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A number of countries will start “very soon” to repatriate thousands of their nationals who benefited from an amnesty offered by the government to illegal expats, Deputy Foreign Minister Khaled Al-Jarallah said yesterday. The workers have been living in temporary shelters set up by the authorities for the past few weeks after they registered with the interior ministry in order to leave the country, but their home nations were not ready to receive them.

There are positive signs that these countries will repatriate their workers. I think that these workers will leave for their home countries very shortly,” Jarallah told a local television channel. He however did not name any country nor did he provide any timeframe for the repatriation. The main countries include Egypt, India and Sri Lanka, who told Kuwait they are not in a position to receive thousands of their nationals because of the coronavirus shutdowns.

Jarallah said the foreign ministry had been in constant contact with these countries and that while they were not ready to receive the workers at the moment, “they have clearly said that they are going to take care of these workers and they need to find solutions for them.”

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Kuwait’s COVID-19 crisis will ease June 15, according to statistical modeling data from a group of scientists at the University of Technology and Design (MTD). Data-driven experts predict the worst is yet to come for the Middle East, but hope is on the horizon.

The MTD published the predicted data for Kuwait among a series of charts predicting the highest number of deaths, as seen at 5,086 on July 30 and 1,000 on August 15, according to the MTD’s model. The team did not provide an estimate for the number of infections, saying that number is too difficult to predict given the current situation.

The model, which projects a peak in the middle of June, is based on statistical analysis of data from around the world and the MTD’s own project, called the SIR Model. The SIR model is a mathematical model used to predict the spread of infectious diseases. It divides the population into three groups: susceptible (S), infected (I), and recovered (R).

The MTD model projects that the number of deaths in Kuwait will peak on June 15, with a total of 900 deaths, although the actual number could be higher or lower depending on how effective the current measures are in controlling the spread of the virus.

The model also predicts that the number of new infections will peak in late May or early June, with a total of 5,086 infections. However, the model notes that this prediction is highly sensitive to changes in the current measures, and that the actual number could be much higher or lower.

The MTD model also uses a parameter called the basic reproduction number (R0), which represents the average number of people that one infected person will infect in a fully susceptible population. The model predicts that the R0 value for Kuwait will decrease from 3.2 in March to 1.5 in late May.

The MTD model also takes into account the impact of the current measures, such as social distancing, mask wearing, and lockdowns. The model predicts that these measures will significantly reduce the spread of the virus and delay the peak, but that the virus will continue to spread until late May or early June.

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Kuwait: Large crowds gather at a school in Farwaniya turned into a center to receive visa violators wishing to avail the amnesty. — Photos by Fouad Al-Shaikh

By Ben Garcia

KUWAIT: The first of the last five days of a general amnesty granted to all undocumented expatriates in Kuwait witnessed queues of people at the processing center in Farwaniya on Sunday, wanting to leave Kuwait without paying fines and a chance to return.

The Kuwaiti government granted the amnesty to undocumented expatriates starting on April 1 and ending on April 30, and due to a funding issue (likely, the interior ministry) organized applicants by nationality, starting with Filipinos (April 1-5), Egyptians (April 6-10), Bangladeshis (April 11-15), Indians (April 16-20) and Sri Lankans (April 21-25). The last five days (April 26-30) are for applicants of all nationalities.

The long queues of applicants at both the female and male processing centers in Farwaniya affected the move of vehicles nearby. There were conflicts with their neighbors who lived close to the processing centers and whose areas until athletes are led to their homes. Their answers are covered by the Kuwaiti government.

Violators are received from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm at the following locations: Male violators can be received at Al-Muthanna primary school for boys, Farwaniya, block 1, street 76. Female violators can also be received in two different locations in Jleeb Al-Shuyoukh as follows: Female violators are received at Naeem bin Masod Roufayda Al-Aslameya School - Block 4 - Street 200, and male violators are received at Al-Muthanna primary school for boys, Farwaniya, block 1, street 76. Violators are also received at all nationalities who also received in two different locations in Jleeb Al-Shuyoukh as follows: Violators are received and fares will be covered by the Kuwaiti government.

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One of the distinguishing features of Islam's Holy Book, the first verses of which were revealed in the month of Ramadan, 1453 lunar years ago (610 AD). During the course of 23 years, Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) received Quranic verses as spoken addresses from the Creator - the Quran is considered the speech of God in the Arabic language. Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) then received the verses so that they could be memorized verbatim, and they were also recorded in writing. Before he died, Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) specified the order of verses and the division of chapters, according to divine inspiration. The original Quran in speech is still preserved until today with precise pronunciation, with each letter, word, and phrase represented phonetically. It is the only revelation or divine text that contains the pure words of God without being rephrased by His messengers or any other human being.

The Quran is addressed to all mankind. Sometimes Mohammed (PBUH) is specifically addressed with invitations such as: "You who believe..." or "Oh Muslims...". Muhammad is also encouraged and sometimes gently reproached in the Quran. Believers are addressed with specific instructions on how to achieve both temporal and eternal success. And mankind in general is addressed with invitations to believe in God and lead life around that belief and, furthermore, to avoid the consequences of accepting or rejecting God's invitation.

The Quran's purpose is to inform people of a reality beyond their senses and their perceptions of space and time, and to transcend human limitations and develop spirituality. With the additional perspective it offers, the Quran also teaches people to adopt a lifestyle that ensures ultimate happiness and success. Finally, through stories and precepts, the Quran inculcates moral values, and practices that are essential to achieve that state.

The verses of the Quran were revealed to address particular situations, to relate historical information and to provide Islamic law. Quranic subjects are descriptions of God, stories of prophets, descriptions of deeds and doings prophets and believers, accounts of events, summaries of the duties of the believers, teachings on personal conduct, prohibitions for harm and social relations, and a framework for international relations.

Being an oral revelation first and foremost, devout Muslims learn to recite the holy scripture as it was revealed. Verbatim memorization in common, and care is taken to reproduce the exact pronunciation and vocal duration of each letter, word, and phrase of the Quran, and words of the Quran have great depth and breadth. Therefore, they also study the meaning of the words, verses, and chapters, and there are encyclopedic works of this nature. In addition, Muslims study the occasions of revelation, the relation of the holy text to prophetic traditions, and the application of principles by renowned scholars and rulers. The study of the Quran develops mental reasoning and spirituality first and foremost, as well as thought processes of logic, sequencing, deduction, intuition, abstraction, and deduction. Reciting and memorizing the Quran is an oral language literary masterpiece both technically and aesthetically. It is impossible to portray its rhythm, rhyme, depth of devotion and sublime quality of composition in another language. There are many translations of the Quran but we cannot call a translation of the Quran but only an approximation of the meaning of the Quran. The best English translations have the accompanying original text in Arabic which is to be consulted.

Since Ramadan is the month of the Quran, everyone should have their copy handy and completely reading it in this holy month. - Courtesy of the TIES Center whose mission is to empower Kuwaitis' access to cultural and social resources and to develop a positive and productive role in Kuwait's domestic and international relations.

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Ramadan, month of the Quran

By Dr Teresa Lesher
Saudi ramps up COVID testing

RIYADH: Saudi Arabia has announced a $265 million deal with a Chinese firm to ramp up coronavirus testing as the kingdom, including a mobile laboratory line with the agreement “500 experts, specialists, and technicians” would come from China to conduct the tests.

The deal, which has a total value of $265 million, also includes the “establishment of a mobile laboratory to conduct up to 50,000 tests daily”, it added. Earlier the government decided to relax a nationwide curfew, except in cities. Authorities are yet to announce whether they will proceed with this plan.

Pakistan has reported more than 11,000 cases of the coronavirus, including 237 deaths. In India, only five worshipping joined an evening prayer on the first day of Ramadan in New Delhi’s imposing Red Fort, a decision to relax a nationwide curfew, except in cities. Authorities are yet to announce.

On Sunday, the health ministry said the number of deaths from COVID-19 had risen to 355 confirmed infections to 17,922, while 357 people have recovered. Last month, Saudi Arabia reported the year-round “umrah” pilgrimage, including its ability to conduct up to 50,000 tests daily, a deal that will provide the Middle East with the need to test a growing number of people daily.

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LONDON: Britain has reported its lowest daily death toll from the COVID-19 pandemic for four weeks as Prime Minister Boris Johnson returned to Downing Street after recovering from the virus. The prime minister, who has been isolating at his country residence since his release from hospital on April 12, arrived back in London on Monday, his first day in the capital since the crisis began. It follows reports that Johnson’s political team is planning to ease the lockdown controls over the next two weeks, although it is not yet clear whether to relax strict social distancing rules. Despite the shutdown which has taken its toll on the health and well-being of millions of people around the world, the UK has been praised for its management of the pandemic. The government’s scientific advisory committee, the Scientific Advisory Group for Emergencies (SAGE), has been at the forefront of the country’s response to the virus, and its recommendations have been closely followed by the public. The government has also been praised for its testing program, which has been described as one of the most effective in the world. However, the country is still grappling with the economic impact of the lockdown, with many businesses struggling to stay afloat and unemployment rising. The government has announced several measures to support businesses and workers, including grants for the self-employed, furlough pay for workers, and loan schemes for small businesses. The government has also been working closely with business leaders to ensure that the economy can recover as quickly as possible. The Prime Minister has been reported to be in good health and spirits, and is expected to play a key role in the country’s post-COVID recovery.
China’s major cities gradually return to normality

Beijing: Tens of thousands of students returned to the classroom in Beijing and Shanghai on May 6 after more than three months of remote learning due to the coronavirus outbreak. The ministry said some students who were infected in Beijing last month received the retesting of the “students’ advantages”.

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Train likely belonging to North Korea’s Kim seen at resort town

Wisin’s train likely belonging to North Korea’s Kim has been spotted at a resort town in the country’s east, satellite photos reviewed by a US-based think tank showed as speculation mounted over his health. The train was parked at a station reserved for the Kim family in Wonsan on April 23 and the respected 38North website said in a report published Saturday that the train’s presence “does not prove the whereabouts of the

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Mission to reunify

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Teenager Meng Xianghao said he was taking extra

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Ooredoo launches Ramadan campaign

Ooredoo has launched its monthly Ramadan campaign with a short video highlighting how people can still celebrate despite the ongoing pandemic.

This year’s Ramadan campaign, designed to show the power of technology in enabling families and friends connect with each other, is available in eight languages.

During the month of Ramadan, Ooredoo is encouraging people to maintain social distancing and use technology to stay connected to friends and family.

This campaign comes within the initiative of stc’s corporate social responsibility strategy focusing on digital solutions and relief measures. Ooredoo has significantly optimized its network performance and available access to technology whenever it operates to maintain the safety of customers while encouraging customers to stay at home with the simple slogan of “At Home With Ooredoo.”

The concept also focuses on providing the maximum benefit to the current circumstances.

The company is currently playing a key role in supporting customers across its global footprint with both its carrier-grade telco and enterprise networks, being optimized in a timely network performance and its ability to maintain the spread of the virus.

Ramadan is the holy month for Muslims, a time of fasting and prayer. The concept is to bring family together while touching on the importance of staying disciplined, maintaining appropriate distance between family members while using online platforms to connect with their loved ones through responsible social distancing and staying at home.

In its statement released by the Company, stc noted that the campaign comes within the Corporate Communications at stc’s related to our Ramadan campaign. The activities aim to support the people of Kuwait in facing the current conditions that are due to the effect of the pandemic. The campaign comes as a segment of stc’s commitment towards supporting the local community and economy.

US renewes waiver for Iraq to import Iranian electricity

WASHINGTON: The United States has removed a waiver for Iraq to continue importing Iranian electricity, a State Department official said on Sunday, but this time for a shorter period of 30 days.

The official noted that the waiver was extended last year as part of the agreement between Iran and the United States to allow Iraq to import electricity.

The waiver was renewed last year as part of the deal between the two countries to allow Iraq to import electricity. It was renewed again last year for 180 days.

The U.S. waiver had been renewed twice on a 180-day basis, with the latest extension set to expire this week.

The decision to renew the waiver was seen as a significant step in ending the crisis between the United States and Iran, which has sparked tensions in the region and globally.

The official said that the waiver was renewed because it is necessary to ensure the stability of the Iraqi power grid and comply with international law.

The decision to extend the waiver for another 30 days was taken after consultations with Iraqi authorities and the United Nations.

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The waiver has been renewed multiple times since it was first granted in 2015, but it has faced opposition from some members of Congress who argued that it undermines American sanctions against Iran.

The official said that the extension of the waiver will be reviewed again in 30 days, and that the decision will be based on the latest developments in the region.

The official added that the United States remains committed to working with the Iraqi government and other allies to address the ongoing crisis in the region.

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Arctic gas push threatens reindeer herders

YAMAL-NENETS, Russia: The third Arctic night, lighting up the tundra in northern Russia, compresses the air with an innocent white. Indigenous Nenets reindeer herders say oil and gas projects are leaving the herders no choice but to move their campsites and grazing areas. They fear for their lives, their animals' health. What the herders are calling a "handicap" of massive hydrocarbon projects that maintains the region's economy, the rest of the planet, according to the US National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, "rain-on-snow" events have become more common across the Arctic coast, where summer winds give the reindeer a brief respite from mosquitoes and botflies as they build up fat.

"With such barbaric methods of conquering the Arctic, in 100 years (reindeer herding) will cease," said the Thomson Reuters Foundation in a statement that indigenous peers will be destroyed. "Herder and activist Yeiko Serotetto told the Thomson Reuters Foundation in his family's reindeer herding hut. "We think there will be no reindeer, only desert."

People in Yamal have been partially domesticating reindeer for hunting, transport, food, clothing and shelter for much of the past two millennia. Today, about 10,000 reindeer herders in Yamal - who make up one- fifth of the region's population, import energy prices amid the pandemic. With the annual Reindeer Herders' Day celebrations.

But avoiding the gas fields in Yamal, 2,000 km (1,250 miles) northeast of Moscow, is becoming harder as fossil fuel infrastructure creeps across the region, spurring on twists passed in March as part of Russia's new Arctic development strategy.

"The Yamal region uses revenues from energy to fund the meetings. Public hearings. Say on hydrocarbon projects through letters and emails. But many locals and activists say that is not enough compensation for the environmental impact of massive hydrocarbon projects. A Russian state-funded study published last year found that concentrations of mercury were above safe levels in the soil at all 20 sites assessed in central Yamal. The Russian president, Vladimir Putin, has also signed a law that allows drilling for oil and gas to proceed under the Arctic night, lighting up the treeless tundra in northern Russia.

"(The herders) have never lacked the confidence in their skills to navigate what's happening, but right now they're getting worried," noted University of Lapland professor Bruce Forbes, an author of a study looking at the Arctic night, lighting up the treeless tundra in northern Russia.

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**CANADIAN STARS JOIN IN CORONAVIRUS BROADCAST FUNDRAISER**

The Canadian coronavirus pandemic has dealt a blow to everything involving Canadian music and entertainment. The most recent example is the Sotto lo Stesso Cielo tour (Under the same sky tour) in the courtyard of a popular apartment building for the show "Sotto lo Stesso Cielo." This tour is designed to bring the show to the theatre, to the pub, to listen to an artist. At the moment, they can’t go out to bring the show to their homes, said Adriano Sindaco, enjoying the show with his daughter Giada. "These circumstances unite us, they don’t divide. Often there is isolation but sometimes we’re lucky. We have the opportunity to be more connected. We’re glad to have a way to sing, to laugh at off-colour jokes, and wave our lit-up mobile phones if it’s a rock concert, calling out for more." 

"The children can’t leave the house. Sometimes we make them paint with their hands, but that’s all," said Mr. Tipton. 

But this is a beautiful moment, a moment for all of us. "I think that what we’re doing now is more important than when we were singing in the neighborhoods or doing shows," said Adriano Sindaco. "We’re not sure if the future will be better, but we’re not going to quit." 

"Delivery apps have kept us afloat, but we are not optimistic. According to a poll of association members, 15 percent are not operating at full capacity, 20 percent are suspended, and 5 percent are closed." 

"We need to focus on the present," said Mr. Tipton. 

Dirty South Deli food truck owner Jason Tipton chats with a regular customer in front of their newly acquired brick and mortar restaurant in Washington D.C. —AFP photo

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**Bass therapy gets Romans dancing and laughing in face of lockdown**

Ligging in the face of the coronavirus lockdown gripping half an issue of performance complete with DJ and changing-tunes sound system is a challenge, but that didn’t stop Washington’s popular dirty food trucks from creating an outdoor, packed with dancing-class neighborhood. Residents of all ages in the popular Capital’s Back Bay district have published their videos on Twitter to “Tell the same sho...” their love performing in their very own public space. "Dirty South Deli plays for them to dance, even at their windows. The truck’s top star, electric violin Andrea Costa, told AFP. "We also invited a singer from the neighborhood. It’s an open space and we will continue to welcome everyone. We’re looking for more talent. The performers also dropped by The Capital, a vast housing development on the outskirts of the city to the delight of residents happy to enjoy an hour while respecting social distancing rules. ‘Music is part of our language. On the balcony, they are happy to listen to their music, too,’ said Andrea Costa, violinist of Antoine’s band who helped them to create this ‘Under the same sky’ in glowing neighborhoods. ‘It’s always been part of our culture and we can normal. I’m glad to have a way to see them, don’t you think? Often there is isolation but sometimes we’re lucky. We have the opportunity to be more connected. We’re glad to have a way to sing, to laugh at off-colour jokes, and wave our lit-up mobile phones if it’s a rock concert, calling out for more.’"
A few weeks ago, as his children were allowed out Sunday to play for just a few hours, Lopez said he was just getting ready for their big adventure. “We have been really irresponsible,” Lopez said. “We didn’t give up.”

For both her and Miguel Lopez, this easing of the lockdown after earlier insisting that people be very careful “because the health of the nation is at stake”. The government’s initial plan to allow children to go out for exercise and to take walks from next weekend, acknowledging it was “not at all easy” for them to stay at home for six weeks, is a hard-earned victory, said mother Paredes. “They are super excited, very, very happy. They have done this sooner perhaps but it is true that people in Spain, in Madrid, have not been very good about it,” said Paredes. The decision was made on Spain appeared to have passed the peak of the pandemic, reporting Sunday a daily death toll of 288, the lowest number since March 20. All Spaniards will be allowed out for exercise and to take walks from next weekend. Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez said Saturday: The government will offer Tuesday an broader lockdown exit plan that will likely be put into action in the second half of May. “We’re going out!,” she said. The decision was made as Spain was kept indoors, with only adults allowed to leave their homes for their local medicine, briefly with the dog or urgent medical care. On Sunday, Spanish children, like those in Madrid, to the streets of Madrid to enjoy their newfound freedom.

Some rollerbladed with others rode bikes or pushed toy prams around wearing small masks to cover their faces. “It has been very good for me, said six-year-old Ricardo after a runaround the neighborhood. “It’s like a day out for them, it’s the most interesting thing for them in a month,” commented in northwest Madrid. “It’s like a day out for them, it’s like a day out for them,”

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Per Olov Enquist, one of Sweden’s most celebrated authors, died aged 85 on Tuesday, April 28, 2020. Enquist was a leading intellectual of his generation, known in Sweden by his initials P.O., his work spanning a wide range of subjects from politics to philosophy, with a particular focus on social justice and human rights issues.

Enquist was born in 1935 in Stockholm, Sweden, to a working-class family. He was educated at the University of Stockholm, where he discovered journalism and writing. He broke free from his family, competing in high jump in high school before attending Upsala University, where he discovered journalism and writing.

Enquist’s first major work was the novel “A Different Life”, which he published in 1961. The novel was a critical and commercial success, and it established Enquist as a major force in Swedish literature. The novel deals with the life of a young athlete, and it is a powerful and poignant story of the struggle to break free from social and economic constraints.

Enquist went on to write a number of books, including the novel “Visit of the Royal Physician”, which was published in 1964 and became a bestseller in Sweden. The novel is set in the Ottoman Empire and tells the story of a young woman who is forced to travel to Constantinople to serve as a companion to a princess. The novel explores themes of power, love, and the struggle for freedom.

Enquist also wrote a number of plays, including the plays “Hedda Gabler” and “A Doll’s House”, which are based on the stories by Henrik Ibsen. Enquist’s adaptations of Ibsen’s plays were highly successful, and they helped to bring Ibsen’s works to a new generation of readers.

In addition to his work as a writer, Enquist was also a prominent public figure in Sweden. He was a member of the Swedish Academy, the body responsible for choosing the Nobel Prize in Literature, and he served as its permanent secretary from 1996 to 2008.

Enquist was also known for his political activism. He was a strong advocate for social justice and human rights, and he was a vocal critic of the Swedish government’s policies towards immigrants and refugees.

Enquist’s death is a great loss to the world of literature. He was a brilliant writer, a leading intellectual, and a powerful voice for social justice and human rights. He will be remembered as one of the great writers of the 20th century, and his work will continue to inspire readers for generations to come.

Per Olov Enquist's quote: "The true function of art is to help us understand the world around us. It is a way of seeing into the soul of things."
North Korea’s Kim ‘alive and well’: Seoul

MOON Jae-in, South Korea’s president, said on Monday the North Korean leader Kim Jong-un is ‘alive and well’ and a top security advisor to the South’s president said on Wednesday that Kim had not been shown up in public for more than a month.

North Korean state media have not shown Kim in public since April 11, and the following day state media reported on him inspecting fighter jets at an air defense unit.

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Re/code reporter Joe Peters, who has reported extensively on Kim, said: “I’ve never had a good feeling about him being dead or alive.”

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New Zealand sets up committee to review Super Rugby future

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MELBOURNE: New Zealand Rugby (NZR) have set up a committee to review operating models and a way forward for the domestic game amid a shutdown in global sport brought by the coronavirus.

New Zealand Super Rugby, which also includes teams from Australia, South Africa, Japan and Argentina, was suspended in March after seven rounds of the season when travel and border controls aimed at containing the spread of COVID-19 proved unmanageable.

As in other rugby nations, the shutdown has idled hundreds of players and staff in New Zealand and placed pressure on the finances of NZR and provincial unions.

NZR said the review committee was comprised of the chairman of the five Super Rugby sides and NZRL, along with NZR Chief Executive Mark Robinson and prominent sports executive Liz Ellis.

The committee’s review called Antipu, the Maori word for growth, will focus on “growing, diversifying and securing the future of our game”.

“The scope of Antipu will include the New Zealand Super Rugby competition (local and off-shore); clarity Super Rugby’s role in the domestic landscape; and the overall structure, governance and equity structures, and digital rights,” NZR said in a statement.

The committee, headed by NZR chairman Don Mackinnon, who will chair the committee, said in the statement.

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Before Leicester, Ranieri's brush with glory and his beloved Roma

We had three or four chances to win the match that we wanted."

"We are dealing the championship, the Treble Trophy as well."

"I don't care," Shenhua's skipper, nicknamed "Le Devil," said.

"I think that it's a matter of pride that it's a team that afterwards sank a deep mark on a talented player."

"If I saw this I would have been happy to myself," ranieri said.

"We're obviously going to accept that the most commercially viable sports of all the game will be the ones that can be put on TV."

"It's just an idea that we are putting forward, but I don't think we are there yet in terms of making those decisions, "ranieri said.

"He was a very good player, a very good striker, but we all know that he's not just in cricket, he's also in football."

"We've got the same sort of chance to get back playing, as the men are."
Thiem says struggling players don’t deserve his hard-won money

PARIS: Across social media, sports stars shown the chance to play in front of a crowd are mercilessly going “live” in sometimes surprising ways to connect with an audience.

To the delight of fans, happy to see some beloved daughters of their idol, stars from Karim Benzema to the Brazilian legend Ronaldo even Rafa Nadal, who initially struggled with Instagram, are dropping their habitual discretion to interact live with their millions of followers. “As competitions are suspended, sportsmen and women are no longer necessarily perceived by the club’s press officer,” Boris Helleu, an expert on digital strategies in sport, told AFP.

One of those who has cracked open his armour on a range of topics to the nominally private Benzema, who posts videos on YouTube as “Shirtless” — a play on his shirt number, and has more than 33 million Instagram followers.

“Live” and slightly dangerous

“Without doubt, it’s an evolution of our sport,” he said. “I think it’s good for our fans. I think fans like this. It’s a new way to keep them more involved.”

Benzema also builds his audience by chatting with the type of celebrities who appear to a young Instagram audience, but when it comes to star guests, no one tops Ronaldo.

Ronaldo, the president of Viadukt in La Liga, has worked with Manchester United and has also taken to social media via his foundation and has also tweeted to follow Real Madrid Galacticos David Beckham, Robert Carlos, Iker Casillas and Leo Figueroa.

“Benzema is the best from Portugal to Spanish and Ronaldo the Brazilian double. Ronaldo definitely mainly with former team-mates as if in a private phone call with all of his friends, even through tens of thousands of people were watching. When his turn came, back in Paris, he said he had broken his life’s armour and thought "I play too much." Ronaldo responded by defusing the Portuguese winger with a series of wisecracks. Meanwhile, Novak Djokovic, sharp and articulate in English has used his video call through the upper echelons of the social networks of stars, which have moved beyond odd,000 fans to his followers, the politician and economics of the sport.

Nadal caused great amusement as he struggled with the technology in a three-way Instagram chat with Roger Federer and Andy Murray.

"As we can see there is a disaster," he said at one point. A star aiming for a young audience, Antoine Griezmann of Barcelona, opted for gaming platform Twitch when, along with brother Theo, he hosted a live online combat session.

"Controversially in recent times, the French World Cup team Paul Pogba and Ousmane Dembélé as well as the best-known French online combat gamers. In 24 hours streaming virtual guns, they raised 250,000 euros ($316,000) for the Red Cross.

In a medium where he can set the agenda, Benzema, a polarising player, has revealed a “frankness” that seemed both natural and confusing.

"If the project is to remain unchanged, the most review its means and consider revising its content. The first necessary step is to make substantial economic adjustments,” the statement said.

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"The Games of yesterday will not be the Games of tomorrow. We have to accept the contrary, the difficulty of the exercise is to be authentic, and not just a glass of water. And finally, for the moment, he does not envisage any changes," said Helleu, "as a provider for sports management at the University of Cambridge."

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The response to this crisis be the Games of tomorrow. We have to accept that and together imagine a new model. We have to re-examine their means and consider revising its content.