The Premier yesterday described Bahrain-US relations as “strategic, historical and strong”. He expressed pride in the progress of co-operation on all levels, thanks to the support and policies of President Donald Trump.

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“Supporting Saudi Arabia is a support for us, because it represents all of us.”

The Prime Minister made the remarks while receiving US Deputy Secretary of State John Sullivan. He welcomed the US official’s visit, expressing hope that it will open up new horizons of co-operation in political and military fields and bolster regional security and stability. The US Deputy Secretary of State conveyed to the Premier greetings from President Trump, as well as the US’ appreciation of the Prime Minister’s efforts to bolster relations.

The Premier outlined Bahrain’s efforts to fast-track development, stressing that the kingdom gives great importance to economy and citizens’ welfare.

### Strategic Partners

**Tariff exemption hope for Bahrain**

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**Candidates named**

MANAMA: The National Unity Assembly is fielding four candidates in the upcoming national elections on November 24. Its president Dr Shaikh Abdullatif Al Mahrood yesterday announced two candidates for parliament and two for municipal councils. Dr Abdulla Al Thawadi will contest parliament elections in Northern Governorate constituency eight, while Dr Mohammed Al Hosaini will run for a seat in Southern Governorate constituency three. Mohammed Al Dhama will contest for the Northern Municipal Council in constituency 10 and Mohammed Al Rafei will run for a seat on the Southern Municipal Council in constituency three.

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**Poll nominations call**

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**Kashoggi watch claims are denied**

WASHINGTON: Technology giant Apple has rejected claims by a Turkish newspaper that missing journalist Jamal Kashoggi recorded his own death using one of its watches. Allegations that Saudi officials used his fingerprint to unlock data from the watch were impossible, it said. “Apple does not list fingerprint verification as one of the Apple watch’s capabilities,” said a representative from the company, who also confirmed to the CNN that the watches do not have the feature. It was not technically feasible for Kashoggi’s Apple watch to transfer audio to his phone, which he had given to his fiancé before entering the consulate, technology experts said. Meanwhile, Saudi Interior Minister Prince Abdulaziz bin Saud said reports that the Saudi government ordered the killing of Kashoggi are “lies and baseless allegations against the government,” according to a statement in the Saudi Press Agency.

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He is on a two-day visit to Bahrain, during which he has held talks with His Royal Highness Prime Minister Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa, Deputy Prime Minister Shaikh Mohammed bin Mubarak Al Khalifa, ministers and members of the business community.

Bahrain has a Free Trade Agreement (FTA) with the US, but Mr Sullivan said there was scope for further co-operation.

“The FTA has helped increase trade between both countries, but there is much more,” he said.

“We are not limited. We see great prospects for Bahrain’s economy and the recent oil discovery in April, on the west coast of Bahrain, would see us working with US companies to pursue opportunities here.

“Bahrain could be exempted from tariffs on aluminium and steel exports to the US.”

Meanwhile, Mr Sullivan said the US was seeking to change Iranian attitudes towards the Gulf region and this is why we withdrew from the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action with Iran, as we seek to have the sanctions re-imposed with the first being in August and the next coming on November 4 as we look to change Iranian behaviour – it is not a regime change, it is a behaviour change that we want,” he said.

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The number of people killed when a bomb went off at an election rally in northeastern Afghanistan has climbed to at least 22, officials said last night.

The explosion happened in Takhar province where scores of people had gathered to listen to a speech by a woman standing as a candidate in the parliamentary polls on October 20.

Jawad Hejri, spokesman for Takhar governor, said at least 22 people died and 36 were wounded in the attack, in Rustaq district.

Explosives had been placed on a motorcycle near the rally, which was to have been addressed by the candidate, Nazifa Younafi Bek. The victims included security officials and civilians, a local police official said, adding that the candidate was not at the rally at the time.

No militant group claimed responsibility for the attack.

Missing man found after a day

MANAMA: An Indian man who went missing from Friday morning was found early yesterday morning, confirmed social workers.

Vivek Mathew went out for a walk early Friday morning and had not returned home until night, according to the 35-year-old Indian’s family. Mr Mathew, who runs Career Europe Education Consultancy along with wife Jisha, apparently left behind his mobile phone and keys when he went out at around 6am.

Mr Mathew, who has been in Bahrain with his wife for two years, hails from Kottayam, Kerala.

Drugs suspect held

MANAMA: A man was arrested with 2kg of hashish on King Faisal Causeway yesterday. The Interior Ministry said sniffer dogs found the stash hidden in a vehicle.

The Directorate of Land Ports Customs arrested the man with the hashish pieces, and the case was referred to the General Directorate of Criminal Investigation and Forensic Science for legal procedures to be taken.

Student drowns

MANAMA: A student from an Arab country has drowned at a university swimming pool in Bahrain.

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Poll role for media personnel

MANAMA: Four hundred media personnel from Bahrain have been authorised to cover national elections on November 24, revealed Information Minister Ali Al Rumaithi. He said that invitations have been sent to 120 foreign media personnel to cover the elections.
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Legislation and Legal Opinion Commission president and Elections 2018 executive director Chancellor Nawaf Abdulla Hamza said all preparations have been completed, adding nominations can be submitted from 5pm until 9pm.

Parliamentary and municipal candidates can submit their nominations at the Khawla Girls’ School (Capital Governorate – parliamentary elections only), Al Hedaya Al Khalifiya Boys’ School (Muharraq), Hamad Town Girls’ Primary School (Northern Governorate) and Al Mustakbal Primary Girls’ School (Southern Governorate).

Candidates for the parliamentary election can pay the required fees of BD200 at the Justice, Islamic Affairs and Endowments Ministry headquarters.

Candidates for municipal polls are required to pay BD50 fees at the municipal and other governments.

Fees can also be paid at the elections supervisory centres.

Mr Hamza urged all candidates to ensure they meet eligibility terms and submit all required documents as part of the nomination application.

He announced the final lists of parliamentary and municipal candidates would be announced on November 7.

Eligibility terms and required documents are available on the official elections portal www.vote.bh 2018.
A CHARITY says it has received a surge in requests for assistance following news that Bahrain will adopt Value Added Tax (VAT) from January 1.

It is also urging people to donate unwanted clothes to support its efforts to help the underprivileged, who will be impacted most by the levy.

The Tree of Life Charity provides coupons, as well as donations of food and clothes, to low-income families. General secretary Fatima Hassan said concern about rising costs of living, particularly after a five per cent VAT is introduced on goods and services, was driving up demand for help.

"People are now afraid because expenses will increase," she explained. "For these families, (even) BD10 makes a difference in their monthly budget. "We have had an increase in the number of families applying for aid, even though they know we can only provide coupons or food items. "Even though the tax has not been implemented yet, there is fear among those families about acquiring necessities."

She said more than 20 new applications for support had been received in the past week alone, following approval of VAT by the National Assembly.

The charity currently supplies regular aid to 103 families registered as beneficiaries, as well as others whenever possible. It accepts donations of used clothes, shoes and bags in good condition, which are also distributed to those less fortunate. Donations are accepted at the society’s headquarters, in Saar, or in collection boxes positioned across the country. A driver will also pick up donations from people’s homes by prior arrangement.

Donated clothes that are badly damaged and unsuitable for distribution are sent for textile recycling, reducing waste, and proceeds generated are used to fund support schemes. Society orphan supervisor Mawaheb Al Shaikh said this also helped the environment. “Isn’t it a shame to throw it out when others can benefit?”

Benefit

"Imagine buying an expensive outfit and just wearing it once," she said.

For further information, contact 17280280 or 38849930. reem@gdn.com.bh

Hospitality expo begins

AN International Hospitality and Restaurant Expo starts today. The first-of-its-kind event will run until Wednesday at the Bahrain International Exhibition and Convention Centre under the patronage of Shaikh Isa bin Ali Al Khalifa. For more information, visit www.bahrainhre.com, follow @Bahrainhre on social media platforms or contact 17300070 or 38849930.
Murder suspect ‘mentally stable’

A MOSQUE prayer caller who murdered a Bahraini imam and then butchered his body has told prosecutors he was not mentally unstable when he carried out the horrific crime.

The 39-year-old Bangladeshi muezzin has admitted brutally beating Shaikh Abduljallil Hmood with a metal rod, plunging a knife into his stomach and then dismembering his corpse.

“I got BD300 monthly from the investments and also opened a contracting company,” said the defendant.

Murder suspects ‘mentally stable’

Murder suspects faced questioning that he was mentally unstable when he carried out the horrific crime.

The 35-year-old Bangladeshi has pleaded guilty to premeditated murder.

A scrapyard employee who opened a contracting company to facilitate the murder accused using a butcher’s knife to dispose of the dead imam’s body before stuffing the remains inside two barrels and trying to dispose of them at a scrapyard the following day.

The Public Prosecution is seeking the death penalty for the defendant, who has pleaded guilty to premeditated murder.

A 35-year-old Bangladeshi has also been charged with aiding and abetting, helping dispose of the victim’s body and not reporting a crime.

However, the alleged accomplice denies wrongdoing and claims he believed the victim’s body parts, which he was helping dispose of, were actually scrap.

The defendants were among seven men initially arrested for the murder, but only two were charged.

A scrapyard employee who caught the defendant trying to dump the imam’s remains alerted police. He revealed the killer had tried to buy his silence with a BD100 bribe.

In his confession to prosecutors the muezzin said he murdered Shaikh Hmood, a married father-of-10, because the latter had filed complaints against him at the Sunni Waqf (Endowment) Directorate.

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“My mental health is good and I do not suffer from disabilities,” he said in a statement.

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“My financial situation is also good because I work in the Sunni Waqf (Endowment) Directorate.”

NOMINATIONS for the Educational Excellence Award will start today and run until January 31.

His Majesty King Hamad announced establishment of the annual prize on the sidelines of the Bahrain First Festival 2018.

“The contest is open for public and private schools and the top three winners will be presented with certificates and cash prizes,” Education Minister Dr Majid Al Nuaimi said.

The award will acknowledge outstanding educational initiatives, projects, writers, researchers, training portfolio, e-learning programmes and learning content.

Those wishing to take part and vie for the top three prizes are required to submit their works on www.moe.gov.bh/EducatorPrize.
Your Views...
A BAHRAINI woman has said her one-year-old daughter is stranded in Pakistan because of a rule that prevents her passing on her nationality to her children. Campaigners have been seeking a change in the law, which currently allows only Bahraini fathers to pass on citizenship to their offspring.

Zainab Shaukat, married to Pakistani Ehtisham Ullah and their daughter Aiza – a Pakistani national – is now stranded in Bahrain after the family took her there for medical treatment. She says the problem has been compounded by visa restrictions imposed on Pakistani citizens.

“Her husband has a family visa for Bahrain, but they are still unable to fly Aiza back to Bahrain to be with them,” Ms Shaukat told the GDN.

Emergency

“We travelled on August 18 on a family emergency and, at that time, we had just applied for her (Aiza’s) visa (for Bahrain), so all we have is the receipt. We had to leave her behind (in Pakistan) as she is a baby who needed care and we had to make some arrangements. “But now we cannot bring her (back to Bahrain) as her visa is yet to be stamped.”

“Immigration officials said there was a ban on Pakistanis entering Bahrain. “She is just a baby and very sick, I need to be with her. I hope someone hears my plea.”

The GDN revealed last month that Pakistanis living in Bahrain were being summoned to police stations for fingerprint verification, amid reports of a temporary visa ban. That coincided with the arrest of 14 Iranians who entered Bahrain with fake Asian passports under false names, although it is not clear whether the cases are connected.

Ms Shaukat, 25, said she was unable to fly to Pakistan to be with Aiza, who suffers complications from being born prematurely, due to work commitments.

“The couple’s other daughter, four-year-old Aisha, was able to travel back to Bahrain with them as she is in possession of a visa.”

“I went to the Bahrain Embassy last week and they said they could do nothing as it was a Bahraini government issue,” said Ms Shaukat.

“I filed my plea with the Supreme Council for Women last week and they said they would call me if there was any response.”

“My father went to immigration last week and they said there was still a ban on visas for Pakistanis nationals.”

The GDN has launched an online petition supporting a change in the law, so that Bahraini women are able to pass on their nationality to their children.

It has been signed by more than 8,000 people and is supported by the Bahrain Women’s Union, Bahrain Human Rights Watch Society, Bahrain Young Ladies Association, Women’s Crisis International and Citizens for Bahrain. It is available online at https://goo.gl/Q2tCF3.

A clause in the law is also supported by the Supreme Council for Women, but MPs are yet to approve the amendment despite a bill being presented to parliament.

Meanwhile, Pakistanis continue to complain about visa restrictions in Bahrain.

Complaints

The GDN reported in August that an online forum had been launched for people to share their experiences.

“I just get my son’s visa approved, from the Nationality, Passport and Residence Affairs (NPRA) directorate but says ‘await payment’, said one post.

“I applied on September 27, before it was rejected twice.”

“Last week I visited NPRA office and they said we cannot do anything, as Pakistanis and today suddenly it appears ‘await payment’. “Anyhow things are improving with lot of reactions and approvals.”

Many Pakistanis were denied entry to Bahrain at the King Fahd Causeway during last month’s Eid Al Adha holidays.

Pakistan Embassy head of chancery and charge d’affaires Murad Wazzir has twice dismissed claims that a ban was imposed on Pakistani nationals entering Bahrain, but Pakistani Foreign Minister Shah Mehmood Qureshi on August 28 said he hoped Bahrain would ease “visa restrictions and security measures” on his nationals.

Embassy and government officials could not be reached for comment.
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 only once, each must contain the centre letter and there must be at least one nine-letter word. No plurals or verb forms ending in “s” or “es” 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)

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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

Quick Quiz

1. “It was the best of times” are the opening words to which Charles Dickens novel?
2. Amman is the capital of which Middle East country?
3. Who stars as Andy Stone in the sitcom Detectors?
4. How many times has Roger Federer won the men’s Australian Open title?
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ANSWERS

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Sudoku

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Slow cooker casserole

Prep: 4 hours + overnight cooking

Serves: 4

Ingredients

- 1 tbsp vegetable oil
- 1 onion, chopped
- 1 leek, chopped
- 1 carrot, chopped
- 2 bay leaves, 3 sage leaves, 4 thyme sprigs, 1 tbsp balsamic vinegar
- 1 beef stock cube
- 1 tsp dried thyme
- 1 tsp cumin
- 1 tsp honey
- 1 tsp mustard
- 1 tsp paprika
- 1 tsp chilli powder
- 1 tsp salt
- 1 tsp black pepper

Method

1. Heat the oil in a wide frying pan over a high heat. Season the meat, then add to the pan. Avoid overcrowding the meat – you may want to do this in batches. Cook until brown all over, then transfer to the slow cooker.
2. Add the onion and leeks to the frying pan and cook for a few mins, until they soften. Add a splash of water and scrape any tasty bits from the bottom, then tip everything into the slow cooker. Add the carrot, herbs, stock cube, mustard and vinegar, season, then add enough water to just cover the ingredients. Stir, then set your slow cooker on low for 6-8 hours, or high for 5-6 hours.
3. In a saucepan, mix the cumin and honey with 1-2 tbsp of liquid from the slow cooker, until you have a smooth paste. Add 100ml more liquid, bring to a simmer until thickened, then stir back into the casserole. Serve with mash or dumplings, scattered with thyme leaves.
By RAJU UNNIKRISHNAN

GULF countries could soon be using Artificial Intelligence (AI) to protect their sensitive infrastructure. Right, these Gulf countries could soon be using Artificial Intelligence (AI) to protect their sensitive infrastructure. Left, an example of developed countries like the US and the UK, which are now creating laws that permit decryption and suit technical solutions.

"This shows everyone realises the cyberspace threat is very real. It is beyond scams and cheating, but being used as a platform to radicalise or (commit) even more serious crimes, like sexual abuse of children. "No country can switch off the internet, but with terrorism it is not the case." As such, Mr Koh proposed a cross-border network that supported a "stringent identity management policy", allowing authorities to track individuals' international movements.

"The situation calls for governance and technology can help develop this system," he said.

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**Artificial intelligence ‘key to security’**

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**prediction**

"The region heavily depends on the oil economy, with gas pipelines running across the network," he told the GDN in an exclusive interview.

"This demands a lot of surveillance, like video sensors.

"My prediction for the future is that AI, where we will be engaging new cameras that could detect abnormal behaviour along the pipes and could potentially launch a drone directly, without human involvement.

Mr Koh, a keynote speaker at Bahrain Tech Week earlier this month, is also Global Chief Public Safety Scientist at Huawei Technologies.

He said talks were ongoing with GCC governments on the possibility of rolling out a "smart police" solution created by Huawei, known as C-4ISR (Collaborative - Command, Control, Commuincations, Computer, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance), which includes hand-held devices for police officers.

"We have started and over the last three years are actively discussing with different public safety agencies and governments across the globe, as well as in the region and Bahrain," he said.

"For this kind of a solution, we need to study the threat landscape and then position it accordingly.

"We are beyond the stage of assessing this and are actively engaged (with GCC governments), but nothing is formalised. This is government procurement, which has its own procedures."

Mr Koh, former head of the Singapore Police Force, said countries in this region particularly needed to address concerns about online radicalisation, given the terrorist threat in the Middle East.

"It is beyond scams and cheating, but being used as a platform to radicalise or (commit) even more serious crimes, like sexual abuse of children. "No country can switch off the cyberspace simply because it is a threat, we are too dependent so we need to find a balance."

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**Students excel**

EIGHTEEN Al Noor International School students got a GPA of 100 per cent in all Cambridge IGCSE Examinations 2018 they were tested in.

The other 17 students are Rida Khan, Javeria Sohail, Maryam Abdulrahman Mohamed, Mohammad Fasih Jawwad, Kashaf Nadeem, Muneera Basem Hassan Abdalla Almahmoud, Ragunath Tikiri, Faseh Jawwad, Hana Elsayed Mahmod Ehsayed Bassam, Ahmed Mohamed Mustafa Habiballah, Moaz Mostafa Ibrahim Mustafa, Mariam Mansoor and Muhammad Uzair Javed.

Moreover, the 20 students who scored six A* or six As are

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- Javeria Sohail
- Maryam Abdulrahman Mohamed
- Nazmeen Fatima
- Mohammad Fasih Jawwad
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- Nazmeen Fatima
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- Muneera Basem Hassan Abdalla Almahmoud
- Ragunath Tikiri
- Hana Elsayed
- Ahmed Mohamed
- Moaz Mostafa
- Muhammad Uzair
- Mariam Masoor
CINECO (CITY CENTRE): 20 SCREENS

1) A Star Is Born (15+) (Drama/ Musical) Starring: Lady Gaga, Bradley Cooper and Sam Elliott
Shows at 11am, 1.30pm, 5pm, 7pm, 9pm and 11pm

2) Bad Times At The El Royale (15+) (Thriller/ Crime) Starring: Chris Hemsworth, Jeff Bridges and Dakota Johnson
Shows at 11.30am, 2.30pm, 5.30pm and 8.30pm and 11.30pm

3) Helicopter Eela (PG) (Hindi/ Drama/ Comedy) Starring: Rajinikanth, Riddhi Sen and Tota Roy Chowdhury
Shows at 10.15am, 1.30pm, 4.30pm and 7.30pm

4) The Priests and The Dragon (G) (Animation/ Adventure) Starring: Roy Chowdhury, Konstantin Kostikov and Amy Lorak
Shows at 11.30am, 1.15pm and 3pm

5) Jalebi (PG 15) (Hindi/ Romance/ Drama) Starring: Kajol, Riddhi Sen and Tota Roy Chowdhury
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6) Venom (PG 15) (Action/ Adventure) Starring: Tom Hardy, Michelle Williams and Riz Ahmed
Shows at 11am, 1.30pm, 4pm, 6pm and 8.30pm and 11pm

7) Johnny English Strikes Again (PG) (Comedy/ Action/ Adventure) Starring: Tamer Hosny, Akram Behetti and Rob Riggle
Shows at 11.30am, 1.45pm, 4.5pm, 8pm, 11.30pm and 11.30pm

8) Night School (PG 15) (Comedy) Starring: Nivin Pauly, Mohanlal, Priya Varrier and Sunny Wayne
Shows at 11am, 1.30pm, 3pm, 5pm and 8pm and 10.30pm

9) Smallfoot (PG) (Animation/ Adventure/ Comedy) Starring: Channing Tatum, James Corden and Zendaya
Shows at 11am, 1pm, 3pm, 5pm, 7pm, 9pm and 11pm

10) Al Diesel (PG 15) (Arabic/ Action/ Adventure) Starring: Nivin Pauly, Mohanlal, Priya Varrier and Sunny Wayne
Shows at 6pm and 8.30pm

11) Muslimah (15+) (Action/ Romance/ Musical) Starring: Ravi Kishan, Konstantin Kostikov and Amy Lorak
Shows at 11.30am, 1.15pm and 3pm

12) The Nun (18+) (Horror/ Thriller) Starring: Demi Moore, Jennifer Connelly and Demi Moore
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18) Al Diesel (PG 15) (Arabic/ Action/ Romance/ Adventure) Starring: Nivin Pauly, Mohanlal, Priya Varrier and Sunny Wayne
Shows at 6pm and 8.30pm

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AL HAMRA CINEMA

1) Kayamkulam Kochunni (PG 15) (Malayalam/ Action/ Drama/ Comedy) Starring: Sunny Pauly, Mohanlal, Priya Varrier and Sunny Wayne
Shows at 6pm and 9pm

2) Pravintha Sametha (Telugu) Starring: NT Rama Rao Jr, Poorna Hedges, Sunil and Jagapathi Babu
Shows at noon and 3pm

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1) A Star Is Born (15+) (Drama/ Musical/ Romance) Starring: Lady Gaga, Bradley Cooper and Sam Elliott
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3) Andhadun (PG 15) (Hindi/ Crime/ Drama) Starring: Tabu, Ayushmann Khurrana and Radhika Apte
Shows at 12.45pm, 3.30pm, 6.15pm and 9.15pm

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Shows at 11.30am, 3pm, 5.45pm, 8.30pm and 11.15pm

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Rights record wins global recognition

BAHRAIN’S human rights record has won global confidence – proved by its election to the UN council’s highest rights body.

His Majesty King Hamad received a cable of congratulations from Interior Minister Lieutenant General Shaikh Rashid bin Abdulla Al Khalifa on Bahrain winning a seat at the UN Human Rights Council (UNHRC).

In one of the many cables and messages received by Bahrain’s leadership, he hailed the victory by 165 votes in elections held at the UN General Assembly.

The minister paid tribute to the King for his vision which supported and consolidated rights and liberties and promoted Bahrain’s standing among other nations in the world.

He commended Bahrain’s rights record, civilised approach, commitment to human values and keenness on protecting human dignity and liberties.

His Royal Highness Prime Minister and Interior Minister Shaikh Rashid bin Abdulla Al Khalifa received a cable of congratulations from Electricity and Water Affairs Minister Dr Abdulhussain Mirza.

He congratulated the Premier on the milestone achievement which, he said, is the result of the wise approach of His Majesty and his pioneering reform and sustainable development project.

The Supreme Council for Women (SCW) hailed the landmark achievement.

It saluted the winning of the seat which crowns Bahrain’s dedicated efforts to respect and protect human rights.

SCW secretary general Hala Al Ansari lauded the achievement which represents a global vote of confidence that acknowledges Bahrain’s ability to disseminate and consolidate the culture of human rights.

She said the UNHRC seat was an opportunity to highlight Bahrain’s strides in protecting and promoting women’s rights, citing particularly the UN adoption of Her Royal Highness Princess Sabika’s Global Award for Women Empowerment.
Rogue drivers a menace...

BY ZURAIN A TAWFIRI

Through this article, I appeal to Traffic Directorate officials to take strict action against violators of traffic rules. Me as well as other columnists and others have repeatedly been highlighting the problems of the residents of Bahrain through local newspapers, the radio, television and social media.

There is no doubt officials are making all possible efforts to deal with this issue by deploying traffic policemen all over the country and they are working with total commitment to provide all services, including dealing with accidents. However, I have noticed that these efforts are only temporary and come in fits and starts. I have been also noticing that many vehicles on Bahrain's roads do not follow rules and indulge in serious violations in the absence of policemen to keep watch.

It is also true that the responsibility does not only lie with these policemen but also with the people at large, who should take it upon themselves to show their good behaviour.

It has always been said that driving reflects art, as well as a person's taste and morals. But, unfortunately, in addition to the large increase in population, the country's infrastructure is unable to absorb an increase in vehicles. This, coupled with the lack of awareness and indifference by drivers, leads to several irregularities.

There are a very large number of people who do not strictly follow the law and reduce violations. I have noticed many times, especially when I go to work, and specifically at the traffic lights leading to my workplace, that a large number of drivers are offenders. This is in spite of the presence of the traffic policemen, who are oblivious to what is going on.

I even once pointed this out to a traffic policeman who, to my surprise, said: "What can I do?" Needless to say, I was shocked. If the being a policeman was unable to do anything and take action, what would anyone else do? Is this behaviour not a great risk to all road users? Believe me, the idea in writing this is not to only bring to the notice of the authorities what's going on but also as what we call indulge in constructive criticism. This, of course, is with a feeling that it would be beneficial for Bahrain.

The kingdom was, until very recently, a model of leadership in adherence to traffic rules and its motorists were known for their observance of road safety norms but, now, unfortunately, that is not the case.

This is a subject that needs a lot of research and action. We should study the causes and address the shortcomings. We should also realise here that we are ourselves responsible for restoring Bahrain's reputation in this area.

Personally, I am very passionate about driving when I travel, particularly in Europe, the US and other developed countries. This is because there exists a system of compliance with the laws despite the huge numbers of small, big and large vehicles, and the extremely smooth traffic flow.

Why are we unable to do the same in Bahrain in the interest of safety?
MANAMA: International Advertising Association (IAA) Bahrain chapter president and Gulf Marketing chairman Khamis Al Muqla has been honoured for the third time with the IAA Honorary Life Membership Award in recognition of his contribution to the IAA and his work as a communication leader.

Mr Al Muqla said, “It is indeed gratifying to be recognised for one’s contribution along with venerable members from Romania and Sri Lanka.”

Previously, in 2013 in London, Mr Al Muqla won a special honour for his leadership role, in the advertising and marketing communications industry in Bahrain and the region.

In 2010, he received the Medal of Merit during the World Advertising Congress in Moscow.

Mr Al Muqla has also won Bahrain’s Medal of First Class, conferred by His Majesty King Hamad.

Mr Al Muqla is a member of the High Authority for Information and Communications under the chairmanship of Shaikh Abdullah bin Hamad Al Khalifa. He was featured in the list of top 50 influential figures in Bahraini society by Arabian Business magazine in 2009, as well as one of the most influential figures in the business sector in Bahrain for the year 2018 by Business in Gulf magazine.

Durrat Marina hands over luxury units

Abu Dhabi: Durrat Marina, a $1.5 billion waterfront development, yesterday announced the completion and handover of residential units within the Marina Residence 1 project.

“We are pleased to begin the handover process at Marina Residence 1, a prime location residential block which boasts both sea and yacht club views,” said Durrat Marina chairman Fahad Bushager.

This first phase of development is the initial step towards creating a destination which is an epitome of elegance and inspired living, as well as a space that enables residents to embrace their surroundings.

Upon completion, the yacht club, which is in close proximity to Marina Residence 1, will be able to accommodate up to 350 boats or yachts and will further contribute to the vibrancy of the area.

The delivery of Marina Residence 1 is a testament to the dedication of the executive management and of the board of directors’ commitment to deliver quality projects that meet shareholder expectations,” Mr Bushager added.

Durrat Marina chief executive Waleed Saffy said, “The residential units at Marina Residence 1 reflect our commitment to maintain highest quality in both construction and interiors.

“In line with our vision for inspired living, the units have been designed to meet practical demands of local family life as well as the comforts and recreational elements associated with sea-side living,” Mr Saffy added.

John Allen, CEO of Construction Master, the contractor of the project, said “We are thrilled to have successfully completed work on Marina Residence 1 on the basis of a close working relationship with Durrat Marina’s management, and a shared dedication to ensuring the highest levels of professionalism are adhered to in both construction and finishing.”

Durrat Marina is comprised of three interconnected islands linked via a network of bridges, and uniquely combines world-class residential, commercial and leisure facilities, as well as a yacht club and dedicated marine services.

It is a sophisticated, state-of-the-art project, distinguished as the Middles East’s first mixed-use marina development.

The state-of-the-art project opens up to exquisite views of open seas, tranquil lagoons, and a spectacular Marina.

MANAMA: Batelco, Bahrain’s leading digital solutions provider, has partnered with Bahrain Technology Excellence Centre (BTECH) to take part in GITEX Technology Week 2018 in Dubai.

More than 150,000 participants and 4,000 exhibitors are expected at the event, which starts today at the Dubai World Trade Centre and runs until Thursday.

Batelco’s is building on its successful participation in GITEX 2017, where the company displayed a range of its products and services, and shared its experience in the field of telecommunication and digital solutions with various technology companies.

The GITEX is an open platform for ICT and technology companies to display their capabilities and potential to international participants.

Batelco’s participation demonstrates the company’s commitment to support the enhancement of the kingdom’s ICT industry and its efforts in developing relevant digital solutions.

Batelco will demonstrate its telecommunication expertise and capabilities, as well as showcase a range of products, services and solutions at Bahrain Pavilion, including iW LA, Cloud Computing Services, Data Centre and Global Solutions.

Mr Mounir, Batelco chief marketing officer, said, “Batelco is very keen to take part in Bahrain Pavilion at GITEX again this year. We look forward to increasing contributions to public and private ICT sectors, through capitalising on the exchange of information and knowledge with other participants in the technology field, while exploring opportunities and potential areas of collaboration.

“Batelco aims to enhance the role of Bahrain in the field of technology and improve the level of use and application of various information communication technologies in the country,” he added.

BTECH chairman Ubaydi Al Ubaydi said that the strategic partnership with Batelco represents a great benefit to Bahrain Pavilion at GITEX, as Batelco is keen to highlight Bahrain as an advanced ICT Hub.

It also welcomes all initiatives and opportunities for partnership and co-operation in the sector aimed at furthering the kingdom’s technological advancement.
Calling all Photographers

The GDN’s annual ‘Our Bahrain’ Photography Competition is giving all professional and amateur photographers the opportunity of being published in Bahrain’s leading English language media and the possibility of winning one of 5 prizes for the top 5 photos. The winners will be selected by a combination of the highest number of ‘likes’ on our social media platforms as well as by our panel of media related professionals.

Best ‘overall picture’ wins a Dell Laptop

High quality cameras for the 4 runner ups

All entrants to the competition will receive a free 3 month subscription to the Gulf Daily News

Submit your best work to “Our Bahrain” Photography Competition in the following themes:

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3/ Architecture and Buildings
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Deadline for submission October 31st 2018. Please send hi-res images by email or on CD to:

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Email: ourbahrain@tradearabia.net
MANAMA: APM Terminals Bahrain, the operator of Khalifa Bin Salman Port (KBSP), has installed three new weighbridges at the kingdom’s prime port at Hidd, as part of its plans to streamline its operations.

The company’s investment in the three new weighbridges is aimed at enhancing its VGM (Verified Gross Mass) service offerings. It comes as part of APM Terminals Bahrain’s continued efforts to upgrade the KBSP infrastructure and provide increased efficiency and sufficient capacity for future export growth.

The new pit-mounted weighbridges, which will be located at three different points – two in weighbridges at the entry gate and one out-weighbridge inside the container terminal. This will be in addition to the two manually-operated weighbridges currently operational at the terminal.

The new weighbridges are expected to ensure uninterrupted truck flows with streamlined operations. This will also enable container trucks to have smooth and faster access to the weighbridge at road-level. They will be linked to KBSP’s terminal operating system to automatically provide a VGM record for the container, thereby reducing costs, risks and delays for customers.

All trucks entering the terminal will have to be pre-registered and will be supplied with an RFID card by APM Terminals, which the truck driver is required to swipe on entrance and exit enabling generation of VGM.

Digital load cells have been installed on the new weighbridges to improve weight accuracy and minimal maintenance, thus enabling exporters to perform double transactions reducing the overall waiting and queuing time by trucks inside the terminal.

The new weighbridges are yet another initiative from APM Terminals Bahrain to facilitate smooth trade flows in the kingdom aligned with the government’s strategy on developing best in class national infrastructure that supports development of Bahrain’s maritime and logistics services that facilitates overall trade growth.

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JAKARTA: Japan wants to highlight global imbalances as key topics of debate, and take steps to fix them, when it chairs next year’s gatherings of the Group of 20 major economies, government officials said this week.

Tokyo hopes other countries would join Japan to counter US President Donald Trump’s focus on narrowing US trade deficits through purely bilateral trade deals, the officials say, rather than the big international agreements now in place.

Japan’s agenda-setting plan also underscores Tokyo’s view that instead of focusing too much on bilateral trade imbalances, there should be more emphasis on overall capital flows and structural factors behind the US current account deficit – such as a lack of domestic savings.

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Japan, which takes over from Argentina as G20 chair next year, sees brighter prospects for the forum.

“The G20 isn’t a forum to solve bilateral trade disputes, but it’s the best forum for debate if you see trade frictions as part of a bigger problem of global imbalances,” said a senior Japanese government official directly involved in G20 negotiations.

Global imbalances had once been a key topic of debate at G20 gatherings with a focus on each country’s current account balance, or the overall flow of money that included, but was not confined to, trade.

This approach runs counter to Trump’s focus on narrowing the US trade deficit via import tariffs and bilateral deals.

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**NEW YORK:** The mash-up of old and new media may not be a winning combination for the new S&P communication services sector index as its highest fliers face regulatory threats and challenges to user growth. The reconstituted sector, which debuted at the end of September, includes telecom, Internet, media and entertainment companies such as AT&T, Walt Disney and Twitter.

Three of the five momentum stocks collectively known as FAANG – Facebook, Netflix and Google parent company Alphabet – make up roughly half of the new sector by market capitalisation. Facebook and Alphabet moved to communication services from the technology sector. Netflix was previously in the consumer discretionary sector. The other five FAANG stocks, Amazon.com and Apple, remain in the consumer discretionary and technology sectors, respectively.

The addition of several FAANG stocks, among the fastest-rising shares on the S&P 500, has brought more attention to the once-sleepy sector, formerly known as telecom. Indeed, so far communication services has closely tracked the technology sector. Both have old significantly during sell-offs in October, including a 5.3 per cent drop for the S&P 500 over Wednesday and Thursday.

The two indexes recovered somewhat in trading on Friday. The communication sector was last down 5.3 point-month-to-date, ahead of tech’s 6.6 point slide.

On one hand, the communication sector’s old-media names have cushioned it somewhat in comparison to tech’s steeper plunge, but those less growth-oriented companies also limit the sector’s upside potential.

Also, several of the sector’s growth companies – Facebook, Alphabet and Twitter – face regulatory risks that tech companies do not. Recent disclosures of privacy breaches have increased concern among some investors that the US government could soon target Internet companies with new regulations.

The regulatory pendulum tends to swing from ‘not enough’ to ‘too much,’ and it will take time to balance,” said Scott Wren, senior global equity strategy analyst at Wells Fargo Investment Institute in St. Louis.

“Yet, the changes will probably occur gradually, rather than quickly, which may provide some upside for the sector,” Wren said.

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**US urges India to soften data localisation stance**

**NEW DELHI:** Two US senators have called on Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi to soften India’s stance on data localisation, warning that measures requiring it represent “key trade barriers” between the two nations.

In a letter to Modi dated Friday, US Senators John Cornyn and Mark Warner – co-chairs of the Senate’s India subcommittee – noted that comprises over 30 senators – urged India to instead adopt a “light touch” regulatory framework that would allow data to flow freely across borders.

The letter comes as relations between Washington and New Delhi are strained over multiple issues, including an Indo-Russian defence contract, India’s new tax on electronics and other items, and its moves to buy oil from Iran despite upcoming US sanctions.

Global payments companies including Mastercard, Visa and American Express have been lobbying India’s finance ministry and the Reserve Bank of India to relax proposed rules that require all payment data on domestic transactions in India be stored inside the country by October 15.

The letter is most likely a last-ditch effort after the RBI told official at top payment firms this week that the central bank would not allow its data localisation directive without allowing data to be stored offshore as well as locally – a practice known as data e-commerce.

“We see this (data localisation) as a fundamental issue to the further development of digital trade and one that is crucial to our economic partnership,” the US senators in the letter that has not been previously reported.

Other than the RBI proposal, India is working on an overarching data protection law that calls for storing all critical personal data in India. E-commerce and cloud computing policies are also being developed.

The letter also raised concerns on the draft data protection bill and policy framework that called for stringent localisation measures.

These measures have unnerved some tech companies that fear it will increase their infrastructure costs, hit their global fraud detection analytic platforms and offer planned investments in India at a time when more and more Indians are going online and using digital payments.

US lobbying groups, that represent companies such as Facebook, Amazon.com and Alphabet-owned Google, have also voiced concerns about the rules.

Shamika Ravi, a member of Modi’s economic advisory council, had earlier said that the moves were in the “long-term strategic and economic interest” of the country.
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Wang fights her way into the final

Pliskova routs Bacsinszky

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Second seed Garcia cruised past Taiwan’s Hsieh Su-Wei 6-3 6-4 to move into her first final since lifting back-to-back titles in Wuhan and Beijing last year. World number six Pliskova, currently eighth in the Race to Singapore standings, is battling for one of the three available spots in the season-ending WTA Finals starting on October 21.

The 26-year-old Czech would improve her chances by claiming her third title of the season today.

“I know I have a good chance to get to Singapore between this week and next week as well,” former world number one Pliskova said.

“I think it was a pretty okay year for me and if I end it in Singapore it’s going to be amazing for me. “It’s always a goal... so hopefully, I can end there.”

Woodland and Leishman keep CIMB lead

LONDON: England’s Eddie Pepperell holds a commanding three-shot lead heading into the final day of the British Masters.

Pepperell is chasing only the second European Tour title of his career and has a golden opportunity to lift the trophy after recording a third-round 67 at Walton Heath yesterday.

He finished on nine under par, with fellow Englishman Jordan Smith, Sweden’s Alexander Bjork, American Julian Suri and France’s Julien Guerrier all six under. A victory today would take Pepperell into the world’s top 35 and almost certainly secure a Masters debut in 2019.

The top 50 at the end of the year are guaranteed a place in the first major of the year at Augusta National in April.

The 27-year-old began the day with a three-shot lead and was four clear when he holed from 14 feet for an eagle on the par-five 11th.

Ryder Cup star Tommy Fleetwood is seven shots off the pace, having started from a 77 yesterday with a 70, while team-mate and tournament host Justin Rose is another stroke adrift following a 69.

**Finish**

A top-two finish today would see Rose reach the top of the world rankings for the second time this season, the 38-year-old having spent two weeks as number one in September.

“That hasn’t actually been on my mind,” Rose said. “It’s going to be tough to get there as I’ve got a lot of points to defend, but I’ve just got to focus on playing well.”
Gulf Daily News Sunday, 14th October 2018

AMSTERDAM: Liverpool defender Virgil van Dijk led the Netherlands to a crushing 3-0 win over Germany yesterday in the Nations League to ramp up the pressure on German coach Joachim Loew.

A first-half header by Dutch skipper Van Dijk gave the hosts the lead in Amsterdam.

With the German defence in disarray, late goals from Memphis Depay and Liverpool’s Georginio Wijnaldum sealed the win on a golden night for the Oranje at Amsterdam’s Johan Cruyff Arena.

This is the first time the Dutch have beaten Germany for 16 years and the comprehensive defeat leaves Loew under increasing pressure to sign off after 12 years in charge.

Defeat in Loew’s 168th in international means Germany are once again last – this time bottom of Group One in the Nations League.

Depay opened the scoring with a well-taken header after Van Babel had headed against the crossbar on 30 minutes. Depay then compounded Germany’s misery by striking home a pass from Quincy Promes three minutes later on 64 before he got the hat-trick two minutes after the break.

A 10-man Germany had looked the more composed side after half-time when the Dutch had to work hard to get the title-winning result.

Earlier yesterday, Munich-based newspaper Sueddeutsche Zeitung, revealed there is a release clause in Loew’s contract, which runs until 2022, allowing either party to end the agreement prematurely.

Loew has promised an improved performance from the Germans. Yet again, his senior players left him down as the Bayern Munich axis of Manuel Neuer, Jerome Boateng, Mats Hummels and Thomas Mueller struggled.

Loew pulled a surprise before kick-off by starting Manchester City starlet Leroy Sane on the bench.

Scheue striker Mark Uth made his debut up front with RB Leipzig winger Timo Werner and Mueller on the flanks.

Loew opted for a 3-3-4 formation, just like his opposite number Ronald Koeman who started with Besiktas’ Babal, Lyon’s Depay and Eindhoven striker Steven Bergwijn up front.

Enfield County goalkeeper Caoileann Donna’s dad turned 40 last week.

It is a setback for China as it has not beaten Germany in its last 17 attempts.

Although China controlled the pitch against its hosts in 21 years. India had not beaten China in its last 17 attempts.

It is not the same story in cricket-mad India, where neither of the teams is a football superpower.

The game in Suzhou, near Shanghai, was the fourth of Nations League matches for two places at the 2019 Cup of Nations in Cameroon.

Nigeria – ranked 33rd in the world – were no surprise as South Africa are ranked 104th in the world – 116 places above the Seychelles.

Only a few thousand watched the mismatch in heavy rain despite the public broadcaster not screening the qualifier because of a financial dispute with the national football body.

Matches involving ‘Bafana Bafana’ used to draw 80,000 crowds, but results in recent years have seen a dramatic fall-off in attendances.

South Africa have seven points from three matches and Libya have four from two in a three-team chase for two places at the 2019 Cup of Nations in Cameroon.

Nigeria, who suffered a shock matchday 1 home loss to South Africa last Saturday in Uyo.

It is the story of a nation that is desperate to become a football superpower.

The previous widest winning margin in a match was 11-0 for Nigeria in the 1994 World Cup qualifying matches here.

The previous best result for South Africa was 3-0 in the World Cup qualifier here – 36 years ago.

Maradona slams Messi

Argentina forward Diego Maradona has hit out at his countryman Lionel Messi, saying the forward is not a leader on the pitch and should not be considered a footballing God.

Maradona, who along with Brazil’s Pele is widely held to be one of the best players of all time, said Messi was one player at his club Barcelona and another with the national side.

‘We shouldn’t defy Messi any longer,’ Maradona said. ‘He’s Messi when he plays for Barcelona. Messi is Messi when he wears that shirt and he’s another Messi with Argentina.

‘It’s a great player but he’s not a leader. It’s useless trying to make a leader out of a man who goes to the toilet 20 times before a game.’

The reference was believed to be in connection with Messi’s extreme nerves before games that have seen him vomit ahead of some important matches.

Messi, 31, has claimed every possible honour with Barcelona and has won the Fifa World Player of the Year award five times. But he has struggled to reproduce the same scintillating form when wearing the blue and white shirt of Argentina.

Messi has been on the losing side in all four of his finals with Argentina – three in the Copa America and at the 2014 World Cup – and has not scored in four World Cup knockout stages. After another disappointing tournament in Russia this year, where Argentina failed to get past the last 16, Messi opted to take a sabbatical from international football.

Italy’s Cassano retires for third time

MILAN: Former Real Madrid and AC Milan forward Antonio Cassano has been announced as the one-man retirement for the third time just days after the ex-Italian international returned to training.

‘The day has come, the day when you decide it really is over,’ said Cassano, who had returned to training with Serie C side Virtus Verona last Monday.

‘Over the last few days of training, I realised that I no longer have the mental agility to compete consistently,’ he said.

Cassano, whose last competitive match was for Sampdoria in May 2016, has been told he can no longer play football, you need passion and talent, but above all determination and at this moment I have other duties to face.’

The 36-year-old Cassano – who played for Roma, Real Madrid and both Milan clubs during his career – had first announced he was retiring just a week after signing for Hellas Verona in July 2017. But he did a swift u-turn saying he wanted to stay with the Verona club for the season, before again calling time after playing two-pre-season friendlies.

Maradona and Messi are widely considered the best footballers of their generation.
**England win rain-curtailed ODI**

**Hyderabad, India:** Pant and Rahane rescue Indians

Pant hit contrasting half-centuries to put India on course for a sizeable total before rain curtailed play in the second ODI against West Indies.

India were 308 for four at stumps with Pant and Rahane putting on 140 for the fourth wicket.

Rahane scored 106, his fourth Test ton, and Pant hit 92 as India mounted a strong reply, only to lose their way in the middle overs before the series.

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Total (4 wickets, 81 overs): 308.

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Extras: B (6), lb (1), w (2) - 19.

Total (4 wickets, 81 overs): 276.

Pant and Rahane were awarded a 31-run victory in the morning session.

**Debutant**

While left-arm spinner Ali, Chris Woakes and Liam Dawson were expensive, Woakes claimed Pant's wicket.

Debutant Roston Chase top-scored with 11. Woakes claimed Rahane's wicket but was denied a wicket in the morning session.

**Veteran**

Morgan and Root put England on target to reach 300 but veteran paceman Lasith Malinga took critical wickets at the start and in the lower order to finish on four for 44 on the tricky Dambulla pitch.

He claimed English opener Jason Roy with the fourth ball of the day, brilliantly ended Morgan's innings caught and bowled and also took Moeen Ali, Chris Woakes and Liam Dawson cheaply.

Malinga shook England, who slipped from 209 for four.

Tailender Adil Rashid's 19 runs off 15 balls helped raise England from 254 for nine to a respectable score.

Chris Woakes was England's most threatening bowler, taking three for 26 off just five overs.

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Total (9 wickets, 50 overs): 276.

Fall of wickets: 1-0, 2-72, 3-140, 4-190, 5-218, 6-218, 7-246, 8-249, 9-254.

Bowling: Malinga 10-1-44-4 (1 b, 1), Pradeep 10-0-52-1 (2), Dananiya 10-6-64-1, T. Perera 7-0-37-1, Sandakan 10-0-218-1, 6-0-235-1, 7-0-245-1, 8-0-254-1.

**In India's Rahane, right, and Pant run between the wickets during their unbeaten 146-run partnership for the fifth wicket**

**England captain Morgan plays a shot during his 92-run knock**

Coach Langer hails Australia opening pair

DUBAI: Australia coach Justin Langer has praised the new opening pair of Aaron Finch and Usman Khawaja after they gave Tim Paine’s rebuilding side a solid platform in the drawn first Test against Pakistan in Dubai.

Finch and Khawaja put on 140 for the first wicket before putting up the order in the absence of suspended David Warner, put on 142-run partnership in the first innings and 87 in the second in a stellar display for their nascent partnership.

“One of the main building blocks is a really strong opening partnership,” Langer said in Dubai.

“So for the guys to get 140-run opening partnership and an 87-run partnership… that’s huge for our team.

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City deny failed bid to sign Messi

LONDON: Manchester City have rubbished claims they made a failed attempt to sign Argentine Lionel Messi.

Messi has been linked with City several times since former Barcelona boss Pep Guardiola was appointed manager of the Premier League club in 2016.

Chairman Khaldoon Al Mubarak was quoted in Spanish newspaper Mundo Deportivo as saying he once made a lucrative offer for Messi, which would reportedly have paid him more than £1 million ($1.3 million) per week.

“We asked Guardiola to talk to him, we offered him triple the salary he has at Barcelona, but he never accepted,” Mubarak was quoted as saying.

But City responded by insisting there was no truth to the report.

“A delay in the transfer window is normal. We deny the veracity of these quotes,” a City spokesman said.

Argentina forward Messi played under Guardiola for four seasons at Barca, during which time they won 14 titles.

The 31-year-old signed a new contract with Barca in November 2017.

Mick Schumacher lifts F3 title

BERLIN: Mick Schumacher, the teenage son of the stricken Michael Schumacher, has crowned 2018 Formula 3 European champions yesterday to claim the first key title of his career, increasing the possibility of a future in Formula One.

With one race left this season, the 19-year-old Schumacher finished second in the day’s second race at Germany’s Hockenheim circuit to leave him with an unsustainable lead in the drivers’ championship.

“It has not really sunk in yet,” Schumacher said.

“I’ve delighted, the team has achieved so much throughout the year.”

Schumacher had been a picture of concentration in the final laps to hold second and secure the title, but punched the air after crossing the finish line.

“I was actually annoyed by a mistake I made earlier in the race,” he said with a grin.

Chequered

Estonia’s Jur Vips took the chequered flag, but all the attention was on Schumacher, who dominated the second half of the F3 season after claiming five straight wins last month.

He hugged his team after finishing on the podium for the 13th time in 29 races this season.

Before today’s final race, Schumacher had 347 points, 51 ahead of Britain’s Daniel Ticktum, who was second in the table.

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His first F3 title means Schumacher has qualified for a FIA ‘super licence’, a prerequisite for the jump to Formula One, and follows on from his father, who won the German F3 championships 28 years ago.

The presence of the German teenager with the famous name generated huge media interest in F3 this season.

After a mediocre start, things clicked in July, when he won at Spa in Belgium, to claim his first victory in the 15th of 30 races this season.

Gorics sends Botte reeling

SHANGHAI: Roger Federer admitted that he was lacking the “punch” of 13th-seeded Borna Coric after the Serb thrashed Alexander Zverev 6-2, 6-1, leapfrogging Federer to number two in the world rankings.

Federer has not been at his best all week, dropping sets in the two opening matches of his wobbly title defence.

The 37-year-old top seed was more like his old self on Friday, defeating eighth seed Kei Nishikori in two high-quality sets.

But he made a slow start against Coric, ranked 19 in the world, getting broken in the first game.

There was a subtle shake of the head when Coric nearly lost his serve at the start of the second set.

It thought he was better, I think he had more punch on the ball. He served better,” said Federer, proclaiming himself pleased nevertheless with his form.

“I feel like I’m explosive out there, returning well,” he added.

“Serving, I think, it’s okay, could be even a little bit better. I don’t think I played a match where I didn’t get broken, so that’s something a bit more unusual for me.”

In contrast, Coric – who is into his first Masters 1000 final – was largely untroubled on his serve.

Federer won the Australian Open at the start of this year but has had a mediocre season by his sky-high standards.

He exited the US Open in the last 16 at the hands of unseeded Australian John Millman, ranked 55th, and only made the quarter-finals at Wimbledon.

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Henry appointed new Monaco coach

MONACO: Former Arsenal star Thierry Henry yesterday named a Monaco coach, taking his first job in club management after leaving his position with the Belgium national team.

The 41-year-old French World Cup winner, who had been working as an assistant to Belgium coach Roberto Martinez since 2016, returns to the club where he began his professional career.

Henry replaces Leonardo Jardim, who in 2017 guided Monaco to their first Ligue 1 title since 2000.

He was sacked on Thursday after a string of poor results left Monaco in the relegation places.

The former striker will be joined by Joao Carlos Valado Tralhao, under-23 coach at Benfica, and Patrick Kwame Ampadu, coach at Arsenal’s academy and father of Chelsea player Ethan Ampadu.

Salah out of qualifier

CAIRO: Mohamed Salah is out of Egypt’s Africa Nations Cup qualifier away to Ethiopia on Tuesday after suffering a groin injury in Friday’s clash between the two countries in Cairo, team officials said yesterday.

Salah went off after being injured late in the game, leaving his side down to 10 men as they had already used their allotted three subs.

But by then Egypt were comfortably on their way to a 4-1 home win in their Group A game which included a superb goal from Salah, scored directly from a corner just before halftime.

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