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■ HRH the Premier

HELP FOR LANDOWNERS

MANAMA: The Premier yesterday urged speedy compensation for anyone whose land or property was acquired for public projects.

He also directed ministers at

yesterday's weekly Cabinet session to reduce fee burdens faced by small traders, contractors and owners of small and medium-sized businesses.

At the meeting chaired by His Royal Highness Prime Minister Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa, the Cabinet

also welcomed the dismissal of a labour complaint filed against Bahrain at the International Labour Organisation.

Efforts of the Labour Minister, as well as those of Bahrain's delegation comprising government representatives, employers and workers, confirmed the kingdom's respect for la-

bourers and human rights.

The government will always be committed to the implementation of justice, equality and basic freedoms, the Cabinet emphasised.

Reimbursements must be made to owners stripped of their property and lands for public service purposes or projects, the Cabinet stated.

NUA demands recall of US ambassador

MANAMA: The National Unity Assembly (NUA) has called on the US State Department to recall Ambassador Thomas Krajewski for damaging relations with Bahrain.

Referring to a hard-hitting report by the Office of Inspector General for the State Department and Broadcasting board of governors, criticising Mr Krajewski's leadership style, NUA chairman Dr Shaikh Abdullatif Al Mahmood said the US must have realised the negative impact on common interests if the ambassador is not recalled immediately.



■ Supporters of Turkey's ruling AK party cheer as they follow election results in front of the party's headquarters in Ankara, yesterday. The party of Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan took a strong early lead in local elections, despite turbulent months marked by mass protests, corruption scandals and Internet blocks. Full report - Page 2

Bahrain this morning

Forensics boost

MANAMA: A new forensics department is one of two new directorates being set up at the Public Prosecution. The Cabinet yesterday approved a proposal to create a forensic evidence directorate and a human and financial resources directorate under the umbrella of the Justice, Islamic Affairs and Endowments Ministry. They are designed to enhance the independence and professionalism of the judiciary.

Father remanded

MANAMA: A father who allegedly sexually assaulted his four daughters, aged 13 to 17, has been further remanded in custody, reports NOOR ZAHRA.

The 43-year-old Bahraini appeared before a remand judge yesterday and claimed he only spanked his daughters as a joke. However, he was remanded in police custody for another 45 days while investigations continue.

He was reported to police by the Batelco Care Centre for Family Violence Cases, where his daughters are receiving counselling.

Ethics call to media

MANAMA: Newspapers and mass media were yesterday urged to avoid controversy and abide by professional ethics.

Minister of State for Information Affairs and government spokeswoman Sameera Rajab dismissed allegations by a local newspaper on a fire that broke out in one of the Information Affairs Authority's buildings as untrue. Speaking at a Press conference after yesterday's Cabinet meeting, she described a report in the newspaper as an attempt to tarnish reputation of individuals and institutions and impede Bahrain's march of development.

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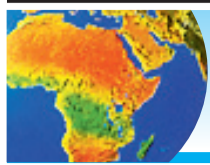
Telecom firms rapped

MANAMA: Measures taken against citizens who failed to settle arrears of their communication bills have been rejected by parliamentary blocs' co-ordination committee. In a meeting yesterday, it described them as abusive and pointed out that some individuals are facing travel ban for outstanding bills of less than BD20.

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LOCAL AND WORLD REPORT

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IN BAHRAIN AND ACROSS THE GLOBE

Kerry-Lavrov hold talks to resolve Ukraine crisis

MOSCOW: US Secretary of State John Kerry held impromptu talks with Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov in Paris yesterday, after Russia pledged not to invade mainland Ukraine following its seizure of Crimea.

The meeting in France comes amid heightened diplomatic efforts to resolve the worst East-West crisis since the Cold War.

Tensions have run high since Moscow's lightning takeover of Crimea from Ukraine, with the US accusing Russia of massing tens of thousands of troops on Ukraine's eastern border.

But signs of progress have recently appeared, with Russian President Vladimir Putin calling his US counterpart Barack Obama to discuss a US proposal for a diplomatic end to the standoff.

Lavrov suggested Moscow's main demands were that Ukraine should become a federation, commit to not joining Nato and restore order to cities after almost half a year of street protests.

Lavrov said Moscow had no intention of ordering its armed forces to cross over the

Ukrainian border and acknowledged the divisions between Moscow and the West on the crisis were narrowing.

The US and European Union clearly want Russia to de-escalate tensions by removing the troops said to be surrounding Ukraine's eastern borders.

Kiev this week estimated there were now 100,000 Russian soldiers positioned around Ukraine – a figure neither confirmed nor denied by Moscow.

However, in a sign both sides feel there are grounds for discussion, Kerry decided mid-



■ Kerry, left, gestures as he and Lavrov meet at the Russian Ambassador's residence in Paris yesterday

flight on a trip back from Riyadh to head to Paris and meet Lavrov.

UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon said that Putin assured him he had no intention of or-

dering further military incursions into Ukrainian territory.

He made the remarks after briefing the UN Security Council on his recent talks in Moscow and Kiev.

Egypt to vote for president in May polls

CAIRO: Egyptians will vote on May 26 and 27 in the first round of a presidential election, the organising body said yesterday, a contest former army chief Abdel Fattah Al Sisi is expected to win easily.

Al Sisi, who deposed President Mohamed Mursi last July, has been riding on a wave of backing from supporters who see him as the man who can save Egypt from crisis. But the Islamist opposition views him as the mastermind of a coup.

Al Sisi was seen as the most influential figure in an interim administration that has been cracking down hard on Mursi's Muslim Brotherhood and other opponents in the last nine months. The Brotherhood has been banned and driven underground.

The vote will go to a second round in June if the first-placed candidate does not win by a wide enough margin.

So far, the only other candidate for the presidency is leftist politician Hamdeen Sabahi, who came third in the 2012 election won by Mursi.

Al Sisi stepped down as defence minister and army chief in order to announce his candidacy.

Erdogan's party set for big win



■ Electoral officers count ballots at a polling station in Istanbul yesterday



■ A woman casts her ballot at a polling station in Ankara

ISTANBUL: Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan was looking to emerge from a corruption scandal with a boost from local elections yesterday.

Erdogan is not on the ballots in the countrywide polls, but early results reported by Turkish newswires suggested that his party was outstripping its results in the last local elections of 2009.

The elections are widely seen as a referendum on Erdogan's tumultuous rule of more than a decade, and the prime minister has been campaigning as if his own career were on the line.

In high-profile races for mayor of Istanbul and Ankara, incumbents from Erdogan's Justice or Development Party, better known by its Turkish acronym AKP, were in tight races, according to the early results. The Turkish elections board

says more than 50 million people were eligible to vote.

Voter turnout appeared to be strong, with people forming long queues at polling stations. It was widely expected that the AKP will outstrip opposition parties, winning a plurality of the vote.

But how much of a plurality will matter. Erdogan's party has already been trying to lower expectations. His party has pointed to the 39 per cent they received in the 2009 local elections as a benchmark.

"What the people say goes," Erdogan said after casting his ballot. The people's decision is (to be) respected."

The outcome will be a crucial popularity test for Erdogan who has been eyeing a run for the presidency in August – the first time voters will directly elect the head of state – or perhaps ask his party to change rules and allow him a fourth term as prime minister.

Missing flight relatives call for apology

KUALA LUMPUR: Several dozen Chinese relatives of passengers on Flight 370 demanded yesterday that Malaysia apologise for its handling of the search for the missing plane and for the prime minister's statement saying it crashed into the southern Indian Ocean.

Holding up banners that read "We want evidence, truth, dignity" in Chinese, and "Hand us the murderer. Tell us the truth. Give us our relatives back" in English, the group staged a protest at a hotel near Kuala Lumpur just hours after flying in from Beijing.

Two-thirds of the 227 passengers aboard the Malaysia Airlines plane that disappeared March 8 en route to Beijing from Kuala Lumpur were Chinese.

Jiang Hui, the relatives' designated representative, said they wanted a government apology for what they see as missteps in the initial handling of the disaster as well as Malaysian Prime Minister Najib Razak's statement that indicated the plane had crashed with no survivors.

Meanwhile, Australian Prime Minister Tony Abbott described the "intensifying search effort" as positive because objects "have been recovered from the ocean."

However, none of the recovered items has been connected to the Malaysia Airlines plane that crashed March 8 with 239 people on board.

Moreover, an Australian warship with an aircraft black box detector was set to depart yesterday to join the search.

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Mystery shrouds couple's 'suicide'

MYSTERY surrounds the deaths of a man and woman whose bodies were found in a Muharraq house.

The man has been identified as Mohamed Anvar Batherdeen, from India, while the woman is believed to be a Sri Lankan housemaid who has so far not been named.

She was found hanging from a ceiling fan, while Mr Batherdeen's body was lying on the floor in the same room by police who broke down the door.

It is thought they may have died four days before their bodies were discovered, but the circumstances of their deaths remain unclear.

They were found on Saturday

By ANIQA HAIDER

in a house located in the Fareej Al Bin Ali area of Muharraq after neighbours called police to complain about a foul smell.

Police on Saturday said it was being treated as a double suicide, but investigations are continuing and a forensics team has visited the location to collect evidence.

Area councillor Khalid Bu Onk told the *GDN* yesterday that the maid's employer had reported her missing four days previously.

"We don't know if the two

were married or just living together," he said.

"Mr Batherdeen's body was lying on the floor and according to sources he may have been poisoned, but nothing is confirmed yet.

"We spoke to some of the neighbours, but no one gave us a clear picture about these two and some were even reluctant to talk, fearing the police.

"Some think the man had a heart attack when he saw the maid hanging, while others think he was poisoned.

"We are also not sure if the maid committed suicide, or was

hanged by Mr Batherdeen.

"Maybe she poisoned him before hanging herself. The picture is unclear and we are desperate to know how the two died."

Officials from both the Sri Lankan and Indian Embassies said they had still not been contacted by authorities regarding the incident yesterday.

Mr Batherdeen worked for the Wujood Al Bahrain company, which could not be reached for comment.

Meanwhile, no records for the woman were available with the immigration authorities or the Labour Market Regulatory Authority (LMRA).

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Mr Batherdeen



A photograph circulating online of police and forensic experts at the scene



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Former MP is defended in terror trial

By NOOR ZAHRA

FIVE senior opposition figures have testified in defence of a former MP accused of having links with an outlawed terrorist group.

They gave evidence at the High Criminal Court yesterday in the trial of Khalil Al Marzooq, who has also been charged with promoting and inciting terrorist acts, abusing his position and being linked to the Coalition of February 14.

Diplomats from the American and French embassies were present at yesterday's four-hour hearing along with human rights activists and representatives of local and foreign media.

The defence witnesses said Mr Al Marzooq, who is the political assistant to Al Wefaq National Islamic Society secretary-general Shaikh Ali Salman, was a "peaceful" person who never incited violence or terror.

"I have known him since the 80s, since he was a teenager and before he joined Al Wefaq," said Al Wefaq deputy

secretary-general Shaikh Husain Ali Hassan.

"He is very polite and peaceful and never incited violence or terrorism.

"He was part of the Manama Declaration in 2011 and one of the establishers of the non-violence declaration."

Mr Al Marzooq was arrested after allegedly being caught on camera raising the flag of the Coalition of February 14 on September 6 last year during an opposition rally in Saar.

Charges

However, the 46-year-old earlier pleaded not guilty and claimed the flag was handed to him and he did not know what it was. He could face up to 15 years in prison and have his nationality revoked if found guilty of the charges.

The trial was adjourned until May 22 for a video footage of the incident to be screened in court.

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Voting call for Indonesian expatriates

INDONESIANS in Bahrain will vote on Saturday in their country's general election.

They will cast their ballots at the Indonesian Embassy, from 8am to 6pm.

The full list of registered voters is available online at www.pplnbahrain.org, but those not included can still vote as long as they show up with formal Indonesian identity documents such as their passport or Indonesian ID.

For details, visit www.pplnbahrain.org or e-mail pplnbahrain@gmail.com.

Stage is set for annual food festival

FOOD tasting, live cooking and chef's cookery classes are on the menu during a culinary festival in Bahrain.

The Sixth Annual Food and Hospitality Expo is taking place at the Bahrain International Exhibition and Convention Centre from April 15 to 17.

The event is under the patronage of Industry and Commerce Minister Dr Hassan Fakhro.

It is open from 10am until 7pm and entry is free.

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Financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2013



Statement of financial position

As at 31 December 2013

	Bahraini Dinars 2013	Bahraini Dinars 2012
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	2,017,268	1,413,675
Receivables	1,371,116	1,321,834
Placements with Islamic financial institutions	3,555,004	2,071,044
Prepayments and others	215,522	242,122
Deferred acquisition costs	2,794,137	2,434,977
Retakaful share of unearned contributions and technical reserve	1,889,273	1,769,091
Retakaful share of outstanding claims	337,068	300,372
Investments	7,537,337	6,996,798
Statutory deposit	125,020	125,020
Property and equipment	20,887	76,203
Total assets	19,862,632	16,751,136
LIABILITIES, POLICYHOLDERS' EQUITY AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Liabilities		
Unearned contributions and technical reserve	7,874,499	6,573,841
Outstanding claims	1,022,942	778,856
Financial liabilities for unit-linked contracts	6,538,378	6,061,666
Payables	1,951,992	1,344,041
Provision for employees' end of service indemnity	52,712	58,006
Total liabilities	17,440,523	14,816,410
Policyholders' funds		
Deficiency in general takaful fund	(463,611)	(444,516)
Retained surplus in family takaful fund	268,244	84,296
Total policyholders' fund	(195,367)	(360,220)
Shareholders' equity		
Share capital	8,250,000	7,250,000
Accumulated losses	(6,632,524)	(5,955,054)
Advance towards share capital	1,000,000	1,000,000
Total shareholders' equity	2,617,476	2,294,946
Total liabilities, policyholders' fund and shareholders' equity	19,862,632	16,751,136

Statement of income - Shareholders

Year ended 31 December 2013

	Bahraini Dinars 2013	Bahraini Dinars 2012
Revenue		
Wakala, management and other fees	2,250,143	2,037,724
Investment income	129,268	121,079
Other income	20,985	35,300
Total revenues	2,400,396	2,194,103
Expenses		
Staff expenses	(1,253,280)	(1,049,076)
Acquisition costs	(1,035,687)	(860,778)
Other operating expenses	(723,353)	(786,378)
Depreciation	(65,546)	(66,551)
Total expenses	(3,077,866)	(2,762,783)
Net loss for the year attributable to Shareholders	(677,470)	(568,680)

Statement of policyholders' revenue and expenses - General Takaful

Year ended 31 December 2013

	Bahraini Dinars 2013	Bahraini Dinars 2012
Revenue		
Gross contributions	1,521,321	1,315,618
Re-takaful ceded	(819,929)	(948,178)
Retained contributions	701,392	367,440
Movement in unearned contributions - gross	(236,340)	66,538
Movement in unearned contributions - re-takaful	57,908	(42,092)
Net contributions earned	522,960	391,886
Retakaful commission	264	206
Reversal of provision for impaired receivables	11,702	33,222
Total general takaful revenue	534,926	425,314
Expenses		
Gross claims paid	(553,188)	(383,348)
Claims recovered from re-takaful and others	279,978	281,244
Net claims paid	(273,210)	(102,104)
Movement in outstanding claims - gross	103,587	(13,064)
Movement in outstanding claims - re-takaful	(69,524)	(15,784)
Net claims incurred	(239,147)	(130,952)
Wakala fee	(308,080)	(261,074)
Other expenses	(6,794)	(5,428)
Total general takaful expenses	(554,021)	(397,454)
(Deficit) Surplus of general takaful revenue over expenses for the year	(19,095)	27,860

Statement of policyholders' revenue and expenses - Family Takaful

Year ended 31 December 2013

	Bahraini Dinars 2013	Bahraini Dinars 2012
Revenue		
Gross contributions	4,979,094	5,096,584
Re-takaful ceded	(772,788)	(955,746)
Retained contributions	4,206,306	4,140,838
Movement in unearned contributions - gross	(207,727)	188,791
Movement in unearned contributions - re-takaful	25,051	(99,547)
Net contribution earned	4,023,630	4,230,082
Retakaful commission	14,317	29,023
Investment income	31,021	5,923
Change in fair value of investments in unit-linked contracts	64,674	222,305
Total family takaful revenue	4,133,642	4,487,333
Expenses		
Gross claims paid	(1,454,350)	(1,809,958)
Claims recovered from re-takaful and others	185,758	518,699
Net claims paid	(1,268,592)	(1,291,259)
Movement in outstanding claims - gross	(347,673)	91,846
Movement in outstanding claims - re-takaful	106,220	(13,850)
Movement in technical reserve - gross	(856,591)	(2,085,848)
Movement in technical reserve - re-takaful	37,223	287,072
Net claims incurred	(2,329,413)	(3,012,039)
Wakala fee	(1,504,438)	(1,168,866)
Other expenses	(4,775)	(18,408)
Provision for impaired receivables	(46,394)	(49,825)
Change in fair value of financial liabilities relating to unit-linked contracts	(64,674)	(222,305)
Total family takaful expense	(3,949,694)	(4,471,443)
Surplus of family takaful revenue over expenses for the year	183,948	15,890

Airport plan faces turbulence

■ The proposed new airport could be located near Fasht Al Jarim, which is off the coast of Duraz

OPPOSITIONERS of a proposed new airport want the project to be scrapped or relocated.

They say if it goes ahead at the proposed location off the northern coast of Bahrain, it could destroy more than half of the country's fisheries.

MPs plan to highlight the issue tomorrow during their weekly session, while fishermen will hold an urgent meeting to discuss potential action against the government plans.

"This means the number one fishing area in Bahrain near Fasht Al Jarim will get destroyed by at least 50 per cent depending on the area selected for reclamation," said MP Hassan Al Dossary, who is parliament's public utilities and environment affairs committee chairman.

"That area has already been affected

By MOHAMMED AL A'ALI

by reclamation work for the Northern Town and I can't believe that there is any study in the world that says reclamation is damage free.

"The government has to re-evaluate its plans.

"We will take a stand during our next session and it is ridiculous that Bahrain wants to destroy its own fishing resources with its own hands."

Earlier this month, parliament rejected plans for the second airport near Fasht Al Jarim, which is off the coast of Duraz, and instead demanded the government spend money on developing Bahrain International Airport.

Mr Al Dossary, whose constituency covers the fasht, said the government should stop spending money on unnecessary projects.

"The existing airport is fine and just needs developing, and spending money for show on the expense of fishing resources is something we don't accept," he added.

"Fasht Al Jarim has been selected because it has shallow waters and would cost less to reclaim, but in reality the costs are higher since fish supplies will drop significantly."

Bahrain Fishermen Society president Jassim Al Jeran said urbanisation was necessary, but not at the expense of marine resources.

"Fasht Al Jarim is the biggest shrimping and small fish reproduction place and is rich with coral reefs," he said.

"Reclamation in that area would change the entire marine system which will have huge consequences.

"The current water flow will be altered and that's dangerous.

"We will also be cut off from the Arabian Gulf's

fishing resources that move to this area.

"It is a shame we are going to lose it, but that's the government's call.

But, it doesn't mean we can't contest it because we will fight for the plans to be scrapped or the site changed."

The project was recommended to the Cabinet for approval by the ministerial committee for services and infrastructure last Wednesday.

The next phase will focus on preparing detailed studies including links with roads, water networks, electricity grids and the GCC railway network.

The *GDN* earlier reported that a \$900 million expansion to Bahrain International Airport will be carried out at the end of the year.

The project, which will be financed from the \$10 billion GCC aid, will help meet the requirements until work on the new airport project is completed.

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Reunion hope for assault victim

A WOMAN who was assaulted and left for dead on a beach four months ago could be reunited with her family in Indonesia next month.

Karima Medi, 35, was brutally attacked with a brick by an assailant who tried to cover up the crime by hiding her bloodied body under palm tree branches.

The attack happened at Demistan beach last November, but Ms Medi's body was spotted by passers-by who called the police.

She suffered serious head injuries and has been recovering in hospital ever since, but could soon

by ANIQA HAIDER

be deemed fit enough to make the plane journey home.

However, Indonesian diplomats must first ensure she is no longer required as a witness in the trial of her alleged attacker.

"She can talk and is giving short answers, but not a complete answer," said Indonesian Embassy consular section head Muhammad Rifqi Fikriansyah.

"I don't think she lost her memory because whenever we go to her, she immediately recognises us.

"We will check with authorities and if there is no need for her presence in Bahrain for the case, we will send her back

home immediately.

"After she is discharged from the hospital, we will move her to the embassy shelter and then send her back to Indonesia."

A man has been arrested and remanded in custody in connection with the attack on Ms Medi, a housemaid, last November.

Prosecutors claim he agreed to kill the victim for a friend, who had reportedly got her pregnant.

It is claimed the suspect in custody had sex with Ms Medi before taking her to Demistan beach, while his co-defendant followed them.

He allegedly took Ms Medi to a deserted place and hit her on the head with a brick,

while his friend, also Asian, joined in.

Prosecutors claim the men covered her with palm tree branches in an attempt to conceal their crime, thinking she was dead.

However, she survived the assault and Mr Fikriansyah said her family was desperate to see her.

"She could go home next month, but we are trying to get the power of attorney from her to follow up the case," he said.

"Her relatives are desperate to see her and it's been months since they last spoke to her.

"They call us every now and then asking us to send her back home."

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■ Ms Medi in hospital

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SUMMARY STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	As at 31 Dec 2013 BHD	As at 31 Dec 2012 BHD
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents and bank deposits	1,452,035	1,283,349
Insurance receivables	234,322	268,711
Reinsurance contracts	160,498	109,218
Other Assets	446,970	17,579
Deferred acquisition costs	14,128	53,517
Furniture, fixtures and office equipment	14,326	-
Total assets	2,322,279	1,732,374
HEAD OFFICE ACCOUNT AND LIABILITIES		
Head Office account	538,708	629,512
Total Head Office account	538,708	629,512
LIABILITIES		
Insurance liabilities	1,152,034	579,310
Deferred commission income	13,755	13,368
Trade and other payables	617,782	510,184
Total liabilities	1,783,571	1,102,862
Total Head Office account and liabilities	2,322,279	1,732,374

SUMMARY STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

	For the year ended 31 Dec 2013 BHD	For the year ended 31 Dec 2012 BHD
UNDERWRITING INCOME		
Insurance premium revenue	1,127,231	490,666
Insurance premium ceded to reinsurers – net	(297,156)	(253,062)
Net insurance premium revenue	830,075	237,604
Commission income	33,466	31,299
Other (loss)/income	(1,930)	340
Net underwriting (loss)/income	861,611	269,243
UNDERWRITING EXPENSES		
Claims incurred	(1,003,256)	(165,308)
Reinsurers' share of claims incurred	62,314	38
Commission expense	(178,228)	(45,940)
Net underwriting (loss)/income	(1,119,170)	(211,210)
Net underwriting (loss)/income	(257,559)	58,033
General and administration expenses	(323,345)	(294,444)
Loss for the year transferred to Head Office account	(580,904)	(236,411)
Total comprehensive loss for the year	(580,904)	(236,411)

Police attackers are jailed for life

A BAHRAIN court has handed out life sentences to 16 men for attacking policemen with Molotov cocktails, seriously injuring two officers.

The Bahrainis were part of a mob of 30 masked men, who poured oil on Shaikh Isa bin Salman Highway near

By NOOR ZAHRA

Al Wefaq National Islamic Society's headquarters in Bilad Al Qadeem.

They also set tyres ablaze and pelted officers with firebombs in March 2012, according to prosecutors.

They were convicted of attempted murder, arson, possessing Molotov cocktails, taking part in illegal gathering and rioting by the High Criminal Court yesterday.

Judges sentenced them to 25 years behind bars and also jailed two of their co-defendants for

10 years each because they were minors.

However, only nine of them were in police custody and the rest were sentenced in absentia.

"The defendants were found guilty due to their confessions, testimonies of prosecution witnesses and results of the investi-

gation," read court verdict documents.

"Five Molotov cocktails were found at the scene, which were used in the attack."

One of the policemen who came under attack described risking his life to save his partner.

"We saw a mob of masked men who carried tyres and Molotov cocktails near Al Wefaq," said the 24-year-old Bahraini officer in his statement to prosecutors.

"They poured oil on the highway and attacked our police vehicles with firebombs.

"Two Molotov cocktails smashed through the windows and entered our vehicle.

"I tried to get out of the car but the door wouldn't open.

"My colleague and I were both on fire so I went to the back of the car and opened the other door.

"I then carried my partner and pushed him out of the car before I jumped out myself."

Both officers suffered 20 per cent burns to their face and body, read court documents.

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Cyber experts to discuss safety issues

CYBER security experts from around the world will meet in Manama on Thursday to discuss conflict in cyberspace.

The panel discussion, called Cyber Security: Strategies in the Gulf, is being hosted by the International Institute for Strategic Studies and is the first in a series being held on the topic.

Experts including cyberspace consultant Dr John Sheldon, Baltic Defence College leadership department director Lieutenant Colonel Mike Kerttunen and Mitre Corporation international cyber lead Chris Spirito will discuss a variety of topics including cyber conflict in the Gulf and Bahrain, government and private sector remedies against cyber conflict, baseline cyber defence and security capabilities and the education and training requirements for cyber security in the workforce.

Protest against school closure

PARENTS of children studying at Al Khayrat school yesterday held a sit-in in front of the Education Ministry headquarters in Isa Town, to protest suspension of study.

The ministry has suspended work at the kindergarten to force it to abide by the ministry's safety rules and regulations.

A meeting with protesting parents was attended by Dr Huda Al Awadi, director of the kindergarten department, and two legal advisers and a representative of the Department of Public Relations and Media to clarify the reasons behind the ministry's decision.

Driver held over death of boy, 5

A BAHRAINI driver has been remanded in police custody for allegedly crushing a five-year-old boy to death in Malkiya.

Mohammed Abbas Abdulhussain was riding his tricycle when he was hit by a car at the entrance to the village at around 9.30pm on Saturday night.

The 30-year-old driver took Mohammed to the Kanoo Health Centre in Hamad Town, but he died on the way. Mohammed was buried in Malkiya cemetery yesterday in the presence of his parents, family and neighbours.

His grieving uncle Abdali Abdulhussain told the *GDN* the boy's parents were still trying to come to terms with the tragedy.

By ANIQA HAIDER

Sources confirmed the driver was taken into police custody yesterday for questioning.

A neighbour told the *GDN* he saw the driver try to avoid Mohammed seconds before the accident.

"The driver saw Mohammed coming in the middle of the road and tried hard to avoid him," he said.

"Mohammed sustained severe injuries and was bleeding.

"The driver of the car then took him to hospital to save his life, but the child died on the way.

"The child was at his aunt's house when the incident happened and everyone is in shock."



■ Mohammed ... days before the incident



■ A competition for young artists has been held for the fourth year running. More than 400 children took part in Bapco's Fourth Annual Kids Art Competition at HRH Princess Sabeeka Park, Awali, under the patronage of Bapco deputy chief executive Ebrahim Talib. Above, Children show off their creative talents.

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COMMENT

Biases versus realities...

By DR JAMES J ZOGBY
President, Arab American Institute

Western biases are not only transparently self-serving and flat-out wrong, they can also be so annoying.

As an example, a few weeks back, the *Washington Post* featured a long lament by a British intellectual suggesting that because Europe was in decline, the world was witnessing the end of liberalism. It was 19th century Europe, the author wrote, that gave birth to the liberal ideals and democracy and its attendant freedoms. And from Europe, these ideas were spread and fostered throughout the world. Today, however, with Europe's role as world mentor and civilizing agent being eclipsed by emergent regional powers in Asia, Africa and the Middle East, the writer lamented, liberalism and democracy are at risk.

On the other side of this "Europe as the cradle of civilisation" mythic construct are the equally disturbing notions that project Arabs and Muslims as coming from an inferior civilisation that is more violent, less rational, and less caring for human life. Proponents of this view are not only the scary group of professional Islamophobes. They can also be so-called intellectuals like Bernard Lewis who once described Islam as the "third totalitarian perversion" (after Nazism and Communism) and a host of media commentators who fill the airwaves with banal and bigoted observations about the Middle East and its people.

Both notions are pure nonsense. Just last week I was subjected to an overdose of this biased clap-trap at a conference on the Arab Spring. I found one speaker particularly galling as he described the Middle East region as a cauldron of hatred and an "arc of instability" that has known nothing but conflict for the past 100 years. The West has tried to help, he continued, but its support has been rejected.

There are objections galore that could be offered to counter this mindset. First and foremost is the idea that the world can be seen as populated by an enlightened West, on the one side, and a dark and turbulent East, on the other.

By my count, in the last century alone, it was Europe that was the cauldron of hatred and conflicts. Major wars and other conflicts have taken the lives of almost 100,000,000 souls. The European continent was the scene of two horrific World Wars, accompanied by genocidal campaigns against Armenians and Roma, and the barbaric effort to exterminate European Jewry. There were, in addition, several prolonged and deadly smaller conflicts in, for example, Ireland, Spain, and Yugoslavia. And to top it off, Europeans had to contend with Soviet expansionism followed by a half century of a brutally repressive Cold War.

At the same time that "enlightened Europe" was cradling liberty, major European powers were laying conquest to and establishing imperial rule over large swathes of Asia and Africa.

In this context it is important to note that the depiction of the Arabs' last century as being a "cauldron of conflicts" is most unfair, since fully one half of this period was spent fighting against imperial domination and attempting to remove the last vestiges of colonial rule. Then following the departure of the imperial power, Arabs in several countries had to contend with the distortions to their social, political, and economic life that had been imposed upon them by the Western regimes. Countries had been created out of whole cloth with borders drawn to serve the interests of the imperial power.

And so in many ways the struggles of the past half century have been an ongoing effort to undo accumulated damages inflicted on many Arab societies in the preceding half century and to construct a new political order to replace the one that had been imposed on them.

It must also be acknowledged that the Arabs are not blameless. They can continue to point the finger at others, or they can attempt to take it upon themselves to improve their lot, open their political and economic systems, and create an expansive sense of citizenship that enables them to build just and inclusive societies.

This, I believe, with all its fits and starts, is the process that is currently unfolding across the Arab World. In every country, Arabs shorn of dependency are writing their own history. For some, it will be a long and hard road.

But taking the long view, I am confident that, in the rest of this century, progress, not conflict, will be the region's next story.

Your Views ...

The withdrawal of special

Sir,
ONE of the privileges of being a Bahraini MP is acquiring a special passport. With its added benefits and privileges, travelling can be comfortable and hassle-free. The purpose of issuing special passports, however, is to allow MPs to travel for official state businesses and not for personal luxury.

Special passport holders normally travel to represent the government, defend its interests and promote its policies during the overseas stay. State affairs such as mutual economic agreements, security pacts and strengthening diplomatic ties are made on behalf of the nation.

What if the special passport holder uses the privilege to compromise state security, defame and harm the nation?

It is a thorny issue, which needs special and urgent attention to defend the interests of the country before it is too late.

The government of Bahrain has decided to return the special passports issued to former MPs who, allegedly, continue to compromise the interests of the nation and undermine its security (*GDN*, March 26).

The withdrawal of special passports from these individuals is long overdue.

Taking into consideration the extent of harm they have made to Bahrain, many Bahrainis expect the government to revoke their ordinary passports – let alone allow them to continue holding the special passports.

It is required by the law to return the special passports, when those holding them resign or terminate their terms.

We have learned that all 18 MPs who resigned following the 2011 unrest have returned their special passports. Those who failed to abide by the rule will find themselves on the wrong side of the law.

Thus, the issue will not be a mere request to return the passports but a legal process should follow for failure to return the passports on time.

Jurists need to look into the matter and the



■ An anti-Russian protester holds up a sign during a rally in Frankfurt yesterday

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offenders should be brought to justice.

Duri

I have no control over what happens in Syria, and simply wanted to express concern about giving away ducklings at a children's party.

She says that animals are treated with respect, love and care here, but I don't see how making baby animals sit around in a mall in little cages and then giving them to young

Just an opinion!

LEENA Janahi objects to my letter about her choice of party gifts (*GDN*, March 27) and tells me to worry about Syria instead.

TODAY in history

TODAY is Monday, March 31, the 90th day of 2014. There are 275 days left in the year. Highlights in history on this date:

1492 – Jews in Spain are given three months to accept Christianity or leave.

1496 – Pope Alexander VI forms Holy League with Holy Roman Empire, Spain, Venice and Milan, ostensibly to fight Turks but aimed at expelling Charles VIII of France from Italy.

1683 – Poland forms alliance with Holy Roman Empire against Turks.

1854 – US Commodore Perry makes first treaty with Japan, opening two Japanese ports to trade with outside world.

1877 – Bartle Frere is named British High Commissioner of South Africa with instructions to work toward federation.

1889 – Eiffel Tower is opened in Paris.

1905 – German Kaiser William II's visit to Tangier sets off first Moroccan crisis.

1913 – Turkey accepts recommendations of four powers for peace with Bulgaria.

1936 – Britain and France pledge to support Poland if it is invaded.

1941 – Germans launch counter-offensive in North Africa in Second World War.

1948 – US Congress passes Marshall Aid Pact for European recovery.

1966 – Prime Minister Hendrik Verwoerd's Nationalist Party wins greatest election victory in South Africa's history.

1987 – About 800 leftist guerrillas kill 43 soldiers and US military adviser in attack on major army base in El Salvador.

1990 – Thousands riot against new "poll tax" in central London, leaving 75 civilians

and 58 police injured.

1991 – Communists win in Albania's first multiparty elections, but the democratic opposition scores victories in all major cities.

1992 – The UN Security Council imposes sanctions on Libyan air traffic and arms trade.

1993 – The UN Security Council increases international pressure on Bosnian Serbs by authorising Nato warplanes to shoot down aircraft that violate a ban on flights over Bosnia.

1994 – South African president FW de Klerk declares a state of emergency and orders army into the Zulu stronghold of Natal.

1995 – A Romanian passenger jet crashes near Bucharest shortly after departing for Brussels, killing all 58 people on board.

1996 – After launching an all-night retaliatory assault on suspected guerrilla hideouts in southern Lebanon, Israel appeals to the US and Syria to help avert an escalation of the fighting.

1997 – Zairian rebels order 20,000 Rwandan refugees camped on the outskirts of Kisangani to move south, and relief workers begin the arduous transfer.

1998 – The UN Security Council imposes an arms embargo on Yugoslavia to press the government to grant concessions to ethnic Albanians in the troubled Kosovo province.

1999 – Three US soldiers patrolling the border in Macedonia are abducted by Yugoslav troops while expulsions of civilians

go on in Kosovo, and Nato aircraft bomb Yugoslavia.

2000 – Japan's Mount Usu volcano erupts, spewing hot rocks, gas and ash over the snowy countryside of the country's northernmost main island. Some 16,000 people are forced to evacuate; no injuries are reported.

2001 – Four gay couples exchange rings and vows at City Hall, the first of hundreds planning to wed under a new Dutch law allowing same-sex marriages.

2003 – About 10,000 Bosnian Muslims gather near the town of Potocari to bury the first 600 victims of the 1995 Srebrenica massacre. The bodies were among the first remains to be identified among the estimated 8,000 Muslim men and boys executed by Serb forces and hidden in 60 mass graves.

2005 – Three Americans jailed in Kabul for torturing Afghans as part of a freelance hunt for terrorists win shorter sentences from an appeals court, but fail to persuade the judges to overturn their convictions.

2006 – Three strong earthquakes and several aftershocks reduce villages to rubble in western Iran, killing at least 70 people and injuring about 1,200 others.

2007 – A US military tribunal sentences Australian David Hicks to nine months in prison after he pleaded guilty to supporting terrorism – in the first conviction at a US war-crimes trial since the Second World War.

2008 – Chinese president Hu Jintao presides over the re-lighting of the Olympic

torch in the host city, Beijing, signalling the start of an around-the-world torch relay that already has become a magnet for protesters.

2009 – Benjamin Netanyahu, taking office as Israel's new leader, promises to seek "full peace" with the Arab and Muslim world, but refuses to utter the words the world was waiting to hear: "Palestinian state."

2010 – A Chechen militant claims responsibility for the deadly attacks on the Moscow subway in an Internet message, hours after two more suicide bombers strike southern Russia in brazen defiance of Prime Minister Vladimir Putin.

2011 – Italy ships more than 2,000 migrants to detention camps on its mainland, relieving pressure on a tiny island off Sicily which has been overwhelmed by a relentless stream of boats full of illegal arrivals from North African shores.

2012 – Syria rejects international envoy Kofi Annan's call for the regime to halt violence first just days after the government agrees to a cease-fire plan.

2013 – Timbuktu is hit by a prolonged battle between Islamic extremists linked to Al Qaeda and the Malian and French armies.

WHAT THEY SAID

ONE cannot conceive anything so strange and so implausible that it has not already been said by one philosopher or another – Rene Descartes, French philosopher (1596-1650).



A chance to have your say...

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passports is long overdue

DON'T BE FOOLED...

AS Ukraine builds tank traps along its eastern border, excitable pundits speak of new Iron Curtain falling across Europe. At the very least a new question hangs over the continent, to which no Western leader knows the answer. It is the question of what Vladimir Putin will do next.

Putin may intend merely to consolidate his gains in Crimea and disrupt Ukraine's election campaign to create a rationale for refusing to recognise its result.

Or he may actually be thinking of using the 30,000 soldiers he has mustered along Russia's southwestern frontier.

There are several possible pretexts. These include the "protection" of ethnic Russians in eastern Ukraine; the establishment of a northern supply route to Crimea; and the pleas of Transnistria's Russian majority to be allowed to follow Crimea back into the Russian Federation. The chances of further Russian military action are slim, but a poorly defended Ukraine is entering a period of existential danger.

Russian and world markets have recovered lost ground sensing that the worst of the crisis might have passed. It may be yet to come.

Ukrainians have fought for independence since 1991 and have ample reason to fear Putin will not stop with Crimea. He has never been more popular at home and will be sorely tempted to repeat the coup that brought him tumultuous ovations in the Kremlin this month.

He is likely to reject the outcome of the forthcoming election, however free and fair, but it is essential that he be denied any plausible ground for doing so.

The announcement of a robust European monitoring mission is a good start. But the West should be under no illusions: Facing a new Tsar bent on reassembling Russia's empire, Ukraine will need support for years to come.

HG



children is doing that.

I agree with her that it is good for children to have pets and learn to be merciful and kind to them, but not everyone can care for a duck properly, so it should be a choice rather than receiving one as a party gift.

I am sorry if I came across as judgmental, but I was just expressing my opinion about something I had not seen before.

Valerie Bamber

Great description!

WHAT a wonderful commentary by J. Webb in which he has defined President Barack Obama to a T and done so in a straightforward and whimsical manner.

Leadership under this president has been, virtually, non-existent and nary a day goes by that he does not stumble upon his own words as he walks backwards over them.

He will go down in history as absolutely the worst president the US has ever freely elected.

Doug Spaulding

Leadership weak

AS an American citizen here in Bahrain for 15 years, I was glad to see the article on the front page of Saturday's paper. In all these years here, he is the first ambassador to be disliked so much, but I'm thinking it's partly because of our president.

Our leadership has fallen very short in the last five years.

Georgia

Reddish dwarf

FIRST there were nine planets. Then there were eight. Now there could be thousands.

In a startling demonstration of the notion that the more you know, the less you know, astronomers in Chile and Hawaii have discovered a new planet-like body so far away that

it reflects none of the Sun's light, but close enough to orbit around it.

It is called, provisionally, 2012VP113. It's solid, spherical and 280 miles across. It may never qualify for full planet status in the eyes of the International Astronomical Union (IAU), because it's smaller than Pluto, and the IAU has scandalously down-graded Pluto to a mere plutino.

But it may be a clue to the existence of something else so huge that it will one day replace Pluto as an indubitable planet.

Three mysteries make 2012VP113 more exciting than a mere lump in space.

The first is easily resolved. Why has it taken so long to find, given that we can see stars hundreds of times farther away?

The answer: it is not a star and so emits no light. It has been shadowing us for aeons like a perfect spy; invisible until spotted by a "dark energy camera" attached to a telescope miles

up in the Andes.

The second mystery concerns its location. According to now-outdated wisdom about the formation of the Solar System, there should be nothing this big this far beyond the plutinos.

Scientists did not think there was the matter there to form it.

The third mystery could solve the second: If the sun is dragging 2012VP113 towards one end of its strange, elongated orbit, is another giant dragging it towards the other?

"There needs to be something else out there," one of those who found this "slightly reddish" mini-planet says.

But if not, what happened to it?

This we do know: Our "new" neighbour isn't new and could be one of thousands in a vast cloud encircling the Sun. Heaven help the IAU's naming committee. Suggestion: Outsource the job to the stargazing public.

Star gazer

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Turning a blind eye

COULD those in charge of designating 'No parking' zones define what this really means.

In Juffair, directly across from the Demo restaurant and the taxi stand, 'No Parking' signs have been posted very clearly; but on a daily basis you can find up to 20 vehicles parked between these two signs, day and night.

The vehicles park in such a manner that they block one of the two lanes on this road, thus forcing vehicles to use the pavement in front of the buildings to get up and down the road. Police patrol units pass this area at least on a weekly basis.

Yet, not one vehicle has received a ticket or has been removed for impeding the flow of traffic.

This has been going on for a considerable amount of time, but it is about time someone in charge took the initiative to enforce the no-parking law and clear this road so it can be used as a two-lane road.

Furu

HOROSCOPE

By Patrick Arundell



Aries March 21st - April 20th

As you burst into this new week, the buoyancy generated by the New Moon in your sign yesterday is still very much to the fore. With Uranus lending support, this can see you deciding to turn over a new leaf, start afresh, or challenge your own comfort zone. If things have got rather too same, this is a fine time to break out.

Taurus April 21st - May 21st

The sense of restlessness that has been so powerful for so long now in your situation, shows no sign of abating. Yet, it's going to be important not to change things for change's sake. With Jupiter encouraging you to think of new ideas and discuss options, remain open, but also be conscious of what your inner voice is telling you.

Gemini May 22nd - June 21st

A dazzling new friendship or circle of people could prove to be very attractive. But not all that sparkles is necessarily as good as a deeper level. However much you like these people, try not to put them on a pedestal. The desire to spend money can also be strong at this time, but once more, try not to be too reckless with your resources.

Cancer June 22nd - July 23rd

Your ambitions can run high at the present time, and it doesn't really matter what these are, as they can be as unique to you as the next person. However, you may find yourself contemplating a more daring approach to life. This could see you considering self-employment, or a role in a more testing work place or sector.

Leo July 24th - August 23rd

Information can come to you in quite a few nuanced ways. Some of this can be straightforward, through texts, emails and conversation. Yet equally, you can find yourself soaking up things which are unspoken, and be much more sensitive to your environment in general. Try not to overload yourself with too much stimuli.

Virgo August 24th - September 23rd

Avoid get-rich-quick schemes like the plague. Someone may try to enthrone you about the potential for an idea, and it may sound very promising. Yet, your best bet would be to watch how this goes for them, before deciding what to do. There's part of you that could be tempted to throw caution to the wind, which does need handling.

Libra September 24th - October 23rd

You might find yourself getting together with one key person, and this can see each of you bringing different skills, talents and energies to the partnership, and you can have high hopes between you. If your relationship sector has been becalmed, you can also be determined to bring extra spark and devilment to bear. Go for it!

Scorpio October 24th - November 22nd

You could find yourself being almost too conscientious. This may seem a strange thing to say, but there's part of you that may want to refresh some quite mundane areas of your everyday existence, and this can see you pitching in with verve to do this. But in doing so, you can almost try to do too much. Try to resist the temptation.

Sagittarius November 23rd - December 21st

If your love life could euphemistically be said to be fluid, there may be more of this in the next few days. The thing you crave, apart from maintaining your personal freedom, is a sense of spark and excitement. This could lead you into some hasty moves around your love life. If you have a basically solid tie in your world, treasure it.

Capricorn December 22nd - January 20th

Something could be changing around you. It may relate to your own mood, and how this impacts on others' you share space with, or people may be coming and going, probably more at home, but perhaps even at work. Other people's restlessness can impact on your peace of mind and vice versa. Home alterations can also beckon.

Aquarius January 21st - February 19th

Your situation crackles with cosmic electricity. Fanciful? Well, perhaps, but this can be one of those days, or even weeks, when you really dazzle people with the quality of your ideas, quick wit, and ability to stay one step ahead of the game. Yet equally, you need to pace yourself, or your nervous system will soon get overwrought.

Pisces February 20th - March 20th

You may find yourself pooling resources with a relative or close friend. This could see you come up with some ingenious ideas. Some of these could be linked to property development or improvement, or just buying and selling from the comfort of your home on the Internet. Don't underestimate how well you could do, Pisces.

What's on in Bahrain

SPECIAL EVENTS

Turkish Festival, Mövenpick Hotel, Muharraq, 7pm. Call 17460000

Meriels Paintings and Fared Buquais Exhibition, Hnd Gallery, Muharraq. Call 17325121.

Five Hundred Years of Islamic Calligraphy, Bahrain National Museum, organised by the Ministry of Culture. 8am-8pm.

DANCE

Pilates, Ballare School of Performing Arts, Saar, 8.30am-9.30am; hatha yoga and zumba, 9.30am-10.30am; IDTA ballet primary, twinkle toes, 3.30pm-4.15pm; IDTA ballet grade 2, twinkle toes (45 minutes), break dancing (ages 5-10 years), 4.30pm-5.30pm; hip hop (ages 6-10 years), urban ballet, company class, 5.30pm-6.30pm; hip hop (ages 11+ years), adult street dance (21+ years), tribal fusion belly dance, 6.30pm-7.30pm; salsa, 7.30pm-8.30pm. Piano lessons. Call 17300021 for information.

Classes for all ages, Victoria Dance, Hamala and Umm Al Hassam - ballet, tap, modern jazz, hip hop, break dance, contemporary, stretch, combat, bokwa, river dance, singing, guitar, piano, musical theatre, dance fusion. Call 39876215 for more information.

Bahrain Ballet Centre, Budaiya, pre-primary ballet, 3.45pm-4.30pm, grade three modern, 4.30pm-5.30pm, grade four ballet, 5.30pm-6.30pm, adult ballet, 6.30pm-8pm. Call 17693232 for more information.

Dance classes, Harmony Music Gate, hip-hop, jazz, contemporary, musical instruments classes, karate classes and art classes, 9am-7pm. Call 13622112 or 36464360 for more information.

Bollywood dance classes, Bollywood Steps, Ramli Mall second floor, behind Sharaf DG, next to Al Gosabi gym, 10am-9pm. Call 39323453 for more information.

CULTURE, ARTS AND CRAFTS

BSB Academy of Performing Arts, Hamala, individual classes in piano, violin, viola, cello, guitar, bass, voice, flute, clarinet, oboe, bassoon, trumpet, trombone and French horn and group classes in music theory, voice, speech and drama, Afro-Arabic drumming and exploring instruments course. Group classes - little voices, LAMDA speech and drama, exploring instruments, mini music makers, junior percussion, drum circle, vocalzone, twinkle toes and musical mayhem. Visit www.facebook.com/AcademyOfPerformingArtsBSB or call 17610943

Tourist and Leisure Attractions

Sightseeing and city tours in Bahrain, Aradous tours, 8am-1pm and 4pm-7pm. E-mail Aradous.tours@gmail.com or call 17234417 or 36788001 for more information.

Full and half day sightseeing tours of Bahrain, Farhat International Tours and Travels, Manama, 9am-5pm. Call 36313142 or 17216411.

Wahoo! water park (heated to 30 degrees), Bahrain City Centre Mall, Seef, opens 11am. Entry BD11 for those over 1.2m in height, BD7 for those under 1.2m in height, BD4 for children under three. Visit www.wahoo.com.bh or call 17173000 or for the weekly schedule.

Al Areen Wildlife Park and Reserve, 9am-4pm. Call 17845444.

Dar An-Naft (Bapco's Oil Museum). Call 17753257 or 17753822 to arrange visits.

National Industries exhibition, Commerce and Industry Ministry, Seef, 7.30am-2pm. Call 17564170 or 17564171.

Ahmad Al Fateh Mosque (Grand Mosque) visit programme, every 30 minutes from 9am-3.30pm. Visits are put on hold during prayer times. No prior appointments needed unless big groups or special arrangements are required. Call Farahat Al Kindy on 17727773, 39734440 or fax 17729695.

Shaikh Ebrahim Bin Mohammed Al Khalifa Centre for Culture and Research, Muharraq, 8am-1pm and 4pm-7pm. Call 17322549.

Mohammed Bin Faris Music House, Muharraq, 8am-1pm and 4pm-7pm. Call 17322549 or 36619038.

Al Jasra Handicrafts Centre, Jasra Village, near the late Amir Shaikh Isa bin Salman Al Khalifa's birthplace, 7am-2pm. Call 17611900.

Full and half-day tours of Bahrain, 8am onwards. Call 36654246 or 77080111.

or 17610973 for more information.

Albareh Art Gallery, Adliya, 9am-5pm. Call 17717707.

Drawing and painting classes for adults and children, L'Atelier Art Lounge, Country Mall, Budaiya, 10am-7pm. Call 17599030.

Group and individual art and design classes for adults at artist Marianne Pasman's private gallery, Saar. Call 39922642 for appointments.

Children's scrapbooking and papercraft classes, Celebrations for Art, Budaiya, 4pm-6pm, card-making for adults, 9.30am-12.30pm, 3.30pm-5.30pm. Call 17595791.

Studio Ceramics, off Budaiya Highway, 9.30am-6pm, drop in for painting, book for special crafts, summer school camp, and birthday parties. Call 17599026 to book. www.studioceramics.me

Art classes for adults, teens and children by Alexandra Novik, Palitra Studio. Visit <http://jemnovik.wix.com/palitra> for more information.

Art classes on how to recycle household waste into art, The Green Scene, Hoora. Call Vrushali on 33839227 for more information.

Craft Centre Gallery and workshop, Isa Al Kabir Avenue, opposite Police Fort, Manama, 8am-1.30pm. Call 17254688.

Exhibition - 'In Dialogue', The Waterline Gallery, Bahrain Financial Harbour, 10am-7pm. Call 17102600 for more information.

Studio Ceramics, paint your own pottery, Budaiya. Visit www.studioceramics.me

Oil painting, pastels and watercolour classes, Ella Art Gallery, Adliya, 9am-1.30pm and 3pm-7pm. Call 17292815 or 39073299.

Saudi artist Faisal Samra's private gallery, House 64, Road 4102, Block 341, Juffair. Open to the public by appointment only. Call Mr Samra on 39645994.

Creative classes by Art Lounge with Marion, Yathreb Garden, house number 4, opposite Saar Music Centre, Saar. E-mail artlounge08@gmail.com to register or call 39212060 for more information.

Permanent stamps exhibition, Postal Directorate, Transportation Ministry, 8am-2pm. Call 17523403.

Rashid Al Oraifi Museum, Building 374, Road 214, Muharraq 202, 8am-1pm and 4pm-8pm. Call 17335616.

Saar Islamic Centre Mosque, by prior appointment only. Call 17727773 or fax 17729695.

Learn Hindustani classical and light music from qualified singer. Call 36401744 for more information.

SPORTS, FITNESS AND WELL-BEING

Thalassotherapy treatments, Thalassa Sea and Spa at Sofitel Bahrain, Zallaq, physiotherapy and aqua bike. Call 17636391 for reservations or more information on Thalassa sea and spa packages.

Tribal Fitness, group and personal training, Bahrain-wide. Call Craig on 39473710.

Royal Country Club fitness classes, Riffa Views, extreme fitness (mixed), 10am; pilates (mixed), 5.30pm; zumba (women only), 7pm. Junior classes - modern dance (5-9 years), 3.15pm; hip hop dance (9-12 years), 4pm; modern dance (10+ years), 4.45pm. Personal training and private swimming lessons are available by prior appointment. Call 17750777 to register for a class.

Fitness Classes, Step Up gym, Muharraq, men's timings 7am-9am, 12noon-1am, women's timing 9am-6pm, Women's aerobics, 9.30am-10.30am and 4.30pm-5.30pm, belly dance class, 3.30pm-4.30pm. Call 17343348.

The first Cross Fit gym in Bahrain, Extreme Fitness EXFIT, Barbar, 4.30pm, 5.30pm, 6.30pm, 7.30pm and 8.30pm. Call 39533130 for more information.

Personalised fitness programmes, group exercise classes, yoga, zumba, personal training, Fitness First Bahrain, Call Bahrain World Trade Centre on 17131499 and Oasis Centre, East Riffa (women only) on 17620005 for membership and more information.

Fitness classes, Oxygen Gym, Budaiya, O2 Hour of Power (Mixed) 6.15am - 7.15am, Zumba (Ladies Only) 9am - 10am, O2 Boot Camp (Ladies Only) 10am - 11am Taekwondo (Children) 4pm - 5pm Zumba (Ladies Only) 5pm - 6pm Karate (Children and Mixed) 6pm - 7pm and 7pm - 8pm. Call 17616165 in advance to book.

Kombatt predator, Latin Dance Studio, Oxygen Gym, Budaiya, 11.30am, teenage predator academy (kids classes), 5pm. Call 33889821 or e-mail latin.dance.studio@hotmail.com for more information.

Therapeutic, relaxation and rejuvenation massages, herbal facial, panchakarma procedures, consultation with Ayurveda physicians and Ayurvedic medicines, Vaidyaratnam Ayurvedic Health Centre, Riffa, 9am-1pm and 4pm-9pm. New centre opened at Mahooz. Call Riffa branch on 17228877 or 39912777 and Mahooz branch on 17268080 for more information.

Herbal massage, Yas Body Care, Riffa, 9am-11pm. Call 17491958 or 39776882.



City Walkers Club, Bahrain City Centre, Seef, 9am-10am. Call 17177777.

Sharon's fitness boot camp classes, The Studio, Hamala, morning classes (women only), evening classes (women and mixed). Private group training also offered. Call 66385537 for more information.

Exercise classes, Life-Fit Fitness Centre, Budaiya, tai chi (mixed), 6.15am; zumba (women only), 8.45am; pilates (women only), 9.45am; tae kwondo kids, 4.30pm; box-fit (mixed), 5.30pm; belly dance fit (women only), 6.30pm. Spa Beauty for facial massage and body treatments, 9am-3pm. Call 17692424 or 33001261.

Personal training, massage treatments and swimming lessons for all ages, Sheraton Fitness, Sheraton Bahrain Hotel, 6am-10pm. Visit www.sheratonbahrain.com or call 17524570.

Pilates private classes for women, Saar, 9am to 6pm. All classes are scheduled by appointment only. Call 39611396 for more information.

Co-active coaching for organisations, transition, parenting, stress, study and work ethics, re-branding yourself, fulfilment and networking. Psychometric profiling and university applications (interviews/selection/personal statements/essays) available in addition to study skills, presentation and networking skills and academic writing workshops. Fully qualified and experienced staff. Call 38442727 or 17590137.

Yoga, Telegu Kala Samithi, Adliya, 10am-11am and 7pm-8pm. Call 39881232.

Karate Classes, Karate do Academy, Futureshape, Garden City, Budaiya, beginners 4.45pm, coloured belts, 5.30pm, advanced belts, 6.45pm. Training with

resident black belt sixth Dan Sensei Amr Mouwad. Visit www.bkabahrain.com or call 17591237 or 36657059 for more information.

Taekwondo after school classes for boys and girls over three years old, Albanna Taekwondo Center, Juffair, 5.30pm-9.30pm. Call 36668390.

Bosu with Stott Pilates instructor trainer and yoga teacher Roberta Trzebinski, Studio RCT, Orchid's Dream, Sanabis, 8.45am, Bosu, 6pm. Call 39445816.

Women's fitness training classes, Yahoo Health Club, Middle East Hotel, Manama, 10am, 2pm and 7pm. Al Namal Building, 5am-11.30pm. Call 39079142 or 17251777.

Pool and snooker coaching with European Billiard and Snooker Association (EBSA) master coach, 12.30pm - midnight. Call 39778367 for location.

Women's fitness programme, Curves Women's Fitness Centre, Budaiya, 7.30am-1pm and 3pm-7.30pm. Call 17691496.

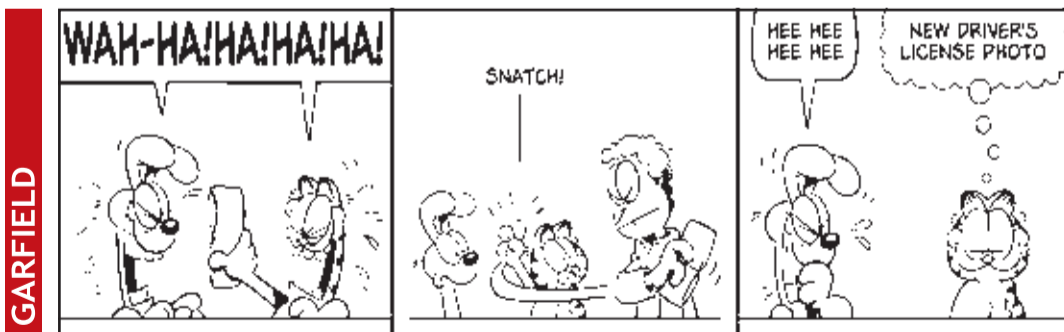
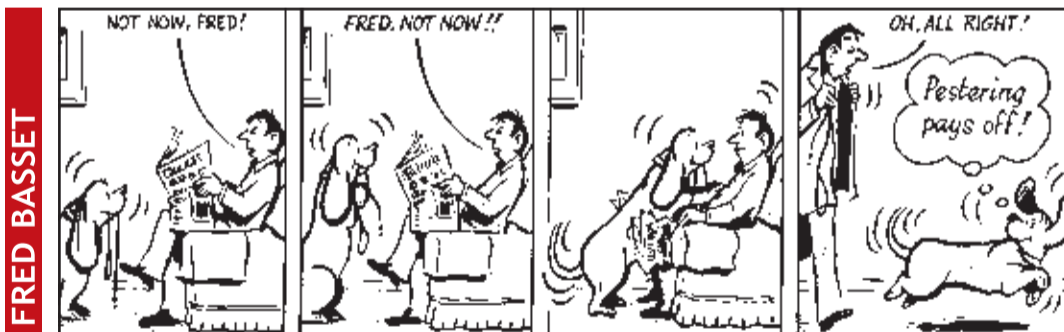
Brain Gym and Kinesiology for children with learning and behavioural difficulties and adults with stress, Brain Body Dynamics, Budaiya, 9am-5pm. Call 17592661 or 39246544.

Aqua aerobics, yoga, step, sculpt, spinning, pilates, bums and tums, belly dance classes, Bodyline, Saar, 7.30am-9pm. Call 17793932.

Pilates, La Fontaine Centre of Contemporary Art, 9am-6.30pm. Visit www.lafontaineartcentre.net, e-mail info@lafontaineartcentre.net or call 17230123 for more information.

Squash coaching by Hussain Al Thawadi. Call

TAKE A BREAK...



Quick Quiz

- Who was U.S. President Bill Clinton's Vice-president?
- What is the name of Prime Minister David Cameron's QC brother?
- In which UK city is the Clifton suspension bridge?
- Where in the body is the 'newly discovered' anterolateral ligament?
- The Tonka trade name is most closely associated with which type of toy vehicle?

ANSWERS

- 5 Trucks
- 4 The knee
- 3 Bristol
- 2 Alexander
- 1 Al Gore

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LEVEL: ★★★★★

Sudoku

Yesterday's solution

How to play Fill the grid so that every row, every column and every 3X3 box contains the digits 1-9. There's no maths involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic

8	7	1	2	5	3	9	6	4
4	3	5	7	9	6	2	8	1
2	6	9	1	8	4	7	3	5
5	4	7	3	6	1	8	9	2
1	9	2	5	7	8	3	4	6
6	8	3	9	4	2	1	5	7
3	2	8	6	1	5	4	7	9
7	5	4	8	2	9	6	1	3
9	1	6	4	3	7	5	2	8

Today's best guide to leisure, activities, clubs and events...



36309124.
Career coaching, executive coaching and life coaching, 9am-5pm. Call 36199980, 17532451.

Cupping, Joz Spa, Juffair, 10am-11pm, Spa, 10am-11pm. Call 17369133.

Bellacura Beauty Lounge and Salon, Juffair, 9am-9pm. Call 17364955 or 36614814.

Yoga, Profile Fitness Centre, Adliya, 5pm. Call 17727766.

Sharon's fitness boot camp classes, The Studio, Hamala, morning classes 9.30am, evening classes 5pm (women and mixed). Private group training also offered. Call 66385537 for more information.

Aerobics, Ezfit Sports Complex, Budaiya, 10.30am-11.30am, 4.30pm-5.30pm, 6.30pm-7.30pm. Call or 17692378.

Corniche beach class, Bahrain Tai chi and Wushu Centre, Juffair, 6.30am, taichi beginners, 7pm, advanced, 8pm. Call 36437931.

Therapeutic and relaxation massage, Indian Ayurvedic Medical Centre, Mahooz, 8am-11pm, free consultation, 8am-1pm and 4pm-9pm. Call 17722060 or 17720780.

Certified Shotokan karate classes, Japan Karate Association, Habitat Business Centre (across the street from Al-Jazeera supermarket), Budaiya. Children's classes, 5pm-6pm and adult classes, 6pm-7pm. Visit www.jka-bahrain.com or call 38886930 for more information.

Tae kwon do, kickboxing and Khandokwan classes, with Master Ashraf Ali Ghansar, Al Hala Club, Muharraq, 7pm onwards. Call 36559930.

Walk in meditation, free daily meditation course, Bahrain Meditation Centre, Adliya, 7pm-7.30pm. Call 17712545.

Health Club, Dessange, Adliya, 6am-10pm, Spa, 9am-9pm, Salon 9am-10pm. Call 17713999.

Asian traditional massages and beauty treatment specialising in couple's treatment, Sherry Spa, Beauty and Massage Centre, Al Mabrukah Building, Juffair, 10am-10pm. Call 17824070.

Therapeutic massage, hand and foot reflexology; bamboo massage - free demonstration. Call 39015776 for location in East Riffa.

Bahrain Hash House Harriers, call

Clubs and Societies

Activities, British Club, Umm Al Hassam, Yoga, 8.30am-9.30am (for members and guests); circuits, 9am-10am (for members and guests); mah jong, 10am (for members and guests); library, 12noon-7pm (members only); tai kwon do for juniors, 4.30pm-6pm (for members and guests); tai kwon do for adults, 6.15pm-8pm (for members and guests); junior netball, 5pm-6pm (for members only); tennis section, 6pm-8pm (ladies social - for members and guests); aqua fitness, 6pm-6.45pm (for members and guests); squash section, 6pm-8.40pm (for members and guests); bridge, 7pm-10pm (for members and guests). Call 17728245 for more information.

The American Women's Association (AWA) is a non-profitable organisation with an active member base consisting of a variety of nationalities. Visit www.awabahrain.org for more information on becoming a member and being part of a vibrant group of women.

The Association Francophone de Bahrain (AFBH) is a non-profitable organisation consisting of members of all nationalities, whose common interest is use and practice of the French language through a large number of morning and evening activities. Visit www.afbh.net or call 33403763 to become a member or for more information.

Cinematic Dance Classes, 7pm-8pm, Kerala Catholic Association (KCA), Segaiya. Call 39300835.

Laughter Yoga Classes for members by certified Laughter Yoga teacher K M Thomas, Telugu Kala Samithi Bahrain (TKS),

Adliya, every second and fourth Monday, 7pm to 8pm. Interested members call TKS general secretary S B Naidu on 39227021 or the Laughter Yoga coordinator Kanti Rama Rao on 33675789 for more information and registration.

Cooking and culinary classes for all cuisines for students, housewives and housemaids, Bahrain Institute of Hospitality and Retail, Barbar, 8am-1pm and 3pm-7pm. Call 17698726 or 36405506.

Keyboard, guitar, tabla, drums, violin, light and Carnatic music, drawing and painting, clay modelling, cinematic and classical dance, karate, yoga and chess classes, Kalabhavan music and arts training centre, Adliya, 4pm-8pm. Call 17717271 or 17717017.

The Heavenly Feast (Kottayam) prayer meeting, A M Hall, St Christopher's Cathedral, Manama, 7pm. Call 39132429 for directions.

Children's classes, My Gym children's fitness centre, Seef, zumba, 9.30am-10.30am; waddlers, 10.30am-11.30am; playdate, 11.45am-12.45pm; terrific tots, 3.45pm-4.45pm; whiz kids, 5pm-6pm. Call 17566566.

Children's gymnastics, swimming, sports, arts and crafts, Children's Health Academy of Specialised Sports (CHA-SS), Budaiya, 9am-5pm. Call 17592096.

Jewellery making workshops, 8 Mansions, Country Mall, Budaiya, 10.30am-11.30am and 4.30pm-5.30pm. Call 39040056 or 17594575.

Bahrain Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (BSPCA) sanctuary, Askar, 9am-5pm. Those interested in adopting pets, walking dogs or volunteering. Call 17591231. Rescued animals will be accepted 24-hours-a-day.

Alcoholics Anonymous, Sacred Heart Church, social service unit, 7.00pm-8.30pm. Call 39434200 or 17530020.

Alanon meeting, American Mission Hospital, 7.30pm. Call 39446440 or 17530020.

Library, Dilmun Club, Saar, 9am-12.45pm, ladies canasta, 10am, Dilmun Divers meet, 7.30pm. Call 17690926.

Tony the Dogfather and CSBPA relocated animal rescue centre in Saar. Call 39629889 or 33363352 for more information on rescuing, sponsoring, adopting, walking, volunteering or donations.

Party Bridge Club, male/female, partners/singles. Call Graham. Nugent@MANDEV.co

Chess classes, group and personal training, by international chess master. Call 33266677 for directions and information.

17862620 for time and location.

Therapeutic and general yoga classes for women, Bahrain Wellness Resort, Janabiya. Mixed classes and group pickups available. Call 17795961 or 39265903.

Relaxation massage, Al Shafi Alternative Medicine Centre, Janabiya, 8am-8pm. Call 17610096 or 17610097 for appointments.

Training and treatment in Yoga, Pranik healing and Reiki. Bahrain Yoga Therapy and Fitness Centre, Juffair, 6am-10am and 4pm-8pm. Call 17725027.

Personality and ability assessments to identify and measure critical skills for success in work and life. Call 39407129 between 6pm-9pm for location in Saar.

Classes, Ramee International Hotel, RJS Health Club, Juffair - power yoga, aerobics, pilates, circuit training, step training, pranayam and meditation weight loss class (women only), 11am and 6pm; Mixed weight loss class, 7pm. Call Bijan on 36270302 or e-mail rjh@rameehotelsbahrain.com

Classes, Ramee suites-3, Hooraa - yoga, kriya yoga, yog nidra and shatkrama for chronic ailments as obesity, BP, arthritis, cholesterol and stress free lifestyle (women only), 7.30pm-8.30pm, 6.30am-

9am, 6.45pm-7.30pm (mixed). Call Manoj on 34375102.

Personal Performance coaching, special techniques to guide you in the right direction to co-create the life you desire. Call 36696666 for directions.

Life and executive coaching - enhance your personal and professional effectiveness; increase your productivity and life fulfillment. Call 38889796 for more information.

Training and treatment in Yoga, Reiki and Pranik healing, Bayoga, Juffair, 6am-10am and 4pm-8pm. Call 17725027.

Ladies and mixed yoga classes, yoga therapy by trained Indian instructor, near Bahrain School, old Juffair. Call 36139134, 38804369.

Karate, judo, kung fu, wrestling and 18 different kinds of freestyle martial arts, taught by fifth Dan black belt instructor, Pakistan Club, Manama. Children - 7pm-8.30pm, adults - 8.30pm-10pm. Special self-defence classes for women. Call 33960492, 39262904 or 36679513 for more information.

Dragon Kung-Fu training, the old Indian physical academy, Manama, 7.30pm-

10pm. Call 39756307 for more information.

Crossfit classes, Exfit Gym, Huda Palms, Barbar, 6.30am-7.30am, 4.30pm-5.30pm, 5.30pm-6.30pm, 6.30pm-7.30pm, and 7.30pm-8.30pm. Core strength and conditioning programme based on cardiovascular, stamina, flexibility, power, speed, coordination, agility, balance and accuracy. Free body fat analysis and nutritional advice. Call 39533130.

Instant Stress reduction techniques to overcome work pressure from home or office at a rapid speed, Gudaibiya, 6pm to 10pm. Call 33520620 for more information.

The physiotherapy centre offers home services and physio centre, with latest techniques treatment, 9am-12.30pm and 4pm-8pm. Call 17722012 for appointments.

Executive speech coaching - get laughs, applause and your message across, 4pm-8pm. Book free 20 minutes coaching session. Visit 3DSpeaking.com or call 3777784 for more information.

CLASSES

Bambini Club, The Children's House Montessori Nursery School, Janabiya. Languatots French (0-7 years), languatots Arabic (0-7

years), taekwondo (4-9 years), once upon a story time (0-5 years). E-mail info@thechildrenshousebahrain.com or call 17699844 for more information.

Cognitive training for struggling learners, ADHD/ADD, dyslexia, autism, dyscalculia, dysgraphia, career adults, college students, senior adults and those with traumatic brain injury, Neural Mind Spark, Seef. Visit www.neuralmindspark.com or call 36652314 for more information.

Morning and evening Spanish classes, intensive courses, workshops, Shaikh Ebrahim Centre Bin Mohammed Al Khalifa Centre for Culture and Research, Muharraq. Call 38396273.

Certified Professional Practitioner courses with the International Institute for Personal and Professional Transformations including Diplomas in Clinical Hypnotherapy and Psychotherapy, Counseling, NLP, CBT, EFT and Meridian Therapy, Biofeedback, Breathing Therapy, Accelerated Learning for Adults and Children. Call 39667623.

English, Arabic, French, Spanish, Italian, German, Farsi, Japanese and Chinese classes, Berlitz Language Centre, Budaiya, 8am-8pm. Call 17827847.

Kindermusik, Sillybilly Activities, Ballet and Monkeynastix course for three to five-year-olds, Bright Beginnings, Adliya, 4pm-6pm. Call 17710405.

English, Maths, Latin, Creative Writing up to GCSE and AS Level, UK Common Entrance 11+ 13+ exam preparation for individuals and groups by graduate tutors at Oxford or Cambridge University level, IDRIS Tuition, Budaiya. Personal statements for school and university entrance, exam technique and interview practice. Call 33771234.

General English and ESP classes, Cambridge IGCSE/A Level, spoken and standard Arabic for Expats, IELTS/TOEFL/SAT preparation, writing courses, business studies and computer applications, dissertation and thesis advising and editing, and private tuition for university and school subjects. Gulf International Institute, Exhibition Avenue. Call 17290209 8am to 1pm and 4pm to 8:30 pm.

General English language courses, TOEFL, SAT, GRE, GMAT preparation, young learners and adults language classes, American Cultural and Educational Centre, Juffair, 8am-9pm. Call 17729997.

English courses for young learners and adults, Arabic, French, Spanish and German, Lingo-Ease language Centre, Al Nasir Garden, Budaiya and Juffair, 9am-8pm. Group classes and private tutoring for all ages. Call 17590895 or 39102997 for more information.

English language communication skills classes for adults, e-mail writing, business writing workshops, The Conversation Centre, Seef. Call 39067062 for timing.

Alliance Francaise de Bahrain library and resource centre, Isa Town, 9am-1pm and 3pm-7pm. Call 17683295.

British Council, Khamis, 8.30am-7.30pm. Call 17261555.

English courses (Grades K-12) reading, writing, Math, SAT, Arabic courses reading, writing, Math (K-12), Arabic conversation for adults, Sylvan Learning, 10am-7pm. Call Seha branch on 17400227 and Juffair branch on 17811227.

Learn Arabic in 48 hours with a private tutor. Call 34186689 or visit www.ispeakarabic-too.com for more information.

Tajweed and Islamic Studies classes for girls and ladies, Dar Alarqum for Quranic Studies for Non Arabs, Saar. E-mail alarqum@batelco.com.bh or call 17794236 or 33909571 for more information.

French Tutor for all levels and TCF, TEF, DELF, B1 and B2. Teaching French as a Foreign Language. Call 38329388.

Study Excellence programme for school children. Powerful motivational and individual sessions, teaching skills and tools needed for school studies. Call DS Dev on 38800265.



Cryptic

- ACROSS**
- Follow a beastly course? (5)
 - March 10th, it appears, will suit him (5)
 - No elm can produce one (5)
 - Instead of going to Gateshead, let's talk (3)
 - Eighteen, of course? (5)
 - Keep it in charge! (7)
 - View from the road outside the station (5)
 - Unconscious of being excluded (3)
 - A game anyone may be for (6)
 - You'll quickly see it has a North End (7)
 - Theatrical race? (4)
 - Three can compose one (4)
 - Trumpeted cheer by a supporter (7)
 - Rodent causing setback to a cat and a sheep (6)
 - In a terrible rage for a time (3)
 - Do the least possible wrong? (5)
 - They could shelter a politician in the swirling sleet (7)
 - Fruit, presumably not for when one fasts! (5)
 - You can eat it after parking, that is (3)
 - Divine, intricate plot about a union leader (5)
 - View dastardly ends as shabby (5)
 - Overwhelmingly wet area? (5)

- DOWN**
- Humorist aboard a vehicle (5)
 - A detective inspector's wrong to twist things (7)
 - Implement excessively angled (4)

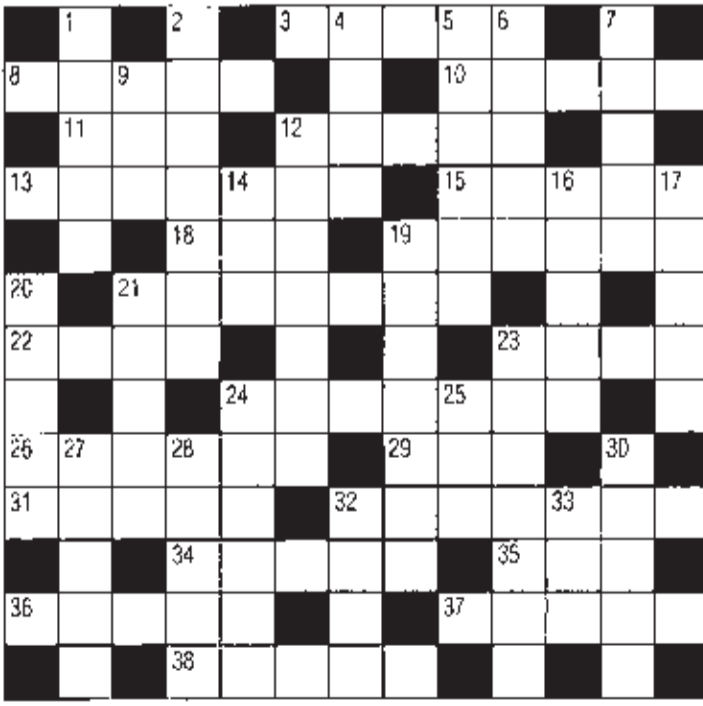
- Footballers' legs? (6)
- Substance usable for treating reins (5)
- Carlo made his point as a film producer (5)
- Fled from France (3)
- Uncomfortable location for a drunken sot in the heat (3,4)
- Regret again going out of turn (3)
- Be unconsciously noisy (5)
- Meeting place in Nova Scotia (5)
- Sweet Evertonians? (7)
- Points out the chap with fanciful ideas (5)
- Chaplain having a quiet read, possibly (5)
- One who catches a vehicle by following behind (7)
- Be behind, if you get me (6)
- A marine branch (3)
- Where there's a charge for going round the lagoon? (5)
- Supporters standing upright (5)
- Having weakness, we need some remedy (5)
- One making mincemeat of the other side? (4)
- A pork pie, so to speak (3)

YESTERDAY'S CRYPTIC SOLUTION
ACROSS: 1, Ca-va-n 6, Oat-h-s 9, V-ari-ous 10, Green 11, T-Hird 12, M-O-od-y 13, Winston 15, Rib 17, (com-)Edie(-s) 18, Pe-lot-a 19, Is-les 20, Go ho-me 22, So-me 24, Eat 25, Debated 26, Bo-W-er 27, M-in-US 28, Boo-by 29, Rep-lies 30, Chard 31, N-acre

DOWN: 2, Afr-aid 3, Averse 4, Nan 5, Simon 6, Outdoes 7, A-shy 8, H-e-rmit 12, Mor-S-e 13, W-edge 14, Nigh-t 15, Robot 16, Bared 18, Pe-t-er 19, I'm-posed 21, Oafish 22, S-Amos-A 23, M-ember 25, Della 26, Burr 28, Ben

YESTERDAY'S QUICK SOLUTION
ACROSS: 1, Crewe 6, Hobby 9, Anagram 10, Beard 11, Lingo 12, Befit 13, Restore 15, Sea 17, Arch 18, Duress 19, Scoot 20, Canapé 22, Sere 24, Hit 25, Admirer 26, Marry 27, Sleek 28, Spoil 29, Refusal 30, Usher 31, Dense

DOWN: 2, Reefer 3, Warmth 4, End 5, Agree 6, Halibut 7, Omit 8, Bugles 12, Brace 13, Ranch 14, Scent 15, Sever 16, Aster 18, Dowdy 19, Speaker 21, Aisles 22, Simple 23, Relies 25, Argue 26, Mere 28, Sad



Quick

- ACROSS**
- Light purple (5), 8 Take away (5), 10 Containing milk products (5), 11 Slope down (3), 12 Punctuation mark (5), 13 Aquatic bird (7), 15 Speed contests (5), 18 Unit of weight (3), 19 Of cats (6), 21 Draw with these (7), 22 Coconut fibre (4), 23 Detest (4), 24 Light shoe (7), 26 Entertains (6), 29 Vegetable (3), 31 Skinflint (5), 32 Sure (7), 34 At no time (5), 35 Belonging to him (3), 36 Wading bird (5), 37 Fiend (5), 38 Kingdom (5)
- DOWN**
- Jockey (5), 2 Planet (7), 4 Privy to (2,2), 5 Loves deeply (6), 6 Artificial waterway (5), 7 Clean feathers (5), 9 Nothing (3), 12 Calls off (7), 14 Swindle (3), 16 Panatella, say (5), 17 Cut off (5), 19 Fin (7), 20 Go away hastily (5), 21 Godly (5), 23 Ling (7), 24 Tranquil (6), 25 For every (3), 27 Colliery worker (5), 28 Spanish man (5), 30 Buffalo (5), 32 Prison room (4), 33 Point a weapon (3)

Target

How many words of four letters or more can you make from the letters show here? In making a word, each letter may be used once only. Each must contain the centre letter and there must be at least one nine-letter word. No plurals or verb forms ending in "s" no words with initial capitals and no words with a hyphen or apostrophe permitted. The first word of a phrase is allowed (e.g. inkjet in inkjet printer)

TODAY'S TARGET
 Good 21; very good 32; excellent 43 (or more).
 Solution tomorrow.
YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION
 Acid acidly cad cad calm camp ciao clad claim clam clamp clap clay clip clod clop cloy coal coda coil cola cold coma comply copy **DIPLOMACY** lacy mica myopic pica placid placid policy



Use this area for your thoughts, doodles, and to work out the crossword clues

What's on in Bahrain



CINECO (CITY CENTRE):
20 SCREENS

- 1) Tokarev (Action/ Thriller/ Crime)**
Starring: Nicolas Cage, Rachel Nichols and Peter Stormare
Shows at 10.30am, 12.45pm, 3pm, 5.15pm, 7.30pm, 9.45pm and midnight
Shows at (VIP I) 11.45am, 2pm, 4.15pm, 6.30pm, 8.45pm and 11pm
- 2) Blood Ties (15+) (Thriller/ Crime)**
Starring: Zoe Saldana, Clive Owen and Marion Cotillard
Shows at 11.30am, 2pm, 4.30pm, 7pm, 9.30pm and midnight
- 3) Factory Girl (PG 15) (Drama)**
Starring: Yasmine Raes, Hani Adel and Salwa Khattab
Shows at noon, 4pm, 8pm and midnight
- 4) Closed Circuit (PG 13) (Thriller)**
Starring: Eric Bana, Rebecca Hall and Jim Broadbent
Shows at 11am, 1pm, 3pm, 5pm, 7pm, 9pm and 11pm
- 5) The Ice Man (15+) (Thriller/ Crime)**
Starring: Michael Shannon, Chris Evans and James Franco
Shows at noon, 2.15pm, 4.30pm, 6.45pm, 9pm and 11.15pm
- 6) Event 15 (PG 15) (Thriller)**
Starring: Jennifer Morrison, James Frain and Josh Stewart
Shows at 11.15am, 3.15pm, 5pm, 9pm, 10.15pm and midnight
- 7) As Cool As I Am (15+) (Drama)**
Starring: Claire Danes, James Marsden and Sarah Bolger
Shows at 2pm, 6pm and 10pm
- 8) Need For Speed (PG 15) (Action/ Adventure)**
Starring: Aaron Paul, Dominic Cooper and Scott Mescudi
Shows at 1pm, 3.45pm, 6.30pm, 9.15pm and midnight
Shows at (VIP II) 12.30pm, 3.15pm, 6pm, 8.45pm and 11.30pm
- 9) Non Stop (PG 15) (Action/ Thriller)**
Starring: Liam Neeson, Julianne Moore and Lupita Nyong'o
Shows at 12.15pm, 2.30pm, 4.45pm, 7pm, 9.15pm and 11.30pm
- 10) 300 Rise Of An Empire (15+) (Action/ Adventure)**
Starring: Eva Green, Rodrigo Santoro and Jack O'Connell
Shows at 12.30pm, 2.45pm, 5pm, 7.15pm, 9.30pm and 11.45pm
Shows at (3D) 1pm, 6.45pm and 10.45pm
- 11) Sabotage (18+) (Action/ Thriller)**
Starring: Arnold Schwarzenegger, Sam Worthington and Terrence Howard
Shows at 11.45am, 2pm, 4.15pm, 6.30pm, 8.45pm and 11pm
- 12) Mr. Peabody & Sherman (G) (Animation/ Comedy/ Adventure)**
Starring: Ty Burrell, Max Charles and Stephen Colbert
Shows at (3D) 11.15am, 1.15pm, 3.15pm, 5.15pm, 7.15pm, 9.15pm and 11.15pm
- 13) Haunt (18+) (Horror/ Thriller)**
Starring: Jacki Weaver, Liana Liberato and Harrison Gilbertson
Shows at 11.15am, 1pm, 2.45pm, 4.30pm, 6.15pm, 8pm, 9.45pm and 11.30pm
- 14) Ride Along (PG 15) (Action/ Comedy)**
Starring: Ice Cube, Kevin Hart and Tika Sumpter
Shows at 11.45am, 1.45pm, 3.45pm,

AT THE CINEMA

- 5.45pm, 7.45pm, 9.45pm and 11.45pm
- 15) Minuscule: Valley Of The Lost Ants (G) (Animation/ Comedy/ Adventure)**
Shows at 11am, 12.45pm, 2.30pm, 4.15pm and 6pm
- 16) The Lego Movie (G) (Animation/ Action/ Comedy/ Adventure)**
Starring: Chris Pratt, Elizabeth Banks and Will Arnett
Shows at (3D) 11.30am, 1.30pm, 3.30pm, 5.30pm and 7.30pm
- 17) Frozen (PG) (Animation/ Adventure/ Comedy)**
Starring: Kristen Bell, Josh Gad and Idina Menzel
Shows at (3D) 11am, 1.15pm, 3.30pm, 5.45pm and 8pm
- 18) 3 Days To Kill (PG 15) (Action/ Thriller/ Crime)**
Starring: Kevin Costner, Hailee Steinfeld and Connie Nielsen
Shows at 11.30am, 1.45pm, 4pm, 6.15pm, 8.30pm and 10.45pm
- 19) Bachelorette (18+) (Comedy)**
Starring: Kirsten Dunst, Isla Fisher and Lizzy Caplan
Shows at 7.45pm, 9.30pm and 11.15pm
- 20) Homefront (PG 15) (Action/ Thriller)**
Starring: James Franco, Jason Statham and Winona Ryder
Shows at 9.30pm and 11.30pm

SEEF (II)

- 1) Factory Girl (PG 15) (Drama)**
Starring: Yasmine Raes, Hani Adel and Salwa Khattab
Shows at 2pm, 6pm and 10pm
- 2) Event 15 (PG 15) (Thriller)**
Starring: Jennifer Morrison, James Frain and Josh Stewart
Shows at 11am, 12.45pm, 2.30pm, 4.15pm, 6pm, 7.45pm, 9.30pm and 11.15pm
- 3) As Cool As I Am (15+) (Drama)**
Starring: Claire Danes, James Marsden and Sarah Bolger
Shows at noon, 4pm, 8pm and midnight
- 4) Need For Speed (PG 15) (Action/ Adventure)**
Starring: Aaron Paul, Dominic Cooper and Scott Mescudi
Shows at 12.30pm, 3.15pm, 6pm, 8.45pm and 11.30pm
- 5) Mr. Peabody & Sherman (G) (Animation/ Comedy/ Adventure)**
Starring: Ty Burrell, Max Charles and Stephen Colbert
Shows at 10.30am, 12.30pm, 2.30pm, 4.30pm, 6.30pm, 8.30pm and 10.30pm
- 6) Haunt (18+) (Horror/ Thriller)**
Starring: Jacki Weaver, Liana Liberato and Harrison Gilbertson
Shows at 11.45am, 2pm, 4.15pm, 6.30pm, 8.45pm and 11pm
- 7) Ride Along (PG 15) (Action/ Comedy)**
Starring: Ice Cube, Kevin Hart and Tika Sumpter
Shows at 1.45pm, 5.45pm, 9.45pm and 11.45pm
- 8) Minuscule: Valley Of The Lost Ants (G) (Animation/ Comedy/**



■ A scene from the thriller, crime film, The Iceman... now showing.

- Adventure**
Shows at 1.30pm, 5.30pm and 9.30pm
- 9) The Lego Movie (G) (Animation/ Action/ Comedy/ Adventure)**
Starring: Chris Pratt, Elizabeth Banks and Will Arnett
Shows at 11.45am, 1.45pm, 3.45pm, 5.45pm and 7.45pm
- 10) Frozen (PG) (Animation/ Adventure/ Comedy)**
Starring: Kristen Bell, Josh Gad and Idina Menzel
Shows at 11.15am, 3.15pm, 7.15pm and 11.15pm
- 11) Queen (PG 15) (Hindi/ Romantic/ Drama)**
Starring: Kangana Renaut, Rajkumar Rao and Lisa Haydon
Shows at 12.30pm, 3.15pm, 6pm, 8.45pm and 11.30pm
- 12) Khoutat Gimi (PG 13) (Comedy)**
Starring: Sandy, Jana Amro, Islam Jamal and Lutfy Labeeb
Shows at 11.45am, 3.45pm, 7.45pm, 9.45pm and 11.45pm

SEEF (I)

- 1) Tokarev (Action/ Thriller/ Crime)**
Starring: Nicolas Cage, Rachel Nichols and Peter Stormare
Shows at 12.30pm, 2.45pm, 5pm, 7.15pm, 9.30pm and 11.45pm
- 2) Blood Ties (15+) (Thriller/ Crime)**
Starring: Zoe Saldana, Clive Owen and Marion Cotillard
Shows at 11am, 1.30pm, 4pm, 6.30pm, 9pm and 11.30pm
- 3) The Ice Man (15+) (Thriller/ Crime)**
Starring: Michael Shannon, Chris Evans and James Franco
Shows at 11.45am, 2pm, 4.15pm, 6.30pm, 8.45pm and 11pm
- 4) Non Stop (PG 15) (Action/ Thriller)**
Starring: Liam Neeson, Julianne Moore and Lupita Nyong'o
Shows at 10.30am, 12.45pm, 3pm, 5.15pm, 7.30pm, 9.45pm and midnight
- 5) 300 Rise Of An Empire (15+) (Action/ Adventure)**
Starring: Eva Green, Rodrigo Santoro and Jack O'Connell
Shows at 12.15pm, 2.30pm, 4.45pm, 7pm, 9.15pm and 11.30pm

AWAL CINEMA

- 1) Dishkiyoon (Hindi/ Action)**
Starring: Sanjay Dutt, Harman Baweja and Aditya Pancholi
Shows at 3pm and 9pm
- 2) O Teri (PG 15) (Hindi/ Comedy)**
Starring: Pulkit Samrat, Bilal Amrohi and Sarah Jane Dias
Shows at noon and 6pm

AL HAMRA CINEMA

- 1) Om Shanthi Oshaana (Malayalam)**
Starring: Nivin Pauly, Nazriya Nazim and Vineeth Sreenivasan
Shows at 3pm and 9pm
- 2) Cuckoo (Tamil)**
Starring: Dinesh, Malavika and Aadukalam Murugadoss
Shows at noon and 6pm

DANA CINEPLEX - DANA MALL

12 SCREENS

- All shows after midnight only on Thursdays, Fridays and holidays
- 1) Divergent (Action/ Adventure/ Sci-Fi)**
Starring: Shailene Woodley, Theo James and Kate Winslet
Shows at 11am, 1.45pm, 4.30pm, 7.15pm, 10pm and 12.45am
- 2) Boshkash (Arabic/ Comedy)**
Starring: Mohamed Saad, Ezzat Abu Auf and Ahmad Salary
Shows at 11.30am, 1.45pm, 4pm, 6.15pm, 8.30pm, 10.45pm and 1am
- 3) 12 Years A Slave (Biography, Drama, History)**
Starring: Chiwetel Ejiofor, Michael K Williams and Michael Fassbender
Shows at 11am, 1.30pm, 4pm, 6.30pm, 9pm and 11.30pm
- 4) Robocop (2D) (PG 13) (Action/ Crime/ Sci-Fi/ Thriller)**
Starring: Joel Kinnaman, Douglas Urbanski and Abbie Cornish
Shows at 10.30am, 1pm, 3.30pm, 6pm, 8.30pm, 11pm and 1.15am
- 6) Pompeii (3D) (Action/ Adventure/ Drama)**
Starring: Kit Harington, Emily Browning and Kiefer Sutherland
Shows at 1pm, 5pm and 9pm
- 6) Pompeii (2D) (Action/ Adventure/ Drama)**
Starring: Kit Harington, Emily Browning and Kiefer Sutherland
Shows at 11am, 3pm, 7pm, 11pm and 1am
- 7) Al Shabah (Arabic, Thriller/ Drama)**
Starring: Ahmed Ezz and Accessories and Amr Arafa
Shows at 11.45am, 1.45pm, 3.45pm, 5.45pm, 7.45pm, 9.45pm and 11.45pm
- 8) Divergent (Action/ Adventure/ Sci-Fi)**
Starring: Shailene Woodley, Theo James and Kate Winslet
Shows at 10.30am, 1.15pm, 4pm, 6.45pm, 9.30pm and midnight
- 9) Mr. Peabody & Sherman (G) (3D) (Animation/ Comedy/ Adventure)**
Starring: Ty Burrell, Max Charles and Stephen Colbert
Shows at 10.30am, 12.30pm, 2.30pm, 4.30pm, 6.30pm, 8.30pm, 10.30pm and 12.15am
- 10) Mr. Peabody & Sherman (G) (2D) (Animation/ Comedy/ Adventure)**
Starring: Ty Burrell, Max Charles and Stephen Colbert
Shows at 11am, 1pm, 3pm, 5pm, 7pm, 9pm and 11pm
- 11) The Monument's Men (Action/ Drama/ Biography)**
Starring: George Clooney, Matt Damon and Bill Murray
Shows at 10.30am, 12.45pm, 3pm, 5.15pm, 7.30pm, 9.45pm and midnight
- 12) Mot3ab We Shadia (Arabic/ Drama)**
Starring: Ashraf Mosailly, Sabri Abdel Mon'em and Saeed Saleh
Shows at 10.30am, 2.30pm, 6.30pm and 10.30pm
- 12) El Princessa (Arabic/ Drama)**
Starring: Ola Ghanem, Renda El Beheiry and Dia El Mirghany
Shows at 12.30pm, 4.30pm, 8.30pm and 1.15am

SAAR CINEPLEX

- 1) Tokarev (Action/ Thriller/ Crime)**
Starring: Nicolas Cage, Rachel Nichols and Peter Stormare
Shows at 11.30am, 1.30pm, 3.30pm, 5.30pm, 7.30pm and 9.30pm
- 2) The Ice Man (15+) (Thriller/ Crime)**
Starring: Michael Shannon, Chris Evans and James Franco
Shows at noon, 2.15pm, 4.30pm, 6.45pm and 9pm
- 3) Need For Speed (PG 15) (Action/ Adventure)**
Starring: Aaron Paul, Dominic Cooper and Scott Mescudi
Shows at 11am, 1.30pm, 4pm, 6.30pm and 9pm
- 4) Non Stop (PG 15) (Action/ Thriller)**
Starring: Liam Neeson, Julianne Moore and Lupita Nyong'o
Shows at 9.15pm
- 5) Mr. Peabody & Sherman (G) (Animation/ Comedy/ Adventure)**
Starring: Ty Burrell, Max Charles and Stephen Colbert
Shows at 11.15am, 1.15pm, 3.15pm, 5.15pm and 7.15pm

AL JAZIRA CINEMA

- 1) Tokarev (Action/ Thriller/ Crime)**
Starring: Nicolas Cage, Rachel Nichols and Peter Stormare
Shows at 2pm, 4pm, 6pm, 8pm and 10pm
- 2) Need For Speed (PG 15) (Action/ Adventure)**
Starring: Aaron Paul, Dominic Cooper and Scott Mescudi
Shows at 2pm, 4.30pm, 7pm and

9.30pm

HOTLINES

For enquiries about Bahrain Cinema Company's theatres

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Weather Report

TODAY: Unsettled and partly cloudy with a chance of isolated thundery showers at first and dust haze thick at times with rising sand
Warning: For thundery showers and visibility may reduce to 1000M or less
Wind: Southeasterly to southerly 15 to 20kt reaching 22 to 27kt with gusts may reach up to 35kt at times, becoming northerly by afternoon
Warning: For strong winds and gale gusts
Sea State: 1 to 3ft inshore and 3 to 6ft offshore may rise up to 7ft during gusts
Sunrise: 5:30am Sunset: 5:54pm
Moonrise: 5:43am Moonset: 6:41pm
Temperature: Max 34C Min 22C
Humidity: Max 85% Min 20%
Mina Salman tides: High at 5:59pm and low at 12:03pm
Actual values recorded yesterday:
Temperature: Max 27C Min 22C
Humidity: Max 68% Min 23%
Gulf temperatures: Kuwait 27C Riyadh 32C Doha 26C Abu Dhabi 30C Muscat 25C
***Met. Office: 17321175/74, 17323073**
Weatherline: 17236236 or visit www.bahrainweather.gov.bh

	Min	Max	
Amsterdam	4	18	CI
Athens	10	17	CI
Atlanta	7	18	R
Basra	15	31	CI
Bangkok	25	35	CI
Barbados	22	28	R
Beijing	8	23	C
Beirut	13	23	R
Berlin	0	15	CI
Boston	3	11	R
Brasilia	21	28	R
Cairo	14	28	C
Caracas	24	29	C
Chicago	-2	5	CI
Colombo	25	32	C
Dhaka	25	38	C
Dublin	5	10	R
Frankfurt	3	20	C
Geneva	1	16	C
Guatemala	16	30	CI
Hanoi	23	27	R
Harare	15	26	R
Havana	19	30	CI
Helsinki	-4	10	C
Hong Kong	21	25	R
Honolulu	21	28	R
Islamabad	11	24	C
Istanbul	6	15	R
Jakarta	23	32	CI
Johannesburg	12	22	C
Kabul	6	16	CI
Kuala Lumpur	25	32	R
La Paz	-1	14	C
Lisbon	6	15	C
London	8	19	C
Los Angeles	12	24	C
Manila	25	35	C
Mecca	26	38	C
Melbourne	11	24	CI
Mexico City	13	26	R
Miami	20	28	R
Montreal	1	3	CI
Moscow	-7	2	S
Nairobi	16	27	CI
New Delhi	19	31	C
New York	6	15	R
Nice	10	18	C
Osaka	11	21	R
Oslo	-3	16	C
Panama	x	x	x
Paris	7	20	C
Perth	16	24	R
Rio de Janeiro	23	29	C
Rome	4	19	C
San Francisco	11	15	R
San Jose	16	31	C
Seoul	11	18	R
Singapore	26	33	R
Sofia	7	18	CI
Stockholm	-3	14	C
Sydney	19	23	CI
Taipei	23	30	R
Tegucigalpa	12	33	C
Turin	4	19	C
Toronto	1	3	S
Tunis	6	18	CI
Vancouver	7	11	R
Vienna	4	18	C
Washington	12	17	R
Zurich	-1	18	C

CODE: CI=cloudy, C=clear, R=rain, S=snow

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PRAYER TIMES

Noon (Dhohr) 11.42am, Afternoon (Asr) 3.11pm, Sunset (Maghrib) 5.54pm, Nightfall (Isha) 7.24pm and Dawn (Fajr) 4.11am tomorrow.
Today is the 29 day of Jumada Al-Aula, 1435, in the Islamic calendar.
*Provided by the Islamic Affairs Ministry.

Daily recipe

Ginger chicken curry

This mild curry with a kick of ginger is full of flavour and takes very little time to cook. Serve with rice on its own or with a selection of other curries. Serves 4.

Ingredients

- 500g chicken breast, off the bone
- 1 x7 cm piece of fresh ginger
- 1/2 teaspoon of black pepper powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon garam masala curry powder
- 2 tablespoons natural yoghurt
- 4 tablespoons vegetable oil

Method

1. Cut the fresh ginger into matchstick-like pieces.

2. Mix the garam masala powder, black pepper and salt into the plain yoghurt.
3. Heat oil and pour yoghurt mixture in it and stir until the water of the yoghurt has boiled away and you can see the oil
4. Add the ginger sticks and stir-fry for 10 minutes.
5. Add the chicken pieces and sprinkle 2 tablespoons of water over chicken. Cover the pan and let cook for 15 minutes.
6. Stir chicken thoroughly and cook for a further 10 minutes. Stir carefully, leave the lid off and let cook on low heat for 10 minutes before serving with rice and vegetables, if required.



Paper facing legal action over article

By MOHAMMED AL A'ALI

LEGAL action could be taken against a Bahraini newspaper for its coverage of a fire at the Information Affairs Authority (IAA), in Isa Town, last week.

The fire broke out on Monday and caused damage worth around BD150,000.

However, the Arabic daily claimed the building that caught fire was abandoned, lacked basic safety and security equipment and questioned the recruitment of an adviser who it claimed was former chief executive at the Hizbollah-backed channel *Al Manar*.

However, Minister of State for Information Affairs and official government spokeswoman Sameera Rajab yesterday said the front-page article in *Al Ayam* was "regretfully misleading".

The newspaper also criticised the company chosen by the IAA to operate a private channel in the building.

"The newspaper's targeting of the IAA is regretfully misleading and an exaggeration that puts the coverage on the same level as 'yellow' papers," said Ms Rajab.

"Building a story on anonymous sources from social media, which has

New help for low-income families

LOW-INCOME families who are unable to pay their power bills could benefit from additional government support.

The government already subsidises two thirds of the cost of power, but is prepared to help those who still can't afford it. It took the decision yesterday after the issue was discussed by MPs during last week's parliament session.

His Royal Highness Prime Minister

Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa, who chaired the weekly Cabinet meeting at Gudaibiya Palace yesterday, directed Minister of State for Electricity and Water Affairs Dr Abdulhussain Mirza to review cases to determine who deserves extra assistance.

"The Premier has directed Dr Mirza to help low-income families with bills, which have mounted due to their inability to pay," Ms Rajab told journal-

ists after the Cabinet session yesterday.

"An exact number of beneficiaries is yet to be determined, as a study will be conducted with immediate effect.

"There are some people who can afford to pay, but choose not to do so.

"They will not get support because they don't need it."

Dr Mirza told the *GDN* last June that the government was owed BD131 million in unpaid bills.

hundreds of fictional and suspicious accounts, is unprofessional and lacks the basic guidelines of proper reporting - which require calling officials concerned to get proper information.

"The newspaper said smoke was seen in Manama and the fire was a mystery, but in fact it was not seen in Manama and is not a mystery as the Interior Ministry, which reacted promptly to stop it from spreading, has determined it

was caused by a short circuit.

"The building is not abandoned, there is no abandoned building at the IAA, and employees have been moved out because workers are carrying out a revamp on the 20-year-old building for a new channel that will be part of our network."

Referring to the Lebanese adviser singled out by the newspaper, Ms Rajab said he had been instrumental in developing a news centre over the

past 10 years.

"Several ministers have come and gone and he remained because his work is outstanding, which is reflected in the quality of news we are now having," she said.

"The private company has been hired through a tender that follows Bahrain's bidding

procedures and has nothing to do with the new channel or the building."

She said the newspaper could still be taken to court over the article.

"We are studying legal action against the newspaper," she said.

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Rethink on red meat subsidy

BAHRAINI authorities are reviewing the country's meat subsidy system.

However, until a new system is in place the Bahrain Livestock Company (BLS) will continue to supply government-subsidised meat to local butchers.

The Cabinet took the decision yesterday.

"The current prices will continue until further notice through the BLS as the ministries concerned are working with others to come up with a new subsidy system for meat," Ms Rajab said.

The Cabinet hailed the success of the 16th International Bahrain Book Fair, held under the patronage of the Premier, highlighting the importance of encouraging cultural and intellectual events that attract visitors, Cabinet secretary-general Dr Yaser bin Essa Al Naser said.

The cabinet reviewed a report submitted by the Culture Minister in this regard.

The Industry and Commerce Minister submitted a report on the increasing number of visitors to markets and shopping malls at weekends, noting that a total of

171,000 shoppers visited commercial outlets last weekend.

The Cabinet also welcomed the positive outcomes of the 25th Arab Summit, hosted recently by Kuwait, presided over by Amir Shaikh Sabah Al Ahmed Al Jaber Al Sabah, and praised Kuwait's role in enhancing joint Arab action.

The Cabinet approved a memorandum presented by the Deputy Prime Minister and chairman of the ministerial committee for legal affairs on the establishment and regulation of the administrative apparatus at the Public Prosecution, following the transfer of the affiliation of the Public Prosecution from the Justice, Islamic Affairs and Endowments Ministry to the Supreme Judicial Council, and request-

ed the president of the Civil Service Bureau and other relevant sides to take the necessary legal and technical procedures.

The Cabinet also endorsed three proposals submitted by the parliament on reducing the number of fishing and shrimp licences, building a youth centre in Arad and including public safety rule in school curricula.



■ Dr Al Naser

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Visa accord with UK approved

BAHRAINIS holding diplomatic or special passports could soon get easy access to the UK.

The Cabinet has granted initial approval to a deal with Britain that will speed up visa procedures.

The accord grants Bahrainis with such passports a free, six-month visa to the UK and Northern Ireland.

It also allows UK diplomatic passport holders, diplomatic pouch bearers and special envoys to embark on visa-free travel to Bahrain for a maximum of six months.

Meanwhile, the Cabinet initially approved registering the Arab Authority for Investment and Development of Real Estate and establishing its headquarters in Bahrain.

Both matters have been referred to the ministerial committees concerned for review.

333 proposals are reviewed

A TOTAL of 333 parliamentary proposals presented by MPs last year have been reviewed by the Cabinet, it was announced yesterday.

Of those, 169 were implemented, work has started to implement 35 others, 60 are in the follow-up stage and 69 were vetoed due to a lack of budget, land or other resources.



The New India Assurance Company Ltd - Bahrain Branch

Condensed financial position as of 31st December 2013

ASSETS	Bahraini Dinars	
	31st December 2013 (Audited)	31st December 2012 (Audited)
Cash and Bank balance	10,640,124	8,677,968
Statutory deposit with bank	440,069	432,385
Due from agent (net)	1,789,672	1,559,432
Reinsurers' share of unearned premiums	276,460	180,810
Outstanding claims recoverable from reinsurers	101,582	527,174
Deferred commission expense	684,009	620,632
Accrued interest and other assets	260,763	81,759
Property, plant and equipment	7,062	9,451
TOTAL ASSETS	14,199,741	12,089,611
HEAD OFFICE ACCOUNT AND LIABILITIES		
Head office account	6,854,272	4,836,988
Liabilities		
Outstanding claims	4,690,606	4,836,953
Unearned premiums	2,570,083	2,358,146
Unearned commission	81,139	52,295
Accrued expenses & other payables	3,641	5,229
Total liabilities	7,345,469	7,252,623
TOTAL HEAD OFFICE ACCOUNT AND LIABILITIES	14,199,741	12,089,611
STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2013		
	(Audited)	(Audited)
Gross premium on direct business	3,872,962	3,355,376
Facultative reinsurance ceded	(1,132,266)	(503,958)
Retained premiums	2,740,696	2,851,418
Premiums on reinsurance accepted	2,083,156	2,084,710
	4,823,852	4,936,128
Unearned premiums adjustment	(116,287)	(337,499)
Net premiums	4,707,565	4,598,629
Claims paid on direct business	(1,819,686)	(788,258)
Claims paid on reinsurance accepted	(249,054)	(259,812)
Recoveries on reinsurance ceded	404,101	20,619
Outstanding claims adjustment	(279,245)	(1,266,888)
Net claims	(1,943,884)	(2,294,339)
Commissions paid on direct business	(990,757)	(841,763)
Commissions paid on reinsurance accepted	(599,721)	(593,709)
Commissions earned on reinsurance ceded	202,851	146,049
Deferred commission adjustment	34,533	121,300
Net commission expense	(1,353,094)	(1,168,123)
Total underwriting costs	(3,296,978)	3,462,462
Underwriting profit	1,410,587	1,136,167
Administrative expenses	(186,918)	(143,290)
Interest income on deposits	203,841	154,555
PROFIT FOR THE PERIOD	1,427,510	1,147,432
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE PERIOD	1,427,510	1,147,432

This summary of financial information has been extracted from the audited financial statements and interested parties may obtain a copy of the same at the office of the company at Bldg 4017, Alkhalifa avenue, Block 304, Manama, Kingdom of Bahrain. The financial statements have been audited by Talal Abu-Ghazaleh & Co. International, Kingdom of Bahrain.

King thanked

HIS Majesty King Hamad received a cable of thanks from President Abdelaziz Bouteflika of Algeria, in reply to a cable of condolences for the victims of a military plane crash.

Co-operation reviewed

DEPUTY Prime Minister Shaikh Khalid bin Abdulla Al Khalifa yesterday received Swiss Honorary Consul Humbert Buemi and discussed ways of bolstering economic co-operation. Mr Buemi praised ties between the two countries, as well as the investment opportunities and facilities in Bahrain.

UAE leaders congratulated

SUPREME Council for Youth and Sport chairman and Bahrain Olympic Committee president Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa congratulated UAE President Shaikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Vice-President, Prime Minister and Ruler of Dubai Shaikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum and Dubai Crown Prince Shaikh Hamdan bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum on the spectacular success of the Dubai World Cup.

Minister visits centre

HEALTH Minister Sadiq Al Shehabi yesterday visited the Shaikh Jaber Health Centre in Barbar. He checked the progress of work at the medical facility before its inauguration in a few months' time. The total cost of construction has amounted to BD3.5 million in addition to BD1.5m for furniture and equipment.

Decision hailed

PARLIAMENT chairman Dr Khalifa Al Dhahrani congratulated Bahrain on the International Labour Organisation writing off a complaint against it in Geneva. He described the move as a "landmark national achievement that proved the kingdom's transparency and commitment to international obligations", in line with the approach spearheaded by His Majesty King Hamad since the launch of the reform project and approval of the National Action Charter.

Human rights in spotlight

NATIONAL Institution of Human Rights chairman Dr Abdulaziz Abul yesterday chaired a meeting of the board of commissioners. He briefed them on the institution's participation in the 27th meeting of the International Co-ordination Committee, in Geneva.

Legal risk forum on way

MARCUS Evans will hold Legal Risk Forum 2014 to be held on April 23, 24 in Manama. The event is under the patronage of Industry and Commerce Minister Dr Hassan Fakhro. This year's event expects 70 leaders in the industry to learn skills to fight corruption and survive a regulatory inspection, and how to integrate due diligence with corporate governance to safeguard the interests of shareholders. A half-day workshop "Using mediation to solve disputes: What you need to know to manage the process and maximise outcome" will be conducted by Bahrain Chamber of Dispute Resolution former chief executive James Macpherson.

Draft law studied

SHURA Council's foreign affairs, defence and national security committee studied a draft law to amend provisions of the Penal Code with regard to manslaughter, immoral acts, assault on residential places, threats, insult, robbery, dishonesty and insulting the National Assembly. The meeting was chaired by Dr Shaikh Khalid bin Khalifa Al Khalifa.

10.4pc rise in premiums

GULF Union Insurance and Reinsurance Company registered a 10.4 per cent rise in gross premiums. Chairman Shaikh Ibrahim bin Hamad Al Khalifa said the premiums increased to BD15.465 million last year, compared with BD14m in 2012. The company posted a net profit of BD603,446 – representing a 17pc return on the paid-up capital. It will distribute 10pc of the paid-up capital as dividend, he said.

Strategic plan discussed

SUPREME Council for Women (SCW) yesterday held a meeting with its partners to discuss implementation of a strategic plan for advancement of Bahraini women. Representatives from ministries and government institutions were present. SCW secretary-general Hala Al Ansari hailed all government institutions for supporting the plan. Ministries and government institutions made presentations on their projects and highlighted their activities and challenges ahead.



■ His Majesty King Hamad yesterday visited the BDF General Command Headquarters, where he was received by BDF Commander-in-Chief Marshal Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, chief of staff Lt-Gen Shaikh Daij bin Salman Al Khalifa and senior officers. His Majesty was briefed on BDF's weapon development plans, as well as raising staff capabilities and providing them with the latest military systems and training. The King commended staff's dedication and stressed that BDF will remain the strong shield that defends Bahrain's safety and protects cultural and developmental gains made by its loyal citizens.



■ HRH the Premier chairs the Cabinet meeting yesterday

Government vows backing for investors

THE Premier yesterday affirmed the government's keenness to provide support for investors and traders in order to facilitate their work and spur the economy.

This came as His Royal Highness Prime Minister Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa received at Gudaibiya Palace parliament chairman Dr Khalifa Al Dhahrani, Shura Council chairman Ali Saleh Al Saleh, MPs and senior officials.

They hailed the services provided by the government and said it was better than those provided by many big countries. They urged Bahrainis to be more responsible to preserve

the achievements.

The officials expressed dismay at the continuous exploitation of social media networks by heads of sedition rings. They said their discourse has led to the spread of terrorism and violence in the kingdom.

The Prime Minister said the gov-

ernment would continue to fight terrorism and bring its masterminds to justice.

The Premier described Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Abdullah bin Abdulaziz Al Saud as a role model in leading his country and preserving the interests, securi-

ty and stability of its neighbours.

He said Saudi Arabia, under the leadership of King Abdullah, has earned the world's respect and appreciation thanks to its honourable stances and initiatives aiming to safeguard peace, security and stability across the region.



■ The Premier receives officials and dignitaries



■ Education Minister Dr Majid Al Nuaimi received Unesco-affiliated International Bureau for Education programmes expert Dr Renato Oberti. Dr Oberti's visit is part of co-operation over the past two years between the ministry and the bureau. They discussed the third phase of the agreement to be signed regarding curricula development, human rights education, tolerance, shunning violence and the culture of hatred.



■ Twelve IB art students have had their work displayed at their school's annual IB art show. The Bahrain Bayan School's expo was held yesterday under the patronage of Minister of State for Implementation Mohammed Al Mutawa. The show, *For the Love of Art*, featured a mix of paintings, mixed media, sculptures and installation work. It explored themes such as beauty in decay, unburdened thoughts, the unorthodox and the exposed. Above, Mr Al Mutawa inaugurates the event as school chairperson Dr Shaikha Mai Al Otaibi looks on. Left, a student with her art work.



■ Artist Khalid Al Muharraqi was yesterday presented with the Mohammed Al Banki Cultural Personality of the Year Award. Culture Minister Shaikha Mai bint Mohammed Al Khalifa honoured Mr Al Muharraqi during a ceremony at the Culture Ministry's stand at the 16th Bahrain International Book Fair. Artist Abdulla Al Muharraqi, Dr Salah Fadhl and Dr Yahya Al Jamal from Egypt, and family members of former culture under-secretary Mohammed Al Banki were present.

Boost for Morocco ties

BAHRAIN yesterday affirmed the importance of expanding trade with Morocco and promoting investments – which requires opening a direct commercial air channel between the two countries as an initial step.

This came as a Bahraini delegation, led by parliament's foreign affairs, defence and national security committee chairwoman Sawsan Taqawi, met Moroccan Economy and Finance Minister Mohamed Boussaid in Rabat.

The delegation stressed the importance of investments in agriculture and attracting products and food commodities to local markets. The delegation included MPs Khalid Abdulaal, Khalid Al Mawlood, Hassan Bu Khamas, director of public relations and protocol Ghazi Abdulmuhsin and journalist Haifa Idwan.

Bahrain's fittest 51-year-old..!

By LAALA KASHEF ALGHATA

BAHRAIN's fittest 51-year-old has arrived back home after completing a gruelling triathlon in Australia.

Yousif Al Thawadi swam for 3.8km, cycled for 180km and ran a full 42.2km marathon – his first ever – to complete the Ironman Asia Pacific Championship in Melbourne.

The father-of-two, who arrived back in Bahrain yesterday, spent six months training for the event and is already looking forward to the next one in South Africa.

"I've been training six days a week for the past six months," he told the GDN.

"I haven't missed a single day. I normally train for 12 to 14 hours a week.

"I've been running with the Bahrain Road Runners and Bahrain Social Runners for the past five or six years for fitness.

Difficult

"About a year ago, I was running with a couple of Bahrainis and one of them mentioned the Ironman and it stuck in my mind."

He decided to go for it and got in touch with a coach in the UK, Mark Raches, who has completed six Ironman triathlons.

"He gave me tips and told me how to train," Mr Al Thawadi said.

"I cross-trained in swimming, cycling and running.

"The most difficult one was cycling, because we don't have a cycling track in Bahrain.

"It can be really dangerous to train on the roads, especially those long distances."

Support

Mr Al Thawadi was the only GCC national to take part in the race in Melbourne.

"I was very pleased to represent Bahrain," he said.

"The people there were so encouraging, they would read your name off the front of your shirt and call out to you by name to push you on."

"I ran a time of 12 hours, 37 minutes and 16 seconds, which was a really good time that I'm proud of.



■ Mr Al Thawadi holds up the Bahrain flag as he crosses the finish line

"By the time I was getting to the end of the race, I was finding it difficult because

I'd never run a full marathon before and I had already completed the swimming and

cycling sections."

He said the race, which covers a total of 226km, was gruelling but he thoroughly enjoyed it.

"We swam along the Frankston Waterfront, then went up the Springvale Road to East Link, and finished by running up to St Kilda," he said.

"Over 2,000 people took part, although a few didn't finish in the set time.

"I definitely, 100 per cent, want to do another Ironman in the future – many more than one.

Motivation

"It's all about motivation – if I set a target I like to reach it.

"Anyone can do an Ironman if they put their mind to it.

"It's a great achievement and I hope to inspire young people to take up the challenge."

Mr Al Thawadi added that his wife, Moya, helped him prepare nutritious meals that would keep his energy up and



■ Mr Al Thawadi during the cycling leg of the Ironman triathlon

be good for fitness.

"She has been very supportive," he said.

"The race isn't just about

stamina, it's about nutrition and health and she helped me achieve that."

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■ Officials and company representatives at the BAC committee meeting

BAC gears up for F1 rush

WITH an estimated 100,000 fans expected to attend this year's Formula One, Bahrain Airport Company (BAC) has been gearing up ahead of the first race day on Friday.

BAC has held a committee meeting to discuss preparations to accommodate teams, visitors and cargo arriving for the Gulf Air Bahrain Grand Prix.

It was attended by officials from Bahrain International Circuit, Civil Aviation Authority, Immigration and Passport Control, Customs

Affairs and the Interior Ministry, alongside representatives from BIA airport operations, Gulf Air, Bahrain Airport Services, Marhaba Bahrain, Bahrain Limo Company, Bexair and the Bahrain Aviation Fuelling Company.

"Arrangements are made to streamline the movement of passengers and cargo in an efficient and timely manner and mitigate traffic issues around the airport," said BAC airport operations vice-president Mohammed Thamir Al Kaabi.

Night race debut - Page 29

Racing heroes set to sign autographs

AN autograph signing session with top Formula One drivers will be held at the Gulf Air Bahrain Grand Prix on Saturday evening.

Taking place in front of Bahrain International Circuit's (BIC) Paddock Club entrance from 8pm to 9pm, the event is set to feature the sport's biggest names including Sebastian Vettel, Fernando Alonso, Kimi Raikkonen, Lewis Hamilton, Nico Rosberg, Jenson Button and Felipe Massa.

Fans interested in meeting their racing heroes should gather in front of the BIC Welcome Centre at the F1 Village vending area by 7.30pm and a team of BIC staff will take them to the signing session.

Early arrival is advised, as large crowds and long queues are expected.

Circuit success is highlighted

THE Bahrain International Circuit's (BIC) success was highlighted during an event at the Capital Club in Manama.

BIC chief executive Shaikh Salman bin Isa Al Khalifa made an appearance to talk about the circuit, which is celebrating its

milestone 10th anniversary.

He spoke to more than 80 of the region's business leaders at the event, which was sponsored by Zain, and took place ahead of the highly-anticipated first-ever night race at the Gulf Air Bahrain Grand Prix this weekend.



■ Shaikh Salman at the Capital Club



■ Bahrain Ship Repairing and Engineering Company honoured 10 employees who have completed more than 20 years of service. Chief executive Nour-Eddine Saadi presented them with awards and certificates at a special ceremony held at the company's headquarters. Above, the employees with Mr Saadi, third from left.

Cash prizes for mobile users

Mobile phone users have received cash prizes of up to \$2,000 after answering a series of questions via text message. Batelco's SMS challenge will run until June 5 and customers will get a chance to win cash prizes from \$1,000 to \$50,000 as part of a total prize fund of \$161,000. Left, Faisal Ibrahim Alhamer, the son of one of the Batelco SMS challenge winners, and right, Bope Muthubanda, winner of the \$2,000 weekly prize



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■ The interactive Kia stand at the Amwaj Islands

Kia a big presence at motor show

Bin Hindi Motors, the exclusive distributor of Kia Motors in Bahrain, recently took part in the Lagoon Weekend Auto Market (WAM) held at the Lagoon Park-Amwaj Islands.

A three-day automotive trade show featuring the stylish and newly designed Cerato Koupe, along with some of the best-selling popular KIA models in Bahrain such as Kia Quoris - Kia's flagship model, Sorento, Sportage and Carens attracted car fans who visited the Kia Motors display area.

"The Lagoon in Amwaj is a stunning and charming venue for shows of this level and over the weekend it gets quite busy," said Kia Motors brand manager John Joseph.

"We decided to be a part of the weekend auto market, to show our attractive cars to car lovers and introduce the current fabulous campaign of 2014 Kia models to Lagoon visitors.

"We are very pleased to announce that Kia was well received by one and all and also considered the best interactive stand with a team of customer-friendly sales personnel and we made a number of sales and bookings during this event."

WAM is mainly targeted at the young sports car lovers in Bahrain, where they can avail special deals on 2014 models, car accessories or simply take a look at the various brands available in the market and arrive at a better decision.

The Lagoon WAM is planning to be a quarterly event in Bahrain throughout the year, starting from March 2014.

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Hot acts rev up F1 weekend at Ibrida

Bahrain is heating up with anticipation for the biggest weekend of the year.

Ibrida at the Ramee Grand Hotel and Spa, Seef, will be bringing you the best in entertainment with two of the hottest acts around today.

Kicking off the party on Thursday is the legendary DJ Yves Larock, who is well-known for global hits such as *Rise Up*, *Zookey*, *Say Yeah*, *By Your Side*, *Don't Turn Back*, *Girl* and countless more.

As a writer and producer DJ Yves Larock is as much in demand for his incredible DJ skills as he is for his music. He is a regular at the biggest clubs around the world including those in the USA, Canada, South America, Europe, Asia and Australia.

DJ Yves Larock has become a prolific force in electronic dance music.

Doors open at 9pm and entrance to this event is priced at BD5 for women and BD10 for men.

The following night on Friday, High on Heels is bringing a show you definitely need to see.

With a group of outrageously talented female artists offering a stunning selection of DJs, vocalists and musicians, High on Heels is a unique concept in the world of live entertainment.

They have performed across



■ DJ Yves Larock

the globe at some of the world's most famous venues in the UK, Dubai, the USA, Japan, Australia and many more.

For more details on the weekend events at Ibrida, please call 17111999 or 17111987.

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CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENT as at 31 December 2013



CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION as at 31 December 2013	USD		CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME for the year ended 31 December 2013	USD	
	31 December 2013	31 December 2012		2013	2012
ASSETS					
Cash and bank balances	9,438,473	16,684,719	Income from investment banking services	5,254,538	1,075,507
Loans and advances	3,138,791	6,349,648	Interest income	733,127	872,205
Investments designated at fair value through profit or loss	108,036,176	91,625,540	Fair value gain on investments designated at fair value through profit or loss, net	11,508,460	7,172,460
Other assets	17,089,682	15,340,152	Profit on sale of investments	-	456,410
Total assets	137,703,122	130,000,059	Dividend income	117,471	281,008
			Other income	363,041	554,750
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY			Total income	17,976,637	10,412,340
Liabilities			Staff expenses	7,368,107	6,409,469
Payables and accrued expenses	4,344,558	3,932,727	Premises expenses	785,914	796,879
Total liabilities	4,344,558	3,932,727	Other expenses	2,795,377	2,493,920
Equity			Total expenses	10,949,398	9,700,268
Share capital	113,888,889	113,888,889	PROFIT for the year	7,027,239	712,072
Unvested shares of employees incentive scheme	(1,741,225)	(1,963,023)	Other comprehensive income		
Share premium	1,736,580	1,696,656	Foreign currency translation differences	2,271	859
Statutory reserve	3,009,296	2,272,835	Other comprehensive income for the year	2,271	859
Retained earnings	16,461,894	10,171,116	Total comprehensive income for the year	7,029,510	712,931
Translation reserve	3,130	859			
Total equity	133,358,564	126,067,332			
Total liabilities and equity	137,703,122	130,000,059			

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY for the year ended 31 December 2013 USD

2013	Share capital	Unvested shares of employees incentive scheme	Share premium	Statutory reserve	Retained earnings	Translation reserve	Total equity
At 1 January	113,888,889	(1,963,023)	1,696,656	2,272,835	10,171,116	859	126,067,332
Profit for the year	-	-	-	-	7,027,239	-	7,027,239
Other comprehensive income	-	-	-	-	-	2,271	2,271
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	-	-	-	7,027,239	2,271	7,029,510
Shares vested under employees incentive scheme	-	221,798	39,924	-	-	-	261,722
Transfer to statutory reserve	-	-	-	736,461	(736,461)	-	-
At 31 December	113,888,889	(1,741,225)	1,736,580	3,009,296	16,461,894	3,130	133,358,564

2012	Share capital	Unvested shares of employees incentive scheme	Share premium	Statutory reserve	Retained earnings	Translation reserve	Total equity
At 1 January	113,888,889	(2,020,033)	1,686,293	2,201,628	9,530,251	-	125,287,028
Profit for the year	-	-	-	-	712,072	-	712,072
Other comprehensive income	-	-	-	-	-	859	859
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	-	-	-	712,072	859	712,931
Shares vested under employees incentive scheme	-	57,010	10,363	-	-	-	67,373
Transfer to statutory reserve	-	-	-	71,207	(71,207)	-	-
At 31 December	113,888,889	(1,963,023)	1,696,656	2,272,835	10,171,116	859	126,067,332

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS for the year ended 31 December 2013 USD

	2013	2012		2013	2012
OPERATING ACTIVITIES			INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Receipts from investment banking services	2,386,463	1,984,781	Purchase of equipment	(27,010)	(43,439)
Net interest received	686,893	1,810,021	Purchase of investments designated at fair value through profit or loss	(3,453,742)	(2,646,417)
Receipt of dividend and other income	278,729	373,072	Proceeds from sale of investments designated at fair value through profit or loss	3,597,255	3,214,619
Payment for staff expenses	(6,349,370)	(6,085,958)	Cash generated from investing activities	116,503	524,763
Payment for premises expenses	(785,914)	(796,879)	Net (decrease) / increase in cash and cash equivalents	(7,246,246)	464,734
Payment for other expenses	(2,059,307)	(2,107,426)	Cash and cash equivalents at 1 January	16,684,719	16,219,985
Loans (disbursed) / repaid, net	(1,520,243)	4,762,360	Cash and cash equivalents at 31 December	9,438,473	16,684,719
Cash used in operating activities	(7,362,749)	(60,029)			

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Industry and Commerce Minister Dr Hassan Fakhro received Bahrain Investment House chief executive Saleh Al Abdulla, Inception Consultancy Bahrain managing director Sayed Ahmed Al Sari and business development manager Ibrahim Al Khayat. They reviewed latest developments and preparation of Printing Expo 2014 to be held from April 27 to 30 at Bahrain International Exhibition and Convention Centre.

Hotels firm optimistic



Board members at the AGM

By AVINASH SAXENA

MANAMA: The board of National Hotels Company has an optimistic outlook for the hotel sector and the economy in general.

The company's chief executive Abdulrahman Morshed told the GDN on the sidelines of the Annual General Meeting (AGM) that he expected occupancy levels at the Diplomat Radisson Blu Hotel Residence and Spa to be more than 50 per cent during the year, based on the trends of the first quarter.

LuLu opens new store

MANAMA: A new LuLu Hypermarket in Maysaloon area of Sharjah was inaugurated yesterday by Shaikh Salem Abdulrahman Al Qassimi, director-general of ruler's court and member of Sharjah ruling family in the presence of Shaikh Mohamed bin Abdulla Al Qassimi and LuLu Group managing director Yusuffali MA.

The new 100,000 sq/ft hypermarket located near the Kuwait Hospital Road is spread across two levels with the food and grocery section on the ground floor and department and lifestyle products on the first floor.

After the inauguration Shaikh Salem and other dignitaries were led on a guided tour of the hypermarket by Mr Yusuffali.

"This is our fourth branch in Sharjah alone and we are extremely happy with the support and patronage we have been receiving from the residents," Mr Yusuffali said.

"It has been our policy to bring world class shopping as close as possible to the shoppers rather than make them drive long distances. Now with more than 37 sourcing offices worldwide including the UK, Africa and Far East, we are fully equipped to serve the diverse population of this cosmopolitan country.

"Other highlights include special section to promote local grown vegetables and fruits which will not only give shoppers a chance to buy fresh produce but also help local farmers," said Mr Yusuffali.

The completion of the refurbishment of the Grand Ballroom in August will further assist in improving results," he said.

Last year the company saw occupancy rise to 46pc from 41pc in 2012. Total company revenue increased by 15pc compared to the previous year.

Net profit for the year increased by 25pc and earnings per share rose to 26fils from 21fils in 2012.

During the meeting, the members of the board pointed out that last year's report has proven, without a shadow of a doubt, the gradual recovery of the Bahrain market in general and the tourism and hotel sectors in particular.

The increase in hotel revenues through higher room occupancy and other revenues resulting in an improved net profit of the company compared to last year is a clear proof of this fact, they said.

Chairman Faisal Al Zayani said that on the office building front, the signing of a lease agreement with the Social Insurance Organisation gave a significant boost to the building occupancy, raising it to 35pc.

The company was negotiating similar agreements with other government agencies, the chief executive said.

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Project seeks to cash in on demand for affordable houses

An artist's impression of the project



By AVINASH SAXENA

MANAMA: A new residential project valued at BD28.5 million (\$75.5m) is banking on rising demand for affordable housing and a revival in the local real estate market.

Dadabhai Development and Properties Management Company's 28 and 29-storey Juffair Heights twin-towers have 376 one and two-bedroom units on offer targeted at the medium-end of the market.

Speaking during a Press conference yesterday at the Elite Resort and Spa, Muharraq, the company's managing director Shabeer Dadabhai said the freehold towers had been designed



At the Press conference are, from left, Pegasus Real Estate operations manager Adel Almutlaq, Mr Mithaiwala, Mr Dadabhai and project designer Habib Modara Art and Architecture's managing director Habib Modara

keeping in mind the requirements of this segment of population, particularly families.

"Construction is underway and the apartments would be ready for occupation by the third quarter of 2016," he added.

"We are offering potential home buyers the flexibility of combining the one- and two-bedroom apartments into larger three and four bedroom units.

"Four levels of parking is

one of the significant features of the 55,362 square feet development.

"The pricing has been kept affordable starting at BD50,000 for a one-bedroom (86.6 sqm) unit to BD65,000 for a two-bed-

room (112.17 sqm) unit," Mr Dadabhai said.

Facilities included are pools for adults and children, gymnasiums for ladies and gents, indoor and outdoor play areas for children, recreation rooms, in-house theatres, jogging and cycling tracks at the podium level, landscaped areas with pergolas and walking bridges, virtual reality golf and double height reception areas.

Project sales consultants Pegasus Real Estate managing director Aziz Mithaiwala said they had noted a revival in real estate development and investment during the last six months, particularly in areas like Juffair, which has several upcoming projects.

He said bookings were opened yesterday and sample apartments were ready for viewing.

According to him, the project was a good opportunity for investors also with 10-15 per cent appreciation in property value expected in the medium term.

"Pegasus is offering home buyers fixed net returns of 7pc per annum."

The company is finalising financing deals with BBK and Khaleeji Commercial Bank with details on the terms to be announced shortly, he said.

"We are also keen to partner with Eskan Bank for the government's affordable housing scheme."

Pegasus has earlier been involved in the marketing of the Abraj Al Lulu triple towers in Manama, Juffair Skyview in Juffair and the commercial Platinum Tower in Seef.

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iTECH showcase for Optimum

MANAMA: "Name the sector and we have the solution" is the mission statement of Al Amthal Group, a Bahrain-based software solutions specialist, which through its Optimum Division, will showcase its products range at a pioneering information technology conference and exhibition next week.

Optimum was the first division to be established by Al Amthal in 2000.

Since then, their teams of expert innovators have been offering customers cutting-edge consultation services which address specific business needs at all ends

of the spectrum.

With an objective of identifying customer requirements through business process re-engineering and providing them with electronic solutions, Optimum software is, says the company, growing in popularity, with an expanding GCC customer base.

Optimum says its Microsoft-certified products are modular in nature but manually communicative.

Therefore, they have gained a wide spectrum of clientele from sectors as diverse as ministries, government and semi-government organisations, universities, banks

and other financial institutions, trading establishments, construction and contracting companies and various commercial establishments.

Optimum Total Software Solutions offer an extensive range of systems that cater to a wide range of industries.

"Many years of professional expertise are embedded in the Optimum Total Solution Software that is designed and adjustable to suit all kinds of enterprises," said Al Amthal managing director Hani Awachi.

iTECH Gulf 2014 is organised by Hilal Conferences and Exhibitions, whose managing director Jubran Abdulrahman said he welcomed the showcasing of "such a prominent and reputable development by one of Bahrain's leading software implementers".

"This is a vote of confidence for the inaugural iTECH Gulf Forum and Exhibition," he said.

Al Amthal's latest Optimum products will be displayed at iTECH Gulf 2014 Forum and Exhibition on April 9 and 10 at the Gulf Convention Centre, Gulf Hotel, Bahrain.

Noga signs pact

MANAMA: The National Oil and Gas Authority (Noga) signed a memorandum of understanding with the Arab Energy Forum (AEF), in the presence of AEF chairman Dr Majid Al Muneef and Noga oil policies and statistics director Faihan Mohammed Nasser Al Faihani.

It was signed by Noga strategies and planning general director Ali Abdel Jabbar Al Sawad and Dr Abdullah Ibrahim Al Quwaiz from AEF, in the presence of AEF chairman Dr Majid Al Muneef and Noga oil policies and statistics director Faihan Mohammed Nasser Al Faihani.

Identifying the real customer



Who is your customer? If you haven't got him defined, its going to be difficult to sell to him. Indeed, turning down the opportunity of an entire market to focus on a segment of it can be counter-intuitive. Who would want to turn down all that 'potential' business, right?

In reality, this approach can provide the same results as a general practitioner expecting patients to come to him to treat rheumatic heart disease or epilepsy. These patients would want to see a specialist, and your customers are no different.

Defining your business niche works in the same way for entrepreneurs as it does for established businesses looking to launch a new product or service line. You need to start small, and work your way up.

Defining your customers provides significant advantages over a shotgun approach to a wide market. Here's why:

- You can offer your customers the best. It is much better to have an excellent product that caters to 10 per cent of the market than a generic, acceptable product that caters to 100pc of it. With the former, you'll be able to create loyal customers, that don't accept anything but the best. The latter is risky as you won't have any loyal customers to maintain.
- You can eliminate time wasters. Selling takes time, and there is nothing worse than having to chase customers that aren't serious. With a defined niche, you'll know how to spot a customer - their issues, their desired outcomes, their buying habits, and everything else that makes them tick. Anyone outside this circle is a time waster - and you'll be able to save time by recognising this early and liberating yourself from them.
- You can save money. Focusing on getting the attention of only your target customers means you will minimise wastage. You will know what networking groups to attend, what articles to write, what to say to prospects, and all the other things that go into your marketing will be much more targeted and effective.

The ideal scenario for anyone starting a new business or opening up a new product line is to pick a niche, master it, and expand from there into new products, services and markets. Here are some questions that will help get you started:

- What are you passionate about doing?
- What value does this create?
- Who is this value ideal for? What does my ideal customer look like?
- How can I get their attention? Being successful in a niche does not mean forgoing business. It means you can offer better products, be more productive, have a loyal customer base and make more money.

Mr Al Akber is the managing director of ACK Solutions

Ithmaar Bank launches cost-cutting initiatives

MANAMA: Ithmaar Bank yesterday announced it has started implementing cost-cutting and other strategic initiatives in Bahrain and Pakistan aimed at turning the group around this year.

The announcement was made by chairman Prince Amr Al Faisal to the bank's shareholders at the Annual General Meeting hosted at the Mövenpick Hotel. The cost reduction initiatives across the group are expected to result in savings in the range of BD9 million to BD13m annually.

"The far-reaching cost reduction initiatives include many aspects of our operations, including information technology, administration and staff costs, both at Ithmaar Bank in Bahrain and its subsidiaries, mainly Faysal Bank (FBL) in Pakistan," said Prince Amr.

"In Bahrain, we have already implemented some reorganisation and staff cost rationalisation under the voluntary separation programme, and this will significantly reduce costs going forward," said Prince Amr.

Ithmaar Bank chief executive Ahmed Abdul Rahim said both Ithmaar Bank in Bahrain and FBL in Pakistan had good potential for additional growth in revenues and cost reductions.

"The balance sheet, for example, continues to be stable, with good growth in core business: Unrestricted investment account deposits grew by 13.4pc despite a reduction in average profit rates, a reaffirmation of investor confidence," said Mr Abdul Rahim.

"The customer base in Bahrain has also more than doubled over the last three years, and liquid assets increased to represent about 14.8pc of the balance sheet. The bank reported a profit of BD1.8m before taxation and provisions for last year and a net loss of BD29.9m.

"The positive story is that total income for the year mainly comprises increased recurring income, though this was impacted by margin compression in FBL, whereas the 2012 income included certain one-off items," said Mr Abdul Rahim.

CURRENCIES

Exchange Rates

COUNTRY	SELL CASH	SELL DRAFT
AUSTRALIA (Dollar)	0.3563	0.3533
BANGLADESH (Taka)	0.00510	0.00486
CANADA (Dollar)	0.3487	0.3447
CHINA (Yuan)	0.061100	0.0611
DENMARK	0.0726	-
EGYPT (Pound)	0.0553	0.0547
EUROPEAN UNION (Euro)	0.5262	0.5237
HONG KONG (Dollar)	0.04982	0.04942
INDIA (Rupee)	0.00633	0.00642
INDONESIA (Rupiah)	0.00003449	0.00003389
IRAN (Tuman)	0.00010957	-
IRAQ (Dinar)	0.000317	-
JAPAN (Yen)	0.003830	0.003760
JORDAN (Dinar)	0.5365	0.5350
KOREA (Won)	0.00040304	-
KUWAIT (Dinar)	1.3400	1.341
MALAYSIA (Ringgit)	0.117300	0.1173
NEW ZEALAND (Dollar)	0.3311	0.3301
NORWAY (Krone)	0.0650	-
N.Yemen	-	-
NEPAL (Rupee)	0.00412	0.00384
OMAN (Riyal)	0.98000	0.98300
PAKISTAN (Rupee)	0.00358	0.00368
PHILIPPINES (Peso)	0.00892	0.00844
QATAR (Riyal)	0.10379	0.10374
SAUDI ARABIA (Riyal)	0.10062	0.10065
SINGAPORE	0.3028	0.3018
SOUTH AFRICA (Rand)	0.03760	0.03750
SRI LANKA (Rupee)	0.00325	0.00325
SWEDEN (Krona)	0.0613	-
SWITZERLAND (Franc)	0.4340	0.4310
SYRIA (Pound)	0.003040	-
TAIWAN (Dollar)	0.012900	-
THAILAND (Baht)	0.011820	0.011790
TURKEY (Lira)	0.1777	-
UK (Sterling)	0.6356	0.6331
UAE (Dirham)	0.102800	0.102800
USA (Dollar)	0.37800	0.37800

For firm rates or for currencies not listed above please call Bahrain Financing Company. Telephone: 17228888.

Gulf Interbank Rates

	1 US\$	1 UK Stg	1 SFR	100 Yen
BAHRAIN	0.3770	0.6251	0.4257	0.3707
KUWAIT	0.2855	29.0382	0.3224	0.2807
OMAN	0.3849	0.3408	0.4347	0.3784
QATAR	3.6420	3.2250	4.1129	3.5808
UAE	3.6730	3.2524	4.1479	3.6112
SAUDI	3.7500	3.3206	4.2349	3.6870

GOLD

Gold bars	Selling	100gm	1,590.500
Rates are in Bahrain Dinars			
8gm coin 22k	122.500	1 ounce	498.000
8gm coin 21k	115.500	5 tola	926.500
1gm (24 carat)	18.000	10 tola	1,839.500
2.5gm	43.500	1kg	15,692.000
5gm	83.000	1kg silver	265.000
10gm	162.500	1/2kg silver	139.000
20gm	321.500	• Courtesy Bahrain Express	
50gm	797.500	Exchange Tel: 17-275-275	

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Bahrain Bourse

Total number of shares traded 1,214,598
Total value of shares trades BD182,491.888

PRICES at the close of trading yesterday:

BAHRAIN ALL SHARE INDEX 1,344.28 +3.27

Company.....Share Prices.....Change + or -

BANKS SECTOR

Ahli United Bank.....\$0.755.....+0.010

Al Salam Bank (Salam).....0.214.....-0.002

Bahrain Islamic Bank.....0.140.....

BBK.....0.420.....-0.012

Ithmaar Bank.....\$0.170.....

Khaleeji Commercial Bank (KHCB).....0.052.....+0.001

National Bank of Bahrain.....0.700.....

The Bahraini Saudi Bank.....-

Bank Muscat.....0.824

BANKS INVEST SECTOR

Al Baraka Banking Group BSC.....\$0.780.....

Arab Banking Corporation.....0.500.....

Bahrain Commercial Facilities Co.....0.695.....

Bahrain Middle East Bank.....0.056.....

Gulf Finance House.....\$0.210.....

Gulf Monetary Group.....0.035.....

Inovest BSC.....\$0.315.....

Investcorp Bank.....\$669,000.....

TAIB Bank.....\$2.730.....

United Gulf Bank.....0.250.....

United Gulf Investment Corp.....0.126.....-0.001

INVESTMENT SECTOR

AUB Preference A.....\$0.425.....

Esterad Investment Company.....0.194.....

Global Investment House.....0.150.....

International Investment Group.....0.301.....

United Finance Company SAOG.....\$0.40.....

SERVICES SECTOR

Bahrain Ship Repairing and Engineering Co.....2.100.....

Bahrain Car Park Company.....0.188.....

Bahrain Cinema Company.....1.192.....

Bahrain Duty Free Shop Complex.....0.745.....

Bahrain Maritime and Mercantile Intl.....0.840.....

Bahrain Telecommunications Company.....0.328.....-0.002

General Trading and Food Processing Co.....0.250.....

Nass Corporation BSC.....0.180.....-0.004

Seef Properties BSC.....0.183.....

Sudan Telecommunications Company.....\$1.75

INSURANCE SECTOR

Al Ahlia Insurance Company.....0.296.....

Arab Insurance Group (ARIG).....\$0.450.....

Bahrain Kuwait Insurance Company.....0.540.....

Bahrain National Holding.....0.484.....

Takaful International Company.....0.290

HOTEL SECTOR

Bahrain Family Leisure Company.....0.112.....

Bahrain Tourism Company.....0.270.....

Banader.....0.059.....

Gulf Hotels Group.....0.780.....

National Hotels Company.....0.352.....

INDUSTRIES SECTOR

Bahrain Flour Mills Company.....0.386.....

Delmon Poultry Company.....0.234.....

IPO

Aluminum Bahrain BSC.....0.492.....+0.010

CLOSED COMPANY SECTOR

Securities & Investment Co (Sico).....0.310

United Paper Industries BSC (UPI).....0.420.....

Property stocks lift Dubai bourse

DUBAI: Property stocks helped Dubai's bourse lead regional gains yesterday, while Egypt fell for a second session since former army chief Abdel Fattah Al Sisi said he would run for president.

Dubai's index rose 1.3 per cent to 4,438 points, its highest close since September 2008.

Shares in heavyweight Emaar rose 1.3pc to 9.95 dirhams, a level last seen in August 2008.

The developer's stock has rallied for the past two weeks after it increased its annual dividend and said it would list its shopping malls unit.

Other real estate and con-

struction companies, such as Union Properties, Deyaar, Drake and Scull and Atabtec Holding, were also in the black.

Emirates NBD rose 0.9pc to 8.32 dirhams after EFG Hermes raised its fair value estimate on the Dubai bank to 10.00 dirhams per share from 8.10 dirhams and upgraded its rating for ENBD to buy from neutral.

EFG Hermes said it expected ENBD to reclassify its 9.4 billion dirhams (\$2.56bn) exposure to Dubai World to a performing loan, which would reduce provisioning.

"We believe that it is now

just a matter of time before this exposure is reclassified as a performing loan. Strong improvement in asset values and progress on asset sales has eased concerns on Dubai World's ability to repay its liabilities, in our view," EFG Hermes said in a note.

The Cairo bourse, which dropped 2.7pc last Thursday after Sisi said he would run for president, fell a further 1.9pc yesterday to trim 2014 gains to 19pc.

But there were signs the correction was slowing and the market closed above the intraday low.

"Towards the end of today

we saw a bit of recovery and obviously some profit-taking was to be expected after a strong performance year-to-date," said Simon Kitchen, a strategist at EFG Hermes in Cairo.

"From the valuations perspective, Egypt is not particularly expensive relative to the rest of Middle East and North Africa and has potential for a decent economic recovery, particularly in the second half of this year."

Sisi is expected to win the forthcoming election easily as many Egyptians consider him a strong leader that can stabilise a country in crisis.

He also has the backing of most oil-exporting Gulf Arab states, which have provided Cairo with billions of dollars in financial aid.

Saudi Arabia's index added 0.4pc as most stocks rose following the naming of Prince Muqrin bin Abdulaziz as deputy crown prince. This makes him second in line to succeed King Abdullah in the world's top oil exporting nation after his half-brother Crown Prince Salman.



SHIPPING

Almoayed Wilhelmsen Imports

Asian Parade	WWL/NMT due from Europe, US today
UASC Samarra	OOCL/NVOCC due from Europe, US, Far East April 4
Katharina	OOCL/NVOCC due from Europe, US, Far East April 5
Western Wilton	WBC due from North America, Chile April 7
MSC Trieste	OOCL/NVOCC due from Europe, US, Far East April 10
Cape Melville	OOCL/NVOCC due from Europe, US, Far East April 12
Katharina	OOCL/NVOCC due from Europe, US, Far East April 16
Hanjin Belawan	OOCL/NVOCC due from Europe, US, Far East April 19
Wan Hai 172	OOCL/NVOCC due from Europe, US, Far East April 21
UASC Ramadi	OOCL/NVOCC due from Europe, US, Far East April 28

Exports from Bahrain

NYK Argus	OOCL to Far East, China, East Asia, Inter Gulf today
APL Vancouver	OOCL to Far East, China, East Asia, Inter Gulf April 4
NYK Themis	OOCL to Far East, China, East Asia, Inter Gulf April 7
APL Colombus	OOCL to Far East, China, East Asia, Inter Gulf April 10
NYK Libra	OOCL to Far East, China, East Asia, Inter Gulf April 15
AI Sharif Group	
UASC Shuwaikh	Hanjin due from Europe April 2
Hanjin Miami	Hanjin due from Far East April 2
Fowairt	Hanjin due from US, Mediterranean April 2
Hanjin Belawan	Hanjin due from Inter Gulf April 2
NYK Argus	TS Line due from Far East April 5
Ivory Arrow	K Line due from Japan, Far East April 9
UASC Ramadan	Hanjin due from Europe April 10
Hanjin Bremerhaven	Hanjin due from Far East April 10
Najran	Hanjin due from US, Mediterranean April 10
Hanjin Belawan	Hanjin due from Inter Gulf April 10
Barcelona	K Line due from Japan, Far East April 11
NYK Aquarius	TS Line due from Far East April 12
UASC Samarra	Hanjin due from Europe April 17
Puelo	Hanjin due from Far East April 17

Sabya Dilmun Shipping Agency

Asian Parade	Eukor due from Europe April 2
Glovis Companion	Hyundai Glovis due from Far East April 4
UASC Shuwaikh	CSCL due from Far East April 5
NYK Argus	Emirates due from Far East April 5
Xin Nan Sha	CSCL due from Far East April 12
NYK Aquarius	Emirates due from Far East April 12
Glovis Clipper	Hyundai Glovis due from Europe April 17
UASC Samarra	CSCL due from Far East April 19
NYK Libra	Emirates due from Far East April 19
CSCL Brisbane	CSCL due from Far East April 26
NYK Theseus	Emirates due from Far East April 26
Grand Sapphire	Eukor due from Europe April 30
Gulf Agency Company	
CSAV Brasilia	CSAV/NOR due from Europe today
Vega	CSAV/NOR due from Europe today
Valence	CSAV/NOR due from Far East today
NYK Argus	NYK due from Far East tomorrow
Katharina	Seacon due from Far East tomorrow
Cape Melville	Seacon due from Far East tomorrow
Centurus	CSAV/NOR due from Europe tomorrow
MSC Madrid	CSAV/NOR due from Europe tomorrow
Sania Riia	CSAV/NOR due from Europe tomorrow
Tucapel	CSAV/NOR due from Far East tomorrow
Maesk Santana	CSAV/NOR due from Far East tomorrow
MSC Donata	CSAV/NOR due from Europe April 2
Puelo	CSAV/NOR due from Far East April 2
MSC Vancouver	CSAV/NOR due from Europe April 3
NYK Libra	CSAV/NOR due from Far East April 3
Artmis Leader	NYK CAR due from Far East April 3
CSAV Brasilia	CSAV/NOR due from Europe April 4
MSC Albany	CSAV/NOR due from Europe April 5

CSAV Llanquihue	CSAV/NOR due from Europe April 5
MSC Adelaide	CSAV/NOR due from Far East April 5
Positive Star	ECL due from ECL April 5
Katharina	Seacon due from Far East April 7
Cape Melville	Seacon due from Far East April 7
Anna Schulte	CSAV/NOR due from Europe April 7
Torrente	CSAV/NOR due from Far East April 7
CMA CGM Hugo	CSAV/NOR due from Far East April 7
NYK	NYK due from Far East April 8
CSAV Llutia	CSAV/NOR due from Europe April 8
MSC Laura	CSAV/NOR due from Europe April 8
MSC Taranto	CSAV/NOR due from Far East April 8
CSCL Oceania	CSAV/NOR due from Far East April 8
MSC Lisa	CSAV/NOR due from Europe April 9

National Shipping

MSC Clorinda	MSC due from Europe, Mediterranean today
MSC Katrina	MSC due from Europe, Mediterranean today
Malik Al Ashtar	MSC due from Europe, Mediterranean today
MSC Geneva	MSC due from Far East today
MSC Messina	MSC due from Far East today
MSC Jeanne	MSC due from Inter Gulf today
YM Orchid	YML due from Far East tomorrow
Abyan	HDSL due from Far East April 3
Artam	HDSL due from Far East April 3
Cosco Oceania	Cosco due from Far East April 6
MSC Vega	MSC due from Europe, Mediterranean April 7
MSC Trieste	MSC due from Europe, Mediterranean April 7
CMA CGM Margit	MSC due from Europe, Mediterranean April 7
Mare Lycium	MSC due from Far East April 7
MSC Jeanne	MSC due from Inter Gulf April 7
YM Wealth	YML due from Far East April 8
Shabgoun	HDSL due from Far East April 9
Azargoun	HDSL due from Far East April 9



TODAY'S television & radio highlights



- 06.00 BBC World News
- 06.30 HARDtalk
- 07.00 BBC World News
- 07.30 World Business Report
- 07.45 BBC World News
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- 10.45 BBC World News
- 11.00 BBC World News
- 11.30 HARDtalk (r)
- 12.00 BBC World News
- 12.30 World Business Report
- 12.45 Sport Today
- 13.00 BBC World News
- 13.30 BBC World News
- 14.00 GMT with George Alagiah
- 14.30 GMT with George Alagiah
- 15.00 BBC World News
- 15.30 World Business Report
- 15.45 Sport Today
- 16.00 Impact
- 16.30 Impact
- 17.00 Impact
- 17.30 HARDtalk (r)
- 18.00 Global with Jon Sopel
- 18.30 Global with Jon Sopel
- 19.00 Global with Jon Sopel
- 19.30 World Business Report
- 19.45 Sport Today
- 20.00 Outside Source
- 20.30 Focus on Africa
- 21.00 World News Today with Zeinab Badawi
- 21.30 World News Today with Zeinab Badawi
- 22.00 World News Today with Zeinab Badawi
- 22.30 World Business Report
- 22.45 Sport Today
- 23.00 Business Edition with Tanya Beckett
- 23.30 HARDtalk (r)
- 00.00 BBC World News America
- 00.30 BBC World News America
- 01.00 Newsday
- 01.30 Asia Business Report
- 01.45 Sport Today
- 02.00 Newsday
- 02.30 Asia Business Report
- 02.45 Sport Today
- 03.00 Newsday
- 03.30 Asia Business Report
- 03.45 Sport Today
- 04.00 BBC World News
- 04.30 Asia Business Report
- 04.45 Sport Today
- 05.00 BBC World News
- 05.30 Asia Business Report
- 05.45 Sport Today



- 06.45 Wwe Afterburn
- 07.30 World's Most Amazing Videos
- 08.00 The Magicians
- 09.00 Rush
- 09.45 Fringe
- 10.30 Terminator: The Series
- 11.15 Masters Of Illusion
- 12.00 Criss Angel Mindfreak
- 13.00 Rush
- 13.45 Fringe
- 14.30 Wwe Afterburn
- 15.00 Masters Of Illusion
- 16.00 Terminator: The Series
- 17.00 Driven
- 18.00 Top Gear Uk
- 19.00 Maximum Risk
- 21.00 Wwe Raw
- 22.00 Wwe Raw
- 23.00 Desert Force Kabla Al Mowajaha



- 06.00 Insider
- 06.15 Late Show With David Letterman
- 07.00 Better With You
- 07.30 Dr. Oz
- 08.15 Supernanny
- 09.00 The Talk
- 09.45 Days Of Our Lives
- 10.30 The Doctors
- 11.15 Dr. Oz
- 12.00 Home Shopping
- 13.00 Joזור
- 13.45 Hob Fe Mahb Al Reeh
- 14.30 Logz Al Madi
- 15.15 Gilmore Girls
- 16.00 Mr Selfridge
- 17.00 Awtar Al Qoloub
- 18.00 The Doctors
- 19.00 Joזור
- 20.00 Atheer Al Hob
- 21.00 Logz Al Madi
- 22.00 Hob Fe Mahb Al Reeh
- 23.00 Mr Selfridge
- 00.00 Awtar Al Qoloub
- 01.00 Atheer Al Hob
- 01.45 Joזור
- 02.45 Logz Al Madi
- 03.45 Hob Fe Mahb Al Reeh
- 04.45 Days Of Our Lives

GUIDE TO FILMS



- 06.15 Gracie
- 08.00 The Story Of Us
- 08.30 Deep Impact
- 11.30 The Ballad Of Lucy Whipple
- 13.00 Scoop With Raya
- 13.30 Transformers: Revenge Of The Fallen
- 16.00 Transformers: Dark Of The Moon
- 18.30 Entertainment Tonight
- 19.00 The Golden Compass



- 06.30 Rachel Getting Married
- 08.30 Twins
- 10.30 Aurora Borealis
- 12.15 Employee Of The Month
- 14.00 Arthur
- 15.30 Omg! Insider
- 16.00 The Bonfire Of The Vanities
- 18.00 Money Talks
- 20.00 Indecent Proposal
- 22.00 Visioneers
- 23.45 Twins
- 01.30 Employee Of The Month
- 03.15 Aurora Borealis
- 05.00 Out Of Africa



- 06.30 House Of 9
- 08.15 Dead Presidents
- 10.00 Replicant
- 11.45 Fright Night
- 13.30 Out For A Kill
- 15.00 House Of 9
- 16.45 Noises Off
- 18.30 Dead Presidents
- 20.00 Gone In Sixty Seconds
- 21.45 Rogue Assassin
- 23.30 The Nightmare Before Christmas
- 01.15 Air Force One
- 03.00 Open Water
- 04.45 Identity



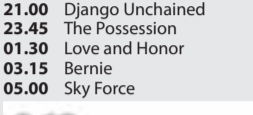
- 06.35 The Favor
- 08.10 How To Succeed In Business...
- 10.10 Nobody's Fool
- 11.55 Electric Dreams
- 13.30 Big Screen
- 13.45 Return Of A Man Called Horse
- 15.50 Clifford
- 17.20 Joey
- 19.00 Road House: The Last Call
- 20.25 Sfw
- 22.00 The Joshua Tree
- 23.40 The Last Of The Finest
- 01.35 White Of The Eye
- 03.15 Teachers
- 05.00 Silent Victim



- 07.00 Last Resort
- 08.00 Necessary Roughness
- 09.00 Top Gear (US)
- 10.00 Suits
- 11.00 Burn Notice
- 12.00 Emmerdale
- 12.30 Coronation Street
- 14.00 Necessary Roughness
- 16.00 Emmerdale
- 16.30 Coronation Street
- 19.00 Betrayal
- 20.00 Revenge
- 21.00 The Blacklist
- 23.00 Game Of Thrones
- 00.05 Psych
- 01.00 Strike Back
- 02.00 The Blacklist
- 03.00 Game Of Thrones
- 04.10 Revenge
- 05.00 Betrayal



- 07.00 What To Expect When You're Expecting
- 09.00 Bernie
- 11.00 The Guilt Trip
- 13.00 Sky Force
- 15.00 Class
- 17.00 Bernie
- 19.00 The Impossible



- 21.00 Django Unchained
- 23.45 The Possession
- 01.30 Love and Honor
- 03.15 Bernie
- 05.00 Sky Force



- 07.15 A Kiss At Midnight
- 09.00 Matching Jack
- 10.45 Les Miserables
- 13.30 Dark Horse
- 15.00 Muhammad Ali's Greatest Fight
- 17.00 Carnage
- 19.00 The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Pt. 2
- 21.00 The Bling Ring
- 23.00 Neds
- 01.00 Carnage
- 03.00 The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 2
- 05.00 Dark Horse



- 08.00 Swamp Shark
- 10.00 Grosse Pointe Blank
- 12.00 The Marine
- 14.00 Dangerous Attraction
- 16.00 Grosse Pointe Blank
- 18.00 Red Eye
- 20.00 Dangerous Attraction
- 22.00 Blown Away
- 00.15 Abraham Lincoln: Vampire Hunter
- 02.00 Arena
- 03.40 Blown Away



- 06.00 I Think I Do
- 08.00 The Big Year
- 10.00 Hit List
- 12.00 The Brothers Solomon
- 14.00 The Producers
- 16.15 Hit List
- 18.00 Ghostbusters II
- 20.00 Freeloaders
- 22.00 Tough Guys
- 00.00 American Cowslip
- 02.00 Free Leaders
- 04.00 Ghostbusters II



- 06.00 Angel's Friends
- 08.00 Pacific Pirates
- 10.00 Wreck-It Ralph
- 11.45 Tom & Jerry: Robin Hood And His Merry Mouse
- 13.00 Angel's Friends
- 14.30 The Ugly Duckling And Me
- 16.00 The Great Bear
- 18.00 Wreck-It Ralph
- 20.00 Fly Away Home
- 22.00 The Ugly Duckling And Me
- 23.30 The Great Bear
- 01.00 Pacific Pirates
- 02.30 Fly Away Home
- 04.30 The Ugly Duckling and Me



- 07.00 The Field
- 09.00 Drew Peterson: Untouchable
- 11.00 No Surrender
- 13.00 Flower Girl
- 15.00 Hold Fast
- 17.00 No Surrender
- 19.00 96 Minutes
- 21.00 Things We Lost In The Fire
- 23.00 Idlewild
- 01.00 Cosmopolis
- 03.00 Things We Lost in the Fire
- 05.00 96 Minutes



- 06.00 Chimpanzee
- 08.00 Asterix And Obelix
- 10.00 Hit List
- 12.00 The Brothers Solomon
- 14.00 The Producers
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- 07.00 A Star Is Born
- 10.05 Tribute To A Bad Man
- 11.45 Lone Star
- 13.30 The Searchers
- 16.00 Scaramouche
- 18.05 Catlow
- 20.00 East Of Eden
- 22.00 2001: A Space Odyssey
- 00.15 Cheyenne Autumn
- 02.50 2001: A Space Odyssey
- 05.05 Scaramouche



- 08.00 Dilwaala
- 11.00 Shagird
- 14.00 God Tussi Great Ho
- 17.00 Pukar
- 20.00 Luv Shuv Tey Chicken Khurana



- 06.00 Ancient Aliens
- 07.00 Storage Wars: New York
- 07.30 Storage Wars: New York
- 08.00 Ancient Aliens
- 09.00 Storage Wars Texas
- 09.30 Counting Cars
- 10.00 Pawn Stars
- 10.30 Pawn Stars
- 11.00 Storage Wars
- 11.30 Storage Wars
- 12.00 Storage Wars: New York
- 12.30 Storage Wars: New York
- 13.00 Ancient Aliens
- 14.00 Storage Wars
- 14.30 Storage Wars
- 15.00 Storage Wars: New York
- 15.30 Storage Wars: New York
- 16.00 Storage Wars: New York
- 16.30 Storage Wars: New York
- 17.00 Pawn Stars
- 17.30 Pawn Stars
- 18.00 Storage Wars
- 18.30 Storage Wars
- 19.00 Storage Wars: New York
- 19.30 Storage Wars: New York
- 20.00 Storage Wars Texas
- 20.30 Storage Wars Texas
- 21.00 Pawn Stars
- 21.30 Storage Wars
- 22.00 Pawn Stars
- 22.30 Pawn Stars
- 23.00 Pawn Stars UK
- 00.00 Haunted History
- 01.00 Haunted History
- 02.00 Storage Wars
- 02.30 Storage Wars
- 03.00 Pawn Stars
- 03.30 Pawn Stars
- 04.00 Pawn Stars UK
- 05.00 Haunted History



- 06.15 Tweenies
- 06.35 Teletubbies
- 07.00 Jollywobblers
- 07.10 Me Too!
- 07.30 The Weakest Link
- 08.15 Walk On The Wild Side
- 08.45 Friday Night Dinner
- 09.10 2 Point 4 Children
- 09.45 Doctors
- 10.20 Casualty
- 11.10 Walter's War
- 12.00 The Weakest Link
- 12.45 2 Point 4 Children
- 13.15 Friday Night Dinner
- 13.45 Walk On The Wild Side
- 14.15 Doctors
- 14.45 Casualty
- 15.35 Walter's War
- 16.25 The Weakest Link
- 17.10 Eastenders
- 17.40 Doctors
- 18.10 Being Erica
- 19.00 My Family: The Heart Of Christmas
- 19.30 Rev.
- 20.00 New Tricks
- 20.50 Spooks
- 21.40 The Vicar Of Dibley
- 22.10 Upstairs Downstairs
- 23.05 The Weakest Link
- 23.50 Eastenders
- 00.20 Doctors
- 00.50 New Tricks
- 01.40 My Family: The Heart Of Christmas
- 02.10 Rev.
- 02.40 Being Erica
- 03.25 Spooks
- 04.15 The Weakest Link
- 05.00 Tweenies
- 05.20 Teletubbies
- 05.45 Jollywobblers
- 05.55 Show Me Show Me



- 06.35 French Food At Home
- 07.00 Cash In The Attic
- 07.50 Bargain Hunt
- 08.35 Chef At Home
- 09.00 Come Dine With Me: Supersized
- 10.40 Come Dine With Me
- 11.30 Gok's Fashion Fix
- 12.20 Holmes On Homes
- 13.10 Antiques Roadshow
- 14.05 Extreme Makeover: Home Edition
- 14.50 Out Of The Frying Pan
- 15.40 Bargain Hunt
- 16.30 Chef At Home
- 16.55 Chef At Home
- 17.20 Antiques Roadshow
- 18.15 The Planners
- 19.10 Nigellissima
- 19.35 Come Dine With Me
- 20.30 Come Dine With Me
- 21.20 Antiques Roadshow
- 22.15 Bargain Hunt
- 23.00 The Planners
- 23.50 Extreme Makeover: Home Edition
- 01.35 Come Dine With Me
- 02.25 Out Of The Frying Pan
- 03.15 Holmes On Homes
- 03.40 Extreme Makeover: Home Edition
- 05.00 Chef At Home
- 05.20 Bargain Hunt



- 06.00 News Special
- 06.30 African Start-Up
- 07.00 World Sport
- 07.30 Backstory
- 08.00 CNN Newsroom
- 09.00 CNN Newsroom
- 10.00 World Sport
- 10.30 African Start-Up
- 11.00 World Business Today
- 12.00 CNN Newsroom
- 12.30 African Voices
- 13.00 Backstory
- 13.30 CNN Newscenter
- 14.00 Fareed Zakaria GPS
- 15.00 News Stream
- 16.00 World Business Today
- 17.00 International Desk
- 18.00 Global Exchange
- 19.00 World Sport
- 19.30 African Voices
- 20.00 International Desk
- 21.00 Amanpour
- 21.30 CNN Newscenter
- 22.00 Connect The World With Becky Anderson
- 23.00 Quest Means Business
- 00.00 Amanpour
- 00.30 World Sport
- 01.00 Piers Morgan Live
- 02.00 CNN Newsroom Live
- 02.30 World Sport
- 03.00 Anderson Cooper 360
- 04.00 Piers Morgan Live
- 05.00 Ac360 Later



- 06.00 My Kitchen Rules
- 06.40 Jr. MasterChef
- 07.20 Criminal Minds
- 08.00 Castle
- 08.40 My Kitchen Rules
- 09.20 According To Jim
- 09.40 The Great State of Georgia
- 10.00 MasterChef Australia
- 10.40 The Block
- 11.20 Castle
- 12.00 Criminal Minds
- 12.40 My Kitchen Rules
- 13.20 Jr. MasterChef
- 14.00 MasterChef Australia
- 14.40 Criminal Minds
- 15.20 Da Vinci's Demons
- 16.00 The Block
- 16.40 According To Jim
- 17.00 The Great State of Georgia
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- 18.40 MasterChef Australia
- 19.20 The Block
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- 22.20 The Great State of Georgia
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- 23.20 Criminal Minds
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- 00.20 The Great State of Georgia
- 00.40 Castle
- 01.20 MasterChef Australia
- 02.00 The Block
- 02.40 According To Jim
- 03.00 The Great State of Georgia
- 03.20 According To Jim
- 03.40 According To Jim
- 04.00 MasterChef Australia
- 04.40 Asia's Next Top Model
- 05.20 According To Jim
- 05.40 The Great State of



- 06.00 Sky World News
- 06.30 Sky World Review & Business Report
- 07.00 Sky World News
- 07.30 Sky World Review & Business Report
- 08.00 Sky World News
- 08.30 Sky World Review & Business Report
- 09.00 Sunrise
- 09.30 Sunrise
- 10.00 Sunrise
- 10.30 Sunrise
- 11.00 Sunrise
- 11.30 Sunrise
- 12.00 Sky News With Charlotte Hawkins
- 12.30 Sky News
- 13.00 Sky News With Dermot Murnaghan
- 13.30 Sky News
- 14.00 Sky News With Dermot Murnaghan
- 14.30 Sky News
- 15.00 Sky News With Dermot Murnaghan
- 15.30 Sky News
- 16.00 Boulton & Co
- 16.30 Boulton & Co
- 17.00 Sky News With Kay Burley
- 17.30 Sky News
- 18.00 Sky News With Kay Burley
- 18.30 Sky News
- 19.00 Sky News With Kay Burley
- 19.30 Sky News
- 20.00 Sky News At 5 With Jeremy Thompson
- 20.30 Sky News
- 21.00 Sky News At 6 With Jeremy Thompson
- 21.30 Sky News
- 22.00 Jeff Randall Live
- 22.30 Jeff Randall Live
- 23.00 News, Sport, Weather
- 23.30 News, Sport, Weather
- 00.00 Sky News At Nine
- 00.30 Sky News
- 01.00 Sky News At Ten



- 06.05 Bang Goes The Theory
- 06.30 Bang Goes The Theory
- 07.00 Sci-Fi Saved My Life
- 07.55 Storm Chasers
- 08.45 The Ipod Revolution
- 09.40 What's That About?
- 10.30 Mega World
- 11.20 Alien Planet
- 12.10 Scrapheap Challenge
- 13.00 How Tech Works
- 13.30 The Ipod Revolution
- 14.20 Food Factory
- 14.45 How Tech Works
- 15.10 Scrapheap Challenge
- 16.00 Mega World
- 16.50 What's That About?
- 17.40 Sci-Fi Saved My Life
- 18.30 Joe Rogan Questions Everything
- 19.20 The Gadget Show
- 19.45 How Tech Works
- 20.10 Mythbusters
- 21.00 Mega Builders
- 21.50 Kings Of Construction
- 22.40 Sci-Trek
- 23.30 Space Pioneer
- 00.20 The Gadget Show
- 00.45 How Tech Works
- 01.10 Mega Builders
- 01.50 Kings Of Construction
- 02.45 Mythbusters
- 03.35 Sci-Trek
- 04.30 Space Pioneer
- 05.20 Scrapheap Challenge

TODAY'S television & radio highlights

● Programme times are subject to change by the television companies, and all are given with Bahrain local times.



- 06.30 Play back
- 07.00 Gulf Round Up (r)
- 07.30 Yathra (r)
- 08.00 Morning Movie: Immini Nalloral
- 10.30 Serial : Chandanamazha (r)
- 11.00 Sancharam
- 11.30 Serial: Sthreedhanam (r)
- 12.00 Taste Time
- 12.30 Serial: Parasparam (r)
- 13.00 Matinee Movie: Sarkkar Dada
- 15.30 Easy Cooking (r)
- 16.00 Serial: Swayamvaram
- 16.30 Serial: Kailasanadhan
- 17.00 Serial: Mahabharatham
- 17.30 Serial: Balaganapathy
- 18.00 Serial: Amma
- 18.30 Serial: Sthreedhanam
- 19.00 Star Singer Season 7
- 20.00 Serial: Parasparam
- 20.30 Serial : Chandanamazha
- 20.55 Munshi
- 21.00 Serial: Hatim
- 21.30 Oridathoridathu
- 22.00 Badai Benglaw (r)
- 23.00 Taste Time (r)
- 23.30 Chirikkum Thalika
- 00.30 Mylanchi Season 3 (r)
- 01.30 Serial: Swayamvaram (r)
- 02.00 Oridathoridathu (r)
- 02.30 Serial: Parasparam (r)
- 03.00 Serial: Sthreedhanam (r)
- 03.30 Serial: Amma (r)
- 04.00 Yathra (r)
- 04.30 Comedy Café
- 05.00 Devasangeetham
- 05.30 Star Singer Season 7 (r)



- 06.00 Pularkalam Part 2
- 06.30 Vakku
- 07.00 Nerambu
- 07.30 News - Malayalam
- 08.00 Teleshopping
- 08.30 Chungath Golden Dreams
- 09.00 Kavyasagaram
- 09.30 News Headlines
- 09.35 Teleshopping
- 10.00 Streams of Grace
- 10.30 News - Malayalam
- 11.00 Ente Veedu
- 11.30 Albums
- 12.00 Teleshopping
- 12.30 Thirai Thendral
- 13.00 Spandanangal Slot
- 13.30 News Headlines
- 13.35 Vaivahikam
- 14.00 Awaaz
- 14.30 Chocolates
- 15.00 Mandangalloode
- 15.30 Harithakeralam
- 16.00 News - Malayalam
- 16.30 Constituency Review
- 17.30 Star chat

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showsports 1 HD

- 06.00 Trans World Sport
- 07.00 NRL Premiership
- 09.00 NRL Premiership
- 11.00 Live NRL Premiership
- 13.00 ICC Cricket 360
- 13.30 Futbol Mundial
- 14.00 HSBC Sevens World Series
- 17.00 Trans World Sport
- 18.00 Golfing World
- 19.00 PGA Tour Highlights
- 20.00 AFL Premiership Highlights
- 21.00 Dubai World Cup Carnival
- 02.30 ICC Cricket 360
- 03.00 Super Rugby
- 05.00 NRL Premiership



showsports 2

- 07.00 Inside The PGA Tour
- 07.30 PGA Tour
- 13.00 Golfing World
- 14.00 NRL Premiership
- 16.00 NHL
- 18.00 HSBC Sevens World Series

showsports 3

- 07.00 Golfing World
- 08.00 Inside The PGA Tour
- 08.30 World Pool Masters
- 09.30 World Pool Masters
- 10.30 Dubai world cup carnival
- 16.00 Inside The PGA Tour
- 16.30 World Pool Masters
- 17.30 World Pool Masters
- 18.30 NRL Premiership
- 20.30 Trans World Sport
- 21.30 Inside The PGA Tour
- 22.00 World Pool Masters
- 23.00 World Pool Masters
- 00.00 Super Rugby
- 02.00 AFL Premiership Highlights
- 03.00 PGA Tour Highlights
- 04.00 IRB Rugby Sevens

showsports 4

- 07.00 Pro Bull Riders
- 08.00 WWE Experience
- 09.00 WWE Bottom Line
- 10.00 Monster Jam
- 11.00 Monster Jam
- 12.00 World Snow Boarding Free Style
- 12.30 World Snow Boarding Free Style
- 13.00 NHL
- 15.00 Monster Energy Supercross
- 17.00 Pro Bull Riders
- 18.00 Pro Bull Riders
- 19.00 Monster Jam
- 20.00 Monster Jam
- 21.00 Bellator MMA
- 23.00 Life Cycles
- 00.00 Life Cycles
- 01.00 NHL
- 03.00 Pro Bull Riders
- 04.00 Pro Bull Riders
- 05.00 Monster Jam

AMRITA TELEVISION

- 18.30 Shubharatri
- 19.00 Chicking Best Choice
- 19.30 News-Malayalam
- 20.00 Relax
- 20.30 Gulf News
- 21.30 Aawaaz
- 22.30 Shubharatri
- 23.00 Autograph
- 23.30 Jeevan Rekha
- 00.00 News Night Edition
- 00.30 Mutta the Mulla
- 01.00 Manasu
- 01.30 Vachanadeepthi
- 02.00 Nalumanu Poovu
- 02.30 Nadopasana Songs
- 03.00 Christian Devotional Songs
- 03.30 Devamrutham
- 04.00 Vachanadeepthi
- 04.30 News - Malayalam
- 05.00 Pularkalam Part 1
- 05.30 English News

ZEE TV

- 06.00 Shoot & Track
- 06.30 Al-Manar
- 07.00 Tarzan
- 07.30 Tele Brand Show
- 08.00 Guruvaram (r)
- 08.30 News Now
- 09.00 Movie Bazar
- 09.30 In Jawahar Colony
- 10.00 Snehita
- 10.30 Ucha Vartha
- 11.00 Aarogya Vartakal
- 11.30 Movie
- 15.00 Vidyabhyasa Vartakal
- 15.30 News Track

travel channel

- 03.00 Aur Pyaar Hogaya
- 03.30 Sapne Suhane Ladakpan Ke
- 04.00 Baba Ramdev
- 04.30 Baba Ramdev
- 05.00 Dars E Quran
- 05.30 Yoga For you
- 06.00 Globe Trekker
- 07.00 Globe Trekker
- 08.00 House Hunters International
- 08.30 House Hunters International
- 09.00 Soul Seeker
- 10.00 World's Greatest Motorcycle Rides
- 11.00 Airport 24/7: Miami
- 11.30 Airport 24/7: Miami
- 12.00 Baggage Battles
- 12.30 Treasure Trader
- 13.00 Bizarre Foods America
- 14.00 House Hunters International
- 14.30 House Hunters International
- 15.00 Hotel Impossible
- 16.00 Insane Experience - Ride-iculous
- 16.30 Xtreme Waterparks
- 17.00 Airport 24/7: Miami
- 17.30 Airport 24/7: Miami
- 18.00 Treasure Trader
- 18.30 Baggage Battles
- 19.00 Bizarre Foods America
- 20.00 House Hunters International
- 20.30 House Hunters International

Discovery CHANNEL

- 21.00 World's Greatest Motorcycle Rides
- 22.00 Globe Trekker Around The World
- 23.00 Bizarre Foods America
- 00.00 World's Greatest Motorcycle Rides
- 01.00 Airport 24/7: Miami
- 01.30 Airport 24/7: Miami
- 02.00 Insane Experience - Ride-iculous
- 02.30 Xtreme Waterparks
- 03.00 Insane Experience - Ride-iculous
- 03.30 Xtreme Waterparks
- 04.00 Travel Testers
- 05.00 Globe Trekker Around The World
- 06.00 Survive That!
- 07.00 You Have Been Warned
- 07.50 Robson's New Extreme Fishing Challenge
- 08.40 Fast N' Loud
- 09.30 Border Security
- 09.55 Storage Hunters
- 10.20 Container Wars
- 10.45 How Do They Do It?
- 11.10 How Stuff's Made
- 11.35 Fast N' Loud
- 12.25 Classic Car Rescue
- 13.15 Overhulin' 2013
- 14.05 Border Security
- 14.30 Storage Hunters
- 14.55 Container Wars
- 15.20 Flying Wild Alaska
- 16.10 Fast N' Loud
- 17.00 Ultimate Survival
- 17.50 Wheeler Dealers
- 18.40 You Have Been Warned
- 19.30 One Man Army
- 20.20 How Do They Do It? Turbo Specials
- 21.10 Storage Hunters
- 21.35 Container Wars
- 22.00 Gold Rush
- 22.50 Alaska Gold Diggers
- 23.40 Gold Divers
- 00.30 Gold Rush
- 01.20 Alaska Gold Diggers
- 02.10 Gold Divers: Under The Ice
- 03.00 You Have Been Warned
- 03.50 Border Security
- 04.15 Storage Hunters
- 04.40 Container Wars
- 05.05 How Do They Do It? Turbo Specials

Discovery CHANNEL

- 06.00 Adventure Wanted
- 07.00 Shark Men
- 08.00 The Human Family Tree
- 09.00 Predator CSI
- 10.00 Caught In The Act
- 11.00 Adventure Wanted
- 12.00 World's Toughest Fixes
- 13.00 The Known Universe
- 14.00 80s: The Decade That Made Us
- 15.00 Shark Men
- 16.00 Expedition Antarctica
- 17.00 Predator CSI
- 18.00 Darwin's Lost Voyage
- 03.00 Megastructures
- 04.00 Light At The Edge Of The World
- 05.00 The Numbers Game



NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC CHANNEL

- 06.00 Adventure Wanted
- 07.00 Shark Men
- 08.00 The Human Family Tree
- 09.00 Predator CSI
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Discovery CHANNEL

- 06.00 Kid vs Kat
- 06.10 Slugterra
- 06.35 Randy Cunningham: 9th Grade Ninja
- 07.00 Zeke & Luther
- 07.25 Phineas And Ferb
- 07.50 Phineas And Ferb
- 08.15 Kickin' It
- 08.40 Zeke & Luther
- 09.05 Ultimate Spider-Man
- 09.30 Lab Rats
- 09.55 Lab Rats
- 10.20 Phineas And Ferb
- 10.45 Phineas And Ferb
- 11.10 Phineas And Ferb
- 11.35 Phineas And Ferb
- 12.00 Supa Strikas
- 12.25 Supa Strikas
- 12.50 Kickin' It
- 13.15 Den Brother
- 14.40 Phineas And Ferb
- 14.55 Phineas And Ferb
- 15.20 Pair Of Kings
- 15.45 Zeke & Luther
- 16.10 Zeke & Luther
- 16.35 Lab Rats
- 17.00 Lab Rats
- 17.30 Kickin' It
- 18.00 Kickin' It
- 18.25 Phineas And Ferb
- 18.50 Phineas And Ferb
- 19.15 Supa Strikas
- 19.40 Packages From Planet X
- 20.05 Ultimate Spider-Man
- 20.30 Marvel Avengers Assemble
- 20.55 Hulk And The Agents Of S.M.A.S.H.
- 21.20 Phineas And Ferb
- 21.45 Phineas And Ferb
- 22.10 Lab Rats
- 22.35 Scaredy Squirrel
- 23.00 Programmes Start At 6:00am KSA

Discovery CHANNEL

- 06.30 LOOP
- 07.30 The Playlist
- 08.00 TOP 5
- 08.30 VCD

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22.01 Outlook; 22.25 Pause For Thought; 22.30 Multitrack: Hit List; 23.00 Newshour; 00.00 News; 00.05 World Business Report; 00.15 Britain Tod; 02.00 News; 02.05 Outlook; 02.30 Multitrack Hit-List; 03.00 Newsdesk; 03.30 West Way; 03.45 Britain Today; 04.00 Newsdesk; 04.30 Seven Days; 04.45 Wood, Guts And Brass; 05.00 Newsday; 05.30 On Screen.

VOICE OF AMERICA
03.00 Preview; 05.01 World News; 07.06 World News In Depth; 09.10 Regional News; 11.14 U.S. News; 13.18 Sports; 15.22 U.S. Features; 17.28 Station Break; 19.30 Preview; 21.31 World News in Depth; 23.45 Science / Medicine / Environment; 23.49 Business and Economic News; 23.53 Music Features; 23.58 Station Break.

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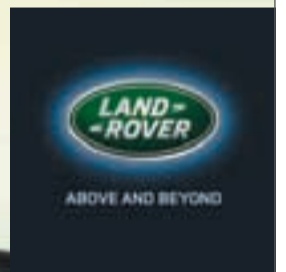
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Colourful start...



■ Scenes from yesterday's inauguration ceremony



THE Optimist Asian Championships 2014 got off yesterday with a colourful ceremony at Amwaj Islands' The Lagoon in Muharraq.

Organised in co-operation with H&H Media, the opening ceremony was attended by hundreds of sailing fans and featured a variety of activities.

More than 120 sailors from 21 countries have reached Bahrain for the week-long event, being organised by the Bahrain Maritime Sports Association under the authority of the International Optimist Dinghy Association (IODA).

Races are scheduled to commence today and will run for six consecutive days at the Bahrain Sailing Club in Zallaq.

Yesterday's ceremony was held under the patronage of Supreme Council for Youth and Sports chairman and Bahrain Olympic Committee (BOC) president Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, who delegated committee acting general secretary Abdulrahman Askar to attend the function.

Organising committee head Bahrain Maritime Sports Association president Shaikh Khalifa bin Abdulla Al Khalifa spoke at the event and extended his sincere appreciation to Shaikh Nasser and Askar for their support to the championship, which is being held in Bahrain for the first time.

A maximum of four races will be held every day.

Fleet

The course for the fleet racing will be an outer-loop trapezoid with the finish line at the end of the second windward led.

As for the team racing championships, the course will be a starboard 'S' course.

The closing ceremony will be staged at the Bahrain Sailing Club.

Countries taking part this year include regional nations Saudi Arabia, Qatar, the UAE, Oman and hosts Bahrain while other Arab countries in the fray are Morocco and Libya.

The other participating countries include Australia, Chinese Taipei, China, Hong Kong, India, Japan, Malaysia, New Zealand, Singapore, Thailand, the US, Germany, Monaco and Turkey.

Women set for Futures showdowns



THE Bahrain International Futures Tennis Championship for women starts today at the Bahrain Tennis Club in Juffair.

Eight matches are scheduled for today, starting at 4pm.

Four seeds will be in action in the round of 32 matches. Fourth seed Valeria Prosper of Italy takes on Damini Sharma of India while fifth seed Xi-Yao Wang of China clashes with Rikeetha Pereira of India.

Another Indian and sixth seed Prerna Bhambri meets Teodora Sabljarevic of Serbia while eight seed Quirin Lemoine of the Netherlands faces Linda Dubska of Czech Republic.

Other matches: Jelena Stojanovic (Aus) vs Evgeniya Svintsova (Rus); Stamatia Faliou (Gre) vs Frana Ugarkovic (Cro), Shiho Hisamatsu (Jap) vs Ashmitha Easwaramurthi (Ind); Sofia Sabljarevic (Ser) vs Maria Siopacha (Cyp).

The championship carries a cash prize of \$10,000 and is being held under the patronage of chairman of Supreme Council for Youth and Sports and president of Bahrain Olympic Committee Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa.

The sponsors of the event are GPIC, Bapco, Bahrain Duty Free and Solidarity/Takaful Group.

The title in the men's championship was won by Belgian Julien Cagnina who beat German Peter Heller 6-2, 6-3 in the final on Saturday.

Manama take on Nuwaidrat in basketball

DEFENDING champions Manama will take on Nuwaidrat at 6pm while rivals and cup champions Muharraq clash with Al Hala at 7.45pm tonight in the second round of the Golden Square Group 'A' of the Bahrain Zain Basketball League at the Bahrain Basketball Association Court in Um Al Hassam.

Manama and Muharraq presently top the table with two points each. Manama routed Al Hala 85-57 while Muharraq defeated Nuwaidrat 66-62 in the first round.

BOC hold meeting

BAHRAIN Olympic Committee (BOC) technical director Lounes Madene held a meeting with heads and deputy heads of Bahrain delegations competing in a number of major international sports events later this year.

The Kingdom will first compete in the Second Youth Olympic Games, scheduled to take place in Nanjing, China, from August 16 to 28.

They then head to Incheon, in South Korea for the 17th Asian Games, to be held from September 19 to October 4.

Later on, Bahrain will travel to Doha for the Second GCC Beach Games from October 20 to 26 while their fourth and last appearance will be at the Fourth Asian Beach Games in Phuket, Thailand, from November 14 to 21.

During the meeting, held at the

BOC premises in Seef, Madene said the technical directorate, keeping in line with the directives of committee acting general secretary Abdulrahman Askar, continued to hold these meetings to look into their preparations and readiness for the upcoming events.

Heads of the Bahrain delegations include Fahad Al Khathlan (Second Youth Olympic Games), Hamad Buhiji (Second GCC Beach Games) and Mohammed Al Ghunaim (Fourth Asian Beach Games).

Their deputies are BOC International Affairs executive coordinator Mohammed Al Zayed (GCC Beach Games), Corporate Communication executive coordinator Fajer Jassim (17th Asian Games) and Maryam Mardana (Youth Olympics).

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■ The winners show off their trophies

McAlpine wins at 18th attempt



JANET McAlpine edged out a battling Sarah Hobday by a shot to clinch the title in the 26th Bahrain Ladies Open at the Awali Golf Club (AGC) after two days of thrilling competition.

McAlpine and Sarah Hobday had tied on 87 gross at the end of the opening day on Friday and the two AGC club members tussled all the way to the wire yesterday.

McAlpine eventually won with a round of 89 compared to Hobday's 90 for a total of 176 and 177 respectively.

Danielle Sheppard was third on 180 (90, 90) while Hanne Skjold was fourth on 186 (96, 90) and Debbie Lane fifth on 187 (90, 97).

"I played in my first Ladies Open 20 years ago, and have only missed two, so finally this is a win at my 18th attempt," said McAlpine.

"With Sarah being ahead most of the round on Day-2, I thought to myself 'I am going to win' for the first time as my pitch shot onto the 17th green, the 35th hole of play, came to rest."

Sarah, gracious and philosophical in defeat mentioned: "After my eagle on the par-5 13th and extending my lead to four shots, I thought I had it. Anyway, it was a weekend out in the sunshine with my mates having fun. What more do I need?"

Twenty-four local and overseas lady golfers battled it out at 6,309 yard, Par-75 course.

With several ladies playing in the Ladies Open for the first time, and some of these also having just received a handicap, the slower players took five hours to complete their rounds.

Sponsors: Bapco. Other sponsors included Arabian Exhibition Management, Chevron, Pan Gulf Industrial Systems, African and Eastern, Al Haddad Mercedes, AXA Insurance, Coca Cola, Ace Insurance, ID Works and Holman Fenwick Willan from Dubai.

Final standings: Winner - Janet McAlpine 176, **Runner-up:** Sarah Hobday 177. 3 Daniell Sheppard 180, 4 Hanne Skjold 186, 5 Debbie Lane 187, 6 Lynn St Lawrence 191, 7 Tracy Samson 193, 8 Dena Wales 197.

Other prize winners:

Best gross Day-1: Nicola Bailey 97. **Best gross Day-2:** Ariette Paul 95. **Best nett Day-1:** Jennifer Yang 74, **Best nett Day-2:** Joan Martin 75.

Overall Best nett: Nicola Park 150, **Best gross on par-3s Day-1:** Nicola Bailey 19. **Team prize:** Karin Lutz, Ariette Paul, Roberta Trzebinski, Nicola Bailey. **Anniversary/encouragement prize:** Metje Alink.

BIC gear up for night race debut



■ Workers spruce up BIC



WITH the FIA Formula One World Championship now heading to the Kingdom for the 2014 Gulf Air Bahrain Grand Prix, Bahrain International Circuit (BIC) has been gearing up to host the highly anticipated festival of racing and entertainment.

The event takes place on Friday, Saturday and Sunday in Sakhir, and it will mark the landmark 10th anniversary of BIC, "The Home of Motorsport in the Middle East".

In preparation for the special occasion, BIC staff have been hard at work with the upkeep of the circuit's facilities both on and off the race track.

Maintenance work has been going on daily over the past few weeks at the iconic Sakhir Tower as well as at each of the circuit's luxury suites, where many high-ranking VIPs will be hosted during the course of the Formula One weekend.

Also being prepared are the circuit's

various grandstands, which can accommodate up to 45,000 people in total on any single day.

Approximately 10,500 fans can be seated at the Main Grandstand, which offers a perfect view of the starting grid and chequered flag, the Formula One pit lane and the podium.

Maintenance has also been going on at the Turn One Grandstand, the Batelco Grandstand, and the University and Victory grandstands.

Furthermore, work has been done at each of the team buildings along the BIC paddock, which can host up to 18 international racing squads.

Each building is fully equipped with all the necessities, including a kitchen, bathroom and shower facilities.

Maintenance has also been carried out at BIC's world-class Media Centre, which can host up to 500 journalists and 120 photographers.

The nearby TV and Radio Compound,

which can house more than 260 broadcasters from around the world, has also undergone some work.

At the F1 Village vending area, much of the set-up for the weekend's entertainment has been completed, such as the Shaun the Sheep marquee for children, the High Rope extreme activity course and the Main Stage.

Landscape

Meanwhile, out on the race track, eight giant screens have been put up all across the circuit from where the fans can watch all the action.

Repainting of some of the run-off areas and the beautification of the desert landscape has also been carried out.

It will all come together brilliantly under the floodlights as Bahrain hosts its very first Formula One night race.

Most importantly, complete safety checks on all tyre barriers and other parts of the track have also been con-

ducted by BIC officials.

Outside of the circuit's walls, the public parking lot has also undergone extensive maintenance work, while key access points to BIC has been widened to significantly reduce the long queues due to traffic during the Formula One weekend.

All this and plenty more work has been done at BIC to ensure that it is fully ready to stage the biggest and most happening occasion in the region this year.

Such focus and dedication has won BIC many awards in the past, such as an accolade for the Best Organised Grand Prix in 2004 and then a few years later, the prestigious distinction of becoming the first-ever Formula One circuit in the world to be named an FIA Institute Centre of Excellence.

Tickets are selling quickly for this year's Grand Prix and those wishing to attend are advised to purchase theirs as soon as possible.

Tickets range from BD150 for all three days at the Main Grandstand to BD60 for three days at the University and Victory grandstands. Three-day tickets for the Batelco Grandstand are BD120 apiece while tickets for the Turn One Grandstand are BD100.

Tickets to the 2014 Formula One Gulf Air Bahrain Grand Prix can be purchased at the BIC stands in Bahrain City Centre or Seef Mall; online at www.bahraingp.com or on the official BIC page on Facebook; or by calling the BIC Hotline on +973-17-450000. For more information visit www.bahraingp.com or call +973-17-450000.



■ Yacoob with the trophy

Yacoob wins Black Tee Challenge



NASSER Yacoob was crowned champion of the Black Tee Challenge at the Royal Golf Club with a gross score of 76.

He narrowly beat fellow national team player Hamad Afnan into second place on count back.

The annual event, held on the Club's Montgomerie championship course, is a real test of golf with competitors playing from the black tees, making the course a challenging 7,243 yards long.

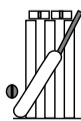
While Yacoob claimed the gross title, there were also prizes in the net competition. Sam Jong Kim won first place with nett 76 while Irfan Faraan had to settle for second after achieving the same score and once again using the count back system to determine the winner.

For information about forthcoming golf events at RGC, call +973 17 750777 or email golfvents@theroyalgolfclub.com

Results:

Best gross: 1 Nasser Yaqoob (76 c/b), 2 Hamad Afnan (76). **Best nett:** 1 Sam Jong Kim (76 nett c/b), 2 Irfan Faraan (76 c/b). **2's Club winners:** Gordon Bennie and Dave Martin.

Bassali Legends score over Awan CC



BASSALI Legends scored a two-wicket victory over Awan CC Bassali in a knockout match of the Bahrain Summer Cricket League.

Batting first, Awan CC made 75 for nine wickets in their 12 overs. Falak made an unbeaten 18-ball 15 (1x6) and Faisal a 15-ball 14 runs.

For Bassali Legends, Mustaba and Adel claimed two wickets each.

In reply, Bassali Legends reached the target losing eight wickets and in 12 overs. Zaheer top scored with a four-ball 12 runs

(1x6, 1x4) while Safdar made a 20-ball 11.

For Awan CC Bassali Nadeem and Wafiq bagged two wickets each. Zaheer was declared man-of-the-match.

The tournament is being organised by Kaleidoscope Enterprises and sponsored by Mayflex Excel, Spectra, Artful Dodger, Bahrain Financing Company, Sprite and The Juffair Grand.

Other results:

Summer Land 147-5 in 12 overs (Sameer Naik 50, 25 balls, 6x6, 1x4, Raheesh 35, 14 balls, 3x6, 1x4; Kiran 2-12) bt Central Café 59 all out in 11.2 overs (Naveen Shetty 17, 15 balls, 1x6, 1x4; Asif A

and Asif B took 2 wkts each) by 88 runs. Man-of-the-match: Sameer Naik.

Super Net Cargo 88-7 in 12 overs (Ameer 28*, 22 balls, 2x6, 3x4; Anish 12, 9 balls, 1x6; Josh 3-5, Ganesh 2-16) bt Spectra 66 all out in 9.5 overs (Janna 33, 25, 3x6) by 22 runs. Man-of-the-match: Ameer.

Riffa CC 140-1 in 12 overs (Richard 67, 31 balls, 4x6, 3x4; Guru Prashad Shetty 53, 28 balls, 5x6, 2x4; Kaisar 1-11) bt Artful Dodger 112-7 in 12 overs (Obaid 35, 14 balls, 3x6, 2x4; Asif 25, 20 balls; Guru Prasad Shetty and Sagar Shetty took two wickets each) by 28 runs. Man-of-the-match: Guru Prasad Shetty.

Liverpool crush Spurs to go top

Candрева late strike seals Lazio victory

LONDON: Liverpool overwhelmed Tottenham Hotspur 4-0 at a fervent Anfield yesterday to take over at the top of the Premier League table with six games of the season remaining.

Earlier, substitutes Kevin Mirallas and Steven Naismith scored as Everton won 3-1 at bottom club Fulham to close to within four points of the Champions League places.

Spurs never recovered from an early Younes Kaboul own goal, with further strikes from Luis Suarez, Philippe Coutinho and Jordan Henderson securing an eighth successive victory for Brendan Rodgers's in-form side.

The win took Liverpool two points above previous leaders Chelsea, beaten 1-0 by Crystal Palace on Saturday, and left the 18-time champions on course for a first English league title since 1990.

Third-place Manchester City, four points below Liverpool, have two games in hand, but both they and Chelsea must visit Anfield before the season's end.

"We have won eight games in a row and we will enjoy that," Liverpool manager Rodgers said.

"It's just about going back to work next week and we have a tough game against West Ham next.

"The dream is for our supporters. They want to win the title. It has been a long time, but it's not in my thinking. We just need to prepare and do well and if we do that, we will win



■ Liverpool's Coutinho, left, scores against Tottenham

games."

Tottenham had been thrashed 5-0 by Liverpool in December's reverse fixture, precipitating the departure of coach Andre Villas-Boas, and yesterday's defeat left Tim Sherwood's side eight points below the top four in sixth place.

Liverpool have made a habit

of scoring early in recent weeks and it took them under two minutes to take the lead against Spurs, with Kaboul inadvertently knocking Glen Johnson's low cross into his own net.

Spurs' cause was not helped by an injury to centre-back Jan Vertonghen and his replacement, Michael Dawson, was

to play an unfortunate role in Liverpool's second goal in the 25th minute.

His volleyed pass towards Kaboul allowed Suarez to pounce and the Uruguayan ran away from the Spurs centre-backs before driving a left-foot shot across visiting goalkeeper Hugo Lloris.

The goal was Suarez's 29th in the league this season, eclipsing the Premier League club record of 28 set by Robbie Fowler in 1996.

Roberto Soldado threatened to give Spurs a foothold in the game with a curling shot that drew a flying save from Simon Mignolet, but Liverpool ended the first half on top, with Lloris brilliantly touching a header from Suarez onto the post.

Coutinho killed the game off 10 minutes into the second period, drilling a low shot into the bottom-left corner from 22 yards.

Henderson added a fourth in the 75th minute with a free-kick from wide on the left that eluded everyone on its way into the net, leaving the home fans to serenade their side with chants of "We're gonna win the league!"

Everton took a 50th-minute lead at Craven Cottage when Fulham goalkeeper David Stockdale unwittingly diverted a deflected volley from Naismith into the net for an own goal.

Ashkan Dejagah came off the bench to score a stunning equaliser for Fulham in the 71st minute, cutting inside from the left flank and letting fly with a rising shot that flew into the top-left corner.

Mirallas restored Everton's lead eight minutes later, though, running onto a pass from fellow substitute Aiden McGeady and coolly beating Stockdale, before Naismith stabbed home the visitors' third in the 87th minute.

MILAN: Lazio defender Antonio Candreva struck late to secure a 3-2 win over Parma and maintain their Europa League hopes as Fiorentina's Champions League bid was dented in a scoreless draw away to Sampdoria yesterday.

Earlier, goals in either half from Mattia Destro and Michel Bastos helped Roma to a cagey 2-0 win away to Serie A strugglers Sassuolo.

At the Olympic Stadium Senad Lulic gave Lazio a 15th minute lead and after Jonathan Biabiany had levelled barely 10 minutes later Miroslav Klose put the hosts within sight of a precious win with a 67th minute strike.

Lazio suffered a blow when a defensive mix-up saw Michael Ciani intercept a cross intended for Antonio Cassano with the ball spinning away from the defender and out of reach of keeper Federico Marchetti and into the Lazio net.

Parma looked to be heading for a share of the spoils but when Spanish striker Keita drove a daisy-cutter into the area Candreva ran in to volley beyond Antonio Mirante and into the net for a welcome injury-time winner.

Parma remain sixth with a game in hand but are only one point behind fifth-placed Inter who occupy the first Europa League qualifying spot ahead of their visit to Livorno today.

Lazio's 12th win of the campaign kept them in eighth although Edy Reja's men are now only two points off Parma and three behind Inter.

Lazio's win was tempered by a fans' boycott in protest at current president Claudio Lotito, meaning the club's home games have been sparsely attended.

Reja played down Lazio's Europa League hopes and admitted his side are suffering from the boycott.

"It would be a minor miracle if we qualified for Europa," he said. "We're still suffering from the absence of fans, although we did hear the fans who did turn up. Thanks to them, it gave us the extra spur for the win."

ENGLISH LEAGUE

Premiership

Fulham	1	Everton	3			
(Dejagah 71) (Stockdale 50-og, Mirallas 79, Naismith 87)						
Liverpool	4	Tottenham	0			
(Kaboul 2-og, Suarez 25, Coutinho 55, Henderson 75)						
P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Liverpool	32	22	5	5	88	39 71
Chelsea	32	21	6	5	62	24 69
Man City	30	21	4	5	80	28 67
Arsenal	32	19	7	6	56	37 64
Everton	31	17	9	5	49	31 60
Tottenham	32	17	5	10	40	44 56
Man United	32	16	6	10	52	38 54
Southampton	32	13	9	10	49	40 48
Newcastle	32	14	4	14	38	47 46
Stoke	32	10	10	12	37	45 40
West Ham	31	9	7	15	34	41 34
Aston Villa	31	9	7	15	34	46 34
Swansea	32	8	9	15	45	48 33
Hull	32	9	6	17	33	40 33
Norwich	32	8	8	16	26	51 32
Crystal Palace	31	9	4	18	20	39 31
West Brom	31	5	14	12	36	48 29

Playing today:

Sunderland v West Ham United
(Starting at 11pm, Bahrain time)

SCOTTISH LEAGUE

Premiership

Hearts	2	Hibernian	0
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ITALIAN LEAGUE

Sassuolo

Roma	0	Parma	3			
(Destro 16, Bastos 90+6)		(ulic 15, Klose 67, Candreva 90+3) (Biabiany 26, Ciani 81-og)				
Lazio	3	Fiorentina	0			
(ulic 15, Klose 67, Candreva 90+3) (Biabiany 26, Ciani 81-og)		(El Kaddouri 45+1, Cerci 71) (Nene 77)				
Sampdoria	0	Cagliari	2			
Torino	2	Genoa	3			
(El Kaddouri 45+1, Cerci 71) (Nene 77)		(Donadel 35, Toni 88, 90+4)				
Verona	3	Juventus	2			
Napoli	2	(Callejon 37, Mertens 81)				
P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Juventus	31	26	3	2	67	22 81
Roma	30	21	7	2	58	15 70
Napoli	31	19	7	5	59	32 64
Fiorentina	31	15	7	9	49	33 52
Inter Milan	30	12	12	6	47	31 48
Parma	30	12	11	7	49	37 47
Atalanta	31	14	4	13	37	39 46
Lazio	31	12	9	10	40	40 45
Verona	31	13	4	14	46	52 43
Torino	31	11	9	11	45	40 42
AC Milan	31	11	9	11	47	43 42
Sampdoria	31	11	8	12	40	43 41
Genoa	31	10	9	12	34	39 39
Udinese	30	10	5	15	33	42 35
Cagliari	31	7	11	13	29	41 32
Chievo	31	7	6	18	26	46 27
Bologna	31	5	11	15	24	48 26
Livorno	30	6	6	18	32	56 24
Sassuolo	31	5	6	20	29	61 21
Catania	30	4	8	18	23	54 20

Playing today:

Udinese v Catania
(Starting at 8pm, Bahrain time)
Livorno v Inter Milan
(Starting at 10pm, Bahrain time)

SPANISH LEAGUE

Osasuna

Real Sociedad	1	Almeria	1			
(Riera 59) (Castro 7)		(Manucho 6)				
Real Valladolid	1	Elche	1			
(Jonathan 44) (Suarez 31pen)		(Vargas 7) (Lafita 24, Marica 27, Pedro Leon 88)				
Villarreal	1	Getafe	3			
Valencia	1					
P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Atletico Madrid	31	24	4	3	69	22 76
Barcelona	31	24	3	4	89	25 75
Real Madrid	31	23	4	4	86	32 73
Athletic Club	31	16	8	7	53	34 56
Sevilla	31	14	8	9	55	46 50
Real Sociedad	31	14	8	9	54	44 50
Villarreal	31	14	7	10	51	37 49
Espanyol	31	11	7	13	34	36 40
Valencia	31	11	7	13	44	45 40
Levante	30	9	10	11	27	38 37
Celta Vigo	31	10	6	15	34	44 36
Granada	30	10	4	16	28	40 34
Rayo Vallecano	31	10	3	18	34	68 33
Malaga	30	8	8	14	29	38 32
Elche	31	7	11	13	25	42 32
Getafe	31	8	7	16	29	48 31
Real Valladolid	31	6	12	13	32	50 30
Almeria	31	8	6	17	33	58 30
Osasuna	31	8	6	17	26	52 30
Real Betis	30	5	7	18	26	59 22

Playing today:

Granada v Levante
(Starting at 9pm, Bahrain time)
Real Betis v Malaga
(Starting at 11pm, Bahrain time)

World Results

BASKETBALL

NBA games on Saturday (home team in CAPS):

PHILADELPHIA	123	Detroit	98
DALLAS	103	Sacramento	100
LA CLIPPERS	118	HOUSTON	107
WASHINGTON	101	Atlanta	97
Miami	88	MILWAUKEE	67
SAN ANTONIO	96	New Orleans	80

ICE HOCKEY

NHL games on Saturday (home team in CAPS):

Boston	4	WASHINGTON	2
COLORADO	3	San Jose	2
Tampa Bay	4	BUFFALO	3
(Overtime)			
Detroit	4	TORONTO	2
Montreal	4	FLORIDA	1
NY ISLANDERS	2	New Jersey	1
(Shootout)			
Columbus	3	CAROLINA	2
(Overtime)			
Anaheim	5	VANCOUVER	1
LOS ANGELES	4	Winnipeg	2
Dallas	4	ST LOUIS	2
Minnesota	3	PHOENIX	1

RUGBY SEVENS

Hong Kong round of the IRB Sevens World Series:

Finals Cup			
England	7	New Zealand	26
Third place			
Fiji	21	Australia	12
Plate			
South Africa	19	Wales	14
Bowl			
Scotland	31	France	5
Shield			
Kenya	17	Portugal	10
Semi-finals			
Cup			
Fiji	7	England	17
New Zealand	19	Australia	7

F1 RESULTS AND STANDINGS

1 L Hamilton	Mercedes	1:40.25	36th lap; D Ricciardo (Red Bull): 50th lap.
(average speed: 185.442 km/h)			
2 N Rosberg	Mercedes	-17.313	
3 S Vettel	Red Bull	-24.534	
4 F Alonso	Ferrari	-35.992	
5 N Hulkenberg	Force India	-47.199	
6 J Button	McLaren	-1:23.691	
7 F Massa	Williams	-1:25.076	
8 V Bottas	Williams	-1:25.537	
9 K Magnussen	McLaren	1 lap	
10 D Kvyat	Toro Rosso	1 lap	
11 R Grosjean	Lotus	1 lap	
12 K Raikkonen	Ferrari	1 lap	
13 K Kobayashi	Caterham	1 lap	
14 M Ericsson	Caterham	2 laps	
15 M Chilton	Marussia	2 laps	

OVERALL STANDINGS

Drivers			
1 N Rosberg	(GER)	43	
2 L Hamilton	(GBR)	25	
3 F Alonso	(ESP)	24	
4 J Button	(GBR)	23	
5 K Magnussen	(DEN)	20	
6 N Hulkenberg	(GER)	18	
7 S Vettel	(GER)	15	
8 V Bottas	(FIN)	14	
9 K Raikkonen	(FIN)	6	
10 F Massa	(BRA)	6	
11 J-E Vergne	(FRA)	4	
12 D Kvyat	(RUS)	3	
13 S Perez	(MEX)	1	
Constructors			
1 Mercedes	68,	2 McLaren	Mercedes
43,	3 Scuderia Ferrari	30,	4 Williams
20,	5 Force India	19,	6 Red Bull Racing
15,	7 Toro Rosso	7.	

Retirements: S Perez (Force India) 1st lap; P Maldonado (Lotus): 8th lap; J Bianchi (Marussia): 9th lap; J-E Vergne (Toro Rosso): 19th lap; A Sutil (Sauber): 33th lap; E Gutierrez (Sauber):

Ricciardo tenacity hailed

SEPANG, Malaysia: Red Bull boss Christian Horner had high praise for Daniel Ricciardo yesterday after the Australian driver hit problem after problem at the Malaysian Grand Prix and still came out smiling.

Ricciardo was disqualified from a glorious second-place finish at the season-opener in Australia and he could have been in a foul mood after a disastrous sequence of events at Sepang.

"It went from looking good to looking pretty bad in a short amount of time," Ricciardo said. "I'm really disappointed, but at the same time there's a little bit in me which is happy because I think I've come out the first two races how I wanted to, in a way."

First Ricciardo's fuel sensor, at the centre of the Australian controversy, failed, and then he drove off with a loose wheel after a pit stop, and had to return to the garage to have it refitted.

As he returned to the track, dropping from fourth to last, Ricciardo's front wing came loose and damaged a front tyre, meaning he had to go back to the pits.

He then had to serve a 10-second stop-go penalty and was given a 10-place grid penalty at the next race for the unsafe pit stop. He retired before the end of the grand prix.

But despite his troubles, the 24-year-old still managed a smile when he hopped out of his car – earning further admiration from his new team principal.



Kiwis capture Hong Kong title



New Zealand celebrate with their trophy

HONG KONG: New Zealand defeated England 26-7 in a drenched cup final in Hong Kong yesterday, surging to the top of the points table after the seventh tournament of the IRB Sevens World Series. Leap-frogging South Africa, whose disappointing final day saw them knocked out of the Cup quarter-finals by England, New Zealand now boast 136 points after their third tournament win of this year's series. South Africa is in second place with 129 points, Fiji in third with 112 points, and England in fourth with 104 points.

"It's a great, great victory in real challenging conditions," said coach Gordon Tietjens, who like his players was caught in a deluge in the dying moments of the game. Describing England as a "quick side" and a "dangerous team", he nevertheless showered praise on his players – one in particular. "Our captain DJ Forbes was just, simply, simply outstanding... You know, without singling out individuals, he was just quite amazing, I just can't say enough about the guy."

76ers end losing streak

PHILADELPHIA: The Philadelphia 76ers avoided setting the longest losing streak US major professional sports history by routing the Detroit Pistons 123-98 on Saturday to end their winless stretch at a record-equalling 26 games. Michael Carter-Williams and Thaddeus Young each scored 21 points for the 76ers, who won for the first time in exactly two months and did it with surprising ease, leading by as much as 32 points. They also ended an 18-game home losing streak, which was one shy of another NBA record. Beaten badly a number of times during their skid, the 76ers got to experience life on the other side, ringing up a season-high 70 points in the first half.

Rodriguez wins Tour

BARCELONA: Joaquim Rodriguez won the Tour of Catalunya for a second time yesterday when the Team Katusha rider defended his slender overnight lead to pip fellow Spaniard Alberto Contador of Tinkoff-Saxo into second. Champion in 2010, home favourite Rodriguez had a four-second lead going into the last and shortest of seven stages, a rain-soaked 121-kilometre ride around Barcelona's Montjuic hill. Contador, a two-time Tour de France winner, mounted a half-hearted attack around 2 kms out but Rodriguez, known as "purito" due to his fondness for cigars, easily reined him in and all the top riders finished bunched together.

Kerr grabs share of lead

CARLSBAD, US: Cristie Kerr drained two birdies in her first six holes en route to a two-under 70 to seize a share of the lead after the third round of the LPGA Tour's Kia Classic on Saturday. Lizette Salas is the co-leader with fellow American Kerr after posting a three-under 69 to reach 10-under 206 at the Park Hyatt Aviara Golf Club in Carlsbad, California. Salas is seeking her first win on the American Tour. "I have been hitting it pretty fine. I am an adrenaline player, once I get it going I get confident," said veteran Kerr.

Yuvraj hits form to seal India win

DHAKA: Yuvraj Singh roared back to form with a pugnacious half-century and Ravichandran Ashwin grabbed 4-11 as India hammered listless Australia by 73 runs in the World Twenty20 in Dhaka yesterday.

Yuvraj hit 60 off 43 balls to steer India to 159-7 after they were sent in to bat, before Australia collapsed in spectacular fashion to be bowled out for a paltry 86 in 16.2 overs.

India, who had already qualified for the semi-finals, topped group two of the Super-10s with four successive wins. They will meet the number two team from the other group in the last four.

It was Australia's third loss in a row, leaving them at the bottom of the table along with Bangladesh.

Pakistan, who beat Bangladesh by 50 runs earlier on Sunday, will clash with the West Indies on Tuesday to decide the second semi-finalist from the group.

South Africa have made it to the knock-out round from group one, while Sri Lanka will face New Zealand in Chittagong on Monday to determine the other semi-finalist.

India, whose previous three wins came while batting second, were given first strike by Australian captain George Bailey and found themselves in immediate trouble.

India's top order faltered after opener Rohit Sharma fell to part-timer Brad Hodge off the fourth ball of the innings and slipped to 66-4 by the 12th over.

Left-handed Yuvraj, who made one and 10 in the two innings he got to bat in the tournament, launched a spectacular counter-attack that included five boundaries and four sixes.

Skipper Mahendra Singh Dhoni made 24 during a fifth-wicket stand of 84 off 42 balls with Yuvraj before he was

STANDINGS

GROUP 1					
	P	W	L	Pts	NetRR
*South Africa	4	3	1	6	+0.075
Sri Lanka	3	2	1	4	+2.199
New Zealand	3	2	1	4	+0.362
England	3	1	2	2	-0.102
Netherlands	3	0	3	0	-2.176
GROUP 2					
	P	W	L	Pts	NetRR
*India	4	4	0	8	+1.280
West Indies	3	2	1	4	+1.223
Pakistan	3	2	1	4	+0.893
Australia	3	0	3	0	-1.549
Bangladesh	3	0	3	0	-2.315

* Asterisk denotes qualified for semi-finals.
Playing today:
England v Netherlands (Starting at 12.30pm, Bahrain time)
New Zealand v Sri Lanka (Starting at 4.30pm, Bahrain time)
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wickets for 13 runs.

"This is the most disappointing performance by our team in three years of my captaincy," Australia captain George Bailey said. "We lacked the game sense and we batted badly though our bowling was good today."

Australia, who have won four World Cups but never the World Twenty20, play their last game against Bangladesh tomorrow.

SCOREBOARD			
India		Australia	
R Sharma c Muirhead b Hodge	5	A Finch c Kohli b Ashwin	6
A Rahane c Haddin b Bollinger	19	D Warner c R Sharma b Ashwin	19
V Kohli c White b Muirhead	23	C White c Jadeja b Kumar	0
Y Singh c Maxwell b Watson	60	S Watson b M Sharma	1
S Raina c Finch b Maxwell	6	G Maxwell b Ashwin	23
M Dhoni b Starc	24	G Bailey c Kohli b Jadeja	8
R Jadeja run out	2	B Hodge c Jadeja b Mishra	13
R Ashwin not out	3	B Haddin c Rahane b Mishra	6
B Kumar not out	0	M Starc run out	2
Extras: (lb6, w10, nb1)	17	J Muirhead c Dhoni b Ashwin	3
Total (for seven wickets, 20 overs)	159	D Bollinger not out	1
Fall of wickets: 1-6, 2-46, 3-53, 4-66, 5-150, 6-152, 7-158.		Extras: (lb3, w1)	4
Bowling: Hodge 2-0-13-1 (w2), Maxwell 4-0-20-1 (w1), Starc 4-0-36-1 (w4), Watson 4-0-36-1 (w3, nb1), Bollinger 4-0-24-1, Muirhead 2-0-24-1.		Total (all out, 16.2 overs)	86
		Fall of wickets: 1-13, 2-19, 3-21, 4-44, 5-55, 6-63, 7-75, 8-79, 9-83, 10-86.	
		Bowling: Kumar 3-0-7-1, M Sharma 2-0-11-1, Ashwin 3-2-0-11-4 (w1), Raina 1-0-16-0, Jadeja 4-0-25-1, Mishra 3-0-13-2.	

Bowditch scrambles to stretch lead to three shots

SAN ANTONIO: Australia's Steven Bowditch scrambled for a four-under par 68 on Saturday to stretch his lead to three strokes going into the final round of the US PGA Tour's Texas Open.

Bowditch, who is seeking a first US tour title, had a 54-hole total of 12-under par

204. He was three strokes in front of Americans Matt Kuchar and Andrew Loupe.

Kuchar fired a seven-under 65, the low round of the day, for 207. Loupe could have had sole possession of second place, but bogeyed his last hole for a two-under 70.

American Pat Perez was alone on 208

after a 69 and American Kevin Na's 69 left him on 209. Bowditch chipped in at the first two holes for a birdie and an eagle. He added two more birdies and just one bogey, at the par-four ninth, to build on his 36-hole lead.

"I actually hit two good shots on the first hole, I was just sort of in between

clubs for my second," Bowditch said. "It was probably the easiest chip you're going to get out there. It landed on the front and let it run out."

"The second hole was a little different. I took a bit of a risk out of the bunker for my second shot to try and get it pretty close to the green and the lie was good."



■ Djokovic celebrate match point and victory against Nadal

Djokovic topples Nadal to win trophy



MIAMI: Novak Djokovic tamed world number one Rafa Nadal 6-3 6-3 to claim his fourth Sony Open title yesterday, denying the Spaniard a maiden win on the Miami hardcourts.

It was the second straight Masters series title for the second-ranked Serb, who de-

feated Roger Federer in the BNP Paribas Open two weeks ago in Indian Wells.

The Miami title continues to be one of the few to elude Nadal, who has now finished runner-up four times at Crandon Park, twice beaten in the final by Djokovic.

The 40th meeting between Nadal and Djokovic added another line to what has

grown into one of tennis's great rivalries with the Spaniard holding a 22-18 edge.

Djokovic erased the only break point he faced, committed just 15 unforced errors and won a scrambling, 30-shot rally on the final point. Despite the outcome, Nadal will remain ranked No 1 and Djokovic No 2 in the world.

FROM POLE TO FLAG

● Hamilton leads Mercedes 1-2 finish

SEPANG, Malaysia: Briton's Lewis Hamilton won the Malaysian Grand Prix with a pole-to-flag victory ahead of Nico Rosberg yesterday in a first Mercedes one-two since they returned to Formula One as a works team in 2010.

The 2008 Formula One world champion easily pulled away from his rivals on a dry track with a three-stop strategy to win the race by 17.3 seconds, his 23rd career victory and first in Malaysia at the eighth attempt.

"Incredibly happy, it's my eighth year here (at Sepang) and finally I got that win," the Briton told reporters after taking the chequered flag for his second win for Mercedes since he joined them last year and first points of the season.

"It's quite special to get a one-two, I haven't had many in my career, so that makes it even more special. A great day," added the former McLaren driver.

Rosberg, who won the season opener in Australia two weeks ago, started in third place but squeezed past quadruple world champion Sebastian Vettel into the first corner and was able to keep the Red Bull at bay and stay top of the driver standings. It was Mercedes' first one-two since 1955, their last year as a works team before 2010.

Rosberg almost touched the wall as he took Vettel at the start and struggled to manage his rear tyres in the early stages as the two Germans remained close before the Mercedes driver pulled away over the closing laps.

Second

The second place finish moved him on to 43 points in the standings, 18 clear of Hamilton with Ferrari's Fernando Alonso third on 24 points after his second fourth of the season. Mercedes took the lead from McLaren in the constructors' standings.

"I had a really good start.. got away well and I thought Sebastian was going to put me into the wall but he stopped just before so thank-you for that," Rosberg said. "My heart skipped a beat a little bit but it was OK. I was trying to chase Lewis but he was a bit too quick today."

Vettel finished third, 7.2 seconds behind Rosberg, for his first



■ Mercedes' Hamilton holds up the trophy as he celebrates on the podium

points of the season following an early retirement in Australia as he struggled to make an impact on the Mercedes pair without the rain that helped his qualifying bid on Saturday. Having endured a tricky time during off season testing, Vettel was delighted to make the podium.

"Congratulations to them, they are bloody quick, the

package they have is very, very strong," Vettel told reporters.

"For us there is mostly positives. It's much better than what we expected during the winter."

Alonso was involved in a tight battle with Force India's Nico Hulkenberg in the closing stages before finally overtaking the German although he will be disappointed that once again

the Ferrari looked well short of challenging the Mercedes duo.

McLaren's Jenson Button was sixth with Felipe Massa of Williams seventh just ahead of team mate Valtteri Bottas after the Brazilian refused to yield to his Finnish team mate despite team orders to do so.

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SPORT AT A GLANCE

■ Hingis teams up with Lisicki for title

MIAMI: Martina Hingis shrugged off her 33 years to partner Sabine Lisicki to the Miami WTA doubles title yesterday in only the pair's second tournament together. The Swiss veteran and her German partner downed second seeded Russians Ekaterina Makarova and Elena Vesnina, 4-6, 6-4, 10-5. The wildcard entrants won the last seven points of the deciding super tiebreaker to take the trophy. After almost six years in retirement, Hingis returned to the doubles tour in 2013, playing five WTA events alongside Daniela Hantuchova. After the US Open she didn't play for another six months but got back in the game at Indian Wells alongside Lisicki earlier this month. Hingis now has 38 WTA doubles titles to her name, having won 37 between 1995 and 2007.

■ Hearts stave off relegation

GLASGOW: Hearts staved off relegation with a 2-0 win in the Edinburgh derby at Tynecastle yesterday to deny rivals Hibernian the chance to condemn them to the Championship. Cash-strapped Hearts, who were docked 15 points at the beginning of the season for entering administration, went into the match knowing their 33-year stay in the Scottish top flight could be ended with defeat at the hands of their fiercest rivals. However, Gary Locke's youthful side showed they will not be going down without a fight as Dale Carrick finished off a good move to fire Hearts in front in the seventh minute.

■ Kaka 'leaving' Milan

MILAN: Brazilian forward Ricardo Kaka said he still believes in his World Cup chances but refused to rule out leaving AC Milan amid speculation he could opt to play in the US from next season. Kaka has appeared only sporadically for Brazil in recent years but was called into Luiz Felipe Scolari's squad for friendlies with Italy and Russia last year. After scoring a brace in a 3-0 win over Chievo on Saturday in his 300th game for the Rossoneri, Kaka said: "There's still time for the World Cup. I just have to keep playing well with Milan. On May 7 the squad will be announced, and I believe I'm still in with a chance."

■ Hamburg in drop zone

BERLIN: Hamburg SV, the only ever-present club since the Bundesliga was founded in 1963, slipped back into the relegation zone after a 3-1 defeat at Borussia Muenchengladbach yesterday. Hamburg dropped below Stuttgart into 17th place on goal difference after slumping to their sixth consecutive away defeat despite taking the lead. Both teams have 24 points, two below Nuremberg, and six games each to play.

Shehzad keeps Pakistan semis hopes alive

DHAKA: Opener Ahmed Shehzad smashed an unbeaten 111 off 62 balls as Pakistan thrashed hosts Bangladesh by 50 runs to stay on course for the semi-finals of the World Twenty20 in Dhaka yesterday.

The 22-year-old from Lahore hit 10 boundaries and five sixes in his first T20 international century to lift Pakistan to a commanding 190 for five after they elected to bat.

Bangladesh managed only 140 for seven in reply in front of a sell-out home crowd of 25,000 at the Sher-e-Bangla stadium to suffer their third successive defeat in group two of the Super-10s.

With both Bangladesh and Australia out of the race, the winner of tomorrow's last league match between Paki-

SCOREBOARD			
Pakistan		Bangladesh	
A Shehzad not out	111	T Iqbal b Gul	16
K Akmal c Ziaur b Razzak	9	A Haque c & b Ajmal	18
M Hafeez st Rahim b Razzak	8	S Al Hasan c U Akmal b Gul	38
U Akmal c Tamim b Mahmudullah	0	S Rahman c Kamran b Afridi	4
S Malik st Rahim b Shakib	26	M Rahim lbw b Babar	2
S Afridi c Ziaur b Al Amin	22	N Hossain st Kamran b Ajmal	23
S Maqsood not out	1	M Mahmudullah not out	17
Extras (b3, w9, nb1)	13	Z Rahman c Kamran b Gul	0
Total (for 5 wkts, 20 overs)	190	M Mortaza not out	17
Fall of wickets: 1-43, 2-70, 3-71, 4-154, 5-188.		Extras (lb3, w2)	5
Bowling: Mortaza 4-0-63-0 (nb1, w5), Al Amin 4-0-37-1, Shakib 4-0-21-1 (w1), Razzak 4-0-20-2 (w3), Mahmudullah 3-0-24-1, Ziaur 1-0-22-0.		Total (for 7 wkts, 20 overs)	140
		Fall of wickets: 1-30, 2-36, 3-44, 4-47, 5-91, 6-112, 7-116.	
		Bowling: Hafeez 3-0-16-0, Tanvir 3-0-26-0, Gul 4-0-30-3 (w1), Ajmal 3-0-20-2, Babar 3-0-24-1 (w1), Afridi 4-0-21-1.	

stan and the West Indies will join India in the semi-finals from the group.

"This was a great effort from the boys," said Pakistan captain Mohammad Hafeez.

"Everyone knew how important this game was. It was a special knock from Shehzad.

"He showed today that he has all the shots in the book. We now confidently look forward to playing the West Indies."

Shehzad, who reached his century off 58 balls in the 18th over, was caught off a Mashrafe Mortaza no-ball in the 19th after hitting the previous ball for a six.

The error proved expensive as Pakistan scored 44 runs in the last two overs, with Mortaza conceding 24 in the penultimate over. Shehzad hammered 31 in an opening stand of 43 with Kamran Akmal (nine) that came off just 27 deliveries.

Bangladesh fought back by taking three quick wickets, two of them by left-arm spinner Abdur Razzak, as Pakistan slipped to 71 for three by the 10th over.

