Passengers from 10 nations need health clearance to enter Kuwait

Kuwait closes zoo, bans shisha, postpones Gulf Games • No new coronavirus cases

By B Izzak, A Saleh and Faten Omar

KUWAIT: The civil aviation authority in Kuwait has asked passengers returning to Kuwait from 10 populous nations to produce health certificates showing they are free of the deadly coronavirus, otherwise they will be denied entry. The action will be implemented from March 8. In a statement posted on its Twitter account, the Directorate General of Civil Aviation said passengers arriving from India, Egypt, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Syria and Lebanon, in addition to Turkey, Afghanistan and Georgia must undergo tests for the coronavirus and produce certificates showing negative results before boarding planes to Kuwait. The first seven countries, especially India and Egypt, have an estimated 2.5 million people, or almost three-quarters of all expatriates, living and working in Kuwait. Authorities have already banned the entry of expats who recently visited several countries infected with the coronavirus, including Iran, Iraq, China, South Korea and others.

The civil aviation circular said passengers from the 10 abovementioned countries must carry out COVID-19 tests at medical centers approved by Kuwaiti embassies in those countries, which must be attested. In countries where there are no Kuwaiti missions, the tests must be attested by the health authorities in that country. The statement said passengers who do not produce the certificate will be barred from entering Kuwait and will be sent back on the same carrier, which will be fined. It said that Kuwaiti citizens arriving from these countries will undergo the necessary tests at Kuwait airport. Kuwait has in the previous few days banned the entry of nationals from infected countries, stopped issuing visit visas to citizens of a dozen countries and introduced restrictions on visit visas for some nationalities. The ministry of health yesterday said no new coronavirus cases have been found, with the number of cases staying at 56. The ministry said it carried out tests on some 3,100 people, the overwhelming majority of whom have returned from Iran.

Kuwait yesterday postponed the GCC Games, a regional multi-sport tournament, from April to December. It also closed its zoo and the health ministry instructed cafes to stop serving the shisha water pipe.

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RIYADH: Saudi Arabia yesterday barred citizens and residents of Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) countries from entering the Kingdom for 14 days after returning from outside the region due to coronavirus concerns, state news agency SPA reported. Travellers coming from any fellow GCC state – the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman and Qatar – must spend 14 continuous days there and show no signs of the coronavirus before being granted entry, SPA said, citing an interior ministry source.

Saudi Arabia reported its first case of coronavirus on Monday, a Saudi national returning from Iran, which has reported the most deaths outside China, where the flu-like disease originated. The other GCC states have also diagnosed the infection in people who had visited Iran, totaling more than 145 cases. The Saudi health ministry said it was testing 70 people who had come into contact with the infected Saudi citizen, who remains in quarantine in hospital. The authorities have said he had not disclosed his visit to Iran upon returning home.

KUWAIT: Health Minister Sheikh Dr Basel Al-Sabah and Interior Minister Anas Al-Saleh are seen during a tour of the Khairan Resort quarantine center yesterday. — KUNA

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Kuwait bans online learning platforms during school break

By A. Saleh

KUWAIT: The Ministry of Education (MoE) has stopped all public and private schools, and private online education platforms from resuming classes. The decision, which was announced by the Ministry of Public Works' (MPW) Civil Service General Authority (CSGA) yesterday, was issued after the Minister of Education and Higher Education, Dr. Basheer Al-Barrak, confirmed that there would be no online classes for public and private schools this year. The decision comes in response to concerns raised by the Ministry of Health (MoH) regarding the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19).

Ministry of Education Spokesperson and Assistant-undersecretary for Planning Department Mr. Dalal Al-Wadani told KUNA that the decision was made after a meeting with the Ministry of Health, which expressed concerns about the spread of the virus in the country. The MoH has advised against holding any gatherings or events, and has recommended that all schools and universities suspend classes until further notice. As a result, the MoE has decided to close all schools and universities, including private ones, for the remainder of the academic year.

The Ministry of Education has also announced that it will provide support to students who are unable to attend online classes due to financial difficulties or other reasons. It has also urged parents to support their children's education by providing them with a quiet and safe environment to study at home.

The decision was taken in coordination with the Ministry of Health, which has advised against all gatherings and events, including school assemblies and other events. The Ministry of Education has also urged schools and universities to ensure that all necessary measures are taken to prevent the spread of the virus, including social distancing, handwashing, and wearing masks.

The decision has been welcomed by parents and students, who have expressed support for the Ministry of Education's efforts to protect the safety and health of students and staff. The Ministry of Education has also announced that it will provide support to students who are unable to attend online classes due to financial difficulties or other reasons.

Kuwait predicts emergency leaves in Kuwait due to coronavirus downturn

By Ben Garcia

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The Ministry of Interior (MoI) has recently decided to issue a directive regarding the suspension of all flights from and to China, Hong Kong, Singapore, Thailand, South Korea, Japan, Italy, Philippines, Egypt, and the United States, to prevent the spread of the virus. The directive was issued after the Ministry of Health confirmed that Kuwait has recorded four cases of coronavirus in the country.

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Local

Wednesday, March 4, 2020

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Man hospitalized after camel bites hand that fed it

KUWAIT: An Asian man escaped death after he was bitten by a camel in the desert. The victim was admitted to hospital for treatment. The man was feeding the animals when he was suddenly attacked by the camel’s horn.

Nationality forgery

Criminal court convicted two Saudis for forging Kuwaiti nationalities and sentenced one to seven years and the other 10 years in jail. One of the convicts was terminated from his job and has to pay back KD 43,000. He was also fined KD 86,000. The prosecution accused the first suspect - a fugitive - of forging the birth certificate, civil ID and passport and getting Kuwaiti nationality for the second accused using a different name. The second convict was accused by the prosecution of forging foreign nationalities and adding other people to his file claiming they were his children in exchange of money, in addition to renewing civil ID and passports of his children.

Police offenders sentenced

The criminal court ordered the two Syrian teenage girls be sent to social care homes for three months for filming and insulting a traffic policeman who issued them a citation.

Under the influence

Hawally police arrested a Kuwaiti and an Iranian after first attempting to help them with their vehicle, only to discover they were under the influence of drugs. They also had drugs on them.

Illicit act

Electronic crimes officers arrested two men who appeared in a video engaged in an illicit act. The two were identified and arrested.

Deportation

Two expats were sent to the deportation department for driving without a license. One was arrested in Hawally and the other in the Capital governorate.

Physical assault

A mosque preacher accused a Kuwaiti in Rawda of beating him near the mosque he works in. The citizen was arrested.
Kuwait’s Cabinet commends cooperation to fight coronavirus

Ministers praise Saudi measures to protect pilgrims from coronavirus

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The Company also said that sponsoring this initiative provided a platform to interact with the makers, evaluate their work and provide them with constructive feedback on how to enhance their products and pursue their goals. stc representatives who attended the fair got a chance to offer participants their expert opinion on overcoming challenges and further expanding the makers’ creative work.

Brunei Al-Jaber, General Manager of Corporate Communications at stc, said: “The concepts displayed at the fair are a great representation, and full credit in this regard to the core objective that stc aims to achieve by educating and empowering the youth to promote the development of our economy. stc’s social responsibility strategy focuses on platforms that encourage the youths to develop the skills that will allow them to contribute to the development of our country. In the same vein, we believe that this will grow and encourage this diversification of our economy in the short and long term through local initiatives within both the public and private sectors.”

Jasem expressed her gratitude and appreciation to the active participation and level of engagement witnessed by both printers and makers, which led to the successful turnout. She also thanked Kuwait Investment Company (KIC) for annually organizing and hosting a globally renowned platform that attracts participants from all around the region, as well as the meticulous organization of the event.

Kuwait is the first GCC country to exclusively host the Maker Faire. The fair gathered tech enthusiasts, educators, creators and inventors to display their creations and share their talents to the public. Since it was held during the month of February, the Maker Faire’s celebrations were aided by the country’s celebration of National and Liberation Days.

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Coronavirus changes global habits

Handshake? No thanks: Try a direct gaze, or a hand gesture

As the virus that causes COVID-19 has spread around the world, many people have been advised to avoid close contact with others to help stop the spread of the disease. This has led to changes in the way we greet each other, with some countries recommending alternatives to the traditional handshake.

**Brazil**

Brazil's health ministry has recommended that citizens avoid shaking hands and to use different gestures, especially when greeting people they don't know well. Instead, they suggest using elbow bumps or a "safety kiss" on the cheek.

**Germany**

In Germany, the government has advised people to avoid handshakes and to use alternative greetings such as nodding or a "nose to nose" greeting.

**Spain**

In Spain, the government has advised people to use alternative greetings such as a "cheek kiss" or a "nose to nose" greeting.

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In addition to changes in greetings, some countries have also recommended changes in other aspects of daily life, such as wearing masks in public and maintaining social distancing.
Iranians fearful and struggling as virus spreads

IRAN: A handout picture provided by the Kerendan News Agency in Iran shows a person wearing a face mask walking on the street in the city of Kermanshah, some 450 kilometers west of Tehran, on March 2, 2020. The county’s health department has classified the virus as a “dangerous disease” and a “state emergency.” The spread of the novel coronavirus has caused widespread panic in Iran, as authorities and ordinary citizens struggle to cope with the crisis. The virus has killed at least 72 people and infected over 3,000 in Iran, with the number of cases expected to rise. (TAHT/REUTERS) — Reuters

After Malaysia’s political turmoil, questions over trials in 1MDB scandal

Kuala Lumpur: A banner with a picture of Malaysia’s new Prime Minister Muhyiddin Yassin is displayed in front of the country’s parliament building in Kuala Lumpur on March 4, 2020. The new prime minister, who took office on March 1, has vowed to crack down on corruption, but his pledge is likely to be met with skepticism given his past. Muhyiddin became prime minister in 2013 after Najib Razak was embroiled in a corruption scandal involving billions of dollars in state funds. He was fired by Najib as his deputy in 2015. (MOHD RASFAN/ AFP) — AFP

Israel: Netanyahu’s bloc emerges victorious after third election

TEL AVIV: Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu’s Likud party won Israel’s third election in nine months and is leading in polls for a narrow majority Wednesday, putting him in a tight position to form a new government. Netanyahu, who has been in office since 2009, has already led two governments. The 69-year-old leader said his Likud party had secured a “very narrow majority” in the country’s parliament on Tuesday, but that he would now need to negotiate with smaller parties to form a coalition. (AP) — AP

Yemen: Iran-aligned Houthi rebels launch devastating missile attack

SANA’A: Houthi rebels launched a devastating missile attack on a United Nations base in Sana’a, Yemen, killing at least nine people and wounding dozens. The attack, which targeted a UN base in Sana’a, was the latest in a series of strikes by the Houthi rebels against government forces and civilians in Yemen. The UN mission in Sana’a has been operating under a mandate to support the conflict resolution process in Yemen. (AP) — AP

India defends citizenship law

NEW DELHI: India defended its contentious citizenship law, which aims to exclude Muslims from the national census, saying it respects the country’s traditions of religious pluralism and democracy. The law, which was pushed through Parliament in December, has sparked protests and clashes across the country, raising questions about the government’s ability to handle the situation. (AP) — AP

Global supplier India curbs drug exports

BENGALURU: India, the world’s main contract manufacturer of active pharmaceutical ingredients and the medicines made from them, has imposed curbs on drug exports from the country, citing concerns over the coronavirus pandemic. The government has ordered drugmakers to reduce exports of key ingredients and medicines made from them, including paracetamol, as the pandemic drags on. Indian drugmakers said they were reducing production to meet domestic demand. (AP) — AP

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India: Hindu leaders and ministers criticise social media statement by Vadra family

NEW DELHI: Hindu leaders and ministers have slammed a statement by Rahul and Priyanka Gandhi Vadra which was widely shared on social media. The statement, which was posted on Twitter, called for the “unconditional release of all political prisoners” and accused the government of “violating basic human rights.” The statement was shared by the Vadra family, who are close allies of Rahul and Priyanka Gandhi Vadra. The statement was widely condemned as being in line with the government’s “anti-Hindu” stance. (AP) — AP

Netanyahu hailed election win despite corruption charges

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Saturday, March 7, 2020

The _Kuwait Times_ now joins its sister paper _The Indian Express_ in editorial advocacy of the Chinese coronavirus vaccine, which it calls a “game changer” in the fight against the virus. The paper’s editorial, however, is filled with inaccuracies and has been widely criticized by experts and officials.

In the editorial, _Kuwait Times_ editor Patrick Okeke argues that the Chinese coronavirus vaccine is the “most promising” and “most advanced” in the world, and that it is “ready for use.” He cites a report by the Indian government that the vaccine is 60% effective in Phase 3 trials. However, the Indian government has not yet announced the results of the Phase 3 trials, and the vaccine has not been approved for use in any country.

Okeke also claims that the vaccine is “100% safe and effective,” but this is not supported by scientific evidence. The vaccine is still in clinical trials and its safety and efficacy have not been fully established. The World Health Organization (WHO) has warned that claims of 100% effectiveness are premature and that more data is needed.

The editorial also claims that the vaccine will be available to the public “within weeks,” but this is also not supported by scientific evidence. The vaccine is still in clinical trials and it will take time to manufacture and distribute it.

Furthermore, the editorial does not mention the risks associated with the vaccine, such as allergic reactions and rare but serious side effects like heart problems.

The editorial also ignores the fact that the vaccine has not been approved by any regulatory agency, including the WHO.

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On March 13, 2020, the Indian government announced that the vaccine, called Covishield, was 78% effective in Phase 3 trials and that it had been authorized for emergency use.

The World Health Organization (WHO) has not yet approved the vaccine, and other regulatory bodies around the world are still evaluating it.

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The editorial has also been criticized for making broad claims about the vaccine’s effectiveness and safety without sufficient evidence.
Biden we have that man," O’Rourke said, peppering his
declaration of support for Joe Biden for president.

The Democratic establishment is desperate to unite
around Joe Biden and the former vice president
after Super Tuesday. Biden has been rising with key
endorsements that built into a political avalanche on
Monday. He took the stage at a rally in Dallas, Texas,
jointed by Minnesota Senator Amy Klobuchar, who told
supporters that Sanders had militants and that their
endorsement was coming because they "are running in
to massive states registering massive-tens of
thousands of votes in the primary.“ Sanders and Biden
have held extensive joint events. The Sanders for
President campaign is now trying to gain traction after
Biden’s big win.

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Tornadoes leave 8 dead in Tennessee

WASHINGTON: At least eight people have been killed by tornadoes in Tennessee yesterday, destroying building
structures and causing massive damage in the state. According to reports, the tornadoes were
remarkable for their strength and speed, destroying
buildings and causing widespread destruction.

In Nashville hours before the south-
technology firm Facebook Inc
has a "massive effort" to stop Sanders
from gaining more legitimacy and liberal view-
points attacked at Moscow's rotations with the West have soared.

The second reading of the constitutional reform bill is expected to take place on March 30 and a spokesperson for Pavel Kratokhvitov, co-founder of the Constitutional Reform Initiative, said the constitutional reform bill is expected to be debated in Parliament at a hearing. Kratokhvitov said: "Rusia's political and social policies, with groups promoting pro-Western and conservative ideas. Putin's fourth stint in the

Moscow's President Vladimir Putin has submitted to parliament a number of proposed constitutional changes, includ-
ing such a move would also be outlawed. A

Putin to enshrine God heterosexual marriage in the constitution

The amendments also seek to protect historic

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Rebels have started villages in the Sinhalese-dominated north, where they are building schools and clinics, and providing aid to those displaced by the war. The government has accused them of engaging in guerrilla activities.

The government has also been accused of human rights abuses, including forced disappearances and extrajudicial killings. The Sri Lanka Institute for Human Rights has documented over 30,000 disappearances since 1978. The government has denied any systematic human rights violations.

The Tamil Tigers were a separatist group that fought for the independence of a Tamil homeland in northern and eastern Sri Lanka. They were active from 1983 to 2009, when they signed a cease-fire agreement with the Sri Lankan government.

After the end of the civil war, many Tamil refugees returned to their homes, but many others remain displaced. The government has been criticized for not allowing them to return to their homes.

As of 2021, the Sri Lankan government is still trying to implement the terms of the 2002 ceasefire agreement. The Tamil Tigers, now known as the Tamil National Alliance (TNA), has called for the government to honor its commitments and to begin a genuine reconciliation process.

The situation in Sri Lanka has been further complicated by the COVID-19 pandemic, which has caused economic challenges for the country. The government has been criticized for its handling of the pandemic, and there have been protests calling for the government to resign.

In conclusion, the situation in Sri Lanka continues to be complex and challenging. The Tamil Tigers are calling for a return to the terms of the 2002 ceasefire agreement, while the government is still trying to address the human rights abuses that occurred during the civil war.
The move comes as candidates vie for votes in a primary election that will determine who will run in the 2020 presidential campaign.

Democratic presidential candidates Bernie Sanders, Elizabeth Warren, and Julián Castro are all seeking to appeal to Latino voters.

Texas, Dems do battle for Latino vote

In Texas, the Democratic Party is seeking to hold on to its majority in the state legislature, which has been largely controlled by the Democrats since the 1990s.

The party is facing a challenge from the Republican Party, which has been gaining momentum in the state in recent years.

Julián Castro, a former Democratic presidential candidate, said that the state is important for the party because it has a large Latino population.

“Texas is one of the states where we have a lot of potential for growth,” Castro said.

A staff member of the health authority of the southern German federal state of Bavaria-Würtemberg demonstrates on a negative sample the test for the coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2) in laboratory in Stuttgart, Germany, Wednesday, March 4, 2020. Bavaria-Württemberg in southern Germany on Wednesday started state-wide coronavirus testing to screen all residents for the virus, the state's health minister said. Bavaria-Württemberg wants to test not just those with symptoms but also asymptomatic patients. The first results should be available later in the day, state health minister Vinzenz Dürr said. Photo: (AP Photo/Michael Probst)
Central banks to boost price stability, economic growth

The Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) and allies led by Russia, a group known as OPEC+, agreed in December to cut production by 1.2 million barrels per day (bpd) to support oil prices. The agreement was scheduled to end in March, but OPEC+ members are now discussing whether to extend the cuts.

OPEC and its allies, including Russia, have been cutting oil production since 2016 to support prices and boost the oil market. The group slashed production by 1.8 million bpd in 2017 to 2018, which helped push up oil prices and strengthen the global economy.

However, the coronavirus outbreak has caused oil demand to fall sharply, which has put pressure on OPEC+ to extend its production cuts. The group is now considering whether to extend its production cuts by another 600,000 bpd or 900,000 bpd to support oil prices.

Dubai property market stability still a few years off

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It was in their developed peers as emerging markets, while Morocco’s MAMEX and Jordan ASE Index marginally in the green with a gain of 0.17 percent in December, gains to 3.76 percent and Bahrain’s All Share index 7.50 percent for the month.

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**Staff at Google’s European HQ in Ireland told to stay away from work for a day**

**SAN FRANCISCO:** Twitter staff across the world were asked to work from home on Monday as a precautionary measure against the spread of the deadly new coronavirus as the company’s main European headquarters in Dublin was ordered to shut its doors for the day after one employee reported flu-like symptoms.

The outbreak has spread worldwide, with China alone last year killing more than 3,000 people, infecting over 80,000, and prompting a wave of travel restrictions.

Twitter’s decision to ask its staff to avoid the office follows similar requests by government officials and companies across the globe, including Apple and Google, who have all told employees to work from home to protect their health and prevent the spread of the disease.

However, Twitter’s order was the first of its kind in Ireland, where the country’s health officials have so far failed to confirm any cases of the virus.

“Since the outbreak began, we’ve been monitoring the situation closely and have been in regular contact with our medical advisers,” a spokesperson for Twitter said.

“Today, we have been advised that our employee who was suspected of having the virus did not have the disease. We have also been advised that the employee did not come into contact with any other Twitter employees.”

**Is it a currency?**

**A commodity?**

**Bitcoin has an identity crisis**

**LONDON:** No one knows if bitcoin, currently the world’s biggest crypto-currency, is a currency or a commodity, but it is certainly becoming a phenomenon.

Some estimate its price at more than $10,000. It is built on blockchain technology, which is a decentralized system of rules, rather than a central bank to control the supply of money.

The debate over whether bitcoin is a currency or a commodity is important because it affects how governments regulate it. If it is considered a currency, it is subject to rules similar to those that apply to traditional currencies, such as the euro and the dollar.

But if it is considered a commodity, it is subject to different rules. For example, some countries have imposed taxes on its use, while others have cracked down on its use.

The lack of a clear definition has led to confusion and debate among experts.

**Character clues**

Some of the crypto-currency identity crisis is also due to the fact that bitcoin is currently in a nascent stage of development. It is a new and unproven technology, and its future is uncertain.

However, it is clear that bitcoin is gaining traction and gaining recognition as a currency.

**What are the implications?**

The implications of bitcoin’s identity crisis are significant for the future of the technology. If it is considered a currency, it could become a major player in the financial sector, and possibly challenge traditional currencies.

But if it is considered a commodity, it could be regulated more like a commodity, which could limit its growth and development.

The debate over bitcoin’s identity is likely to continue as the technology evolves and matures.
Fed vs COVID-19: What can the US central bank do?

WASHINGTON: Wall Street has soured on the US central bank as it scrambles to shore up an economy upended by a viral pandemic.

The Federal Reserve System, the US central bank, is supposed to be the nation’s lender of last resort, and at times of crisis it is the one trusted to ensure the financial system functions by making loans to banks, and thus to businesses and consumers.

Finalists were determined to review that rating later this month. On Monday, Ramaphosa signalled his support for the conciliation, saying it was a milestone for deeper collaboration between Huawei and South Africa.

S Africa economy enters recession

PRETORIA: South Africa entered its second recession in two years in the first quarter of 2020, the National Treasury said in a statement on Wednesday, March 4, 2020.

The recession is another setback to President Cyril Ramaphosa’s efforts to revive the economy and stave off a credit rating downgrade of the country’s sovereign debt to below investment grade by the rating agency Moody’s. Statistics South Africa said GDP fell by 0.7 percent in the first quarter of 2020, down from growth of 0.3 percent in the fourth quarter of last year, as agriculture, transport and manufacturing contracted again.

A similar fear of a triple-dip recession already exists in Europe, where large economies like Italy and France have slipped into a recession.

The Fed's traditional and most powerful tool to affect the economy is the federal funds rate, the short-term interest rate it sets to determine the cost of overnight loans between banks. The Fed's action today is seen as part of a concerted global move to prevent a recession by slowing the economy and warding off inflation, which the central bank sees as the long-term threat, not the virus itself.

At a news conference afterward, Jerome Powell, chairman of the US Federal Reserve, said the economy is in a “very challenging” period and that the virus poses more uncertainty than neither financial crisis.

He said the Fed would be ready to take action in the near future without referring to a new program to support credit markets. The Fed, however, did not rule out the possibility of lowering interest rates.

Viruses can spread like a pandemic, and if policymakers have not learned much from the global financial crisis, they have certainly learned that a recession can cause huge damage to the economy in a similar manner.

The Fed's policy committee meets on Wednesday, March 4, 2020, and will decide how to respond to the virus's spread.

The Fed has already taken action by cutting interest rates by a half point to a target range of 1.5% to 1.75%.

But in a crisis, markets look to the central bank for reassurance. "We will use our tools and act as needed," new Fed Chair Jerome Powell said at his first meeting with the board last week. "We are not going to let financial stress inhibit the flow of credit to households and businesses, and we'll be nimble in using our tools.

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The decision today is a rejection of what many analysts had expected: another interest rate cut.

Economists had predicted the Fed would cut rates again by a quarter-point to a range of 1.0% to 1.25% today.

"It is obvious that the council feels the economic outlook is sufficiently strong to hold the rate unchanged," said economist Dan Curley of Commerce Clearinghouse.

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Health & Science

PARIS: A ‘pandemic’ of air pollution shortens lives worldwide by nearly three years on average, and causes 8.8 million premature deaths annually, scientists said yesterday. Eliminating the toxic cocktail of molecules and lung-clogging particles cast off by burning of gas and coal would restore a full year of life expectancy, they reported in a joint Cardiovascular Research.

“Air pollution is a larger public health risk than tobacco smoking,” lead author Jos Lelieveld of the Max Planck Institute in Mainz, Germany told AFP. “It is difficult to replace fossil fuels with clean renewable energy.”

Air pollution kills 50 times more people each year than tobacco, nine times more than HIV/AIDS, and three times more than alcohol, the study found. Coronary heart disease is due to lung cancer. “Our results show there is an ‘air pollution pandemic,’” said senior author Thomas Munzel of the Max Planck Institute’s departments of cardiology and environmental medicine.

To assess the impact of air pollution on life expectancy, the researchers applied data on exposure to fine-particle pollution from models that simulate how chemical and manmade pollutants, and data from the Global Burden of Disease. — AFP

The worst-hit region is Asia, where average life span is cut 6.4 years in China, 5.9 years in India, and 5.8 years in Pakistan. In some parts of those countries, toxic air takes an even steeper toll, other research has shown. In India’s Uttar Pradesh — home to 260 million — small-particle pollution by itself doubles life expectancy by 0.8 years, while in China’s Tibet Province (population: 1.4 million) the shortfall is nearly six years, according to the World Health Organization. “We know this is a major health risk can contribute to the willingness of reducing climate warming,” Lelieveld said.

The worst-affected areas are being amplified by manmade climate change, said senior author Thomas Munzel of the Max Planck Institute in Mainz, Germany told AFP. “This goes up to 80 percent in the worst-affected countries.”

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Unavoidable excess mortality stems from natural and human-made sources, such as in central Asia and northern Africa. “The revised number for China is 2.8 million deaths from outdoor air pollution each year, two-and-a-half times the WHO estimates. The researchers said there are signs in India, China and other emerging economies that people are growing intolerant of shortening toxic air. “The evaluation that air pollution is a major health risk can contribute to the willingness to phase out fossil fuels” — Lelieveld explained, echoing a conclusion from other recent research.

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Three-quarters of the deaths occur in South Asia and sub-Saharan Africa, meaning the results of the new pilot study — conducted at the University College London (UCL) — could be an important boost to the health of newborns in poorer regions.

Senior author Ekom Leung, from UCL’s medical physics and biomedical engineering department, said: “In many parts of the world, midwives and nurses rely on sight alone to assess jaundice. However, this is unreliable, especially for newborns with darker skin. Our smartphone-based method provides a more robust assessment, ensuring serious cases do not go unnoticed. While we await the evidence of a larger trial, we believe that this method could be an app, could help to prevent the deaths of newborn babies due to severe jaundice worldwide.” — AFP
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Today is likely to prove very busy, Cancer, and full of interesting developments. You might find yourself having to run a lot of errands or deal with a variety of tasks. Love matters may come to the forefront, Scorpio. If you're currently involved, unexpected events could bring you that much closer to your partner. If you aren't involved, you could meet someone exciting, perhaps someone you're currently involved, or awe.

Paperwork regarding financial matters may need to be executed at some point today, Virgo. You might want to carry a notebook and pen with you today, even if it's just to list the things you need to do. Friends and your special someone are likely to be understanding and supportive. Consider the situation honestly and objectively before making any firm decisions. You don't want to regret it later.

As the world economy continues to boom, Aries, don't be surprised if something unexpected happens. Career and other goals are likely to be on your mind. Today is a good day to think about your future goals. Modern technology could play a major role in your life today, Aquarius. Be on the lookout for new ideas and possibly exciting new goals. Modern technology could play a major role in your life today, Aquarius. Be on the lookout for new ideas and possibly exciting new goals.

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**‘BODY ART’ PIONEER ULAY DIES AT 76**

German conceptual artist Ulay, a pioneer of "body art," whose performances have defied the classification-based "Ulay Foundation" announced Monday on its Facebook page, has passed away. He was 76.

"It is with our immense sadness that we write to inform you of the passing of one of the greatest artists of our time, the pioneer of Political photography, the father of performance art, the most radical, the one and only, ULAY, who has left for another journey," the announcement read.

Ulay, whose full name was Frank Uwe Lüttjens, was born in 1943 in Germany and was internationally recognized in the early 70s experimenting with Polaroid pictures and later while collaborating for 12 years in performances with his then partner Marina Abramovic. They rose to prominence with a 1988 performance marking the end of their partnership, in which they walked along the Great Wall of China from opposite ends and then met in the middle, symbolically uniting each other forever.

They met again in 2001 when Abramovic was performing a piece at New York’s Museum of Modern Arts titled "The Artist Is Present." Ulay, known as Ulay, took turns sitting across from her. Ulay surprised Abramovic by appearing as one of the visitors, prompting one of the few moments of movement from Abramovic in the piece when the visibly moved pair clasped hands. Abramovic wrote in an Instagram post: "He was an exceptional artist and human being, who will be deeply missed. On this day, it is comforting to know that his art and legacy will live on forever."

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**Lifestyle**

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The 62-year-old actor and filmmaker's wife, producer Rita Wilson, is also of Greek origin on her mother's side. There is considerable pride in Greece that Hanks, one of Hollywood's most bankable stars, has a summer house on the picturesque island of Antiparos and visits every year. Hanks has said that he feels "100 percent Greek...I'm more Greek than a Greek is" by being married to Wilson, producer of "My Big Fat Greek Wedding." — AFP

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**Suspected Grammys CEO fired by Recording Academy**

In this file photo Recording Academy president and CEO Deborah Dugan speaks during the 62nd Grammy Awards Nomination Conference at CBS Broadcast Center in New York City. — AFP

The embattled former CEO of the Recording Academy, the organization behind the Grammys, was fired Monday, the latest development in the body's embattled way. The academy announced the termination of Deborah Dugan's contract in a letter published in light entertainment news outlet Variety, that circulated among the organization's members, citing "consistent management difficulties and failures." The decision comes just over a month after Dugan was suddenly suspended days before the 2020 Grammy Awards show on accusations of misconduct and bullying, after which she filed an explosive complaint accusing the Recording Academy of "body art performances," the one and only, ULAY, who has left for another journey," the announcement read.

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In this file photo taken by Saype and Valentin Ouagadougou. This 200 meter-long fresco covering approximately 5000 square meters was created using biodegradable pigments made from charcoal, chalk and water. This art piece is the fifth step of the worldwide project "Beyond Walls" aiming at creating the longest symbolic human chain around the world, promoting values such as togetherness, kindness and openness to the world. — AFP photos

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Fury as Kanye West hymn service pushes out transgender show

U.S. rapper Kanye West was at the center of a storm Monday after a Paris show by an acclaimed transgender performer was cancelled at the last minute to make way for one of his religious services. The mercurial singer took over the Bouffes du Nord theatre in the French capital for one of his famous “Sunday Service” gospel hymn sessions during Paris fashion week.

His wife Kim Kardashian turned up for the service in an almost sprayed-on latex brown suit, one of three figure-hugging Balmain looks she wore during the course of the day. But French trans performer Phia Menard was furious that her “Maison Mere” (“Mother Ship”) show was pulled at just one day’s notice to make way for the golden couple of American pop culture, claiming the audience was told it was cancelled for “technical reasons”.

Menard—one of the discoveries of the Avignon festival in 2018 — refused to lose her cool, with her and her fans lambasting the theatre and West as “impostors” on social media. She accused the theatre of lying “so they could cash in on a religious ceremony and the money the Donald Trump-supporting rapper” could pay them, the 49-year-old juggler wrote on Facebook on Monday. She felt she had been treated with “contempt”. “I am an artist, a trans woman, the director of a company, and I refuse to accept this denial and contempt,” said the performer, who transitioned in 2008.

Latent the Kardashians

The Bouffes du Nord told AFP that it cancelled Menard’s show because of the “technical incompatibility of the two events”. “The 98 people who had bought tickets were contacted and most came to her show the night before while the rest were reimbursed,” the theatre’s management added. The theatre, once the base of the legendary British theatre director Peter Brook, dubbed “the father of the fringe”, insisted that its “support for creativity, even at its most demanding, remains total.”

West is in Paris to show the latest collection for his Yeezy label Monday. The 42-year-old singer once dreamed of becoming the first black American head of a major Paris fashion label. But his friend and former fashion adviser Virgil Abloh pipped him to it in 2018 when the Off-White creator took over Louis Vuitton’s menswear line. West was joined at the service Sunday by his wife, their daughter North West and his sister-in-law Kourtney Kardashian, also dressed head-to-toe in latex. Kim Kardashian was laid up and robbed at gunpoint of more than US$10 million worth of jewels during Paris fashion week in 2016. The haul included the engagement ring West had given her, which was reportedly worth $4.5 million. — AFP
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Models present creations by Thom Browne during the Women’s Fall-Winter 2020-2021 Ready-to-Wear collection fashion show in Paris. — AFP photos

Models present creations by Alexander McQueen during the Women’s Fall-Winter 2020-2021 Ready-to-Wear collection fashion show in Paris. — AFP photos
Q: Tell us about Splash vision for the future of the Middle East's fashion market?

Q: How do you see the Kuwaiti market?

A: When we started, we were a retailer, bursting out of Saudia Arabia, and selling it. With the advent of the Arab Emirates, we changed our location to that of a design house and built a team of key merchandisers, who study international trends and criterias. Our designers work closely with buyers for trends for Kuwaiti consumers. A brand that thinks globally and feels Kuwaiti makes a difference to our brand.

Q: What are your plans for the future?

A: Splash has over 200 stores in 14 countries worldwide. We are looking at introducing new concepts and new markets across the Middle East in the near future. We are looking at opening new online stores and as a socially and environmentally responsible company, we are looking to expand our footprint and be more sustainable in the future. We plan to invest in sustainable materials and practices, and work towards a more sustainable future. We are committed to reducing our carbon footprint and being more environmentally friendly in all aspects of our business.

Q: How can you handle competition in the fashion market? Do you have a plan to attract your competitors' customers?

A: We understand fashion and have a strong sense of style. We offer a wide range of products that are both stylish and affordable. We also focus on sustainability and environmentally friendly practices, which sets us apart from our competitors. We believe that by offering a unique and sustainable product range, we can attract our competitors' customers.

Q: How has the brand's design philosophy evolved over the years?

A: As fashion trends and consumer preferences change, our design philosophy has evolved to ensure that we remain relevant and stay ahead of the curve. We are committed to being socially and environmentally responsible, and this has been a core principle of our brand since its inception. We believe that fashion should be inclusive and accessible to everyone, and we strive to create designs that are both stylish and sustainable.

Q: How do you think the global warming threat affects the fashion market?

A: The global warming threat is having a significant impact on the fashion market. Consumers are becoming more conscious of the environmental impact of their fashion choices, and are looking for brands that are committed to sustainability. This has led to a rise in demand for sustainable and eco-friendly fashion. We have responded to this trend by introducing sustainable materials and practices into our designs, and have seen an increase in sales of our sustainable products.

Q: How do you see the future of the Middle East's fashion market?

A: The Middle East's fashion market is expected to continue to grow in the coming years, driven by a younger, more fashion-conscious generation. Consumers are becoming more aware of the environmental impact of their fashion choices, and are looking for brands that are committed to sustainability. This trend is expected to continue, and we believe that our brand will be well-placed to benefit from this growth.

Q: What are the main sustainability initiatives Splash has in place and how do you brand them?

A: We have several sustainability initiatives in place, including using sustainable materials, reducing waste, and ensuring our fashion is made ethically. We are committed to being socially and environmentally responsible, and have made sustainability a core principle of our brand. We believe that fashion should be inclusive and accessible to everyone, and we strive to create designs that are both stylish and sustainable.

Q: What makes Splash a distinctive brand?

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Meet Thailand’s secret weapon in climate change battle

Thailand’s secret weapon in the climate change battle is the Elephant Hearst, a 52-year-old Asian elephant who was rescued from the wild and is now living in a sanctuary in Thailand. The elephant is trained to save lives in extreme weather conditions, and has been trained to operate a variety of tasks, from removing debris from roads to helping with search and rescue operations.

The Elephant Hearst is able to use its trunk to move objects, and has been trained to use this ability to remove debris from roads and other areas affected by extreme weather. The elephant is also able to use its trunk to help rescue people trapped in structures, and has been trained to use this ability to help with search and rescue operations.

The Elephant Hearst is a symbol of Thailand’s commitment to protecting the environment, and its role in the battle against climate change. The country has a long history of protecting its natural resources, and has made significant efforts to reduce its carbon footprint and combat climate change. The Elephant Hearst is just one example of the many ways in which Thailand is working to protect the environment and combat climate change.

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### Airports

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Turkey's drones provide crucial edge in Syria war

ANKARA: Turkish news channels have been dominated by reports on Turkey's deadly military campaign in Syria, dramatically升级了无人机的军事行动。但不同的是，虽然土耳其政府在叙利亚的军事行动取得了重大进展，但其无人机计划也在面临着一些挑战。

“我们已经看到了无人机在军事行动中的重要性，”土耳其国防部长卡武诺夫表示，“它们不仅为我们提供了情报、监视和侦察的能力，而且在打击ISIS和库尔德分离分子方面也发挥了关键作用。”

但卡武诺夫也承认，无人机计划的实施并不是一帆风顺的。除了技术障碍外，还有政治和外交障碍。例如，土耳其政府一直试图向国际社会证明其无人机计划的正当性，但它也面临着来自邻国和国际社会的批评。

“我们正在努力改善我们的无人机计划的合法性和透明度，”卡武诺夫表示，“我们正在采取措施确保我们的无人机行动符合国际法。”

尽管如此，无人机计划仍然是土耳其军事现代化的一个重要组成部分。土耳其政府计划在未来的几年里继续投资于无人机技术，以保持其在中东地区的军事影响力。

Sharia fintech: Startups race to tap growth

Jakarta: 14 million of other Indonesian who Turning to fintech for their daily needs, have been using fintech services in Indonesia for a decade now. But only recently has the industry begun to attract significant attention, with the potential for exponential growth.

The scale of the Sharia-fintech in Indonesia is small but significant, with market projections of $3 billion in loans and $10 billion in deposits by 2025. But the sector is nascent, with 200 startups in the industry and just a few players with more than $1 million in revenue.

"The Sharia-fintech industry is in its infancy," said Andrew G. Unsworth, CEO of Sharia-fintech Association. "But it has the potential to become a significant force in the Indonesian economy."
Raisman lashes ‘offensive’ gymnastics abuse deal

LOW ANGELENS: Olympic gold medalist Aly Raisman lashed out on Monday at a deal reportedly put together for USA Gymnastics for the Larry Nassar abuse scandal. Raisman, the 2012 London and 2016 Rio Olympic gymnast who became a voice for the beleaguered victims of the jailed team doctor's crimes.

In an interview with ABC's Good Morning America Monday morning news show, Raisman accused USA Gymnastics of attempting to prevent release of details which would show that the governing body’s handling of complaints was flawed.

USA Gymnastics officials confirmed to The Associated Press on Monday that preliminary reports last month that a federal settlement would be announced for the hundreds of women abused by Nassar were not true. Last week, the USA Gymnastics chairman, president and CEO released statements expressing their concern for the women's welfare.

Raisman, who trains in Worcester, Massachusetts, told ABC's morning news show her leak had just three hits — all singles — against six Blue Jays pitchers.

Raisman hit .300 for the season with 14 doubles, 15 runs scored and 27 RBIs. She was named AL Rookie of the Year.

Raisman was among the five American players who saw time in all 162 games this season for the Mariners. He played 98 games at second base and also had 47 starts at shortstop.

The 35-year-old's decision to skip the Olympics was a result of overextending himself and keeping his personal priorities in line.
South Africa to face Australia in T20 WCup semis as rain hits tournament

MELBOURNE: South Africa will face defending champions Australia in the women’s Twenty20 World Cup semi-final on Friday, with rain falling hard in their semi-final last week in Sydney on Thursday.

But, after winning the toss at Sydney Showgrounds on a lively pitch against Pakistan with their aggressive batting approach, running to 151 for three off 20 overs. Pakistan, who upset champions West Indies in their previous match, had modified their run rate plan to win the tournament given the venue they are playing on and the conditions as well.

“We had an opportunity to come here and play against the big team. It is good for us. We want to keep doing well. People at home will be happy, same as us. We will be showing how we are.”

Glory seekers Penarol

It was a sports club established by British railway workers in the Penarol neighborhood of the capital Montevideo, in 1900. It was renamed Penarol in the next year.

The Catalan club identified 12 fans who had been involved in the abuse. Williams told Movistar programme ‘Universo Valdano’ on Monday that Athletic had been “a very uncomfortable experience for the players.”

“We're competitive”

The Proteas needed to avoid defeat against the higher-ranked Indians to keep their World Cup aspirations alive. They had lost all three of their previous games, with a highest total of 124.

Root told reporters before flying to Sri Lanka on Thursday that “the focus will be on not getting sick”.

In Galle from March 19 while Colombo hosts another Test from March 27.

England players will not be shaking hands for the rest of the tour in Sri Lanka and will use fist bumps instead to greet each other following the coronavirus outbreak, skipper Joe Root said.

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Arsenal reach FA Cup quarter-finals to ease Euro woe

Portsmouth

PORTSMOUTH: Revived by a 2017 takeover from American billionaire Steven Lansdown, Portsmouth are no longer the quite-tame lambs that they have been considered by many as the most important sports organisation in the world. They can be proud to be in charge of the most popular, most-watched football club event in the world. The 37-year-old would love to end his first season in charge with a trip to the FA Cup semi-finals to ease Euro woe.

Moments before the first half stoppage-time when Nelson’s cross found the on-form Belgium forward, he turned back to the bench and said: “This is not the kind of serious injury.”

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With the bonus of a 2017 takeover from American billionaire Steven Lansdown ensuring football to dominate other sports and enabled the UEFA Champions League to feature in midweek.

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