MANAMA: His Majesty King Hamad will today lead Bahrain’s delegation to the 29th Arab League summit in Saudi Arabia.

He will leave for Dhahran today to attend the high-level session, taking place amidst complex challenges facing Arab nations.

The King will also attend the closing ceremony and military parade of the Joint Gulf Shield drill, at the invitation of Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, the Royal Court said in a statement yesterday.

The BDF is taking part in the drill. The summit is expected to discuss the Palestine situation, the ongoing conflict in Syria and Yemen, threats posed by terrorist groups and relations with Iran.

The leaders are also expected to declare support for Lebanon, as well as peace and development in Sudan and Comoro Islands.

King Salman will chair the summit, which will see announcement of the ‘Dhahran Declaration’. It will stress the need for a unified Arab stance on peace process in the region.

It will back constitutional legitimacy in Yemen and condemn Iran’s interference in the region.

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Saudi Arabia also expressed support for US-led strikes, saying they were a response to “Syrian regime’s crimes against civilians.” “The strikes were prompted by the Syrian regime’s use of chemical weapons against innocent civilians, “the statement by the Foreign Ministry said. It called on the UN Security Council and the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons to investigate the use of chemical weapons in Eastern Ghouta.

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Air strikes hit Syria's weapons facilities

WASHINGTON: Western powers said yesterday that their missile attacks struck the heart of Syria's chemical weapons programme, but the restrained assault appeared unlikely to halt Syrian President Bashar Al Assad's progress in the seven-year-old civil war.

The US, France and Britain launched 105 missiles overnight in retaliation for a suspected poison gas attack in Syria a week ago, targeting what the Pentagon said were three chemical weapons facilities, including a research and development centre in Damascus' Barzeh district and two installations near Homs.

Mission

The bombing was the biggest intervention by Western countries against Assad and his ally Russia, but the three countries said the strikes were limited to Syria's chemical weapons capabilities and not aimed at toppling Assad or intervening in the civil war.

US President Donald Trump called the operation a success. He proclaimed on Twitter: “Mission accomplished,” echoing former President George W Bush, who used the same phrase in 2003 to describe US invasion of Iraq.

“We believe that by hitting Barzeh in particular we’ve attacked the heart of the Syrian chemical weapons programme,” US Lieutenant General Kenneth McKenzie said at the Pentagon.

However, McKenzie acknowledged elements of the programme remained and he could not guarantee that Syria would be unable to conduct a chemical attack in the future.

The US ambassador to the UN, Nikki Haley, said at an emergency meeting of the UN Security Council that Trump told her that if Syria uses poisonous gas again, “The US is locked and loaded.”

The Western countries said the strikes were aimed at preventing more Syrian chemical weapons attacks after a suspected poison gas attack in Douma on April 7 killed up to 75 people. They blame Assad’s government for the attack.

Ten hours after the missiles hit, smoke was still rising from the remains of five destroyed buildings of the Syrian Scientific Research Centre in Barzeh, where a Syrian employee said medical components were developed.

Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov said the strikes were “unacceptable and lawless.”

Syrian state media called them a “flagrant violation of international law,” while Iranian Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei called it a crime and the Western leaders criminals.

Russia had promised to respond to any attack on its ally, but the Pentagon said no Russian air defence systems were used.

British Prime Minister Theresa May described the strike as “limited and targeted,” with no intention of toppling Assad or intervening more widely in the war.

Washington described the strike targets as a centre near Damascus for the research, development, production and testing of chemical and biological weapons; a chemical weapons storage site near the city of Homs; and another site near Homs that stored chemical weapons equipment and housed a command post.

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Russia fails to win UN backing

WASHINGTON: Russia yesterday failed to win UN backing for a condemnation of military strikes launched by the US, Britain and France on Syria.

A Russian-drafted resolution won three votes at the Security Council, far below the nine votes required for adoption. Eight countries voted against and four abstained.

The Russian measure would have condemned the “aggression” against Syria and demanded that the three allies refrain from any further strike.

Britain argued that the strikes were “both right and legal” to alleviate humanitarian suffering from repeated use of toxic gas in Syria’s seven-year war.

South Africans bid farewell to Winnie Mandela

SOWETO: South Africa bid yesterday for Madikizela-Man
dela’s survival. The ex-wife of the late Nelson Mandela took her last breath anti-apartheid icon at a funeral ceremony on April 2 at the age of 81 after a long illness. She had lived as her husband, former President Cyril Ramaphosa said, that just as South Africa grieved for Madikizela-Man
dela, it was comforted by the profound meaning of her life.

“In death, she has demonstrated that our many differences along political party and racial lines and the numerous disputes we may have are eclipsed by our shared desire to follow her lead in building a just, equitable and caring society,” he said.

“Loudly and without apology, she spoke truth to power. It was those in power who were most fearful, visited upon them her most vindictive and callous retributions. Yet, through everything, she endured. They could not break her. They could not silence her.”

In the final days of her life, the former ANC member had chosen to live in her Johannesburg home instead of a hospital or a retirement complex.

A portrait of the anti-apartheid icon at Fourways Memorial Park Cemetery, north of Johannesburg, ended a nearly two-week mourning period declared by the government.

Man found dead

MANAMA: A 58-year-old expatriate worker was found hanged from the ceiling fan in his labour accommodation in Budawarok, Rif, yesterday. Sources identified him as Arenet Aremen and relevant procedures have been taken. No further details were available.

For more news, visit the Gulf Daily News website.
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Experts say it is possible to extract 10 to 15 per cent of the oil due to complications involved in its extraction.

However, Dr Galpin said it would provide a much-needed boost to the economy at just the right time.

"The oil and gas find is significant because most of the (current) infrastructure projects worth $32bn are due to be completed in five years," he said.

"We are going to hopefully see the extraction of the new oil and gas reserves in five years. All these developments will really shape the economy at least for a decade."

He added that advances in technology over the next five years could potentially increase the amount of oil that Bahrain will be able to extract from its new offshore reservoir.

"I am not an expert on this, but obviously all this depends on the oil price and new technologies are developed all the time to improve the efficiency of extracting shale oil and gas," he said.

"In five years’ time there will be lots of technology out there to access this tremendous reserve.

"But right now the key thing is that all of this is putting Bahrain on the map, as there is growing interest from investors."

The government is still reliant on oil for the majority of its income, despite moves to diversify the economy.

Last year Bahrain produced a daily average of 197,276 barrels of oil per day, but one expert predicts the new reservoir could potentially double that figure.

"The country’s dependence on oil made it vulnerable to the shock oil price slump in 2014, forcing the government to borrow to finance its budget deficit which stood at an estimated $3.6bn last year."

As a result one forecast predicts public debt, the amount the government owes, could reach around 88pc of GDP this year – the equivalent of around $31bn.

Bahrain is now rated junk, or non-investment grade, by all three major credit rating agencies – Moody’s, Fitch and Standard & Poor’s, which affects its ability to borrow money on the markets.

However, Dr Galpin said the oil and gas discovery could change such perceptions by boosting investor confidence.

"Generally speaking, an increase in investor confidence translates to economic growth and further boosts consumer confidence with buying or investing in real estate," he said.

"Overseas confidence will help credit ratings in the future."

He added there had been a steady growth in the number of foreign companies entering or expanding in the local market.

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(Visit www.GDNonline to see the video that accompanies this story)
A clean-up was held at Karbabad beach by students and staff from AMA International University-Bahrain. Spearheaded by the university’s external and community engagement office, the clean-up campaign was held in co-operation with the Capital Municipality. Plastics and other non-biodegradable waste were collected during the campaign, which aimed to promote volunteering among the academic community. Above, students and employees gathered at Karbabad beach.

A CYLINDRICAL aquarium, an ice skating rink, an indoor zip line and two football pitches will be constructed at a new BD52 million mall in Dilmunia.

The Crescent-shaped Mall of Dilmunia will overlook a canal and a lush green landscape in the heart of the man-made Dilmunia Island, off the north-eastern coast of Muharraq.

Being built by Dilmunia Mall Developments Company, it is scheduled to launch in October 2019 and will feature more than 200 retail outlets on a total built-up area of 125,000 sqm.

Dilmunia Mall Development Company chief executive Shaikh Mohammed bin Duaij Al Khalifa told the GDN that an agreement has been signed with Bahraini entertainment company Ice World International to build a first-of-its-kind cylindrical aquarium to be featured in the Gulf region.

Shaikh Mohammed, Funscape Adventure project consultant and supplier of the ice rink, which he is the fourth Funscape project.

“We are also a sports entertainment area which will have an area of 1840 sqm and will host two indoor football pitches,” said Shaikh Mohammed.

A 265sqm ice skating rink will also be built and will include a reception, skates storage room, lockers and benches on a total built-up space of 750 sqm.

Dutch mobile ice skating rink company Ice World International is the design consultant and supplier of the ice rink, which is the fourth Funscape project.

“Especially with the airport expansion and planning on the King Hamad Causeway, it will develop and promote the tourism sector in line with the country’s 2030 vision,” he said.

He said the projects will have a “positive impact” on foreign investors, furthering Bahrain’s position in the tourism sector in line with the country’s 2030 vision.

“Considering the country’s vision of developing the tourism and real-estate sector, the project will have a positive impact on foreign investors,” he said.

He added that the shopping complex would generate between 2,500 to 3,000 job opportunities, while shops expected to open in the facility would invest a minimum of BD21 million into the mall.

The GDN previously reported that the main contractor of the project is Bahrain-based Cyprus Cybarco Tabet JV, while the international architectural design was done by Singapore-based DP Architects.

Mazen Al Umran Engineering Consulting is the project consultant, while DG Jones is the project manager and cost consultant.

The $1.6 billion Dilmunia Island project is a mixed-use development built on a man-made island off the north-eastern coast of Muharraq with a health and wellness anchor including residences, hotels and leisure and shopping districts.

By RAZAN ALHAIAR

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A fresh bid to allow all hotels in Bahrain to legally serve sheesha throughout the year has been launched.

The traditional tobacco pipe is only supposed to be served during Ramadan, but hotels continue to serve it all year round without a licence.

By MOHAMMED AL A’ALI

confirmed to the GDN that a new push to legalise the service in hotels has now been taken up by the Industry, Commerce and Tourism Ministry since the establishments are classified as tourist facilities.

He explained that an agreement was in the works between both ministries on how to implement the licences and which government authority would collect the fees.

“I mean it is clear that no one wants to see sheesha served in hotel rooms because they are dangerous and could lead to serious repercussions,” said Mr Al Khozaie.

“But having sheesha served at hotel restaurants, bars or even poolside shouldn’t be an issue since it could be controlled through the Health Ministry’s rules and regulations.”

We are speaking as if hotels don’t serve sheesha in such manner, they do, and since the Bahrain Tourism and Exhibitions Authority (BTEA) is not concerned about it and wants to attract business to tourist facilities they tend to turn a blind eye and not inform the Health Ministry. “In all cases hotels are winners whether they are licensed or not, but the government could be getting something out of it by imposing levies through permits if both ministries work together.”

Mr Al Khozaie said he supported the move to licence hotels to serve sheesha – adding that the existing unorganised situation was “ridiculous”.

“Restaurants and cafes in hotels should be divided into smoking and non-smoking areas, at the moment because of this saga on the issue of licensing, visiting families are dining in the middle of smokers and that’s wrong,” he said.

“We are working in partnership with both ministries to resolve the matter as we work towards attracting tourism and at the same regulating smoking.”

He added that negotiation meetings were still ongoing on how to properly implement the initiative.

Bahrain hailed for adopting sustainability concepts

BAHRAIN’S early adoption of sustainability concepts has been praised by the United Nations.

The kingdom voluntarily presented its national report on the achievement of sustainable development goals for review at the 2018 High-Level Political Forum of the United Nations Economic and Social Council.


“Bahrain’s National Charter is based on a fundamental pillar, which is achieving comprehensive sustainable development in political, economic, social and cultural fields,” said Mr El Sharkawi on the occasion.

“Therefore when the 17 sustainable development goals were announced in 2015, Bahrain was ahead in approving, adopting, and starting to implement them to raise the standard of living of the citizen.”

According to Mr El Sharkawi, civil society organisations played a significant role in achieving sustainable development goals where all members of society have healthy life styles, receive an education, women are empowered and there is gender equality.

“This report will serve as a reference, which the Kingdom of Bahrain can refer to in its government plan for the years 2019 to 2022,” he added.

“Taking into consideration what has been achieved on one hand and on the other what success will be done to achieve development projects that benefit the citizens and residents through achieving the sustainable development goals in the coming years.”

He also praised the country’s role in engaging all components of society, especially the private and public sectors, to work together in achieving sustainable development objectives.

Charity run marks sports day

HUNDREDS of runners were covered in coloured powder as they took part in a charity race yesterday at The Avenues.

The event, organised by the Youth and Sport Affairs Ministry, was held in celebration of International Day of Sport for Development and Peace, which falls on April 6 each year.

It started with a 1,000-step walk-a-thon, called the Peace Steps, as a symbolic peace gesture followed by the release of doves.

Hundreds of children then took part in a 2km race, where every 200 metres different coloured powder was thrown at them, followed by a Colour Run for adults.

Proceeds from the event, held under the patronage of His Majesty’s representative for charity work and youth affairs, Supreme Council for Youth and Sports chairman and Bahrain Olympic Committee president Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, were donated to building a football field for Syrian refugees in the Zaataru refugee camp in Jordan.

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**WHAT THEY SAID**

Patriotism is your conviction that this country is superior to all other countries because you were born in it — George Bernard Shaw, Irish-born playwright (1856–1950).

- An enormous ash cloud from a remote Icelandic volcano causes the biggest disruption to air travel since the 1980s. For the past week a cold front has spread volcanic ash over the eastern United States, England and Scotland.
- Flames and smoke send people jumping from their homes in the Russian town of Kursk — an attack on a nuclear arms factory is being investigated.
- Nato takes responsibility for the bombing of a Zagreb hotel. It is the third time the organisation has apologised for an intentional killing of civilians.
- More than 100 nations adopt a 26,000-page Chemical Weapons Convention which it was initially designed to prevent.
- An enormous chemical weapons attack on a Syrian town is believed to have killed at least 50 people.
- The US readied itself for a strike on Assad’s bases to punish the regime for an earlier chemical attack on eastern Ghouta, Russia offered to help to destroy Syria’s stockpiles of gas and nerve agents.
- America’s withdrawal from the chemical weapons convention is another breach of the international rule.
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A PROMINENT Bahraini lawyer has called for a special panel of experts to be set up to review cases of Intersex and Gender Identity Disorder (GID).

Fawzia Janahi, who has represented a number of people seeking sex change in the last 13 years, said the panel should consist of a religious scholar, a psychologist, an endocrinologist, a surgeon and a urologist.

She believes the special panel should operate under the Health Ministry and then refer genuine cases to the Justice, Islamic Affairs and Endowments Ministry in a bid to fast-track the process.

GID is the distress of a person experienced as a result of the sex and gender they were assigned at birth. In this case, the person’s assigned gender do not match the person’s gender identity, and the person is transgender.

While intersex is a general term used for a variety of conditions in which a person is born with a reproductive or sexual anatomy that does not appear to fit the outer appearance of male or female.

The High Administrative Court ruled in 2005 that two of Ms. Janahi’s clients could legally change their gender to male after having a sex change operation.

The clients had travelled to both Thailand and India to undergo their operations, which involved the removal of their ovaries, fallopian tubes and breasts.

However, in November last year Ms Janahi had another two cases rejected by the High Administrative Court. Despite her clients already undergoing sex operations to become men, a final appeal in each case has been lodged at the Cassation Court.

“Intersex people get sex operations just to make money from procedures,” she explained.

A_ROLE_OF_A_JUDICIAL_PANEL “We need a panel consisting of experts to be set up to review cases of Intersex and Gender Identity Disorder (GID) and interests,” Ms Janahi told the GDN.

“We need a panel consisting of a religious scholar, psychiatrist, endocrinologist, surgeon and a urologist at the Health Ministry in Bahrain, like the one in Egypt.”

“Forming this panel will help judges only view genuine cases which the panel approves.”

In addition, having a medical examiner assigned by the court is not enough to decide if a person suffers from GID or intersex because he only examines if the sex operations were conducted, but experts in different fields will be able to provide the best help for such cases.

“Medical examiners sometimes contradict themselves by initially saying that the person needs to undergo a sex operation but then add that the operation will not satisfy them in the future.”

“Some judges reject the cases because they see it is impossible to alter a person’s male and female chromosomes — even if they had undergone gender reassignment procedures.”

She explained that people suffering from GID and intersex were often blamed because of misconceptions that those who suffer from the conditions were homosexual.

She said in addition to the cases she was batting in court she has four other clients in Bahrain who suffer from GID and were receiving treatment.

“After winning the initial case in 2005, I have received calls from more than 200 people suffering from GID from all over the world including countries like Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Egypt, the UAE and Qatar asking for my consultation but to help them lodge cases in their countries.”

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The GDN previously reported on the cases in which two men were denied to be legally recognised as men, despite already undergoing a sex change procedure. One of them was bearded and wearing a tebeeha when she showed up in the High Civil Appeals Court in November last year.

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She wanted to legally change her sex was rejected by Bahrain’s High Civil Administrative Court in January 2016. This is despite the High Civil Administrative Court accepting a medical examiner’s report confirming that both applicants suffered from Gender Identity Disorder (GID).

In explaining its decision to deny both applicants’ requests on January 31 last year, the court stated it was impossible to alter a person’s male and female chromosomes — even if they had undergone gender reassignment procedures.

“Gender identity disorder is a mental disorder, there is no medicine or surgery that can cure this,” Ms Janahi said.

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Transport is a lifeline for any country.

It creates mobility and allows people to see the LVN, for example, my valid Bahraini driving licence. It makes people more involved in the community, as they can visit family and friends or go on holidays they need.

It spells freedom.

But does tweaking rules for more safety include things like a separate licence validity for expatriates, or expat driving licences to be restricted to two years, which is the period of their renewable residence permit?

This is the first step in translating the promise of a better road system into reality. Mind you, the Traffic and Licencing Directorate has opposed the change, saying it would unnecessarily create extra systems — requiring funding for new software and personnel.

We have to ask why such a move is being sought. One highly-placed MP reasoned that licensing the expatriates was essential because expatriates used their driving licences even after their expatriates expired, sometimes in other GCC countries.

The argument goes that the current system helps such people bend the rules and this amendment would limit that.

As a law-abiding expatriate of 37 years, who loves Bahrain and considers it home, I am insulted by this attribution of law-breakers to all expats. Is there any statistical evidence to prove this accusation?

If left Bahrain with a few months remaining on my driving licence and migrated to the UAE, for example, my valid Bahraini driving licence would help me commute until I could get my residence papers in order and apply for a valid licence in the UAE.

How does this inaccuracy Bahraini authorities make the case for limiting expat driving licences? By all means, take to task those who overstay their residence permits and continue to work without drivers’ license, but that should not be an immigration problem.

Why would we begrudge someone a few extra months on their driving licence when they have spent a minimum of two years in Bahrain, paying all sorts of expenses and spending money on shopping and rentals, not to mention paying road taxes on their vehicles? It does not make sense.

I am of the smaller-minded acts of bureaucratic power to prevent people from having a life to begin with.

That would do well to avoid such discriminatory rules and continue to keep its flag of fairness flying high.

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How many words of four letters or more can you make from the letters shown 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 letter in the centre. No plurals or verb forms ending in “s” or words with a hyphen or apostrophe permitted. The first word of a phrase is allowed (e.g. inkjet in inkjet printer).


**YESTERDAY’S SOLUTION**


**Quick Quiz**


**ANSWERS**


**Quick**

**ACROSS**

1. Hippopotamus
2. Hearts
3. The Human League
4. Head
5. Death In Paradise

**DOWN**

1. Rabbit’s cage
2. Concerning
3. This place
4. Iraq city
5. Smack
6. Pronouncement
7. Declamation
8. Site
9. Site
10. Sitcom
11. Carson (City)
12. P-rices
13. Ca-Mpus
14. Thin-king
15. Cur-ae
16. Ever
17. Laced
18. NEWS
19. M-e-g-an
20. Goods
21. Donor
22. Pedro
23. Fall
24. Stem
25. Exempt
26. Erupt
27. Ovoid
28. Blemish
29. Association with the youngster
30. Famine
31. Abet
32. Given a start
33. A mate in the country
34. Game in which a seed has plenty of chance of being successful
35. A digital character
36. Blemish
37. Bemusement.

**Solutions tomorrow.**
WOMEN who experience painful menstruation are being urged to visit their doctor, since they could have a condition that can prevent them having children.

Around four in 10 women in the region suffer from endometriosis, which could result in infertility.

The disorder is more prevalent here, with only one in 10 experiencing it on the global level.

It is a disorder in which tissue that normally lines the inside of uterus grows outside the uterus.

The cause is not known and most of the time women suffer in silence, prompting experts to call for action and more awareness.

“I get to see almost two patients on daily basis with endometriosis,” Royal Bahrain Hospital consultant obstetrician and gynaecologist Dr Naihah Nisar told the GDN.

“The condition is seen from the age of 17 or earlier and physicians should listen more to these patients to diagnose whether the reason for the pain is endometriosis.

“There is no proven reason for this painful condition, but many hypotheses.

“The condition is widely prevalent in Bahrain and the larger GCC, as I have seen the situation in Saudi Arabia when I worked there.

“I seriously suggest Bahrain should have a national Endometriosis Society, with experienced doctors on board to help these women alleviate their pain as well as address other related concerns, like infertility.”

Endometriosis is said to be one the most common conditions among women, yet one of the least talked about.

On average it takes over seven years from the onset of symptoms till diagnosis due to ignorance and lack of awareness, according to medical journals.

The treatment varies between patients, but the most severe cases can involve removal of the uterus.

Dr Nisar explained the condition released a toxin that killed sperm, making it difficult for a patient to conceive.

“Endometriosis itself releases a toxin into the pelvis which kills the sperm, as well as reduces the chances of egg release and hence there are chances of infertility or miscarriage,” said Dr Nisar.

“I have also seen cases of endometriosis among women who had a C-section.

“What is important is the lack of awareness among patients.

“I am sure the prevalence is very high (in Bahrain), but we don’t do any audits.”

The most common symptom is severe period pain that starts a day or two before menstruation starts.

Some women may also experience heavy periods, pain during intercourse, difficulty in conceiving, bowel pain, frequent presence of blood in their urine or stools.

Medics explain the condition is a result of reverse flow of menstrual blood through a fallopian tube into the pelvis area and abdominal cavities.

This blood dries up and leads to abnormal uterus walls, blocked fallopian tubes and acute pain.

Nobody knows the reason behind this very painful condition in women and I find it very difficult to explain to my patients, mainly Arabs,” said Aster Clinics Obstetrics and Gynaecology senior specialist Dr Nazma Adil Habib.

“In my practice I have seen a family with all women suffering from endometriosis, which could infer that it’s a genetic condition – but there is no proof of this.

“I have had cases of unmarried girls as young as 15 with unbearable pain during periods and also among married women, as well as those over 45.

“Three to four of the 10 patients I see have this condition and the treatment varies with age and type.

Awareness

“Patients don’t know about the condition, they silently suffer and even when they come for medical help they just need a quick solution and are not interested to know about the condition.

“It becomes difficult for the doctor to explain, as we can’t give them a reason (for endometriosis).

“I think we should have more awareness programmes to help them understand why this happens and perhaps ease their pain with early medication and, in some cases, with medicines.

“After one pregnancy they get better.”

Infiniti QX30 unveiled in Bahrain

THE new Infiniti QX30 has made its debut in Bahrain at a launch ceremony held at The Avenues Bahrain.

It was hosted by YK Almoayyed and Sons, the sole distributor of Nissan in Bahrain.

It was attended by Bahrain’s Nissan and Infiniti general manager Robert Beatty, YK Almoayyed and Sons director Hala Almoayyed and other officials.

The car is also available at the Infiniti showroom in Sitra.

It comes in three variations, the first being the QX30 2.0L Lux with a starting price of BD15,495.

The luxe sensory will have a starting price of BD16,995, while the luxe sensory cafe starts at BD17,495.
1) Rampage (PG 15) (Action/ Thriller/ Sci-Fi) Starring: Dwayne Johnson, Jeffrey Dean Morgan and Will Yun Lee Shows at 5pm, 7pm and 9pm.

2) The Commuter (PG 15) (Thriller/ Action) Starring: Liam Neeson Shows at 10.45am, 1.15pm, 4.30pm, 7pm and 9.15pm.

3) A Quiet Place (15+) (Horror/ Crime) Starring: John Krasinski and Noah Jupe Shows at 11.15am, 1.15pm, 4pm, 7pm, 9.15pm and 11.15pm.

4) The Mule (PG 15) (Biography/ Crime) Starring: Clint Eastwood, Joaquin Phoenix Shows at 11.45am, 1.45pm, 4.45pm, 7.15pm and 9.15pm.

5) Death Of Burden (PG 15) (Thriller / Drama) Starring: Daniel Radcliffe, Gregurger and Pablo Schreiber Shows at 11.45am, 1.45pm, 4.30pm, 7.45pm, 9.45pm and 11.15pm.

6) Pacific Rim: Uprising (PG 15) (Action/ Adventure/ Thriller/ Fantasy) Starring: John Boyega, Scott Eastwood and Tian Jing Shows at 12.15pm, 4.45pm and 9pm.

7) Rampage (PG 15) (Action/ Thriller/ Sci-Fi) Starring: Dwayne Johnson, Jeffrey Dean Morgan and Will Yun Lee Shows at 11.15am, 1.45pm, 4.15pm, 6.45pm, 9pm and 11.15pm.

8) Pyewacket (15+) (Horror/ Thriller) Starring: Rose Byrne, Domhnall Gleeson and Sam Neil Shows at 8.45pm, 10.30pm and 11.45pm.

9) A Quiet Place (15+) (Horror/ Drama) Starring: Emily Blunt, John Krasinski and Millicent Simmonds Shows at 12.05pm, 4.30pm and 6.50pm.

10) Bounty Hunter (PG) (Crime/ Adventure/ Comedy) Starring: John Travolta and Christian Slater Shows at noon, 2.15pm and 4.30pm.

11) Rampage (PG 15) (Action/ Thriller/ Sci-Fi) Starring: Dwayne Johnson, Jeffrey Dean Morgan and Will Yun Lee Shows at 11am, 1.15pm, 4.15pm, 6.45pm, 9.15pm, 11.15pm and 11.45pm.

12) A Quiet Place (15+) (Horror/ Drama) Starring: John Krasinski and Millicent Simmonds Shows at 11.45am, 1.45pm, 4.30pm, 7.15pm and 9.45pm.

13) Rampage (PG 15) (Action/ Crime/ Thriller) Starring: Dwayne Johnson, Jeffrey Dean Morgan and Will Yun Lee Shows at 12.05pm, 4.30pm and 6.50pm.

14) Rampage (PG 15) (Crime/ Drama) Starring: Anthony Gonzalez, Gael Garcia Bernal and Benjamin Bratt Shows at 11.45am, 2.45pm and 5.45pm.

15) Rampage (PG 15) (Comedy/ Romance) Starring: Ramez Galal and Reham Malukha Shows at 11.45am, 2.45pm, 5.45pm and 8.50pm.

16) Rampage (PG 15) (Biography/ Crime) Starring: Dwayne Johnson, Jeffrey Dean Morgan and Will Yun Lee Shows at 10.30am, 1pm, 3.15pm, 6.15pm, 9pm and 11.45pm.

17) Rampage (PG 15) (Action/ Comedy) Starring: Dwayne Johnson Shows at 10.30am, 1pm, 3.15pm, 6.15pm, 9pm and 11.45pm.

18) Rampage (PG 15) (Adventure/ Comedy) Starring: Dwayne Johnson Shows at 10.45am, 12pm, 2.45pm and 5pm.

19) Rampage (PG 15) (Action/ Comedy) Starring: John Cena Shows at 10.45am, 1pm, 3.15pm, 4pm and 6.45pm.

20) Rampage (PG 15) (Fantasy/ Comedy) Starring: Dwayne Johnson Shows at 10.30am, 1pm, 3pm, 5.45pm and 9pm.

21) Rampage (PG 15) (Sci-Fi) Starring: Dwayne Johnson Shows at 10.30am, 1pm, 3pm, 5.45pm and 9pm.

22) Rampage (PG 15) (Comedy/ Drama) Starring Dwayne Johnson Shows at 10.30am, 1pm, 3pm, 5.45pm and 9pm.

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29) Rampage (PG 15) (Action/ Crime/ Thriller) Starring: John Boyega, Maggie Grace and Ryan Kweten Shows at 12.05pm, 2.45pm, 5pm, 7.15pm, 9.30pm and 11.45pm.

30) Rampage (PG 15) (Action/ Comedy/ Adventure) Starring: Teresa Costa, Michael J Jordan and Lupta Nynoyo Shows at 12.05pm, 3.15pm, 6pm, 8.45pm and 11.30pm.

31) Rampage (PG 15) (Adventure/ Comedy) Starring: Dwayne Johnson, Karen Gillan and Kevin Hart Shows at 10.45am, 1.15pm, 4.15pm, 6.15pm, 9.15pm and 11.15pm.

32) Rampage (PG 15) (Comedy/ Romance) Starring: Ramez Galal, Reham Malukha and Banu Mousel Shows at 10.30am, 2.45pm, 7pm and 9.15pm.

33) Rampage (PG 15) (Comedy/ Romance) Starring: Alexic Vikander, Wick and Alexander Siddig Shows at 11.15am, 1.15pm, 4pm, 7pm, 9.15pm and 11.15pm.

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Ramadan aid joy for 4,000 families

MORE than 4,000 under-privileged families in Bahrain will receive financial aid or in-kind donations as part of a Ramadan campaign starting next week.

The Bahrain Red Crescent Society (BRCS) has allocated a BD155,000 budget for the project that will target 4,669 families across the country.

BRCS director general Mubarak Al Hadi told the GDN that the society will start distributing the aid from Tuesday ahead of Ramadan, which is expected to start on May 16 depending on the lunar calendar.

“A total of 4,669 families have been studied for eligibility and the money comes from donations and contributions,” said Mr Al Hadi.

“As a society we try our best to reach out to everybody and we do not reject any family that approaches us.”

The society’s social services committee is responsible for selecting the families based on a set of criteria, such as the monthly income should not exceed BD300.

“If a family earns more than BD300 they are not considered because some families do not even have BD100 to cover their expenses,” he explained.

“So, we try our best to reach all families who are in need in Bahrain.

“We gather information about the families and then conduct a field visit.

“Based on the visit and study, we determine what kind of aid a family is eligible for.”

Mr Al Hadi also encouraged people to contribute to the project to cover as many families as possible.

He explained that two types of donations will be distributed: cash and food parcels.

“The food parcels include 12 items that are used during Ramadan and these parcels are to help families receive the holy month,” he said.

“We want the families to be happy when Ramadan arrives and the more contributions we receive from people of good will the more we are able to expand our programme to include a larger number of eligible families.

“This campaign is important because it helps support families to have a good Iftar.

“As a society we have been providing aid for more than 40 years now.

“Aside from cash and parcels, we also provide wheelchairs and medical equipment throughout the year.

“Even children who give a small donation are appreciated and encouraged because it fosters a love for giving back to society and teaches them to give,” he said.

“It does not matter if they donate BD2 or BD1 or even 500 fils. Some children even bring their piggy banks to donate, which is greatly appreciated and encouraged.”

The BRCS will distribute aid to families from its headquarters in the Diplomatic Area from April 17 until May 3, from 9am to 12pm and 4.30pm to 6.30pm except on Thursdays which is just the morning period.

Eligible families are urged to contact the society to receive details about the distribution schedule. To donate to the BRCS, visit www.rcsbahrain.org or call 17293171 for more information.
Akhshaya Tritiya is one of the most celebrated festivals among the Indian community in any part of the world and is believed to be an auspicious day to make investments, purchase gold or start a new venture. Buying gold and jewellery on Akshaya Tritiya day, which falls on April 18 this year, is a huge part of the tradition, thought to bring prosperity and joy to the entire household.

Joyalukkas, the world’s favourite jeweller, joins the celebration and adds a golden touch to the festivities with a limited edition collection, special gifts and a grand prize giveaway.

For Akshaya Tritiya 2018, Joyalukkas has announced a very attractive prize of 200 gold bars. “Akhshaya Tritiya is a festival with a beautiful message about acting now, doing good now to reap an abundance of rewards in the future,” said Joyalukkas Group chairman and managing director Joy Alukkas.

“This resonates with the journey of Joyalukkas and each year we celebrate Akshaya Tritiya grandly. This year we are offering fabulous gifts and up to 200 gold bars as a thank you to our loyal customers, whose support has driven the tremendous growth of the brand and made the success we enjoy as a household name in jewellery retail worldwide possible.”

In over 140 showrooms in 11 countries, customers will be spoilt for choice in diamond and polki jewellery, as well as zero per cent deduction on gold exchange.

Even more exciting is the gold rate protection guarantee on offer for the duration of the promotion. By just paying 10pc in advance, customers are assured to get their gold at the lowest rate until April 18.

India’s leading institute for boards, scholastic and competitive examinations training, Fiitjee has now opened a centre in Bahrain.

The intent is to integrate the elements of education at school level along with preparation for competitive and scholastic examinations. These include the main and advanced Joint Entrance Exams (JEE), National Eligibility Entrance Test (NEET), Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT II), Kishore Vaigyanik Prottshan Yojana (KVPY), National Talent Search Examination (NTSE) and the Olympiads.

The centre will begin with conducting classes for students of year seven onwards. “The long pending demand and need of the wider Indian community has encouraged Fiitjee to commence evening and weekend classes making it accessible to all students following the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) curriculum through different schools,” said Fiitjee Bahrain centre head Aniruddha Baranwal.

“The evening centre will help aspiring students map their dreams of joining prestigious institutions for higher studies across the globe. “In their pursuit and quest to reach these colleges and universities students struggle a lot. “Either they repatriate back home to India amidst challenging circumstances or they end up following a haphazard way of unorganised preparation leading to non-optimum performance, which otherwise would have been spot on. “Realising these gaps and the keenness of parents and students, Fiitjee decided to extend its facilities in Bahrain. “Fiitjee deploys highly qualified teachers, who are trained to deliver the excellent courses to students in an easy-to-understand manner.

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The Centrepoint Summer 2018 collection promises to keep you looking cool and feeling fresh this season. It’s all about looking pretty in shades of pink for women this summer. Other fashion colours that are also prominent in the collection are ice-cream pastels such as lilac, melon and mint green, complemented by the classic clean summer shades of red, black, white, blue and sand.

Whether you’ve unshackled your inner girl power or if you would like to feel ultra-feminine, Splash is dialling up the details with tied bow straps, cascades, ruffles, sheer layering, off-shoulders, and tiers.

For Barbie girls of all ages a selection of official licensed Barbie fashion items will also be launching in-store.

Shoemart’s summer collection offers an explosion of colours to complement any outfit. From bright psychotropic designs through to classic black and white styles – shoes come in a range of heels, sandals, sneakers and more – with matching bags and accessories. If you’re not quite on the opportunity to live the 90s, you’re in luck as they are set to make their return with Splash’s reworked 90s theme for men.

The theme can be found in coloured and heathered sets, taped tees, embroidered polos and tie-dye, bleach splatter denim, coloured truckers, lanyards and typographic prints. Whether you’ve unleashed your inner girl power or if you would like to feel ultra-feminine, Splash is dialling up the details with tied bow straps, cascades, ruffles, sheer layering, off-shoulders, and tiers.

The collection brings in summery light cottons, linens and a mix of denims; in shades of blue hues with a touch of pastel yellows, reds and greens, to complement their summertime adventures.

Lifestyle is inspired from classical patterns and motifs from Renaissance and Baroque periods.

For those searching for an earthier look, enchanted forest and blooming grass with nature inspired collections comprising florals and blooms in bold vibrant brown, burgundy, black and gold.

Fiitjee, which started as an entrance training centre, has over the years developed into a name that is synonymous with innovation in teaching and mentoring to help students achieve their best academic potential.

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**MANAMA:** Albilal Real Estate Investment Company will showcase ‘Water Garden City’ at Gulf Property Show 2018.

The official master community developer of Water Garden City is promoting the mixed used water-front development situated in Seef District.

“The Gulf Property Show is one of the most important platforms that bring together all the master developers of the real estate projects in Bahrain,” said Zeyad Janahi, general manager of Albilal Real Estate Investment Company.

“Through our participation this year we will showcase the first phase of the Water Garden City Project (WGC) which includes two elements commercial and residential, in addition to the investment opportunities available in the project.

“WGC is a well-planned, sustainable, exciting and vibrant community developer of Water Garden City is promoting the mixed used water-front development situated in Seef District.”

Albilal has teamed up with award-winning international architects Hob, to create a city designed and tailored to benefit primarily residential and commercial users.

The three precincts of Water Garden City offer individual identities for residents and visitors. Each of the precincts is further divided creating a total of nine neighbourhoods, each with their own distinct appeal and key community features.

The first phase of the Marina Promenade dining strip which includes family oriented restaurants and stunning residential duplexes, has been completed and opened to the public.

Prospective restaurant/café tenants such as Dose Café, Agaly & Karak, to name a few will be moving in starting from the second and the third quarter of the year. The restaurants comprise ground floor and a mezzanine seating area with sea views through large panoramic windows together with outdoor seating terraces.

Lease agreements for some of the restaurant units that are still available are being negotiated and interested restaurant owners and operators are invited to submit their proposal at Gulf Property Show.

All the infrastructure requirements have been completed for the Marina District including roads, electrical power, water supply, sewerage network and paved streets.

The Sky Garden villas are walking distance to the attractively landscaped Beach Park with a sandy expanse providing excellent recreational space for residents. Buyers at Gulf Property Show will have the opportunity to purchase a villa with immediate occupancy.

Water Garden City is looking forward to the Marriott Residence Inn, the world’s extended stay serviced apartments leader commencing construction later in 2018.

“Water Garden City is part of Albilal’s development plan for the new business district. It is designed as Albilal’s flagship development to represent Bahrain’s dynamic economy and ensures world-class communications services with premium international standards. The annual F1 event shines the spotlight on Bahrain and places the Bahrain Grand Prix among the most popular international sporting events. As the BIC’s telecommunications partner, we make every effort to ensure that local and international visitors to the circuit benefit from the world-class services we offer,” Shaikh Mohamed said.

**GPIC plants’ maintenance work on track**

**MANAMA:** Gulf Petrochemical Industries Company (GPIC) has received the first and the largest equipment for use during the periodic maintenance of its plants that began on April 1 and will continue until April 23.

The equipment, for the Urea Formaldehyde Project Absorber Column, has been designed and manufactured in Bahrain at Ramses Engineering Company.

GPIC president Dr Abdulrahman Jawahery expressed pride at the ability of Bahrain’s manufacturers, who have a good reputation in craftsmanship and reliability.

He said GPIC has been keen to use a national company to manufacture the equipment to encourage the use of locally-made products.

He said the company is working to replace all equipment needed and used in the past with locally-made products, which are manufactured to the highest standards in accordance with the company’s regulations.

Dr Jawahery said the Absorber Column, made of stainless steel, is 31 metres long and weighs more than 58 tonnes. He said it took about eight months to manufacture. It was transferred as one piece on April 2. The transfer was carried out smoothly, taking full account of all safety procedures.

Dr Jawahery said work on the Urea Formaldehyde Project is on schedule and is expected to be completed soon.

The unit will be ready for production by the third quarter of the year.

He said the Absorber Column is a very important part of the Urea Formaldehyde Project.

Dr Jawahery said the company annually invests about $10 million in routine maintenance and about $22m in the comprehensive maintenance of plants every three years. He said such investment is based on the keenness of the management to select the best offers, using the latest global technology in the field of maintenance. This ensures the safety of workers on one hand and environment legislation on the other.
of Bahrain’s growing real estate portfolio of innovative developments. The commercial part of the city provides opportunities to enhance the economic development of Bahrain in keeping with the kingdom’s 2020 vision,” show organisers, HCE managing director Jabran Abdulrahman said.

Albilstad’s continued support of the Gulf Property Show is testimony to the value and high esteem that the real estate event is held by the kingdom’s leading developers. The Gulf Property Show is held under the patronage of His Highness Sheikh Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa, and takes place from April 24-26 at the Bahrain International Exhibition Centre.

“A 50 per cent increase in mobile traffic demands was recorded at the event this year, which emphasises the importance of our decision to invest in the latest technology and to serve our customers in the best way,” said VIVA Bahrain chief executive Ulaian Al Wetaid.

“We are very proud of the results this technology has achieved and will be exploring more ways to utilise it in the future for the betterment of Bahrain.”

This year, Bahrain Grand Prix attracted more than 95,000 visitors over the race weekend, driving a large increase in mobile data traffic demands. Continuing to invest in the most advanced technology is core to VIVA’s strategy and the company is strongly committed to delivering the best customer experience and connectivity services in Bahrain, it said.
NEW YORK: Wall Street is hoping that first-quarter earnings growth and corporate forecasts are strong enough to bring the FAANG group of stocks back into favour and take the spotlight off worries that caused the recent sell-off in the high-flying group.

With valuations below recent peaks, the group – comprised of Facebook, Apple, Netflix and Alphabet – could get some relief if the companies beat, or at least meet, Wall Street estimates.

Shares in the group, which led the S&P 500 to record highs in January, often trade together. They were pummelled late in the quarter on worries about a data privacy scandal at Facebook and US President Donald Trump’s public criticism of the company.

On top of this, fears of a trade war with China escalated during the quarter.

For the group, analysts expect average first-quarter year-over-year earnings growth of 25.8 per cent, up from 12.4pc growth in the fourth quarter and a 12.8pc increase a year ago, according to Thomson Reuters data.

“All we’re getting now is negative news … once we start to see the numbers, you’re going to see a bigger spotlight on the success these companies are having,” said Daniel Morgan, portfolio manager at Synovus Trust in Atlanta, which holds shares in the FAANG group.

Morgan says he is in a wait-and-see mode until after the first report from Netflix, which is due to be issued tomorrow. Analysts expect Netflix earnings growth of 59pc and revenue growth of 39pc, according to Thomson Reuters data.

The entire group was hurt by fears that Facebook and other Internet firms including Google would face onerous regulations or slowing advertising revenue growth after Facebook said nearly $78 million of its members’ personal data was improperly leaked.

Facebook fell almost 24pc in after-hours trading on the day it released its earnings, hitting $149.02 on March 26, its lowest point since July last year, due to the scandal. Google had fallen almost 18pc below its late January record by March 28.

Peter Tuz, president of Chase Investment Counsel in Charlottesville, Virginia said the $76-million Chase Growth fund cut its Facebook investments to 1.1pc from 3.1pc of its portfolio due to the scandal.

Tuz says he may stay on the sidelines until there is more clarity on Facebook’s prospects.

“If fundamentals remain strong with usage staying strong and the company doesn’t get hit with any severe fines or regulations we might very well buy back,” said Tuz, whose firm also owns Amazon.com, Apple and Google shares.

“We feel good about three out of the five FAANGs – Amazon, Apple, Google, he said. Amazon.com stock was hurt by criticism from Trump, who said he would take a serious look at what he claimed were the online retailer’s unfair advantages with shipping rates. It fell 16.3pc between March 13 and April 4.

The broader technology sector was also hammered by fears of a trade war with China, a big source of revenue. Apple derided about 28pc of its revenue from China, in its fiscal year 2017. Investors seek details on how the financial risks are in the face of events such as a trade war, new regulations or a stronger dollar.

“The guidance will be more important,” said Robert Pipps, a director at Per Stirling Capital Management in Austin, referring to comments on quarterly conference calls about the potential financial impact of all these issues.

But Patrick Palfrey, equity strategist at Credit-Suisse in New York is mainly focused on strong estimates for the sector, which has posted impressive growth “time and time again.”

“I’ve helped look at the group and have a positive outlook even with the current uncertainties,” said Palfrey.

Fund flow data shows investors were warming up to the sector again. Science and technology funds showed inflows of $1.25 billion on the week ending April 11 after outflows of $6.09bn the previous week, which had marked the first weekly retreat since early February.

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Martins clinches Brave 11 crown

Al Romaihi dominates Horse Pride championship

Roy rousing debut seals Delhi win

Mumbai: England opening batsman James Roy made a stunning debut for Delhi Daredevils in their last-ball, seven-wicket victory against defending champions Mumbai Indians in the Indian Premier League yesterday.

Roy smashed an unbeaten 91 off 53 balls with six sixes and six four as he anchored Delhi to 195-3 off 20 overs in reply to Mumbai's 194-7.

Latter, Bhuvneshwar Kumar took 3-26 and captain Kane Williamson 2-17 to reduce Mumbai to 138 for 7 in 18 overs.

Kolkata Knight Riders captain Dinesh Karthik won the toss and opted to bowl first.

Kolkata were 52-1 in seven overs when rain stopped play in the fourth over.

Kolkata were 82-2 at the halfway mark.

Mumbai openers fell in the opening overs and only two went the distance to the last over.

Mumbai have never been closer to the top four with six matches remaining, while Kolkata are in danger of missing out on the play-offs.

Kolkata were 135-8 in the 19th over when rain stopped play.

Kolkata eventually lost the match by five wickets.

Mayoof Al Romaihi was in dominant form grabbing three titles at the Horse Pride Horse Jumping Championship held at the Military Sports Association premises.

Sponsored by Horse Pride for Equestrian Equipment Company, the championship witnessed strong performances by participants in different categories.

Al Romaihi emerged winner in back-to-back youth categories. In the first event, featuring obstacles measuring 85-95cm, Al Romaihi clocked 33.24 seconds to seal victory and went on to take top spot in the second event, featuring obstacles measuring 95-105cm, after collecting 44 points and clocking 32.74 seconds.

Five competitions were held for senior participants with Hussain Al Fordousi winning the first contest and Al Romaihi grabbing his third title of the day by clinching victory in the second contest for seniors. Grace Rodney emerged victorious in the third competition for female athletes while Salman Faraj won the fourth for senior athletes and Basel Al Dossary stormed to victory in the last event.

BRAVE 11 FIGHT CARD

Interim Lightweight Championship: Lucas Martins defeated Luan Santiago by TKO - Round 5
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TENNIS

WTA tournament at Lugano, Switzerland (x denotes seeded player)

Quarter-finals: Stefanie Voegele (SUI) bt Tamara Korpatsch (GER) 6-4, 6-3; Anna Sabalenka (BLR) bt Camila Giorgi (ITA) 6-3, 6-0; Vera Lapko (BLR) bt Kirsten Flipkens (BEL) 6-2, 6-4; Elise Mertens (BEL) bt Mona Barthel (GER) 6-4, 7-6 (7/5).

ATP Tour US Men's Clay Court Championships in Houston, Texas on Friday:

Quarter-finals: Steve Johnson (USA) x6 bt John Isner (USA) x7 7-6 (7/5), 4-6, 7-6 (7/5); Taylor Fritz (USA) bt Jack Sock (USA) x3 6-3, 4-6, 6-4; Ivo Karlovic (CRO) bt Nick Kyrgios (AUS) x4 3-6, 6-2, 6-3; Tennys Sandgren (USA) x8 bt Guido Pella (ARG) 6-4, 7-6, 6-3.

Best Western seal easy win

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SPORT

World Results

RIFFA downed defending champions Malkiya 1-0 yesterday at Al Ahli Club Stadium to avoid relegation and remain in the Bahrain NBF First Division Football League for next season.

Mohammed Jassim Marhoon scored the winner in the 21st minute as Riffa now have 19 points, while Malkiya remained with 27 points.

Meanwhile, Al Ahli drew with Al Shabab 2-2 at Bahrain National Stadium, and Al Hid defeated East Riffa 2-1 at Khalifa Sports City Stadium during the 17th week of the competition.

Mahdi Hmaidan scored an injury time goal to help Al Ahli avoid defeat and force a draw.

Al Shabab led the first half 1-0, with Ali Hassan Saeed scoring in the 38th minute, before Al Ahli equalised in the 51st minute of the second half through Ali Al Asfoor.

Al Shabab regained the lead in the 85th minute through Sayed Ahmed Jaffar but Hmaidan came to the rescue to seal the outcome.

Al Ahli have 16 points, while Al Shabab have 21 points.

East Riffa took the upperhand in the second minute through Sami Al Hussaini but Al Hid equalised in the fifth minute through Ihab Ghaleh.

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Karlovic rallied against Kyrgios

LOS ANGELES: Croatia's 39-year-old Ivo Karlovic became the oldest ATP semi-finalist since Jimmy Connors in 1993 by rallying past Australian Nick Kyrgios on Friday at the US Men's Clay Court Championships.

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**Barça extend unbeaten run to close in on title**

**BARCELONA:** Barça responded to the shock of being eliminated from the Champions League by Roma by beating Valencia 2-1 yesterday at the Nou Camp, setting a Liga record run of 39 games unbeaten and taking them ever closer to another title.

Luis Suarez gave Barça the lead after 15 minutes, missing a delicious outside-of-the-foot pass from former Liverpool team mate Philippe Coutinho and scoring with one touch from close range. Club-record signing Coutinho then delivered an outwitting, out-maneuvering corner from which Samuel Umtiti headed in Barça’s second in the 51st minute, shortly after Gerard Pique had saved Umtiti’s blunders by clearing a shot from Valencia forward Santi Mina off the line following a slip by the France defender. Captain Dani Parejo pulled back a goal for third-placed Valencia after an 87th-minute penalty under Barça goal-keeper Marc-André ter Stegen, but the Catalans were left to undertake an exciting final spell to move to within 17 points of their 23rd title league.

Ernesto Valverde’s side lead nearest challengers Atlético Madrid by 13 points in the standings, with Atlético hosting Levante and fourth-placed Real visiting basement club Malaga today.

The Barça coach praised his players for putting the Roma defeat behind them but said: “It is important that we had put our enthusiasm for the unbeaten record.”

“This wasn’t a week to think about records, we don’t give it too much importance. It was more important that we picked ourselves up after a difficult week,” Valverde told a news conference.

“It’s normal that these players look on breaking records. But it was a fundamental win in many ways. First of all, I am happy with the three points. We needed 10 points to win league, now it’s seven.”

With heavy rain falling in the city all day, 30,000 seats at the 99,000-capacity Nou Camp were unoccupied and even when Suarez provided a slick finishing touch to Coutinho’s wonderful pass, celebrations were muted.

*Save*

Valencia had made a good start and winger Gonçalo Guedes hammered an early shot that ter Stegen saved before going off. Valencia forward Rodrigo Moreno extended the lead.

“Timo Werner was sent off for a challenge that was clearly a penalty,” said Valverde.

* cautioned.

The German goalkeeper ran into trouble as he sent a pass straight at the feet of Valencia forward Rodrigo but redeemed himself by tipping the shot on to the crossbar behind.

Lionel Messi was inactive for much of the first half but grew into the game in the second, narrowly volleying over the bar and firing a shot just wide after tearing through the Valencia defence.

Villarreal and Sevilla missed the chance to put pressure on fifth-placed Real Betis as they drew a thrilling game 2-2 at a sun-drenched Sanchez Pizjuan stadium, which saw a player from each side sent off and a missed penalty.

Sevilla had exited the Champions League in midweek to Bayern Munich and things grew worse as Dani Alves and Carlos Bacca scored either side of the interval for Villarreal and Wissam Ben Yedder was sent off.

Jaume Costa was later dismissed for the visitors after conceding a penalty which Nolito squandered but the forward scored two minutes later and Steven Nzonzi was burned out from long range in the 92nd. Villarreal are sixth on 30 points, seven points on 47, with Betis fifth on 52 after winning 1-0 at Grona on Friday.

Sevilla had the advantage of going next season to European football next season with a goalless draw in 10-man Cheivo ending their three-game winning run.

Defender Mattia Bani was sent off two minutes from time for a foul on Kevin Bonifazi, but the side from Verona held on to earn a precious point in their relegation fight.

A minute’s silence was held for the 1943 birth of Italian football legend Enrico Arima. He escaped the Superga air disaster due to a knee injury on May 4, 1949.

**ENGLISH LEAGUE**

**Premiership**

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- **Newcastle United** v **West Bromwich Albion**
- **Crystal Palace** v **Swansea City**
- **Burnley** v **Chelsea**
- **Everton** v **Manchester City**
- **West Ham United** v **Bournemouth**

**League One**

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- **Chesterfield** v **York Town**
- **Darlington** v **Stalybridge Celtic**
- **Gloucester City** v **Hereford United**
- **Grimsby Town** v **Lincoln City**
- **Northwich Victoria** v **Dartford**
- **Wakefield Town** v **York City**

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**SPANISH LEAGUE**

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In the championship, there were nine games played today:

- **Cambridge United** v **Grimsby Town**
- **Dumbarton** v **Peterborough United**
- **Dundee United** v **Hamilton Academical**
- **East Fife** v **Greenock Morton**
- **Ilkley Town** v **Kilmarnock**
- **Leith Athletic** v **Raith Rovers**
- **Ross County** v **Greenock Morton**
- **Tranmere Rovers** v **Coventry City**
- **Watford** v **Barnsley**

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- **Aberdeen** v **Lamont Thistle**
- **Bayern Munich** v **Bayer Leverkusen**
- **Benfica** v **Hertha Berlin**
- **Borussia Dortmund** v **VfB Stuttgart**
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England sprinters outshine Jamaica

GOLD COAST, Australia: England's sprinters put Jamaica in the shade and Saint Lucia celebrated their first-ever gold medal as the Commonwealth Games came to a head yesterday.

On a busy final day of competition, a farmer's son became India's first javelin champion as Saint Lucia's Levern Spencer made history in the high jump.

Spencer, twice a bronze-medallist, leapt 1.95 metre to win a battle with England's Morgan Lake and finally bring gold to the tiny Caribbean island – 56 years after their Games debut.

"It's a really good feeling and I am happy I'm the one making history for my country," said the 33-year-old, competing at her fifth Commonwealth Games.

"In the last two editions of the Commonwealth Games I got bronze so I was determined to work hard this time to win gold."

England shot to 4x100m relay dou, impressing the watching Usain Bolt so much the towering Jamaican tweet ed that he was having second thoughts about his retirement.

"They need him to beat us now! Last time in Glasgow we gave the baton ahead of him and they can't handle us without him," English anchor Harry Aikines-Aryeetey fired back.

Neeraj Chopra, 20, hurled 86.47m to win the men's javelin, becoming only the third Indian man to claim athletics gold at the Commonwealth Games.

"I don't remember which throw it was. I tried to get my personal best but I got my season best," he said, after falling just one centimetre short of his best throw ever.

With 17 gold medals available before the closing ceremony tomorrow, Australia are the runaway leaders with 75, ahead of England's 42 and India's 25, on the medals table, which combines able-bodied and para events.

It was a red-letter day for India, after Manika Batra became the country's first women's singles table tennis champion by stunning Singapore's Yu Mengyu in the final.

"My aim was to win a gold medal for India and I did it!" beamed Batra. "Here at the Commonwealth Games it is the best table tennis I have ever played."

Sanjeev Rajput claimed India's seventh shooting victory, and Sunit Malik and Vineet Phogat made it five gold medals for the country in wrestling.

Five-time world amateur champion Mary Kom, immortalised in a 2014 Bollywood film, led India to a three-gold haul on a busy final day of boxing.

Australia's Skye Nicolson dedicated her featherweight gold to her late brother, who was an Olympic and professional boxer before his death in a car crash in 1994.

"I won that medal for both of us and I'm so stoked," she added, referring to Jamie, who was the same age. Nicolson is now 23.

"I had a little chat with them (the deceased brothers) before I never knew they were going to definitely in there with me," Nicolson, the face of Australian boxing at these Games, said.

"I'm going to hide from him forever and I'm so stoked," she added, referring to Jamie, who was the same age. Nicolson is now 23.

Aussie boxer dedicates gold to late brother

GOLD COAST: Australia's Skye Nicolson dedicated her victory to the tragic late brother she never met as she topped the final medals table in Commonwealth Games boxing yesterday.

In front of her watching par ents and a willing home crowd on Australia's Gold Coast, the 22-year-old Nicolson benefited from a debatable split-points decision in her featherweight final against the unfortunate Michaela Walsh of Northern Ireland.

"I'm in the blood of her family but Nicolson never met either of her brothers Jamie and Gavin after they were killed in a car crash in 1994 while on their way to training.

Nicolson was born a year later and feels particularly close to Jamie, who was an Olympic boxing silver and world boxing champion.

Her parents say that she looks and boxes like Jamie, who won Commonwealth bronze in 1990.

Blake ‘hiding’ from Bolt after 100m debacle

GOLD COAST: Jamaica's Yohan Blake admitted yesterday that he was doing his best to avoid sprint legend Usain Bolt after his Commonwealth Games flop in the 100 metres.

Bolt, who retired last year after dominating the sport for almost a decade, had joked to his countryman that he would not be able to return to Jamaica unless he won the title.

After Blake stumbled to third in last Monday's final on the Gold Coast, Bolt arrived in Australia looking to poke a little fun at his former teammate.

"I know Usain is going to trouble me a lot because he expected me to get gold," said Blake after taking bronze in the 4x100m relay.

"I am going to hide from him when I go back home," added Blake, confirming that Bolt had yet to catch up with him at the Commonwealth Games village.

"He tried to contact me but I hid my phone."
**Motherwell sink Aberdeen to enter Scottish Cup final**

GLASGOW: Motherwell will face Celtic or Rangers in the Scottish Cup final on May 19 after Curtis Main scored twice in a 2-0 semi-final win over Aberdeen yesterday.

A second Cup final of the season awaits for the Steelmen who lost 3-0 to Celtic in the League Cup final in November. Two goals in as many first-half minutes swung the game in Motherwell’s favour at Hampden as Main converted from close range before Ryan Bowman slotted home at the second attempt after his first effort was saved by Joe Lewis.

Aberdeen lead Motherwell by 24 points in the Scottish Premiership, but they were also dumped out of the League Cup 3-0 by Motherwell back in September.

And Main ensured Motherwell would cruise into the Cup final with the same score when he pounced on an error from Kari Arnason before curling home from the edge of the box 24 minutes from time.

Celtic remain on course to match their domestic triple of last season and are favourites to set up a Cup final against the scalp of the second semi-final today.

Toloedo’s Tunisian forward Lassad Nouioui, who has also played for Celtic and Deportivo, has been taken to hospital after collapsing on the pitch during a training session yesterday, the Spanish FA said.

“The player fell unconscious on the training ground after a period of circulatation and after receiving cardipulmonary resuscitation he was taken to hospital in an ambulance,” said a statement from Toledo.