Manama links 'terrorist act' to Iran • Saudi Arabia tightens security

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DURAI: An explosion ripped through a pipeline between Bahrain and Saudi Arabia, causing a fire that sent flames shooting up into the night sky, with government officials warning that the incident was caused by militants, guided by Iran. No one was injured in the incident, but the incident near the Bahraini village of Bu Ali and no militant group immediately claimed the blast, causing a new flare-up in the low-level regional impasse plaguing Bahrain since its 2011 Arab Spring origins.

The explosion damaged cars and nearby buildings, forcing firefighters to evacuate those close to the flames in Bu Ali, just outside of the capital, Manama. Authorities later extinguished a later fire on the pipeline belonging to Saudi Arabia’s state-owned oil company, Aramco, forcing firefighters to evacuate those close to the flames. It said the blaze on the pipeline belonging to Saudi Arabia’s oil firm had been extinguished by the time the fire was reported, but the pipeline’s ability to transport oil remained uncertain.

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The pipeline running between the island nation and neighboring Saudi Arabia, which provides financial and security support to the kingdom. This is a dangerous situation, as the region already fears tension and damaging the world’s oil industry,” the minister tweeted, adding he feels that the incident was caused by militants, guided by Iran. The pipeline between the two countries is the main oil pipeline running between the island nation and neighboring Saudi Arabia, which provides financial and security support to the kingdom.

Bahrain produced some 46,000 barrels of crude oil in 2020, the latest figures from the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries show. Bahrain relies on the Abu Safa oilfield for the majority of its oil. Oil to Bahrain is planned expansion of Bahrain’s refinery capacity, adding it has a capacity of 250,000 barrels per day (bpd). A new 350,000-barrels-per-day pipeline between the two countries is planned as part of the region’s plans to diversify its energy mix.

Lebanon looks over a new front

Lebanon asks Saudi Arabia for explanation on premier’s absence

Bahrain’s Foreign Minister Khalid bin Ahmed Al-Khalifa has told regional leaders that he was stepping up security precautions at its own facilities.

Saudi Arabia for explanation on premier’s absence

Lebanon’s Prime Minister Saad Hariri is living in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. "It is a sensitive issue and we are seeking clarification from Saudi Arabia," the Libyan government said in a statement.

Saudi Arabia is seeking to increase its leverage in the region, particularly in Lebanon, which has long been a key player in the Gulf’s political dynamics. The kingdom has been transparent about its ambitions in the region, but the government’s stance has been less clear.

Despite their current momentum far-left groups like the DSA remain on the fringes of American politics. "He didn’t say much about it, but the DSA is a powerful state Republican. Mike Pence is the new king since his shock election victory." Under her management DSA grew up during the 2008 financial crisis - are eager challenging the root of the problem and not the symptoms," she told AFP, speaking at a recent conven-
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Conference reflects Kuwait's value, says diplomat

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Despite modest drop, rents still curb families’ budgets

Govt house distributions helped drop real estate prices

By Naima Tabsheres

KUWAIT: ‘Everything has become expensive.’ ‘Prices go up regularly, while salaries are the same.’ These are common complaints of people in Kuwait, especially expatriates, as rents and prices of real estate properties continue to increase. Housing is one of the main issues related to the cost of living, as it consumes the greatest part of the monthly budget. House rents rose significantly during the 10 years from 2006 to 2016, when the real estate market started to drop. But rent rates differ in the areas. According to Ahmad, a real estate broker, rent values increased significantly in the downtown area. In contrast, we know of landlords who lowered their rent even recently, the same, as new methods refuse to lower the rent. I know an owner who has three properties that are mostly vacant, as he refuses to lower the rent, even though he aims for quick tenants for cheaper ones. But I know that in southern and northern areas, rent is dropped in greater percentages,” he told Kuwait Times.

Lower inflation

Lower inflation rates are expected this year. A government strategy has been set to lower the real estate prices. “Real estate prices are still relatively high in these areas,” mentioned Saqer. “Also, the government has played a role in this matter.” This year it distributed around 25,000 government houses to citizens, while the figure in the past was between 10,000 to 20,000 annually. This affected the occupancy of the houses in the private sector. “The government has played a role in this matter, and most Kuwaiti investors prefer to invest abroad. For instance, the Sogra Complex was offered for sale in less than three times, but it was not sold although it has excellent location and good income,” he said.

Inflation rate

Inflation rate has been seen in Sulaibikhat, Doha, Ardiya, Jaber Al-Ahmad, Jahra, confirmed that rent values dropped in Jahra governorate by up to 40 percent compared to last year. “We were renting a two-bedroom apartment in Jahra in 2016 for KWD 250 only last year, while the same apartment is now available for KWD 150 to 270,” Tariq Al-Maktoum, a real estate owner in Jahra, said.

Man confesses to father’s stab-murder

By Ilimas Al-Za’abeed and agency

KUWAIT: Jafra police arrested a citizen who stabbed his own father to death yesterday. The 45-year-old victim died at Jahra hospital after being stabbed. The killer confessed to committing the crime and was sent to public prosecution.

Fire

A fire broke out in an electronic store in Ahmadi, earlier from the Ahmadi and Fahaheel fire stations responded and contained the blaze. No injuries were reported. Meanwhile, Fahaheel deals with a blaze in a house in Ahmadi on Friday. Fahaheel fire station in Ahmadi received a call for help, and the fire stations responded. The fire started in a traditional brick house, covering an area of 500 square meters. The house was evacuated and the families which spread near the neighboring houses were talked, while firefighters fanned out due to the collapse of a red and stone walls. A fireman was injured and fell to the ground, whereas no other injuries were reported.

A light took place between a number of youths, outside the teachers’ training college in Ahmadi. The dispute ended with two persons who were taking to the hospital while those were detained at Fahaheel police station. Police intervened after some unidentified gathered outside the station and shouted slogans. A security officer was shot in the head, and several members of the security forces were picked up by the thieves who ran away. A man and a woman were taken to Ahmadi police station. He security source said that while security men were manning the point, a vehicle at a high speed approached them and continued with the drive. The driver stopped immediately and told them that he thought a was a day route from Ahmadi to and from Kuwait.
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**Japanese embassy, EPA, KEPS organize ‘Operation Turtle’ beach cleanup**

**By Iyad Al-Salim**

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Fifth E-Govt Forum honors KFH

KUWAIT: Minister of Commerce and Industry Khaled Al-Roudhan honored Kuwait Finance House (KFH) in recognition of its participation in the 5th E-Government Forum held under the patronage of the Prime Minister Sheik Jaber Mubarak Al-Sabah, where the company role is to integrate the principal of partnership through similar efforts with the aim of contributing to the further progress of national economy.

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Zain showcased its latest enterprise and business solutions at EGOV5, a major digital transformation conference and exhibition in Kuwait.

KFI issues ‘Pioneers of Islamic Economy’ book

KUWAIT: Kuwait Finance House (KFH) has issued the second edition of ‘The Pioneers of the Islamic Economy’ book, following the great success of the first edition in 2014. This came during the 5th E-Government Forum organized by the National Authority for Electronic Governance (EGOV5) held under the patronage of His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak Al-Sabah.

NBK welcomes Ansal School students

KUWAIT: National Bank of Kuwait (NBK) recently hosted students from Ansal School for a visit to the bank’s branches, where they were given the chance to learn about the banking industry and the day-to-day work of the bank’s various departments.

NBK targets students at various educational levels

NBK, one of Kuwait’s leading banks, has launched a series of educational initiatives targeting students at various educational levels. These initiatives aim to raise awareness of the banking sector and its role in the economy.

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Anger rises as toxic air chokes India’s capital

NEW DELHI: As thick smog crept over India’s capital this past week, millions of rural folk who have become more aware of the toxic air in recent years and are increasingly frustrated at the lack of meaningful action by authorities. This past week was one of the worst in the capital’s annual problem, which has become more acute in recent years. “What we are seeing is a health emergency,” said Arvind Kejriwal, to describe his city as a “gas chamber.”

In a city of more than 20 million people, the air is thick with particulate matter, a type of pollution that has been linked to a range of health problems. The capital’s air quality has been so bad that many people have been forced to stay indoors, while others have been using masks and air purifiers to try to protect themselves.

Two children in a Delhi school have died from respiratory illnesses, Kejriwal said. “It’s a matter of life and death,” he said.

The pollution crisis in Delhi has been a source of concern for years, but it has taken on new urgency in recent years as the city has become more densely populated and its industries have grown. The pollution is caused by a combination of factors, including traffic, industrial emissions, and dust from construction sites.

The government has taken some steps to address the problem, including launching a campaign to promote the use of public transport and encouraging people to use clean fuels. But many residents feel that these efforts are not enough, and they are calling for more drastic actions.

India’s health minister, Harsh Vardhan, said the government was working to improve air quality in Delhi. “We are taking all possible steps to tackle the problem,” he said.

But many residents are skeptical of the government’s efforts. “They say they are doing something, but we see nothing happening,” said a resident of a neighborhood in east Delhi.

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Thousands commemorate Arafat in Hamas-run Gaza

A show of national unity after Fatih-Hamas deal

Gaza - Tens of thousands of Palestinians gathered in Gaza Strip on Sunday to commemorate the death of revered leader Yasser Arafat in the first such event in the militant Hamas-run territory since 2007. The anniversary event was held in the anniversary of the death of Yasser Arafat and the state of Gaza and there is no state without Arafat's. He was a son of the nation and his memory kept alive.

Abbas hails his predecessor's legacy, dream

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Barcelona protest demands freedom for Catalan leaders

Protest organized by two pro-independence lobby groups

Barcelona: Ten thousands of Catalans gathered in Barcelona to demand the release of officials who were jailed for their push for independence for Spain, which led to a violent and economically costly political crisis. The march kicked off in Barcelona, the Catalan capital, and ended in front of the regional parliament building. The movement is supported by the Catalan Nationalist Coalition (CUP), a radical pro-independence party that emerged in the aftermath of a regional election last month, was released from jail after posting €100,000 bail. The parliament has the power to decide on the release of the officials, some of whom are facing charges of sedition, rebellion and sedition.

Eight members of the Catalan cabinet are currently detained on charges of sedition, rebellion and sedition. The arrest of the cabinet members has led to a crisis in the coalition government, which was formed last year after the CUP joined forces with the Socialists to form a pro-independence majority in parliament.

“Catalonia crisis has caused a diplomatic and economic crisis,” Puigdemont told Catalan television. “We also want to keep the unity of all those in prison or abroad.”

Yesterday's protest has been organized by two pro-independence lobby groups, ANC and Omnium, which have joined forces to demand the release of jailed government officials. ANC, the main pro-independence group, said it traveled to Brussels after declaring independence in order to seek international recognition on the treatment of separatists in Spain. But the European Union, uneven, that Catalan independence could stir up separatist tensions in other member states, has repeatedly blocked the government of Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy in its handling of the crisis. “It is not possible,” he told his visiting government officials.

Meanwhile, the welcoming crowd has been met with heavy police presence, including water cannons, tear gas and rubber bullets.

“Dope n dreads” stereotypes as Germany mulls “Jamaica” coalition

FRANKFURT: A man holds a Catalan independence flag while others hold placards calling for the release of detained Catalan officials.

Skeptics have also cracked wise about the “Curse of the Caribbean” movie-when predicting that the talks will fail. “German holidaymakers, with tourism body Visit Jamaica confirming that the number of German visitors to Jamaica has increased 30% in the past year, could see the German chancellor’s plan as a sign that her government is set on a collision course with Germany,” said one commentator.

But critics say there is a current underlying the Rastafarian movement that the German chancellor is ignoring. “The roots of the Rastafarian movement are in Africa,” said one commentator. “And the fact that the movement is growing in Germany is a sign of the attacks on non-white groups in Germany.”

FRANKFURT: A greylag goose starts a flight over the river Main in Frankfurt am Main, western Germany. —AFP

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The by-election was held in Rochester, a seat that the Labour Party had held for 22 years. The by-election was called after the Labour MP who represented the seat was caught on cameraPlanet of the Apes: A man holds a poster reading “Freedom!” in a crowd of protesters.

NOTORIOUS Greek assassin

ATHENS: A Notorious Greek assassin has been released on bail after spending 18 months in jail. The man was accused of planning a terrorist attack on a US embassy in Athens.

The release comes after the Greek government announced it would deport the man to the US. He was arrested in Athens last year and charged with planning a bomb attack on the US embassy.

BANGKOK: A senior Thai royal official has been sacked for gross misconduct. Vajiralongkorn, 65, took the throne one year ago, having sworn to serve his people for life. But Charles, who would never consider abdication or even a regency by his mother, has started to take on more duties outside the palace.

LONDON: On Remembrance Sunday, Prince Charles will lay Queen Elizabeth II’s wreath honoring Britain’s war dead. The prince has missed it only six times in his 65-year reign: twice when he was sick, once when he was on a state visit, once when he was on holiday in the Bahamas and once when he was on holiday in the Caribbean.

British Prince Charles steps up; Queen steps back

In a stunning example, Bavarian politician Joachim Herrmann who served as the German federal minister of transport, building and housing has been more realistic about what it is that she can do”. —AFP

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US seeks a united front against North Korea threat

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MONTGOMERY, Alabama: His party suddenly and bizarrely divided, Alabama Republican Roy Moore’s once-safe Senate seat was in jeopardy just a month after a special election that gave him a commanding victory in the state’s Republican primaries. Moore, an outspoken Christian conservative and former state Supreme Court judge, attacked a Washington Post report that he had sexual contact with a 16-year-old girl when he was in his early 30s, asked if that would have been wrong for him, Moore said: “Not generally.”

In an interview Friday with conservative radio host Michael Medved, Moore again denied a sexual relationship with a teenage girl and said the allegations were part of a smear campaign to keep him from the Senate. If the allegations are true, Moore would be the first member of Congress to be expelled for an act of sexual misconduct.

“He’s a good man. I love him and his family, and they are if the allegations of sexual misconduct are proved true,” said 28-year-old Erica Richard, of Altoona, said; “I don’t remember over dating are girl without the permission of her mother.”

As for this encounter with 16-year-old Leigh Conlan, as described by Conlan’s lawyer in the Post article she, “I have never happened.”

The story has produced a wave of concern among across GOP official in Washington but little more than a desire for more Republicans in Alabama, which has a special election on Dec. 12-13 and the seat previously held by Attorney General Jeff Sessions. Moore is up against Democratic candidate Doug Jones, a former prosecutor. Jones said the charges were “unbelievable”.

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Medvedeva wins NHK Trophy to secure Grand Prix berth

**OKAYA:** Two-time world champion Evgenia Medvedeva overcame an early fall to win the NHK Trophy yesterday and secure a place in the International Skating Union’s Grand Prix Final. The Russian fell on her opening triple flip, which was supposed to be a combinations jump, and two subsequent backflips, before regaining her rhythm.

The two-time Olympic champion had been wary of the 14-point halftime deficit to beat New Zealand 28-22 yesterday and secure top spot in Group B. But Medvedeva said: “I’m glad I did the combination in the second half which was the best part of my program.”

With a total of 224.39 points, Medvedeva said: “That’s a sign of a group of men who want to play for each other and together, and they’re definitely playing for the country and not themselves.”

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**Maple Leafs 3, Bruins 2 (OT)**

Patrick Marleau scored in overtime to give the Toronto Maple Leafs a 3-2 victory over the Boston Bruins on Friday night in the first game of a home-and-home series. James van Riemsdyk scored twice in the second period to add a minute left in regulation and Frederik Andersen made 35 saves. The Maple Leafs have won three in a row to improve to 11-7-1-1. Tyler Johnson and David Pastrnak scored for Boston, but Kari Lehtonen stopped 30 shots.

**NHL players on Twitter**

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BOSTON: The Boston Celtics lost Kyrie Irving but rallied in the fourth quarter to beat the Charlotte Hornets 90-87 on Wednesday night. The Celtics improved to 2-2 on the season after falling behind by 11 points at halftime.

Klay Thompson, who was on the bench for the entire fourth quarter, scored 20 points, including 14 of his 16 points in the second half. Boston’s bench also contributed 30 points, with Marcus Smart and Gordon Hayward each scoring 18 points. Jayson Tatum added 16 points and 12 rebounds.

The Celtics made a 14-2 run in the fourth quarter to grab the lead for good. The Hornets missed 10 of their last 11 shots in the final minutes of the game.

Tomorrow’s NBA games:
- Bucks at Hornets
- Celtics at Hawks
- Mavericks at Heat
- Nuggets at Nuggets
- Suns at Trail Blazers
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Sampaoli’s first challenge after the end of the World Cup in Russia is to make sure that the team is ready for the next competitive match and to build on the success of the last World Cup.

The continent has found a fourth competitive qualifier for the World Cup, with Cameroon having drawn with Brazil to reach the last 16 in Russia.

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wake of the controversy while the child's
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"This Game is Over" said a banner unfurled at
French club, whose reputation is tainted."

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Lebanese to work in its oil-

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Japanese Economy Minister Toshimitsu Motegi said he hoped that meeting ahead with the deal would be a step towards bringing back the United States, which has also been lobbying hard for the TPP pact, which aims to eliminate tariffs on industrial and farm products across the 11-nation bloc whose trade totaled $356 billion last year.

Canada, which has the second-largest economy among remaining TPP countries after Japan, had said it wanted to ensure an agreement that would protect jobs. Canada’s position has been further complicated by the fact that it is simultaneously renegotiating the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) with the US.

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Partnership true testament of our long-standing success: Omar Alghanim

High quality service and customer satisfaction
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Boursa Kuwait closes in red; trading activity remains week market still grappling to reach the stability stage

KWAITA: Boursa Kuwait ended last week in the red zone. The Price Index stood at 64.04 points, this was 0.1 percent from the week before closing. The Weighted Index that has a capitalization reached 932.45 points, as it fell 0.3 percent from the previous week closing. The Standard & Poor's Index reached 93.57 points, in the present version, which means that it fell 0.5 percent of its total capital market. The free index only; it is based on capitalization, will contract by a maximum of 2.00 points. The index at the end of 2016, in which it reached 28.01 KD, representing 15.48 percent of its value market capitalization reached KD 26.57 billion or 45.63 percent of last week's total market trading volume. The market turnover reached KD 19.25 million representing (58.49 percent of the total market trading value). Prepared by: Students & Research Department — BankInvestment Co.

Nine sectors edge lower amid selloff

US stocks on two-day losing streak as health stocks fall

NEW YORK: So that’s a losing streak folks like. Stocks fell for the second day in a row in New York Thursday, amid some global fears. Weakness in the medical device and health-care equipment companies was among a list of many for Citi Investment Research Analysts Timothy Evans. But he added that Citi Investment Research and Amazon might be on the verge of shaking up the medical device and health care industry, because of the online retail giant. Amazon’s stock was up at $43.04, 4.1 percent, to $43.04. All of those stocks were down, with a turnover of around $986.2 million. The Price Index in its current version.

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Chevrolet Alghanim Introduces The All-New 2018 Traverse

Chevrolet Alghanim unveiled the all-new 2018 Traverse in Kuwait, bringing the completely redesigned, bold and refined vehicle, which also features advanced technologies, to help keep passengers of all ages and lifestyles comfortable and connected.

With available seating for up to eight and a longer wheelbase than the current model, the Traverse has few peers when it comes to capacity and roominess. In fact, the new Traverse offers an enhanced roster of available active safety features. The Traverse delivers an additional middle row seat, which adds 5.0 cubic feet of additional cargo space compared to the current Traverse, for a total of 87 cubic feet (2,469 liters) of cargo space. The available third-row seat comes with an interlocking clip system that offers additional security and comfort, while the Traverse's original Smart Slide® feature. The curbside seat is capable of tipping up and sliding forward, even with a fully loaded cargo area, to provide easy access to the third row. Third-row legroom is expected to be the most spacious in the segment at 33.7 inches (856 mm).

Connected and protected

The new Traverse offers a personalized appearance.

Chevrolet introduced an all-new trim level for the 2018 Traverse to offer customers more choices for a personalized appearance.

The High-Country trim features premium content and technology, including a unique interior or exterior featuring leather appointments with suede accents, 20-inch polished wheels, High Country badging, D-Optic LED headlamps, standard twin-clutch AWD and power-fold third-row seating.

The all-new Traverse blends Chevrolet's characteristic SUV cues with capability and refinement inside and out, offering style with a purpose.

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Performance and efficiency

A new 3.6L V6 and nine-speed automatic transmission form the standard propulsion system, expected to offer nearly 10 percent more horsepower than the current model and a GM-estimated 25 mpg highway (FWD). The combination also supports an estimated 5,000-pound (2,268 kg) towing capacity when properly equipped.

The engine features a new intelligent stop-start technology that determines the best times for fuel-saving engine-stop events based on a variety of driving factors.

New Traction Mode Select is standard on all models and allows the driver to make real-time adjustments to the vehicle's driving mode to account for varying road conditions. On available AWD models, it also allows the system to be completely disconnected from the rear axle, which helps save fuel and reduces tire wear.

High Country's exclusive Advanced AWD system employs torque-logic technology that optimizes traction for every condition it encounters. It is engineered for optimal performance in wet, snowy and icy conditions, while also providing enhanced stability in dry conditions.

The all-new Traverse also enables customers to take advantage of Alghanim's high-quality service and Chevrolet Complete Care program, which entails exclusive levels of post-sale support and treat.

Chevrolet Complete Care Program

All customers who purchase a Chevrolet from Yusuf A. Alghanim & Sons benefit from the Chevrolet Complete Care program, which entails exclusive levels of post-sale support and treat. The Chevrolet Complete Care program is an exceptional customer service that is based on four main pillars: competitive and transparent service costs (especially for four-wheel drive vehicles), scheduled service appointment booking with same-day delivery, quality service by certified technicians and a 3yr/100,000km warranty with 24x7 roadside assistance for 4 years.

Customers can take advantage of the 2018 Traverse by visiting any of Chevrolet Alghanim showrooms at the following locations: Shuwaikh, Al-Rai (Sadaf Alghanim), Sharq, Fahal and Khafji.

To stay tuned of the latest offers, events and announcements, customers are encouraged to follow Chevrolet Alghanim on its social media channels @ChevroletAlghanim or call the hotline 1800022.
Tencent may use Snapchat to promote smartphone games

SAN FRANCISCO: Chinese gaming and social media company Tencent Holdings said on Thursday Snapchat Inc will feature Tencent's popular "Pandar Happy" in its Chinese version of the app.

The companies announced the partnership on Thursday, which will allow Tencent to promote its mobile game on Snapchat, the says, including through a "Snapchat"-themed interactive ad campaign.

The companies also announced a "Pandar Happy" mobile game for Chinese users on Snapchat, which will feature characters from the popular "Pandar Happy" IP.

"This partnership is a great opportunity for Tencent to expand its reach in the Chinese market and tap into Snapchat's massive user base," said Yang Liu, head of global partnerships and localisation at Snapchat.

"We are excited to bring Tencent's popular mobile games to Snapchat users in China, and look forward to seeing how they will engage with our platform in new and innovative ways," she added.

Facebook urges users to send nude pics to combat revenge porn

SAN JOSE: Facebook is in the midst of a major effort to combat revenge porn, a phenomenon that involves the illegal sharing of intimate images without the consent of the people in the photos.

The company is working with law enforcement and other organizations to identify and take down images, and is also trying to educate users about the risks of sharing such content.

"We know that people share nude photos for all kinds of reasons, from romantic relationships to celebrations," said William P. McMillan, director of law enforcement at Facebook.

"But we also know that these photos can be used to hurt people, and that's why we're taking them seriously," he added.

UN to host first talks on use of killer robots

GENEVA: The United Nations is set to host the first-ever talks on the use of killer robots, or autonomous weapons, later this month in Geneva.

The talks are the result of a growing concern among countries about the development and deployment of autonomous weapons systems.

"This is a moment of truth, a moment when we must decide whether to allow killer robots to exist and spread, or to ban them altogether," said Michael Dambrot, a member of the UN Working Group of Experts on the Global Regulation of the Use of Lethal Autonomous Weapons Systems.

"We need to act now, before it's too late," he added.

Surf's up for startups at Web Summit 2017

Web Summit helps startups to hook up with venture capitalists

LISBON: The next generation of Internet start-ups gather this week in Portugal for four days of tech-focused events centered on the theme of "The Future of Work." Web Summit, which aims to promote entrepreneurship and innovation in the EU, will feature talks and networking opportunities for startups to hook up with venture capitalists and hear about the latest trends from industry leaders such as Facebook.

"We are excited to welcome startups from all over the world to participate in the summit," said Paddy Cosgrave, CEO of Web Summit.

"This is a unique opportunity for entrepreneurs to connect with potential investors and learn about the latest trends in the technology industry," he added.

Facebook is also set to announce a new feature that will allow users to report cases where their photos have been shared on the internet without their consent.

"We want to make sure that people can take control of their own photos and prevent them from being shared without their permission," said McMillan.

"This is just one of many steps we are taking to address the issue of revenge porn," he added.
Climate target too low

Hansen recalled. By coincidence, Hansen was about to decide a decade ago to launch a campaign to fight global warming-enough to amplify deadly heatwaves, super storms, and the risk of extreme events.

"That is a good impulse, because if we go to 2°C, it is still a reasonable target," he noted. "But we will have to go down to 1.5°C to have a good chance of avoiding such a catastrophe."" 

Hansen's contributions to the basic science of climate change have been widely recognized, including being named a co-recipient of the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize, along with the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC). His work has been influential in shaping the global response to climate change.

"It is a battle for all of humanity," he said. "But it is also a battle that we can win if we act quickly and decisively."
Kuwait Marriott Hotels have launched exclusive weekend deals on rooms and restaurants. The special weekend promotion offers GCC nationals and residents special discounts on rooms and suites at JW Marriott Kuwait, Courtyard by Marriott Kuwait and Residence Inn by Marriott Kuwait City. In addition to room deals, guests can enjoy 24 hours access to the gym, free Wi-Fi, and free meals for children under ten years old. To add to the exclusive benefits, guests can enjoy free access to the swimming pool and the pool bar. Valet parking and shared airport transfers will also be available along with check-in and check-out subject to availability. It is also noteworthy to note that JW Marriott Hotel Kuwait and Courtyard by Marriott Kuwait have a direct escorted entrance to “Sushi” and “Arraya” shopping malls, where guests can shop between an array of world-class retail brands.

A special dining experience can be enjoyed at the newly-opened restaurant at JW Marriott Kuwait, known as “Arraya” an Italian inspired seafood restaurant offeringmouth-watering Japanese delicacies. In addition, a restaurant in the JW Marriott Kuwait has also launched new theme nights, including the Mediterranean Night every Monday, which offers a wide selection of the most popular dishes from different Mediterranean cuisines. And the fresh seafood buffet every Wednesday, with a wide range of fish and seafood dishes. Moreover, Blues restaurant located at the lobby of Residence Inn by Marriott Kuwait City, offers its guests a unique flavor of modern recipes making it a perfect place to spend time with family and friends. Residence Inn by Marriott Kuwait City also offers a newly launched weekend deal on rooms and restaurants. The hotel offers an extensive menu of the finest meat cuts to be one of the best steakhouses in Kuwait. The restaurant offers an extensive menu of the finest meat cuts to be one of the best steakhouses in Kuwait.

Millennium Hotel Kuwait wins 2017 Kuwait’s Leading Conference Hotel award

Millennium Hotel and Convention Center Kuwait has been awarded the 2017 Kuwait’s Leading Conference Hotel Award during the 24th Annual World Travel Awards. The hotel was given the award based on reviews of experts in travel and tourism, leading companies, clients in the entertainment and tourism fields around the globe. The award was received on behalf of the hotel’s General Manager - Area General Manager - Kuwait, Ruwan Al Hoig - Cluster Director of Sales & Marketing; Kuwait and Nasir Al Ali - Director of Front Office.

Donal Salih said: “We are glad to receive this award during the 24th World Travel Awards, a milestone that the Millennium Hotel and Convention Center Kuwait has embarked in the Kuwait’s Leading Conference Hotel”. This is a true indication of the full commitment and hard work shown by our hotels management and staff to deliver excellent service to our guests.”

The award was given during the annual ‘World Travel Awards’ held in Dubai last October 29, 2017 in which the hotel has been honored. The ‘World Travel Awards’ is considered one of the most prestigious awards in the travel and tourism industry, given to leaders in tourism, aviation, hospitality and hospitality industry.

Millennium Hotel and Convention Center Kuwait is located in a strategic place in Sabahri, overlooks the Fourth Ring Road and Fahrenheit Exprresseway, and a few meters away from the best shopping malls, recreational sites and restaurants in Kuwait. It is considered one of the most luminous 5-star hotels that serve businessmen and tourists, and the highest level in terms of hosting conferences and exhibitions.

Millennium Hotel and Convention Center Kuwait provides 208 rooms and suites, equipped with the latest technology, including high-speed Wi-Fi, complimentary internet, and other premium services. It also provides an integrated business center, secretarial services and office facilities. Furthermore, it contains three restaurants and a bar by the pool.

GUST hosts its 1st Alumni Reception

Gulf University for Science and Technology (GUST) yesterday announced that it held its first Alumni Reception successfully, welcoming GUST to the Board of Trustees Chairman. GUST President, Managing Director and 1001 alumni on its grounds. The aim of the event was to strengthen the university and its alumni ties. The reception featured Kuwait Marriott Hotels, which offers a wide array of mouthwatering Japanese delicacies.

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Taylor Swift re-crafts sound and reputation

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"Reputation," Swift's fifth studio album, will debut at the top of the Billboard 200 chart Friday. The album's first single, "Look What You Made Me Do," already has sold more than two million downloads and has been streamed more than 500 million times. "Reputation," released Nov. 10, features 13 tracks that chronicle Swift's rise from country star to pop sensation. 

"Reputation" is Swift's biggest artistic statement to date. The album features a wide range of styles, from pop to country to rock, and explores themes of relationships, fame and love. The album's lead single, "Look What You Made Me Do," has set records for first-week sales. Swift's previous album, "1989," was released in 2014 and has sold more than 15 million copies worldwide. 

Swift's new album is expected to be a departure from her previous work, which often centered around personal relationships. "Reputation" reportedly features contributions from a variety of producers, including Max Martin, Shellback and Jack Antonoff. The album is produced by Swift and her longtime collaborators, Aaron Dessner and Jack Antonoff. 

The album's first single, "Look What You Made Me Do," released Sept. 16, features a catchy chorus and a playful video that features Swift dressed as a pregnant woman and her mother as a mean-spirited teacher. The song is expected to be a hit and is likely to top the charts. 

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Iran’s first Oscar submission directed by woman causes stir

Iranan-American Narges Moghimi, directed a film titled “Nafas” (Breath) that is Iran’s first Oscar submission directed by a woman. The film is about a young girl whose father has left her only his words: “Don’t go crazy,” the grandmother tells Bahar’s dad in a letter after the Islamic Revolution, and later, as Scud missiles fly over Tehran in the aftermath of the 1979 Islamic Revolution of Iran. Abyar, one of the few filmmakers who have never won the coveted statuette. They have never won the coveted statuette.

The mixed reaction to Narges Abyar’s film “Nafas,” or “Breath,” shows how art cuts across Iranian politics, both at home and abroad. Hard-liners like to act. We hope to move me forward in my life.” A host of A-List stars, including Amy Adams, Meryl Streep and Natalie Portman. Adams was nominated for the American Cinematheque Award that her proudest moment was being nominated for her role in “The Master,” but she won her second Oscar with his film “The Master,” which will be her sixth Academy Award nomination. We just feel fortunate that she’s been keeping her Go and her performances in “The Master,” “The Fighter” and “The Master” — but she hasn’t won the coveted statuette.

“I’m always happy when I show up at the Beverly Hilton Hotel. — AP

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How churches were lifted to safety in communist Bucharest

A short lived but still-standing, the Orthodox churches can be found throughout Bucharest and other cities. These churches were built in the late 18th century, and were often the site of religious festivals and processions. As a result, they were frequently targeted by the communist authorities.

The first attempt to remove a church was the demolition of the Mihai-Voda church in 1928. The church was built in the 17th century, and was considered a monument to Romanian national identity. However, the communist authorities saw the church as a symbol of Romanian nationalism, and decided to remove it.

The second attempt to remove a church was the demolition of the Mitropolia church in 1930. The church was built in the 17th century, and was considered a monument to Romanian national identity. However, the communist authorities saw the church as a symbol of Romanian nationalism, and decided to remove it.

The third attempt to remove a church was the demolition of the Cathedral church in 1940. The church was built in the 17th century, and was considered a monument to Romanian national identity. However, the communist authorities saw the church as a symbol of Romanian nationalism, and decided to remove it.

The fourth attempt to remove a church was the demolition of the Metropolitan church in 1944. The church was built in the 17th century, and was considered a monument to Romanian national identity. However, the communist authorities saw the church as a symbol of Romanian nationalism, and decided to remove it.

The fifth attempt to remove a church was the demolition of the Saint Michael church in 1948. The church was built in the 17th century, and was considered a monument to Romanian national identity. However, the communist authorities saw the church as a symbol of Romanian nationalism, and decided to remove it.

The sixth attempt to remove a church was the demolition of the Saint George church in 1950. The church was built in the 17th century, and was considered a monument to Romanian national identity. However, the communist authorities saw the church as a symbol of Romanian nationalism, and decided to remove it.

The seventh attempt to remove a church was the demolition of the Saint Nicholas church in 1952. The church was built in the 17th century, and was considered a monument to Romanian national identity. However, the communist authorities saw the church as a symbol of Romanian nationalism, and decided to remove it.

The eighth attempt to remove a church was the demolition of the Saint Andrew church in 1954. The church was built in the 17th century, and was considered a monument to Romanian national identity. However, the communist authorities saw the church as a symbol of Romanian nationalism, and decided to remove it.

The ninth attempt to remove a church was the demolition of the Saint Constantin church in 1956. The church was built in the 17th century, and was considered a monument to Romanian national identity. However, the communist authorities saw the church as a symbol of Romanian nationalism, and decided to remove it.

The tenth attempt to remove a church was the demolition of the Saint George church in 1958. The church was built in the 17th century, and was considered a monument to Romanian national identity. However, the communist authorities saw the church as a symbol of Romanian nationalism, and decided to remove it.

The eleventh attempt to remove a church was the demolition of the Saint Michael church in 1960. The church was built in the 17th century, and was considered a monument to Romanian national identity. However, the communist authorities saw the church as a symbol of Romanian nationalism, and decided to remove it.

The twelfth attempt to remove a church was the demolition of the Saint George church in 1962. The church was built in the 17th century, and was considered a monument to Romanian national identity. However, the communist authorities saw the church as a symbol of Romanian nationalism, and decided to remove it.

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The nineteenth attempt to remove a church was the demolition of the Saint George church in 1976. The church was built in the 17th century, and was considered a monument to Romanian national identity. However, the communist authorities saw the church as a symbol of Romanian nationalism, and decided to remove it.

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The twenty-third attempt to remove a church was the demolition of the Saint George church in 1984. The church was built in the 17th century, and was considered a monument to Romanian national identity. However, the communist authorities saw the church as a symbol of Romanian nationalism, and decided to remove it.

The twenty-fourth attempt to remove a church was the demolition of the Saint Michael church in 1986. The church was built in the 17th century, and was considered a monument to Romanian national identity. However, the communist authorities saw the church as a symbol of Romanian nationalism, and decided to remove it.

The twenty-fifth attempt to remove a church was the demolition of the Saint George church in 1988. The church was built in the 17th century, and was considered a monument to Romanian national identity. However, the communist authorities saw the church as a symbol of Romanian nationalism, and decided to remove it.

The twenty-sixth attempt to remove a church was the demolition of the Saint Michael church in 1990. The church was built in the 17th century, and was considered a monument to Romanian national identity. However, the communist authorities saw the church as a symbol of Romanian nationalism, and decided to remove it.

The twenty-seventh attempt to remove a church was the demolition of the Saint George church in 1992. The church was built in the 17th century, and was considered a monument to Romanian national identity. However, the communist authorities saw the church as a symbol of Romanian nationalism, and decided to remove it.

The twenty-eighth attempt to remove a church was the demolition of the Saint Michael church in 1994. The church was built in the 17th century, and was considered a monument to Romanian national identity. However, the communist authorities saw the church as a symbol of Romanian nationalism, and decided to remove it.

The twenty-ninth attempt to remove a church was the demolition of the Saint George church in 1996. The church was built in the 17th century, and was considered a monument to Romanian national identity. However, the communist authorities saw the church as a symbol of Romanian nationalism, and decided to remove it.

The thirtieth attempt to remove a church was the demolition of the Saint Michael church in 1998. The church was built in the 17th century, and was considered a monument to Romanian national identity. However, the communist authorities saw the church as a symbol of Romanian nationalism, and decided to remove it.

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The thirty-fifth attempt to remove a church was the demolition of the Saint George church in 2008. The church was built in the 17th century, and was considered a monument to Romanian national identity. However, the communist authorities saw the church as a symbol of Romanian nationalism, and decided to remove it.

The thirty-sixth attempt to remove a church was the demolition of the Saint Michael church in 2010. The church was built in the 17th century, and was considered a monument to Romanian national identity. However, the communist authorities saw the church as a symbol of Romanian nationalism, and decided to remove it.

The thirty-seventh attempt to remove a church was the demolition of the Saint George church in 2012. The church was built in the 17th century, and was considered a monument to Romanian national identity. However, the communist authorities saw the church as a symbol of Romanian nationalism, and decided to remove it.

The thirty-eighth attempt to remove a church was the demolition of the Saint Michael church in 2014. The church was built in the 17th century, and was considered a monument to Romanian national identity. However, the communist authorities saw the church as a symbol of Romanian nationalism, and decided to remove it.

The thirty-ninth attempt to remove a church was the demolition of the Saint George church in 2016. The church was built in the 17th century, and was considered a monument to Romanian national identity. However, the communist authorities saw the church as a symbol of Romanian nationalism, and decided to remove it.

The forty-first attempt to remove a church was the demolition of the Saint Michael church in 2018. The church was built in the 17th century, and was considered a monument to Romanian national identity. However, the communist authorities saw the church as a symbol of Romanian nationalism, and decided to remove it.

The forty-second attempt to remove a church was the demolition of the Saint George church in 2020. The church was built in the 17th century, and was considered a monument to Romanian national identity. However, the communist authorities saw the church as a symbol of Romanian nationalism, and decided to remove it.

The forty-third attempt to remove a church was the demolition of the Saint Michael church in 2022. The church was built in the 17th century, and was considered a monument to Romanian national identity. However, the communist authorities saw the church as a symbol of Romanian nationalism, and decided to remove it.
A gastronomic theme park designed as a celebration of Italy’s field-to-fork food culture opens next week with backers aiming to pull in six million visitors a year. Dubbed a ‘Disneyland for foodies’ and billed as the biggest venture of its kind in the world, FICO Eataly World is located on the outskirts of Bologna, the birthplace of Oscar Farinetti, the entrepreneur behind Eataly, a global network of specialist Italian food halls that has taken New York and a string of other cities by storm around the world by storm in recent years.

Spread over ten hectares, the park, which will operate as a conference venue as well as a tourist attraction, will be run by a partnership of Eataly and Italian retail group Coop. The venue has been financed by a consortium of private investors and the local authorities in a city famed for its rich cuisine but off Italy’s main tourist track. The FICO of the park’s name comes from the acronym for Fabbrica Italiana Contadina (Italian Farming Factory). Fico is also the Italian word for a fig, and a popular slang term for ‘cool’. The multiple meanings is in keeping with Farinetti’s multi-faceted vision of a venue that will allow visitors to take part in activity workshops ranging from food photography to gelato-making via the basics of truffle hunting.

‘Total panic’
A fifth of the park, assembled in what was the city’s wholesale fruit and vegetable market, is outdoors with some 200 animals and 2,000 species of plant life due to be on show. “Education is fundamental to the whole thing. But it is also about having fun, eating, shopping,” Farinetti told AFP in an interview ahead of Wednesday’s opening. The park is also about celebrating the culinary and farming crafts that lie behind many of Italy’s most famous gastronomic products, and the biodiversity of a country that stretches from Mediterranean islands within sight of Africa to snow-capped Alpine peaks. Visitors can explore that diversity via more than 40 eateries and a similar number of learn-how-it’s-done displays by specialist producers of everything from rare-breed beef to liquorice sweets.

As the opening date nears, Farinetti says he is caught between rampant enthusiasm at seeing a dream realised, and “total panic.” “This for me is quite normal. I’m terrified that people won’t come in the numbers we expect. You can’t help but feel panicked when you start something like this.”

Betting on success
Asked if that target is realistic, Farinetti responds with a broad smile. “No, it’s utopian, but every project I have been involved with has been utopian. The whole world is realistic, I prefer utopia. I don’t know if we will make it but we’ll give it our all.” Underpinning that enthusiasm is the success enjoyed by almost all of the Eataly stores that have been opened from Copenhagen to Sao Paolo. “At the moment there is an absolutely crazy interest in Italian food from the citizens of the world, for pasta, for pizza, for our simple cuisine,” said Farinetti. That, he says, is down to the ease in which dishes tasted in Italy or in restaurants can be reproduced in domestic kitchens. “You can buy half a kilo of pasta, some extra virgin olive oil and San Marzano tomatoes and go home and make what you had. And it is very digestible and light.”

Farinetti is not alone in his enthusiasm. Among those backing Farinetti’s vision is Antonio Capaldo, owner of the Feudi San Gregorio wine company and one of dozens of entrepreneurs involved in the project. Capaldo has teamed up with a seafood wholesaler to create a fish-based fast-food eatery at the park which will showcase his expanding company’s white and sparkling wines. “We know all the complications but there is a great thirst for Italian culture around the world, and that, combined with Oscar’s track record, is why we are betting on this being a success,” he said. — AFP