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## Summer work ban a huge success: Minister

DT News Network Manama

**N**inety-eight per cent of companies and establishments complied with the afternoon outdoor work ban that prevented forcing labourers to work under the scorching heat of the summer sun from noon to 4 pm,

Minister of Labour Jameel bin Mohammed Ali Humaidan said yesterday.

Commenting on the end of the outdoor work ban for this summer, he said more than 150,000 workers benefited from the measures aimed at protecting workers and ensuring safety at various

work sites out of its interest in preserving human rights.

He pointed out that the implementation of Edict 3 of 2013 banning outdoor afternoon work reflects the employers' high awareness, lauding the companies' full cooperation, positive response and understanding of the

noble values of human life. The compliance rate of 98 pc indicates their keenness to protect workers and ensure their safety, which, he said, reflects respect for human rights, he said adding that Bahrain's advanced strides in this regard have been welcomed and by international

organisations. He highlighted the importance of enhancing cooperation between the Ministry of Labour and the private sector to develop the work environment, avoid occupational accidents as much as possible and increase productivity and profits of companies.

# Trump ends amnesty for 800,000

Washington DC

**P**resident Donald Trump yesterday ended an amnesty that protected from deportation 800,000 people brought to the United States illegally as minors.

Trump's Attorney General Jeff Sessions announced the decision to scrap the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) programme, calling it an "open-ended circumvention of immigration laws" and an unconstitutional use of executive authority.

"I am here today to announce that the programme known as DACA that was effectuated under the Obama Administration is being rescinded," Trump's attorney general Jeff Sessions said. Sessions argued the amnesty put in place by former president Barack Obama was unconstitutional and "denied jobs to hundreds of thousands of Americans by allowing those same illegal aliens to take those jobs."

"The executive branch through DACA deliberately

sought to achieve what the legislative branch specifically refused to authorise on multiple occasions," Sessions said. The Trump administration has given Congress until March 5 to pass legislation to replace DACA.

According to administration officials, the government will no longer accept new applications from undocumented immigrants to protect them from deportation under the programme.

**11th Hour**

**Saudi Arabia reach football World Cup**

Jeddah

**F**ahad Al Muwallad's second-half winner took Saudi Arabia to their fifth World Cup and consigned Australia to the play-offs as they beat Japan 1-0 in Jeddah on Tuesday. The half-time substitute smashed a fierce shot into the top corner on 63 minutes to secure Group B's second automatic qualifying spot for the Saudis, ahead of Australia on goal difference.



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Bahraini athletes welcome Brave Combat Week 2017



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US says N Korea 'begging for war'

Bahrain-Merida's Italian cyclist Vincenzo Nibali sprints to take the third place of the 16th stage of the 72nd edition of "La Vuelta" Tour of Spain cycling race

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## Majority of Haj pilgrims reach home

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**T**he majority of Bahrain pilgrims completed the Hajj pilgrimage rites and reached the Kingdom

yesterday, while the remaining will travel home in the next two days. Hajj Mission Head Sheikh Adnan Al Qattan yesterday confirmed that all 4,625 pilgrims from Bahrain

completed the final rituals on Monday, adding that the majority have left the holy lands while few preferred to stay and visit Medina, where they will spend few days

before travelling back.

Shaikh Al Qattan explained that 57 authorised offices and travel agents are handling the Bahrain pilgrims' travel procedures and that most of

them are travelling by air.

According to statements issued by the national carrier, Gulf Air, 12 planes carrying pilgrims reached Bahrain yesterday.

# Russia may reduce US diplomatic personnel by 155: Putin

Xiamen

**R**ussian President Vladimir Putin threatened yesterday to expel up to 155 more US diplomatic personnel from his country.

"We reserve the right to make a decision on how many American diplomats there are in Moscow. But we will not do that for the moment," Putin told a press conference after a summit of BRICS nations in southern China.

Moscow had previously ordered the US to reduce its diplomatic presence to 455 people by September 1, the

same number that Russia has in the US.

That number, however, includes 155 people who work for Russia's diplomatic mission to the UN in New York, Putin said, meaning his country could further cut the number of US diplomats to 300: "It's 455 minus 155."

On Saturday Russia was forced to vacate its consulate in San Francisco and two diplomatic buildings in New York and Washington after the US ordered the move, the latest twist in a lengthy feud.

Russia demanded Sunday

that the US rethink its shuttering of Moscow's diplomatic premises, insisting that Washington bore sole responsibility for worsening ties after the "hostile act".



# UN body marks 'step closer' to justice for Syria

Geneva

**T**he world has taken "a step closer" towards justice for alleged war crimes committed in Syria, the judge leading the new United Nations effort to investigate the conflict said Tuesday.

Catherine Marchi-Uhel of France is in charge of the body known as the "International, Impartial and Independent Mechanism", which is tasked with preparing prosecutions for major international crimes committed in Syria.

Marchi-Uhel said her panel will work closely with the UN Commission of Inquiry (COI), which has submitted regular reports detailing atrocities in the Syrian conflict that has killed more than 320,000 people since 2011.

The COI has repeatedly called for the UN Security Council to use its reports as grounds to refer the Syria case to the International Criminal Court.

But permanent Security Council members, including China and Damascus-ally Russia, have blocked those moves.

An alliance of Western powers including the United States, Britain and France last year successfully pushed for the creation of a new body in response to the Security Council's inaction.



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# Waiting *for* justice



Jeny Agbulig

## Expatriate worker's passport confiscated by sponsor to pay ransom

Harpreet Kaur/DTNN reporter@dt.bh

A Filipino expatriate is awaiting justice after her sponsor confiscated her passport and refused to give it back unless she pays the ransom he demanded.

Jeny Agbulig, an expatriate

from the Philippines, worked as a staff cleaner and a caterer assistant for a cleaning contract company.

"It's been more than five months and I still haven't received my passport. The case is now in the court and I have no clue as to when

the verdict will be out. I have a sponsor who is willing to hire me, but I am unable to transfer myself to another sponsor as I don't have my passport with me," said Jeny.

"I am currently living at a friend's place after leaving my place for safety. The

sponsor and his driver used to roam around my apartment in their cars during night. Once the driver came up to my apartment and started banging on my door. I was terrified and I moved to my friend's place a few hours after they left," Jimy said indicating

harassment by the sponsor.

DT News had reported this incident in March this year.

According to Jenny, On March 9, the sponsor called her for a meeting and without notice, she was told to leave the company. He cancelled her visa on May 2, and

refused to give her passport back until she paid him the money he demanded. When the issue was taken to the Ministry of Labour to get her passport and pending salary, she realised that somebody had forged her signature on the contract document.



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# Bahraini athletes welcome Brave Combat Week 2017



KHK MMA Bahrain Team at 2017 IMMAF African Open Championships

## Manama

**B**ahrain's decision to host 2017 IMMAF World Championships during the first ever Brave International Combat Week from November 12 till 19, 2017 has received overwhelming response from the athlete community in Bahrain.

"We love to welcome the initiative as this will definitely motivate and nurture future athletes," said Atif Mohammed, Professional Mixed Martial Artist welcoming the event.

Apart from Bahraini athletes, Bahrain is also giving opportunity for athletes around the world and transforming their lives. 2017 Brave International Combat Week expects international athletes from

over 60 nations to visit Bahrain. The event also marks the ninth edition of Brave.

The Kingdom has made massive victories in IMMAF Asian Open and IMMAF African Open championships. During the first year of operations Brave held 8 events all across the world. At the 2017 International Mixed Martial Arts Federation African Open Championships, Bahrain team won 2 gold and 4 silver medals. While Hamza Zrira and Abdulmanap Magomedov won gold medals, Gamzat Magomedov, Hussain Abdulla, Nayef Fikry and Ramazan Gitinov won silver medals.

"Bahrain is the focus of global attention

yet again. Bahrain has achieved much during such a short span of time and the credit goes to the leadership and vision of His Highness Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the First Deputy President of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports and the President of Bahrain Athletics Association. It will be a proud moment for us to represent the Kingdom of Bahrain," said Hamza Kooheji, Professional Mixed Martial Artist and youth icon from Bahrain.



Hamza Kooheji representing Bahrain at Brave Combat Week

## Bahrain Tennis Club holds course on public fire safety



Mirza Al Sammak

### Manama

**B**ahrain Tennis Club (BTC) will hold a course on public safety and practical application of the correct use of manual fire extinguishers in cooperation with the General Directorate of Civil Defence of the Ministry of Interior, tonight at 7pm in the Al Juffair Club Hall.

Mirza Al Sammak, vice-chairman of BTC said it was important club members can deal with emergency situations such as fire and other issues and to achieve this, the club maintains several specialised courses in various fields with the support of the Ministry of Youth and Sports Affairs and the Bahrain Tennis Federation (BTF).

Al Sammak added that the course and the lecture will include theory and practical exercises and be attended by members of the BTC Board of Directors and members of the BTC and the BTF.

# BTF Summer camp concludes



One of the participants

## Manama

**B**ahrain Tennis Federation (BTF) has concluded its month-long tennis talent summer camp during August at its premises at the University of Bahrain Polytechnic in Isa Town.

A total of 25 young players, both boys and girls aged from five to 10 years of age participated at the camp, under the eye of former national team player and technical director, Essam Abdul A'al, who noted that a training project will follow this camp until the end of year 2017.

He said that the best players in each category will be identified for further training towards the future of the national team process.

BTF general-secretary Fuad Al

Rowaei said that the camp is a part of the BTF strategy and planning to encourage this group to practice tennis and its plans and programmes of the International Tennis Federation for the development of tennis in the West Asia region, which is supported by providing rackets and balls and nets, under the JTI programme (Junior Tennis Initiative) and tennis tenth programme, with great attention giving to this category.

The BTF and Bahrain Olympic Committee, support and provide the necessary possibilities to develop the junior categories, Al Rowaie stressed that the technical committee is working now on the development plans and programmes for next year and coordination with clubs and

organisations to promote a general tennis league championship and increase the number of participating clubs.

BTF's women's Committee has also made a big effort to give women and girls teams more attention for next season as it prepares to hold the Bahrain Ladies Open Championship in November and expected to see a good number of participants.

After the summer camp, Al Rowaie and national teams' director Mohammed Ali, presented gold medals with the camp logo to all participants, with the parents of the participants expressing appreciation of the BTF board members for its efforts in organising the camp.

# More than 250k visitors entered through Causeway during Eid



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**Manama**

**M**ore than 250,000 travellers entered the country through King Fahad Causeway during Eid Al Adha holidays.

The highest number was recorded on Sunday, the third day of Eid, when

106,000 travellers entered the Kingdom through its only land entrance.

According to data revealed by the Passports Department on the Saudi side of the causeway, 254,000 travellers passed through to Bahrain on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Passports Department Director Lieutenant Colonel

Dhiwaihi Al Sehli announced that 65,000 people crossed the causeway from Saudi to Bahrain on the first day of Eid and 83,000 on the second day.

Al Sehli said in a statement issued yesterday that 21 lanes were opened during the holiday for travellers exiting Saudi Arabia to facilitate the exit of the

huge numbers of vehicles. He also said five lanes were opened to receive visitors, who were considerably less numbered.

Saudi press reported that traffic was congested on the causeway during the holidays, with waiting periods crossing four hours to get through and queues of cars extending to six kilometres.

This comes as efforts are intensified to promote Bahrain as a tourism hub in the GCC region and attract more visitors from the neighbouring countries, especially during public holidays.

GCC citizens, mainly families, prefer to visit Bahrain through its land entrance, so they could

visit the various tourist attractions in the Kingdom by using their personal vehicles.

DT News reported yesterday that occupancy rates of four- and five stars hotels in Bahrain during the Eid Al Adha holidays reached 90 per cent, considered among the highest in the region.

## Video shows veg being collected from dustbin

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**Manama**

**A** new video has emerged revealing workers picking up vegetables from garbage bin, causing outrage among members of the public.

The video footage shows workers running away as the person who recorded the video approaches them. The video shows boxes of what seemed to be rotten vegetables. Kitchen utensils are seen which the men apparently used to remove rotten parts of the vegetables.

"This is why the vegetables they sell are cheaper than market prices," he said in the video. He said that the men were sitting there cutting out the rotten parts of the vegetables to sell it.

"It makes me wonder if I have ever purchased rotten food. I hope these people are caught to end this practice," said Manama resident Asif.

"This is a shocking video, I never imagined that this sort of things do happen in Bahrain," said Hassan, a Bahraini.

People expressed their outrage on social media where the video was shared. Numerous users called on the authorities to take action against these men.

This is the third such video to have surfaced in the past one month. In the first video,



A video footage showing a worker picking up rotten vegetables from dustbin

three men were seen picking up vegetables from a garbage can.

In the second video, a man, reportedly the owner of a restaurant, is seen picking up tomatoes from the trash.

After the second video went viral, a prominent human rights organization launched a campaign.

The campaign titled 'Be right, Know your rights', by

Bahrain Human Rights Watch Society (BHRWS) was aimed at educating citizens about their rights and to empower them.

"We are launching this campaign to highlight the rights of the citizens and to correct wrong practices. We call upon the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Tourism to investigate and take action," the society had stated.

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# North vows more 'gift packages'

Geneva

North Korea's UN envoy vowed yesterday to send "more gift packages" to the United States which has led international condemnation of what Pyongyang called a successful hydrogen bomb test.

The pledge from North Korea's envoy to the United Nations in Geneva, Han Tae Song, was delivered at the Conference on Disarmament as world powers weighed

options to temper North Korea's nuclear threat.

"The recent self-defence measures by my country DPRK (Democratic Peoples Republic of Korea) are a gift package addressed to none other than the US," Han told the UN body.

"The US will receive more gift packages from my country as long as it relies on reckless provocations and futile attempts to put pressure on the DPRK."

The announcement dramatically upped the stakes in North Korea's standoff with the international community over its banned weapons programmes, which have seen it subjected to seven sets of UN Security Council sanctions so far.

Han told the UN conference that he was "proud" to confirm that his nation had "successfully carried out the hydrogen

bomb test."

"Pressure or sanctions will never work on my country," he added.

"DPRK will never under any circumstance put its nuclear deterrence on the negotiating table, nor will we step back even an inch from the road of pursuing its nuclear force, unless the hostile policy and the nuclear threat of the US against my country are completely eradicated."

## US says N Korea 'begging for war'

Pushes for tougher UN sanctions

Ambassador to the UN, Nikki Haley, speaks on the sidelines with Chinese Ambassador Liu Jieyi during a United Nations Security Council meeting



United Nations

The US has accused North Korea of "begging for war" and pushed for the "strongest possible measures" on Pyongyang following its sixth and most powerful nuclear test.

As world powers scramble to react to the latest grave step in the North's rogue weapons programme, South Korea launched major live-fire naval drills to warn its isolated neighbour against any provocations at sea Tuesday morning local time.

US Ambassador Nikki Haley told an emergency meeting of the UN Security Council that Washington will present a new sanctions resolution to be negotiated in the coming days, with a view to voting on it next Monday.

"Only the strongest sanctions will enable us to resolve this problem through diplomacy," Haley told the meeting Monday called by the United States, Britain, France, Japan and South Korea.

North Korea on Sunday triggered global alarm when it detonated what it described as a hydrogen bomb

## S. Korea holds live-fire drills

Seoul

South Korea's navy held major live-fire drills yesterday to warn the North against any provocations at sea, it said, two days after Pyongyang's biggest nuclear test to date. The drills, conducted in the East Sea (Sea of Japan), involved the 2,500-tonne frigate Gangwon, a 1,000-tonne patrol ship and 400-tonne guided-missile vessels, among

others, the Navy said in a statement.

"If the enemy launches a provocation above water or under water, we will immediately hit back to bury them at sea," Captain Choi Young-chan, commander of the 13th Maritime Battle Group, said in a statement. On Monday the South's military launched a volley of ballistic missiles simulating an attack on the North's nuclear test site.

designed for a long-range missile.

The underground blast had a yield of between 50 and 100 kilotons, or on average more than five times more powerful than the bomb detonated over Hiroshima, UN political affairs chief Jeffrey Feltman told the council.

Declaring that "enough is enough," Haley said

incremental sanctions imposed on Pyongyang since 2006 had failed.

Leader Kim Jong-Un's "abusive use of missiles and his nuclear threats show that he is begging for war," she said.

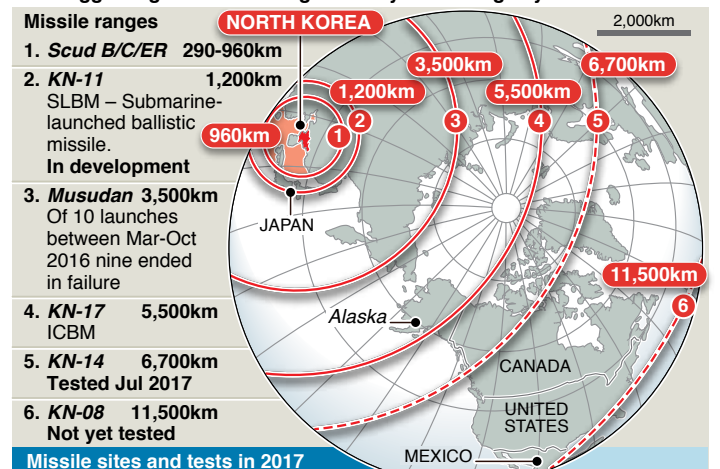
"War is never something the United States wants and we don't want it now, but our country's patience is not unlimited," she said.



South Korean navy vessels taking part in a naval drill

## North Korean missile tests

Satellite imagery indicates that North Korea is moving an intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM) towards test facilities at Panghyon or Sohae, suggesting a launch during Saturday's founding day celebrations



## Russia's Putin warns of 'global catastrophe'

Xiamen

Russian President Vladimir Putin warned yesterday of a global "catastrophe" unless a diplomatic solution over North Korea is reached, saying imposing further sanctions on Pyongyang would be useless.

Putin's comments, following an international summit in China, came after the United States called for the "strongest possible measures" against North Korea for detonating what it called a hydrogen bomb on Sunday.

The announcement and North Korea's claim that it could mount the warhead on a missile,

dramatically upped the stakes in Pyongyang's standoff with the international community over its banned weapons programmes.

Putin said Russia "condemns" North Korea's actions as "provocative".

"But resorting to just any sanctions in this situation is useless and inefficient," he told reporters in the Chinese city of Xiamen following the annual summit of the five-nation BRICS club of emerging economies.

Putin called for dialogue on the crisis and warned against other actions that could cause the situation to escalate.

## Japan, South to get more weapons

Washington

President Donald Trump said yesterday he would allow Japan and South Korea to buy more "highly sophisticated" US military equipment, amid soaring tensions after Pyongyang's latest atomic test.

"I am allowing Japan & South Korea to buy a substantially increased amount of highly sophisticated military equipment from the United States," Trump said in a tweet.

Trump did not elaborate

on the kind of weaponry and equipment he had in mind, but the White House has said the president is willing to approve the sale of "many billions of dollars' worth of military weapons and equipment" to Seoul.

Seoul was previously restricted to a maximum warhead weight of 500 kilograms (1100 pounds) on its ballistic missiles, according to a bilateral agreement with the United States signed in 2001.

# Rio Olympics were bought in corrupt scheme: Brazilian police

Carlos Nuzman

## Rio de Janeiro

**B**razilian officials said yesterday that the country's Olympics chief was the "lynchpin" in a plot to bribe the International Olympic Committee to award Rio de Janeiro the 2016 Games.

Revealing a nine month investigation spanning several countries and dubbed "Unfair Play," police said Carlos Nuzman had been taken in for questioning and his house searched. Nuzman, who was the pointman for Rio's successful bid to become the first South American host of the Olympics, was seen by AFP journalists leaving his house in Rio's posh Leblon neighborhood, while police officers exited with bags of evidence.

Prosecutors said Nuzman was detained to give testimony and although not arrested he had his passport confiscated.

An arrest warrant was issued for businessman Arthur Soares, who won lucrative contracts from Rio's government in the spending spree ahead of the Olympics. He lives in Miami.

A former associate of Soares, Eliane Pereira Cavalcante, was arrested in Rio and 11 properties were subjected to search and seizure raids.

Police said in a statement they were probing "an international corruption scheme" aimed at "the buying of votes for the election of

(Rio) by the International Olympic Committee as the venue for the 2016 Olympics."

In Lausanne, Switzerland, an IOC spokesman appeared to have been taken by surprise.

"The IOC has learned about these circumstances from the media and is making every effort to get the full information," the spokesman said. "It is in the highest interests of the IOC to get clarification on this matter."

## Buying African votes

Brazilian investigators have worked closely with a similar French probe into the vote buying and French officials,

including well-known anti-corruption Judge Renaud Van Ruymbeke, attended the raid on Nuzman's home early Tuesday. The United States was also involved as officials tracked down alleged bribe payments made in offshore bank accounts, Brazilian prosecutors said.

Prosecutor Fabiana Schneider told a press conference that Soares, known in Brazil as "King Arthur," allegedly bribed the son of a Senegalese IOC member Lamine Diack before the 2009 vote in which Rio beat Chicago, Madrid and Tokyo to win the 2016 Games.

Diack, who was head of the International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF) at the time, had considerable influence over African votes on the IOC.

Nuzman, Schneider said, had been the "lynchpin" between Soares and the son, Papa Massata Diack.

The Rio games were generally credited with being a sporting and organizational success, but revelations of massive corruption during the preparations and now even in the naming of the host city have tarnished the legacy.

In June, former Rio governor Sergio Cabral was sentenced to 14 years prison. He was convicted of bribery and money laundering, including participation in the embezzlement of 220 million reais (\$64 million) from public works projects such as Rio's iconic Maracana football stadium.

Schneider said the Games had been used as a "trampoline" for corruption.

A lawyer for Nuzman, Sergio Mazzillo, said his client was "calm." He told journalists that Nuzman "says he did not act in an irregular way, that he did nothing wrong during the campaign."

The scandal comes as Brazilian law enforcement pursues the country's biggest ever anti-corruption fight in a probe known as "Car Wash," which has uncovered a huge web of embezzlement and bribery at top levels of politics and business. (AFP)



Bags and boxes with Brazilian currency seized in a flat used by former minister of President Michel Temer, Geddel Vieira Lima to store money from corruption activities, in Salvador, Bahia state, Brazil

# Egypt, US to resume exercise

## Cairo

**E**gypt's military will host a biennial exercise with the US army next week for the first time since 2009, it said in a statement yesterday.

The Bright Star exercise, scheduled every two years since

1981, will take place this year from September 10 to 20, it said.

The last exercise was held in 2009, two years before a popular uprising overthrew autocrat Hosni Mubarak, unleashing years of political

instability.

Then-president Barack Obama cancelled the exercise in 2013 after the military overthrew Islamist president Mohamed Morsi and cracked down on his followers.

Ties between Egypt and Washington have improved since President Donald Trump took office in January, although Egypt protested last month against cuts to aid over its human rights record.

# New US commander takes control of anti-IS coalition

## Washington

**T**he US-led coalition fighting the Islamic State group in Iraq and Syria swore in a new commanding general Tuesday, with the fight against the jihadists now in its fourth year. Lieutenant General Paul Funk assumed command of the Operation Inherent Resolve joint task force at a ceremony

on a military base in the region, officials said in a statement.

As part of a regular rotation, he took over from Lieutenant General Stephen Townsend, who had been deployed a year ago.

"We must defeat them, and our collective effort will defeat them," Funk said, according to the statement.

# Hajj opens way for talks with Saudi Arabia: Iran

## Tehran

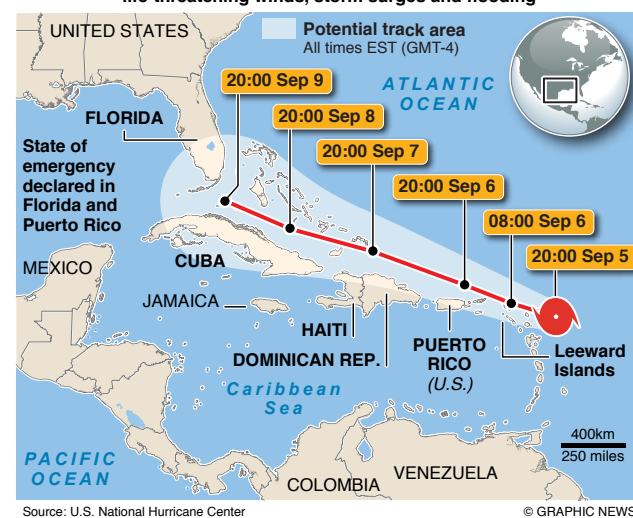
**I**ran thanked Saudi Arabia yesterday for its handling of the annual hajj pilgrimage, saying it opened the way for negotiations.

"We thank Saudi Arabia... for adopting a new approach in dealing with Iranian pilgrims," said Ali Ghazi-Askar, the head of the hajj organisation

in Tehran, according to the state broadcaster. Some 86,000 Iranian pilgrims took part last week in the hajj. "There are always differences arising among countries but the important thing is for the parties to resolve differences through dialogue and negotiation," said Ghazi-Askar, according to the ISNA news agency.

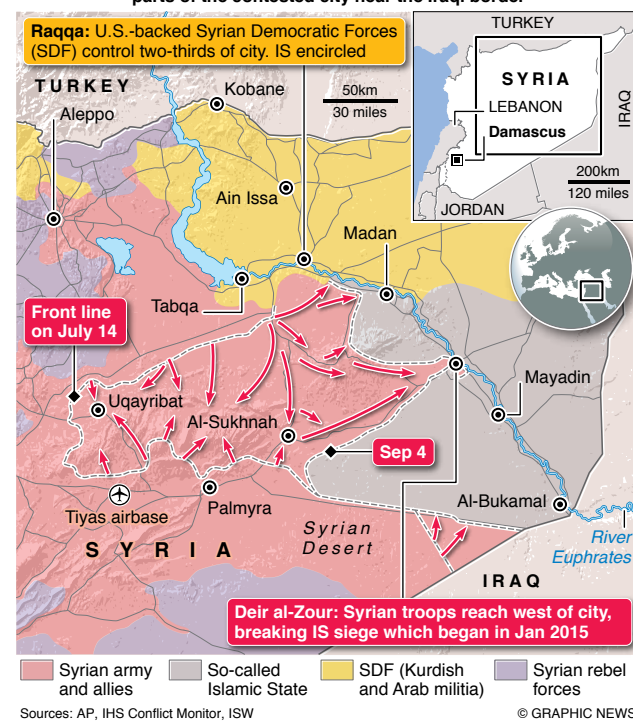
# U.S. and Caribbean brace for powerful storm

Hurricane Irma, a powerful Category 4 storm, is ploughing towards the Caribbean and Florida as islands in its path brace for possible life-threatening winds, storm surges and flooding



# Syrian forces break IS siege of eastern city

Syrian government forces have reached the eastern city of Deir al-Zour, breaching a nearly three-year-old siege by so-called Islamic State on parts of the contested city near the Iraqi border



Sources: AP, IHS Conflict Monitor, ISW © GRAPHIC NEWS

# Europe rights court backs staff fired over private messages



Representative picture

## Strasbourg

Europe's top rights court yesterday restricted the ability of employers to snoop on the private messages of their employees, in a landmark ruling with wide ramifications for privacy in the workplace.

The highest body of the European Court of Human Rights (ECHR) ruled in favour of a 38-year-old Romanian man who claimed his rights had been violated when he was sacked in 2007 for sending private chat messages in the office.

Bogdan Mihai Barbulescu has fought a ten-year legal battle through Romanian and European courts, claiming his privacy had been infringed when his employer accessed intimate exchanges with his fiancée and brother.

In a first ruling in January last year, the ECHR found that the snooping was allowed because employers were justified in wanting to verify "that employees were completing their professional tasks during working hours."

But in a review, the 17 most senior judges at the Strasbourg-based court in France found Tuesday that Romanian courts "had not adequately protected Mr Barbulescu's right to respect for his private life and correspondence."

In a written judgement, backed by 11 votes to six, they found that previous court rulings had "failed to strike a fair balance between the interests at stake", namely the company's right to check on employees and employees' right to privacy.

The judges also found that "an employer's instructions could not reduce private social life in the workplace to zero", meaning that some use of the internet at work for personal reasons was justified.

The ruling will become law in the 47 countries that have ratified the European Convention on Human Rights, meaning some members

will have to adjust their national legislation.

## Sex life exposed

The case revolved around messages sent in 2007 by Barbulescu over the Yahoo messaging platform, which the software engineer was required to use by his bosses to liaise with clients.

He was sacked after his employer accused him of using company resources for personal reasons, which violated company policy, and produced 45 pages of his private messages to his fiancée and brother as proof.

Barbulescu argued that his employer had invaded his right to privacy by using spyware to access the chat material which included details about his health and sex life.

In their judgement on the court's website, the ECHR judges said Tuesday that it was unclear whether Barbulescu had been warned about the monitoring or the risk of the messages being read without his authorisation.

It also said that Romanian courts had failed to determine why the monitoring measures were justified and whether there were other ways of checking on him "entailing less intrusion" into his private life.

The judges held a hearing on November 30 last year, at which it heard arguments from experts and the European Trade Union Confederation.

The union group criticised the initial ruling last year, judging it to be too harsh.

It recommended that a verbal warning should be the first stage of any disciplinary process with dismissal only possible for repeat offenders or serious misconduct.

Experts also say that companies should also have a clear policy governing the use of professional software and the internet during work hours. (AFP)



Al Salam Bank-Bahrain has successfully completed its annual summer internship programme for university students. The programme started in July with an induction session held at the Sheraton Hotel Bahrain by welcoming its 11th batch of 23 young Bahrainis, including 18 female and 5 male students. Concluding the interns programme Muna Al Balooshi, Group Head of Human Resources and Administration at Al Salam Bank-Bahrain, said: "We are pleased to share the successful completion of the summer internship program hosted annually for the future generation of this kingdom from young Bahrainis expected to join the field in the near future."



## Uzbekistan devalues currency by half

Bishkek

Ex-Soviet Uzbekistan has devalued its national currency by nearly 50 percent in an effort to entice more foreign investors after two decades of isolation. Uzbekistan's central bank showed on its website on Tuesday the dollar costing 8,100 soms, close to twice its previous official value of 4,210 soms and even more than the black market rate of 7,700 soms.



## United Tech snaps up Collins for \$30bn

Washington

US-based industrial conglomerate United Technologies announced it had reached an agreement to buy aerospace supplier Rockwell Collins for \$30 billion, including debt. "This adds tremendous capabilities to our businesses and strengthens our complementary offerings of advanced aerospace systems," said UTC Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Greg Hayes.



Google's proposals to comply with an EU order to modify its shopping service pointed in the right direction. It is less than a week since we got the letter so we have to go a bit more in depth before we can say anything."

- Margrethe Vestager, Europe's anti-trust chief

# TIPS for best home-based occupations.

While there are likely hundreds of potential occupations you could engage in while working from your own home, these tips will give you the flexibility and opportunity to help you generate an income no matter where you're from.

## Virtual assistant (VA)

Depending on what country you're from, being a VA can be lucrative when compared to the income status quo. However, even if it doesn't equate to a great income, it is a start. If you've just left your full-time job and you're looking for an entrepreneurial pursuit that doesn't require very much technical training, try your hand at being a VA.

## Video editor

As the web matures and global connectivity rates increase, video is becoming central to just about every platform. Becoming a well-versed video editor will certainly help you create a sustainable home-based business by tapping into this powerful medium.

## Customer service representative

Global corporations are always looking for freelance remote customer service representatives to assist them with their sales and support channels. This is great if you're looking to jump into something part time or full time and you don't need to be working on-site.

## Virtual tutoring

Tutoring over Skype and FB Messenger is a very real and feasible opportunity to teach students something you know from halfway around the world. The beauty is that you don't need to be in the same room thanks to the explosion of video chat across multiple platforms. You could easily teach a language, a musical instrument or even tutor some subject like mathematics, science or history.

## Web developer

While there are a lot of tools for automation when it comes to web development today, nothing takes the place of being able to code from scratch and develop feature-rich applications that can be deployed for a variety of purposes. You can also make a considerable amount of money by excelling in this field. *(Entrepreneur)*



# Xi urges 'healthy' India ties: Xinhua



Chinese President Xi Jinping (R) and Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi (L) shake hands Xiamen

Chinese President Xi Jinping sought yesterday to move past a tense border dispute with India, telling Prime Minister Narendra Modi the two nuclear-armed neighbours should pursue "healthy, stable" relations, according to China's state media.

The exchange occurred on the sidelines of the just-ended summit of BRICS emerging economies hosted by Xi in the southeastern Chinese city of Xiamen.

Xi told Modi that "healthy, stable bilateral ties" were "in line with the fundamental interests" of the neighbours, the official Xinhua news agency said.

"China is willing to work with India on the basis of the Five Principles of Peaceful

Coexistence which were put forward by both countries to improve political mutual trust, promote mutually beneficial cooperation, and push Sino-Indian ties along a right track," the report quoted him as saying.

An Indian foreign ministry spokesman also tweeted that the two leaders had a "constructive and forward-looking" talk.

Armed forces of the two countries engaged in a bitter, weeks-long military confrontation in a disputed and strategically important Himalayan area.

The contested area, Doklam, is claimed by both China and Bhutan, an ally of India.

The stand-off began on June 16 when Chinese troops started building a road in the area.

India deployed troops to stop the construction project, prompting Beijing to accuse it of trespassing on Chinese soil and sparking one of the worst crises in decades.

The confrontation dragged on as China repeatedly demanded India withdraw its troops before any proper negotiation could take place, while India countered that both sides should withdraw their forces together.

They backed off only last week, possibly to prevent the dispute from marring the summit of the five-nation BRICS, which also includes Brazil, Russia and South Africa.

The summit had been carefully stage-managed by hosts China to project an image of developing-world solidarity. *(AFP)*

# Bank of England resolves issues with striking workers

London

Bank of England staff have agreed an improved pay deal, ending the threat of further strikes, union officials said yesterday. The Unite union said the deal, which did not go into details, follows

three days of strike action in August -- the first stoppages by staff at the central bank in more than 50 years.

"Unite is pleased to bring the Bank of England dispute to an end having secured significant improvements for staff across

the organisation," a regional officer at the union, Mercedes Sanchez, said in a statement.

A separate BoE statement said the agreed proposal "includes a range of measures focused on improving" its relationship with Unite.

## Did You Know?



Refrigerating eggs is not necessary, and that in many countries outside the US, eggs are kept at room temperature. US regulations require that eggs be power-washed, which removes all organic matter (and any harmful bacteria) but also strips the egg's shell of its protective coating, thus rendering it more porous and open to contamination. A synthetic coating is often applied in commercial operations to combat this but the eggs are still refrigerated.



## BFC CURRENCIES EXCHANGE RATE

COUNTRY/CURRENCIES	BUY	SELL
AUSTRALIA	0.3075	0.3050
BANGLADESH	0.00476	0.00467
CANADA	0.3104	0.3072
DENMARK	0.0634	
EGYPT	0.0234	0.0217
EURO	0.4553	0.4528
HONGKONG	0.04968	0.04928
INDIA	0.00603	0.00592
INDONESIA	0.00003054	0.00002893
IRAN TUMAN	0.000323	
IRAQI DINAR	0.000304	
JAPAN	0.00360	0.003530
JORDAN	0.5350	0.5354
KOREA	0.00038440	
KUWAIT	1.249	1.249
MALAYSIA	0.0912	0.0906
NEW ZEALAND	0.2752	0.2752
NORWAY	0.0504	
NEPAL	504.00000	0.00369
OMAN	0.98014	0.98262
PAKISTAN	0.00376	0.00358
PHILIPPINES	0.00763	0.00739
QATAR	0.10381	0.10376
SAUDI ARABIA	0.10058	0.10066
SINGAPORE	0.2826	0.2806
SOUTH AFRICA	0.03040	0.03030
SRI LANKA	0.00272	0.00248
SWEDISH	0.0504	
SWITZERLAND	0.4007	0.3977
SYRIA	0.001740	0.0017
TAIWAN	0.013100	
THAILAND	0.011590	0.011580
TURKEY	0.1166	
UNITED KINGDOM	0.4965	0.4936
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	0.102500	0.102840
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	0.37790	0.37800
YUAN	0.056800	0.056800

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## GULF INTERBANK RATES

COUNTRY	1 US DLR	1 UK STG	1 SFR	100 YEN
BAHRAIN	0.3770	0.5738	0.3936	0.3443
KUWAIT	0.2855	31.2651	0.2980	0.2607
OMAN	0.3849	0.3687	0.4018	0.3515
QATAR	3.6420	3.4887	3.8021	3.3257
UAE	3.6730	3.5184	3.8344	3.3540
SAUDI	3.7500	3.5921	3.9148	3.4243

# Kuwait outperforms, Dana keeps rising in UAE

Abu Dhabi-listed Dana Gas continued surging on the back of a deal to obtain payments

### Dubai

Kuwait's stock market outperformed yesterday as it reopened after Eid al-Adha holidays, while Abu Dhabi-listed Dana Gas continued surging on the back of a deal to obtain payments from Iraqi Kurdistan.

The Kuwaiti index climbed 0.4 per cent. Many investors hope index compiler FTSE will decide at the end of this month to upgrade Kuwait to secondary emerging market status, which would bring fresh inflows of passive funds.

Blue chips that would be targets of such funds rose on Tuesday, with logistics giant Agility gaining 1.7pc.

A Reuters poll of leading Middle East fund managers, published last week, found 62pc expected to raise their allocations to Kuwaiti stocks over the next three months and none anticipated cutting

them, partly because of the FTSE hopes.

Abu Dhabi's index edged down 0.1pc but Dana Gas, the most heavily traded stock, surged 5.5pc to close at 0.77 dirham, off an early high of 0.79. More than 85pc of the market's traded volume was Dana shares.

On Monday, Dana had jumped 14.1pc on news that the government of Iraqi Kurdistan had agreed to immediately pay Dana's gas production consortium \$1 billion, including \$400 million for investment in the region.

Dana is due 35pc of the money, which it said on Tuesday the consortium had already received.

In addition to payment, the deal is expected to permit the consortium to boost output sharply. Majid Jafar, managing director of the board of Dana, told Reuters

## Closing Bell

DUBAI fell 0.3pc to 3,624 points.

ABU DHABI edged down 0.1pc to 4,479 points.

EGYPT edged down 0.01pc to 13,415 points.

KUWAIT rose 0.4pc to 6,921 points.

OMAN gained 0.2pc to 5,063 points.

that the consortium would raise production within two years from the current 330 million cubic feet a day to 800 million - enough to supply the annual gas needs of a country the size of Austria.

"This is only the next phase. These fields could potentially produce several times more," he said.

Dubai's index fell 0.3pc but amusement park operator DXB Entertainments, the

most active stock, added 0.6pc, rebounding for a third straight day from a month-long downtrend.

Egypt's index was flat as the market reopened after Eid. The most heavily traded stock, investment firm Qalaa Holdings, climbed 3.2pc.

Markets in Saudi Arabia and Qatar remained closed for Eid holidays and will reopen on Wednesday. (Reuters)

# Eggs scandal spreads to 45 countries: EU

### Tallinn

A scandal involving eggs tainted by the insecticide fipronil has spread to 45 countries worldwide, including 19 beyond the European Union where the scare began, a top EU official said yesterday.

"The impact of the illegal use of this product has reached an EU-wide dimension with today hundreds of farms blocked for production, 26 (EU) member states and 19 third countries involved," European health commissioner Vytenis Andriukaitis told a press conference in Tallinn.



Representative picture

The figure has increased from the 35 countries reported last week, with millions of eggs pulled from supermarket shelves to limit the risk from a

product that can harm human health in high doses.

The only two of the 28 EU countries not hit by the scare are Croatia and Lithuania, said

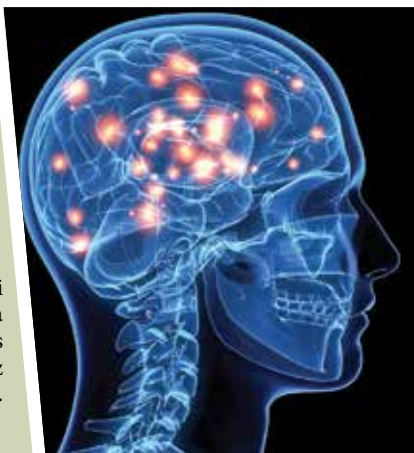
also to meet in Brussels on September 26 to discuss how to improve food safety and prevent fraud in light of the scandal.



### Infected mosquitoes to tackle dengue

**B**razilian scientists began to unleash the first of millions of mosquitoes infected with a bacteria meant to prevent the insects from transmitting the dengue virus to humans.

Thousands of *Aedes aegypti* mosquitoes carrying the bacteria were released in front of journalists by scientists from the Fiocruz institute in Rio de Janeiro. (AFP)



### Antidepressant may worsen tinnitus

**A** study by Oregon Health & Science University (OHSU) researchers indicates that a common antidepressant medication may worsen a condition, known as tinnitus, that millions of people suffer.

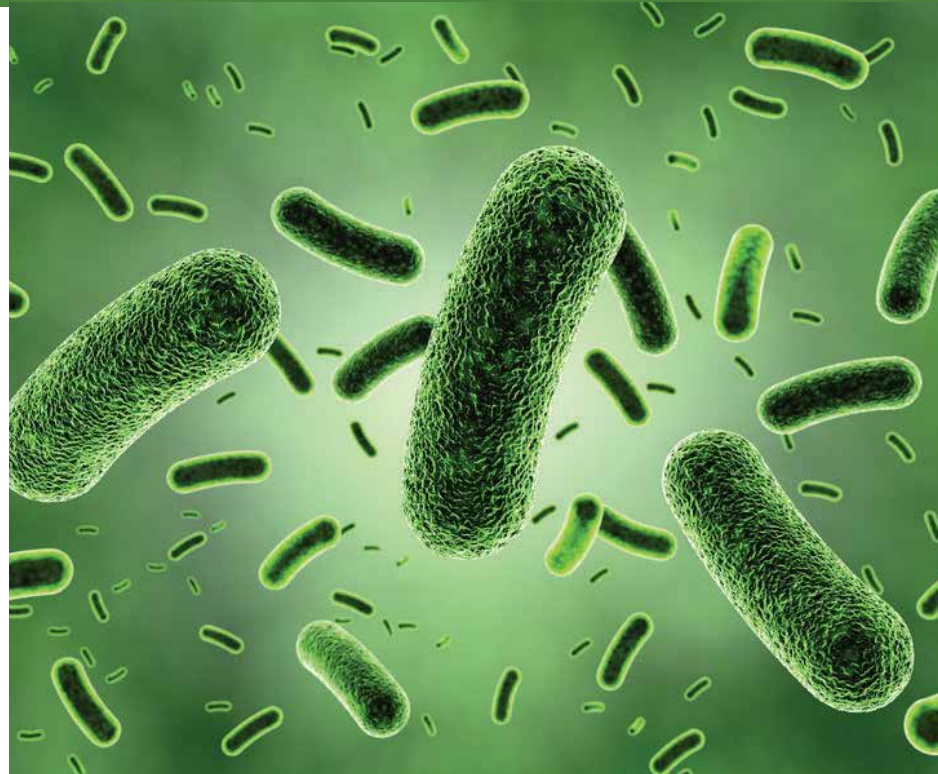
People with tinnitus have the constant sensation of ringing or buzzing in the ears, creating constant irritation for some and severe anxiety for others. (Xinhua)

# New tool to help "see" bacterial infection

**R**esearchers at the University of California, San Francisco, or UCSF, have developed an imaging tool that could help doctors locate and visualize bacterial infections in the body and to rule out other common causes of inflammation.

The research team reported in *Scientific Reports* that scans made with the imaging technique known as positron emission tomography, or PET, detected infections in mice caused by either of the two broad groups of bacteria, gram-negative and gram-positive, without generating a signal from other causes of inflammation.

To perform PET imaging, doctors inject patients with small doses of "radiotracers" that bind to particular proteins or accumulate in tumours, inflamed areas, and other problem spots. The most commonly used tracer, a sugar-like molecule called FDG, accumulates in infected areas, but also follows immune cells to germ-free inflammation sites and



Bacteria

tumours.

The treatment for a sterile inflammation is the last thing doctors would want for a

patient with an infection.

Other tracers, like radiolabeled antibodies that attach to particular bacteria,

could easily miss many infectious strains, and can also emit a stronger signal from dead bacteria, which often

have ruptured and spilled their contents, than from intact, live ones.

The search for a better radiotracer brought Michael Ohliger, an assistant professor of radiology and biomedical imaging at UCSF and one of the paper's senior authors, together with fellow UCSF researchers David Wilson and Oren Rosenberg, the paper's other senior authors.

For them, the ideal molecule would detect only live bacteria, rather than bind to living or dead cells indiscriminately; it had to play an active part in their growth. And it couldn't be a substance used by human cells, because then every cell in the body would "light up" on a PET scan.

One group of molecules that fit the bill was the D-amino acids, which bacteria take up from their environment to build their protective cell walls. These molecules are mirror images of the L-amino acids, which all organisms use to build proteins. But human cells make much smaller use of the D variety.

The team reasoned that a radiolabeled D-amino acid would zero in on bacteria. They settled upon D-methionine, a minor component of the bacterial cell walls that they found gives a strong signal when radiolabeled. To probe D-methionine's capabilities, they injected infectious bacteria - both the gram-negative *Staphylococcus aureus* and the gram-positive *Escherichia coli* - into mice.

When they later injected D-methionine molecules tagged with a single radioactive Carbon-11 atom into the mice, PET scanning showed the radiotracer accumulating at both kinds of injection sites.

If D-methionine-based PET imaging were approved for use in humans, it would let doctors facing challenging diagnoses find and treat infections much more quickly. The method could also give greater certainty to doctors when prescribing antibiotics, which, if overused, can promote resistant bacterial strains. (Xinhua)

## UC team use new method to identify gene enhancers

**A** research team led by University of California (UC) scientists has used a modified version of the gene-editing technique CRISPR to find enhancers, or regulatory sequences that turn on and off a gene that affects development of the immune cells known as T cells.

Each one of our cells has the same 22,000 or so genes in its genome, but each uses different combinations of those same genes, turning them on and off, or allowing them expressed and repressed, as their role and situation demand, which determines what kind of cell - kidney, brain, skin, heart - each

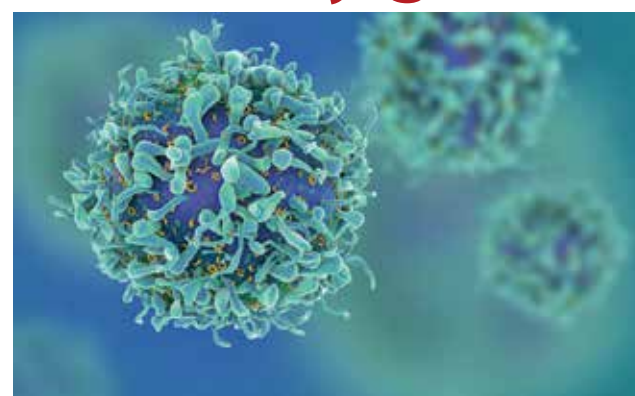
will become.

The new study, published online in *Nature* by the team of researchers mostly from UC San Francisco and UC Berkeley, used a tool called CRISPR activation (CRISPRa), to search for the enhancers.

The most common application of CRISPR, which stands for Clustered Regularly Interspaced Short Palindromic Repeats, an enzyme called Cas9 snips DNA at particular sequences specified by the sequence of a "guide RNA." With the technology, scientists can excise or edit any gene, and observe how these changes affect cells or whole organisms.

However, sequences that code directly for proteins make up only 2 per cent of our genome. Enhancers and other regulatory DNA elements spread throughout the other 98 per cent. Scientists can look for potential enhancer sequences based on how they interact with proteins that bind to DNA, but figuring out which enhancers work with which genes is much more challenging.

Thinking of the genome as a model home with 22,000 lightbulbs (the genes) and hundreds of thousands of switches (the enhancers), the challenges have been finding all of the switches and figuring



T cells

out which lightbulbs they control and when. Previously, CRISPR has been used to cut out wires looking for those that

would cause a bulb to go dark, giving a good idea of what that section of the circuit was doing. But cutting out a light

switch when it's off doesn't tell you anything about what it controls.

A better approach would be a universal "on" switch that could target any part of the genome and, if that part included an enhancer, could activate that enhancer. CRISPRa, developed in 2013 by Jonathan Weissman, professor of cellular and molecular pharmacology at UC San Francisco, uses a "blunted" version of the DNA-cutting Cas9 protein, strapped to a chain of activating proteins. Instead of cutting DNA, it can activate any enhancers in the area. (Xinhua)



The Gulf Petrochemical Industries Company Youth Committee organised a fun day for hearing impaired children on the occasion of Eid al-Adha in cooperation with the Bahraini Deaf Society. Members of the children on the occasion



Bahrain Tennis Federation (BTF) has concluded its month-long tennis talent summer camp during August at its premises at the University of Bahrain Polytechnic in Isa Town.



Zain Bahrain hosted a Gudoo'e Al Eid Bazaar to celebrate the Eid Al Adha holiday. Held at the reception area of Zain Tower in the Seef District, the event witnessed the participation of 10 local start-ups and small businesses.



BDO concluded their annual summer training of two months for university students. Above, some of the trainees with BDO Audit Partners

committee distributed gifts to the



Joel Jishu, Smrithi Muraleedharan and Aniket Raina, three students from New Millennium School participated in the Global Round of World Scholars Cup in Cape Town. The team from NMS has emerged victorious and have qualified for the Yale University round of Competition in the USA.



# CELEBS

@RobertDowneyJr  
Happy Labor Day, everyone! Hoping all you laborers out there get to take 5 (or a baker's dozen) today.



## Katy Perry, Orlando Bloom spotted together



Los Angeles  
**Singer** Katy Perry and actor Orlando Bloom reunited on the beach over the Labour Day weekend.

After being spotted together at the beach in California, the former couple added fuel to rumours that they are back together.

This is the second time in a month that the stars were spotted hanging out since their March 2017 split.

The source told *eonline.com*: "Katy Perry and Orlando Bloom are back together. They never stopped loving each other. They are both working on making it right this time." (IANS)



## Boy George will never go under the knife

Los Angeles  
**Singer** Boy George says he will never go under the knife because he wants to grow old gracefully.

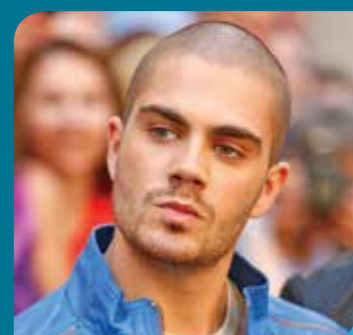
Though George won't be thinking about plastic surgery, he accepts that most stars don't "age anymore" because they see a surgeon to get cosmetic procedures done, reports *femalefirst.co.uk*.

"(I've had) no work (done) whatsoever. No way ... I love women talking about other women who've had loads of surgery, 'Oh they haven't aged a bit?'," George told 10 Men magazine. (IANS)

## Swift files trademark for titles from new album



Los Angeles  
**Singer** Taylor Swift has filed to trademark a bunch of titles and catchphrases from her new album "Reputation". According to the documents, Swift wants to use the lyrics on merchandise including t-shirts, notebooks, guitar picks, jewellery and bags, reports *tmz.com*. The line "The old Taylor can't come to the phone right now" from her single "Look what you made me do" is one of the many phrases Swift has got trademark for. The move has reportedly been taken keeping in mind Swift's upcoming tour. (IANS)



### STARRY Birthday Max George

September 6, 1988

As a member of The Wanted, he released the #1 singles "All Time Low" and "Glad You Came," as well as the Platinum-selling album, *Battleground*.



## A\$AP Rocky 'jealous' of Kendall Jenner's new beau

Los Angeles  
**R**apper A\$AP Rocky is "jealous" of model and his former girlfriend Kendall Jenner's new beau Blake Griffin.

According to a source, A\$AP Rocky is aware of Kendall and the basketball player's relationship and feels envious of him, reports *hollywoodlife.com*.

"A\$AP Rocky is very aware of Kendall and Blake and it honestly does make him a little jealous," the source said.

"He has fun with Kendall, but up until now hadn't really been obsessed with her or anything. He liked seeing her when it was convenient for both of them but didn't make her his top priority," the source added. (IANS)




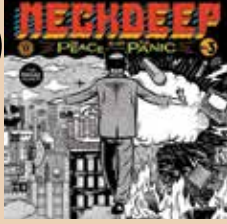








## Lil Wayne doing fine, says daughter

Los Angeles  
**R**eginae Carter, the daughter of rapper Lil Wayne, had a positive update on the status of her father following his hospitalisation. She says her father is doing fine.

Carter took to *Twitter* to share the health update, reports *dailymail.co.uk*.

"My dad is doing fine everyone. Thanks for the concerns. you guys are amazing," she tweeted. (IANS)

# Top Album Sales this Week

- 1  **Science Fiction**  
Brand New
- 2  **The Peace And The Panic**  
Neck Deep
- 3  **Guardians Of The Galaxy, Vol. 2: Awesome Mix Vol. 2**  
Soundtrack
- 4  **Rainbow**  
Kesha
- 5  **Painted Ruins**  
Grizzly Bear
- 6  **Paranoia: A True Story**  
Dave East
- 7  **4:44**  
JAY-Z
- 8  **Descendants 2**  
Soundtrack
- 9  **NOW 63**  
Various Artists
- 10  **Moana**  
Soundtrack



# START CAMERA ACTION

## Alex Gibney to Direct Vietnam Drama 'American Hero'

Oscar-winning documentarian (for *Taxi to the Dark Side*) Alex Gibney will direct the dramatic feature *American Hero*, based on the true story of U.S. Army Captain Hugh Thompson, who defied orders and saved a number of civilian lives during the Vietnam War's infamous My Lai massacre. Thompson was eventually awarded the Soldier's Medal, the highest medal for bravery not involving direct conflict.

It's the second narrative film Gibney has signed on for, following the political thriller *The Action*, which was announced last year and for which Scott Z. Burns has written the screenplay.

Oscar-nominated screenwriter Anthony McCarten (*The Theory of Everything*) — whose latest film *Darkest Hour*, starring Gary



Oldman as Winston Churchill, premiered at the Telluride Film Festival — is writing the original screenplay for *American Hero*.

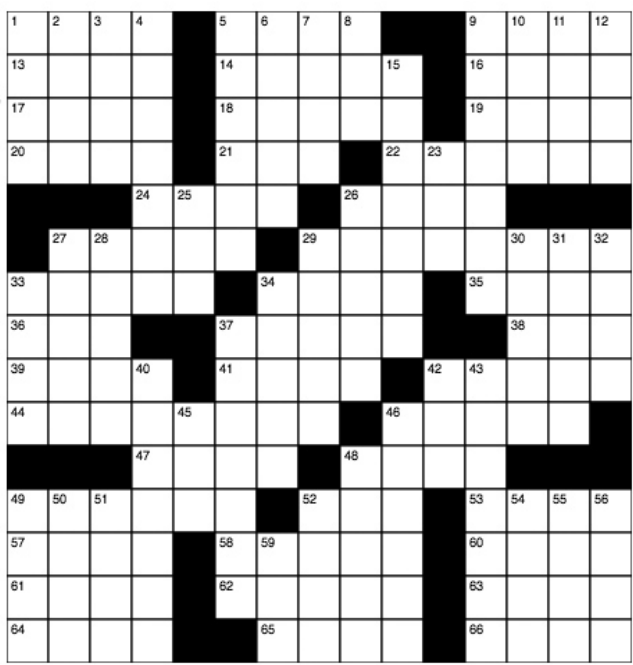
Big Marc Turtletaub and Peter Saraf (both of *Big Beach*), Will Clarke (*Altitude* Film Entertainment) and Paul Higgins are producing with Big Beach's

Leah Holzer as exec producer.

Production is scheduled to begin next year.

Gibney, repped by UTA, will unveil his latest documentary *No Stone Unturned*, an investigation into a 1994 murder case in Northern Ireland, at the upcoming New York Film Festival. (*hollywoodreporter*)

# CROSSWORD



## YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



**Across**

1- Not of the cloth; 5- Corned beef concoction; 9- Neighbor of Sask.; 13- Kett of the comics; 14- Late bloomer; 16- Lumpy fuel; 17- Long time; 18- Grenoble's river; 19- Sheep shelter; 20- Spanish muralist; 21- Hi-\_\_\_ monitor; 22- Main arteries; 24- Puts two and two together; 26- Fr. miss; 27- Bony prefix; 29- 24 hours, for the earth; 33- Attorney-\_\_\_; 34- Take \_\_\_ your leader; 35- Versailles verb; 36- RR stop; 37- Cut off; 38- Tolkien tree creature; 39- Tennis units; 41- Hardware fastener; 42- Floor models; 44- Commentary; 46- Minimal; 47- Currency of Turkey, and formerly of Italy; 48- Listen to; 49- Hindu incarnation; 52- Bentley of "American Beauty"; 53- Bausch & Lomb brand; 57- Sub station?; 58- Paradises; 60- Eye part; 61- Economist Greenspan; 62- Pipe cleaner; 63- Bar \_\_\_; 64- Gds.; 65- Oomph; 66- Departs;

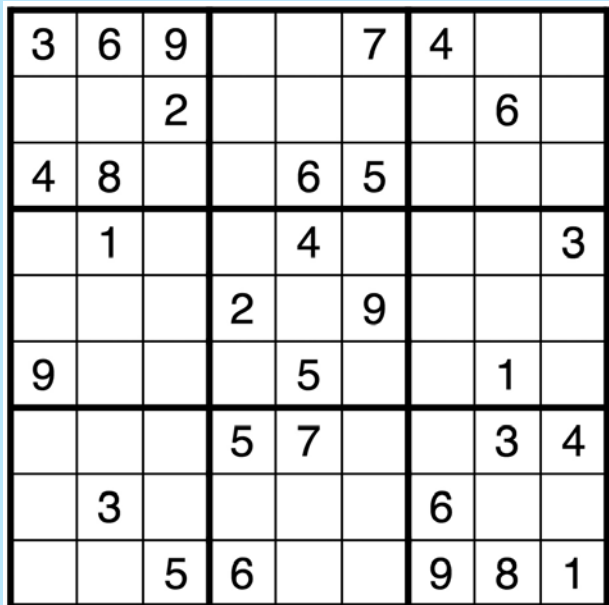
**Down**

1- Meadows; 2- To \_\_\_ (just so); 3- Like \_\_\_ not; 4- Bach work; 5- Coiffure; 6- Beasts of burden; 7- Fr. holy women; 8- That girl; 9- Grow together; 10- Booty; 11- Ciao!; 12- Pub pints; 15- Real-estate dealer; 23- Suffix with pay; 25- Drops on the grass; 26- Choral composition; 27- Furry swimmer; 28- Roofing stone; 29- Variety show; 30- Units; 31- Ready \_\_\_; 32- Trawler equipment; 33- Kind of D.A.; 34- Bright bunch; 37- Agitated; 40- Chowder cracker; 42- Narc's employer; 43- Ear ornament; 45- Acapulco aunt; 46- Something to be learned; 48- Reddish brown; 49- Brother of Hoss; 50- South African grassland; 51- Exclamation to express sorrow; 52- Well-being; 54- Switch ending; 55- Baseball team; 56- Functions; 59- Rapping Dr.;

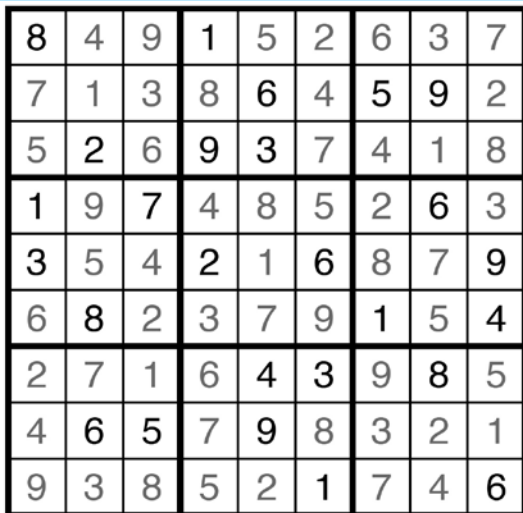
## BEETLE BAILEY



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## YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



**How to play:**

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

## Your star today

(Mar 21st - Apr 20th)



Be careful of letting a sour mood ruin your day. You may not feel particularly cheerful. This is liable to have a dramatic effect on everyone else. Be aware of the fact that your mood may not be an accurate reflection of reality, even though for the most part your world is centred on your moods.

(Apr 21st - May 21st)



Relationships may be a bit difficult, so don't force pleasantries if it doesn't come naturally. Your motto today should be, "If you don't have anything nice to say, don't say anything at all." Perhaps this leaves you tongue-tied, but that's fine. If you need to spend the day alone, so be it. Don't be social if you don't feel like it.

(May 22nd - Jun 21st)



You may put other people's needs before yours. There's an important balance between being selfish and being selfless. It's important that you not think only of yourself without considering how your actions will affect others. You may swing toward the former today. This will only lead to resentment and deplete your emotional and physical resources.

(June 22nd - July 23rd)



Be disciplined. Maintain your boundaries in order to keep from getting swept into other people's soap operas. It may be fun to escape your problems by jumping into someone else's life, but soon you'll find the extra weight is not only taxing but also won't solve your problems. You may need to say no to others. It's vital that you consider your needs.

(July 24th - Aug 23rd)



Don't go overboard. You may get so carried away in the early part of the day that by evening you notice you've gone beyond your own boundaries. Regret may sink in, and you may feel guilty about things you said or did. Prevent this by thinking things through before speaking or acting. You have the power to impact people on a deep emotional level.

(Aug 24th - Sep 23rd)



People may be trying to subtly communicate to you, but you may not be aware of this because you're so caught up in your own difficulties. You may feel like you're driving with the emergency brake on. You're so preoccupied with running smoothly that you're unaware of other cars on the road. Stop, release the brake, and drive.

(Sep 24th - Oct 23rd)



You may feel like you aren't getting the attention you need or deserve. Because of this, you may resent the people you feel you should be getting it from. This attitude is likely to make people less likely to come to your rescue. Who wants to be around someone so needy and unhappy? Focus on yourself and your own healing before you take your issues to others.

(Oct 24th - Nov 22nd)



Try not to push away the very people who are there to help you. Dumping your problems on others may be the thing that does just that. Recognize your uncomfortable feelings, but don't burden others with them. Your happiness is your responsibility. You'll feel much better if you take care of your own discomfort. Then you'll attract the people you love.

(Nov 23rd - Dec 21st)



Your adaptive powers are useful in that they give you a high tolerance for uncomfortable situations. At times, however, this trait may not serve you very effectively. You may end up staying in a difficult relationship or unsatisfying job because you fear something new. Life is short. If you want to improve your situation, take responsibility for it. Be proactive.

(Dec 22nd - Jan 20th)



You may feel lonely and isolated, like there's no one you can talk to. Your interactions may seem like giving a speech instead of having a discussion. Perhaps you feel like you're talking to yourself most of the time and no one is really listening. There's nothing wrong with you or the person you're talking to. It's just a phase. Don't get hung up on it.

(Jan 21st - Feb 19th)



Don't fall into the self-pity trap. You may have a tendency to mope around until someone notices and asks what's wrong. If no one does, you might get angry and pretty soon feel like you have no friends. Your mood could worsen, and you might snap when someone asks you a reasonable question. Be careful of sliding down this slippery slope.

(Feb 20th - Mar 20th)



You're at an emotionally climactic time. You may feel like someone is putting a damper on your feelings. Perhaps you're scared or shy. Perhaps you don't feel you can express yourself the way you want to. If so, consider why. Do other people make you feel this way or are you uncomfortable with own feelings? The issue may have more to do with your inner turmoil.



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A still from Michael Jackson's "Thriller"

# 'Thriller' the way Jackson wanted

## Venice

Director John Landis says his new 3D version of "Thriller" gives Michael Jackson fans chance to see the groundbreaking video how the late king of pop would have wanted them to.

"Michael and I always intended it to be seen in a cinema," Landis told reporters Monday at the launch of his new revamped version of one of popular music's most influential and successful productions at the Venice film festival.

Using modern technology, Landis has remixed the sound and enhanced the visuals as well as making the 1983 recordings 3D compatible.

"When you watch it on YouTube, you don't see how it is supposed to be. Now you can see the way Michael intended it to be," Landis added.

"My only disappointment is that he is not here to see it,

because he'd love it!"

The 14-minute werewolf-themed video is screening in Venice alongside a "making-of" video that was also made in 1983 but has never had a cinema release before.

Jackson died in 2009, aged 50, not long after Landis and Thriller producer George Folsey had launched legal action against him over rights and royalties to the video.

A settlement was reached with Jackson's estate in 2012, and Landis said the legal issue had not had any impact on the shock he felt on hearing of the singer's untimely death.

"It was a tragedy - for his children, for his friends, for the whole world," he said.

"Truly great performers are rare. I was horrified and I am still upset about it.

Jackson approached Landis to make the video after watching his film "An American Werewolf in

London", telling the director he wanted to go through the same kind of transformation from man to four-legged wolf creature featured in the film.

"We realised it wasn't going to work -- if Michael was going to dance, it would be a hell of a lot easier for his monster to have two legs instead of four," Landis said.

## Happy days

As result, the look of the monster sequence in the video ended up being inspired more by a 1957 film, "I Was a Teenage Werewolf".

"It turned out Michael had not seen too many horror movies -- he found them too scary," Landis recalled.

"It was basically a vanity video because Michael wanted to turn into a monster and everything that came from that was spectacularly successful. I was totally surprised."

Landis said the period was

a happy time in the singer's life, coming a few years after he had severed his ties with his family.

"He would come over to my place and we would stay up till 4am watching cartoons."

Things were different when Landis worked on another Jackson video, Black and White, eight years later.

"On Thriller he was happy to let me do it, on Black and White I was working for Michael. He was much more guarded."

By this stage, Jackson had a claim to be considered the most famous man on the planet and Landis said that he didn't envy the singer's "bizarre" level of celebrity.

Landis added: "There was a child like quality about Michael. He wasn't childish. He never had a childhood and that is why he was so interest in pursuing one when he was grown up." (AFP)



Model Jenna Hurt and John Branca attend the photocall of the movie "Michael Jackson's Thriller 3D and making of Michael Jackson's Thriller" presented out of competition at the 74th Venice Film Festival

## Scientists zap 'voices' from schizophrenia sufferers



Schizophrenia

## Paris

Scientists have pinpointed a part of the brain where "voices" torment schizophrenia sufferers, and partially muted them with magnetic pulse treatment, a team reported on Tuesday.

More than a third of sufferers treated with magnetic pulses in a patient trial experienced "significant" relief, the scientists said in a statement.

"We can now say with some certainty that we have found a specific anatomical area of the brain associated with auditory verbal hallucinations in schizophrenia," the team said.

"Secondly, we have shown

that treatment with high frequency TMS (Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation) makes a difference to at least some sufferers."

Further research must be done to confirm the usefulness of TMS as a treatment in the longer term.

The results of the trial, not yet published in a scientific journal, were presented in Paris at a conference of the European College of Neuropsychopharmacology.

The trial compared 26 schizophrenic patients who received active TMS to 33 patients who received dummy or placebo treatment.

The first group was given a

series of magnetic pulses over two sessions a day for two days to the part of the brain's temporal lobe associated with language.

Two weeks later, participants were evaluated on the voices they were hearing. Nearly 35 percent of the TMS patients reported a "significant" improvement.

"Hearing voices" can be one of the most disturbing symptoms for people with schizophrenia and those close to them.

According to the World Health Organization, schizophrenia affects more than 21 million people worldwide.

# Doctors baffled after malaria kills 4-year-old

**Rome**  
A four-year old girl has died of malaria after apparently contracting the disease in northern Italy in a case that has perplexed the medical world, doctors said Tuesday.

"I've never seen a case like it, it's a mystery. It shouldn't have been possible for her to get malaria," Claudio Paternoster, head of the infectious diseases department at the Santa Chiara hospital in Trento, said.

The girl, named as Sofia Zago by the media, had not travelled to any at-risk countries but had spent her summer holiday with her family at the seaside in Italy's Veneto region.

She had then been admitted for other health reasons to the paediatric department of the Santa Chiara, where she had come into contact with two children who had picked up malaria during a trip to Burkina Faso in Africa.

"But only some types of mosquito are able to transmit the disease from person to person, and they don't exist in Italy," said Paternoster, who was called to consult on Zago's case over the weekend. While there are a few cases

of malaria in Italy a year, "they are so-called 'suitcase' cases, where someone has brought an infected mosquito back with them from Africa," he said.

Zago was diagnosed with malaria on Saturday and transferred to intensive care, but rapidly deteriorated on Sunday.

"It was a very hot summer and with climate change we cannot rule out the adaptation of some species (of mosquito) or the re-introduction of others" which could transmit the disease, Paternoster said.

Malaria was rife in Italy in the 19th century, particularly in the centre, south and islands.

But after mass draining of marshlands and the widespread use of the medicine quinine, by 1962 the country was declared malaria-free.

According to the World Health Organisation, there were 212 million cases of malaria worldwide in 2015, and 429,000 deaths.

Ninety percent of malaria cases and deaths occur in Africa. Children under five are most at risk. (AFP)



The death of Sofia Zago, pictured here with her family, has baffled doctors as she had never travelled to a risk-prone country

## Kate topless pics: Magazine ordered to pay 100,000 euros

**Paris**  
A French court ruled yesterday that a French celebrity magazine must pay more than 100,000 euros in damages to Britain's Prince William and his wife Kate over topless photos published of the duchess in 2012.

The court also ordered Closer magazine's editor and owner to each pay 45,000 euros (\$53,000) in fines, the maximum possible.



The grainy snaps of Kate Middleton sunbathing in a bikini bottom were taken while she was on holiday in

September 2012 in the south of France with her husband, the second in line to the British throne.

The couple were snapped with a long lens relaxing by a pool at a chateau belonging to Viscount Linley, a nephew of Queen Elizabeth.

The pictures triggered a furious reaction from the royal family in Britain, where several newspapers had rejected an offer to buy the pictures.

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Jean-Yves Le Drian  
French Foreign Minister

### Rest in sight

Death toll from Nigeria cholera rises to 21



The death toll from a cholera outbreak in restive northeast Nigeria has risen to 21, the health ministry said yesterday.

Brazil police kill 10 burglars in shootout

Brazilian police killed 10 suspected members of a gang of burglars during a shootout in a rich area of Sao Paulo, officials said Monday.

Two Russian soldiers killed in east Syria

Two Russian soldiers have been killed by artillery fire from the Islamic State group in Syria's eastern province of Deir Ezzor, where the army is battling jihadists.

Lesotho's army chief shot dead by rival soldiers

Lesotho's army commander was shot dead by rival officers at a military barracks Tuesday, an official said.

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## HK replaces BBC with Chinese programming

**Hong Kong**  
Hong Kong's public radio station has replaced its 24-hour BBC World Service broadcast with Chinese state-run programming, in a move the British broadcaster called "disappointing" as concerns grow over Beijing's influence on the semi-autonomous city.

Listeners woke up on Monday morning to the Mandarin-language broadcast of the China National Radio Hong Kong Edition (CNR), instead of the World Service, which had been relayed live by Radio Television Hong Kong

(RTHK) since 1978. The BBC said it was "always disappointed when a service our listeners are used to changes" with listeners launching a petition to bring back the World Service.

RTHK has a number of different channels offering some programmes in English. The World Service was broadcast on Channel 6, which is now playing CNR.

The CNR broadcast includes news, culture and lifestyle programming mostly in Mandarin -- the language most commonly spoken in mainland China.

## Japan Airlines flight makes emergency landing in Tokyo



A Japan Airlines plane bound for New York that returned to Tokyo's Haneda airport for an emergency landing due to engine trouble, is seen at the airport in Tokyo

**Tokyo**  
A Japan Airlines flight bound for New York made an emergency landing at a Tokyo airport Tuesday due to engine trouble apparently caused by a bird strike, the company said.

The Boeing 777 plane carrying 233 passengers and 15 crew members took off from Tokyo's Haneda airport at 11:00 am (0200 GMT) but returned to land an hour later.

Footage shown by public broadcaster NHK showed the plane safely landing at the airport.

"It seems that a bird got sucked into the left engine when taking off," a JAL spokesman said.

"The plane discarded fuel in the air" to reduce weight ahead of landing, he said.

A land ministry official said that a grass field next to one of the four runways briefly caught fire after the JAL jet departed but it was soon extinguished.

There was no immediate information on any damage sustained by the plane or injuries to the passengers or crew and no major delays were caused by the incident.

## Chinese woman charged over fatal breast implant

**Sydney**  
A Chinese national was charged with manslaughter Tuesday over an alleged botched attempt at breast augmentation surgery at a Sydney beauty clinic led to the death of the salon's manager.

Jean Huang, 35, was rushed to hospital last week after she went into cardiac arrest during a breast implant procedure. Attempts to revive her failed and she

died a few days later. Prosecutors allege Jie Shao, 33, administered an incorrect dose of anaesthetic while performing the surgery. She reportedly had no medical qualifications in Australia.

Court documents listed the drugs involved as tramadol and lidocaine, both pain relievers, and restricted substance hyaluronic acid, which is often used in cosmetic surgery, including lip and breast procedures.

# FAMILY EVICTED from Jerusalem home of 50 years

An Israeli settler stands inside the house of Palestinian Shamasneh family



Members of the Shamasneh family who are being evicted from their home in which they lived for over half a century, watch as Israeli policemen evacuate their house



Israeli policemen evict a Palestinian man (C) of the Shamasneh family from their home

## Jerusalem

**I**sraeli police yesterday evicted a Palestinian family from the east Jerusalem home in which they lived for over half a century, making way for Israelis deemed the legal occupants.

The Shamasneh family has for years been fighting a court battle against Jewish claimants who said that the building was their family property, which they fled when east Jerusalem was occupied by Jordanian troops in the 1948 war that led to the creation of the Jewish state. Under Israeli law, if Jews can prove their families lived in east Jerusalem homes before the 1948 war they can demand that Israel's general custodian office release the property and return their

"ownership rights".

During the war, thousands of Jews fled Jerusalem as Jordanian-led Arab forces seized the city, while hundreds of thousands of Palestinians fled from land that was later to become Israel.

No such law exists for Palestinians who lost their land.

In 2013 the Israeli Supreme Court ruled in favour of the Jewish claimants, who subsequently sold the property on.

An AFP journalist on Tuesday saw young Jewish men moving into the building after the Shamasnehs were escorted out by police.

Fahamiya Shamasneh, 75, said that police arrived before dawn ordering her, her sick husband Ayoub, 84, their son and his family out of the house in the upscale Sheikh Jarrah neighbourhood where the couple lived for 53 years.

"What greater injustice is there than this?" she said. "Maybe we will sleep in the street."

It was the first eviction in the neighbourhood since 2009, according to

Israeli anti-occupation group Peace Now, part of a fight over the disputed status of Jerusalem.

Israel sees the city as its undivided capital, while the Palestinians want the eastern sector as their future capital.

Israel occupied east Jerusalem in the Six-Day War of 1967 and later annexed it in a move never recognised by the international community.

Around 200,000 Israeli Jews now live in east Jerusalem in settlement homes considered illegal under international law.

Peace Now says the house is part of a larger process of establishing settlements in Sheikh Jarrah.

"Settlers are already inside the Shamasneh family's home," it said in a statement Tuesday morning.

"The eviction of the Shamasneh family, who resided in the house since 1964, is not only brutal but it is also indicating a dangerous trend that could threaten a future compromise in Jerusalem," it said. (AFP)

Palestinian Fahamiya Shamasneh, 75, cries as Israeli policemen evict her from her family home

# Froome takes Vuelta lead

**Logroño**  
Chris Froome claimed his second stage win of the 2017 Vuelta a Espana to extend his overall race lead on Vincenzo Nibali to 1min 58sec with victory in the individual time trial on Tuesday.

Froome beat out Wilco Kelderman and Nibali in a time trial of exactly 47

minutes for the 40.2km 16th stage from the Navarra motor racing circuit to Logrono.

"It's an absolutely amazing feeling to extend my lead now and to be in this position," said Froome. "It's a great position to be in now, it's a good buffer, but the race isn't over."

The Briton, who is aiming to become only the third rider in history to win the Tour de France and Vuelta in the same year, now has just four competitive stages to defend his lead before Sunday's traditional parade around Madrid.

However, Nibali's impressive showing in finishing 57 seconds behind Froome on the day maintained his hopes of a second Vuelta win with a series of strenuous climbs, including Saturday's queen stage up the Alto de L'Angliru, still to come.

Kelderman's second place, just 29 seconds back on

Froome, moved the Dutchman 27 seconds ahead of Russia's Ilnur Zakarin into third overall.

Zakarin was fourth with Alberto Contador moving up to fifth in the general classification in his final race before retirement with fifth on the stage.

"I've had a good time trial and the most important thing is I think I have good legs for what remains of the Vuelta," said Contador.

Froome started slowly on the tarmac of the motor racing circuit more used to hosting events on four wheels than two as the Sky rider was 23 seconds down on Kelderman at the first check point after 13 kilometres.

Yet, the four-time Tour de France champion surged through the second sector to lead by seven seconds by the second check point and continued to extend

his lead all the way to the finish line as Kelderman faltered.

"I was just riding it at the speed I felt best," added Froome. "I wasn't really getting that many time checks from the car so I didn't really know where I was."

"Only coming into the last six or seven kilometres I found out that I was on track to fight for the stage. (It was a) really big relief and obviously super, super happy to be in this situation."

Wednesday's stage sees the race return to the mountains with a steep hors category climb to the finish of the 180.5km ride from Villadiego to Los Machucos.

"Tomorrow is going to be brutal," added Froome.

"Los Machucos from what I can see is a wall and a big, big GC battle for sure."

## Ag2r throw out two riders for car tow

**Madrid**  
French cycling team

Ag2r-La Mondiale were forced to withdraw two riders from the Vuelta a Espana on Tuesday after they were caught using a team car to gain ground.

Alexandre Geniez and Nico Denz were seen on videos released on social media holding onto a door and the roof rack

of the vehicle during Sunday's punishing climb up the Sierra Nevada.

"The management of the Ag2r-La Mondiale team has decided to withdraw Alexandre Geniez and Nico Denz from the Vuelta a Espana," the team said in a statement.

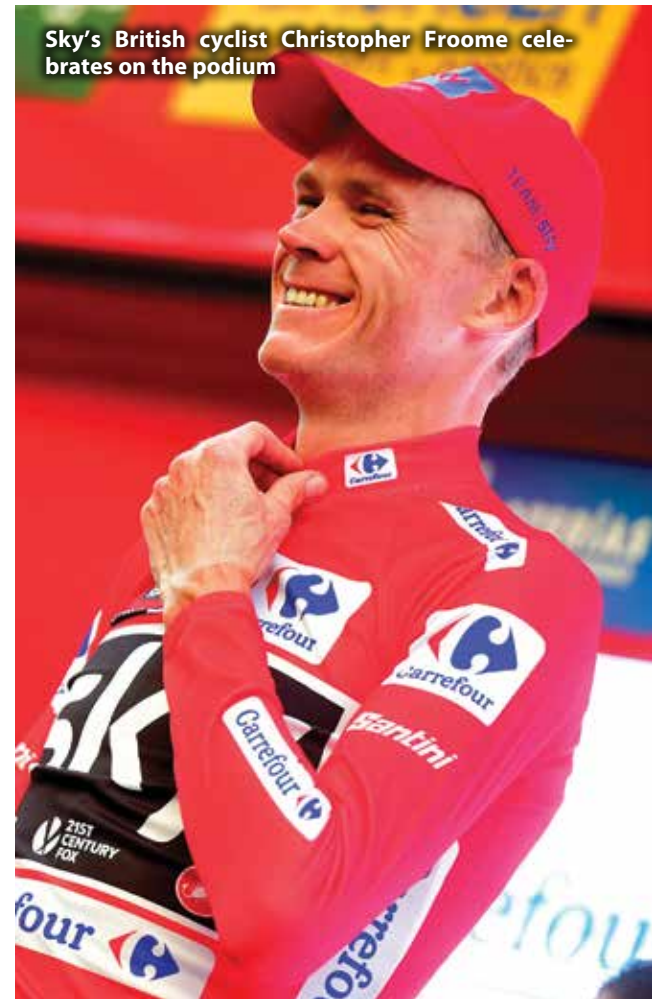
"The Ag2r-La Mondiale team sincerely apologises to the organisers and the public for the unsportsmanlike behaviour of our riders,

which is contrary to our values and our ethics."

However, it isn't the first time Ag2r have been caught in a car tow scandal as team leader Romain Bardet was thrown out of March's Paris-Nice for using a team car to allow him to make up lost ground from a crash.

Four-time Grand Tour winner Vincenzo Nibali was also thrown out of the Vuelta in 2015 for a similar incident.

Sky's British cyclist Christopher Froome celebrates on the podium



## 16th stage results

**A 40.2km individual time trial from Circuito de Navarra to Logrono on Tuesday:**

1. Chris Froome (GBR/Sky) 47min 0sec,
2. Wilco Kelderman (NED/SUN) at 0:29,
3. Vincenzo Nibali (ITA/BAH) at 0:57,
4. Ilnur Zakarin (RUS/KAT) 0:59,
5. Alberto Contador (ESP/TRE) 0:59,

**Selected others:**

22. Miguel Angel Lopez (COL/AST) 02:34,
26. Fabio Aru (ITA/AST) 3:03,
37. Michael Woods (CAN/CAN) 3:40,
45. Esteban Chaves (COL/ORI) 4:01

**Overall**

1. Chris Froome (GBR/Sky) 62h53:25,
2. Vincenzo Nibali (ITA/BAH) at 1:58,
3. Wilco Kelderman (NED/SUN) 2:40,
4. Ilnur Zakarin (RUS/KAT) 3:07,
5. Alberto Contador (ESP/TRE) 4:58,



Bahrain-Merida's Italian cyclist Vincenzo Nibali

## England to host India in 2018 Test series

**London**  
England will host India in a five-match Test series in 2018, the England and Wales Cricket Board announced yesterday.

The teams will play three Twenty20 matches in July, followed by three one-day internationals and then Tests at Edgbaston, Lord's, Trent Bridge, the Rose Bowl and The Oval.

England's schedule for the year also includes meetings with Pakistan, Australia and Scotland.

"A five-Test series against India is at the heart of next summer's international programme," said ECB chief executive officer Tom Harrison in a press release.

"Alongside these, England's white-ball contests against India, Australia and Scotland will give a fascinating guide to form ahead of the ICC Cricket World Cup, to be staged here in 2019."



Argentina's Lionel Messi gestures at the end of the 2018 World Cup qualifier football match against Uruguay in Montevideo, on August 31, 2017. The match ended 0-0.

## Messi deal 'signed' by agent, says Barcelona's Bartomeu

**Barcelona**

Barcelona's under-fire president Josep Maria Bartomeu launched a counter-attack on his critics yesterday by insisting a four-year contract extension for Lionel Messi has been signed by the player's agent and father, Jorge Horacio Messi.

Barcelona announced an

agreement with the five-time World Player of the Year in July, but Messi himself is yet to put pen to paper amid rumours he is unhappy with the running of the club.

Messi's current deal expires in 2018 meaning he could leave Barca for free next summer.

"It is all agreed and signed," said Bartomeu in an interview with Barcelona-based daily Sport.

"There are three contracts: one with Messi's foundation, that is signed by the president of the foundation and the player's brother; a contract with Leo Messi's image rights, that his father and administrator of his company have signed; and the work

contract that Leo's father has signed."

When pressed on the delay in Messi signing the deal, Bartomeu claimed both the player and club's hectic start to the season was to blame and that it would be resolved within a month.

"There are no problems. All that is left is the protocol of the signature. We are calm," he added.

Bartomeu and his board have received fierce criticism for their handling of the recently closed transfer window as Paris Saint-Germain enticed Neymar away from the Catalan giants for a world record 222 million euros (\$263.7 million).

# S Korea reach WC, Syria into play-offs



Syria's players celebrate after scoring a goal

## Hong Kong

**O**mar Al Soma's stoppage-time equaliser extended war-torn Syria's World Cup fairytale yesterday, as South Korea booked their spot to reach the tournament for the ninth straight time.

Syria were 2-1 down against Iran and heading out, but in the third added minute Mardek Mardkian slid a pass to Al Soma, who finished through goalkeeper Alireza Salimi's legs.

The 2-2 draw was enough to give Syria third place in Group A and a spot in the Asian play-offs against either Australia or Saudi Arabia, who face Japan later in Group B.

South Korea spurned

several late chances before settling for a 0-0 draw in Uzbekistan, grabbing the second automatic qualifying spot in Group A as their heartbroken hosts missed out.

Syria's heroics also extinguished China's faint hopes of reaching only their second World Cup, despite snatching a 2-1 win over 2022 hosts Qatar thanks to Wu Lei's late winner.

Earlier in Group B, Australia won 2-1 against Thailand but they will be knocked out of the second automatic qualifying spot if Saudi Arabia beat Japan in the evening's late kick-off in Jeddah.

The United Arab Emirates also saw their dream die when they lost 1-0 to Iraq to finish fourth in Group B.

But there was jubilation in Tehran as Syria, who have been playing home games in Malaysia to avoid the civil war raging in their country, continued to defy the odds.

Syria's goals from Tamer

Mohamad and Al Soma were the first conceded in the final round by already qualified Iran, who were playing in their fortress Azadi Stadium.

## Heroes on the pitch

Mohamad scored in the 13th minute before Iran equalised through Sardar Azmoun, who chested in a rebound on the stroke of half-time and then put the hosts ahead in the 64th minute. Al Soma's heart-stopping goal had one Syrian team official in tears before the players hugged and celebrated at the final whistle.

"God willing we will continue the journey... the qualifications have started again," said Al Soma. "The players were heroes on the pitch from the first minute until the last minute."

## China out

**C**hina's faint hopes of qualifying for next year's World Cup finals in Russia finally ended yesterday, despite securing the victory they needed in Qatar.

Syria's draw in Iran and Uzbekistan's draw with South Korea meant that two late goals to secure a 2-1 win in Doha were ultimately futile in China's desperate bid to snatch a play-off place for next year's tournament.

China rallied after falling behind early in the second half and even overcame the sending-off of their captain Zheng Zhi.

Akrim Afif put the home side ahead in the 46th minute, scoring from close range.

But the visitors equalised in the 74th minute when Xiao Zhi powered home.

Any chance of a win seemed remote however just six minutes later when Zheng was red-carded after he fouled Afif, who was clean through on China's goal.

But just two minutes later substitute Wu Lei scored to give China the lead and set up a dramatic finale.

Results elsewhere though meant that China had failed to qualify for Russia, while it was also another desperate night for Qatar.

Defeat meant they finished bottom of the Group A table.

The match was also played in a near-empty

Khalifa stadium, the first international to be played in a revamped venue that will be used during the 2022 World Cup finals.



China's Italian Head Coach Marcello Lippi

## Results

<b>Group A</b>			
<b>At Tehran</b>			
Iran	2	Syria	2
<b>At Doha</b>			
Qatar	1	China	2
<b>At Tashkent</b>			
Uzbekistan	0	South Korea	0
<b>Group B</b>			
<b>At Melbourne</b>			
Australia	2	Thailand	1
<b>At Amman</b>			
Iraq	1	UAE	0
<b>Playing later:</b>			
<b>At Jeddah</b>			
Saudi Arabia	1	Japan	0

# Iraq snuff out UAE's cup hopes

## Amman

**A**yman Hussein's first-half header gave Iraq a 1-0 victory over United Arab Emirates, ending their slim hopes of reaching next year's World Cup in Russia.

The Emiratis needed to win by a convincing margin to have any chance of a play-off spot, but it was Iraq who showed more purpose and determination to clinch only their third win in 10 matches.

It was a disappointing outing for Edgardo Bauza-coached UAE, who upset regional giants Saudi Arabia last week and had held out hopes of

reaching only their second World Cup.

But in front of an empty stadium in the Jordanian capital Amman, they failed to get their game going, allowing the Iraqis to hold sway over them for most of the match.

Iraq created a number of chances, keeping the UAE goal under pressure right from the start and eventually finding the net through the 21-year-old Hussein, who leapt high to head Waleed Saleem's cross into the net on 29 minutes.

UAE's star players, including Mohammed Abdulrahman, were

off-colour for the better part of the encounter, hardly testing the Iraqi defence.

Iraq could have consolidated their lead several times in the second half but UAE goalkeeper Khalid Essa pulled off a string of saves, including twice in quick succession in the 52nd minute from Hussein and Bashar Resan.

The UAE had a great chance to equalise in the 70th minute but Tareq al-Khaddeim's shot was saved by Iraq goalkeeper Mohamed Gassid. UAE finish fourth in Group B, with Iraq fifth.



Iran's Ehsan Hajsafi (R) and Ali Karimi (L) fight for the ball against Syria's Firas Mohamad Alkhatib

# Busta into semi-finals

## New York

**S**panish 12th seed Pablo Carreno Busta, who has not dropped a set at the US Open, advanced to his first Grand Slam semi-final yesterday by defeating Argentine 29th seed Diego Schwartzman 6-4, 6-4, 6-2.

Carreno Busta, the first player to face four qualifiers in any Grand Slam, booked a Friday semi-final against the winner of a night match between South African 28th seed Kevin Anderson and 17th-seeded American Sam Querrey, whose first Slam semi-final in was July at Wimbledon.

"Incredible," Carreno Busta said. "It's something that I always dreamed about but something I never thought was going to arrive here. It's a great feeling." While legends Roger

Federer and Rafael Nadal are each one win from meeting for the first time at the US Open in a potentially epic semi-final on the other half of the draw, this side is guaranteed to produce a first-time Slam finalist.

"It would be fantastic to play him in the final," Carreno Busta said of facing countryman Nadal in the final.

Carreno Busta broke at love to open the match and again to lead 5-2 on the way to taking the first set in 38 minutes.

After an early exchange of second-set breaks, Carreno Busta broke to 5-4 and held to claim the set, then broke at love on a double fault to open the third set. The Spaniard denied Schwartzman on a break point in the fourth game, and on 6-of-8 in the match, then broke again in the seventh game

before holding for victory in just under two hours.

Seven-time Grand Slam champion Venus Williams, this year's Australian Open and Wimbledon runner-up, faces two-time Wimbledon champion Petra Kvitova later for a berth in Thursday's women's semi-finals.

US ninth seed Williams, the oldest women's entrant at age 37, seeks her third US Open crown after 2000 and 2001.

She would be the oldest women's Grand Slam semi-finalist since Martina Navratilova at Wimbledon in 1994 and the eldest in US Open history. Kvitova, who leads their career rivalry 4-1, is battling back following a five-month absence after injuring her left hand when attacked by a knife-wielding home intruder

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December.

The winner will face either 83rd-ranked American Sloane Stephens, who missed 11 months with a left foot injury before returning at Wimbledon, or Latvian 16th seed Anastasija Sevastova.

Stephens hopes to match her best Slam run to the 2013 Australian Open semis while Sevastova has matched her best Slam run from last year in New York.



Pablo Carreno Busta of Spain reacts after defeating Diego Schwartzman of Argentina

## Ewan sprints to stage win

### London

**A**ustralia's Caleb Ewan secured his second victory in this year's Tour of Britain by winning Tuesday's third stage to reclaim the overall leader's green jersey.

Philippe Gilbert (Quick-Step) launched an attack with a kilometre of the 182km course remaining, only to be reeled in with around 200 metres to go.

The ensuing sprint pitted Ewan against Boasson Hagen (Dimension Data) and Alexander Kristoff (Katusha Alpecin). Ewan, 23, timed his surge to perfection, beating Boasson Hagen to the line by half a wheel, with Kristoff taking third place. Ewan is now six seconds clear of Team Sky's Elia Viviani, who won Monday's second stage.

Wednesday's fourth stage is a 165km ride from Mansfield to Newark-on-Trent in the East Midlands.

## Joshua to face Pulev in October

### London

**B**ritain's Anthony Joshua will defend his IBF and WBA world heavyweight titles against Bulgaria's Kubrat Pulev at Cardiff's Principality Stadium on October 28, the two fighters announced yesterday.

Joshua, 27, had been pursuing a Las Vegas rematch with Wladimir Klitschko, who he beat at Wembley in April, only for the Ukrainian to announce his retirement.

Instead, Joshua (19-0) will face IBF mandatory challenger Pulev beneath a closed roof in Cardiff, paving the way for him to make his United States debut next year.

"October 28 can't come soon enough," Joshua said in a press release issued by Matchroom Boxing.

"I have been eager to get back in the ring since Wembley and now



Britain's Anthony Joshua (File)

we are confirmed and ready.

"I'll be locked away focusing on fight number 20 for the next eight weeks. I am excited to experience the atmosphere in a sold-out Principality Stadium and aim to

give the fans a spectacular night."

Joshua's promoter, Eddie Hearn, said a crowd of 80,000 was expected for the fight.

## Porsche not ruling out F1 return as engine supplier



Oliver Blume, CEO of German car producer Porsche AG, poses next to the new Porsche Cayenne during the world premiere in Stuttgart, southwestern Germany, on August 29, 2017.

### Berlin

**P**orsche has not ruled out a return to Formula One as an engine supplier, the German car manufacturer's financial chief said yesterday.

"F1 could be one of the right places," Lutz Meschke told Motorsport.com.

"As you know Formula E is very important for us now, and F1 is always a good topic to think about. And I think we are in quite good discussions regarding the new engine."

Asked if the current plans for a twin-turbo V6 with less technology could attract Porsche

to F1, Meschke said: "Absolutely. We have to cut costs in F1, and it's a good way to reach this target."

Meschke also confirmed that "discussions are around being a supplier", with no plans to form a works team.

Porsche already has a commitment to Formula E with a works-backed team from the 2019/20 season.

F1's commercial boss Sean Bratches told Motorsport.com that the sport's new owners Liberty Media would be delighted to have Porsche on board in 2021.

"Ultimately we're trying to create a platform and

environment where more engine manufacturers and brands and teams come into this sport and make it a compelling business proposition to do so," Bratches told the website.

"As the individual who kind of runs marketing and branding at F1 the inclusion of Porsche, which is a heritage racing brand in our sport, would be highly valued."

Porsche has not been involved in F1 since 1991. It was engine supplier for McLaren when Niki Lauda (1984) and Alain Prost (1985, 1986) were crowned world champions driving McLaren-TAG-Porsche cars.

# Del Potro sets up Federer showdown



Switzerland's Roger Federer celebrates after defeating Germany's Philipp Kohlschreiber

**New York**

**J**uan Martin del Potro shrugged off sickness to save two match points and defeat Dominic Thiem in a five-set US Open epic on Monday to book a quarter-final showdown with five-time champion Roger Federer.



Juan Martin del Potro of Argentina celebrates after defeating Dominic Thiem of Austria

Argentina 24th seed Del Potro claimed a heroic 1-6, 2-6, 6-1, 7-6 (7/1), 6-4 victory over the sixth-seeded Austrian on a rocking Grandstand court, describing it as night he would remember forever.

Del Potro famously defeated Federer in the 2009 final for his only career Grand Slam title before his career was almost torpedoed by a succession of wrist surgeries.

Federer, the third seed, eased into the last-eight with a 6-4, 6-2, 7-5 win over Philipp Kohlschreiber, taking his record over the German veteran to 12-0.

Elsewhere, top seed Rafael Nadal claimed his 50th win at the US Open and will meet Russian teenager Andrey Rublev.

In the women's event, world number one Karolina Pliskova set-up a quarter-final date against America's CoCo Vandeweghe.

Estonia's world number 418 Kaia Kanepi also reached the quarter-finals, just the second qualifier to make the last eight.

But the day belonged to Del Potro, who celebrated his win, which came off a Thiem double fault, by stretching out his arms, head facing the night sky, as his legion of fans, many dressed in the light blue colors of Argentina's famed football

and Pumas rugby teams, celebrated wildly.

"Oh my God," said Del Potro, who had been 2-5 down in the fourth set.

"I was sick the last two days. I came here trying to play the best I can and then when I see this crowd cheering for me, I was trying to play better every game. I will always remember this."

**Advantage federer**

Federer has a 16-5 advantage over Del Potro but they have split their last six meetings.

The 36-year-old Swiss maestro didn't face a break point against Kohlschreiber with his biggest challenge having to take a medical time-out off court at the end of the second set.

"I needed a rub on my back... or bottom and I didn't want to do it in front of you guys," he explained before he turned his attentions to Del Potro.

"It's great to see him back on tour. He's had a rough ride with wrist problems. He's a good guy." World number one and 2010 and 2013 champion Nadal, who could meet Federer for the first time in New York in the semi-finals, crushed Ukraine's Alexander Dolgoplov 6-2, 6-4, 6-1. (AFP)



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