Highness also met with Chief Justice Yousef Al-Mutawaa, President of the Constitutional Court, Justice Yousef Al-Mutawaa. Also yesterday, His Highness received His Highness the Amir at the closing ceremony of the King Abdulaziz Camel Racing Festival in Riyadh.

KUWAIT: The Amir set to attend Kuwaiti flag hoisting ceremony today in Riyadh. His Highness the Crown Prince also sent a similar cable to Saudi Arabia’s Crown Prince, Deputy Prime Minister and Defense Minister Prince Mohammed bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al-Saud. In the cable, His Highness the Crown Prince expressed his delight at meeting the King along with representatives of the member states of the Gulf Cooperation Council. A fraternal spirit dominated the exchange, which reflected the strength and historic nature of Kuwait’s special relationship with the rest of the GCC’s nations.

KUWAIT: Kuwait’s Deputy Foreign Minister Khaled Al-Jarallah meets with Italian Ambassador to Kuwait Carlo Baldocci yesterday. During the meeting, they tackled Kuwaiti-Italian relations and the latest regional and international developments.

KUWAIT: His Highness the Amir sent a cable of condolences to Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro, expressing his deepest sympathy over the flood victims in southeastern Brazil, which resulted in dozens injured and thousands displaced from their areas. In the cable, His Highness wished the injured a speedy recovery and for the displaced to return quickly to their areas, hoping that officials can overcome the aftermath of this natural disaster. His Highness the Amir also sent similar cables to the Presidents of the United States, Russia, Australia and several other countries of the world.

KUWAIT: The court of cassation yesterday sentenced a popular Kuwaiti producer to 10 years in prison with labor and a K.D 50,000 fine and confiscated his legal partner in a case filed against them for possessing and trading in drugs. Notably, both suspects were arrested after the discovery of drugs in an apartment they had been renting using for ‘art production’, but which was actually used in packing and on-transporting the drugs the suspect had been importing concealed within cosmetics’ shipments.

KUWAIT: Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) argued all travel agencies to issue tickets below market value unless approved and authorized by the con- cerned airlines first. DGCA warned that some travel agents issue tickets for fares less than the market value without the airlines’ approval, which misleads those agencies’ debts beyond their payment capacities. DGCA stressed that violating agencies will be fined, adding that it is in line with regulating the local aviation market and prevent unscrupulous or unlicensed brokers from operating. Meanwhile, as part of its policy of supporting national labor, Kuwait Aviation Services Company (KASCO) officially announced appointing 25 citizens in various positions (engineers, mechanics, checking office staff) in its facilities. DGCA has been importing concealed within cosmetics’ shipments.

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For months, thousands of civilians have been marching in the southern Iraqi city of Nasiriyah, calling for the government to step down and demand free elections and an end to corruption. In the capital, riot police have tried to clear streets around the flashpoint southern city of Nasiriyah, medical sources said.

On Sunday, riot police used live rounds and tear gas to try to flush the camps. Those efforts continued into Sunday, with security forces using tear gas and rubber bullets to try to disperse protesters in the name of security and order. Activists feared that without his political cover, immediately began dismantling their tents and heading home. Authorities feared that without his political cover, three rockets hit an embassy cafeteria at the American embassy or Iraqi military bases where American troops are stationed.

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Jerusalem: The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said Damascus loyalists forces were also trying to reach the city’s northwestern outskirts, the last stronghold of anti-regime jihadists.

Fearing further regime advances, residents of several towns and villages located northeast of Maarat al-Numan, have started to pack their belongings. A number of families who had previously been living in the area despite the escalation.

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**UN UK unveils new visa scheme for scientists after Brexit**

**LONDON**: Britain has announced a new fast-track system for scientists and researchers, economists and mathematicians as part of a new immigration system for life outside the European Union on January 1, 2021. The UK plans to offer work visas to scientists and researchers from around the world, including the US. The system will show the UK’s commitment to continue to build on its status as a global leader in science.

**Fishermen angling for big catch post Brexit**

**NORTH SHIELDS**: Just before dawn, the Good Fellowship trawler cuts its nets into the North Sea's northern waters, fishing for prawns off England's northeast coast. Britain, which has a sea border with the European Union and has been bound by the bloc’s Common Fisheries Policy (CFP) until the end of a transition period, is expected to present new proposals on how it would manage fishing after Brexit.

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**Tripoli**: The Libyan capital's sole functioning airport came under attack late Saturday night, as witnesses said two rocket explosions hit the airport during wartime, which is under the control of forces loyal to the internationally recognized government. The airport, which was hit by rocket fire, was still under the control of forces loyal to the United Nations-recognized government, which is based in Tripoli.

**Electric shock: Could Brexit scar Britain’s energy landscape?**

**LONDON**: Britain’s exit from the EU, which will finally happen on Friday, has sparked fears of blackouts and energy curtailment for northern British households. The country’s energy market is expected to be hard hit by the exit from the EU, with the government warning that it could lead to higher energy prices and potentially widespread blackouts.

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**Pashtun:** A charismatic Pashtun rights leader who repeatedly accused the powerful military of abuse has been arrested by Pakistani police, dealing a blow to the Pashtuns' struggle for justice.

The former veterinary student and his PTM have railed against human rights abuses by security forces targeting ethnic Pashtuns in Pakistan's restive tribal areas along the border with Afghanistan. They have once again confronted the military since 2018 with calls to end alleged abuses and murder suffered under former dictator Musharraf.

Dawar said, who along with another PTM MP was arrested to AFP.

In December 2018 a military spokesman warned that the Pakistan's population, with a majority of the 30 million-strong group living in the northwest. — AFP

**Corruption leaks’ Portuguese hacker turns whistleblower, publishing the documents rather than providing them for blackmailed president.'**

BUDAPEST: Leaks whistleblower Rui Pinto (center) is escorted by judicial officers as he arrives at the court from Lisbon yesterday he was responsible for revealing the dealings of the Angolan billionaire Isabel dos Santos, a corruption scandal that has dramatically improved the reputation of the PTM.

The head of another radio station, Digital FM, was also charged with inciting violence, a station employee said. The group's president Abdou Njie was also arrested where victims were taken. Red Cross sources said 28 government would not confirm it was holding Njie.

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Communication and control are key to tackling China virus

When the SARS virus spread across China in early 2003, the Chinese government was faced with a choice: to act swiftly and forcefully to contain the virus or to let it run its course. The Chinese government chose to act swiftly and forcefully, and that decision meant not just a colossal deployment of state resources, but also a massive mobilization of the Chinese people. The result was a near-complete shut down of the entire country for weeks, with the few people who still ventured out being restricted to the most affected city, Wuhan, and the entire country being locked down and limited to movement only within one region. This resulted in significant economic cost, but it also meant that the Chinese government was able to contain the virus successfully.

As with all infectious diseases, whether the virus can be contained depends on a range of factors, including the nature of the virus itself, the effectiveness of the control measures put in place, and the level of compliance from the population. In the case of the coronavirus, the Chinese government has shown a commitment to containing the virus, with strict travel restrictions, lockdowns, and tracing efforts. These measures have been effective in slowing the spread of the virus, but as the virus continues to evolve, there will be a need for continued vigilance and adaptation of control measures.

North Korea urges citizens to ‘break through barriers’

While a North Korean deadline for the US to submit its plan for denuclearization by May 23 is just the latest in a series of deadlines set by the North Korean government in recent weeks, there is a genuine sense in the global community that the end of the 2019-20 coronavirus pandemic may herald a new era. The devastating impact of the virus on the world’s economy, health systems, and social structures has forced countries to re-evaluate their priorities and consider how they can better manage future crises. This presents an opportunity for North Korea, which has been isolated from the world due to its nuclear program and human rights abuses, to participate in this global discourse on how to build a more resilient and equitable future.

The government of North Korea has been quarantine all citizens from Wuhan, the center of the coronavirus outbreak, and has taken strict measures to control the spread of the virus within the country. While these measures may be necessary to protect the health of the North Korean population, they also have economic implications, as the country’s trade and travel are severely limited.

The situation in North Korea is complex, and there are indications that the government is facing significant challenges in controlling the spread of the virus. However, the government’s commitment to containing the virus and its efforts to mobilize the population have been commendable. As the coronavirus pandemic continues to evolve, it will be important for the international community to support North Korea in its efforts to manage the crisis, while also calling for greater transparency and accountability from the North Korean authorities.
Saudis say coronavirus impact on oil demand limited

LONDON: Crude prices extended declines yesterday, dropping below $60 for the first time in nearly three months, as the death toll from China’s coronavirus rose and more businesses were forced to shut down, fueling fears of slowing oil demand. Brent crude was down $2.51 a barrel, or 4.3 percent, to $54.39 a barrel at 0715 GMT, its lowest since late October and the biggest intra-day fall since Jan 8. US crude was down $2.35, or 4.3 percent, at $52.42. Both contracts had earlier fallen by more than 5 percent.

Global stock exchanges also fell as investors grew increasingly anxious about the widening crisis. Demand spiked for safe-haven assets, such as the Japanese yen and Treasury notes.

The death toll from the coronavirus rose to more than 80 and the Chinese government extended the Lunar New Year holiday to Feb. 2, trying to keep as many people as possible at home to prevent the virus from spreading further. The rapid spreading of the virus fueled fears of slowing oil demand and raised speculation that OPEC and its allies, including Russia, a group known as OPEC+, would consider deepening production cuts. Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates, allies in the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), tried to play down the impact of the virus, warning the group could respond to any changes in demand.

Saudi Arabia’s Energy Minister Prince Abdulaziz bin Salman Al-Saud said yesterday that the new virus would be contained. Markets are being “primarily driven by psychological factors and extremely negative expectations adopted by some market participants despite the very limited impact of the virus on global oil demand,” the minister said.

“Such extreme pessimism occurred back in 2003 during the SARS outbreak, though it did not cause a significant reduction in oil demand,” Prince Abdulaziz said in a statement.

The OPEC+ group has been withholding supply to support oil prices for nearly three years and on Jan 1 increased an agreed output reduction by 500,000 barrels per day (bpd) to 1.7 million bpd through March. OPEC+ “have the capability and flexibility needed to respond to any developments, by taking the necessary actions to support oil market stability, if the situation so requires,” Prince Abdulaziz said. Brent crude oil prices have dropped by more than 14 percent since a spike in tensions between the United States and Iran briefly lifted prices above $70 a barrel on Jan 8.

Shares dive

World shares slipped to their lowest in two weeks yesterday as worries grew about the economic impact of China’s spreading coronavirus, with demand spiking for safe-haven assets such as Japanese yen and Treasury notes. The death toll from the coronavirus outbreak in China rose to 81 and the virus spread to more than 10 countries, including France, Japan and the United States, raising questions about whether China can contain the epidemic.

By midday in London, MSCI’s All Country World Index, which tracks shares across 47 countries, was down 0.6 percent to its lowest since Jan 9. In Europe, stock markets slumped at the start of trading, tracking their counterparts in Asia. The pan-European STOXX 600 index fell 0.1 percent since Jan 6, and the Euro Stoxx 50 volatility index jumped to its highest level since December.

“The coronavirus is an economic and financial shock. The extent of that shock still needs to be assessed, but it could provide the spark for an arguably long-overshadowed adjustment in the capital markets,” Marc Chandler, chief market strategist at Bannockburn Securities, told clients.

In Asia, Japan’s Nikkei average shed 2.0 percent, the biggest one-day fall in five months. A Tokyo-listed China proxy, ChinaAMC CSI 300 index ETF, fell 2.2 percent. Many markets in Asia were closed for the Lunar New Year holiday.

US S&P 500 mini futures were last down 1.36 percent, suggesting an open in the red on Wall Street later. The VIX volatility index, also known as Wall Street’s “fear gauge,” hit its highest levels since October. — Reuters
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KFH realizes a net profit of KD 25.1m in 2019 for shareholders: Al-Marzouq

20% cash dividends, 10% bonus shares, and 36.45 fils earnings per share

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- Net operating income increased by 12.6% to reach KD 510.1 million
- Sustainable growth is in line with the ambitious strategy and sound activities
- High credit ratings and positive outlook
- High levels of innovation and excellence in customer service
- Prudent risk management and strong buffers against market fluctuations
- The first to offer innovative financial solutions
- High liquidity and geographical spread
- KFH was at the forefront in the adoption of "FinTech" technology
- 98% of new hires during 2019 were Kувوات
- A prominent role in sustainable community development

KFH Chairman Hamad Abdulmohsen Al-Marzouq, said that KFH has, by the grace of Allah, realized a net profit of KD 25.1 million for the year 2019 for KFH shareholders compared to KD 27.4 million last year i.e. an increase of 10.4 percent. Financing income increased KD 931.6 million, an increase of 8.1 percent compared to last year. Net operating income increased to reach KD 501.1 million, an increase of 12.6 percent over the last year.

Cost to income ratio dropped to reach 37.36 percent for the year 2019, compared to 39.20 percent for the year 2018. Earnings per share for 2019 reached 36.60 fils, compared to 35.06 fils in 2018 i.e. an increase of 10.3 percent. KFH distributions for the year 2019 were as follows: 3.20 fils for "Al-Sharara" investment deposit, 2.520 fils for "Al-Sharara" investment deposit, 2.057 fils for "Abt-Assisi" investment deposit, 2.475 fils for the Ce-Merik Bimah investment deposit, 2.590 fils for the 6-month Bimah investment deposit, 2.510 fils for long term investment plans and 6,000 fils for saving account investment.

The Board of Directors has proposed 20 percent cash dividends to shareholders and 10 percent bonus shares subject to general assembly and concerned authorities’ approval. Total assets amounted to reach KD 19.391 billion, i.e. an increase of KD 1,621.9 billion or 9.3 percent compared to 2018. Financing portfolios increased to reach KD 12.931 billion, i.e. an increase of KD 146.1 million or 1.1 percent compared to 2018. Investment in Sukuk reached KD 2.276 billion, an increase of KD 715.3 million (i.e. a growth of 49.5 percent) compared to end of last year and the majority of the balance represents sovereign obligations. Depositors’ accounts increased to reach KD 13.553 billion, i.e. an increase of KD 1,772.1 billion or 15.0 percent compared to 2018.

Shareholders’ equity increased to reach KD 2.100 billion, i.e. an increase of KD 8,828.8 percent compared to 2018. KFH capital adequacy (CAR) ratio reached 14.77 percent above the proposed dividends (i.e. higher than the required limit of 13 percent, thus reiterating the strength of KFH financial position.

Sound performance

Al-Marzouq added in a press release that the sound financial statements KFH achieved in 2019 clearly show that it has succeeded in enhancing its world-leading position in the Islamic finance industry, confirming its strength and financials and achieving rewarding returns for shareholders and depositors. Also, KFH succeeded in achieving the highest levels of innovation and excellence in customer service.

These strong results confirm KFH’s ability to adapt to conditions and challenges that the regional and global markets witnessed in 2019. The prudent and conservative approach that KFH follows in risk management ensured strong buffers against market fluctuations and geopolitical developments regionally and globally. He noted.

Ambitious Strategy – Acquisition brings several benefits

Al-Marzouq confirmed that KFH’s growing financial indicators are in line with the Group ambitious strategy and its performance in general. They also reflect KFH’s strong strategic, high cost efficiency, its successful strategic achievement of enhancing sustainable growth by focusing on the core banking activities.

He added that KFH achieved continuous growth in net income, supported by the increase in operating income and net profit. Al-Marzouq said that KFH succeeded in achieving a wide range of services, products and financial solutions that are unique to the Kuwaiti market and a new addition to the competitive advantages KFH owns.

Al-Marzouq said that KFH’s acquisition of Ahli United Bank B.S.C. ("AUB") brings many benefits in terms of improving profitability. Studies prepared by foreign consultants have shown that the expected increase in future earnings per share as a result of the acquisition of AUB will be the highest compared to the acquisition deal in the Gulf region and the MENA region. In addition, the merger will have positive effects for KFH shareholders due to the expected increase in profits and dividends.

He confirmed that the acquisition will improve the quality of the new entity’s assets, high capital base, liquidity levels and capital efficiency rates that exceed the regulatory requirements. The deal will also generate the largest and best banks in the world in terms of assets, as KFH will occupy leading desired position with a value of assets above KD 105 billion.

Group subsidiaries... Strength elements

Al-Marzouq highlighted that the high liquidity levels that KFH enjoys are one of its main strengths along with Eurog’s geographical spread in Turkey, Germany, Bahrain, Malaysia and Saudi Arabia as well as the diversified investment and banking services that are aligned with latest financial technology.

Digital transformation

Al-Marzouq said "KFH has made qualitative leaps in implementing the strategy of digital transformation by adopting the latest financial technology innovations in FinTech, AI and banking robotics while achieving excellence in Mobile Banking services in accordance with the highest standards of quality and professionalism. These advanced steps contribute to providing the customer with an exceptional and sustainable digital experience and drive the digital development in the banking sector.

Located in different prominent areas, KFH opened 10 Digital Self-Banking Stations (“K Kay” which won the "Best Product in the Middle East" Award from EMEA Finance magazine in recognition of KFH’s excellent services in response to customer expectations.” In addition, KFH offered 350 thousand cards for its customers.

Sustainable community development

Al-Marzouq emphasized that KFH invests in technology to enhance its digital capabilities, adding that digitization and advanced services and products serve customers and contribute to the continuous improvement of the company’s services and interact with Kuwaiti Vision 2035 which seeks to transform the country into a knowledge driven economy based on innovation and technology.

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In the current conjuncture and the exhaustible nature of oil prices would generate unfavorable macro-financial dynamics. If so, the OPEC+ agreement may linger beyond the five-year horizon. Delays in fiscal reforms would further amplify fiscal financing needs. To promote orderly resolution of banks, reduce moral hazard, and improve crisis management and resolution framework. Reforms to creditors, stakeholders, and supervisory and regulatory frameworks. To enhance risk-management and prudential frameworks, the prudential regulations in Kuwait are expected to be more closely aligned with the regional peers.

1. The mission proposals a more fiscal rule on innovations. The authorities are strengthening independence and building capacity of the national accounts agency, which publishes the GDP table for the estimated current account gap would close under the fiscal consolidation.

15. The mission recommends adopting a rules-based fiscal discipline framework. The mission encourages the authorities to continue broadening the tax base, yield stable revenue, help upgrade the corporate sector and SMEs. It would also reduce systemic risks by better anticipating potential system-wide pressures. The mission recommends that the state pension fund's actuarial gap to about 45 percent over the same period, as the government was compelled to integrate the public wage grid and remove loopholes in various social transfer programs, (ii) reprioritizing government spending, the latter on the back of a credit recovery. Oil prices lower. If so, the OPEC+ agreement may linger longer than anticipated, and the oil export revenue may not materialize. A sustained drop in oil prices, with widening fiscal and current account balances and rising fiscal vulnerabilities to corruption. The mission encourages the authorities to further improve the availability and attractiveness of public sector jobs and promote SMEs given their potential to create jobs, including through more comprehensive assessment of benefits to Gulf countries.

30. Reducing the role of the state is paramount for strengthening the privacy sector and removing regulatory barriers to FDI. More action is needed to address skill mismatches and reduce systemic risks by better anticipating potential system-wide pressures. The mission recommends that 80 percent of GDP in 2019. The mission calls for renewed efforts to adopt the procurement law (2017), which is expected to change the organization of the public sector.

24. The mission supports ongoing efforts to strengthen the capacity and implementation of the two U.S. Federal Reserve interest rate cuts in 2019, it followed suit after the October cut. As a surprise to the authorities, the CBK skipped the first two U.S. Federal Reserve interest rate cuts in 2019. The mission calls for renewed efforts to adopt the procurement law (2017), which is expected to change the organization of the public sector.
The chefs of Sheraton Kuwait Hotel were once more crowned with the highest number of gold medals in this year’s hospitality exhibition “HORECA Kuwait 2020”, which was attended by numerous Chefs. Like every year, culinary experts from the majority of expats who live in the country.

Established in 1961, Grand Hypermarket has a strong reputation and its 19th store Grand Hyper opens its 19th store in Kuwait

Grand Hyper, the retail wing of Regency Group, opened its 19th outlet as a part of their aggressive expansion in the GCC region. Grand currently has 18 outlets in Kuwait and Salimya Hypermarket is the 19th store. Situated on Salem Al Mubarak street, Block 7, Salimya with an area of 22,000 sqft, the store celebrated the grand opening on the date of opening of the new outlet, Anvar Ayyoob Kachery, Regional Director said “With 19 outlets in Kuwait, Grand Hyper has a strong reputation and our 19th store in Salimya which is yet another milestone achievement of Grand Hyper. Kuwait has always been the favorite country for the group and the group has big plans of expansion just for this country thereby recalling as the most preferred brand partner of any customer for shopping environment by providing a wide range of products including food stuffs, world-class electronics, appliances, home appliances, footwear, health and beauty items and fashion wears and accessories from leading European designers among others. Furthermore, farm produce and meat are shipped by air on a daily basis to ensure they are available fresh to the end users. These are procured from internationally-recognized farms to ensure world-class standards. Making high quality products available to the consumers in foreign exchange and global money transfers. We believe this marks a new era for digital money transfers and remittances in the Asia-Pacific region and the world” said Fahed Abushaar - Complex General Manager of Sheraton Kuwait.

The new store at Salimya, delivers a delightful shopping environment by providing a wide range of high-quality products at much competitive prices, further emphasizing Grand Hypermarket’s position as one of the best and most preferred brands for purchase among the expatriates and locals in the State of Kuwait.
AVEVA reveals key investment priorities for organizational digital transformation agendas

Mohamad Awad, Regional VP for the Middle East, AVEVA.

With the eruption of AI, some of the market leaders five to ten years from now will be those that have already invested in AI and are now reaping the benefits of doing so. Middle East companies are already witnessing its impact in Europe and North America. This is allowing specialists to collaborate and change business models to deliver operable output as well as true business outcomes. Lisa Johnston, CMO, AVEVA commented, “As AI continues to mature (China 51 percent, UAE 68 percent and Japan 59 percent), closely followed by Real-Time Data Visualization (64 percent), AI was a top three enabler across all industries globally, providing the foresight to critical failures before they occur. Lisa Johnston, CMO, AVEVA commented, “As AI continues to mature, the power of technology to unify data and break silos is allowing specialists to collaborate and change business models to deliver operable output as well as true business outcomes.”

"This research was an opportunity to hear from both our existing as well as potential new customers across the globe and find out what the most important enablers for global digital transformation agendas are right now. We also wanted to see how Middle East companies are measured up against their peers across the world,” said Mohamad Awad, Regional VP for the Middle East, AVEVA.

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1. Making sense of data utilizing artificial intelligence and machine learning technologies that provide predictive outputs from large data flows, with the greatest importance assigned in Power and Utilities (79 percent) and Marine (79 percent) and the highest priority for Planning in Marine (82 percent), Sustainability and Mixed Reality (81 percent) and 3D Visualization (80 percent).

2. Fostering collaboration through Advanced Process and Engineering Design was the second most important technology (77 percent) and was in the top three technology priorities across all industries globally. Engineering, Procurement and Construction professionals identified the need to develop dynamic models that allow for real-time visualization, which is allowing specialists to collaborate and change business models to deliver operable output as well as true business outcomes.

3. Stepping up cyber security and safety capabilities was set apart from all other professional categories in the Middle East (76 percent) and Asia (75 percent), and scoring highest for relevance across global industries, was rated highest among Engineering, Procurement and Construction professionals. The world’s most capital-intensive projects, from sustainable energy production and smart factories and connected cities are now being designed, planned and delivered by global multi-disciplinary teams and connected cities are now being designed, planned and delivered by global multi-disciplinary teams in a way that is allowing specialists to collaborate and change business models to deliver operable output as well as true business outcomes.

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STAR TRACK

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Taurus (April 20-May 20) You may feel like you're being pushed in a different direction by others. Be sure to communicate your needs clearly and assertively. With a bit of patience and persistence, you can make progress.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) There's a chance for a new opportunity to arise. Be open to new ideas and possibilities. With hard work and determination, you can seize this chance and make it yours.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) This may be a time of change and transition for you. Be flexible and adaptable as new situations arise. With a positive attitude, you can navigate through any challenges that come your way.

Leo (July 23-August 22) You may feel like you're being criticized or judged. Stay true to yourself and don't let others get you down. With a bit of confidence and resilience, you can handle any situation.

Virgo (August 23-September 22) There may be a need to work on a project or task that feels overwhelming. Break it down into smaller steps and focus on one thing at a time. With persistence, you'll get it done.

Libra (September 23-October 22) Focus on building strong relationships. This may involve spending more time with loved ones or making new connections. With a focus on connection, you'll feel more satisfied.

Scorpio (October 23-November 21) You may need to face a difficult situation head-on. With courage and determination, you can overcome any obstacle. Keep your eyes on the prize.

Sagittarius (November 22-December 21) This may be a time of new beginnings and opportunities. Be open to new ideas and possibilities. With a bit of risk-taking, you can achieve great things.

Capricorn (December 22-January 19) There may be a need to adjust your plans or goals. Be flexible and realistic as new situations arise. With a positive attitude, you can adapt and succeed.

Aquarius (January 20-February 19) You may feel like you're being pushed in a different direction by others. Be sure to communicate your needs clearly and assertively. With a bit of patience and persistence, you can seize this chance and make it yours.

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In Cairo’s centuries-old Darb Al-Ahmar district, Salama Mahmod Salama’s traditional dye workshop is a multi-coloured hive of workers busy with all kinds of fabrics. They lay out the long, flowing threads to be used for everything from handmade shoes to rugs and drapes, and dip them in large, hot color baths. They have no gloves or masks to protect them from the dyes and fumes.

“We start by leveling the cotton out, then immersing it in dye and adding salt to get the color right,” 83-year-old Salama says one busy morning. “We rinse the wet threads before flattening them out in an electric presser and then leave them out to dry,” he adds.

The workshop in Islamic Cairo has been going strong for almost 120 years. “We do about half a kilogram (just over a pound) of work a day,” Salama says. His loyal clients come from all over Egypt, and even from Sudan and the United States. But he says competition from foreign products has been tough. “In a popular store in Al-Azhar (in the heart of Islamic Cairo) a wool sweater sells for 200 pounds ($12.60), but you can find something similar on the street that’s made in China for 30 pounds ($18).” He is optimistic about the future of his craft. “As long as people need clothes, this job will never die,” he says with a glint in his eye. — AFP

Mohamed Kamal, a 59-year-old dye worker, hangs dyed yarns out to dry in the sun at a traditional hand-dying workshop in the Egyptian capital Cairo’s centuries-old district of Darb Al-Ahmar. — AFP photos

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Billie Eilish dominates the Grammys as music world mourns Kobe

Pop iconoclast Billie Eilish cleaned up at the Grammys on Sunday, winning five awards, as the music world mourned the loss of Los Angeles' hometown basketball hero Kobe Bryant with a series of emotional tributes.

Eilish, 18, swept the "big four" prizes—Album of the Year, Song of the Year, Record of the Year and Best New Artist—in an industry acknowledgement of her wave-making role as the new reference point for pop's future.

"What's next? I don't know—this moment is all I'm thinking about," Eilish told reporters backstage.

Lizzo—one of her main competitors, who won three awards—kicked off the glitzy gala at the Staples Center by dedicating it to Bryant, in the very arena where the NBA icon made history with the Los Angeles Lakers. "Tonight is for Kobe," shouted the 31-year-old twerking flautist, hours after his death in a helicopter crash was confirmed. His 13-year-old daughter and seven others also died in the incident.

"Let's continue to reach out, hold each other down and lift each other up," Lil Nas X said, alluding to Bryant's death. "Lil Nas X took home two Grammys for his pop culture phenomenon "Old Town Road," while Lizzo won three out of her eight nominations. "This whole week, I'd be lost in my problems, stressed out—and then in an instant all of that can go away and your priorities really shift," the 31-year-old confided, saying that she was "nabbed the prize for best music film for 'Homecoming.'"
Michelle Obama wins Grammy for best spoken word album

Lizzo's 'Cuz I Love You' wins five Grammys, including best pop vocal album

Lady Gaga & Bradley Cooper - A Star Is Born

Awards

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First Indian and black African
enter fashion’s elite club

Rahul Mishra and Imane Ayissi
launched their latest fashion
lines, the former with a show at
the Women’s Spring-Summer
2020 Haute Couture collection
in Paris, and the latter with a
show in Milan. Each designer
has achieved a personal victory
by entering the world’s most
exclusive club of fashion
creators.

Rahul Mishra

Mishra is one of the few Indian
designers to have shown his
work at the Paris Fashion Week.
This year, he presented his
latest collection, “Immense”,
at the Women’s Spring-Summer
2020 Haute Couture collection.
The collection focuses on
the rich cultural heritage of
India, with intricate embroidery
and traditional techniques.
Mishra’s work is celebrated for
its level of craftsmanship and
attention to detail.

Imane Ayissi

Ayissi, a Cameroonian designer,
reached his milestone as the first
black African designer to show
at the Cannes Fashion Week.
His collection, titled “Making a
stand”, was inspired by the
African continent and its
rich textile traditions.

Both Mishra and Ayissi
have achieved significant
achievements in the fashion
industry, breaking barriers and
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BANGLADESH/MIRPUR: Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi held a thunderous reception when he addressed a crowd of more than 50,000 Indian-English speakers in a stadium in the city of Mirpur on Friday. But four months after the event, Modi’s government is facing widespread criticism from its Muslim minority, who have been left feeling excluded from the country’s recent industrial and economic growth. The government’s decision to stop granting entry to Muslims from Bangladesh and Pakistan has been met with widespread criticism, with many arguing that it is a violation of the country’s secular principles.

About 100,000 people turned out to witness the event, which was organized by the Bangladesh National Council of the Indian Community. The council, which represents the interests of the Indian diaspora in Bangladesh, has been criticized for its role in organizing the event, which many fear could lead to further division and conflict between Muslims and Hindus in the country. The council has denied the allegations and said it is working to promote peace and understanding between the two communities.

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Aussie Leishman wins at Torrey Pines as Rahm, McIlroy denied

Tiger Woods miss the green on his opening approach

SAN DIEGO, California — Australia’s Marc Leishman fired eight birdies in a seven-under par 65 on Sunday to win the US PGA Tour’s Farmers Insurance Open, with his lone bogey coming on the 10th hole.

Leishman’s victory came on Australia Day — also the same day that fellow Jamaican Herbert Tostee died in a plane crash.

Last season, the Flames were the Anti-Blues. They dominated their side of the league for much of the season, then faded late and took a quick exit from the playoffs. “It’s going to be a fight to the end,” Golden Knights’ head coach Peter DeBoer said.

“People were yelling, ‘Do it for Mamba.’ Now I think we’ve got to go out there and win every game we can. Let the others fight it out.” — Reuters

Meadow. He has never taken Liverpool into the fifth round of the FA Cup since arriving in 2015. He was bemused. The new Premier League winter break means that poor record.

“Playing well helps,” said Leishman, who has come from behind in all five of his PGA Tour victories.

Leishman, who had five birdies on the back nine, said: “It’s going to be a fight to the end.”

In the week beginning January 25, the new Premier League winter break will begin. Several players paid tribute to him during the game.

Rahm is a world No. 1 in his first five wins: this was the fourth of those victories for McIlroy.

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LOS ANGELES: The NBA, griped with the ruthless death of Kobe Bryant and his daughter Gianna, and fellow players saying they felt sick to their stomach thinking to the late Lakers legend, has been plunged into mourning as Kobe dies in helicopter crash.

Kobe Bryant, the second-youngest player to win an NBA championship and one of the greatest players in the history of the sport, was killed in a helicopter crash on Sunday morning.

Bryant was 41 and was traveling to a girls basketball game with his 13-year-old daughter, Gianna, when the helicopter crashed in a remote field near the city of Calabasas. Nine people other than Bryant and Gianna were also killed in the crash.

Dr. Robert Gluck, a forensic pathologist who worked on the Kobe Bryant case, said there was no evidence of criminality.

The cause of the crash is under investigation.

The Los Angeles Police Department said they were at the scene, including representatives from the National Transportation Safety Board.

Bryant was killed in a single-engine helicopter that crashed in a steep canyon area along a remote hillside.

Bryant's death shocked the world, with players and fans from around the world paying tribute to the late basketball legend.

The Los Angeles Lakers, one of the teams owned by Bryant, said in a statement that the team was "devastated" by the news.

"Kobe and Gianna were the heart and soul of our organization," the statement said.

"They were the best of the best. Their legacy will live on in all of us who knew them."

Bryant began his NBA career in 1996 and won five championships with the Lakers, reaching the finals in 1996, 2000, 2001, 2002, and 2009. He scored a total of 33,643 points, more than Michael Jordan, and is the third-highest scorer in NBA history.

When Bryant died, his son, Gianna, was just 13 years old. She was also a basketball player and a member of the women's basketball team at the University of Connecticut.

Bryant's death has triggered an outpouring of grief and tributes from around the world.

Bryant's death is a reminder of the fragility of life and the importance of cherishing every moment.

"Kobe was such an inspiration to so many people around the world," said Philadelphia 76ers guard Ben Simmons.

"He was a role model for me and so many others. He showed the world how to be the best of the best.

"I will always remember him for his work ethic and his drive to be the best."

Kobe was a five-time NBA champion, an 18-time All-Star, the 2008 NBA Most Valuable Player, the NBA Finals 2009 and 2010 MVP, and a two-time Olympic gold medalist.

His death has left a huge void in the basketball world and the hearts of his countless fans.

"Kobe was a legend in the sport and we will miss him dearly," said NBA Commissioner Adam Silver.

"He was a true leader and a true icon."
England beat South Africa by 191 runs to take series 3-1

England complete task with a day to spare

JOHANNESBURG: England bowled South Africa out for 39 runs yesterday at The Wanderers for 191 runs and ensured that the Test was over at lunch on the fourth day. England took the series 3-1 after winning the fourth and final Test at the Wanderers Stadium yesterday.

South Africa made 183 in their first innings but were all out for 274 runs yesterday to win the fourth test at The Wanderers Stadium yesterday to take the lead in the series 3-1. The team bowled out three batters in the first over, with H. van der Dussen leading the way with 98 runs and M. Wood taking four wickets.

South Africa were all out for 274 runs yesterday, giving England a lead of 87 runs. M. Wood took four wickets as the team bowled out South Africa for 274 runs yesterday, winning the fourth and final Test at The Wanderers Stadium yesterday.

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For England, it marked the end of an era as they took the last six wickets of the day to take the lead in the series 3-1 after winning the fourth and final Test at The Wanderers Stadium yesterday. It was a day to remember for the team, with M. Wood taking four wickets and limiting South Africa to 274 runs.


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Real Madrid go top with gritty win over Valladolid

VALLADOLID: Real Madrid moved top of La Liga for the first time since October 2019 after edging out a tight Valladolid to claim a 1-0 win at the Jose Zorilla stadium.

It was 18 years since Madrid last finished a round of the league and a second straight victory came against the team that had defeated them 2-1 last season. Zinedine Zidane's side went close to opening the scoring in the 25th minute when Sergio Ramos' header was tipped off the line.

Zidane's men pushed easier in the second half and eventually got their breakthrough. Karim Benzema scored in the 91st minute, after getting his shot off the line, and then rose high to meet Rodrygo's delivery but head it into the net.

The victory allowed Real to move ahead of Barca, whose 2-0 win against Eibar yesterday, put the Blancos 10 points clear at the top of the league. "It's a great victory," said Zidane. "It's a great victory for us, it's a great victory for Real Madrid."

Real Madrid's goalkeeper Thibaut Courtois said that the team played with "great discipline" and "great concentration" in the victory.

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Neymar dedicates goal to Bryant as PSG go 10 pts clear

PARIS: Neymar dedicated his second goal in Paris Saint-Germain's 2-0 win at Lille to basketball legend Kobe Bryant, who died in a helicopter crash on January 26. Neymar scored twice in a 1-0 win against Lille on Sunday, dedicating both goals to Bryant.

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It is 16 weeks since Madrid last finished a round of the league and its 10th unbeaten game was a testament to Zidane's tactical acumen.

"It's deeply saddening for the world of sport and all of us," said Neymar. "I want to thank all the people who wrote comments in favour of this goal."

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Pelicans get first win with Zion

New Orleans — Zion Williamson had 28 points and 12 rebounds as the Pelicans staged a second-half comeback to defeat the Orlando Magic 112-97 on Tuesday night, snapping a five-game losing streak and giving coach Alvin Gentry his first win with the team in the lineup.

The Pelicans did not take the lead until the final seconds of the game, when New Orleans got a 122-117 lead on a 3-pointer by Frank Jackson, who scored 11 points.

It was a huge win for the Pelicans, who entered the game with a 1-9 record and had lost nine straight games. New Orleans had been outscored by 81 points during that streak.

The Pelicans shot 46% from the field and were 14-of-27 from 3-point range. They made 12 of their 23 3-point attempts.

Los Angeles Clippers 112 – Orlando Magic 96

Zion Williamson had 6-of-6 shooting and 28 points in his debut for the Pelicans, who were seeking their first win of the season.

Los Angeles Clippers 116 – Portland Trail Blazers 105

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