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Coronavirus fears slow down several businesses in Kuwait

By Anas Qamara

KUWAIT: The hospitality industry and other business sectors recorded a drastic fall in sales due to the recent coronavirus outbreak, slowing down all over the world. In Kuwait, several activities planned for the Liberation Days were scrapped, hotels bookings were cancelled and reservations for parties and speaking engagements were put on hold.

People in Kuwait are seeing a dramatic fall in sales and this has greatly affected sales in the retail sector. “Today I received a cancellation for a three-day seminar to be held in one of our ballrooms,” said a hotel public relations officer.

In Kuwait, gold shops and some retail stores recorded a 60 to 70 percent drop in sales during the holiday. They were expecting good sales during the first few days, but said sales dropped around 60 to 70 percent. This never happened even during wars,” said a gold shop attendant.

In Sabah, some more economics and remittances companies also recorded a fall in sales due to the new coronavirus outbreak. People were supposed to have hotter sales in the Holy Month of Umrah, but very few regular customers are holding their monies and will sell their products only when they return home. “Regular customers are holding their money and will sell their products only when they return home,” said a supervisor in one of the money changers’ companies.

Still some are selling besides these days, according to some hawker vendors in the market. “People are buying fresh fruits, vegetables and used clothes. Last Thursday, our store was penalized for selling new stocks from the outside. Today, last week, we were penalized because we were unable to provide the needed rubber goods and sanitizers. He wanted to give up his old products scheduled for return as a supplier, as they were underestimated. The Kuwaiti government thought we were being deformed in our position but in fact they were set to be returned. I ended up explaining this to the ministry with my boss, but we were penalized because we ran out of stock,” said a supervisor of a hypermarket in Kuwait City.

Up to 70 percent drop in sales recorded in some markets during holidays

After facemasks, Kuwait markets out of hand sanitizers

By Khawar Faleh

KUWAIT: After the facemasks frenzy that spread in Kuwait last month in the form of hoarding activities that saw people buying more and more masks to avoid any virus-related illness, the market has seen a new crisis. Awareness campaigns have encouraged people to take increased care of hygiene through regular hand washing and sanitizers. As of yesterday, sanitizers were not available in many retail stores, as most of the local and international news in the last few days.

In Kuwait, due to the increasing number of patients suffering from the novel coronavirus (COVID-19), the Ministry of Health and the General Authority For Civil Defense (GADC) have urged the public to follow the official COVID-19 instructions and the regional advisory committee for limiting crises in MENA. KEPS also expressed its concern over the growing demand on masks and sanitizers, he noted. As part of its charity activities and in collaboration with the Government of Kuwait, Aspam has distributed sanitizers to the citizens from the co-op in Salmiya and another in Salwa. Both the co-ops in Salwa, Salmiya, Hawally, Faiha, Khaldiya, Adailiya and other parts of the city.

The Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MoCI) announced receiving 503 complaints through its hotline 932 concerning hoarding or overpriced goods. A statement MoCI issued yesterday explained that the ministry’s emergency teams has inspected 99 stores and 23 pharmacies, closed a drug store, closed eight vegetable stalls at Sabah’s vegetable market and fined a leaflet seller for exaggerating. The ministry also enjoined the suppliers to make sure to face the novel coronavirus epidemic by suspending all govern-

Medical societies support measures against virus

By Jalah

KUWAIT: Various medical societies yesterday issued a statement expressing full support to the recent decisions taken by the Ministry of Health (MoH) to contain the coronavirus outbreak, adding that the ministry has monitored international recommendations and succeeded in some cases.

The statement also warned against the current crisis for political and media gains against the ministry’s greater good and public interests. “In the current period, we call on all public bodies, especially the media, to help the government to face the novel coronavirus epidemic,” the statement stated.

Agreement: As part of the Ministry of Health’s demand, the ministry set to issue a quarantine site for people infected with COVID-19. Social media stories about turning the hotel into a quarantine are a source of concern for the public, and the MoH will determine the hotel that will be used. In the meantime, Minister of Health Dr. Faiq Al-Saleh met with the ministers of the interior and information to face the novel coronavirus epidemic.

Khaled Khateeb, head of the Ministry of Education’s Al-Sharqiyah region, said in a statement yesterday that many private schools are forcing students to stay at the hotel. In the meantime, Ministry of Education officials said the decision is only appropriate for all students and staff due to the novel coronavirus epidemic.

As of now, there are no students. Contacting several hotlines of the ministry of education, officials said the decision is an effort to prevent spreading the disease to others. The minister of education has asked some private schools to rely only on their schools. The coronavirus pandemic will not only spike through travelling to or returning from infected countries, but will also spread through contact with sick people - focusing instead on keeping hands clean and safe.

Khateeb added that the most common means of containing this virus are disinfectants, hand sanitizers and alcohol, face masks and sanitizers, which are not available in most stores. Sanitizers and face masks should be used for long as we have to pay our workers.

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In other news, His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah received at Bayan Palace yesterday His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah. His Highness the Amir then received National Assembly Speaker Marzouq Al-Ghanem, His Highness Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak Al-Hamad Al-Sabah and His Highness the Premier Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah, before receiving Chairman of Kuwait’s Supreme Judicial Council, the Cassation Court and President of the Constitutional Court, Justice Youssef Al-Mutawaa. His Highness the Crown Prince also received Ghanem, His Highness Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak and His Highness Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled at Bayan Palace yesterday. Furthermore, His Highness Sheikh Nawaf received Deputy Prime Minister and Defense Minister Sheikh Ahmad Al-Mansour Al-Sabah and Foreign Minister Sheikh Dr Ahmad Nasser Al-Mohammad Al-Sabah.

In the meantime, His Highness the Crown Prince received Dr Abdullah Al-Matouq, President of Kuwait’s International Islamic Charity Organization (IICO), special advisor to the UN secretary general and consultant at the Amiri Diwan. The latter handed over to His Highness the Crown Prince a report about the initiative of feeding one billion hungry people worldwide. — KUNA

KUWAIT: Minister of Amiri Diwan Affairs Sheikh Ali Al-Jarrah Al-Sabah yesterday visited the Egyptian embassy in Kuwait, as he conveyed condolences of His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah over the demise of former Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak. He also delivered condolences of His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah and His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Rumail Al-Sabah. In a press statement after offering condolences, Sheikh Ali Al-Jarrah mentioned the Amir’s high initiative to name “one of the important monuments in Kuwait” after the late Egyptian president, adding that the least that can be presented to show appreciation of his positions and key role in liberating Kuwait from the Iraqi invasion in 1991. — KUNA

Kuwait’s Amir congratulates Afghan president on peace deal
Sheikh Sabah receives top Kuwaiti officials at Bayan Palace

KUWAIT: National Assembly Speaker Marzouq Al-Ghanem received yesterday GCC Secretary General Dr Nayef Al-Hajraf on the occasion of assuming the post. The speaker congratulated Dr Hajraf on “earning confidence for assuming the post of the secretariat general,” wishing him success in service of joint GCC action. — KUNA

Diwan minister conveys Amir’s condolences over Mubarak’s death
TUNIS: Tunisia's President Kais Saied yesterday received Kuwait's Deputy Prime Minister and Interior Minister Anas Al-Saleh, on the sidelines of talks involving interior chiefs from across the wider Arab region. The meeting is highly significant since it revolves around matters dealing with the region's security and stability, said the Tunisian leader amid the encounter, extending his warmest greetings to His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah. As they discussed current requirements, the Tunisian leader reciprocated the greetings, wishing the North African nation continued prosperity.

Mounting hazards
Participants in the 37th session of Arab interior ministers yesterday warned against mounting hazards emanating from terrorism and cybercrimes in the Arab region. They called for boosting cooperation among Arab security apparatuses and updating the "Arab black list for culprits, masterminds and financiers of terrorist acts." Terrorism remains most eminent factor on the scale of criminal challenges facing the Arab region and the whole world," said Dr Mohammad Koman, Secretary General of the Arab Interior Council in a statement, inaugurating the session. He lauded the council's significant step, working out the "black list," indicating that the council would consider forming a team of experts for early detection of terrorist threats. The ministers during the session will ponder a proposed strategy for facing and forming a coordination committee for fighting cybercrimes, he said, calling for greater cooperation with Europe for facing joint criminal challenges such as illegal immigration, narcotics, cybercrimes and other organized crimes. Meanwhile, the council honorary president and Interior Minister of Saudi Arabia Prince Abdulaziz bin Nayef Al-Saud said facing terrorism warrants uniting Arab states' efforts and cementing bonds among security apparatuses, as well as bolstering joint security actions, information and expertise sharing.

Meanwhile, Tunisian Prime Minister Elyes Fakhfakh said the 37th session is held amid critical circumstances marked with increasing threats from terrorism, organized crime, cybercrime and illegal immigration, urging Arab states to coordinate further to counter these hazards. He stressed on necessity of updating mechanisms and networks of the Arab security apparatuses, forming teams of experts and information in the face of the security challenges. The Arab interior council session kicked off earlier yesterday to address a host of issues such as criteria of listing or omitting on the black list, forming a special team for anticipating terrorist threats and instant analysis of terrorist acts.

Al-Saleh meets Palestinian PM
On Saturday, minister Al-Saleh met with Palestinian Prime Minister Mohammad Shtayyeh, on the sidelines of the 37th Arab Interior Ministers meetings. During the meeting, Al-Saleh reassured Kuwait's firm stance and support for the Palestinian case. Shtayyeh praised Kuwait's stances and support, especially when Kuwait was appointed to the position of non-permanent member of the UN Security Council, expressing hopes further strengthening security cooperation between the two sides. Al-Saleh also met with Lebanon's Minister of Interior Mohammad Fahmi where they discussed a number of issues of common concern — KUNA
KUWAIT: Firemen battled a blaze that broke out Monday morning in a supermarket in Shuwaikh, officials and eyewitnesses said.

By Hanan Al-Saadoun

KUWAIT: Kuwait Foreign Minister Sheikh Dr Ahmad Al-Khalifa said on the sidelines of presiding over the 51st meeting of the World Customs Organization (WCO) that Kuwait's customs authorities have been commended for their role in protecting the Kuwaiti people on choosing Kuwait as a transit route.

Sheikh Ahmad Al-Khalifa stressed commitment of the Kuwaiti authorities and the Customs Authority in implementing the project of the development of techniques for mass production of native seeds and desert plants in Kuwait, which is in line with the ambitions of the developing plan of "New Kuwait" which targets sustainable economic development by using natural resources.

The Kuwaiti foreign minister expressed hope that "the crisis resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic will be overcome soon, and that the country's efforts will be successful in overcoming it and that the customs organs will continue their work and will be available to our countries from this crisis.

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North Korea closes churches as coronavirus tally passes 3,700

Churches hold online services in bid to limit gatherings

SOUTH KOREA: Churches were closed in South Korea yesterday as the number of deaths from the new coronavirus rose to 10. At least 3,745 cases have now been confirmed in the country, which has also reported 32 deaths due to the disease.

The decision to close churches came amid concerns that large gatherings could fuel the spread of the virus. Religious leaders had previously urged followers to attend services online or via video conferencing to avoid potential outbreaks.

One church in the city of Daegu, where the largest number of cases have been reported, announced that it would temporarily halt services to prevent the spread of the virus. Another church in the city of Goyang said it would hold services only online.

In South Korea, where the first cases of the virus were confirmed in January, religious leaders are under pressure to take measures to limit the spread of the disease.

The government has urged people to avoid large gatherings and to practice social distancing, but some religious leaders have struggled to comply with these guidelines.

The leader of the Unification Church, a controversial religious group in South Korea, has also come under scrutiny for allegedly continuing to hold mass gatherings despite the pandemic.

In a statement, the church said it was taking “all necessary precautions” to ensure the safety of its members.

The decision to close churches in South Korea is part of a broader effort to control the spread of the virus. The government has imposed strict measures to isolate and trace infected individuals, including mandatory testing and quarantine for all travelers from countries with high infection rates.

The government has also restricted large gatherings and要求 people to practice social distancing in public places.

The pandemic has had a significant impact on the global economy, with many countries closing schools, offices, and cafes and implementing travel restrictions.

In South Korea, the economy has been hit by a sharp decline in tourism, with many travelers canceling their trips. The government has also announced plans to provide financial support for small businesses and individuals affected by the pandemic.

The decision to close churches in South Korea is just one of many measures being taken by governments around the world to control the spread of the virus.

In China, where the pandemic originated, the government has imposed strict lockdowns in affected areas and has also restricted large gatherings and gatherings in public places.

In Italy, where the virus has spread rapidly, the government has imposed strict travel restrictions and has also restricted large gatherings and gatherings in public places.

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Tough talks ahead as president objects to Taleban prisoner swap

KABUL: Afghanistan's government postponed yesterday a key meeting between the US and the Taleban, setting Saturday's deadline for an agreement that could be the last chance for a deal before the US elects a new president.

The meeting was intended to discuss the release of 5,000 prisoners, a critical element of the agreement signed in February between the US and the Taleban. The US has said it would not participate in the negotiations if the Taleban did not keep their promise to release the prisoners.

The Taleban have so far refused to release the prisoners, and instead have demanded that the US send more troops to Afghanistan to help them fight the Taleban and their allies in Pakistan.

The Taleban are currently fighting a civil war with the Afghan government, and have been accused of a number of atrocities, including killing civilians and attacking U.S. troops.

The US has threatened to withdraw its forces from Afghanistan if the Taleban do not sign a peace agreement, and has said it will only consider a peace deal if the Taleban can be convinced to release the prisoners.

The Taleban, however, have so far refused to consider releasing the prisoners, and have said that the US should withdraw its forces from Afghanistan first.

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Biden got his comeback. Will it be enough?

Biden on the rise in South Carolina. Reporting would put The Biden campaign behind the curve, but its decision to keep the campaign in play allowed it to make gains. This week, it fielded a strong, ad-swelling operation in South Carolina, where it spent $3.5 million advertising in a local TV market. In terms of television advertising, it is the list of the Democratic candidates. In all but one state, the Biden campaign has spent more than Sanders, who hasn't invested in South Carolina. The Biden campaign was able to change the political environment. In the state of South Carolina, it deployed its strongest ad campaign in the state, spending $3.5 million on television and radio ads. The campaign has also deployed its strongest ad campaign in the state. The Biden campaign has deployed its strongest ad campaign in the state. The Biden campaign has deployed its strongest ad campaign in the state. The Biden campaign has deployed its strongest ad campaign in the state. The Biden campaign has deployed its strongest ad campaign in the state.

Silicon Valley weighs ‘shades of blue’ in presidential pick

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Aiming to be more than a typical tech worker, connects with the younger crowd by promoting a more moderate platform. Reports said a Buttigieg gathering in San Jose, California, was "the other pole" to Biden and Sanders. Buttigieg has the vote of Manu Koenig, who has worked at Google and Facebook, and other large tech firms.

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OPEC eyes deeper cuts as Russia resists

OPEC+ to meet March 5-6 to decide on output as coronavirus hits demand

RIYADH: OPEC+ could agree on deeper oil supply cuts this week, with or without Russia’s support, to halt the slide in crude prices triggered by the global spread of the coronavirus, said two sources familiar with the talks. Moscow is refusing further output cuts, arguing that reduced production by the Saudi Arabia-led Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) and its allies, known as OPEC+, will not necessarily reverse the fall in prices that the sources said are currently acceptable for his country’s budget and that Russia – a key member of OPEC+ – considered necessary to counter with any deterioration in the global economy.

“Saudi Arabia wants to hold prices from falling, but Russia is still unimpressed,” one of the sources said. “The only way it might agree is to take it to its president.”

It is the latest in a series of failed attempts by OPEC+ to agree on deeper oil supply cuts, fuelled by concerns about the coronavirus, which has infected more than 16,000 people globally, with more than 1,300 deaths in China and 57 fatalities in eight other nations. Brent crude fell to $40.37 a barrel on Friday, having lost more than 85% since January.

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Dollars under the mattress: Argentina's savings

BEIJING AIRS: No sooner does the ring of the bell indicate the end of the trading day than Argentines have been ringing in the new one. In a market that has seen a tick-tock passage of time, they have been engaged in buying dollars for their futures. It’s a way to save for the future, or at least to hedge against inflation. The black market premium for dollars is currently at 40 percent, and the Argentine peso has been falling in recent months, especially since the country defaulted on a $100 billion debt. The black market has been aggressive in price-rising in the past few months. The Argentine central bank has been increasing its reserves in dollars to try to stabilize the peso.

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Online giants struggle to curb disinformation and foreign influence campaigns

Washington: Social platforms are scrambling to cope with a wave of disinformation and malicious campaigns fueled by the deepening political polarization that has been a hallmark of the US election cycle. The seguinte (beijing) – china’s new securities law which was adopted at the end of last year is expected to improve the regulatory environment for the national stock exchange listings and tighten sanctions for insider trading. Another theme is for social platforms is dealing with messages which can be potentially harmful to mental health and life expectations for when international investors are faced with new challenges for social networks by using public policy “influences” and “digital arguments” to post messages about their campaign. The bank stated that the account prizes this year is featured as possible. The bank will allocated for election campaign donations and the Red Cross, as it is the first time that the bank has used the account for this purpose. The bank stated that the account prizes this year is featured as possible. The bank will allocate for election campaign donations and the Red Cross, as it is the first time that the bank has used the account for this purpose. The bank stated that the account prizes this year is featured as possible. The bank will allocate for election campaign donations and the Red Cross, as it is the first time that the bank has used the account for this purpose.
Huawei builds solid foundation for the intelligent world 2030

First global live streaming of Industrial Digital Transformation Conference held

KUWAITI: Mobile World Congress (MWC) 2020 has been cancelled due to the coronavirus outbreak but on Monday, Huawei held its Global Industrial Digital Transformation Conference via the internet. Huawei is the world's largest networking equipment provider, and in 2019, it released Huawei 5G products and solutions, including 5G commercial base station and 5G core network. In 2020, Huawei plans to achieve 150 commercial 5G contracts and support 200 operators to launch services.

Huawei's Business Intelligence (BI) is the first time the 5GDNA has introduced autonomous management. The platform integrated six ICTs - report, big data, AI, video cloud, SaaS and 5G - to construct a comprehensive experience ecosystem, framework on international standards and multi-technology solutions to achieve intelligent networking. The platform integrates the private sector and market players, like AI, to build an intelligent ecology for the intelligent world.

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KAC receives passengers with special festivities

Austrian ‘iceman’ diver chases records in the deep

It was not the way Christian Redl had planned it. In a last-ditch effort against time, he was forced to end the attempt to dive to the bottom of Austria’s frozen Weissensee lake after losing consciousness in the icy waters. Redl, dubbed the ‘iceman’, had suffered a blackout, something he sees as par for the course in his quest to break the record for the deepest dive under ice. “For me, it’s not rule or danger. It just happened,” the 45-year-old told AFP matter-of-fact after his unsuccessful record attempt last Friday.

The Austrian, who has had similar blackouts before, is part of a small group of freedivers in the world specializing in diving in freezing temperatures. The Weissensee itself, otherwise known as the ‘ice diving capitol of Austria’, is one of the most famous diving spots in Europe.

Redl says. But work commitments meant he only had the winter months to attempt the record. “The 11th one said ‘yes, you will undertake six months of training to deal with the lack of oxygen,’ the 10th doctors said it is impossible, you will die,” Redl said. “The 11th one said yes, you will undertake six months of training and the record attempt on the second part of this sentence,” Ernest Turnschek, who owns a diving school at Weissensee and has known Redl for more than 20 years, says.

Williams, the holder of the record Redl wanted to clinch, understands the challenge. “I do everything with my mental strength so if I really don’t care about the lack of oxygen. ‘You will die’, ‘You will be dead’, ‘You will not be able to resist another attempt to resurface. ’”

The water is not only freezing cold, it is pitch black and foreboding, ” he told AFP before the attempt on Friday. “It is far more intimidating and uncomfortable than normal diving,”

Nevertheless, Redl has said he may not be able to resist another attempt to re-compare the record. — AFP

Monday, March 2, 2020

Kuwait Airways Corporation (KAC) recently received passengers arriving at T4 with special festivities during which it distributed Kuwaiti flags and gifts and took photos with the passengers on the occasion of celebrating the national anniversaries.

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To 11 million Brazilians, the Earth is flat

SAO PAULO, Brazil: Sitting by a model of the Earth shaped like a pancake, Brazilian restaurant-owner Ricardo lets out an exag- gerated laugh: “'Hahaha!' That’s how people react when you tell them the Earth is flat,” he says.

Ricardo, who declines to give his full name for just that reason, is a 60-something restaurant-owner whose restaurant in Sao Paulo has become a meeting place for people who, like him, reject the notion that the Earth is a sphere.

“The only things I know for certain are that I’m going to die someday and that the Earth isn’t curved,” says Ricardo. He becomes incensed when questioned about the Earth’s shape. “Just look at the horizon. Climb a mountain and take pictures. You can see the Earth isn’t curved,” says Ricardo, sketching a line to illustrate his point.

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There, they are free to state what they believe, without fear of ridicule: that the Earth is a flat, stationary body. It is an argument that resonates with many of Ricardo’s followers, many of whom have come to believe, without fear of ridicule, that the Earth is flat, according to Datafolha.

Yet Brazil’s Flat-Earth conspiracy theorist Anderson Neves holds a model of the Earth surrounded by a dome during an interview with AFP in Sao Paulo. Brazil’s Flat-Earth movement has become a large club: nearly 30,000 followers. Fellow YouTuber Siddhartha Chaibub, “Professor Flat-Earth” (Professor Terra Plana), has nearly 30,000 followers. Last November, Chaibub helped organize the first-ever convention for Brazilian Flat-Earthers, which drew hundreds of people in Sao Paulo.

One of the most prominent Flat-Earthers in Sao Paulo is Afonso de Vasconcelos, a geophysicist with a PhD from the University of Sao Paulo. Vasconcelos operates a YouTube channel called “True Science” (Ciencia de Verdade) and has nearly 30,000 followers. Fellow YouTuber Siddhartha Chaibub, “Professor Flat-Earth” (Professor Terra Plana), has nearly 30,000 followers. Last November, Chaibub helped organize the first-ever convention for Brazilian Flat-Earthers, which drew hundreds of people in Sao Paulo.

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Today is a day to roll with the punches, Libra. Don’t take anything too personally. Your intuition is sharp today, and you can see through any attempts to mislead or deceive you. Stay true to yourself and trust your instincts.

There’s a possibility of someone else tugging on the strings, Gemini. Someone might be trying to influence your thoughts or actions. Be aware of this and make sure that you’re not being manipulated. Stay true to your own beliefs and decisions.

Today could be one of those days when you’re not at your best, Capricorn. You might find yourself feeling a bit distant from others or feeling like you don’t quite fit in. Keep things simple and focus on what’s most important.

You might find yourself playing out scenes from your dreams. The people in your dreams are special and can offer you insights into your subconscious. Pay attention to their actions and what they’re saying.

Your thoughts are with the less fortunate. Perhaps you should consider doing something kind or useful for someone in need. It could make a big difference in their lives.

Your physical vitality is extra strong today, Pisces. Although your energy might feel a bit depleted, you have the strength to tackle any challenges that come your way. Keep moving and don’t give up.

Today is a day to focus on the positive, Aries. Don’t let negative thoughts or concerns cloud your judgment. Keep your eyes open and your mind sharp.

Today is a day to enjoy yourself, Taurus. Drop everything and do something fun and enjoyable. You deserve a break from the usual routine.

You could find yourself playing with fantasy all day. You might find it floating up in the clouds. Daydreams will seep into your consciousness and you might find yourself daydreaming throughout the day.

You might be better off just letting the issue sit for now and deal with it later when the facts are clearer. Let go of control and let destiny do its thing. You might learn a lot by doing this.

You need to be aware of the situation that you should be aware of before you act. You might not be a bad idea.

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Catherine Sergeyeva working on the pointe shoes she produces in her factory. She is the founder of the Grishko company, one of the world's top makers of ballet pointe shoes.

The perfect fit

In the cutting workshops, Olga Monakhova, who is 56 years old and has worked at the factory for 27 years, recalls orders from famous dancers like Anastasia Volochkova and Nikolay Tsiskaridze. She says that the shoes are made with great care, ensuring a perfect fit for each dancer. "We wear them constantly, so it's important that they fit perfectly," says the 28-year-old soloist for the Moscow Ballet. "I used to dance in plastic pointes and I had big problems with my feet."

Star dancers can go through up to 30 pairs of pointes a month, but professionals account for only 10 percent of Grishko's buyers. Most sales go to ballet schools. Grishko says he is even seeing a new kind of client: women who, tired of "boring aerobics and treadmills, are taking up ballet to keep fit."

FOR BALLET SHOES, ONE RUSSIAN COMPANY IS ON POINTE

The Moscow workshop is housed on the grounds of the historic Hammer & Sickle Factory, a Soviet-era institution that once housed a steel plant. Grishko's master shoemakers work in silence as they produce 32,000 to 37,000 pairs of pointes per month, using only natural materials. Cats roam around the worktables as artisans cut cloth, make their own glue, assemble the shoes and dry them in ovens. Employees of Grishko company produce pointe shoes.
French actress Adele Haenel (left) and French actor Roschdy Zem (right) pose with their trophies during a photocall after they won the Best Actress and Best Supporting Actor awards respectively at the 45th edition of the Cesar Film Awards ceremony at the Salle Pleyel in Paris. — AFP photos

French actor Roschdy Zem holds his trophy on stage after he won the Best Actor award for ‘Roubaix, une lumière’ (Oh Mercy!).

French actress Lyna Khoudri (left) and French actress Adele Haenel during a photocall after the screening of ‘Les Miserables’ at the 45th Deauville US Film Festival, in Deauville, northern France.

In this file photo, French-Polish director Roman Polanski stands on the red carpet of the 45th Deauville US Film Festival, in Deauville, northern France.

French actress Lyna Khoudri attends the 45th edition of the Cesar Film Awards ceremony at the Salle Pleyel in Paris. In a speech on stage on a high-light night, saying "your enemy is not the other, but poverty."

Pulmonary atmosphere

"Poqaq," a touching story of Algerian women fighting for their freedom by Msima Mouloudi, also fared well winning both best first film and best female newcomer for actress Lyna Khoudri. With the French film industry, at war with itself over Polanski's Boyhood sequel (this film also enabled the event being helpously thrown in an honorary award). The French press had dubbed the event "The Cesar of Anger" with Les Miserables surprising snubbing a movie produced by Michele and Antoine." the director said.

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Iranian dissident, teen abortion drama take top prizes at Berlin film fest

Dissident Iranian director Mohammad Rasoulof on Monday, March 2, 2020, was awarded the "Golden Bear for Best Film" for "There Is No Evil," a searingly critical work about state persecution, before addressing the nurses and social workers who work in such clinics. "I want to thank them for their presence, before addressing the nurses and social workers who work in such clinics. "I want to thank them for their incredible service to our country, for protecting the free and rights of all people with dignity," he said.

Hittman's work was nominated in the wake of a controversy in the film festival over gender-based violence that has included the death penalty in Iran, from the executioner to the family of the victim. "I'm really proud of what my colleagues and crew put into this," Hittman said. "Their passion, their drive, to create what is a film that chronicles the pain and suffering of the wearies' lives... with a tremendous amount of time inside planned parenthood and other clinics," said Hittman.

Another German, Paula Beer, won Best Actress for her role in Christian Petzold's time-traveling romance "Undine." The award for Best Actress went to Jiah-Elf Geiers for his portrayal of the mental and physical struggles of painter Antonio Ligabue in "Black-Away." A handful of protesters outside the venue held up a banner reading "DAU = violence and abuse." Yet Juerges disputed those claims, saying that director Ilya Khrzhanovsky "may push boundaries professionally, but does not cross them."

List of winners

GOLDEN BEAR FOR BEST FILM:
"There Is No Evil"- Mohammad Rasoulof

SILVER BEAR GRAND JURY PRIZE:
"Nearer Never Sometimes Always"- Eliza Hittman

SILVER BEAR FOR BEST DIRECTOR:
Hong Sangsoo for "The Woman Who Ran"

SILVER BEAR FOR BEST ACTRESS:
Paula Beer, "Undine"

SILVER BEAR FOR BEST SCREENPLAY:
"Bad Tales"- The O'Horncroft Brothers

SILVER BEAR 70TH BERLINALE:
"Decoration," Benoît Deligne and Gaspard Kereun

SILVER BEAR FOR OUTSTANDING ARTISTIC CONTRIBUTION, COSTUME OR SET DESIGN:
"Una," Natalia, Jürgen Jonapes

GOLDEN BEAR FOR BEST SHORT FILM:
"K," Kehela Rae Whilkinson

SHORT FILM AWARD:
"Gama Locust," Adrian Merguez

Italian actress Sara Sperati holds a phone displaying Iranian director Mohammad Rasoulof, who was awarded the "Golden Bear for Best Film," at a press conference after the awarding ceremony of the 70th Berlinale film festival in Berlin on February 29, 2020. — AFP photos

"There is no evil: Mohammad Rasoulof accepts the "Golden Bear for Best Film" award at the Berlinale film festival in Berlin on Monday, March 2, 2020. — AFP photos

Director Camilo Restrepo poses with his prize for "Best Short Film".

Celebration documentary like director and co-writer Lilly Parker poses after receiving the "Grolsch Documentary Award".
Legendary Egyptian singer Umm Kulthum to star in Cairo hologram concert

Krippmagazet BTS cancelled Friday. BTS concert Due this year. In April, the world's best-attended concert in the world's 10 largest stadiums. 257,000 fans were expected to attend, their agency Big Hit Entertainment said in a statement, "with a number of global production companies and a large group of expert international centres, also pushed the scale of the concert beyond the limits of the theatre. It will be a history-making event and we are sure it will be a success, especially as the show will be broadcast live around the world." The event has vowed to re-record her earlier albums, including the titles of her first six albums, next to a self on a wall bearing graffiti spelling out her early catalogue.

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Kuwait's Financial market dropped 4.5 percent, its worst quarter in the Middle East, after Qatar's government announced that it was severing ties with Bahrain's ruling family. Kuwaiti bourses ended a 3.4 percent lower and the Saudi Tadawul All-Share Index (TASI) fell 2.9 percent, the most since November 2015. That has put the region's share基准 at one-year lows. The Qatar move came on top of a gloomy outlook for the region's oil and gas exporters as prices remain weak and the spread of coronavirus continues to rock the global economy, as famed the Expo 2020 global fair trade in Dubai, the hope of attracting around 25 million visitors. No indication whether the Expo was going to continue as it was reported by Kuwait as its offices were being searched in Istanbul. — AFP

Kuwait banned all entry to anyone who has been to China or has travelled to Iran in the past 14 days. It has not recorded any cases of the new coronavirus so far. Health ministry spokesman Mohammed Al-Mubarak said that all visitors to the country would have to undergo a blood test and if they test positive, would be put in quarantine. The first 250 cases would be quarantined in separate buildings. The Gulf Cooperation Council— which comprises Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, and the United Arab Emirates— has already imposed travel restrictions but has not yet included China. — AFP

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The Gulf Arab states announced they were severing ties with Qatar on Monday, the latest in a series of escalating tensions between the Gulf nations and Doha over efforts to isolate the capital of Islamic extremism. The announcement came two days after the United States said it had agreed on the need to create a "favorable atmosphere" for a possible peace deal between the Taleban and the United States. The US administration is pushing for the creation of a Taliban delegation in Washington, and is reportedly working with Qatar to help de-escalate tensions between Washington and Taleban forces. The US administration is pushing for the creation of a Taliban delegation in Washington, and is reportedly working with Qatar to help de-escalate tensions between Washington and Taleban forces. The US administration is pushing for the creation of a Taliban delegation in Washington, and is reportedly working with Qatar to help de-escalate tensions between Washington and Taleban forces. The US administration is pushing for the creation of a Taliban delegation in Washington, and is reportedly working with Qatar to help de-escalate tensions between Washington and Taleban forces. The US administration is pushing for the creation of a Taliban delegation in Washington, and is reportedly working with Qatar to help de-escalate tensions between Washington and Taleban forces. The US administration is pushing for the creation of a Taliban delegation in Washington, and is reportedly working with Qatar to help de-escalate tensions between Washington and Taleban forces. The US administration is pushing for the creation of a Taliban delegation in Washington, and is reportedly working with Qatar to help de-escalate tensions between Washington and Taleban forces. The US administration is pushing for the creation of a Taliban delegation in Washington, and is reportedly working with Qatar to help de-escalate tensions between Washington and Taleban forces. The US administration is pushing for the creation of a Taliban delegation in Washington, and is reportedly working with Qatar to help de-escalate tensions between Washington and Taleban forces. The US administration is pushing for the creation of a Taliban delegation in Washington, and is reportedly working with Qatar to help de-escalate tensions between Washington and Taleban forces. The US administration is pushing for the creation of a Taliban delegation in Washington, and is reportedly working with Qatar to help de-escalate tensions between Washington and Taleban forces. The US administration is pushing for the creation of a Taliban delegation in Washington, and is reportedly working with Qatar to help de-escalate tensions between Washington and Taleban forces. The US administration is pushing for the creation of a Taliban delegation in Washington, and is reportedly working with Qatar to help de-escalate tensions between Washington and Taleban forces. The US administration is pushing for the creation of a Taliban delegation in Washington, and is reportedly working with Qatar to help de-escalate tensions between Washington and Taleban forces.
Barker bags first world track cycling championships gold for Britain

Froome among riders cleared to leave UAE after coronavirus scare

**LOUISVILLE, Ky.** (AP) — Bradley Wiggins has pulled out of the men's individual pursuit, leaving Britain without a medal at the world championships the day after Chris Froome was cleared to leave the United Arab Emirates and return to competition.

Wiggins said Saturday that his bad back had not improved enough for him to test his fitness at the championships in Frontenac, Missouri. He had been due to compete along with British teammate David Winter for the team pursuit.

Wiggins made his statement as Froome, the Tour de France-winning Briton who had flown out of Dubai days ago and tested negative for coronavirus, was cleared to leave the UAE Team Emirates after two weeks of isolation. Froome tested negative after the team’s road race on Saturday.

Froome was cleared to fly back to the United Kingdom on his private plane, which is due to land at London’s Luton Airport on Sunday.

"My confidence levels are high," he said. "Any time with a tournament like this on the US tour is a bonus, and I’m looking forward to having a good run and being able to show the team what I can do."
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“An incredible game to be a part of,” she kept coming at us,” said van Niekerk. “It was competitive 136 for six, boosted by Sydney Showgrounds, with her team making a toss and opted to bat on a slow track at 90 against Zimbabwe, before they bowled out the visitors for 74 and 1-23 impossible—

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S AFRICA, ENGLAND power into T20 WCup semi-finals

SYDNEY: Laura Wolvaardt smashed a crucial 53 as South Africa shipped a quick 18 before Shabnim Ismail removed Andrew Mangiapane and Sean Andrews as host San Jose blanked Pittsburgh to a goal and an assist, and goaltender Martin Jones made 29 saves as the Penguins won their third consecutive game.

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““It’s only her third time batting at five, she got going after Saifuddin took two wickets in his opening over. Chasing a mammoth target, Zimbabwe’s innings never got going after Saifuddin took two wickets in the opening spell before Markram took his first wicket in as many matches in 3-32 from 19 overs.

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Everton held onto late goal ruled out by VAR

Anoscgeld hands red card after approaching referee

LIVERPOOL: Everton and Manchester United drew 1-1 at Goodison Park yesterday as a dramatic 93rd-minute goal in an enthralling game which ended with late VAR drama and heading into extra time.

A superb 30-minute strike from United midfielder Fred sealed a 1-0 first-half advantage for the visitors as Jordan Pickford, the Everton goalkeeper, made a string of saves to keep out the home side.
Manchester City held off Villa to retain League Cup

LONDON: Manchester City could not have asked for a better start to their title defence as Pep Guardiola's men cruised to a 2-1 victory over Aston Villa to keep the trophy in the Etihad for a record fourth time. A late goal from John Stones in the 89th minute ruled out a VAR check on a potential equaliser for Villa as they slumped to defeat at Villa Park last month.

Despite coming into the game on the back of a 2-0 win over Porto in the Champions League last week, City were still without main man Sergio Aguero, who was not risked after picking up a groin injury against Porto. However, His absence appeared to have little impact on Guardiola's team as they continued to roll over Villa.

Kevin De Bruyne was one of those left on the bench for City's win over Porto last week, but was named in the starting line-up for the match against Villa. The Belgian international icing a move to the starting XI, and the gulf in class was obvious from the off. Villa failed to register a shot on target in the first half, while City had six chances with just one on target.

Guardiola made changes from the side that won 2-1 at Real Madrid in the Champions League on Wednesday, with Eric Garcia, Riyad Mahrez and John Stones all making way for the match against Villa. It was a decision that seemed to work as City took the lead on 20 minutes. A long ball forward eventually came to Anwar El Ghazi on the left, and the Moroccan international delivered a pinpoint cross for his team-mate to head home.

Villa were aggrieved when City were awarded another corner moments later after Jack Grealish tumbled the ball off Rui Patricio for what should have been a goal kick. Instead, City doubled their lead as Gundogan's cross from close-range was met with a powerful downward header from Aguero. The Argentine's shot was pushed out by Rui Patricio into the path of Bergwijn, who slotted home to put City 2-0 up.

Those switches included midfielder Ilkay Gundogan, who dropped back to centre-half and the Dutchman's read of the game was rewarded as City went 3-0 up on 80 minutes. Gundogan's cross from deep was met with a header from Foden. The ball was deflected behind by a brave block from Tyrone Mings, but the rebound was met at the near post by Aguero, who tapped home for his eighth goal of the season.

Villa were reduced to 10 men when Tyrone Mings was booked for a defensive foul on Foden moments later. City took full advantage as Foden's cross was turned home by Stones to put the result beyond doubt. It was a bitter blow for Villa as they were set to host the Blues in the FA Cup semi-final on Sunday.

Villa fans will have to make do with watching their team play Chelsea in the last four as Guardiola's men now have one foot in the final. The Blues will face either Manchester United or Arsenal in the semi-final, with City riding high after their 2-1 victory against Villa.

Bekele breaks Farah's record

LONDON: Ethiopia's Kenenisa Bekele broke Mo Farah's course record as he won the London half-marathon yesterday in a time of one hour and 26 seconds.

It was a fitting end to a season that began with Farah's decision to focus on the London Marathon in April. "There's no question about the crowds in London being great. They were cheering all around the course and it felt like a great place to be," said Farah.

However, City failed to turn their dominance into more goals as Rodri was denied by a fine save from Nyland from another corner before Aguero then fired into the side-netting to put Villa hope for the last 15 minutes. And they were very nearly punished as the oft-criticised Bravo had to make a brilliant save three minutes from time to turn Baye Cissokho's header onto the post and maintain City's grip on the competition.