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Amir's US visit to boost bilateral relations

His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah who began an official week-long visit to the United States on Friday, will meet with US President Donald Trump in Washington on Thursday, 7 September. The two leaders are expected to hold discussions on strengthening bilateral relations, and on issues of mutual concern.

The Amir's visit comes at a time when the two countries enjoy excellent relations, as well as strong and close partnership in various fields. The visit follows an invitation extended to His Highness the Amir by President Trump in February, shortly after the US president took office.

In February, the two leaders had stressed the depth of bilateral ties and their keenness to strengthen the frameworks of cooperation in various fields, including in the economic and security domains, and to upgrade them to wider horizons to serve the interests of both countries and



bolster their strategic partnership.

On his visit to the US, His Highness the Amir is accompanied by the Deputy Commander of the National Guard Sheikh Meshal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah and Head of the Amiri office Ahmad Al-Fahad, as well as Amiri Diwan officials Mohammad Abulhassan, Sheikh Khaled Al-Abdullah Al-Sabah and Yousef Al-Roumi, and an entourage

of several high-ranking officials. On arrival His Highness was received at the airport by Kuwait Prime Minister Diwan Advisor Sheikh Dr. Rasha Al-Humoud Al-Sabah, Kuwait's Ambassador to the US Sheikh Salem Abdullah Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, Kuwait's Permanent Delegate to the United Nations Ambassador Mansour Ayyad Al-Otaibi, Kuwait's Consul-General in Los Angeles Faisal Al-Hawali and several other Kuwaiti diplomats.

Ahead of the visit, His Excellency Lawrence Silverman, the Ambassador of the United States to Kuwait said that while the focus of the visit to Washington would be on bilateral relationship, it would also tackle regional issues of concern to both countries. He reiterated that the US administration was throwing its weight behind Kuwait's mediation efforts to resolve the "intra-GCC political dispute."

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India lifts ban on female domestic workers

Government of India has with immediate effect withdrawn the contentious US\$ 2,500 bank guarantee measure which was needed earlier for recruitment of female domestic workers for Kuwait.

The guarantee requirement put in place by the Indian government was immediately rejected by Kuwaiti authorities as interference over their own laws, thus putting a ban over the recruitment of female Indian domestics until a mutually acceptable solution was found.

There are around 350,000 India domestics out of a total of 900,000 Indian citizens working in Kuwait and female domestic

workers make up around 100,000. The ban since more than two years has created a large vacuum in the domestic segment as Indians were preferred over others due to their adaptability among the locals.

The bank guarantee was put in place due to the high number of abuse cases and non-payment of salaries and the government was seeking to hold sponsors accountable for the violations directly by passing local laws, which were seen as lax as domestic labor did not come under the Ministry of Social Affairs. The lifting of the \$2,500 bank guarantee is now being replaced by recruitment only

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How to Achieve the SDGs



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In September 2015, the leaders of 193 countries agreed to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) – the most ambitious plan ever to promote human development – by 2030. Nearly two years into the process, there are plenty of reasons for concern: the amount of financing raised so far is unlikely to be sufficient, and not all countries have adequate data to measure progress on the ground. It is enough to test even the most diehard optimist.

But there is still plenty of reason for hope. I recently visited Colombia, which, at long last, is leaving behind its decades-long civil conflict with the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) and setting itself up for SDG success.

In any country, achieving the SDGs will require government, business, aid agencies, multilateral banks, and civil society to work together, adopt flexible approaches, share knowledge, measure progress effectively, and recognize that the various targets are interconnected. Colombia seems to understand this, and is pursuing an

integrated approach that leverages the strengths of each actor.

Start with government. According to Colombia's finance minister, Mauricio Cárdenas Santamaría, the country is localizing the SDGs through the planning department, using the SDG framework to guide reforms relating to the implementation of the peace agreement with the FARC, OECD accession, the National Development Plan, and the Paris climate agreement.

Meanwhile, Cárdenas points out, Colombia's

policy-makers are taking care to highlight the benefits of these efforts – in areas ranging from health care and education to employment – for the public. They recognize that a top-down approach will not work: to achieve the SDGs, all levels of the government, economy, and society must feel connected to the goals, understanding the concrete impact that achieving them will have.

To get business on board, the Bogotá Chamber of Commerce, led by Monica de Greiff, is raising awareness of the SDGs among its 640,000 members and providing skills training in sectors like construction and health care. The aim is to achieve the SDGs' targets while increasing the economy's overall competitiveness.

The good news is that, as Bruce MacMaster of the Bogotá-based business advocacy and think tank ANDI noted, businesses have a strong incentive to consolidate the gains of the peace process, especially in remote areas that have traditionally been cut off from government services. And, indeed, in Medellín, once the illicit drug capital of the world, the leaders of small and large businesses with whom I met are already integrating the SDGs into their business plans and supply chains.

ANDI is working to support that effort, including by raising awareness among diverse industries, from mining to beverages, regarding their interest in keeping their water resources clean and abundant. The result will be more robust protection of watersheds – crucial to meet Goal 6, on water and sanitation, among others.

Of course, in a truly bottom-up process, strong engagement with local communities and civil society is vital. And Colombian youth are already deeply involved in promoting and implementing the SDGs. On my visit, youth leaders in Medellín's Comuna 13 proudly showed off the progress in their low-income neighborhood.

In the 1990s, when Medellín had the world's highest homicide rate, Comuna 13 was among the city's most dangerous areas. Today, it is a vibrant area benefiting from strategic investments in public transportation (including cable cars and new metro stations), education (libraries and schools), and security. Similar strategic investments will be needed throughout the country to ensure that nobody is left behind; the empowerment of women and girls being one crucial objective.

Leadership by municipal and regional

governments to facilitate such local-level progress is particularly important. All of the SDGs have targets directly related to the responsibilities of local and regional governments, particularly regarding their role in delivering basic services. But it is SDG 11 – which focuses on making cities inclusive, safe, resilient, and sustainable – that is the lynchpin of the localization process.

That process has the support of the World Bank, the United Nations, and other international development partners, which are working to provide more effective and coordinated support to all levels of government.

But success will demand that local governments urgently improve their own capacity in key areas, such as expenditure control, revenue expansion, responsible fund-raising, and creditworthiness.

In Colombia, the municipal development bank FINDETER is aiming to promote such learning, as it strengthens local governments' public finances and their management and planning capacity. This will enable local governments to invest more

effectively in infrastructure and service delivery, thereby advancing local development objectives.

Enabling institutions like FINDETER will be critical to localizing the SDG-implementation process to leverage the efforts of local governments elsewhere.

Beyond capacity-building, local governments must engage in smart innovation. In Colombia, innovation has been essential to Medellín's progress in reducing urban crime and violence, improving mobility, and mitigating social exclusion.

The same is true of the city of Bucaramanga's success in attracting private investment and forging public-private partnerships to improve its competitiveness.

Careful planning processes, including a strong national framework and effective monitoring, are needed

to support such innovation and anticipate potential challenges and shocks. For example, in Colombia, obstacles may arise from continued drug trafficking, as well as from the ongoing crisis in Venezuela, which is causing thousands of desperately poor people to pour across Colombia's border.

Colombia still has a long way to go before achieving the SDGs. But its localized and integrated approach has put it on the right path. Other countries would do well to follow suit.



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Persistence of global imbalances



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The primary focus of this year's Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City symposium in Jackson Hole, Wyoming, which convenes the world's leading central bankers, was not explicitly monetary policy. Fed Chair Janet Yellen's opening remarks emphasized the changes in regulatory policy that followed the 2008 global financial crisis, while European Central Bank President Mario Draghi's luncheon address dwelled on the need for continued reforms in Europe to sustain the eurozone's recent economic recovery.

But it was global trade and finance – the key forces shaping the economic outlook and financial market conditions with which central bankers grapple – that took center stage. On the effects of the globalization of trade in goods and services, the discussion emphasized the costs to domestic employment, wages, and inequality. On the finance side, international capital flows and global imbalances were the primary focus.

And here, the old adage applies: the more things change, the more they stay the same. For most of the last four decades, the United States has been a net importer of capital from the rest of the world.

From the start of the previous century until the early 1980s, the US seldom recorded a deficit on its external current account. The current account reflects an economy's saving-investment balance. When saving exceeds investment, the result is a current-account surplus, and the economy becomes a lender to the rest of the world. After it emerged as a world power at the end of World War I, the US became a net supplier of capital to the rest of the world.

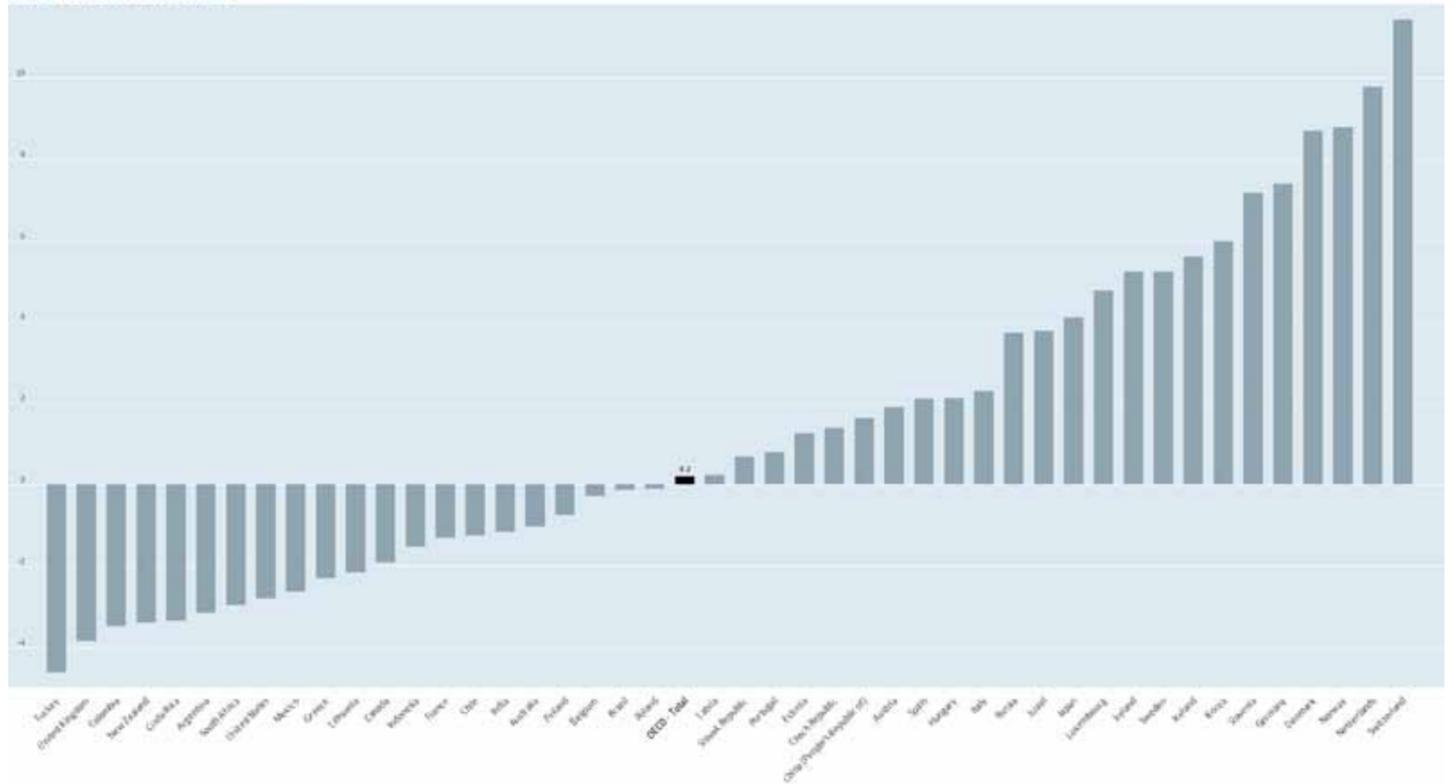
In 1987, the economist C. Fred Bergsten was among the first to point out that global imbalances had begun to climb toward uncharted territory. "The United States, the creator of the postwar economic system and home of the world's key currency," he wrote, "has become the largest debtor nation ever known to mankind – and its red ink will continue to flow at least into the 1990s. Japan, widely viewed as a developing country only a generation ago, has become by far the largest creditor – and its massive buildup of foreign assets will continue expanding rapidly as far ahead as one can predict."

Japan was singled out as a particular culprit of the soaring global imbalances, because its current-account surplus topped 4 percent of its GDP in 1986, while the Bank of Japan amassed record levels of US Treasury securities. Japan adopted 'voluntary' caps on some exports to the US and, under the Plaza Accord of late 1985, helped orchestrate yen revaluation relative to the dollar.

At the end of the 1980s, however, the yen strengthened, Japanese asset bubbles in real estate and equities burst, and Japan's growth rate plummeted.

At around the same time, South Korea temporarily emerged as a key culprit behind the US trade deficit. In 1987-1988, South Korea's

Current account balance forecast % of GDP 2015



current-account surplus climbed above 6 percent of GDP, with currency manipulation often cited for the rise in external saving.

The same charge has dogged China, which, with its spectacular export-led growth, record official purchases of US assets, and fixed (or semi-fixed) exchange rate, today continues to dominate discussion of global imbalances. And, indeed, there is some evidence to support claims that currency manipulation and unfair trading practices have been key drivers, at least over some sub-periods.

But China's current-account surplus has been shrinking faster than the International Monetary Fund and many forecasters had anticipated. After climbing to almost 10 percent of GDP during 2006-2008, the external surplus currently is oscillating in the 1-2 percent range. Furthermore, despite some moderation in the first quarter of this year, private capital flight from China continues.

Enter Germany. As China's current-account surplus shrinks, Germany's is climbing to record levels. US President Donald Trump's suggestion that these surpluses are a byproduct of unfair trade practices rings stridently hollow. As Germany does not have its own currency, it is also a stretch to suggest that it benefits from currency manipulation (though the ECB's quantitative easing policies have been cited in that context).

While Germany is singled out on account of its size, it is by no means unique among the advanced economies in maintaining a sizable external surplus.

As of 2017, Austria, Denmark, Ireland, Japan, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, and Switzerland have substantial current-account surpluses, relative to their respective

GDP. So do other Asian economies.

The US has run chronic current-account deficits for almost two generations. Pointing the finger at surplus countries is getting old. In the discussion at Jackson Hole, someone asked whether international pressure could be exerted on the surplus countries to spend more and save less. When the same question was put to the US in its era of surpluses at the end of World War II, when the concern was a

global shortage of dollars, it was dismissed unequivocally.

The US has recorded external surpluses in only three of the 38 years since 1980. Tax policy has favored debt accumulation by households at the expense of saving, and a significant productivity slowdown is affecting US international

competitiveness. As Ethan Ilzetzky, Kenneth Rogoff, and I document, because of the absence of alternatives, the dollar's status as the world's major reserve currency remains unchallenged, making it easy for the US to continue to finance current-account deficits. But the fact that it is easy does not make it a good idea.



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Conflicts and egotism of leaders hamper development

Selfishness is an outdated attitude that all African leaders should get rid of and they need to respect their countries' constitutions on term limits, said former Tanzanian President Benjamin Mkapa.

The former president was speaking at the annual African Leadership Forum (ALF) 2017, which was held in Johannesburg, South Africa, on 24 and 25 August. The Forum brings together former African Heads of State, as well as leaders from all sectors of the economy to discuss pressing issues pertaining to sustainable development of the continent.

This year's Forum, held under the theme of 'Peace and Security for an Integrated, United and Sustainable Africa', was co-chaired by Mr. Mkapa and Thabo Mbeki, former President of South Africa.

The Forum focused on the complex dynamics that have caused continuous conflicts on the continent and discussed means to practically and realistically navigate through conflicts to ensure lasting peace in Africa.

Peace and security in Africa is of great concern not only because of the fatal consequences that result from its absence, but because much of



Africa will continue to remain poor without the growth and development brought about by sustained peace and security. Moreover, an absence of recurring regional conflicts was critical to gain the stability needed to achieve the continent's goals of effective integration, unity and sustainable development.

"We need brave African leaders to address issues of marginalized democracies that subject Africans to deaths and turmoil. Leaders should consult different cadres before coming to a certain decision," said the former Tanzanian leader.

He warned that unless African leaders

speak with one voice and take bold decisions to solve conflicts in countries like South Sudan and Libya, instability would continue affecting the continent, sometimes creating rooms to loot resources from the affected countries. The former president said some conflicts have remained unsolved for years due to African leaders being disorganized and lacking coordination among themselves.

Nigerian former leader Olusegun Obasanjo said that unless African leaders took the bull by its horns, more conflicts might continue emerging in the continent, citing efforts by African leaders to contain Charles Taylor in Liberia for reference.

His argument was supported by former President of Tunisia Mohamed Marzouki who insisted that countries facing conflict in Africa should always resolve to hold national dialogue meetings, which bring together all cadres, including the opposition and other parties to the conflicts. "If convened before eruption of catastrophes, national dialogues put conflicting parties at mutual understanding. The meetings should not wait for issues to get out of control," he warned.

Future of farming in Mali

Nouhoun Tigana, a farmer in Kolondialan, a rural village in central Mali near the southern fringes of Africa's Sahel zone, has some idea of what conditions might look like in his village 30 years from now. This follows a recent visit he, along with 30 other farmers from his village, made to the Mopti region that lies to the northeast of his village.

Kolondialan, like many villages in central Mali, is grappling with recurring periods of drought which destroy crops and make



it increasingly difficult to work in soaring temperatures often reaching 45 to 50 degrees Celsius. Experts believe that the conditions currently existing in Mopti is what farmers in Kolondialan and elsewhere in central Mali can expect in the next three decades as the impact of climate change increases in the region.

Although they are only a few hundred kilometers apart, a village like Kolondialan in the Koulikoro region receives on average about a third less rainfall than Bankass in Mopti and that makes a significant difference to what crops each village can grow and when they can grow it. Following their visit to Mopti, Tigana and other farmers in Kolondialan are now working on ways to adapt to the changing

conditions, such as experimenting with new crops and trying to find additional sources of income beyond crop farming, to build their resilience to worsening harvest losses.

Over the past year, with the help of climate experts and an online weather prediction tool, Tigana and other local farmers are learning to adapt their farming to that of a hotter climate, for example through smarter farming techniques and new ways of sharing weather information. The online weather tool used by the farmers, called Climate Analogues and developed by CGIAR — the global partnership that brings together organizations engaged in research for a food secure future — allows users to locate areas whose current climate is similar to the projected future climate of their own area, based on precipitation and temperature data.

The International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics, one of the organizations piloting the 'farms of the future' project in Mali, believes that farming communities with different climate conditions can learn from each other by visits such as the one they organized for Tigana and other farmers in his village. The initiative is part of the Building Resilience to Climate Extremes and Disasters (BRACED) program, supported by the UK's Department for International Development.

John Riley, project director at International Relief and Development (IRD), a charity managing the BRACED project in Mali, said the "farms of the future" approach aims to "help communities grow more independent in the long term, rather than rely on external assistance".



Like other oil exporters, Angola, the second biggest petroleum product exporter in Africa, has been severely impacted by the fall in oil prices since mid-2014. The country's revenues, which have fallen by a third in the last couple of years, has compelled Angola to look at other income sources, including from tourism and agriculture, to support its economy.

Endowed with a wealth of natural resources, Angola has exceptional potential to diversify its economy. The country's diverse landscape and rich biodiversity makes it an attractive tourist destination, while its huge arable land has the potential to make Angola a major agriculture exporter. According to the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), Angola is among the top five countries in the world with strong agricultural potential.

In the 1970s Angola was the breadbasket to southern Africa and was the leading exporter of coffee, sisal, sugar cane and bananas on the continent. However, more than a quarter-century of civil war devastated Angolan agriculture sector and today it accounts for less than 10 percent of the country's GDP and is a net importer of food products. Despite having nearly 60 million hectares of arable land, only three percent is cultivated and this leaves the country having to import almost 80 percent of its food products.

One reason for low productivity in agriculture sector is that the majority of people making a living out of farming are subsistence farmers, or small scale farmers without access to modern farming and agriculture methods. In a bid to revamp the agriculture sector, the government has initiated a number of schemes to assist small farmers,

including the development of micro-credit for financing irrigation projects and for buying modern agriculture equipment and fertilizers.

Angola aims to produce an annual output of 2.5 million tons of cereals and 20 million tons of cassava in 2017, and to reduce its chicken and milk imports by rearing chicken to cover up to 60 percent of its consumption, and increase dairy production to meet 85 percent of the country's needs.

Angola is also shifting its gaze from oil to explore the virtues of tourism and aims to become an international hub for ecotourism like neighboring Zimbabwe, South Africa or Namibia.

The country's rich biodiversity and varied landscape that includes lakes, national parks, mountain ridges and an extensive coastline along the Atlantic, makes it an attractive travel destination for international travelers. But in order to promote tourism the government will have to do away with many of its onerous travel policies that currently impede travel to the country.

Angola also has huge potential for promoting sustainable energy production through hydroelectric projects. Though it has one of the largest hydroelectric production prospects in Africa, the country has exploited only around four percent of this potential. The authorities are looking to change this situation and the recent inauguration of the Laúca hydroelectric dam is an indication of this approach. The \$4 billion Laúca project with its 2070 megawatts of sustainable power production is expected double the country's energy capacity, benefit more than eight million people and further energize the country's attempts at economic diversification.



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Restoring Competition in the Digital Economy



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The digital economy is carving out new divides between capital and labor, by allowing one firm, or a small number of firms, to capture an increasingly large market share. With 'superstar' companies operating globally, and dominating markets in multiple countries simultaneously, market concentration throughout the Group of 20 developed and major emerging economies has increased considerably in just the past 15 years.

To address this phenomenon, the G20 should create a World Competition Network to restore competition and address income inequality between capital and labor. As a larger share of total income shifts to capital across many G20 countries, the World Competition Network would seek to reverse the decline in labor's share of GDP.

During the period after World War II, 70 percent of national GDP went to labor income, and the remaining 30 percent to capital income. John Maynard Keynes described the stability of the labor share as something of a "miracle." But the rule has since broken down. Between the mid-1980's and today, labor's share of world GDP declined to 58 percent, while capital's share rose to 42 percent.

Two forces in today's digital economy are driving the global decline in labor's share of total income. The first is digital technology itself, which is generally biased toward capital. Advances in robotics, artificial intelligence, and machine learning have accelerated the rate at which automation is displacing workers.

The second force is the digital economy's 'winner-takes-most' markets, which give dominant firms excessive power to raise prices



without losing many customers. Today's superstar companies owe their privileged position to digital technology's network effects, whereby a product becomes even more desirable as more people use it. And although software platforms and online services can be costly to launch, expanding them is relatively inexpensive. Consequently, firms that are already established can keep growing with far fewer workers than they would have needed in the past.

These factors help to explain why the digital economy has given rise to large firms that have a reduced need for labor. And, once these firms are established and dominate their chosen market, the new economy allows them to pursue anti-competitive measures that prevent actual and potential rivals from challenging their position. And, as the economists David Autor, David Dorn,



Lawrence F. Katz, Christina Patterson, and John Van Reenen show, the US industries with the fastest-growing market concentration have also seen the largest drop in labor's share of income.

This increased market concentration is widening the gap between the firms that own the robots (capital) and the workers whom the robots are replacing (labor). But confronting it will require us to reinvent antitrust for the digital age. As it stands, national competition authorities in G20 countries are inadequately equipped to regulate corporations that operate globally.

Moreover, the G20 cannot simply trust that global competition will correct on its own the tendency toward increased market concentration. As Andrew Bernard has shown for the United States and Thierry Mayer and Gianmarco Ottaviano have demonstrated for Europe, international trade favors large superstar firms.

experienced personnel in the process. The European Competition Network can serve as a blueprint for a G20-level network.

The objective of a world competition network is to build an effective legal framework to enforce competition law against companies engaging in cross-border business practices that restrict competition. The network may coordinate investigations and enforcement decisions and develop new guidelines for how to monitor

market power and collusive practices in a digital economy. In the past, the G20 has focused on ensuring that multinational firms are not able to take advantage of jurisdictional differences to avoid paying taxes. But the G20 now needs to expand its scope, by recognizing that digital technologies are creating market outcomes that, if unchecked by a new World Competition Network, will continue to favor multinational firms at the expense of workers.

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Slow cooker chicken fajitas

These slow cooker chicken fajitas could not be any easier to make or more delicious to eat. The best part about preparing them is that the recipe makes for several servings, which means you can feed your whole family or freeze the left overs and have ready-to-go meals all week.

All you need to know: Usually, chicken fajitas are made by marinating chicken breast in warm spices and then quickly searing them on a hot cast iron pan or grill. They can be quick to prepare, but also require hands-on cooking, which is not always the option you need. Slow cooker chicken fajitas are completely hands-off, save for opening a few cans and chopping some peppers, onions, and garlic. They can be left unattended for hours while the chicken marinates and cooks at the same time.

Cook the chicken in a flavorful liquid: Combining canned tomatoes, chipotle peppers in adobo sauce, and a few spices makes for an incredibly flavorful liquid for



slowly cooking the chicken. You could easily use your favorite jarred salsa in place of the canned tomatoes too.

Layer the ingredients to avoid overcooking vegetables: Line the slow cooker with half of the tomato mixture and then add the chicken breasts. The remaining tomato mixture and the sliced vegetables go on top of the chicken so the chicken is closer to the liquid that accumulates during cooking and the vegetables steam rather than braise in the slow cooker.

Shred the cooked chicken: One of the benefits of using the slow cooker for fajitas is that there is no need to cut the raw chicken before cooking, as the chicken breast shreds easily when it is done cooking. The easiest way to shred the chicken is right in the slow cooker's crock with two large forks.

Chicken breasts makes better slow cooker fajitas: Fajita means 'little belt,' a reference to the dish's traditional use of skirt steak. Chicken breasts make for better fajitas than chicken thighs as the breasts are leaner and have a natural grain closer to steak than thighs. Chicken breasts also gives the tacos more texture which in turn makes for a juicy finished fajita.

Three ways to serve

Traditional: Fajitas are commonly served on warm flour tortillas with sour cream, but feel free to add your favorite salsa, cilantro, or even cheese.

Bowl: You can turn slow cooker chicken fajitas into a sort of burrito bowl by adding the cooked chicken mixture to a bowl of brown rice and topping with sour cream.

Salad: Top a hearty lettuce like chopped romaine with this chicken mixture and finish with chopped cilantro and extra lime wedges for dressing.

Recipe

Slow Cooker Fajitas

Serves 6 to 8

Ingredients

1 can diced tomatoes
1 canned chipotle pepper in adobo sauce, finely chopped
3 cloves garlic, minced
1 tsp. ground cumin
1/2 tsp. smoked paprika
1/2 tsp. kosher salt
1/4 tsp. ground coriander
1 kilogram boneless, skinless chicken breasts
3 medium bell peppers, thinly sliced
1 large sweet onion, thinly sliced
2 tbsp. freshly squeezed lime juice

Options for serving: Warm flour tortillas, sour cream, cheese, lettuce, lime wedges, salsa, guacamole

Equipment

Measuring cups and spoons
Chef's knife
Cutting board
Medium bowl
Spatula
6-liter or larger slow cooker
2 large forks

Instructions

- Place the tomatoes, chipotle pepper, garlic, cumin, paprika, salt, and coriander in a medium bowl and stir to combine.
- Spread about 1/2 of the tomato mixture onto the bottom of the slow cooker. Add the chicken breast in a single layer. Top with the peppers and onion, and finish with the remaining tomato mixture.
- Cover and cook until the chicken is pull-apart tender, 6 to 7 hours on the LOW setting, 3 to 4 hours on the HIGH setting.
- Use two large forks to shred the chicken breasts right in the slow cooker. Add the lime juice and stir to combine.
- Serve with warm tortillas, guacamole, and sour cream, or other desired toppings.

Recipe Notes

Gluten-free: To make this dish gluten-free, look for wheat-free canned chipotles in adobo sauce, and serve with corn tortillas.

Storage: Leftovers can be stored in an airtight container in the refrigerator for up to five days.



Fuel price hike has no impact on traffic jam

The government decision one year ago to cut the subsidy for fuels, thereby raising their prices, was meant, in part, to ease the traffic congestion but the problem remains virtually the same. There must be other ways to tackle the problem such as building new roads or expanding the existing ones, and improving the mass transport service, traffic experts agree.

To hike the petrol price is unlikely to prevent an employee from going to work or holidaymakers from using the roads, said Saud Al-Naqi, chairman of the Public Authority for Roads and Transportation. "The price hikes can only affect the personal budgets of individuals, so we need short-term and long-term solutions that could integrate to bring about a change," he said.

"It is the responsibility of the Ministry of Public Works to expand the roads and build new ones in the short run while the Ministry of Interior is responsible for enforcing the traffic laws and educate motorists on the best practices in driving. The long-term solutions including building new cities equipped with all facilities, colleges and government services in



order to alleviate pressure on main roads leading to the capital city," Al-Naqi added.

On his part, Dr. Bader Al-Matar, chairman of Kuwait Society for Traffic Safety, said the decision to hike the petrol prices failed to ease the traffic congestion due to lack of quality mass transportation systems. "To discourage owners of private cars, whether citizens or expatriates, from using the roads, we need to have attractive public transport services such as the metro and city buses," he argued.

"Kuwait has nearly two million cars used individually on a daily basis; this number could be replaced by an effective and attractive mass transport system," Dr. Al-Matar recommended.

Asked on the tendency to purchase

fuel-efficient cars, he said using of such type of the four-cylinder cars as nothing to do with the government decision to raise the petrol prices. "The decision had no virtual impact on the auto market because some expatriates working in Kuwait, not citizens, tended to buy this kind of cars before the decision," he explained.

Dr. Al-Matar noted that his society pinned hope that the decision would ease the traffic congestion through reducing the number of daily trips for private cars from four trips, but in vain. Similarly, the decision had no impact on taxis because it coincided with raising the taxi fares, he added.

Regarding the fuel sales, the decision has had an apparent impact. Statistic of Kuwait National Petroleum Company (KNPC) show that the sales of the ordinary unleaded Super (95

Research Octane Number or RON) petrol (marked by gold color) in 2016-2017 stood at 2.4 billion liters, reflecting a 28 percent decline from the 3.3 billion liters the previous year.

Similarly, the sales of Ultra (green) 98 RON petrol went down by 29.4 percent from 97.1 million liters in 2015-2016 to 68.6 million liters in 2016-2017. To the contrary, sales of the cheaper Premium (red) 91 RON petrol skyrocketed from 731.4 million liters in 2015-2016 to 1.6 billion liters in 2016-2017, a 127.4 percent increase.

The total sales of car fuels declined by 0.8 percent from 4.18 billion liters in 2015-2016 to 4.15 billion liters in 2016-2017, according to the KNPC figures. The auto market was not affected by the decision. Demand for cars with 8-12 cylinders is the same as before, the prices too, according to the Union of Automobile Agents (UAA).

Soon after the decision came into force, motorists shifted from the Super 95 RON and the Ultra 98 RON fuels to the Premium 91 RON fuel; this could have negative impacts on engines in the long run, the UAA pointed out. The majority of expatriates who plan to buy cars prefer the 4-6 cylinder types



to the 8 cylinder ones. Similarly, the expatriate motorists heavily use the Super 95 RON fuel.

On 1 September, 2016, the new fuel prices came into force; they are 85 fils/ltr for Super 95 RON fuel - 25 percent increase compared to the old prices, 105 fils/ltr for the Premium 91 RON - a 40 percent increase, and 165 fils/ltr for the Ultra 98 RON - an 80 percent increase.

The cabinet approved the decision in early August last year as part of a package of carefully calculated economic reforms aiming to rationalize subsidy and offset the budget deficit.

Still, the fuel price rates are the lowest when compared with those in other Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) member states and beyond.

Courtyard by Marriott Kuwait appoints new Executive Chef

Courtyard by Marriott Hotel Kuwait is pleased to announce that Elie Saleh has been appointed as its new Executive Chef.



A culinary veteran, Elie brings more than 20 years of experience to the kitchen of Courtyard Kuwait. In his role, Elie will lead the day-

to-day running of five restaurants and bars at the Courtyard, including the signature Indian restaurant - Soul & Spice, Sushi Japanese restaurant and Atrium all-day dining restaurant. Elie will also oversee all catering and banquet events at the hotel and at Arraya Ballroom.

Elie began his career at the Century Park Hotel in Lebanon as Chef De Partie, before moving to Abu Dhabi in the United Arab Emirates to progress to the position of Executive Sous Chef at the Radisson Sas Hotel.

Later, he moved to Sheraton Residence Abu Dhabi in the role of Executive Chef. He therefore, brings with him a wealth of experience, having worked in various countries in the Middle East including Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Lebanon and United Arab Emirates.



ISF organizes health camp

Indian Social Forum (ISF), a socio-cultural organization of Indians in Kuwait, in association with Badr Al Samaa organized a free health camp on Friday, 25 August at Badr Al Samaa Medical Centre, Farwaniya.

Hundreds of expatriates including women and children benefited from the health camp where free checkups including fasting blood sugar, blood pressure, total cholesterol, SGPT (liver screening) and creatinine (kidney screening) were provided. Many participants made use of the free

consultations from Doctors specialized in General Medicine, Internal Medicine, Urology, Gynecology, Pediatrics, General Surgery, and Dentistry. This social initiative was part of the forum's ongoing efforts aimed at creating health awareness among expatriates especially the less privileged sections of the Indian community.

The day-long event was formally inaugurated by Hassan Yusuf, Social Activist and Ex. President of Karnataka Muslim Welfare Association in the presence of Abdul Razak,

Administration Manager, BADR Al Samaa. Addressing the gathering, Mr. Yusuf discussed lifestyle diseases and mentioned that common people often fail to recognize the symptoms of these diseases at the early stages. Timely diagnosis and preventive measures had to be adopted for a healthy life, he added.

At the conclusion ceremony, a memento was presented to Badr Al Samaa in recognition for their ongoing commitment and dedicated service in the field of healthcare.

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Kuwaitization to cost KD1 billion each year

The country will spend around KD 1 billion or \$3.3 billion every year for the implementation of the Kuwaitization policy. Government document stating that the above mentioned amount will be used for bridging the pay gap when hiring Kuwaitis to replace expatriates.

The document disclosed the average salary of citizens employed in government institutions is about KD1,500 while their expatriate counterparts receive KD680. Based on these figures, the Kuwaitization of around 96,000 jobs in the public sector will cost around KD80 million per month. Meanwhile, Kuwaiti economic expert Mohamad Ramadhan was quoted as saying, "The disguised unemployment phenomenon plagues Kuwait's public sector because welfare distribution is still connected to employment in government jobs for political agendas." Kuwaitis are

not keen on joining the private sector, and many of them prefer to remain unemployed while waiting for a job in the public sector which offers better benefits, perks, less working hours and job security. "Kuwaitis are rarely fired from public sector jobs regardless of their productivity, except in extreme situations like corruption or fraud cases," Ramadhan pointed out.

On the other hand, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) mentioned in one of its reports that public sector salary in the country is one of the highest in the Gulf region, and this is considered a burden on the State budget. "In order for the government to overcome the challenge of an inflating public sector wages bill, employment needs to be separate from the wealth distribution to citizens. This creates an incentive for Kuwaitis to pursue productivity in



the workplace," Ramadhan explained.

In addition, the average salary of expatriates working in private companies is KD246 — about 60 percent lower than expatriates in the public sector. The average monthly salary for a Kuwaiti in the private sector is KD1,093 — 26 percent less than that of Kuwaitis in government jobs, the report revealed.

Ramadhan thinks that Kuwaitization of the private sector is doomed to fail for a variety of reasons. "It is very expensive to hire Kuwaitis in the private sector as there is a large gap between salaries of expatriates and Kuwaitis," he argued.

He added, "Setting a quota for nationals is not a plausible solution as well because it will only lead to fake

employment of nationals. There are many professions which can never be filled by Kuwaitis whether in the short-term or the long-term, such as nursing. "I see the only way to increase employment of nationals in the private sector is to impose incremental fees for employing expatriates, which will make the cost of hiring foreigners almost close to that of hiring locals," Ramadhan asserted.

The 2016 statistical report issued by the Central Statistics Bureau revealed that expatriates constitute around 26.4 percent of the total number of public sector employees. "Participation of expatriates in the public sector is higher than officially announced and it is difficult to track. This happens through hiring employees registered in the private sector through contracts with government departments," Ramadhan concluded.



LuLu Hypermarket celebrates Onam and Eid Fest 2017

LuLu Hypermarket, the largest and most popular hypermarket chain in the region, celebrated the dual festivals of Onam and Eid with a commemorative campaign that included colorful competitions and vibrant cultural programs.

Onam is a mega-cultural event for people from the Indian state of Kerala, while Eid Al Adha is celebrated by Muslims throughout the world as a religious festival. The occurrence of these two celebrations together has multiplied the joy and festivities of the occasions.

Eid celebrations at LuLu Hypermarket, which started off on 29 August and the Onam festivities that began on 31 August, featured special offers on a wide variety of food items and festival-related products.

LuLu Hypermarket organized a special two-hour colorful program on 3 September to showcase the traditional elements of Onam and Eid, and to share with patrons the jovial spirit and camaraderie of the two festivals. Dancers in colorful costumes performed a range of traditional dances and musical pieces that helped highlight the dual festivals. A large crowd of visitors and shoppers gathered to witness and join in on the celebrations.

A special attraction during the campaign period was the vibrant two-day cultural program that was held on the evenings of 2 and 3 September. Traditional Eid and Onam songs and dances were the highlight of the cultural evening, with the Onam folk dance called 'Puli Kali' and the energetic, rhythmic renditions



on drums called 'chenda melam', drawing the loudest cheers from audiences.

A floral-carpet competition, a traditional feature of Onam celebrations called

the 'Pookalam', was organized by LuLu Hypermarket on 3 September. During the competition, 10 pre-selected teams presented their vivid decorations made with flowers placed in imaginative designs on the floor. The winning team received KD100 worth gift vouchers, while gift vouchers of KD75 and KD50 were distributed to the second and third placed teams respectively. All participating teams were appreciated for their efforts with KD20 gift vouchers each.

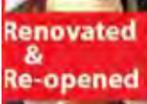
The celebratory campaign marking Eid and Onam festivals marks LuLu Hypermarket's unique customer-centric approach to retailing, and its commitment to strengthen customer relations by creating a distinctive shopping experience at every touch-point.

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Nanay Eden brings on stage popular Zumba trainers

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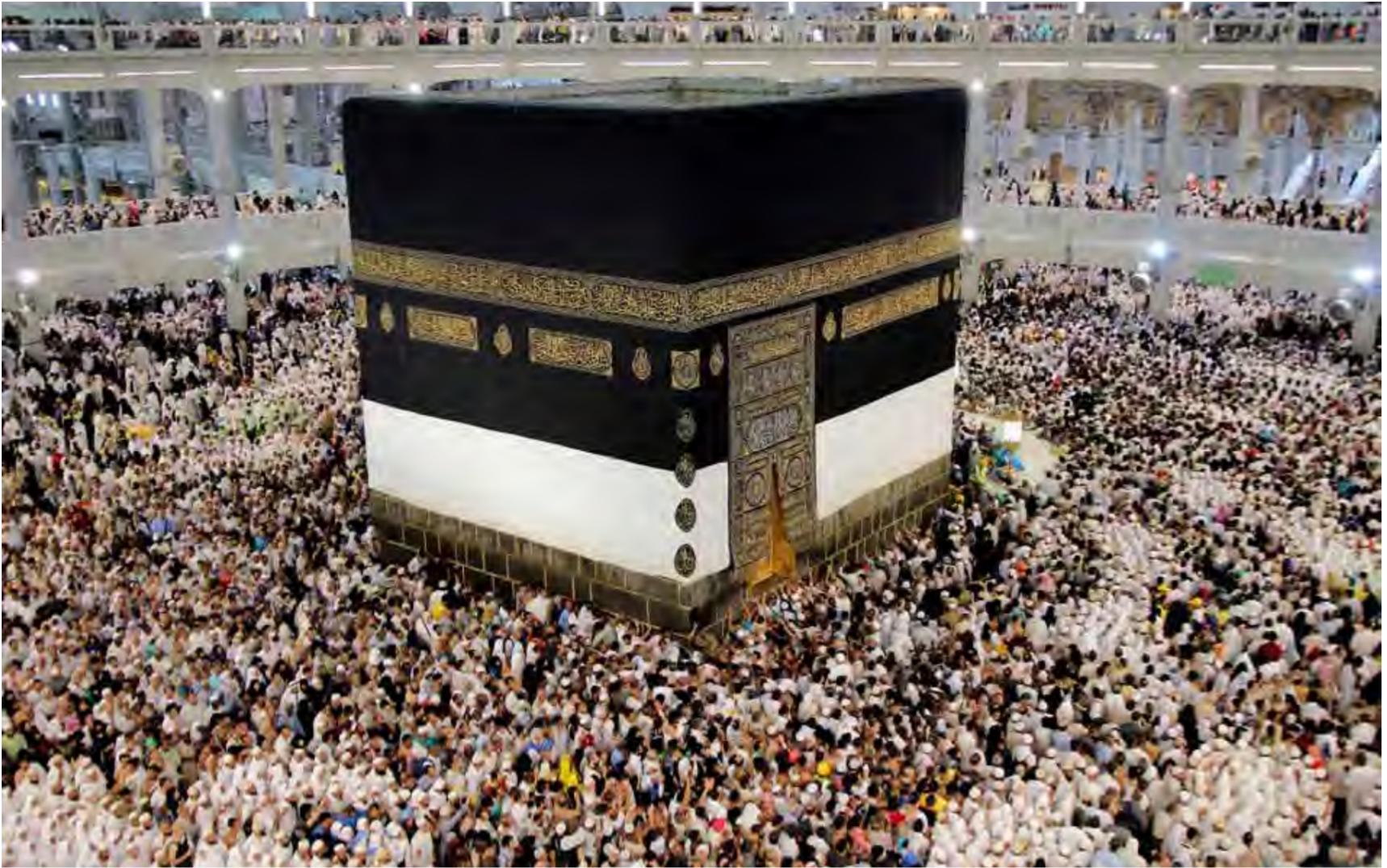
Fifteen trainers from different fitness centers and gyms in Kuwait gathered on Friday morning at the Judo Hall of Qadsia Gym in Hawally to witness a Filipina popular trainer from Dubai, Lanie Arcega, with Zumba creator Beto Perez, a backup dancer who has conducted several of his master classes abroad. Arcega, formerly employed in Kuwait in one of the women's gyms, was sponsored by Nanay Eden casual dining restaurant located in Maidan Hawally.

Ms. Jaja, one of the partners of the restaurant, delivered the welcome remarks and thanked all the sponsors who contributed prizes and assistance to the event. Ricky Laxa, GMA 7 News correspondent in Kuwait and fitness trainer and Fitness First trainers led the crowd to an entertaining warm up with rhythm and moves on salsa, merengue and cha-cha. Other trainers followed immediately and intermittently every three numbers by Arcega. Among other trainers included; Z Crew trainers Jamie Red from Rush Gym, Janice Capili and Anne Pobre



from Pilates and More, Nympha Luat and Frances Guzman from Mabroor Gym, Mynnah Anna Dy from Champions Health Club, Sophie Omar from Boxhill College, Helen Rahi from Marina Gym and trainers from Z Pavanoo; Teresa Jarabe, Sarah Jane Dacara, Kimberly Kiocho, Clarita Yuson, Melva Laborte, Sherlyn Casual and Jasper Bouquilon, Catherine Briones, Veronica Agbayani and Maria Krsytal. Booths also showcased some of the products and services of the sponsors such as Filinvest properties, Pharma First Protein, Fit in Time, Deejay Dream, Fitness First and Wannab salon.

Eid al-Adha or the Festival of Sacrifice



Eid al-Adha, which falls on the 10th day of the month of Dhu al-Hijjah in the Islamic lunar calendar, commemorates the faith of Prophet Ibrahim in Allah the Almighty and recalls the sacrifice that the prophet was willing to make, to reveal his belief and devotion in the one true God.

Allah the Almighty commanded Prophet Ibrahim to sacrifice his son Ismail, to test his will. The Prophet was prepared to do so to prove his faith and Ismail himself was willing to sacrifice his life for his father to obey the command of Allah. However, when the time came for Prophet Ibrahim to sacrifice Ismail, God sent the angel Jibra'il, who replaced the boy with a sheep and revealed that the sacrifice had already been fulfilled.

During Eid al-Adha, Muslims, who can afford it, sacrifice a sheep as a symbol of Prophet Ibrahim's willingness to sacrifice his only son. The sacrificed animals have to meet certain age and quality standards or else the animal is considered an unacceptable sacrifice. Traditionally, the animal is sacrificed and divided into three parts; the family retains one third of the share; another third is given to relatives, friends and neighbors; and the remaining third is given to the poor and needy. This tradition accounts for the slaughter of more than 100 million animals during the festival.

Eid al-Adha also marks the end of the annual Haj pilgrimage when millions of Muslims from around the world congregate in the holy city of Makkah in Saudi Arabia, to demonstrate the solidarity of the Muslim people, and their submission to God.

Haj is a revered tradition that has continued to unite Muslims from all over the world for more than 14 centuries. It is one of the five pillars of Islam and is a mandatory pilgrimage that all adult Muslims, who are physically and financially capable, must undertake at least once in their lifetime.

The state of being physically and financially capable of performing the Hajj is called *istita'ah*, and a Muslim who fulfills this condition is called a *mustati*. The male Hajjis or pilgrims wear simple white clothes called *Ihram* which promotes the bonds of Islamic brotherhood and sisterhood by showing that everyone is equal in the eyes of Allah. Female pilgrims cover their bodies from head to toe with the exception of their faces and hands.

As part of the pilgrimage, each devotee circumambulates the Holy Kaaba seven times in a counter-clockwise manner in a process called the 'tawaf'. The iconic, cube-shaped Holy Kaaba, located in the center of the sacred Great Mosque in Makkah, is the direction to which Muslims face when performing their daily

prayers. Tawaf is followed by *sa'ay*, the running or walking back and forth seven times between the hills of Safa and Marwah, located near the Kaaba. After the *sa'ay*, male pilgrims shave their heads while women generally clip a portion of their hair. Other rituals associated with performing the Haj pilgrimage include drinking water from the Zamzam Well, going to the plains of Mount Arafat to stand in vigil, spending a night in the plain of



Muzdalifa, and performing the symbolic stoning of the devil by throwing stones at three pillars. After the casting of stones, animals are slaughtered to commemorate the story of Abraham and Ismail.

Eid al-Adha celebrations

Muslims all over the world observe and celebrate Eid al-Adha in the best way they can, with those able to afford it, sacrificing a sheep, or a goat, or a camel or cow, to commemorate the sacrifice that Prophet Ibrahim was willing to make to reveal his obedience to God. The regular charitable practices of the Muslim community are highlighted during Eid al-Adha. There is a concerted effort by the community to see that no Muslim is left out from partaking in the sacrificial meal during the festival. In some countries, families that do not own livestock can make a contribution to a charity that will provide meat to those who are in need.

The sharing of sacrificial meat symbolizes the willingness to give up some of one's own bounties, in order to strengthen ties of friendship and help those who are in need. It is a recognition that all blessings are derived from Allah, and that people should



open their hearts and share with others. Eid al-Adha usually starts with Muslims going to the mosque for Fajr (dawn) prayers, dressed in their best or newest clothes, and thanking Allah for all the blessings they have received. The Eid al-Adha prayer is performed any time after the sun completely rises up to just before the entering of Zuhr time, on the 10th of Dhu al-Hijjah.

Prayers are followed by visits with family and friends, and the exchange of greetings and gifts. Being with relatives and friends to share in the joy of the festival and praising God for his bounties is an important and much-loved part of Eid al-Adha celebrations. No matter where they are in the world, the most special moments during Eid al-Adha for Muslims is when they are close to Allah and their loved ones.

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06 September



Unicorn cake designing workshop: The Printroom will be organizing a unicorn cake designing workshop at its location in Shuwaikh, from 6 to 8pm. Further details will be available on registration. To register: Email, info@printroom.club or call, 55144561.

07 September



Kuwait Game Jam 2017: An event for programmers, artists, and game enthusiasts, Kuwait game jam 2017 will be held from 7 to 9 September at Al Shaheed Park, Kuwait City, from 5pm. The event is open to all. For more information: Visit, goo.gl/PPTqKW.

09 September



Exhibition at Boushahri Art Gallery: Boushahri Art Gallery will be hosting an art exhibition of the work of artist Marina Markulic at its location in Salmiya, Baghdad Street 36, from 9 September at 7:30pm. The exhibition will run for ten days. For more information: Call, 25621119 or email, galleriesboushahri@gmail.com.

10 September

Cupcake Bouquet Workshop: TIES Center will be organizing a cupcake bouquet workshop at its location at 6:30pm. The workshop



will help participants assemble and decorate a bouquet made of cupcakes. No previous experience in baking or decorating is required. For more information: Whatsapp 55055054.

14 September



Adventures in Candy Land: A fun filled event, Adventures in Candy Land will be held at the Boulevard Complex Mall, Salmiya, on 14 and 15 September, from 5 to 9pm. The event will include colors, candies, music and surprises, along with a stage show from a group of artists, magic shows, juggling, hula hoop girl shows and more. For more information: Call, 51660883, 60625883.

15 September



Sur Sangeet: Zagar Musical Group will be organizing a musical concert, 'Sur Sangeet' at the Kuwait Autism Center, Mishref, at 7pm. The concert, featuring singers Ali Nawaz and Nabeel Ahmed, will pay tribute to M. Rafi, Kishore Kumar, Alamgir, Mehdi Hasan and several bhanga and pop singers through their melodious voices. For more information and to book your tickets: Call, 55504052.



23 September



2017 Carnival: The British Academy of International Arts and British Academy of Sport will be organizing their 2017 carnival at The BSK Campus in Salwa, from 4 to 8pm. The carnival will include wide range of extracurricular arts and sports activities. Kuwait's most prestigious companies, restaurants and entertainment providers will be present at the event. The event is free and open to all. For more information and if interested to book a booth: Call, 99458013 or 50962809.

24 September



The Distinguished Gentleman's Ride 2017: The world's largest charitable motorcycle event for owners of classic and vintage styled bikes will be held in Kuwait City from 6am. The Distinguished Gentleman's Ride brings together over 70,000 well-dressed gentlemen in more than 600 cities on stunning motorcycles in support of men's health across 95 countries. The goal for 2017 is to raise awareness and \$5 million for prostate cancer and men's mental health on behalf of charity partner, the Movember Foundation. All participating riders must be registered. Although the event is free, those taking part are requested to donate in order to raise money for charity. For more information: Visit, www.gentlemansride.com.

Money laundering in hiring Indian nurses to be probed

The Anti-Corruption Public Authority (ACPA) will soon start investigating the money laundering issue concerning Indian nurses quoting sources. Sources affirmed that ACPA has taken the necessary measures such as addressing the foreign affairs minister, asking him to demand for information from the Indian Embassy to pave way for the investigation of the issue. Sources said the authority intends to coordinate with the relevant Indian authorities in this regard. Sources disclosed ACPA

receives and investigates all complaints and calls about corruption cases in a bid to uncover the truth. Sources pointed out the decree on establishing ACPA stipulates the need to abide by the confidentiality code in order to maintain anonymity of callers, witnesses and experts. Sources said the Indian judiciary has been handling the Indian nurses' financial transfer case since August 2015 and it involves the owner of an Indian manpower agency who was referred to the Public Prosecution in India.

India lifts ban on female domestic workers

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through six government agencies in India. The exact procedure is not clear and neither are the fees for the recruitment process.

Several companies from Kuwait have in the past year offered to undertake recruitment by providing insurance, bank guarantees and other solutions to end the embargo of Indian female domestic help to Kuwait.

The six government-approved recruitment agencies are:
Non -Resident Keralites Affairs Department (NORKA-ROOTS)
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Overseas Development and Employment Promotion Consultants Ltd (ODEPC)
 Address: T.C. 27/741 (3), Ambalathumukku, Vanchiyoor P.O., Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, E-mail: odepc@sify.com; Tel: (0091) 471-2576314

Overseas Manpower Corporation Limited (OMCL)
 Address: No.42, Alandur Road, Thiru Vi Ka Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai, Tamil Nadu; E-mail: overmcl@gmail.com; Tel: (0091) 44-22505886 / 44-22502267 / 44-22500417

Uttar Pradesh Financial Corporation (UPFC)
 Address: 14/88, Civil Lines, Kanpur-208001, Uttar Pradesh
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 Address: Government IT Campus, Vijaya Nagar Colony, Masabtank, Hyderabad-500057

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Amir's US visit to boost bilateral relations

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His Highness the Amir is also expected to discuss with President Trump ways of cooperating closely on the war on terrorism, regional security and the Middle East peace process, as well as other bilateral issues.

His Highness last met with President Trump in May, on the sidelines of Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) leaders' summit that was held in Riyadh, which was also attended by the US President. This is the fourth official visit of His Highness the Amir to the United States, since his ascension as Amir of the State of Kuwait in January 2006.

Shortly after assuming office, His Highness paid an official visit to the United States in September 2006. During that trip he met with then US President George W. Bush, who affirmed that Kuwait was a friend and an ally, and praised His Highness the Amir's reforms. The US President pointed specifically to Kuwait's economic and political openness, and said that they were a good example for others in the region.

In August 2009, during his second official visit to the US, His Highness the Amir met with former President Barack Obama, who expressed his country's gratitude to Kuwait as a host of the US armed forces during its operations in Iraq, stressing at the same time the strong bilateral relations between the two countries and the continued commitment of the United States to Kuwait's security.

His Highness the Amir next paid a visit to the United States in May 2015, where he along with senior leaders of the other five GCC states met with former

US President Barack Obama, to discuss ways of modernizing and deepening security cooperation between the US and GCC countries.

Kuwait's relationship with the United States dates back many decades to the time when US business and strategic interests in the Gulf region conferred an important status on Kuwait. The United States recognized the State of Kuwait three months after the independence of the Gulf state on 22 September, 1961, thus, kick-starting the diplomatic relations between the two countries.

Kuwaiti-American relations have gone through four stages until they reached their current level. In the 1960s and 1970s, relations with America were friendly, whereas in the mid-1980s they moved into a partnership when US flags were hoisted on Kuwaiti oil tankers during the Iran-Iraq war.

Relations between the two countries were further concreted and took on a strategic partnership following the vicious Iraqi invasion in 1990. The late Amir Sheikh Jaber Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah visited the United States during the brutal aggression and met with former US President George W. Bush, and discussed developments related to the war of liberation of Kuwait and steps taken in this regard. Bilateral relations deepened after the US administration in 2004 classified Kuwait as an ally outside NATO.

During the past 56 years of relations between Kuwait and the United States, ties of friendship and cooperation have been established in various fields that reflect the depth and strength of strategic partnership between the two countries.

Majority of national workforce in private sector demand pay hike

An empirical study prepared by the Government and Manpower Restructuring Program (GMRP) concerning effect of the financial cadres in improving competency of the national manpower in private sector revealed that 85.1 percent of workers at the sector are demanding salary increment.

The study recommended the minimum wage employers in private sector should be paying their workers, adding 89.3 percent of respondents have urged government to impose highly stringent policies to protect workers in the private companies. They revealed a wide disparity in the salaries of public and private sector workers, in addition to other entitlements paid to the national manpower in public sector, which their counterparts in private sector do not have access to.

The study quoted 81.8 percent of the respondents from private sector as saying they supported law against unemployment by raising the salaries of retrenched workers to make them feel secure and to improve performance level at work, while 69.0 percent of them are satisfied with their jobs in private sector since they're provided health insurance, air tickets and annual bonus — despite the increase in public sector salaries.



Alanba newspaper partners with KidZania to inspire literacy among Kuwait's youth

KidZania Kuwait, the exciting kid-centric metropolis and Alanba, a leading newspaper in Kuwait, joined hands to instill the love for literacy among Kuwait's youth. As part of the collaboration, Alanba Newspaper will sponsor the Newspaper Editorial Establishment in KidZania, where children can partake in a range of exciting and hands-on activities to learn more about the newsroom organization.

The new collaboration was celebrated in an opening ceremony held at KidZania on 26 August, 2017,

which was attended by the KidZania Kuwait Management team, Alanba Newspaper's Editor in Chief, Yousef Khaled Al Marzook alongside Alanba team.

During their presence in KidZania, Alanba will be keen on raising awareness on the role the press has in adding value to people and the local community by delivering authentic news, and why it is essential for the future generation to keep up to date with the news. The Newspaper Editorial in KidZania is now open to children between the ages of 4-14.

Star India bags IPL media rights for \$2.55 billion



Star India will pay a staggering Rs. 163.48 billion (\$2.55 billion) for the television and digital rights of the Indian Premier League for the next five years, the country's cricket board announced on Monday.

Sony was the only other bidder for the TV rights of the world's richest domestic Twenty20 competition, while digital bidders included Supersport, Facebook, Airtel, and Bamtch.

The franchise-based competition began in 2008 with eight teams with owners including India's richest man Mukesh Ambani and Bollywood actors.

Of the 24 companies that bought the tender document, 14 made bids. "India, cricket and IPL have changed dramatically since 2008, and this bid is a reflection of that," Star India Chief Executive Uday Shankar told reporters.

Kuwait buys Total's stake in Norwegian oil field

French oil giant Total said on 28 August, it has agreed to sell its remaining stake in a Norwegian oil field to Kuwait so that it can focus on its recent acquisition of Denmark's Maersk Oil.

"Total has signed an agreement to divest its remaining 15-percent interest in the Gina Krog field in Norway to Kuwait Foreign Petroleum Exploration Company (KUFPEC)," Total said in a statement.

"In the framework of our portfolio management and optimization of the allocation of capital, we have decided to fully divest our interest in the Gina Krog project and focus on other opportunities in Norway," said Total's head of exploration and production, Arnaud Breuillac.

"With the recent acquisition of Maersk Oil & Gas, the group's position in the North Sea will be significantly strengthened, in particular in Norway."

Total announced on August 21



that it would buy Maersk Oil for \$7.45 billion (6.35 billion euros), making it the second-largest operator in the North Sea, with substantial operations in Britain, Norway and Denmark.

For its part, KUFPEC said the deal was valued at \$317 million.

Total already sold a 15-percent stake Gina Krog to Kuwait in 2016. It put the combined value of both that deal and the latest one at more than \$600 million.

The Gina Krog field is situated in the North Sea and is controlled by Norwegian giant Statoil.

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World's longest zip line to open at Jebel Jais

The longest and highest zip line in the world is slated to open in Ras Al Khaimah, UAE in December of this year. According to a press release from the Ras Al Khaimah Tourism Development Authority (RAKTDA), the zip line with a total length of nearly 3,000 meters will officially open on the UAE's highest peak of Jebel Jais in December.

Though the specific length and day of opening were not revealed by RAKTDA, it did say that the project would break the current Guinness world record for zip line held by the 2,200 meter long 'The Monster' facility in Puerto Rico, and would place UAE firmly on the global adventure tourism map.

The RAKTDA also revealed that it had teamed up with leading global zip line firm Toro Verde, which also built and operates the Puerto Rico facility, to

develop the adventure tourism product. The new zip line will not only be good for tourism, it will also be good for the environment, as it will have eco-tourism features such as using solar energy and locally-sourced natural materials, said the CEO of RAKTDA, Haitham Mattar.

"This key product launch will further enhance Ras Al Khaimah's unique mountain-beach-desert offering as the emirate moves towards its goal of attracting one million visitors next year, under the guidance and vision of Shaikh Saud Bin Saqr Al Qasimi, Supreme Council Member and Ruler of Ras Al Khaimah," said Mr. Mattar.

The zip line will be open to all ages, providing participants meet the required minimum weight of 35kg and maximum weight of 150kg, and a minimum height of 120cm.



Expecting to attract a high-end clientele, a dedicated VIP Lounge and Welcome Centre will provide an enhanced experience. In addition to

private parking and the option to fast track their zip line flight, a helicopter transfer will be available, flying guests from Ras Al Khaimah's pristine coast

line, taking in the views of the dramatic Al Hajar Mountains from above, the CEO said. "This zip line will be like no other experience out there. Once harnessed to the zip line in a horizontal superhero position, participants will soar through the sky as if they were birds.

It's the closest you can get to the experience of flying. The flight will take them to a suspended landing platform where they will be transferred to a second line to complete their journey back to the ground," Mattar explained.

He added, "In its first phase of operations, the zip line will be able to accommodate 250 people a day, that's 100,000 in a year. Nothing like this exists in the world — let alone this region — it is a true first for Ras Al Khaimah and adds another amazing attraction to the UAE's diverse tourism portfolio."

Saudi Arabia to promote tourism on Red Sea islands

It is difficult to imagine Saudi Arabia as a tourist destination by any stretch of imagination. But, if new Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, who has been spearheading a drive for rapid, radical transformation of the country, has his way, Saudi Arabia could well be your preferred holiday destination in the not too distant future.

Under the energetic leadership of the young crown prince, and in the face of sustained low oil prices, the kingdom is looking to diversify the economy away from its over-reliance on oil, and to wean people away from their dependence on a cradle-to-grave welfare state.

Since making his entrance on the Saudi political stage, Prince Salman has advocated the need for economic change and called for social liberalization in a country that remains for the most part a rigidly conservative society.

"We don't want to waste our lives in this whirlpool that we were in the past 30 years," the crown prince was quoted as saying during a recent media interview. He added, "We want to end this epoch now. We want, as the Saudi people, to enjoy the coming days and concentrate on developing our society and developing ourselves as individuals and families, while retaining our religion and customs."

As architect of 'Saudi Vision 2030'



— the kingdom's long-term economic plan announced in April 2016 — the crown prince envisions a roadmap that includes privatization of Aramco, the national oil company; the development of the country's utilities, energy and transport infrastructure; the building of green-field residential cities and special economic zones, as well as developing tourist spots to attract local, regional and international visitors.

In the past month alone, Saudi Arabia has announced two major developments, in addition to earlier plans to build a series of economic cities specializing in logistics, tourism, industry and finance, as well as an entertainment city and a \$10 billion financial district.

Last week, Saudi Arabia announced

plans to transform over four dozen islands along its Red Sea coastline into a global tourism destination replete with luxury hotels, residential units, and entertainment venues, as well as all logistical infrastructure, including air, land and sea transport hubs. The project, which is located on islands off the 200km Red Sea coastline, from Umluj to Al Wahj, covers an area of 34,000 square kilometers — roughly double the size of Kuwait — and is being designed to attract travellers from around the world.

Construction of the project, which will be developed through investments from the Public Investment Fund (PIF), the country's sovereign wealth fund, is expected to be launched in 2019 and the first phase completed by 2022. On



completion, the venture is projected to contribute around \$4 billion to the kingdom's GDP and to create as many as 35,000 new jobs.

The islands are to be deemed as a 'semi-autonomous' area and would be governed by separate laws and regulatory frameworks that would be developed and overseen by a private committee, said a source citing documents related to the plan. Tourists from most nationalities would not require a visa, or would be able to obtain one online, said the same source.

Visitors to the area will have access to unspoiled beaches, hitchhiking to view dormant volcanoes in the interior, underwater diving spots and other sea sports to entertain them. Tourists would also be able to travel on the mainland to visit the ancient ruins at Mada'in Saleh, a relic of the Nabataean civilization that built the city of Petra in Jordan. Situated about 280km inland from Al Wahj on the coast, the site is Saudi Arabia's first

UNESCO designated World Heritage Site.

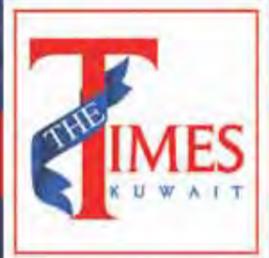
In April, Saudi Arabia also announced plans to develop the kingdom's largest cultural, sports and entertainment city to the southwest of Riyadh, on an area covering over 334 square kilometers. The project will include a safari area and a theme park, to be developed in association with the US-based Six Flags Entertainment Company. Local and international investors are set to join PIF in funding the project, for which groundbreaking is expected to start next year and the initial phase is expected to be completed by 2022.

While these new moves by Crown Prince Mohammed are generally welcomed by many Saudis, especially the younger generation, the more conservative elements of Saudi society have their reservations about this new 'opening up'. How the young prince manages to sway this section of the population could very well determine the future direction of Saudi Arabia.

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High salt intake doubles risk of heart failure

A 12-year study of more than 4,000 people in Finland reveals that high salt intake is associated with a doubled risk of heart failure.

The study, conducted by researchers at the National Institute for Health and Welfare in Helsinki, aimed to assess the relationship between salt intake and the development of heart failure. High salt (sodium chloride) intake has already been implicated as one of the major causes of high blood pressure and an independent risk factor for coronary heart disease (CHD) and stroke.

Estimation of individual salt intake is methodologically demanding and

therefore suitable population-based cohorts are rare. The new study was a follow-up to earlier research conducted between 1979 and 2002 among 4,630 randomly selected men and women aged 25 to 64 years in Finland.

The new study used 24 hour sodium extraction, which is considered the gold standard for salt intake estimation at individual level. At the study site, nurses measured urine volume and took a 100ml sample for laboratory analysis. One gram of salt intake was calculated as equal to 17.1 mmol sodium excretion.

The study cohort was followed up for 12 years through computerized



register linkage to National Health Records. Cases of incident heart failure were identified from the

Causes of Death Register, the Hospital Discharge Register and drug reimbursement records.

During the follow-up, 121 men and women developed new heart failure. The heart does not like salt and high salt intake markedly increases the risk of heart failure. The salt-related increase in heart failure risk was also found to be independent of blood pressure, said the research team.

People who consumed more than 13.7 grams of salt daily had a two times higher risk of heart failure compared to those consuming less than 6.8 grams. The optimal daily salt intake is probably even lower than 6.8 grams. The World Health Organization recommends a maximum of 5 grams per day and the physiological need is 2 to 3 grams per day.

High intensity exercises release endorphins in brain

Researchers at the University of Turku in Finland have found that exercise-induced endorphins released in the brain depend on the intensity of the exercise.

Endorphins are a group of hormones secreted within the brain and nervous system that have several physiological functions. The new study suggests that endorphin release induced by exercise could be an important mechanism that affects exercise motivation and maintenance of regular physical activity.

Researchers at the university found that high-intensity interval training (HIIT) leads to endorphin



release in the brain, which might alleviate the physical and emotional stress caused by these exercises.

A less demanding, traditional one-hour aerobic exercise does not cause similar endorphin release.

In the study, HIIT significantly

increased the release of endorphins and other opioid peptides in the brain areas controlling pain and emotions. In addition, HIIT induced negative feelings in the test subjects, which was associated with higher endorphin release. On the other hand, one-hour aerobic

exercise, though it did not induce significant release of endorphins, it increased pleasurable feelings and euphoria, which correlated with endorphin release.

At moderate training intensities, the pleasurable sensations caused by the possible release of endorphins may promote habitual exercise. At very high exercise intensities the release of endorphins appears to be linked to increased negative feelings and pain, and may be needed to manage the emotionally and physically demanding challenge. However, such negative feelings may discourage further exercise, said the researchers.

Multitasking divides and lessens focus

In a world of internet and mobile phones, it is difficult for most people to be fully focused. Researchers at UCLA in the US have now studied how those distractions diminish our ability to remember.

The study team found that while divided attention does impair memory, people can still selectively focus on what is most important, even while they are multitasking.

In one experiment, the researchers showed 192 students 120 words, divided into six groups of 20 words each. Each word was visible on a computer screen for three seconds, and each was paired with a number from 1 to 10. Researchers explained to the students that they would receive scores based on the point value of each word they remembered, making the words with high point values 'more important' than the others. The participants, all UCLA students, were assigned to one of four groups: One group gave the task their undivided attention.

For the second group, researchers played audio of a voice reading numbers from one to 9 while students were viewing the words and their numeric values; students were told to press the space bar on their computer keyboard every time



they heard three consecutive odd numbers.

Having to juggle those two tasks proved very distracting: Each participant heard eight sequences of three odd numbers, but on average, they identified only 1.87 of the eight.

A third group of participants heard familiar pop songs while they viewed the words. And a fourth group was asked to watch the words while listening to pop songs they had not heard before.

After each set of 20 words, participants were asked to type as many of the words as they could remember. The researchers calculated a total score for each student after each set of 20 words based on the number on the screen when each word appeared.

So, if they remembered the word 'twig', which appeared on screen at the same time as a 10, and 'corner', which appeared with a 6, the participant would receive 16 points. The researchers then

repeated the process for each student five more times, taking them through all 120 words.

The researchers found that the first group of participants — those who viewed the words and numbers with no distractions — recalled an average of eight words from each set of 20, while those who were distracted by having to listen for consecutive odd numbers recalled an average of just five words. Meanwhile, both groups of students, who listened to music while watching their screens, remembered the words almost as well as the group of undistracted students.

But the scientists also found that multitasking did not affect students' ability to recall the information they were told was most important — the highest value words. Participants in all four groups were nearly five times as likely to recall a 10-point word as they were to remember a one-point word.

The data are very clear in showing that with divided attention, we do not remember as much, but we are still able to focus on what is most important, said the team behind the research. They recommend that people who are studying or learning new information avoid distractions as much as possible.

Ringing in ears keeps brain more at attention



Researchers at the University of Illinois in the US have found that tinnitus, a chronic ringing or buzzing in the ear, is associated with changes in certain networks in the brain, and furthermore, those changes cause the brain to stay more in an active state and less at rest.

The new finding provides patients with validation of their experiences and hope for future treatment options.

Tinnitus has eluded medical treatment and scientific understanding as it cannot be measured by any available device, so the best that medicine can do is to manage tinnitus, not cure it.

One factor that has complicated tinnitus research is the variability in the patient population. There are a lot of variables — for example, duration, cause, severity, concurrent hearing loss, age, type of sound, which ear and more — which have led to inconsistent study results.

The new study, which used functional MRI to look for patterns across brain function and structure, found that tinnitus is literally in the head of the hearer; more specifically in a region of the brain called the precuneus.

The precuneus is connected to two inversely related networks in the brain — the dorsal attention network, which is active when something holds a person's attention; and the default mode network, which are 'background' functions of the brain when the person is at rest and not thinking of anything in particular. When the default mode network is on, the dorsal attention network is off, and vice versa.

Researchers at Illinois found that the precuneus in tinnitus patients seems to be playing a role in that relationship. They found that, in patients with chronic tinnitus, the precuneus is more connected to the dorsal attention network and less connected to the default mode network. Additionally, as severity of the tinnitus increased, so did the observed effects on the neural networks.

The new finding implies that tinnitus patients are not truly at rest, even when resting. This could explain why many tinnitus sufferers report being tired more often. Additionally, their attention may be engaged more with their tinnitus than necessary, and that may lessen their attention to other things. So, if you have bothersome tinnitus, this may be why you have concentration issues.

Internet providers could easily snoop on your smart home

A new study finds that internet service providers (ISP) have the means to monitor all kinds of things about your personal life from the metadata made available by your smart home.

The study, conducted by research students at Princeton University in the US, shows that an ISP or other network observer can infer privacy sensitive in-home activities by analyzing internet traffic from smart homes containing commercially available Internet of Things (IoT) devices, even if such devices use encryption.

Most IoT devices identify themselves voluntarily, usually by connecting to specific domains or URLs. Even if they did not identify themselves, there were simple ways of profiling them based on observation and some known data, said the research team.

The researchers demonstrated this by showing that various devices show distinct patterns of data transmission: Once they are identified, the ISP can simply watch for increases in traffic. What those changes in traffic mean are either self-evident or perfectly



able to be inferred with a little analysis.

For instance, by watching a sleep tracking device, the ISP can see when the user gets in bed and wakes up, perhaps even how well they

sleep, whether they get up in the middle of the night and so on.

Similarly, by watching various smart switches, the ISP can see when certain devices

are in use: the TV, the air-conditioning, the lights in the house, the garage door.

Also, by monitoring the home security camera traffic, the ISP can see when the camera detects motion, when the user is tuned in to watch their home from afar or when they check archived footage.

The researchers warned that if a handful of academics could monitor and analyze data from smart devices, the ease with which a major ISP could do so is even higher. And, given the recent watering down of privacy protections in the US and elsewhere, an ISP having access to the data they collect could sell it to a third-party without your consent.

However, the researchers also suggested a simple solution to thwart such snooping by ISP; transmit the IoT data through a central hub, such as a router, using custom software that camouflages the data by transmitting a trickle of junk data at all times. Called 'traffic shaping', the software does not hamper the functioning of IoT devices, but makes it difficult for a hacker to separate the true signals from junk noise.

Shark-detecting drones take to the skies in Australia



Following the recent spike in shark attacks on swimmers, Australia is to enhance safety near its beaches by deploying a fleet of aerial drones to patrol its shores for sharks from next month.

Earlier this year, Australia began installing protective nets to protect swimmers from sharks, following a series of attacks. Australia ranks second behind the US in unprovoked shark incidents. But some researchers have questioned the effectiveness of underwater nets, and environmental advocates say they could harm other wildlife.

The drones, which will be equipped with software powered by artificial intelligence (AI), are capable of distinguishing sharks from boats and other marine life in real-time. Moreover, while humans are able to identify sharks with 20 to 30 percent accuracy, when analyzing aerial imagery, the drone-based system can detect sharks with 90 percent accuracy.

Researchers at the University of Technology in Sydney who developed the program said they had trained the system to identify sharks using publicly available aerial photos and video. They added that over the next few months they aim to further improve the accuracy of aerial shark detection.

If a shark is detected, the drones will alert swimmers through a megaphone, and could also deploy a life raft and emergency beacon for people in danger. Little Ripper Group, the company that developed the drones, said it is also working on an 'electronic shark repellent' to further increase safety for swimmers.

Chrome option to permanently mute websites

Google Chrome will soon allow users to permanently mute websites, a feature that will bring joy to millions who suffer through

The annoying repeated auto-play of videos on websites could soon be a thing of the past, at least on Chrome browsers. Google is reportedly working on a feature that will soon allow users to permanently mute websites. The feature, which is currently available in the experimental Canary build of the browser, could soon be rolled out to the general public.



Google's François Beaufort announced the addition last week, noting that the Chrome

team is still "experimenting with a setting to mute / unmute a website directly from the Page Info bubble."

Currently you can mute tabs in Chrome tabs by right clicking on them, but the process is cancelled out once you close the tab or Chrome. Once this feature makes its way from Canary to the public build of Chrome, which will take a few weeks at the least, you will be able to put websites on permanent lockdown with just a few clicks.

Facebook enhances revisiting your memories and milestones

Facebook last week began expanding and enhancing its popular 'On this Day' sharing prompt. New features to the two-year-old sharing option, which allows users to revisit their memories, as well as celebrate milestones related to their friendships on the social network, include focus on more recent memories.

While 'On This Day' provides a look back in time, starting with memories from the same day last year, the two new options added now will instead focus on your more recent happenings. The company will now begin to bundle your past posts into monthly or seasonal sharing prompts. For example, you might see recap stories for things like your summer memories or your January memories.

Like 'On This Day', these new sharing prompts are private to you, unless you choose to post them to your Facebook profile. They will also appear in your News Feed, where you will see the collection of photos Facebook has picked for you along with the 'Share' button below.

The recap feature arrives at a time when Facebook is struggling with user acceptance of its Snapchat Stories clone, which unlike Instagram Stories, has not taken off. Facebook even began showing grayed-out images of friends' photos earlier this year in Stories, in an effort to increase usage.

Facebook believes that Stories is simply a new sharing format that every network will eventually offer. However, many people think of Facebook as a more permanent record of life events, due to its ability to surf old memories, search or scroll back through timelines to see historic personal moments, like the date you



got married, started a new job, moved to a new home, and so on.

In addition to this, Facebook is also today launching new friendship milestones. While the social network already allows users to celebrate their friendship anniversaries on Facebook with playful posts and videos, these new moments will focus on notable achievements — like when the number of friends you have hits a nice, round number like 100, or when your posts have been liked 1,000 times, for instance.

The company also says. Facebook has improved its filtering process to keep those



memories associated with negative events or feelings from popping up in its suggestions. Features like these are minor updates in the grand scheme of things, but they have a larger goal: to keep users posting to Facebook.

This comes in the face of recent reports detailing how Facebook sharing, specifically 'organic sharing', meaning personal updates, was in decline. Since then, Facebook has made a number of changes to make sharing and participating more engaging, as with the rollout of colored backgrounds for status updates, support for GIFs in comments, among other things.

THE TRENDIEST BOOTS



There aren't too many boots you need to collect for your wardrobe, but the ones that are making it to the top trends are quite unique in their own way. From laced up boots in electric colors to white patent boots with a mod twist, it's safe to say your footwear will be the focal point of your outfit. Here is a guide to the top styles you should step into and a few ways you can wear them.

Lace-up booties: This style has sporty appeal that give your outfit a modern update. Try folding your jeans up so all details remain visible. And, you can create a perfect combination of soft and edgy by allowing the lace-up booties to bring a chic vibe to a lace shirt and black trousers. Sometimes all you need is an all-black outfit to look fierce, and lace-up boots add another dimension of cool to it.

Chunky black boots: Black ankle boots with a chunky heel are timeless and will remain relevant all season. But you can change how you wear them—a new idea is two-toned distressed denim. Let them accent a light-wash denim-on-denim look, or add edge to a feminine pleated skirt. You can even go for a combat style that you can work with an interesting pair of camouflage jeans.

Also, if you find thick buckled boots, they can perfectly contrast a girlie dress, especially when you allow a pair of tights to break up your look.

Mod white boots: Whether yours come with a kitten heel or a wooden block heel, the look of patent white leather will always have a retro tinge. If you want to attract all eyes down to your boots, style them with simple cropped jeans and a white t-shirt. You can even make a sequined shift dress look fancy with a good pair of elegant boots with clean lines. For the more modern girl, tap into your avant-garde side by constructing a standout monochrome look.

Cutout boots: Every closet needs a pair of statement boots, and cutout boots make for a mean contender. Wear these with bold colors, like the ones found on a chevron top and striped cigarette pants. See-through boots can also take on a totally different look depending on what you're wearing underneath.



Genius morning beauty hacks

Many women struggle with their beauty routine during a busy morning, and most are willing to skip their makeup regiment if it means catching just a few extra minutes of sleep. However, you no longer have to choose between sleep and beauty. With some practical hacks, you can have both.

These beauty tips are so easy you will be able to follow them in your half-asleep daze, but they will make you look like you had spent hours primping. Some of these you can literally do in your sleep. Here are some of the easiest morning beauty tips.

Do the bang wash: If you want to skip shampooing but don't want to leave the house with stringy bangs, just wash your bangs. It's easy, pull the rest of your hair back in a ponytail, wet your hands with a small dime-size amount of conditioner, run it through your fringe, and rinse it out under the faucet. If you have straight hair, it's probably not necessary to blow-dry, as they will air-dry in minutes. If your hair is a little more unruly, quickly blow-dry and style your bangs as you normally would.

Invest in Some multitasking products: Save time by using brown eyeliner pencil to line your lashes, color your lids, and fill in your brows. You can also tint your cheeks and lips with a two-in-one stain.

BB Cream for great coverage: Instead of putting on face lotion, SPF, and foundation individually, invest in one great BB cream. Certain formulas with emollients and optical pearl pigments will hydrate and reduce the look of fine lines, plus SPF 35 sun protection. So, pick your product carefully.

Use leave-in conditioner: Instead of taking the extra step of conditioning in the shower, spray a leave-in conditioner instead. A formula packed with natural ingredients —



like coconut extract, amla, sugar beet root, green tea, and saw palmetto — can help to seal cuticles, strengthen hair, add moisture, and allow easy detangling.

Get the perfect cat eye every time: If drawing a cat eye is difficult, save yourself the grief by making a stencil. Just cut your desired cat-eye shape into a small piece of paper, and hold it up to your lids when applying liner. An even simpler hack? Use a straight edge like a credit card to outline the shape of a perfect cat-eye line every time.

Line and curl your lashes at the same time: If you are really pressed for time, you can line your eyes and curl your lashes in one step. Draw a line using either a kohl pencil or gel liner (avoid liquid liner because it smudges



too easily) across the edge of your eyelash curler where it would be touching your lid right above your lashes, curl, and voilà! Instantly lined lids and curled lashes.

Flaunt a favorite red lipstick: If you are running late, just reach for one product: red lipstick. Even if you wear nothing else and just a red pout, you will look miraculously put together and glamorous.

Chic, sleek power ponytail: Look polished in less than five minutes by pulling your hair up into a power ponytail, which is basically just an elevated version of your standard sporty pony. The secret? Wrapping your hair around your elastic for that extra chic factor.

Forgo mascara: Applying mascara can often be messy, especially if you are in a rush. To avoid having to clean up any messes, just swipe some Vaseline on your lashes instead. Use a clean spoolie brush, roll it in Vaseline, and apply it to your lashes as you would mascara. You can also just carefully dab it on with your fingertips. The clear jelly will make lashes look longer and thicker, plus it will help moisturize them and encourage growth.

Glamorous gold makeup

Move over, silver and bronze. It's officially the season of gold makeup. You can't help but add a touch of metallic sparkle - be it gilded lids or glittery polish - to your makeup repertoire. That is why it's the only metallic you should be wearing to ensure you will take first place in makeup at all of your gatherings. Here are some ideas for wearing gold makeup.



Sparkly golden eye: Up the ante on a dramatic cat eye by adding gold glitter. Sweep a gold eye shadow over your entire lid. Use a black liquid liner to create a thick cat eye. Next, take a glittery gold gel liner because it's easy to apply and there's no fallout and use it to trace over the gold shadow on your lid that still shows. Be sure to let it dry before opening your eyes. Keep the rest of your face neutral to let your eyes really pop.

Gold eyeliner: Use a mixture of rose gold shadow and gilded liner to create this holiday-ready, gold eye makeup look. Line

your eyes from inner to outer corner with a golden eyeliner to get a similarly festive look. **Strobe your way to a golden glow:** To prep your skin so it glows like an angel, use a special foundation that adds a subtle golden glow to your skin and blurs away imperfections.

Then, go for a liquid golden highlighter and apply it wherever the light would naturally hit your face - down your nose, on your forehead, cheekbones, chin and cupid's bow.

To make your skin look extra angelic, use a fluffy brush to apply a gold powder highlighter over your liquid one.



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