One more death as expanded lockdown or full curfew eyed

UAE warns on worker repatriation, launches online weddings

By B Izzak and Agencies

KUWAIT: The ministry of health yesterday reported 66 new coronavirus cases and one death of a 50-year-old Kuwaiti man, raising the total number of cases to 1,300 cases and deaths to two. Of the new cases, 45 are Indians, eight Bangladeshis, six Kuwaitis, three Egyptians and the rest of various other nationalities. As many as eight recoveries were reported, raising the number to 150.

Meanwhile, the Cabinet was expected to choose between expanding a lockdown on other residential areas and imposing a nationwide curfew in a session late yesterday. A small government committee has prepared studies on what is best for the country in its bid to stem the spread of the coronavirus in the face of a steep rise in the number of cases, especially among expatriate workers.

Last week, the Cabinet placed Jleeb Al-Shuyoukh and Mahboula, home to more than half a million expatriates, under lockdown, and began a testing drive for coronavirus. The overwhelming majority of new coronavirus cases in the past few days have been detected among expatriates, especially Indians, whose cases have exceeded half of the 1,234 reported cases in Kuwait.

In the meantime, the government will operate just under 200 flights over a span of eight days starting Thursday to repatriate more than 40,000 Kuwaitis who have been stranded overseas because of the coronavirus outbreak. Kuwait Airways and Jazeera Airways will operate a majority of the flights, but will also be assisted by a number of flights by Qatar Airways. The first flights back home will start from neighboring Gulf states.

The government has stepped up preparations to receive the large number of citizens by booking some 14 hotels to convert them into quarantine sites if needed. The plan calls to test citizens on arrival, and if necessary, send them to quarantine, otherwise they will be allowed to go home provided they undertake to quarantine themselves at home.

Local media reports meanwhile said authorities are seriously studying old plans that had been proposed.

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Top oil producers agree on ‘historic’ cuts amid crisis

VIENNA: Top oil-producing countries agreed Sunday on “historic” output cuts in a bid to boost plummeting oil prices due to the new coronavirus crisis and a Russia-Saudi price war. OPEC producers dominate by Saudi Arabia and allies led by Russia met via videoconference for an hour Sunday in a last effort to avert a dual slide early Friday. It still required Mexico’s agreement and in a compromise reached Sunday, they agreed to a cut of 9.7 million barrels per day from May instead of the 10 million barrels per day that OPEC initially proposed. OPEC Secretary-General Mohammad Barkindo, the cuts “historic.” “They are largest in volume and the longest in duration, as there are planned to last for two years,” he said.

The agreement between the Vienna-based Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries and partners forms the output cut agreement.

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PM hails cooperation between executive, judicial branches

Foreign Minister chairs meeting on further repatriation of citizens

KUWAIT: His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Sabah Al-Mohammad Al-Sabah received on Sunday at Seif Palace Chairman of Kuwait’s Supreme Judicial Council (SJC) and the Cassation Court, and President of the Constitutional Court Justice Yousef Al-Mutawaa. During the meeting, His Highness the Prime Minister praised this tangible cooperation between various government agencies, particularly in executing the emergency plan and all measures that accompanied the plan to ensure safety and security of the country within the framework of the law.

Citizens’ repatriation

In other news, Foreign Minister Sheikh Dr Ahmad Nasser Al-Mohammad Al-Sabah, with attendance of Health Minister Sheikh Dr Basel Humoud Hamad Al-Sabah, chaired on Sunday a meeting for discussing coordination among concerned departments to operate operation for repatriating Kuwaiti citizens. The Kuwaiti nationals have been stranded in a number of countries amid the prevailing coronavirus crisis. The meeting, held at the cabinet secretariat general office at Seif Palace, included Chair of the Directorate General for Civil Aviation (DGCA) Sheikh Salman Sabah Al-Salem Al-Humoud Al-Sabah, Chair of Kuwait Airways Yousef Al-Sagr, representatives of the ministries of foreign and health affairs, the DGCA and Kuwait Airways. — KUNA

Kuwait Minister calls OPEC+ deal historic

KUWAIT: Oil Minister Khaled Al-Fadhil on Sunday confirmed that OPEC and non-OPEC of producing states had worked out a deal to slash crude output by 10 million barrels per day in May and June. The agreement is historic and the greatest in the oil history, said the minister in a statement to Kuwait TV, affirming that it had been endorsed by the stakeholders in the sector. Oil markets have been negatively affected by the coronavirus spread, where demand dropped, thus there must be a slash of the production and exportation of the crude, he added. Affirming that the producers were seeking to maintain “certain price level and not a specific figure,” the minister underlined their approach to preserve marketing stability. Kuwait’s quota according to the OPEC plus agreement is based on the October 2018 output level, where the cut in its share will lie in the range of 640,000 bpd in May and June. He added that the oil producing states outside the organization have recently agreed on trimming the production by nearly 10 million bpd, effective May 1 for a period ending on June 30. They had said in a statement after the video conference that they also agreed on cutting the production by eight million bpd for six months starting on June 1 and ending on December 31. Moreover, they agreed on trimming the output by six million bpd for 16 months as of January 1, 2021, until April 30, 2022, in addition to examining its extension in December 2021. — KUNA

KUWAIT: The Ministry of Health is sterilizing all hospitals and other health facilities on a daily basis as part of precautionary measures against the spread of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19), said Abdulmajeed Halawah, Cleaning Contracts Supervisor at the Ministry of Health.
KUWAIT: Bangladeshis head for the second day on Sunday to continue set up by the Ministry of Interior to receive expatriates without valid residencies who are wishing to avail an amnesty allowing residency violators to leave the country between April 1 and April 30 without paying any fines or airfare with a chance to return to Kuwait later. Bangladeshis applicants are received on April 11 - 15, followed by Indians on April 6 - 20, Sri Lankans on April 21 - 25, and other nationalities on April 26 - 30. Egyptian nationals were received on April 11 - 15, followed by Indians on April 16 - 20, while female violators are received at Farwaniya primary school for girls in Farwaniya, block 1, street 6. Bendency violators from all nationalities are also received in two different locations in block 6. southwestern and female violators are received at Al-Sahama Al-Mutanna School - Block 4 - Street 250. Salmiya building evacuated due to fire

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KUWAIT: Bangladeshis arrive at a school in Farwaniya which was turned into a center to receive applications wishing to avail the amnesty. —Photos by Fouad Al-Shaikh

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Bangladeshis nationals continued to avail amnesty

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Director General of the Environment Public Authority, Sheikh Abdullah Al-Sabah visited the southern quarantine site that was prepared by the Kuwait Integrated Petrochemical Industries Company (KIPIC) on Sunday. The site has a 1,700-bed capacity, and will be handed over to the Ministry of Health within days. Kuwait is preparing to repatriate tens of thousands of Kuwaitis from countries affected by the spread of the disease. Meanwhile, Kuwait National Guard prepared quarantine sites and field hospitals in Mahboula while the Ministry of Defense prepared three locations in Jleeb Al-Shuyoukh to be used as field hospital and quarantine sites. The two areas have been put under total lockdown as part of measures to contain the spread of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19). —Photos by Yasser Al-Zayyat.
Tourists forced to write ‘sorry’ 500 times

Ecuador's police collect 800 bodies from the epicenter

GUAYAQUIL: Aerial view of workers burying a coffin at Maria Canals cemetery in the outskirts of Guayaquil, Ecuador. — AFP

Tourists, whose numbers are not announced by authorities, have stepped up measures to close off areas where Pakistan’s Christians

Pakistan’s Christians mark Easter vulnerable and jobless

NEW DELHI: Two foreigners who broke a coronavirus lockdown in an Indian town vacated by the Britishers, were forced to record a video asking “I am sorry” — 500 times each said police. The nationwide lockdown imposed at nearly all of March with resi-

dents permitted to leave their homes only for essential services such as buying groceries and medicines. — Reuters

The lockdown was imposed to stem the spread of the deadly disease, including wearing coronavirus-shaped helmets. But officials in some states were also seen in social media posts saying that coordinated with the police on the unconven-
sional punishment was handed out to teach them a lesson. Police said they would direct hotels in the area to allow foreign guests to step out only if accompanied by local helpers. Establishments that did not follow the order could face legal action said Sharma.
LONDON: Virus-stricken British Prime Minister Boris Johnson returned to work Monday after feeling ill for nearly a week, his office said. The government will have to start working from home. Before the pandemic, most other organizations, the UN has experienced a 3,000-member workforce have tested positive for the virus as it copes with the global coronavirus pandemic.

So far, the UN appears to have been largely spared. The virus has killed in France. But it has few ventilators. In Italy, thousands have died in care homes and hospitals.

Millions celebrate Easter on lockdown; Boris thanks medics

Defector hailed by Trump seeks Korea parliament seat

SEODAL: The South Korean president's seat is currently the most visible one in the country. But the exiled North Korean activist who is running in the by-election is not your typical politician. Ji Seong-ho is a former North Korean defector whose life was saved by a doctor who risked his career to save him.

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N Korea's Kim reshuffles top governing body

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Kim Jong Un, who has voluntarily cut himself off from the outside world since the death of his father, Kim Jong Il, in 2011, has been widely expected to make a major reshuffle of the ruling party and government in the coming months. The reshuffle is widely expected to include the removal of officials who have been associated with his father's inner circle and the introduction of new leaders who are expected to be more aligned with his own vision for the country.

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Global Islamic finance had been building up steam over the past two decades. But gains haven’t always been easy. Many Islamic banks depend on low-cost capital, which is利率 something of a luxury in competitive global financial markets. After four years of wrangling, the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), banks, and other providers, a group known as OPEC+, agreed to cut oil output by 9.7 million barrels per day (bpd) in May and June to support of prices, representing around 10 percent of global supply. Brent crude futures rose 2 cents, to $35.14 a barrel, by 0400 GMT after opening at a session high of $35.99. US West Texas Intermediate (WTI) crude futures rose by 5 cents, to $32.03 a barrel, after hitting a low of $31.74.

“While the deal is a milestone for the global oil industry and the national economies and other industries that depend upon it to avoid a very deep crisis,” said Daniel Yergin, IHS Markit Vice Chairman. "It said in its Islamic Finance Outlook 2020 Edition. Islamic fintech firms face a string of obstacles that don’t bother their traditional counterparts. One is the lack of innovation. "The sector's current slow-moving nature makes it hard to act in tandem with groups such as OPEC+," he said. But the deal had been delayed since Thursday after China failed to agree to cut its output when it was due to be made. The OPEC+ group on Sunday to hammer out the agreement, with the aim of cutting output by 9.7 million barrels per day. A further 5 percent or 5 million bpd from Russia and Kazakhstan is due to be added in the third quarter, bringing total cuts deeper than the previous record reduction in 2009. OPEC+ also said it wanted producers outside the group, such as the United States, Canada, Brazil and Norway, to cut their output by 5 percent or 5 million bpd because they were not part of the deal.

"We’re going to see a significant drop in production," said Yergin. "It does not make sense for China to increase production at this time." A set of guidelines in religious texts boil down to two conditions: a business must have a real economic impact, not just a speculative one. It must have a positive contribution to the world," he said.

**Is this stock halal?**

Islamic finance charts high-tech future

DUBAI: "Is it halal to buy shares in Tesla?" a young Muslim asked in a recent survey by the Dubai Islamic Economic Development Centre (DIEDC), a think tank that promote...
Cautious hope for pandemic peak as Spain reopens to tourists

Governments grapple with a once-in-a-century recession

MADRID — The shock felt from the coronavirus pandemic is everywhere but especially in Spain, with Madrid yesterday recording its lowest state unemployment since the start of the 21st century. The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has said that the financial crisis erupted, tripling the pot of funds to which both employers and workers contribute to the scheme for a 10-year period. The unemployment rate in Spain has been steadily declining in recent years, falling from nearly 20% in 2012 to just above 15% in 2019. However, the economic impact of the pandemic has reversed this trend, with the unemployment rate rising to 15.8% in the first quarter of 2020. The IMF estimates that the unemployment rate in Spain could reach as high as 20% in the second quarter of 2020. The government has announced several measures to support workers and businesses during the pandemic, including a temporary increase in unemployment benefits, wage subsidies, and tax breaks for businesses that keep employees on the payroll. However, these measures are expected to provide only temporary relief, and the long-term impact of the pandemic on the Spanish economy remains uncertain. The European Union has also announced a €750 billion ($850 billion) economic stimulus package to support member states during the pandemic, which Spain is expected to benefit from. The package includes funding for healthcare, unemployment benefits, and support for small and medium-sized enterprises. However, the effectiveness of these measures in mitigating the economic impact of the pandemic in Spain remains to be seen. The pandemic has also had a significant impact on the tourism sector in Spain, which is a major contributor to the country's economy. The number of tourists visiting Spain has declined sharply, with many hotels and resorts forced to close. The government has announced several measures to support the tourism sector, including funding for travel agencies and hospitality businesses, and subsidies for hotels and resorts that keep employees on the payroll. However, the effectiveness of these measures remains to be seen, and the tourism sector is expected to face a challenging recovery. Overall, the pandemic has had a significant impact on the Spanish economy, with the unemployment rate rising and the tourism sector facing a challenging recovery. The government has announced several measures to support workers and businesses during the pandemic, but the long-term impact of the pandemic on the Spanish economy remains uncertain. The effectiveness of these measures in mitigating the economic impact of the pandemic in Spain remains to be seen, and the tourism sector is expected to face a challenging recovery.
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NEW DELHI: India is planning to resume some manufacturing in a phased manner to help offset the economic damage of a near-total lockdown that has left hundreds of thousands of people jobless. The government has said it will release guidelines on April 15 in the wake of a meeting at the Prime Minister's office, which did not include the finance minister. The official said the guidelines would include some restriction and some precautionary measures to ensure the safety of workers. The manufacturing sector is estimated to account for around 20% of India's GDP and employs about 100 million people. The lockdown, which began on March 25, has been lifted in phases, with some industries allowed to operate at a limited capacity. The government has said it will stagger the lifting of restrictions to ensure safety and maintain social distancing. The guidelines will be released on April 15. The government has said it will allow companies to operate at a capacity of 50% or more, with strict adherence to safety norms.

Burgan Bank holds its 54th AGM

Shareholders approved distribution of 12 fils cash dividend for the year 2019

KUWAIT: Burgan Bank held its 54th Ordinary Annual General Meeting (AGM) at the KIPCO Tower, with a quorum of 47.2% of the Board of the Bank's shareholders, the bank's financial results for the year 2019 were highlighted, with the strong operating and financial performance of the Bank. The shareholders of the Bank approved the distribution of 12 fils per share as cash dividend.

In its meeting, the Board elected Mr. Mawazine Al-Dahab and Mr. Hamad Al-Mubarak as board members for two years, and the annual report for the year 2019, noting that the bank's return on shareholder's equity reported 30 percent, which is considered a strong return considering the current economic conditions.
Coronavirus: Latest global developments

PARIS: Here are the latest developments in the coronavirus crisis:

China imported cases rise
China records its highest daily toll of imported virus cases, confirming 97 new infections.

Over 112,000 dead worldwide
At least 112,510 people have died worldwide from the coronavirus in over 190 countries and territories, according to an AFP tally around 1900 GMT Sunday based on official sources. There have been 1,824,950 reported infections since the virus emerged in China in December. The United States has 21,489 deaths, making it the hardest-hit country. It also has the highest number of reported infections with 546,874 cases. Europe is the second hardest-hit continent, with 77,129 deaths out of 932,205 diagnosed cases.

Easter of solitude
Pope Francis livestreams Easter Sunday mass to the world’s 1.3 billion Catholics, from an empty Saint Peter’s Basilica at the Vatican. He calls for a reduction or forgiveness of poor nation’s debts and an “immediate” ceasefire in global conflicts. In Jerusalem, a handful of priests celebrate Easter at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, the holiest site in Christianity, closed this Easter for the first time in at least a century.

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Spectre of recession
The World Bank warns South Asia is on course for its worst economic performance in 40 years, with decades of progress in the battle against poverty at risk. It slashes its growth forecast for the region this year to 1.8-2.8 percent from its pre-pandemic projection of 6.3 percent, with at least half the countries falling into “deep recession”.

Confinement goes on
Lebanon extends its lockdown until April 26. Syria extends the closure of schools and universities until May 2. Argentina extends its obli- gatory confinement until April 26 in big cities, but considers relaxing the measures in rural areas.

UK PM out of hospital
Britain’s virus-stricken Prime Minister Boris Johnson is discharged from hospital after spending three days in intensive care. Downing Street says that on the advice of his medical team, he will not immediately return to work and will recover at Chequers, the country estate for British prime ministers. Johnson had been transferred to a private ward treating him in a state-run hospital.

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The invention, built by scientists at the International Islamic University Malaysia, is also fitted with a device to check patients’ temperatures remotely. It is aimed at helping nurses and doctors working on the wards with social distancing, Zulkifli Zainal Abidin, a member of the team behind the invention, told AFP.

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**Features**

**Silent streets for water festival in Myanmar lockdown**

Myanmar’s New Year Festival of Thingyan is the country’s biggest public holiday — normally a week of nationwide celebration and water-based festivities. But this year, the festival has been cancelled due to the coronavirus pandemic.

The festival, which marks the beginning of the Buddhist New Year, is celebrated in Myanmar with a massive water fight, with people drenching one another with water. However, this year the festival was cancelled due to the pandemic.

**Virus stalls globetrotters’ trip in a Florida parking lot**

Italian chef Aldo Giaquinto says that he and his wife Vera Kozlovskaia are stranded in Florida after their visa was extended due to the coronavirus. They normally rely on public facilities, but now they have been stuck in Florida for two weeks.

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The coronavirus pandemic poses a huge global challenge to auction houses, large and small, but those that have embraced technology could prosper as nervous investors seek a safe haven, according to experts.

Major London-based house Sotheby’s has closed its London, Hong Kong, Dubai, New York and other offices, according to experts. But it has said that the time is probably going to be our saviour. “Jen Anthony, 30, a DJ who lives in Sydney. “Art survives’”

“The trend began in Australia but has now grown to 470,000 members. “A friend put a post on her Facebook page saying that she was excited it was a party idea and she got to go out,” the 47-year-old told AFP. “I told her that you can’t take it out and she said that she would take that challenge. I will do it, too, and I’ll make a Facebook group for us to laugh at, to have a giggle at each other.”

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cuts in May and June followed by a gradual reduction in oil sold until April 2022. Arabic added that the deal ‘paved the way for a global alliance with China and Russia to contain the coronavirus pandemic, experts warn. “There is a disaster in the making,” said Misty Buswell from aid group International Rescue Committee (IRC), adding that the strain on the health system is severe. The IRC said that the death toll may rise to 10 million people in the next five years.

The coronavirus pandemic has spread to almost every country, leaving over 100,000 people dead worldwide. More than 300,000 new cases are being reported daily. Pakistan’s ambassador said the embassy was certain help them get back to their hometowns and leave behind the lockdown. The couple will receive confirmation of their marriage after a waiting period, the source said. The ministry said that the couple had been preparing for marriages in the past few months. The ministry also said that the marriages were being arranged under the current circumstances, the Human Resources and Emiratization Ministry said, without specifying which countries.

The US also wanted it to reserve labor force with countries returning to take back citizens, including those whose jobs were lost or put on leave, and said it was considering strict state-wide coronavirus lockdowns.

The government on Monday said it was not extending restrictions on travel due to the coronavirus pandemic. The government is expected to announce new measures to contain the spread of the virus on Tuesday.

More than 100,000 coronavirus infections have been reported in the UAE since the pandemic began in February. The first local cases were detected in March and since then the country has recorded more than 2,500 infections.

The UAE has been one of the countries hardest hit by the pandemic, with over 1,000 deaths and more than 30,000 infections. The country has also been among the first to implement strict measures to control the spread of the virus, including a lockdown in March and restrictions on travel and gatherings.

Following extensive efforts “we announce completing the historical agreement,” Kuwaiti Oil Minister Ahmad al-Humoud al-Sabah said. “This agreement is a great achievement for the country and its people. It is a historic step in the history of the Arab oil industry.”

The agreement was reached during discussions in Rome between al-Sabah and his counterparts from Algeria, Russia, Iraq, Iran, Nigeria and Venezuela.

The deal, which is expected to reduce global oil supply by about 9 million barrels per day, is part of efforts to stabilize the market and prevent prices from sliding lower.

The six countries account for about 40% of global oil production, making the agreement significant.

The deal is expected to last for three months, with options for extension.

The agreement was hailed as a “historic moment” for the industry and a “step forward” in efforts to stabilize prices.

The announcement comes as the oil industry grapples with the impact of the coronavirus pandemic, which has led to a sharp decline in demand.

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The six countries that account for about 40% of global oil production have agreed to reduce their output by 9 million barrels per day for three months, with options for extension. The deal is expected to help stabilize the market after the coronavirus pandemic led to a sharp decline in demand.

Saudi Arabia has been discussing with other major producers about ways to cut production and support prices. The agreement was reached during discussions in Rome between Saudi Arabia’s Energy Minister Prince Abdulaziz bin Salman, who was chairman of the four-hour virtual meeting, and his Algerian, Russian, Iraqi, Iranian and Nigerian counterparts.

The agreement was hailed as a “historic moment” for the industry and a “step forward” in efforts to stabilize prices.

The announcement comes as the oil industry grapples with the impact of the coronavirus pandemic, which has led to a sharp decline in demand.
Today could be the day things change. Have you thought about how the technology you use daily impacts your life? The tools you use might seem necessary, but are they really? Is it time to ask yourself why?

If you have not already done so, take a closer look at your daily habits and see what technology you use. Are there things you can replace with simpler methods? Are there tools that you use so frequently that they are no longer needed?

Take a separate list of all the devices you use daily and ask yourself whether they are really necessary. Are there alternatives that are cheaper or more environmentally friendly? Are there ways to reduce your technology footprint?

Once you have a list of items you can reduce or eliminate, take a moment to consider the benefits. You might find that you have more time, money, or energy to use on other activities. You might also find that you are happier and healthier.

Remember, the goal is not to eliminate all technology, but to use it more thoughtfully. By doing so, you can reduce your impact on the environment and improve your own quality of life. So why not start now and make a positive change today?
FEBRUARY 29: CORONAVIRUS: THE CRISIS THAT TELLS THE TALE OF HOW SPORT HAS BEEN HIT

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In contrast, the All England Club had the foresight of moving its Wimbledon tournament being postponed until November. “I have been in constant touch with my mum and dad despite the internet connection not being too good here. ‘Faxine and video calls are very difficult, so most of the time it is just by voice. There is frustration,” said Robertson. “It has been difficult. Internet and power cuts are bad and I have got used to it and this season was good,” said Robertson.

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**Motorsport ‘icon’ Stirling Moss dead**

**LONDON:** Stirling Moss, widely-regarded as the greatest motor racing driver never to win the world title, has died aged 90 following a long illness. "It was one lap too many," his wife Susie Moss told Britain’s Press Association on Sunday. "He just closed his eyes."

**Tributes flooded in from the world of motorport and beyond to the gifted and纪录-setting racer who never won the Formula One title but defined driving for four times and thrice three times.”

"Today we hear good news for Sir Stirling Moss, the racing legend,” racing world champion Lewis Hamilton wrote on Instagram. "Two people from unusually different times and backgrounds but we clicked and ultimately found that the love for racing we both shared made us comrades,” added the six-time world champion. Meanwhile, three-time world champion Jackie Stewart told The Daily Telegraph in a 2012 interview. “He had a press on style on the track and in life,”

**He was knighted in the New Year Honours list in 2001 for services to motor racing.**

Stewart described Moss as "a mighty racer and gentleman." He added: "He had a proven track record in the greatest arena in the world with a long and successful racing career that left a lasting legacy."

**But such was the enduring fame of the driving legend for decades afterwards, the racing world?” Who do you think you are, Stirling Moss?”** Former world heavyweight boxing champion Frank Bruno revealed that Moss had "privately supported me over many years.”

"His renowned sportsmanship cost Moss the 1958 world title when he defended the conduct of British rival Mike Hawthorn following a crash at the Portuguese Grand Prix. Moss’s action helped spare Hawthorn a six-pointer penalty with Hawthorn winning the little genius to tale a unique point. I had no hesitation in doing it,” Moss recalled. “I can’t see how this is open to debate. The fact that he was my only rival in the championship didn’t come into my thinking. Absolutely not.”"