Mahboula building cordoned off • Global lockdown tightens as deaths mount

By R Izzak and Agencies

KUWAIT: The ministry of health announced yesterday that 25 people were admitted by the novel coronavirus in the past 24 hours. This brings the country’s tally of confirmed virus cases up to 289, the ministry spokesman Dr Sulaiman Al-Khadem said in the daily briefing. In the new cases, 21 are nationals, 10 Indians and 4 expatriates.

Earlier in the day, Health Minister Sheikh Dr Basel Al-Sabah announced the recovery of an 82-year-old woman from COVID-18, raising the country’s total recoveries to 73. In addition, 236 patients are still receiving treatment, while 13 others are in critical condition. The minister told KUAS that recovery rates test and analyses had shown the recovery of thecritical patient, who will be admitted to a rehabilitation ward before being discharged from hospital in a couple of days. Meanwhile, authorities cordoned off a building in Mahboula housing some 500 Asian workers after reports said at least three of them tested positive for the coronavirus. Images posted on social media showed police officers patrolling the building with a large group of medical staff, who began testing the workers one by one. A police officer described the situation as normal and advised the workers not to venture out of their homes, saying between 12 and 14 workers will be testing in a room in the building.

The problem of expatriate workers contracting the coronavirus has caused concern among health and security authorities and prompted lawmakers to demand a complete lockdown on some expatriate-dominated areas like Salmiya-Shuwaikh and Mishref Industrial Area. Health authorities were alerted when the source of the disease could not be established in a number of cases, which raises the possibility that there are undetected coronavirus cases among expatriate workers being brought under observation.

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23 new coronavirus cases in Kuwait; 82-year-old recovers

KUWAIT: A building in Mahboula is under lockdown after the discovery of three cases of coronavirus infection. The Ministry of Health has cordoned off a Mahboula housing area, as a precautionary measure after three people tested positive for the virus. The ministry said in a statement that the new cases were among expatriate workers living under very difficult conditions.

Amnesty begins today with Filipino residency violators

By Ren Garcia & Michael Al-Emari

KUWAIT: Residence violators in Kuwait have been granted a 30-day period starting today to leave without paying fines or airlifts, with the possibility of resuming in the country later. Violators have been instructed to come directly to the designated processing venues in Farwania on specific dates depending on their nationality.

Illegal Filipino residents are the first on the list of expats to be given a chance to leave. The Philippines has issued guidelines with regards to the procedures and conditions for undocumented Filipinos and those with absconded passports.

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Amnesty applicants must bring their valid passport and travel documents of Filipinos who need them.

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Expox 2020 Dubai supports 1-year postponement

DUBAI: The organizing committee of Expo 2020 Dubai has announced that the World Expo will be postponed for one year. Dubai is scheduled to host the event in October, but on Monday announced the postponement due to the coronavirus pandemic. Dubai, the glittery city-state which is part of the United Arab Emirates, had hoped to attract some 25 million visitors to the six-month event and more than 200 countries to its economic forecasts were upped in response to the pandemic.

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Co-op delivery services available during curfew hours in Kuwait

Payment on delivery by cash, K-Net or credit card

By khổan Lam

KUWAIT: As part of the government's directive to people to stay at home and reduce the pressure on health institutions, the Ministry of Health has issued a number of directives to encourage the delivery services and activities that are permitted in Kuwait. For this purpose, the Ministry of Health has set up a center to test people for possible infection. This service is available during the curfew hours.

Different co-ops have different rules in terms of payment methods and hours, but overall the hours of the cooperative societies union announced that the minimum purchase amount for delivery is KD 10. Some co-ops have lower limits. For instance, Shoplea co-op is delivering for purchases above KD 10. The customer is required to call the co-op and confirm that the order is under the order levels and to pay at the time of delivery.

At Mazda and Shawalit co-op, the purchase order is only available from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. A list of items may be attached to the delivery, and the customer is required to call the co-op and provide a list of items. The order can only be accepted between 10:00 am and 1:00 pm. The service is available from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm, but it doesn’t have the permits to deliver in the curfew hours.

The co-ops also provide the option of ordering online, which is available on the website of the co-op, and the user can choose the order levels and pay online. The co-op will then deliver the order within the specified time.

For more information, visit the website of the co-op or call the customer service number provided by the co-op.

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Global economy may bounce back in six months: Kuwaiti experts

Concrete decisions needed to restore market equilibrium

KUWAIT: The world economy is likely to recover within six months, with oil prices bouncing back to $40 a barrel by the end of the second quarter of this year, Kuwaiti experts suggest. The fact that oil prices still stand at $25 a barrel is due to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, giving some hope that the global economy could recover within six months time, according to Dr Saud Al-Harbi, the under-secretary of education and Minister of Higher Education, Science and Technology.

KUWAIT: His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah on Wednesday said that the oil prices on Monday are uncompetitive due to the fall-off of the demand for diesel fueling the transit and oil prices on Monday are uncompetitive due to the fall-off of the demand for diesel fueling the transit and oil

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Economic decisions that could play a strong role in the restoration of market equilibrium and stabilize the global economy are needed, particularly hit hard by massive movement restrictions and closures of plants worldwide, thus lowering both oil prices and demand, Dr Al-Harbi indicated.

KUWAIT: Kuwait’s crude oil exports to Japan in February fell 8.0 percent from the previous month, government data showed yesterday. As Japan’s fourth-biggest oil provider, Kuwait supplied 9.3 percent of the Asian nation’s total crude imports, the Japanese Natural Resources and Environment Agency said in a preliminary report. Japan’s overall imports of crude oil were up 1.8 percent year-on-year to 2.87 million bpd, shrinking for the second straight month. Shipments from the Middle East accounted for 89.3 percent, the report showed.

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KUWAIT: Kuwait enforced a country-wide curfew from 5:00 pm to 4:00 am until further notice, and this period presents a perfect opportunity for authorities to carry out much needed road maintenance works around the country. These pictures show workers contracted by the Ministry of Public Works conducting maintenance at the Fifth Ring Road on Sunday night. —Photos by Fouad Al-Shaikh

Kuwait’s Foreign Minister meets team tasked with repatriation of citizens

KUWAIT: Kuwait Foreign Minister Sheikh Dr Ahmad Nasser Mohammad Al-Sabah met Monday with a team tasked with arranging repatriation of Kuwaiti citizens back home to discuss means of guaranteeing safety of nationals until their return, a foreign ministry statement said. The meeting, attended by President of Kuwait Red Crescent Society (KRCS) Dr Helal Al-Sayer and Chairman of Kuwait Airways, touched upon completion of urgent measures to deal with latest developments related to the coronavirus, added the statement. They also discussed coordination among relevant state bodies for the repatriation of Kuwaiti citizens. The meeting grouped representatives of the foreign, finance, interior, health and defense ministries, as well as Directorate General of Civil Aviation, KRCS, information technology agency and Kuwait Airways.

In other news, Sheikh Dr Ahmad Al-Sabah reaffirmed solidarity with Tunisia in efforts to curb spread of coronavirus. Sheikh Dr Ahmad, in a phone call he received from his Tunisian counterpart Nourreddine Erray, commended efforts and measures carried out by Tunis to containing the virus, a foreign ministry statement said. Sheikh Dr Ahmad called on importance of international cooperation to confront this cross-border pandemic which was posing a common threat to mankind. Erray, said the statement, thanked the State of Kuwait for its support for the Tunisian efforts. —KUNA

Kuwait Municipality measures to guarantee public wellbeing

KUWAIT: Kuwait Municipality adopted measures since outset of coronavirus crisis to minimize impacts on public wellbeing calling for provision of sanitizers, masks and gloves, and closing restaurants, coffee shops and any place that see gathering of people. Municipality spokesman Mohammad Al-Mutairi, in a statement to the press Monday, said the body acted upon instructions of Government and Ministry of Health and closed cinema theaters, wedding halls, hotel ballrooms, gyms, arcades and exhibitions. The Municipality also closed shopping malls and barber shops, he said. “All this aim at preventing gathering of people in one place in order to reduce risks of contracting the virus,” he said. Mutairi said Municipality teams were making sure streets were clean and garbage cans were sanitized, while workers who handle the garbage cans were isolated to guarantee their safety. —KUNA
Groups help most vulnerable families in Kuwait and abroad

By Ben Garcia

Kuwait: Kuwait Red Crescent Society (KRCS) is the first organization to encourage and give help to expatriate workers in need. KRCS has not yet provided any food, medicine, or shelter to those in need. They have been helping those who are in need for the past five years. KRCS has collaborated with the Ministry of Health and the Department of Labor to provide basic necessities for those in need.

KRCS distributes thousands of meals to people in need

By Abdellatif Sharaa

Kuwait: Kuwait Red Crescent Society (KRCS) is providing free meals to those in need. Those who are in need can register with KRCS and receive the meals. KRCS has also distributed food to those in need. KRCS has provided food to those who are in need.

Another day of COVID-19

F or every evening 1 to 3 my private corner in my apartment to go through the news and review certain topics on social media, and of course to follow the latest on the coronavirus pandemic around the world. The world is a small place and all of us are connected. This is a matter of numbers, as numbers have become a symbol of whether the situation is getting under control or not. If the number of cases increases, it is a cause for concern. We have seen how quickly the numbers have increased.

The latest information is that more than 190 countries are affected by COVID-19, so who don’t we take the example of – although in its infancy – and follow suit in China? It is seen very strongly to mention the country where the virus started. Thousands of people there were infected and thousands died, and there were some images shown on TV of some affected people, yet within a relatively short period of just a few months, the situation is relatively stable.

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LONDON: Prince Harry and his wife Meghan formally step down as senior members of the British royal family, as they start a controversial new life in the United States. The couple has released a statement naming themselves and their children as “spare” members of the British royal family. They will no longer use their official titles, and Harry will no longer hold the position of Duke of Sussex. The couple has set up a new office in California, where they plan to live with their two children.

BANGKOK: The Thai government has announced that it will provide $50,000 to each of the 300 largest elephant camps in the country to help mahouts and their families. The move comes after a decline in tourism due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Mahouts, who work as trainers and handlers of the elephants, have seen a significant drop in income.

LONDON: Prince Harry and wife Meghan step down as senior members of the British royal family. They plan to move to California, where they intend to pursue a career in the entertainment industry. They will now be known as the Duke and Duchess of Sussex.

BANGKOK: Prince Harry and Meghan have announced that they will no longer carry out official duties on behalf of Queen Elizabeth II and the British royal family. They will instead focus on their own projects and operate as “financially independent” members of the royal family.

BANGKOK: International animal rights groups are calling for an end to the use of elephants in the tourism industry. They say the animals are often mistreated and used in exploitative conditions.

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Vocalis Health, an Israeli start-up, said on Wednesday its app had tested 150 people and was identifying as much as 90% of those in the early stages of the disease. The app compares information from various tests, including pulmonary function tests and blood tests, to identify those with potential COVID-19 infection. It is being used by medical professionals around the world to identify patients with potential COVID-19 infection. The app can also be used to track patients who have tested positive for COVID-19, to help healthcare professionals monitor their progress and identify any changes in their condition. The app is currently being used in Israel, the United States, and several other countries. It is available for download on mobile devices and can be used by healthcare professionals to monitor patients with potential COVID-19 infection. The app is also being used in hospitals and clinics to identify patients with potential COVID-19 infection and to help healthcare professionals monitor their progress and identify any changes in their condition. The app is currently being used in Israel, the United States, and several other countries. It is available for download on mobile devices and can be used by healthcare professionals to monitor patients with potential COVID-19 infection. The app is also being used in hospitals and clinics to identify patients with potential COVID-19 infection and to help healthcare professionals monitor their progress and identify any changes in their condition.
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China reports 48 new coronavirus cases, one death for Monday

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Pandemic to hit growth in Asia, China: WB

WASHINGTON: The coronavirus pandemic is expected to sharply slow growth in developing economies in East Asia and the Pacific as well as China, the World Bank said in an economic update on Monday. — AFP

The US Congress has designated $50 billion in spending for the industry in its $2 trillion coronavirus economic rescue package. American Airlines chief executive Doug Parker and president Robert Isom, according to a Wall Street Journal report, examined the possibility of taking equity shares in the airlines have asked for, I see no reason why the American taxpayer shouldn’t get a piece,” White House economics adviser Larry Kudlow told Fox News on Sunday. — AFP

Despair and pride in China’s Wuhan as lockdown eases

Wuhan, China: Residents of the city who have grown used to the coronavirus pandemic have mixed emotions as containment measures are lifted and the community infection rate slows to a trickle, they have received has not offset the costs from the lockdown. Some firms have resumed work and the city will start allowing people to leave on April 8. — Reuters

China growth projected to slow to 2.3% — AFP

American Airlines to ask for $12bn in govt relief

WASHINGTON: American Airlines will seek $12 billion in government assistance to stave off the coronavirus pandemic, the Wall Street Journal has reported. The airline industry is one of the sectors hardest hit by the COVID-19 outbreak, with US airlines suspending most international, rights and many domestic routes. — Reuters

Established 1961

WASHINGTON, DC: An empty downtown street is seen near the World Bank in Washington, DC. The coronavirus pandemic is expected to sharply slow growth in developing economies in East Asia and the Pacific as well as China, the World Bank said on an update on Monday. — AFP
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Zain Kuwait offers meals to support customers’ efforts to fight coronavirus

Initiative as part of its commitment and in collaboration with Kuwait Food Bank

Zain offered nearly 30,000 meals in collaboration with Kuwait Food Bank during the recent Eid al-Fitr celebrations. Zain supplied all its branches that are operational and fulfilled the need to reinforce its stance, as a responsible service entity in all areas of Kuwait’s activities with sunlight and humanity, to fulfill the community’s food and other essential needs. The meals are continuously distributed in collaboration with the Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Information, and the Kuwait Food Bank for the period of Eid al-Fitr, 2020. As part of its national commitment during this crisis, Zain contributed in collaboration with the Ministry of Health and Information, and the Kuwait Food Bank for the period of Eid al-Fitr, 2020. The company also launched a social media campaign entitled “This is Your Time” to send positive messages to its customers and to encourage them not to panic, nor to share fake news nor spread panic, but to collect the correct information from the official and certified social media handles of Zain.

As part of its continuous collaboration with the Ministry of Health and Information in collaboration with Ministry of Interior, and Kuwait Food Bank, Zain continues to support its customers to commit to staying at home as much as possible and to continue to monitor the situation and implement practices that are in line with guidance from Central Bank of Kuwait.

CBK bonds and related Tawarruq

Kuwait: The Central Bank of Kuwait (CBK) has announced an interest rate on CBK bonds and related Tawarruq at a total of 0.625 percent as of May 2020.

CBK offers loan repayment relief

Kuwait: The Commercial Bank of Kuwait has decided to offer a relief in payments of consumer loans and credit cards payable for all its customers. The decision has been taken in line with the wishes of the Kuwaiti citizens, the Bank announced on Friday that it will allow the payment of consumer i

In Cambodian town, Chinese plan beyond vineyard

Matthew Atkinson

Battambang: When owner Kang Qiang looks out the window of his 20th floor office in the grande dame of Battambang hotel - the Sokha Hotel - he sees the sprawling palm-fringed expanse of the Mekong River. By turns lush and green, and a vivid green, it is the lifeblood of Cambodia's rice-growing region. But Kang is betting on a future beyond the panic button, banking on the return of money from China to transform the scrappy frontier town into a modern commercial hub.

In a sign of his confidence, Kang’s company has invested in the Mekong Riverview Hotel, which opened in December 2018, and he says he has a “lot of potential” - very big hotel, “60 floors it will go on.”

Kang grew up in China and goes, he says, “the city is like China” of a few decades ago - all with the same romance and “poetry” of life. He says he wants to “create a little China” here.

In China, there is no sense of any people interconnecting by phone, he says. In Cambodia, he says, you “don’t need to worry if the Chinese will come back.”

“Don’t worry about it,” Kang says. “It’s still China. You must just be ready to do business and grains. And if you need to sell rice, you can sell rice in China. And if you want to do business with the Chinese, you can do business with them.”

Kang believes the town, in Battambang province, will experience much growth and future and external and internal channels. This has been one of the key reasons for the investment in the Mekong Riverview Hotel, he says. The hotel, he says, will be “the best place to stay” in Cambodia. He says the hotel is “very nice” and “very comfortable.”

“The hotel is like a resort,” he says, “and it’s very quiet. It’s like a little piece of paradise.”

Kang believes the hotel will become a “key player” in the region and that it will attract tourists from China and other countries. He says the hotel will be “very successful” and that it will become “a place where people come to relax and unwind.”

Zain also launched an internal awareness campaign, in collaboration with the company, distributing the company’s precautionary and informative content, rather than using the usual promotional content. This campaign encourages efforts to achieve its comprehensive Corporate Sustainability and Social Responsibility goals, including the empowerment of the public sector and the role of the private sector in supporting the nation’s role in promoting social and economic inclusion in emerging market indices.

Zain will also be no interest charged during this payment grace period and customers will be required to make only the minimum payments throughout the grace period. The decision is in line with Kuwait’s national recourse and the instructions of the Kuwaiti Council of Ministers to remind its valued customers and employees. The bank will continue to monitor the situation and implement practices that are in line with guidance from Central Bank of Kuwait.
PARIS: Every evening at the stroke of eight, millions of people across France take to their balconies to bang pots, beat drums, blow trumpets and to whistle and clap as loudly as they can. The wave of sound from the nightly ritual in support of the country’s health workers has become a morale-boosting moment of communion for a population confined to their homes for nearly three weeks. But with the hundreds dying every day, the stoicism of the everyday heroes it celebrates is being sorely tested.

"Waking up this morning I cried. I cried eating breakfast. I cried getting ready," nurse Elise Cordier confessed on Facebook, in a post which revealed the fear and anguish of those on the front line. But, she said, once at “the hospital locker room, I dried my tears. I breathed in. I breathed out. The people in the hospital beds are crying too, and it is I who am there to dry their tears.” With the peak of the new coronavirus still to hit France, medical staff are girding themselves for a situation they never imagined they would face. “Our teams are afraid of the uncertainty awaiting us this week and the whole month of April,” said Professor Elie Azoulay, who leads the intensive care unit of a Paris hospital which has tripled its capacity with 50 new beds. All are now full.

“They are afraid for themselves and their loved ones, afraid of not making it, of being overwhelmed,” Azoulay said, knowing that nurses and doctors here have lost their lives elsewhere. “Nurses are still so appalled and frantic they feel impotent,” he added. “They have amazed me.”

Not only do staff have to contend with the death and suffering of patients cooking for an entire floor of the hospital, but the fear that they themselves will fall ill and infect their families at home. "They talk of a wave, of a tsunami, which by definition means that we will be submerged," said Benjamin Barthelemy, medical crisis director at the Raymond Poincare hospital west of Paris. "The fear is that we are going to have to say to sick people on stretchers: 'Sorry, we have no more beds.'"

The other great worry, Davido said, was having to tend to their own colleagues. "Emotions aside, "it is not exactly what you would want ethically. Everybody knows this and has started talking about it," he said. Anxiety has not been helped by the chronic shortage of masks and protective gear in French hospitals, with anger peaking after the death of the first French doctor 10 days ago, a man who had returned from holiday in his birthplace of Madagascar to help with the first major outbreak. Hospital psychologists who in the past were there to look after patients are now turning their attention to their colleagues. "Beyond the fear of 'not being able to cope,' most of the calls they have received to their support unit have been about 'dealing with the anxiety of relatives and friends and the fear of infecting them.'" This is something new, that our generation has never known at this level," said Dr Julie Geneste said that beyond the fear of "not being able to cope," most of the calls they have received to their support unit have been about "dealing with the anxiety of relatives and friends and the fear of infecting them."
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Jennifer Aniston reveals 'clearing out her closet'

J ennifer Aniston is 'clearing out her closet' whilst she is in self-isolation during the coronavirus pandemic.

During a phone call with Ellen DeGeneres, and broadcast as part of her Instagram post, she said: “I'm actually still cleaning out my closet. It's still happening... Well, I do suggest a good spring clean right now while we're at that. But books are great, obviously.” Meanwhile, Jennifer revealed her own closet for her Vrouwen Actief Goldd (SAG) Award dress earlier this year.

The Morning Show actress was speaking as she lined up to receive her SAG Award for her work on the show. "I'm having a wonderful time," said the 51-year-old star. "I'm really happy, I'm really glad," she added.

A spokesperson for the jewelry said: "This is the perfect moment for Jennifer to celebrate her achievement. She is an incredible actress, and we are thrilled to be her partner in this milestone." Jennifer also revealed her new jewelry collection for Fred Leighton, which she described as "amazing".

The jewelry features a collection of platinum and diamonds, and includes pieces from Leighton's "Gilded Age" collection. Jennifer revealed in a statement: "This collection is a personal reflection of my love for classic jewelry and its enduring appeal. It's a celebration of timeless beauty and elegance, and I'm honored to have been able to collaborate with Fred Leighton on such a special project."
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**Great Pyramid in Egypt lights up in solidarity against virus**

Egypt’s famed Great Pyramid was lit up in orange, white and green on Monday in a gesture that many said showed the country’s determination to “rise again” and “Thank you to those keeping us safe.”

“Parsonage Garden at Neunen in Spring” comes from a period of unrelenting pressure. "I am shocked and unbelievably troubled by the fact that we are now facing a pandemic that is totally different from what we have ever seen," said De Lorm. "The theft happens on what would have been the 167th birthday of the brilliant yet troubled artist. "Parsonage Garden at Neunen in Spring" was taken during a pre-dawn ‘stroke is nothing to be proud of. When it finally arrived, he was discharged from hospital on March 22. He was later admitted to hospital on March 11.

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The number of confirmed COVID-19 cases around the world has surpassed 1,000,000, according to the World Health Organization, with over 47,000 deaths reported globally. The Middle East and North Africa continue to be the region with the highest number of cases, followed by Europe and the Americas.

The World Health Organization (WHO) has declared a global health emergency, and several countries have implemented travel restrictions and lockdown measures to contain the spread of the virus. The United States, Europe, and Asia have been hardest hit.

Expo 2020 Dubai supports 1-year postponement
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Aries (March 21-April 19)

It could be difficult for you to think straight today. Aries. Your brain is probably working in a different way today, which will be challenging to you. You might find your thoughts to be more abstract and you might have difficulty focusing on specific tasks. You may feel more stressed than usual, and you're being pulled into different mental directions.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)

Today could be a day to ask for help. Taurus. You might find that your local unit needs to be free and pursue more independent goals right now. Don't worry if such a shift in thinking has you in uncharted territory. This is a sign that you're ready to take a sudden turn that surprises both you and the people you're talking to.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

People are apt to be as stubborn as you in their thinking today, Gemini. The coalition requires discipline if you want to achieve your goals, and you'll need to make sure you incorporate some of your instincts into your thinking.

Cancer (June 21-July 22)

You could find yourself staring at a stranger. Cancer. Your tendency toward the new and bizarre is stronger than usual, and you're being pulled into different mental directions. You might find that your brain wants to break free and pursue new ways of thinking today. Your ability to make unexpected forks in the road could lead you into unknown territory. This is a sign that you should take a sudden twist that surprises both you and the people you're talking to.

Leo (July 23-August 22)

Your thinking is solid and clear today, Leo, but other people could challenge your mental powers. Don't let others just needs of people cloud your judgment today. Keep your head about the way you approach a problem. Look at the situation as a whole, but don't get discouraged if some strange variable pops along the way. You can't possibly plan for everything, so don't be discouraged if some strange variable pops along the way.
Japan businessman paid $8.2m for Tokyo 2020 Olympics bid

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Several French clubs place their squads on partial unemployment

Sharma polices virus curfew

NEW DELHI: Juginder Sharma bowled the final over when India beat arch-rivals Pakistan in the first Twenty20 World Cup cricket final in 2007, but he faces more pressure as a police officer now to make sure people stay home during the coronavirus pandemic.

The International Cricket Council (ICC) has expressed concern over the number of new COVID-19 infections in the country, where the death toll from the virus crossed the 2,00,000 mark.

Several French clubs, including Lyon and Marseille, have already forced matches to be postponed or played behind closed doors before UEFA suspended all club competitions in Europe a fortnight ago.

Clubs will now have to absorb the shock of not receiving money for which they have budgeted, and which represents a large portion of their income.

The British government has introduced restrictions on citizens leaving their homes only for shopping and exercise.

More than 80,000 police officers and 150,000 armed forces personnel have been deployed to help enforce the rules.

French football stars at financial black hole, broadcasters to hold back payments

French football Federation President Noel Le Graet called on all parties to respect their commitments, including broadcasters, "so that when the competitions will resume, we can be in a position to resume our commitments to the clubs".

The coronavirus pandemic has been laid bare in France, where the financial crisis facing football as a result of the COVID-19 shutdown, with the 36-year-old as he hits the crisis with the 30-year-old batsman who has acknowledged he is in the twilight of his career, the wicketkeeper said he was not yet ready to walk away from cricket.

A rising crop of young talent, who are developing underneath like a team bowler Joginder Sharma (R) celebrates with teammates during semi-final cricket match.
Isolated athletes face mental health risks

MADRID: Lionel Messi confirmed on Monday that his Barcelona team will impose salary reductions on staff whose hours have been affected by the coronavirus pandemic leaves a number of them out of work.

Messi also took another swipe at the Barça board, led by president Josep Maria Bartomeu, whom he described as a “lot of talk, few actions,” over the club’s handling of the pandemic. Bartomeu said later on Monday the senior players were on board with taking pay cuts right from the start, which he said had never been imposed even if he could do it by law.

Bartomeu told Catalan sports daily Mundo Deportivo. "Therefore, it never ceases to amaze us that from the start, which we announced at the end of February just one of a number of off-field controversies, Bartomeu said. "In the last few months, a number of professional sports teams and most of the basketball team” had agreed to reduce their salaries.

"For our part, the time has come to announce that, as well as the reductions of 70 per cent of our salary during the State of Alarm, we will also make contributions so the club’s employees can collect 100 per cent of their salary while this situation lasts,” Messi wrote.

He added: “We want to clarify that our duties have always been to apply a step in their salary because we are an essential service and we are one of the first ones who have ALWAYS worked here. The high-level, high-profile professional athletes can handle this loss of income but there are a lot of athletes on the fringe,” she said.

"There has certainly been some anxiety,” added Broderick, who was deputy medical director for Australia’s 2016 Olympics team, and said the effects of isolation can be felt more acutely by athletes. "There are all the same psychological issues that everyone else has but also the stress and anxiety about their future that they cannot easily control,” she said. "They don’t know what the next stages are going to be or how long they’re going to have to quarantine or isolate for.”

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