



Documents show Britain pressed US to join Iran coup against Mosaddeq

2

# IRAN DAILY



Japanese minister: Expansion of economic cooperation with Iran on agenda

4

Number 5701 • Thursday August 10, 2017 • Mordad 19, 1396 • Dhu al-Qadah 17, 1438 • Price 5,000 Rials • 12 Pages • www.irandailyonline.ir



PM: French police arrest suspect behind attack on soldiers

3



Mou was right: Real is on another level to United

11



'The Servant' picked as master of Spain animation event

12

## Iran, Turkey, Russia sign oil, gas investment deal



ISNA

Iran, Russia and Turkey signed an agreement for joint investment in oil and gas development projects.

The agreement was signed in Moscow between Iran's Ghadir investment company, Russia's Zarubezhneft oil and gas intermediary and Turkey's Unit International, Shana reported.

This is the first tripartite agreement on partnership and investment between Iranian and foreign companies based on which the parties will establish joint ventures to finance projects both in and out of Iran.

According to the report, Iran's Ghadir Exploration and Production Company will lead the consortium, while each company will allocate equal share of investment in the jointly-financed projects.

"The three parties also agreed to follow all technical and economic activities related to the implementation of projects in partnership through forming technical and economic leadership teams," the report added.

Ghadir has signed a cooperation agreement with National Iranian Oil

Company (NIOC) to study of the third phase of the Darkhovin (Darquin), Sepehr and Jufair oil fields and Kish gas field as one of the qualified Iranian companies for exploration and production activities.

Zarubezhneft recently became one of the world's leading international companies approved by NIOC to participate in the development of Iran's oil and gas fields. In July 2016, Zarubezhneft signed an agreement with NIOC to survey West Paydar and Aban oil fields in western Iran for possible increase of recovery.

Continued on Page 4

## Rouhani appoints women veeps, aide

### Political Desk

Iran President Hassan Rouhani appointed two women as vice presidents and one as a civil rights assistant in his new cabinet.

In separate decrees on Wednesday, the Iranian president appointed Masoumeh Ebtekar as vice president for women and family affairs and La'ya Joneidi as vice president for legal affairs.

Ebtekar was a vice president and the head of Iran's Department of Environment during Rouhani's first term. Joneidi is a professor of law at the University of Tehran.

Rouhani also named Shahindokht Molaverdi as assistant for civil rights. Molaverdi was the vice president for women and family affairs in Rouhani's previous cabinet.

Iran's 12 vice presidents run organizations linked to the presidency. Rouhani on Tuesday presented a list of 17 nominees for ministerial positions to Parliament for a vote of confidence.

Continued on Page 2



Masoumeh Ebtekar



La'ya Joneidi



Shahindokht Molaverdi

## Kenya tensions spike as opposition cries foul over election results

President Uhuru Kenyatta appeared headed for reelection Wednesday but his rival Raila Odinga claimed a massive hacking attack had manipulated results, ratcheting up tensions in opposition strongholds. Police engaged in running battles with a few hundred protesters in Odinga's bastion Kisumu in western Kenya, firing tear gas as his supporters set tires alight. Burning barricades also went up in Nairobi's Mathare slum, AFP reporters said.

With ballots from 94 percent of polling stations counted, electoral commission (IEBC) results showed Kenyatta leading with 54.4 percent of the over 14 million ballots tallied against Odinga's 44.7 percent.

"These results are fake, it is a sham. They cannot be credible," Odinga told a press conference in the early hours of the morning as partial results fell quickly via an electronic tallying system aimed at preventing fraud.

His accusations, and the reaction from his supporters again raised the specter of electoral violence in Kenya, still traumatized by the memory of bloody post-poll clashes a decade ago which left 1,100 dead and 600,000 displaced.

"This is an attack on our democracy. The 2017 general election was a fraud," said Odinga, claiming detailed evidence of the hacker's movements. He would not say how he got the information, as he wanted to "protect his source".

Odinga claimed the IEBC had not provided the scanned forms meant to accompany the results.

The 72-year-old, who is making his fourth bid for the presidency as the flagbearer for the National Super Alliance (NASA) coalition, accused his rivals of stealing victory from him through rigging in 2007 and in 2013. "You can only cheat a people for so long," he said.

IEBC chairman Wafula Chebukati insisted the poll was "free and fair" and urged Kenyans to await the original forms backing up the results being streamed through electronically, to verify the figures seen on their public website.

"As a commission we shall carry out investigations to establish whether or not the (hacking) claims are true," he said.

Odinga urged his supporters to "remain calm as we look deep into this matter." But he added: "I don't control the people."

But police said officers opened fire on people protesting election results in an opposition stronghold in southwestern Kenya, killing one person.

Leonard Katana, a regional police commander, said the shooting happened on Wednesday when protesters clashed with security forces in South Mugirango constituency in Kisii County.

## North Korea considers missile strike on Guam after Trump's warning

North Korea said on Wednesday it is considering plans for a missile strike on the US Pacific territory of Guam, just hours after President Donald Trump told the North that any threat to the United States would be met with "fire and fury".

North Korea said it was "carefully examining" a plan to strike Guam, which is home to about 163,000 people and a US military base that includes a submarine squadron, an airbase and a Coast Guard group, Reuters reported.

A Korean People's Army spokesman said in a statement that the plan would be put into practice at any moment, once Leader Kim Jong-un made a decision.

Guam Governor Eddie Calvo dismissed the threat and said the island was prepared for "any eventuality" with strategically placed defenses. He said he had been in touch with the White House and there was no change in the threat level.

North Korea also accused the United States of devising a "preventive war" and said in another statement that any plans to execute this would be met with an "all-out war, wiping out all the strongholds of enemies, including the US mainland".

Washington has warned it is ready to use force if needed to stop North Korea's ballistic missile and nuclear programs but that it prefers global diplomatic action, including sanctions. The UN Security Council



AP

unanimously imposed new sanctions on North Korea on Saturday.

Trump issued his strongest warning yet for North Korea in comments to reporters in New Jersey on Tuesday. "North Korea best not make any more threats to the United States. They will be met with fire and fury like the world has never seen," Trump said.

US Secretary of State Rex Tillerson, before landing in Guam on a pre-arranged visit, said Trump was trying to send a strong message.

Just moments after Tillerson's remarks were reported, Trump hammered home his tough talk in a Twitter post about the US nuclear arsenal, in what looked like another warning to North Korea.

"My first order as President was to renovate and modernize our nu-

clear arsenal," he said. "It is now far stronger and more powerful than ever before."

China, North Korea's closest ally despite Beijing's anger at Pyongyang's missile and nuclear programs, described the situation as "complex and sensitive", and urged calm and a return to talks.

"China calls on all sides to uphold the main direction of a political resolution to the Korean peninsula nuclear issue, and avoid any words or actions that may intensify the problem and escalate the situation," it said in a statement.

Pyongyang says its intercontinental ballistic missiles (ICBMs) are a legitimate means of defense against perceived US hostility, including joint military drills with South Korea.

## Exclusive INTERVIEW

### Envoy: Iran, Turkey determined to boost annual trade to \$30b

By Sadeq Dehqan

Trade transactions between Iran and Turkey were on the rise before the imposition of anti-Iran sanctions in 2012.

The volume of bilateral trade fell following the enforcement of the US-led sanctions.

Nonetheless, the lifting of sanctions in January last year raised hopes for boosting Tehran-Ankara trade relations.

A few months ago, Iranian President Hassan Rouhani and his Turkish counterpart Recep Tayyip Erdogan agreed that annual bilateral trade should reach \$30 billion.

Iranian Ambassador to Turkey Mohammad Ebrahim Taherian-Fard says the Islamic Republic is determined to achieve this target.

In an interview with the Iran Daily, Taherian-Fard noted that the removal of sanctions will help the two neighbors enhance their economic ties in all spheres.

Excerpts of the interview are given below:

**Iran Daily: How do you evaluate the economic ties between Iran and Turkey?**

**Taherian-Fard:** Iran and Turkey are influential nations in the region which have established close ties in all fields. Tehran and Ankara maintain vast economic, political, cultural and security relations.

The two states have held 25 sessions of the Joint Economic Commission and they will soon hold the 26th session in Tehran. They have also held three strategic meetings attended by their respective presidents over the past four years.

**When will the 26th session of economic commission take place?**

Plans for holding the commission's session will begin as soon as President Rouhani starts his next presidential term. The commission will pave the ground for a new meeting between the Iranian and Turkish presidents.

**What are Iran and Turkey's plans to increase their bilateral trade to \$30 billion?**

President Rouhani and his Turkish counterpart Recep Tayyip Erdogan stressed in their last meeting that annual bilateral trade should reach \$30 billion. The Turkish economy minister followed up the case in his trip to Iran. It will also be pursued in the 26th session of the economic commission in Tehran.

Continued on Page 2



Mohammad Ebrahim Taherian-Fard

### Iran rejects 'bizarre' Saudi claims of support for Taliban

Iran's Embassy in Kabul dismissed as "bizarre" claims by a Saudi diplomat about the Islamic Republic's alleged links to Taliban terrorists and armed groups inside Afghanistan. In a Tuesday statement, the embassy said it regarded as "baseless and groundless" the unprofessional and divisive remarks by the Saudi chargé d'affaires in Kabul, Mishari al-Harbi, and completely rejected them. The Saudi diplomat had recently accused Iran of supporting the Taliban terrorists in Afghanistan, Press TV reported.



GETTY IMAGES

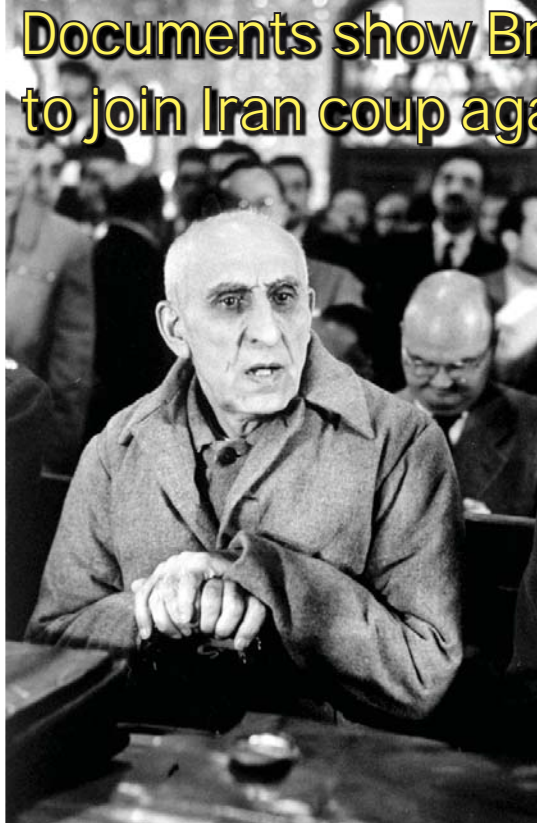
The Iranian diplomats have themselves been victims to acts of violence and terror in Afghanistan, it added. Taliban terrorists killed Mahmood Saremi, the correspondent of the Islamic Republic News Agency (IRNA), along with eight Iranian diplomats, in the northern Afghan city of Mazar-i-Sharif in 1998. The statement further said the root causes of the extremist and terrorist ideology in the region were clear to all and everyone is aware that the pursuit of such wrong policies by the sponsors of this ideology has led to numerous problems. It added that the Islamic Republic once again reiterates its principal policy in supporting Afghanistan's peace and stability and still believes that the war-ravaged country should turn into a place for constructive interaction among states.

The embassy also urged all countries to refrain from spreading their own issues and failures into Afghanistan. Afghanistan is still grappling with violence well over a decade after the US and its allies invaded the country as part of the so-called war on terror. The invasion removed the Taliban from power, but has failed to stop the militancy. Taking advantage of the chaos, the Daesh terror group, which is mainly based in the Middle East, has managed to establish a foothold in the eastern province of Nangarhar.

### Rouhani appoints women...

The list has the names of 17 out of 18 ministries. The nominee for the Ministry of Science, Research and Technology is yet to be submitted to the legislature. The cabinet list, however, did not include any women for ministerial posts. There has been only one female minister since Iran's Islamic Revolution in 1979. She was Marzieh Vahid-Dastjerdi, who served as health minister from 2009 to 2013 under Mahmoud Ahmadinejad - Roujhani's hardline predecessor. At a conference in February titled "Women, Moderation and Development", he called for a greater female presence in politics and culture. Separately on Tuesday, Rouhani reinstated Es'hag Jahangiri as the first vice president for a second consecutive term. Lawmakers will begin holding debates on the nominees on August 15, with the Iranian president being allowed to defend his cabinet picks. Rouhani, 68-year-old moderate cleric, beat conservative Ebrahim Raisi to the presidency in May after vowing to improve Iran's civil liberties and rebuild ties with the West.

## Documents show Britain pressed US to join Iran coup against Mosaddeq



The British government in 1952 repeatedly asked the US to join in a coup aimed at toppling Mohammad Mosaddeq, Iran's prime minister, according to newly declassified State Department documents. The files offer "the first officially-released confirmation of Britain's expressed aim in late 1952 to persuade Washington to help oust Mosaddeq," according to two scholars affiliated with the National Security Archive, the private non-partisan research organization that obtained the documents, the Financial Times reported. The "Top Secret" State Department memoranda - including one entitled "British proposal to organize a coup d'état in Iran" - also offer fresh insights into London's assessment of Iranian politics and the threat to British interests that eventually led to the August 1953 coup. That anti-government protests, backed by Britain and the US, toppled Mosaddeq, ushered in more than two decades of authoritarian rule by Mohammad Reza Pahlavi and embittered relations between Tehran and the West. In 1952, Winston Churchill's British government was desperate to regain control of Iran's oil industry, which Mosaddeq had nationalized the year before, "by virtually any available means, including military action," wrote Malcolm Byrne of the National Security Archive and Tulane University's Mark Gasiorowski. Beginning in October, British and the US officials met at least three

times to discuss prospects for toppling the Mosaddeq government. Sir Christopher Steel, the No. 2 official in the British Embassy in Washington, pitched the idea to reluctant US officials. In recent years, the British government has repeatedly pressed the US officials to shield from public view any official confirmation of London's efforts to oust the Iranian government. The documents made public on Tuesday were left out of a recent 1,007-page State Department volume released as part of its continuing "Foreign Relations of the United States" series. Byrne and Gasiorowski appealed against the government's decision to keep the documents classified. Before receiving an official reply, Gasiorowski discovered the records at a government archive in College Park, Maryland. Six decades after the notorious coup, the US Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) for the first time published a document in August 2013 which confirmed Washington's role in the coup d'état. The British and American intelligence agencies initiated the coup by the Iranian military, setting off a series of events, including riots in the streets of the capital, Tehran, which led to the overthrow and arrest of Mosaddeq. Mosaddeq, who was convicted of treason by a court martial, served three years in solitary confinement and then died under house arrest in exile in 1967.

### Parliament committee passes anti-US bill

Political Desk

Parliament's National Security and Foreign Policy Committee passed a bill which is prepared to confront the US hostile measures against Iran, a lawmaker said. The committee's Deputy Chairman Kamal Dehqani Firouzabadi said on Tuesday that the bill will be referred to the Guardian Council for the final ratification, IRNA reported. The move is aimed at retaliating Washington's new sanctions against Tehran over its missile program, human rights and what it calls Iran's support of terrorism. The US move has raised speculations about the US violation of the 2015 nuclear agreement between Tehran and P5+1 group of countries which includes the US itself. Iran's Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif, who attended the committee's session, said that Americans are not able to prevent Iran from enjoying benefits of the nuclear deal, which is also known as



the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA). According to the member of the committee Hossein Naqvi Hosseini, Zarif reminded the US government of the high price it will have to pay in case of withdrawing from the JCPOA. US President Donald Trump has called the agreement "a very bad" deal, and, as a presidential candidate, he had threatened that he would rip it up. However, last month he agreed for the second time to certify that Iran was in compliance.

### Shamkhani condemns deadly Taliban attack on Afghan village

Secretary of Iran's Supreme National Security Council Ali Shamkhani on Wednesday condemned a recent terrorist attack on innocent people in a village in Afghanistan's northern province of Sar-e-Pol. Ali Shamkhani, in a message to his Afghan counterpart, condoled the people and government of Afghanistan over the "inhumane crime", IRNA reported. On Sunday night, Taliban launched an attack on the Mirzawalang Village, which killed at least 60 people, including women and children, most of them members of the largely Shia Hazara community. A number of Afghan security forces were also among the dead.

The Taliban terrorists also torched 30 houses. Shamkhani described serious resolve, joint efforts by the neighbors, and genuine war on terrorism as the key to tackling such "painful measures by the extremist groups affiliated with the Takfiri ideologies." He also noted that Iran would spare no effort to guarantee "collective security" in the region and to restore stability to the countries damaged by terrorism. Iran will keep cooperating with the regional states, the Afghan government in particular, to combat the serious threat of terrorism, Shamkhani underlined.



IRNA

## INTERVIEW

### Envoy: Iran, Turkey determined...

**From Page 1**  
All-out efforts should be made to enable Tehran and Ankara promote economic ties and achieve the goal of boosting bilateral annual trade to \$30 billion. However, last year's bilateral trade stood at \$11 billion and it is estimated that this year's figure will remain unchanged. This shows that there is a large gap between the current value of bilateral trade and the \$30 billion target which should be achieved. Iran and Turkey have the same trade balance. The economies of the two states are complementary. They enjoy good ties in the energy sector. They can boost ties in transit, the construction sector and other fields. The 26th session of the economic commission can help Tehran and Ankara tap their potentials and boost their ties.

**As you said there is a large gap between the current value of bilateral trade and the \$30 billion target they should achieve. What should be done to fill this gap?**  
To fill this gap, Rouhani and Erdogan have asked their respective governments to double their efforts to boost political and economic relations. Iran and Turkey's joint economic commission also plays a great role in this regard. Likewise, regulations should be eased and grounds need to be prepared to help Tehran and Ankara increase their trade to the desired level. Moreover, border facilities should be upgraded. Presently, facilities in the border checkpoints are not up to expectations. Hence, necessary facilities must be prepared for passengers and transiting goods.

**What are Iran and Turkey's points of view with regard to fighting terror groups such as Daesh?**

Iran and Turkey have no hesitation in fighting terrorism. They have also established necessary cooperation to combat terrorism. Talks held in the Kazakh city of Astana over the Syria crisis indicate that they are interested in entering into negotiations to tackle regional problems.

**What's Tehran and Ankara's stance on a referendum on independence in Iraq's Kurdish autonomous region?**

Iran and Turkey have a clear strategy toward the territorial integrity of their neighbors, including Iraq and Syria. Iran has objected to the referendum and Turkey has echoed the same voice. Tehran and Ankara have announced that holding the referendum runs counter to the principles of Iraq's Constitution. The two countries have also said the measure will not contribute to improving the current situation in Iraq. Hence, they are opposed to it.

'Dead or alive' bounties

Philippines President Rodrigo Duterte announced that he will give policemen \$40,000 if they capture or kill "idiots" among their ranks accused of helping a mayor involved in the drug trade.

# UN: Saudi blockade of Yemen "collective punishment" for people

The United Nations called on Saudi Arabia to ease its 12-month blockade of Yemen's main airport so the sick and injured can get out and aid can get in.

Care International's Wael Ibrahim, the country director in the Yemen capital Sanaa, described the blockade as "collective punishment for people in Yemen", ABC News wrote.

"There is absolutely no justification for the airport to continue to close," he said.

Saudi Arabia shut down the Sanaa airport a year ago. The closure comes as Yemen is on the brink of famine, with 20 million people in need of food aid. One in three children have severe malnutrition and the health system is collapsing.

Meanwhile, Yemeni officials have raised the alarm that the country's national blood bank may be forced to close due to a lack of funds, according to Press TV.

"The center suffers from a complete shortage of supplies, including medical solutions, blood bags and medical needs," Yemen's National Blood Transfusion Center director, Dr. Adnan al-Hakimi said.

"We have issued an appeal to all civil society groups, businessmen and anyone interested in charity work to save the lives of those who are ill, injured or wounded so the center would not stop," he added.

The remarks come as the Doctors Without Borders organization, also known by its French acronym MSF, informed the bank it was suspending its aid after more than two years of work.

MSF had been doing extensive work in Yemen since the Saudi military invasion began in 2015, operating hospitals and clinics and providing medical supplies to various facilities.

In a report in January, the international charity said it had been providing regular blood testing kits to the blood bank since September 2015.

Munir al-Zubaidi, a spokesman for the bank, said that patients suffering various diseases, including thalassemia, cancer and kidney failures, as well as victims of the conflict stand to suffer if the bank closed down. "If the



center stops, a catastrophe will hit the whole country." The World Health Organization (WHO) said it was trying to help by sending further supplies.

Tarik Jasarevic, a WHO spokesman, has confirmed that the bank was at risk of closing.

"WHO is looking into ways to support the National Blood Transfusion Center," the UN health agency's spokesman said, adding, "Supplies were ordered but have not reached Yemen as of now."

Yemen has been torn by the ongoing Saudi military aggression that has destroyed much of the country's infrastructure, including its health system.

The developments also come as the country of 27 million has been struggling to cope with cholera. The epidemic has already affected some 600,000 people and killed nearly 2,000.

Saudi Arabia has been incessantly pounding Yemen since March 2015 in an attempt to reinstate former president, Abd Rabbuh Mansur Hadi, a staunch ally of Riyadh, and to undermine the Houthi Ansarullah movement. The Riyadh regime has, however, failed to reach its goals despite suffering great expenses.

The military aggression has claimed the lives of more than 12,000 people, mostly civilians.

## Hammas: Israel bombing a 'dangerous transgression'

Palestinian resistance movement Hammas said the Israeli bombing of its sites is a "dangerous transgression" that only Israel will bear its consequences.

"We will not allow the enemy to keep Gaza a testing ground for its weapons," Hammas spokesman Fawzi Barhoum said.

Israeli warplanes launched a number

of airstrikes targeting Hamas military positions in northern Gaza Strip late Tuesday, according to standardrepublic.com.

The shelling resulted in severe damage to the property and houses of the citizens adjacent to the targeted areas. Three injuries were reported, one of them critical, due to a fracture in the skull.

## Nagasaki mayor pleads for end to nuclear threat on bomb anniversary

Nagasaki must be the last place to suffer an atomic bombing, its mayor said Wednesday, marking 72 years since the devastating American nuclear attack on the Japanese city with a passionate call for denuclearization.

"A strong sense of anxiety is spreading across the globe that in the not too distant future these weapons could actually be used again," said Mayor Tomihisa Terae at a ceremony at Nagasaki Peace Park, according to AFP.

"Nagasaki must be the last place to suffer an atomic bombing," he said.

A bell tolled as thousands of people, including ageing survivors and relatives of victims, observed a minute's silence at 11:02 am (0202 GMT), the exact moment that the blast struck on

August 9, 1945 in the closing days of World War II.

Japan is the only country to have suffered atomic attacks.

The US dropped the first atomic bomb on Hiroshima on August 6, 1945, killing around 140,000 people. The toll includes those who survived the explosion itself but died soon after from severe radiation exposure.

Three days later, the US dropped a plutonium bomb on the port city of Nagasaki, killing some 74,000 people.

Japan announced its surrender in World War II on August 15, 1945.

Many in Japan feel the attacks amount to war crimes because they targeted civilians and due to the unprecedented destructive nature of the weapons.

## PM: French police arrest suspect behind attack on soldiers



Prime Minister Edouard Philippe confirmed that police had arrested the suspect behind an attack on French soldiers in a Paris suburb on Wednesday.

"A suspect who was driving the car involved in the attack has been arrested on the highway between Paris and Boulogne-sur-Mer," Philippe told lawmakers during parliament question time, Reuters reported.

A witness told Reuters news agency that they saw a BMW car, the model used in the attack,

with several bullet holes in it on the scene. One policeman was wounded by a stray bullet in the operation.

Soldiers taking part in Operation Sentinel were hit by a BMW in Levallois-Perret, a suburb to the north of Paris, on August 9.

Six soldiers were hurt, three seriously, the others having lighter injuries according to the French Ministry of Defense.

The mayor of Levallois said the attack was "without a doubt a deliberate act".

## Tens of thousands evacuated after China quake kills 19

China on Wednesday evacuated tens of thousands of people in its mountainous southwest after a strong earthquake killed at least 19 people, rattling a region where memories of a 2008 seismic disaster remain fresh.

The 6.5-magnitude earthquake struck Sichuan Province late on Tuesday, tearing cracks in mountain highways, triggering landslides, damaging buildings and sending panicked residents and tourists fleeing into the open, AFP reported.

Thousands of people, many of them tourists at a popular national park near the epicenter, were being evacuated to safety Wednesday after spending a nervous night out in the open as more than 1,000 aftershocks rippled across the region.

The area's difficult geography – and travel restrictions quickly imposed by authorities – have so far prevented a clear picture of the scale of the disaster from emerging, but there were no reports of catastrophic damage or large-scale casualties by Wednesday afternoon.

The quake killed at least 19 people and injured at least 247, 40 of them seriously, according to the local government of Aba prefecture where the epicenter was located.

Images on social media or in state news outlets showed cars and buses tossed into ravines or crushed by giant boulders jolted loose from surrounding hills, and rescue personnel combing through rubble for any victims.

Aerial footage broadcast by state-run Xinhua news agency showed picturesque green-forested mountains now scarred by huge gouges from giant landslides that sent clouds of dust into the air.

### 'We just ran'

The quake's epicenter was near Jiuzhaigou, a national park and UNESCO World Heritage Site famed for its karst rock formations, waterfalls and lakes. Xinhua said at least five of the deaths occurred there, and that more than 30,000 people had been evacuated from Jiuzhaigou alone.

"Nearly all the tourists are being evacuated," a Jiuzhaigou tour company worker who gave only her surname, Yan, told AFP by phone.

"We slept overnight in tour buses and have been staying in the open ground. Landslides are pretty bad, rocks keep falling down."

China's official earthquake monitoring agency said more than 1,000 aftershocks had been detected, the most powerful reaching magnitude 4.8 on Wednesday morning.

More than 2,000 kilometers (1,200 miles) to the northwest, a 6.3-magnitude tremor

shook the far-western border region of Xinjiang on Wednesday morning, according to the US Geological Survey.

The Xinjiang quake, which was followed by aftershocks of 5.2 and 5.3 magnitude, injured 32 people and damaged more than 1,000 homes, Xinhua said.

### 'All-out efforts'

President Xi Jinping called for "all-out efforts to rapidly organize relief work and rescue the injured" in the Sichuan quake.

Hundreds of soldiers and rescue personnel had been deployed to the Jiuzhaigou area, along with hundreds of vehicles, and dozens of sniffer dogs and devices used to detect life underneath rubble.

The quake struck at a shallow depth of 10 kilometers, the USGS said, and was reportedly felt hundreds of kilometers from the epicenter. Shallow quakes tend to cause more surface damage.

It evoked memories of a massive 8.0-magnitude earthquake that devastated wide areas of the same region in 2008, leaving 87,000 people dead or missing in China's worst seismic disaster in a generation.

## OPINION

### Time to rethink UK's engagement with Saudi Arabia

By Sherine el-Taraboulsi & James Firebrace

The UK has long been criticized for its close relationship with Saudi Arabia but it is time to rethink it.

Many Yemenis increasingly see the UK's arms sales in recent years as a vote in favor of the war in their country – a sign of its complicity. While trade and arms deals have brought in billions in recent years, the deals are damaging the UK's international reputation.

As the Yemeni crisis deteriorates from bad to worse and the country faces the worst cholera outbreak in history, it is time for the UK to rethink its foreign policy approach with Saudi Arabia. Failure to do so runs counter to the UK's interests and could potentially compromise its long-term security and commercial gains, as well as its ability to influence the peace process within the Middle East.

The UK is able to play an important role as mediator by pushing for peace in the region and this requires a rethink of UK engagement with Saudi Arabia.

A three-point proposal which UK government must consider:

1. The UK must suspend all arms sales that have the potential to be used against civilians until a sustainable peace in Yemen is achieved. Since the beginning of the conflict, one in three Saudi airstrikes have hit civilian sites in Yemen. Over 10,000 people have been killed and at least 40,000 injured in the conflict. Besides the human toll, Saudi's airstrikes have also resulted in the demolition of Yemen's already limited infrastructure with the destruction of roads, bridges and factories. We need to start by banning helicopters and fighter jets, along with their guided missile systems.

Despite the UK's donation of \$85 million over the past year, its humanitarian commitment to the conflict is fundamentally compromised by arms sales to Saudi Arabia. The High Court has recently rejected claims that the Government is acting unlawfully by failing to suspend the sale of UK arms to Saudi Arabia. The UK should not be contributing to the death toll in Yemen but, with this court ruling, it has become uncomfortably close to complicity, with UK military and companies implicated in the operation of Saudi's bombing sorties.

Unless the UK government reviews its arms trade interests, it is damaging its international moral standing and the humanitarian principles that must be protected. But this is not just about morality. It is also about the UK's security and commercial interests to exert every pressure to end a war that has led to Al-Qaida and ISIS (Daesh) thriving in ungoverned spaces.

2. The UK must call for better international surveillance at Yemeni ports. The current Saudi-led coalition has been blocking shipments of humanitarian supplies. The humanitarian has been recently described by the UN as the largest humanitarian crisis in the world. As a result of the blockade, 7 million people have been pushed to the brink of famine.

The UK must exert pressure on Saudi Arabia through the UN Security Council to allow food and medical supplies to reach people in need. Satellite technology is key to increasing the effectiveness of surveillance at minimal cost. Opportunities for arms smuggling need to be shut down and vital international shipping lanes protected from disruption.

3. The UK must decisively push for an independent investigation of violations of International Humanitarian Law (IHL) in Yemen by both sides to the conflict. The Saudi Arabia-led coalition has bombed hospitals and other civilian infrastructure and carried out indiscriminate attacks, killing and injuring civilians so much so that in August 2017, Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) said it had lost "confidence in the Coalition's ability to avoid such fatal attacks".

Failure to hold parties to the conflict accountable to IHL only allows the current absence of accountability to continue unchallenged, compromising the UK as a peace broker in the negotiations. These proposals are ambitious but consistent with the UK's public recognition that there is no military solution in Yemen. Peace is the only way forward and the UK needs to raise the game urgently. Past approaches have simply not worked. The scale of Yemen's unfolding disaster and economic collapse, with all its humanitarian and security implications, call for immediate action.

Excerpts from a larger article were published by Open Democracy on August 9.

## Japanese minister:

## Expansion of cooperation with Iran on agenda

Domestic Economy Desk

Tokyo has placed enhancing and improving economic cooperation with Tehran on its agenda and will provide necessary support for this, said the Japanese minister of economy, trade and industry.

Hiroshige Seko made the remark in a meeting with Iran's Deputy Foreign Minister for Legal and International Affairs Abbas Araçchi in Tokyo on Wednesday, IRNA reported.



Araçchi is in Japan to meet a number of the country's top officials.

Speaking in the meeting, Seko congratulated Iranian President Hassan Rouhani on his reelection, saying the history of long-standing relations between Iran and Japan dates back to over 1,000 years ago. "Japan is willing to maintain its present level of ties with Iran and even expand them."

Describing Iran's nuclear negotiations with the six world powers as "important", the Japanese minister said his country firmly supports the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA), signed between Tehran and P5+1, and its implementation.

Speaking in the same meeting, Araçchi expressed his gratitude to Japan for expressing support for the JCPOA and described relations between the two countries as good and friendly.

He stressed that following the implementation of the JCPOA, new capacities have been created in relations between the two countries.

Araçchi said at present, the ground is fully prepared for the expansion of cooperation between Iran and Japan.

He noted that the JCPOA is strongly supported by the international community, adding the United Nations, the European Union as well as the major part of the international community call for the precise and complete implementation of the deal by all signatories.

Araçchi also called on the Japanese government to encourage Japanese institutes to carry out activities in Iran by providing necessary supports and facilities.

## OPINION

## Revising laws, regulations, key to resolving economic problems

Domestic Economy Desk

Following his inauguration on August 5, Iranian President Hassan Rouhani officially began his second term in office and submitted his list of Cabinet ministers to the Parliament for vote of confidence.

At present, a great deal of the country's problems are due to inefficient labor, social security and banking system laws and regulations, which are required to be amended by the Rouhani administration during its next four-year term.

Domestic banking system lies within the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Finance. The governor of Central Bank of Iran as well as the minister of economic affairs and finance formulate the general policies of this sector as well as those aimed at managing domestic monetary market. A more effective method is expected to be devised for the management of the monetary market in the next four years.

The measures taken and policies adopted in the past few years have only led to a hike in liquidity in Iran's market which has, per se, imposed a heavy burden on domestic economy.

Moreover, closer ties should be developed between the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Finance and the Ministry of Cooperatives, Labor and Social Welfare to ensure greater and more effective coordination between them and revise the labor law.

In addition, the government should bring prosperity and dynamism to small and medium-sized industries as they account for more than 50 percent of the country's GDP and play an important role in increasing the employment rate.

After stimulating these industries, the Rouhani administration should do something about revising the country's social security and labor laws.

Nevertheless, unless the banking system undergoes a substantial revision, it would not be possible to stimulate the small- and medium-sized industries and help pull the domestic economy out of recession. The Rouhani administration is expected to do its best to handle this challenge.

Domestic private sector expects the 12th government to restore prosperity and dynamism to the small- and medium-sized industries which are run by the sector. These industries are currently beset with a number of problems including a lack of liquidity and foreign currency resources which are needed for importing raw materials and modern machinery.

In addition, the government is required to prepare the ground for the increased presence of private companies in its talks with foreign companies on exporting Iranian products.

To help private Iranian companies, involved in small- and medium-sized industries, have a greater presence in international markets and be able to compete with their foreign counterparts, the government is required to stimulate them and help them operate at their full nominal capacity. Following this stage, these companies are required to be shored up so that they can improve the quality and reduce the prime cost of their products by conforming to international standards.



## Minister: \$67b investment envisaged in petrochemical projects

Domestic Economy Desk

Iran's Oil Minister Bijan Namdar Zanganeh said the ministry has envisaged plans to implement 68 petrochemical projects by attracting \$67 billion in investment.

Zanganeh, whose reappointment was proposed by President Hassan Rouhani, said the projects should become operational in the second four-year term of the Rouhani ad-

ministration (2017-2021).

Rouhani submitted the names of his cabinet nominees, including Zanganeh, for parliamentary approval on Tuesday after his inauguration following a landslide victory in the May presidential election.

The minister said petrochemical output rose 10 million tons every year under the Rouhani government reaching to 50 million tons in May 2017 from 40.6 million tons in May 2016.

Zanganeh noted that petrochemical exports also rose to over 17 million tons in the year to March 2017 from 12.8 million tons four years earlier.

He added that boosting petrochemical exports are in line with the objectives of "resistance economy" plans outlined by Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei. The "resistance economy" is aimed at making Iran's economy more self-reliant and doing away with cutting unnecessary imports.

## Spain's SERNAUTO ready to cooperate with Iran Khodro

Spanish Auto Parts Manufacturer Association (SERNAUTO) expressed its readiness to cooperate with Iran Khodro.

exports to Spain since March 21 and assessed trade and business ties between the two countries as bright.



Officials from SAPCO, the spare part manufacturers of Iran Khodro, in a meeting with a high-ranking delegation from SERNAUTO exchanged views on broadening cooperation and interaction in relevant field, Fars News Agency reported.

Spanish Ambassador to Iran Edwardo Lopez Busquets, who also attended the meeting, pointed to the 56-percent growth of Iran's

He said as representative of more than 1,000 manufacturers and suppliers of auto parts for Spain, SERNAUTO is ready to cooperate with the largest Iranian automaker, Iran Khodro Company.

Spain's auto parts manufacturing industry exported €17.5 billion worth of high-quality parts in 2016, showing a considerable 2.7-percent growth in the same year, he said.

## Gas extraction from South Pars doubled in four years



Managing director of Iran's Pars Special Economic Energy Zone (PSEEZ) announced that natural gas output from the giant South Pars Gas Field in the southern province of Bushehr has doubled in the past four years.

Mahdi Yousefi commended efforts made to develop gas extraction from South Pars, recalled that gas production from the field shared with neighboring Qatar amounted to 270 million cubic meters per day four years ago, Tasnim News Agency reported.

He added that with the completion of various phases of the gas field over the past three years, gas extraction from the South Pars was more than doubled, reaching 600 million cubic meters per day.

The official further underlined that today, Iran's gas extraction from South Pars is now equal to that of Qatar.

Earlier in April, the South Pars phases 17, 18, 19, 20 and 21 were inaugurated by Iran's President Hassan Rouhani.

South Pars Gas Field, whose development has been divided into 28 phases, is located in the Persian Gulf straddling the maritime border between Iran and Qatar. This gas field covers an area of 9,700 square kilometers, of which 3,700 square kilometers are located in Iran's territorial waters.

It is estimated that the Iranian section of the field contains 14 trillion cubic meters of gas and 18 billion barrels of condensates in place.

## Iran, Turkey, Russia sign oil...

From Page 1

The company is a state-owned enterprise active involved in exploration, development and drilling of oil and gas fields both inside and outside Russia. It has been involved with major companies such as ExxonMobil USA, Total France and Statoil Norway in oil and gas projects in recent years.

Unit International Turkey is a private company operating in the fields of energy and electricity generation in

Turkey, Iran and European countries.

In March, South Korea's SK Engineering and Construction (SK E&C) signed an agreement with Unit International to build and operate five gas-fired power plants in Iran with an investment of \$4.2 billion.

The power stations would have a combined generation capacity of 5,000 megawatts, making them Iran's largest privately developed power plants, South Korea's Yonhap news agency quoted SK E&C officials as saying at the time.



China's consumer price index rose 1.4 percent in July from a year ago, missing estimates, the National Bureau of Statistics said on Wednesday.

# 10 years later: What really sparked the financial crisis?



You could spend days arguing over when the great financial crisis started — about when we should pencil in as the birthday for the tidal wave that hit so many global economies.

But among the contenders, August 9, 2007 is a pretty good option, according to Sky News.

Ten years ago on August 9 came the first public sign that something disastrous was brewing.

French bank BNP Paribas announced that it was suspending withdrawals and investments in three different funds. The bank said it had become impossible to calculate their value because of a "complete evaporation of liquidity".

In retrospect, this should have been an enormous alarm bell.

There was no liquidity because banks and other financial institutions had stopped lending to each other. And the reason they had done that was due to rising nervousness that a huge storm was about to hit.

For years, these lenders had put more and more emphasis on loaning money to people to buy, well, just about anything. Mostly houses, but also cars, businesses, land and many other things around the world. And for years, the bubble had grown.

Why? Well because of consumer confidence, fed by easy credit.

Here's how it works: You want to buy a house, but it costs a lot of money. The bank lends you just about the entire cost of the house, even though it's not entirely sure you can pay that money back. You buy the house, so do lots of other people, and so the value of houses starts going up.

That leads to two things — for one, the house that you just bought is now worth ever more, so both you and the bank can feel more confident about that investment. And secondly, as prices go up, more would-be buyers are panicked into buying before prices become unaffordable. More people buy more houses with more borrowed money, at ever growing prices. That's the bubble getting bigger.

But the problem with this sort of bubble is that it never, ever stays that big forever.

It doesn't suddenly pop but, like an old balloon, gradually deflates.

In this case, people (mainly American homeowners) ended up borrowing a lot more than they could afford to pay back.

They defaulted on their loans in growing numbers and, in many cases, lost their home. Not only did that ruin lives, but it also meant that those loans were now not getting paid back. To use the jargon of the time, they had become "toxic".

What was different about this financial crisis — and

what was particularly dangerous — was that those high-risk loans from various companies had already been bundled up and turned into new financial products, traded around the world and given the fancy name of Collateralized Debt Obligations.

Thanks to CDOs, when the US housing market slumped, it caused financial chaos all over the world. The first tangible sign was that announcement from Paris, a decade ago.

A month later, Northern Rock collapsed. So did everyone jump up on that August day, waving their arms in the air in shock?

Well, a few did.

The European Central Bank saw the smoke signals and pumped a load of money into the banking system to try to stimulate lending.

The Bank of England's governor came back from holiday to ensure the British banking system could stand up to the tremors (it couldn't).

But much of the wider world, the importance of the announcement was missed. Papers, broadcasters, analysts, most thought it was interesting, but not world-changing.

Only in the head offices of banks and hedge funds on either side of the Atlantic was the true picture becoming clear — a picture of toxic loans, of banks whose balance sheets were about to crumble.

## Main Indices of TSE

Index	Value	Change	Percent
Total Index	81579.3	2522.5	3.11
Industry Index	70485.4	2306.2	3.29
Free Float Index	89573.2	3826	4.27
First Market Index	57173.3	2388.7	4.21
Second Market Index	177753.2	2030.5	1.14

## Overall Index details on 20170809

First	81313.9	Change end of year(%)	919.04%
High	81626.5	Historical highest	89500.6 (20140105)
Low	81370.7	Historical lowest	100 (1369/1/6)
Close	81579.3	Base Value	100 (1369/1/6)
Change	2522.5		

## Industry Index details on 20170809

First	70220.9	Change end of year(%)	1034.32%
Max Value	70531.2	Historical highest	75181.9 (20140105)
Max Value	70278.2	Historical lowest	1226.8 (1377/8/25)
Closing	70485.4	Base Value	
Closing	2306.2		

## Free Float Index details on 20170809

First	89598.8	Change end of year(%)	
Max Value	89665	Historical highest	105040 (20140105)
Max Value	89154.9	Historical lowest	
Closing	89573.2	Base Value	
Closing	3826		

## Main Board Index details on 20170809

First	56939.4	Change end of year(%)	787.77%
Max Value	57223.4	Historical highest	67441.4 (20140105)
Max Value	56380.7	Historical lowest	
Closing	57173.3	Base Value	4740.4 (1381/6/2)
Closing	2388.7		

## Secondary Index details on 20170809

First	177435.4	Change end of year(%)	1317.58%
Max Value	177789.7	Historical highest	181353 (20170522)
Max Value	177894	Historical lowest	
Closing	177753.2	Base Value	4740.4 (1381/6/2)
Closing	2030.5		

## Oil falls for third day as doubts over OPEC cuts linger



Crude futures fell for a third day on Wednesday despite a bigger than expected fall in US oil inventories reported by an industry group, with doubts lingering over the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries' ability to restrain supply as promised.

Benchmark Brent crude was down 24 cents, or 0.5 percent, at \$51.90 a barrel at 02:33 GMT in the previous session, it settled down 0.4 percent, Reuters wrote.

US West Texas Intermediate crude (WTI) was down 15 cents, or 0.3 percent, at \$49.02 a barrel, after falling 0.4 percent on Tuesday.

Crude stockpiles in the US dropped more than expected last week as imports declined and refinery runs increased, while gasoline inventories increased unexpectedly, the American Petroleum Institute said late on Tuesday.

Crude inventories declined by 7.8 million barrels in the week to 478.4 mil-

lion, compared with analyst expectations for a decrease of 2.7 million barrels.

On Tuesday, it trimmed its forecast for gains in US oil production for 2018, though it increased its outlook for output growth this year.

Bob Takai, president at Sumitomo Corp. Global Research in Tokyo, said, "Oil is stuck in a range of \$45-\$50 for WTI and a bit more for Brent. US shale is slowing down a bit looking at the rig count as they cannot make money when oil is under \$50."

The market seems immune to bullish signs of falling stockpiles as OPEC and other major producers struggle to maintain compliance with a deal to cut output.

A recovery in Libya's oil output and higher production in Nigeria have complicated OPEC's efforts to curb supply, while US shale oil drillers have ramped up production.

## Egypt's economic growth exceeds gov't expectations

Egypt's economic growth rate during the fiscal year 2016-17 exceeded the government's expectations, reaching 4.1 percent while the total budget deficit hit 10.9 percent of the gross domestic product compared to 12.5 percent in the previous fiscal year.

During a meeting with Egyptian President Abdel-Fattah al-Sisi, Planning Minister Hala al-Said said that indicators showed that the economic growth rate reached 4.9 percent during the last quarter of the fiscal year 2016-17, which ended in late June, bringing the annual economic growth rate to 4.1 percent, Xinhua reported.

The minister added that the GDP growth rate increased for the first time since 2007, in addition to an increase in commodity exports by 10 percent and a decrease of imports by 14 percent.

Trade deficit dropped by 26 percent, and the unemployment rates declined during the third quarter of the fiscal year from 12.7 to 12 percent, reflecting an increase in employment opportunities as a result of

national projects being implemented across the country, al-Said said.

Meanwhile, Sisi asserted, during another meeting with Prime Minister Sherif Ismail and Finance Minister Amr al-Garhy, the necessity of maintaining efforts to cut the budget deficit and debt rates in the new budget for the fiscal year 2017-18, state-run MENA news agency reported.

Sisi also called for rationalizing spending, increasing growth rates and raising social security allocations through supporting food commodities and expanding direct cash support programs.

During the meeting, Al-Garhy reviewed a report on the initial estimates of financial performance for the fiscal year 2016-17.

The report showed that Egypt's total budget deficit hit 10.9 percent of the GDP compared to 12.5 percent in the previous fiscal year.

The primary budget deficit for the fiscal year 2016-17 reached 1.8 percent, worth 63 billion Egyptian pounds



(\$3.55 billion) against 3.5 percent, 96 billion Egyptian pounds in the past fiscal year.

The annual revenue growth stood at 28 percent of the GDP, which surpassed the annual expenditure growth that amounted to 22 percent of the GDP, according to the report.

## Major Currencies

Currency	To USD	Currency	To USD
Turkish Lira	0.2824	Chinese Yuan	0.1497
Euro	1.1747	UAE Dirham	0.2722
British Pound	1.3012	Kuwaiti Dinar	3.3104
Australian Dollar	0.7891	Iraqi Dinar	0.0008
Japanese 100 Yen	0.0091	Saudi Riyal	0.2666

## Major Commodities

Crude Oil	\$49.35	Silver	\$16.61
Gold	\$1273.70	Platinum	\$979.90
Copper	\$2.94	Wheat	\$459.00

A new study found that the effects of climate change, which are apparent in other parts of the Antarctic continent, are not yet observed for glaciers in the western Ross Sea coast.

## Iran can attract 1m health tourists

Iran can host one million health tourists, said Minister of Cooperatives, Labor and Social Welfare Ali Rabiei.

Addressing representatives of 32 countries in a meeting on medical tourism in Mashhad, Khorasan Razavi Province, on Tuesday, Rabiei said, Iran's most important feature in medical tourism is the low price it offers compared to those in other countries, IRNA reported.

Iran's medical tourism, he noted, has other attractions as well, such as the country's high security, experienced medical staff, spas, salt-water lakes, and mud therapy facilities.

In terms of its natural, climatic and historical attractions, Iran ranks tenth, fifth and fourth respectively in the world, he added.

Thanks to its geographical location, conditions in neighboring countries, reasonable prices and advanced medical facilities, Iran is gradually becoming a destination for health tourists from the region, especially from Muslim countries.

Hospitals in Iranian cities offer medical and healthcare services for foreign health tourists. Medical services in Iran are comparable with those offered in advanced countries. Geographical proximity as well as cultural and religious commonalities have turned Iran into one of the best and most economically attractive destinations for health tourists.

Iran has a highly educated workforce and is a local leader in scientific and health development. It is one of the top five countries in the world in biotech and nine out of 15 high-usage biotech molecules are produced in Iran.

Hence, the country has a great opportunity to attract health tourists from Muslim countries. For instance, the existence of mineral springs in many parts of the country makes it an ideal location for health tourism.

Other potential areas include fertility treatment, stem cell treatment, dialysis, heart surgery, cosmetic surgery and eye surgery. It also produces specialized medicines such as the anti-AIDS drug IMOD, and other high-tech drugs.

Foreign health tourists can be subdivided in two groups. The first includes those who travel from advanced countries to other parts of the world seeking high-level medical service at considerably lower prices.

The other group of health tourists are those who come from less advanced and less developed countries where medical services are not satisfactory and Iran can offer them greater health services at very reasonable prices.

About 30,000 health tourists come to Iran each year, in addition to some 200,000 health, fitness and spa tourists.



GETTY IMAGES

CHINSTRAPS

## Penguin feathers record migration route

How do you trace where a penguin has swum across the vastness of the Southern Ocean?

The surprising answer is from the chemistry of a single tail feather, BBC reported.

Incredibly, specific compounds in penguin feather proteins allow scientists to track the birds' migration over many hundreds of kilometers.

The plumage records a kind of 'chemical passport' stamped with a signature of the locations visited.

Michael Polito, of Louisiana State University, the US, said: "You can say: 'Penguins are where they eat,' because a geochemical signature of their wintering area is imprinted into their feathers."

Two species of penguin — Chinstraps and Adélies — are the focus of the study published this week in Biological Letters.

These animals both live on islands surrounding Antarctica, and migrate extensively in winter to reach rich-feeding grounds.

Polito's team attached geo-locator devices to 52 adults at their breeding colonies on the South Shetland Islands, which lie 120km off coast of Antarctica.

The scientists returned a year later to retrieve the tags in order to determine where the birds had been traveling.

The use of such devices to trace the movements of long-ranging animals has revolutionized biology — both on land and in the oceans. But, this technique, so often

seen on TV documentaries, has its drawbacks.

It can be expensive, as well as causing some discomfort during attachment and removal.

But in this new study the scientists also employed a new, cheaper, less invasive method to track the birds — one they believe can be just as reliable.

Polito and his colleagues removed a piece of tail feather for laboratory study from each penguin that had a tracker on it. They then compared data on location from the tag and from the chemistry of the feather. And they matched.

The chemistry locked in the feather records where the penguins migrated just as faithfully as the electronic trackers.

The team uses a technique called compound specific isotope analysis to tell not only what the penguins have eaten but where they ate it.

This works because the krill upon which the penguins feed incorporate into their own tissues a chemical signature of the ocean chemistry where they live.

When the penguins then eat the krill, they in turn incorporate the krill chemistry, including the signature of where the krill live.

In the case of penguins, the tail feather is selected for analysis because it is lost after breeding and grows back again during migration, and so its chemistry reflects that particular episode in the penguin's life.

# Pars Diplomatic Real Estate

## Apartment

Apt in Velenjak  
1<sup>st</sup> floor, 350 sq.m, 3 Bdrs.  
fully furn, spj, lobby  
**\$7000**

Suitable for Diplomats  
Ms.Diba: 09128103206

Apt in Mahmoodieh  
5<sup>th</sup> floor, 320 sq.m, 3 Bdrs.  
lobby, spj, big balcony, fully  
furn, diplomatic  
**\$6000**

Ms.Diba: 09128103206

Amazing Luxury  
Apartment in Fereshteh  
200 sq.m, 3 Bdrs., 2  
parkings, fully furn, large  
and beautiful lobby, sauna,  
pool, Jacuzzi gym saloon  
Only **\$4200 per month**  
Ms.Sara 09128103207

Several Apts in Garden  
Tower in Elahieh  
new, from 150 sq.m to 250  
sq.m Apts, 3 Bdrs., garden,  
spj, equipped kitchen, could  
be fully furn and new brand  
lobby, opposite to French  
school, good access to  
Sadr highway  
**Reasonable Price**  
Ms.Diba: 09128103206

## Villa

Super Luxury Villa in Elahieh  
1500 sq.m, 900 sq.m built up  
duplex, green garden, outdoor  
pool, renovated, furn & unfurn  
**\$15000**

Suitable for  
Embassy & Residency  
Ms.Diba: 09128103206

Luxury Villa in the North  
duplex, 1200 sq.m built up,  
2000 sq.m land, 5 Bdrs., big  
saloon servant, indoor pool,  
Spj renovated, beautiful and  
green garden, semi furn,  
renting also for Iranian  
**\$18000 negotiable**  
Suitable for Embassies  
Ms.Diba: 09128103206

Duplex Villa in Niavaran  
450 sq.m built up in 650 sq.m  
land, one extra Apt, Jacuzzi  
Pkg, indoor pool, Spj, **\$7000**  
Suitable for  
Residency of Ambassadors  
Ms.Diba: 09128103206

Superlux villa in Zafaranih  
2 Bdrs., fully furn, green  
garden, outdoor pool, parking  
**\$4500**  
Suitable for Foreigners  
Ms.Diba: 09128103206



Holder of  
ISO 9001 :2008  
ISO 10004 :2012  
ISO 10002 :2014

From Oxford Cert Universal

**Best Consultation,  
Best Services, Best Result**

Section Manager "Tina 09128103205"

Tel: 22662452-8, fax: 22667173

**Hot Line: 28141**

info@parsdiplomatic.com

## Building & Office

Commercial Villa in Jordan  
duplex villa, 1000 sq.m, flat,  
completely renovated, green  
garden, outdoor pool, parking,  
good access to highway, **\$50000**  
Suitable for Foreign Companies  
Ms.Diba: 09128103206

Whole Building in the best  
location in North of Tehran  
2 block, each block 5 Apts,  
totally 10 Apts, 35 rooms, lobby,  
too many parking, best location,  
best view, perfect quality, roof  
garden outdoor pool  
Suitable for  
Embassy, Residency &  
Companies  
Ms.Diba: 09128103206

Office in Bokharest  
500 sq.m, flat, renovated, lobby  
parking  
Price per each sq **\$45**  
Suitable for companies  
Ms.Diba: 09128103206

New Whole Building in  
Aqdasieh  
6<sup>th</sup> floor, 12 units, Apts between  
170 sq.m to 250 sq.m with 3  
Bdrs. Spj, parking, 2500 sq.m  
built up 700 sq.m land  
Suitable for  
Embassy & Residency  
Ms.Diba: 09128103206

## Ideal offers

Very Nice Office  
in Jordan  
88 sq.m, furn/unfurn, **\$1200**  
Available for Rent  
Ms.Sara 09128103207

Limited Offer in Aqdasieh  
120 sq.m, 2 Bdrs., fully furn  
very clean & nice, **\$4200**  
Ms.Sara 09128103207

Nice Apt in Zafaranih  
4<sup>th</sup> floor, 130 sq.m, 2 Bdrs.  
completely renovated, luxury  
furn, cozy & diplomatic,  
near to Paladium, **\$2300**  
Ms.Diba: 09128103206

Office in Jordan  
110 sq.m to 240 sq.m, full of  
foreign companies, could  
be flat, parking lot with  
extra visitors parking, loby,  
security renovated, almost  
new  
Price per each sq **\$40**  
Ms.Diba: 09128103206

Office in Valiasr  
from 250 sq.m up to 7000  
sq.m commercial office,  
ready for renting to foreign  
companies lobby, parking lot,  
good access to highway  
Ms.Diba: 09128103206

مالکین محترم  
ویلاي شما را جهت اجاره به منزل سفیر  
و مدیران شرکت‌های بین‌المللی  
در مناطق شمالی تهران نیازمندیم

بهترین مشاوره، برترین سرویس، بالاترین رضایت  
مالکین محترم املاک میله و غیر میله، مسکونی، اداری و تجاری، ویلا  
و مستغلات شما را جهت اجاره به سفارتخانه‌ها و شرکت‌های خارجی نیازمندیم

مالکین محترم  
ساختمان دربست در مناطق شمال تهران  
جهت اجاره به یک سفارتخانه  
و کمپانی‌های خارجی نیازمندیم

# Music therapy may not lead to big benefits for autistic kids

Children with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) don't benefit from the addition of music therapy on top of their usual treatments, according to results from a large international clinical trial.

Researchers found that children with ASD in nine countries scored similarly on a test of their social skills whether or not they had received the music therapy, reuters.com reported.

Senior author Christian Gold, of the Grieg Academy Music Therapy Research Center and Uni Research Health in Bergen, Norway, said, "Music therapy — like many other interventions that have been suggested — does not improve autism symptoms."

ASDs are developmental disorders that can lead to social, communication and behavioral challenges.

The US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that one in 68 children in the US has been diagnosed with an ASD.

The anecdotal link between music and ASD goes back many years, Gold and colleagues wrote in JAMA.

During music therapy, a person helps a child spontaneously make music through singing, playing and movement.

There are about 7,000 music therapists in the US and about 6,000 in Europe, the researchers wrote.

For the new study, the researchers recruited 364 children aged between four and seven years from 10 treatment centers between 2011 and 2015.



theodysseyonline.com

The centers were in Australia, Austria, Brazil, Italy, South Korea, Norway, the UK and the US.

All of the children received the usual care a child with ASD would receive in their region, but half of the children were randomly assigned to also get music therapy.

Gold said, "Usual care could range from early intensive behavioral interventions, to speech and language therapy, to sensory-motor therapies and medications."

"Music therapy is also among the interventions that have been recommended when it is available."

"Some parents who are frustrated with behavioral interventions may experience it as bringing back the joy of being with their child in a natural way."

After five months of therapy, the researchers did not find a difference between the two groups of children on a measure of social skills.

Gold said parents should continue to pursue music therapy if they feel it's a good match for their children, but don't expect it to be a so-called treatment.

He said, "Since the first descriptions of autism in the 1940s, it has been noted that many people with autism have a special interest in music."

"Music therapists can help them to pursue that interest."

"If they also learn something about social communication through that, even better."

"But the pursuit of music or music therapy should not be guided

primarily by the hope to reduce core symptoms of autism, because that may not be the result."

The researchers also point out that the new results conflict with a review of previous studies that was published in the respected Cochrane Library.

The review found a benefit from music therapy, but the studies included in that analysis were smaller and were rated as only of low to moderate quality.

Dr. Sarabeth Broder-Fingert, of the Boston University School of Medicine, said, "There is still room for additional research to see if music therapy may lead to benefit among some children."

Broder-Fingert, lead author of an editorial accompanying the new study, added, "Although the study taken as a whole makes it look like music therapy is not effective, if you pull out certain sub-populations it may work."

"Parents who are considering music therapy should consider the new study's findings."

"As a parent, you also have to think of the outcome that matters to you."

Gold added that more research is warranted.

He said, "Efforts are already underway to improve music therapy, for example by improving their specific skills or by involving parents more actively."

"We should not assume that what music therapists are doing already is working well, but should try to continuously develop it further and test it."

## Probiotics benefits can be overstated, at least for asthma prevention

There is no clear evidence that probiotics, the 'friendly' bacteria strain of lactobacillus, prevent eczema, a frequent precursor to asthma, a new study found.



constipationexperts.co.uk

Published in the journal Pediatrics and made available, the study further fuels the debate over whether probiotics, sold as dietary supplements, have protective effects against colds, tummy bugs and more serious conditions, news.xinhuanet.com reported.

First author Michael Cabana, director of the division of general pediatrics at University of California, San Francisco, Benioff Children's Hospital, worked with his colleagues to see if the probiotic would work among infants who were at high risk of developing asthma, due to one or both parents having the condition, which is caused by both hereditary and environmental factors.

Exactly half of the 184 newborns received capsules of the probiotic for the first six months of life, while the second group of 92 newborns received placebo capsules with the same look and feel as the probiotic.

The results showed little difference: At age two, 30.9 percent of the placebo recipients were diagnosed with eczema, versus 28.7 percent of the probiotic group.

Found in yogurt, kefir and fermented foods, and described by World Health Organization (WHO) as live micro-organisms which when administered in adequate amounts confer a health benefit on the host, probiotics are believed to enhance the defensive action of the cells that line the gut by stimulating healthy immune function and by inhibiting the growth of viral and bacterial pathogens.

Regarding the new study, Cabana noted, one theory is that the absence of infectious exposure at a critical point in immune system development leads to a greater risk for eczema and asthma.

Additionally, lack of key bacteria in the infant intestinal microbiota has been associated with the later increased risk of allergic disease.

Therefore, supplementing with specific probiotic strains may modify the entire microbiota community patterns and decrease this risk.

However, in an editorial titled Probiotics in the Child Care Center: Context Matters and published in the same issue of Pediatrics, Cabana and Daniel Merenstein of Georgetown University Medical Center in Washington, DC, suggested that as breast milk contains natural compounds that act like probiotics, the best source of influencing a child's gastrointestinal tract is breast milk.

## Calcium in arteries influences heart attack risk

A recent study by the University of Texas Southwestern suggested that calcium buildup in the coronary arteries increases the risk of heart attack.



UPI

The study, published in the August edition of the Journal of the American College of Cardiology, found patients without calcium buildup in their coronary arteries had significantly lower risk of heart attack or stroke regardless of also having diabetes, high blood pressure or high cholesterol levels, UPI wrote.

Dr. Parag Joshi, preventive cardiologist and assistant professor of Internal Medicine at the University of Texas (UT) Southwestern, said, "The event rates when coronary calcium is absent are low."

"Our findings suggest that individuals with no calcium buildup in their blood vessels may not have to take statins despite the presence of other risk factors that cause coronary disease."

Researchers analyzed the CT scans of the heart and chest of 6,184 people between the ages of 45 and 84 who had never had a heart attack or stroke from the Multi-Ethnic Study of Atherosclerosis, or MESA.

Half of the participants had no calcium deposits in their arteries or a zero coronary artery calcium, or CAC, score, and had less than a three percent chance of a cardiovascular event over a 10-year period despite having other risk factors for heart disease and stroke such as type 2 diabetes, high blood pressure and high bad cholesterol levels.

However, a zero CAC score does not mean there is no plaque built up inside the arteries or no risk of a heart attack, but rather that the risk of heart attack is lower than the threshold when statins are typically recommended.

Joshi said, "A CAC score can really add to the clinician-patient discussion over whether or not to start a statin for primary prevention of heart attacks and strokes."

## New noninvasive way to monitor intracranial pressure developed

German researchers have developed a new method to monitor intracranial pressure in a noninvasive way that may replace the current invasive method.

Researchers from Klinikum Stuttgart and the University of Erlangen, Germany, developed a noninvasive monitoring device that uses advanced signal analysis algorithms to evaluate properties of acoustic signals that pass through the brain to determine ICP levels, UPI wrote.

Normal ICP is 20mm Hg or lower, however, a traumatic head injury, brain disease, or hydrocephalus, cerebral spinal fluid, or CSF, can accumulate putting pressure on the brain that can lead to brain damage or



UPI

death if the ICP is high enough.

It is necessary to continuously monitor the ICP in critical-care patients to determine whether the ICP level is too high and surgery is needed to relieve the ICP.

Current methods of ICP monitoring include invasive

intraventricular and intraparenchymal monitoring requiring surgery.

The invasive procedure involves a hole being drilled into the patient's skull and a catheter inserted into the brain tissue or a ventricle, the space in the brain that contains the CSF.

Sensors in the catheter continuously measure ICP and it can be used to reduce the pressure if it is too high.

The study, published in the Journal of Neurosurgery, suggested the HS-1000 device, which emits six-second-long bursts of sound near one ear to pass acoustic signals through the cranium, detecting them with receiving sensors located in the opposite ear — may be an effective, but noninvasive, method of monitoring CSF.

ICP values are determined using advanced signal analysis algorithms that evaluate properties of the acoustic signals sent through a patient's cranium.

The monitoring method was tested on 14 patients treated for traumatic brain injury or

subarachnoid hemorrhage in the intensive care unit.

The patients were already undergoing invasive intraventricular or intraparenchymal monitoring and researchers compared those ICP values with readings they got using the noninvasive HS-1000 device system.

Comparing 2,543 data points, researchers found similar results with invasive and noninvasive monitoring methods with differences in mean ICPs of +/- 3 mmHg in 63 percent of readings and +/- 5 mmHg in 85 percent of readings.

The results show a good correlation between ICP values using both the noninvasive and invasive methods of ICP monitoring.

## Is healthy chocolate really good for you?

Despite the backlash against the 'clean eating' movement, Britain's passion for fitness and healthy eating shows no signs of slowing down anytime soon.

And this is reflected by what's appearing on our supermarket shelves — every day, more and more 'healthy' products are launching, with all sorts of tenuous claims designed to hook us in and make us part with our cash, according to independent.co.uk.

High-protein, gluten-free, low-fat, sugar-free, vegan, all-natural... these labels are blasted across products with the intention of making us feel like we're making healthier choices. And one area where this is particularly evident is chocolate.

Because even healthy people want their chocolate fix.

The latest findings from Mintel reveal that 37 percent of people are interested in chocolate made with all-natural ingredients, 35 percent in low-sugar chocolate and 27 percent in refined sugar-free chocolate.

This still makes up a small part of the market compared to standard chocolate, but it's a market that's growing.

Many chocolate brands proudly proclaim they're all-natural, vegan, dairy-free, soy-free, gluten-free and refined sugar-free.

And to make up for their lack of classic chocolate ingredients — namely milk, sugar, cocoa butter, cocoa mass and vegetable fats — new so-called 'healthy' chocolate bars are made from cacao powder, cacao butter and raw cocoa mass and sweetened with dates, coconut blossom nectar and agave nectar amongst other ingredients.

Many healthy food bloggers proclaim the health benefits of raw chocolate: It's supposedly high in vitamins and minerals (including magnesium, iron, flavonoids, phosphorus and calcium), full of antioxidants and is even an aphrodisiac.

Raw chocolate has been heralded for reducing the risk of heart disease, boosting energy and even protecting your skin from Sun damage.

However, it's also addictive, high in caffeine (the unroasted cocoa beans used in raw chocolate contains almost the same level of caffeine as coffee beans) and some even claim it could be toxic.

### So what's the truth?

At the end of the day, sugar is sugar, regardless of whether it's coconut sugar or white sugar and nutritionist Nichola Whitehead believes we shouldn't be fooled

by healthy-sounding ingredients like organic cane syrup and agave nectar.

Many studies have pointed out health benefits of dark chocolate, largely those with a cocoa content above 75 percent, unlike milk chocolate which is laden with sugar.

Whitehead said, "The higher the cocoa percentage, the more antioxidants and in general the less added sugar that there will be."

Nutritionist Rhiannon Lambert agrees, "I don't believe chocolate can be divided into healthy or unhealthy, it is more of a case of quality, lower sugar and higher cocoa."

According to fellow nutritionist Amanda Hamilton, this discussion about whether 'healthy' chocolate is good for us or not is a bit of a red herring: "Yes, raw and high cocoa content chocolate is more nutrient rich and is good source of magnesium."

"But, it is still a food to eat in moderation. Let's not pretend it is a bag of spinach and enjoy it for what it is — a delicious treat."

"So it appears we can't demolish a sharing bar of supposedly healthy chocolate and feel virtuous."

"All the nutritionists we spoke to confess to a love of chocolate — they're only human after all."

## Lizard venom could yield blood clot treatment breakthrough

Scientists have created a variety of medicines using compounds discovered in the venoms of snakes, frogs, snails, jellyfish and other animals.

New research suggested lizard venoms could serve as an untapped source of medicinal compounds, UPI wrote.



UPI  
Researcher Bryan Fry poses with a desert spotted goanna, a monitor lizard species. Fry and his colleagues have been investigating the medicinal potential of monitor lizard venoms.

Specifically, scientists at the University of Queensland (QU) believe lizard venoms could yield new treatments for blood clots.

Research into lizard venoms is relatively new. Until recently, biologists thought only a few lizards were venomous. But a number of new studies have revealed a surprisingly large number of venomous lizard species.

Bryan Fry, an assistant professor at QU, said, "We now know that far more lizards are venomous than previously thought, including the iconic Komodo dragon — the world's largest lizard."

Fry and his colleagues have spent much time in the lab analyzing the venoms of 16 monitor lizard species, including the Komodo dragon.

Their analysis has identified a number of novel compounds with potential for use in the treatment of strokes.

Fry added, "By investigating the actions of lizard venoms, we can potentially use them to disrupt life-threatening blood clots, and turn these compounds into life-saving drugs."

Lab tests suggest monitor lizard venoms can target fibrinogen, a protein important to blood clot formation.

Fry said, "It is this specialized targeting that has made similar snake venom enzymes so successful in treating blood diseases."

Researchers detailed their analysis of monitor lizard venoms in the journal *Toxins*.

## Want to learn something? Sleep on it, but not too deeply

Scientists fascinated by the idea that humans might be able to learn while asleep — a new language, said, or a piece of music — have long been coming up with clashing experimental results.



medicalxpress.com

A team said it has finally unraveled why. The human brain can learn only in certain phases of shut-eye, medicalxpress.com reported.

Participants in a study were able to memorize sound patterns played to them during two phases of sleep called Rapid Eye Movement (REM) and N2, researchers wrote in the journal *Nature Communications*.

REM is the phase of unconsciousness during which we typically dream, and is characterized, as its name suggested, by the eyes flitting about restlessly. N2 is a phase of lighter, non-REM sleep.

A third phase of deep non-REM sleep called N3, said the researchers, was positively bad for memory formation, however.

The French team said, "Sounds previously learned during N2 sleep are forgotten or unlearned, as if erased from memory."

They had wired 23 volunteers up to electroencephalograph (EEG) brain monitors, and played them recordings of sound patterns while they slept.

When they awoke, the trial participants were tested on how well they could remember the simple compositions.

A press summary by the journal wrote, "The team observed a sharp distinction between light Non-Rapid Eye Movement (NREM) sleep, during which learning was possible and deep (NREM) sleep, during which learning was suppressed."

In fact, upon waking, the participants who unlearned the sounds during N3 sleep found the same patterns even harder to relearn than to pick up completely new ones.

This supported theories that N3 sleep serves to unclutter the memory, said the researchers.

Further research must be done to determine how the findings may find practical application as a learning aid.

# Dutch students create own biodegradable car

What's made of sugar, can carry four people and travel at 50km per hour? A biodegradable car, whose inventors said could be the next step in environmentally friendly motoring.

The lightweight electric car, created by students in the Netherlands, is made of a resin derived from sugar beets and covered with sheets of Dutch-grown flax, according to reuters.com.

Yanic van Riel, one of the developers from the TU/Ecomotive team at the Eindhoven University of Technology, said, "Only the wheels and suspension systems are not yet of bio-based materials."

The structure of the car they have called Lina has a similar strength-weight ratio to that of fiberglass and weighs only 310kg.

The team's leader Noud van de Gevel said, "But the prototype has not yet passed crash tests, because the material will not bend like metal, but break."

Demands to reduce air pollution and tackle climate change have pushed auto companies towards alternative designs, but most are still require a great deal of energy to make.

Van de Gevel said, "Energy that



youtube.com

is saved while driving the car is now spent during the production phase."

The TU/Ecomotive team plans to test drive Lina later this year, once

given the green light by the Netherlands Vehicle Authority.

## Milky Way filled with black holes

A theoretical survey of the population of black holes in our galaxy suggested there are tens of millions of black holes in the Milky Way — many more than astronomers expected to find.

The findings suggest the Universe is full of black holes, UPI wrote.

James Bullock, professor of physics and astronomy at the University of California, Irvine, said, "We think we've shown that there are as many as 100 million black holes in our galaxy."

Many astronomers were surprised when the Laser Interferometer Gravitational-Wave Observatory, or LIGO, detected gravitational waves generated by the collision of two black holes, each 30 times more massive than the Sun.

Studies suggest the majority of stellar remnant black holes boast a mass similar to our Sun.

The collision suggested an



UPI

New research suggested the Milky Way and the universe are full of black holes.

unexpected abundance of not just black holes, but exceptionally large black holes.

Astronomers at University of California (UCI) investigated the unlikely phenomenon by estimating the population of black holes in the Milky Way.

Because scientists have a solid understanding of the different

sized stars found in the Milky Way, they were able to estimate how many aging stars have died and formed black holes.

Oliver Elbert, a graduate student in physics and astronomy, said, "Based on what we know about star formation in galaxies of different types, we can infer when and how many black holes

formed in each galaxy.

"Big galaxies are home to older stars, and they host older black holes too."

The Milky Way is a rather large galaxy with lots of metal-rich stars, like our Sun. These stars tend to shed more mass over their lifetimes, so when they die, they form smaller black holes.

Smaller dwarf galaxies feature a higher percentage of metal-poor stars.

These massive stars don't shed much mass during their lifetime, yielding more massive supernovas and black holes when they finally collapse in on themselves.

Bullock said, "We have a pretty good understanding of the overall population of stars in the Universe and their mass distribution as they're born, so we can tell how many black holes should have formed with

100 solar masses versus 10 solar masses.

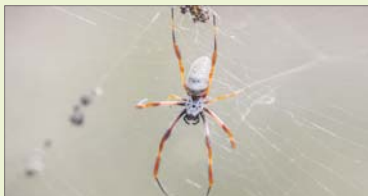
"We were able to work out how many big black holes should exist and it ended up being in the millions — many more than I anticipated."

Researchers found that even if only a tiny percentage of massive black holes end up merging, their numbers can account for the type of collision detected by LIGO.

The astronomers findings — detailed this week in the *Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society* — suggest more massive black hole mergers will be detected in the years ahead.

UCI Astronomy Professor Manoj Kaplinghat said, "If the current ideas about stellar evolution are right, then our calculations indicate that mergers of even 50-solar-mass black holes will be detected in a few years."

## How spiders mastered spin control



sciencenews.org

A strange property of spider silk helps explain how the arachnids avoid twirling wildly at the end of their ropes.

Researchers from China and England harvested silk from two species of golden orb weaver spiders, *Nephila edulis* and *Nephila pilipes* and tested it with a torsion pendulum, according to sciencenews.org.

The device has a hanging weight that rotates clockwise or counterclockwise, twisting whatever fiber it hangs from.

When a typical fiber is twisted, the weight spins back and forth around an equilibrium point, eventually returning to its original orientation.

But unlike several fibers the scientists tested — copper wires, carbon fibers and even human hair — the spider silk deformed when twisted.

That distortion changed the silk's equilibrium point and cut down on the back-and-forth spinning, the scientists report in *Applied Physics Letters*.

Eventually, scientists might design spin-resistant ropes for mountain climbers, who, like spiders, should avoid doing the twist.

## China to host world robotics confab



icrosschina.com

Nearly 300 artificial intelligent (AI) specialists and representatives of over 150 robot enterprises will gather in Beijing from August 23 to 27 for the World Robot Conference 2017.

Quoting Luo Junjie, an official from the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology (MIIT), news.xinhuanet.com reported, "Delegates from universities, research institutions and enterprises will discuss opportunities for the robotic industry."

The event will feature a three-day forum, an exhibition and a set of contests.

The conference will be jointly hosted by

Beijing municipal government, the MIIT and China Association for Science and Technology.

China has been the world's biggest producer of industrial robots for three years, accounting for 25 percent of global production.

Luo said, "China's robotics are on fast track, but many enterprises are small and weak in R&D. It is a problem we need to tackle."

Since it was established in 2015, the World Robot Conference has become the biggest and the most international event in the industry.



## Should you share photos of your children on social media?



investor.com

For anyone in a visible job like acting, politics and journalism, sharing family photos can be fraught.

Here are some ways to share photos with your family without worrying about them falling into the wrong hands.

According to krcr.com, the safest way to share photos is to print them out (on your own printer, over on a secure wireless network) and hand them to the grandparents.

The next most secure option is to use end-to-end encrypted messaging apps like Signal, WhatsApp or Apple's iMessage. They can send photos to a single person or a group directly from your phone.

For an added layer of security, use disappearing messages features to delete photos once they've been viewed or after a set period of time.

Nathan Freitas, a security expert who leads The Guardian Project, a collective developing secure communication tools, prefers Signal because it prevents shared photos from ending up in another phone's camera roll.

"I have a 20-plus person 'family' group chat on Signal that includes my teenage niece and my 80-plus year old dad. We also use Signal's disappearing messages features set to 'one week' so that messages and photos aren't lying around on people's devices if it is somehow stolen, lost or otherwise compromised," said Freitas.

There are drawbacks to the super-safe route. All

recipients will also need to have the application installed, since the encryption works when both sides are using the same tool. This can be tricky when dealing with less tech-savvy family members.

If you're not a super high-profile target and are willing to dial down the security a notch, dedicated photo apps from reputable companies are a more enjoyable way to share images. They can also act as an online backup in case anything happens to your phone.

Apple's Photos and Google Photos both offer ways to share images securely, including shared family albums. The companies do not currently scan the images for advertising purposes.

And while they have face detection, they are only used for your own library, not in any larger databases. To offer an additional layer of privacy, Apple does its face and object detection on your devices instead of on servers like Google does.

The safest way to use these is to share with people on the same app, or in the case of Apple Photos, through iMessage. The apps can also generate a unique URL that can be sent to anyone.

Google said its link-encoding technique makes the URLs unguessable. And they're not indexed so the photos won't show up in any searches.

Social media sites like Facebook are the most

convenient way to share photos with a larger network. But their broad reach, data collection and confusing privacy settings can make parents uncomfortable.

Facebook also has a massive facial recognition database, thought it has claimed it won't sell the data to outside advertisers.

Even when your images are private, they're associated with a profile that can be connected to you. That gives an enterprising troll a good starting point. They could try to hack your account or gain access by creating a fake profile and friending you.

"Any sharing done that is linked to your public known persona is an issue," said Freitas.

If you're not worried about someone going that far, there are still precautions to take. Set up private groups for sharing kid photos. Pruning anyone from your friend list who makes you uncomfortable.

Check sharing preferences for all current and past photos, especially profile photos which are public by default. Set your Instagram account to private and do not post any photos of your kids on Twitter, Ever.

Turn on two-factor authentication whenever possible, for social media as well as dedicated photos apps.

"You can't protect your kids from every crime, but just not posting a picture is a pretty easy way of protecting them," Allison said.

## Why breastfeeding is one of the 'smartest investments'

United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) has released new findings on the economic gains — besides the obvious health benefits — of breastfeeding.

Hailing the practice as an investment that ought to be supported by governments, the UN estimates that \$4.70 can push up rates of breastfeeding to 50 percent by 2025. Currently, only 23 countries can claim a rate above 60 percent. Overall, only 40 percent of children less than six months old are exclusively breastfed today, ipsnews reported.

The world's largest emerging economies — China, India, Indonesia, Mexico and Nigeria — 236,000 children die each year from a lack of investment in breastfeeding. Together, the countries lose more than 119 billion dollars annually.

A healthier workforce, nurtured from the very beginning of childhood, can add to a prosperous economy. Breastfeeding ensures ammunition against deadly diseases like diarrhea and pneumonia, which are two major causes of death among infants. Similarly, it reduces the risk of ovarian and breast cancer among mothers.

France Begin, a senior nutrition adviser for Infant and Young Child Nutrition at UNICEF, said, "We need to bring more understanding to raise awareness about the importance of breastfeeding — the baby should be fed with mother's milk within the first hour of being born. Unfortunately, for many social and cultural reasons, this is not put to diligent practice. This is a sheer missed opportunity."



weekiysauce.com

The obvious benefits of breastfeeding, such as providing nutrition and bolstering development of the brain, are well known. Still, it is commonly mistaken as a woman's job alone.

"Countries like Nepal and Kenya have done a wonderful job with policies to protect lactating mothers. In Kenya for example, all workplaces in the private sector have a room dedicated to mothers who have breastfed their children. In a way, this is our message too — you have to support women, and can't simply leave it up to them," said Begin. Indeed, providing lactation education classes and better paid maternity leave can go a long way.

Across all income levels, breastfeeding adds to an increase in intelligence, measured by a three-point Intelligence Quotient (IQ) increase on average. Better academic performance, ensured by strong educational opportunities and programs, can lead to a better life for all members of the family.

"If you don't make a strong commitment, it is a sheer drain to the child's life, the families, and in the end, the economy," rounded Begin.

This is why the report has deemed the practice as a 'smart investment'. As the rate of breastfeeding remains stagnant in over two decades, it has become imperative to rally support and raise awareness. The UN has stepped up to do so by observing World Breastfeeding Week during August 1-7.

## FDA to launch campaign against e-cigarette use among youth

Hot on the heels of its proposal to lower nicotine levels in cigarettes, US Food and Drug Administration announced plans for an education campaign to discourage use of electronic cigarettes among youth.

The plan follows the agency's proposal last month to both lower nicotine in combustible cigarettes and extend by four years the date by which e-cigarette manufacturers will be required to apply for authorization to sell their products, Reuters wrote.

FDA Commissioner Scott Gottlieb said in a statement, its new policy "aims to strike a careful balance between the regulation of all tobacco products, and the opportunity to encourage development of innovative tobacco products that may be less dangerous than combustible cigarettes."

Gottlieb is walking a tightrope between satisfying the interests of tobacco control advocates, who like the idea of lowering nicotine levels in cigarettes, and e-cigarette companies that have been lobbying for a lighter regulatory hand.

But while they welcomed the proposal to lower nicotine content in conventional cigarettes, public health experts disapprove of the proposal to extend the deadlines by which e-cigarette companies will be required to seek authorization for new and existing products.

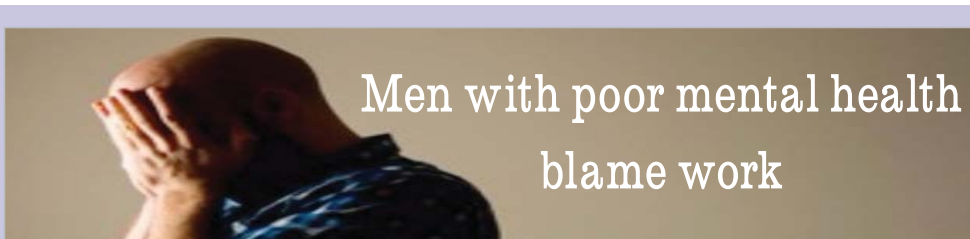
The plan means products with flavors that appeal to children will be available longer than they would have been without the extension. The new education campaign could go some way towards mitigating those concerns.

More than two million middle- and high-school students in the United States were current users of e-cigarettes and other vaping devices in 2016 and half of all middle and high school students who used a tobacco product of some sort used two or more, the FDA said.

Gottlieb said the figures reflect "the troubling reality that they are the most commonly-used tobacco product among youth."

The education campaign will be part of the agency's "The Real Cost" campaign to discourage cigarette use and will begin this fall. A full-scale campaign will be launched in 2018. It will start by releasing new digital material to educate youth about the potential for nicotine to rewire a teen's brain and create cravings that can lead to addiction.

The FDA said it estimates "The Real Cost" campaign to have prevented nearly 350,000 young people between the ages of 11 and 18 from starting to smoke from 2014 to 2016.



## Men with poor mental health blame work

One in three men say their jobs are causing them to have poor mental health, according to a survey.

Mental health charity Mind carried out the research and said many men work in industries where a "macho culture" exists which may prevent them from talking about their feelings, itv.com wrote.

The charity raised concerns that many men do not feel able to speak to their bosses about the impact their job is having on their wellbeing.

Of the 15,000 employees that took part in Mind's Workplace Wellbeing Index survey, 1,763 said they are currently experiencing poor mental health.

The survey also found that men are less likely to seek help or take time off work — 43 percent of

women said they have taken time off for poor mental health at some point in their career, compared with 29 percent of men.

And 31 percent of men said the culture in their organization makes it possible to speak openly about their mental health problems, compared with 38 percent of women.

The charity said men often try to deal with problems on their own, rather than sharing them.

Emma Mamo, head of workplace wellbeing at Mind, said: "It is concerning that so many men find themselves unable to speak to their bosses about the impact that work is having on their wellbeing and even more worrying that they are then not asking to

take time off when they need it.

"Our research shows that the majority of managers feels confident in supporting employees with mental health problems, but they can only offer extra support if they're aware there is a problem.

"In the last few years, we've seen employers come on leaps and bounds when it comes to tackling stress and supporting the mental wellbeing of their staff, including those with a diagnosed mental health problem.

"However, there is more to do and employers do need to recognize the different approaches they may need to adopt in how they address mental health in the workplace."

## Enrollment down, poverty up in New York rural schools

Rural school districts in New York State face a double dilemma in declining enrollment and increasing poverty, with the Finger Lakes and Southern Tier among the hardest-hit regions, according to a new report.

From 2005 to 2015, schools in both regions collectively lost more than 14 percent of their enrollment — more than any other region in the state. As poverty rates grow in rural New York, districts are facing difficult choices in terms of staff retention, class sizes and offerings for students, democratandchronicle.com wrote.

The report, released by the New York State Association of School Business Officials, affirms much of what rural districts have been saying for years.

Rural school districts constitute more than half the districts in New York, but enroll only about 11 percent of students —

just shy of 300,000 in 2016-17, or less than one third the number of students in New York City.

Between 2010 and 2015, 52 percent of rural districts lost at least 10 percent of their enrollment, compared to 35 percent of all school districts.

At the same time, poverty among rural students is rising more quickly than in urban and suburban schools, though the rate among the latter is still somewhat higher.

Scott Bischooping is superintendent of Wayne Finger Lakes BOCES, most of whose component districts are classified as rural. He said many of those school districts in Ontario, Seneca, Wayne and Yates counties are struggling with the issues identified in the report.

He also mentioned the growing opioid crisis, which has struck rural areas disproportionately.

"Each of those things causes problems by itself, but together they have a much bigger effect," he said.

As enrollment shrinks, districts face difficult choices about eliminating or consolidating programs or classes. Yearly fluctuations in enrollment also make it hard to know how many staff members to hire.

The best answer is often consolidation or collaboration. Many rural school districts have combined forces on sports teams that neither could support on their own.

More are experimenting with online learning. And Bischooping said enrollment at BOCES-run programs has increased, even while overall enrollment is declining.

For example, he pointed to New Vision Medical Careers, which gives 12th-graders experience in the medical field.

"Our districts continue to use our BOCES services, such as the career and



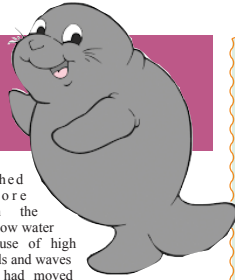
gannett-cdn.com

tech center," he said.

"But that doesn't necessarily replace the inability to have, for instance, (a lot of) AP classes."

More broadly, the overall population in rural areas is falling as well. In the Southern Tier, it was down 1.9 percent from 2011 to 2016, and down 0.6 percent in the Finger Lakes.

## Firefighters, beachgoers team up to help manatees back into the gulf



Sunnyskyz.com

The Clearwater Fire and Rescue Department worked together with beachgoers to help a group of stranded manatees back into the Gulf of Mexico.

"Our crew from Station 46 had an unusual call this afternoon — helping stranded manatees back into the water from the beach," the Clearwater Fire and Rescue Department wrote on Facebook, according to Sunnyskyz.com.

"As many as seven manatees originally had beached themselves but only three remained by the time firefighters arrived.

They worked slowly and methodically with others to help get them all safely back into the water in front of the Palm Pavilion. The manatees may have been

pushed ashore from the shallow water because of high winds and waves that had moved through the area shortly after 3 this afternoon.

Those assisting in the rescue of the manatees were Lt. Bob Quinn, Fire Medic Robbie Winer, Fire Medic Mike Hutto, Driver-Operator Mike Aleksa and Firefighter Pete Lopez.

A great job was done by all — firefighters and members of the public who teamed up to return the manatees to the waters of the Gulf of Mexico."

## Amazing life-sized McLaren built from Lego pieces



LEGO/MCLAREN AUTOMOTIVE

It took more than 280,000 bricks to build. The team at McLaren have built a life-sized supercar — completely out of Lego bricks.

An interesting one-minute video was made to show how the 2,000 man hours and almost 280,000 individual bricks were combined to produce McLaren's

slowest ever creation, metro.co.uk reported.

The McLaren 720S, which is usually made from aluminum and carbon-fiber, was created around a reinforced metal frame to support the weight of the Lego pieces.

The creation of the car has

now been condensed into a fascinating one-minute video.

McLaren Automotive worked closely with the Speed Champions Lego team based in Billund, in Denmark.

The Lego McLaren was unveiled at the Goodwood Festival of Speed.

## Phoenix House: Hotel sits on active Hawaiian volcano

This tiny guest house stands on a lava field on Hawaii's Big Island, and has views of the steam produced where molten rock flows into the sea.

The 450-square-foot home is named Phoenix House as it is "literally rising from the ashes" of volcanic activity in the area. It is located in an off-grid community in Kalapana, at the base of the Kilauea volcano — which has been continuously erupting since 1983, eons.cn reported.

Designed by Will Beilharz, the house is available for guests to book.

The building is clad in wood blackened using ancient Japanese charring technique, to blend with the dark surrounding landscape.

Recycled, rusted corrugated metal covers the roof to mimic the color of the hot lava.



eons.cn

### PICTURE OF THE DAY



HANDOUT/REUTERS

A scuba diver is surrounded by schools of Silversides in the Devil's Grotto area, George Town, Cayman Islands, in the western Caribbean Sea.



## The mice in council

The mice summoned a council to decide how they might best devise means of warning themselves of the approach of their great enemy, the cat.

Among the many plans suggested, the one that found most favor was the proposal to tie a bell to the neck of the cat, so that the mice, being warned by the sound of the tinkling, might run away and hide themselves in their holes at his approach.

But when the mice further debated who among them should thus 'bell the cat', there was no one found to do it.

### Themed Crossword



### DOWN

- Male chicken (7)
- Water bird (5)
- Small white whale (6)
- Carnivorous fish (5)
- Dromedary (5)
- Herbivorous quadruped (5)
- South American cud-chewing animal (5)
- Burrowing animals (7)
- Slow moving arboreal mammal (5)
- Snakes (6)
- Type of bird in 3 Down (5)
- Shaggy-maned bovid (5)

### ACROSS

- Corvine bird (4)
- Breed of hound (6)
- Intelligent aquatic creature (7)
- Rodent (3)
- Tallest living quadruped (7)
- Food for baleen whales (5)
- Striped equine (5)
- Large spotted feline (7)
- Nocturnal mammal (3)
- Musteline mammals (7)
- Tusked marine mammal (6)
- Bird structure (4)

### Yesterday's solution



## Sudoku

Sudoku was inspired by the table devised by Iranian mathematician Khwarazmi. Fill 9x9 grid with digits so that each column, each row and each of the nine 3x3 sub-grids that compose the grid, contains all of the digits from 1 to 9.

	9	5	4			6		
6					1	8		
		4					1	5
				1	9			
	3	9	8		2	7	4	
			5	7				
	4	3				5		
		8	1					2
		1			7	4	9	

8	6	4	7	3	6	1	5	2
7	2	3	7	5	4	1	8	9
9	6	5	1	8	6	2	3	4
3	9	6	4	7	5	2	1	8
4	1	4	7	2	9	8	6	3
5	8	5	2	6	1	3	9	7
9	5	1	6	2	7	4	8	3
4	3	8	5	1	6	9	7	2
7	2	7	3	6	8	4	5	1

Coutinho is set to join Barcelona for an initial fee of £82 million after the midfielder put pressure on Liverpool to let him leave for the Catalan club, according to ESPN Deportes.

# Mou was right: Real is on another level to United

Despite an indifferent preseason in which Real failed to win a single match on tour in the US, Los Blancos kicked off the new campaign with yet another trophy by beating Manchester United 2-1 in the UEFA Super Cup.

Madrid met United in California last month in a match that finished 1-1, with the Premier League side prevailing in a comical penalty shootout, but before that match, the Portuguese manager said, "You try to compensate the difference in quality with a certain tactical organization and with that you can win in football", goal.com reported.

"It's possible a team is on a certain day better than the sum of the parts. But the parts are amazing, their relation with the ball is amazing. So, we try not to compare ourselves to them."

It seems something of a defeatist argument from a coach who has won it all at club level, especially considering his United side cost more than the one fielded by counterpart Zinedine Zidane in the UEFA Super Cup on Tuesday in Skopje.

According to Marca, United's XI for this match in Macedonia was bought for a total of €113 million, while Madrid's cost €273 million – and that included €100 million on Gareth Bale alone.

On the pitch, however, it was Madrid which looked more comfortable than its rival – even with Cristiano Ronaldo on the bench.

It was no vintage showing either from the European champion, Casemiro's opening goal was marginally offside, while Romelu Lukaku missed a couple of great chances for United.

But Mourinho's earlier assessment was correct – Real has better players and are simply



Real Madrid players pose with the UEFA Super Cup trophy after their 2-1 victory over Manchester United in the Philip II Arena in Skopje, Macedonia, on August 8, 2017. EUROSPORT

slicker with the ball at their feet.

It was not so long ago that Mourinho was being touted for a possible return to the Santiago Bernabeu. When Carlo Ancelotti was axed in the summer of 2015, the Portuguese was one

of the names in the frame before Rafa Benitez was appointed as coach and he was mentioned again when the Spaniard was sacked in January last year.

But Real has moved on since then. And that

was perhaps summed up as Sergio Ramos was told that his former coach had said how the defender had never played a Champions League quarterfinal before his arrival at the club in 2010.

"It's true what he said," Ramos replied. "When he arrived, we started to get past the quarterfinals and now we have won three Champions Leagues." Indeed, And of those have come in the past two seasons, with Zidane as coach.

The former France great now has six trophies in his brief time as Madrid boss, twice the number won by Mourinho in his three-year tenure at the Bernabeu. And in classic Jose style, the Portuguese gave away his runner-up medal after this match.

"They had a period of dominance in the first half," Mourinho – who has never beaten Madrid in a competitive match – said after the game.

"We had a period of dominance in the second half. We gave them a good fight. My boys leave disappointed but optimistic and proud."

"I'm content, we all are," was Zidane's reaction. "We play to win these kinds of games, they are important. We played a great game. We suffered a little bit at the end of the second half but we played with character."

"It was difficult at the end. They put us in a bit of difficulty with the long balls but we did well."

That was probably not meant as a dig at Mourinho, but it was true. Stylistically, the Portuguese was never the right fit at Real and his football is still somewhat negative at times.

It remains to be seen how that will work out in the longer term at Old Trafford, particularly in the biggest competitions.

So, while United made a game of it in the end and missed chances, Madrid was good for its win when it mattered most to show that, even after a poor preseason, European champion has moved on since Mourinho's days.

## Neymar's debut could be delayed

Neymar's Paris St-Germain debut could be delayed again as French football authorities have still not received clearance following his world record €222 million (£200 million) move from Barcelona.

The Spanish football federation has until later tonight to send the necessary documents, according to the LFP which runs France's Ligue 1, BBC reported.

If the deadline is missed, Neymar won't play for PSG at Guingamp on Sunday.

LFP has told BBC Sport it is "launching an official procedure with FIFA".

The Spanish football federation is yet to comment.

Brazilian Neymar, 25, has already had to miss Saturday's Ligue 1 win over Amiens.

Transfers between clubs in different countries must include FIFA's International Transfer Certificate (ITC). It is this document that the French football authorities are yet to

receive. "The Spanish federation of football has until Thursday night to send the ITC to the French federation of football, who send it back to the French professional football league, and then Neymar can play with PSG this weekend", an LFP statement said.

Neymar's move to France has been troubled since the release clause in his contract was triggered.

Spain's La Liga believes PSG is violating UEFA's Financial Fair Play (FFP) rules and Barcelona previously said the club would report the French side to European football's governing body, UEFA, for a FFP breach.

PSG believes La Liga is acting unlawfully, while the LFP said it was "surprised" and urged the Spanish federation to "abide by the FIFA rules".



MICHEL EULER/AP

## Paris considers eSport for 2024 Olympics

Video gamers could be competing for Olympic medals by 2024, according to Tony Estanguet, co-president of the Paris bid committee.

The explosion in popularity of eSports events, drawing large crowds of youngsters to arenas for tournaments, has already seen gaming embraced by the Asian Games, and talks will be held about the possibility of it joining the 2024 program, the Daily Mail reported.

It will become a full sport by the 2022 edition, although details of which games will be contested are yet to be provided.

Estanguet believes that a contest of digital prowess should be considered a legitimate sport if the Olympics is to maintain its relevance for new generations of fans.

"We have to look at it because we can't say 'It's not us, it's not about Olympics,'" Estanguet said.

"The youth, yes they are interested in eSport and this kind of thing. Let's look at it. Let's meet them. Let's try if we can find some bridges."

"I don't want to say 'no' from the beginning. I think it's interesting to interact with the IOC, with them, the eSports family, to better understand what the process is and why it is such a success."

The 2024 program will start to be shaped in 2019 with a final decision on the addition of sports in



LIONEL BONAVENTURE/GETTY IMAGES

Paris to be taken by the IOC after the 2020 Tokyo Olympics.

"There is some time to look at it, to interact, to engage," Estanguet said.

"We will spend some time after (the IOC meeting in September) Lima to engage with new people and stakeholders. The IOC will have the last say, if they want eSports on the program. Let's discuss among ourselves."

Paris will be confirmed as 2024 hosts at an International Olympic Committee gathering in Lima, Peru next month after its only competitor, Los Angeles, agreed to take the 2028 Games.

## IAAF defends Makwala withdrawal decision

Athletics' governing body defended its decision to deny a World Championship medal favorite entry to London Stadium amid attempts to control a "very virulent" norovirus outbreak.

Botswana's Isaac Makwala, 30, had hoped to run in Tuesday's 400m final, but was barred from competing, BBC reported.

His country's Olympic boss, Falcon Sedimo, said that was "disturbing".

But the IAAF said it was under instruction to quarantine athletes who showed symptoms of the virus.

It acknowledged Makwala's absence was "a sad case" but said its medical staff examined the athlete and notes taken by a doctor showed he had been vomiting over an 18-hour period.

Pam Venning, head of medical at the IAAF, told BBC Sport, "I have to trust my doctors. My role is to ensure the healthcare of all the athletes here and it's a very infectious and very virulent disease."

In a later statement, the governing body and team physio had been informed following the medical examination that the athlete should be quarantined for 48 hours and would therefore be missing the 400m final on Tuesday.

Venning said "all the other teams" with affected athletes had adhered to IAAF instructions.

Makwala had been considered the main threat to Olympic champion and world record holder Wayde van Niekerk, who retained his world title by winning Tuesday's race.

The Botswanan earlier told BBC Sport he would be "devastated" to miss out as he was fit to race – having already been withdrawn from Monday's 200m heats.

But when he attempted to pass through the athletes' entrance to the stadium, an official and security personnel prevented him doing so.

**'He's fit, he's well, he's prepared to run'**

Public Health England said 30 athletes and support staff have been affected by sickness at the Tower Hotel in London – though the hotel is not the source of the outbreak.

The IAAF insisted it gave clear communication to the Botswana delegation that Makwala would not be allowed to run following a medical examination.

But Botswana officials said they had received no explanation as to why Makwala was not allowed entry, and had not been told to keep the runner in quarantine.

Sedimo told BBC Sport, "There has been no official communication, no formal communication from the IAAF at all. We found

out from the media that he could not take part and he is heartbroken.

"There have been no medical tests at all, it's just generalized assumptions because

wish I could give him my medal."

**Who else has been affected?**



PHIL NOBLE/REUTERS

Isaac Makwala celebrates winning the men's 400m semifinal heat at the World Athletics Championships in London on August 6, 2017.

of the outbreak of sickness and he has just one of those symptoms."

Botswana medical team member Simon O'Brien said Makwala showed no symptoms of the bug and blamed "poor communication" from the IAAF for the athlete missing the race.

"He's fit, he's very well, he's prepared to run, and he's just being kept away by the IAAF," said O'Brien, who insisted there was no sign of the illness during the time he spent with Makwala.

Some athletes have questioned the decision.

After winning gold, Van Niekerk said, "I would love him to have his fair opportunity. I believe he would have done very well. I've got so much sympathy. I really

Several German and Canadian athletes staying at the Tower Hotel fell ill last week.

A further 30 Germans due to arrive on Tuesday were moved to other hotels.

German triple jumper Nele Eckhardt collapsed but was well enough to compete on Saturday, and took part in Monday's final.

The Ireland team, which is also staying at the hotel, confirmed that one athlete – 400m hurdler Thomas Barr – has been affected.

The Tower Hotel said investigations conducted with environmental health officers and the IAAF had shown the hotel was "not the source of the illness". That has also been confirmed by Public Health England.

## Art & Culture

### Bailey elected president of Motion Picture Academy

In a surprise victory, cinematographer John Bailey was elected the 36th president of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, the organization that annually presents the Oscars for excellence in filmmaking. The decision was made at a monthly meeting of the AMPAS board of governors.

The new Academy leader will succeed exiting president Cheryl Boone Isaacs, who served a maximum four-year term in the role and, along with CEO Dawn Hudson, oversaw many dramatic shifts in the movie monolith's demographical makeup and procedural status quo, Variety reported.

Bailey, 74, is a dark-horse winner. His credits include 'Ordinary People', 'American Gigolo', 'The Big Chill', 'Groundhog Day', 'As Good as It Gets', 'The Anniversary Party', 'The Way Way Back' and 'A Walk in the Woods'. In 2014 he received the American Society of Cinematographers Lifetime Achievement Award, but he has never received an Oscar nomination.

Casting director David Rubin (who was re-upped as secretary) and filmmaker Rory Kennedy were also said to be in the mix. Actress Laura Dern was a preferred choice for Hudson and many on the board, but her

on-screen career dominates her time at the moment. Sources say she proposed a co-presidency, but in the end, she did not run for the position.

Many Academy members were hoping for another woman or a person of color to follow Isaacs. When Isaacs was first elected in 2013, there was much attention paid to the fact that she was the third female — and first person of color — to ever hold the post.

But the board may feel it has nothing to prove. A black woman has served as Academy president for four years, Barry Jenkins' 'Moonlight' was this year's best-picture Oscar winner (three years after Steve McQueen's '12 Years a Slave'), and the Academy has received a lot of attention for its moves to increase diversity throughout the membership and on the board. Key items on Bailey's agenda will be the organization's museum project and ongoing questions about the Oscars show amid falling ratings. The new leader also has a time-consuming demand with membership concerns; the Academy has vowed to continue increasing numbers for women and minorities by 2020.

Additionally, the president has the power to nominate three governors-at-large, an innovation as of March 2016. Filmmakers Reginald Hudlin, Gregory Nava and Jennifer Yuh Nelson make up the current trio.

Isaacs and other recent presidents have been involved with Academy business 24/7, but that isn't necessarily part of the job description. Many past presidents have been more or less figureheads, essentially the public face of the Academy for PR purposes. But that alone presents a lot of time demands, including attending AMPAS functions around the world and, crucially, becoming a lure at events to raise funds for the museum.

Dawn Hudson has ultimate authority over that mammoth project, which faces many hurdles including rising costs and the re-channeling of funds from longtime Academy projects (such as scholarships, film preservation and other programs). There is also the question of filmmaker George Lucas' planned museum, which was announced for Los Angeles long after the Academy project was underway, yet threatens to overshadow its impact.

### 4,000-year-old ornaments made from bone unearthed near Hyderabad

Ornaments made from bones were found in Narmetta area, on the outskirts of India's Hyderabad, during excavations conducted at different sites.

According to deccanchronicle.com, nearly 4,000-year-old bone ornaments, a capstone and other rare objects belonging to the megalithic age have been found at sites near Hyderabad, a senior official of Telanganas archeology and museums department said.

The bone ornaments were found in Narmetta area, on the outskirts of Hyderabad, during excavations conducted at different sites from March to May this year by the department, its director N. R. Visalatchy said.

"The ornaments are basically cut bone pieces, but (are) very precisely cut, all of equal shape, design, which in the 100 years of history of the Department of Archeology and Museums we have never come across," she said.

Archeologists have also found a capstone (a large flat stone

which was in the shape of an "anthropomorphic (having human characteristics) figure," said Visalatchy.

The bone ornaments show that the technology prevailed even



deccanchronicle.com

# IRAN DAILY



» License Holder: Islamic Republic News Agency (IRNA)  
 » Managing Director: Sadroddin Moosavi  
 » Editor-in-Chief: Kambakhsh Khalaji  
 » Editorial Dept. Tel: +98 21 88755781-2  
 » Editorial Dept. Fax: +98 21 88761869  
 » Subscription Dept. Tel: +98 21 88521954, +98 21 88748900  
 » ICPI Publisher: +98 21 88548992, 8  
 » Advertising Dept. Tel & Email: +98 21 8850067- irandaily@iranagahiha.com  
 » Website: http://www.irandailyonline.ir  
 » Email: irandaily@icpi.ir  
 » Printing House: Iran Cultural & Press Institute

Add.: Iran Cultural & Press Institute, #208 Khorramshahr Avenue Tehran/Iran

Iran Daily has no responsibility whatsoever for the advertisements and promotional material printed in the newspaper.

## 'The Servant' picked as master of Spain animation event

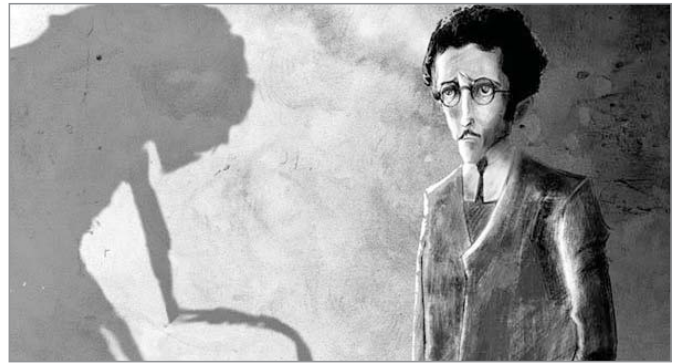
Iranian short animated piece 'The Servant' won the Best Animation Award at the 40th Elche International Independent Film Festival in Spain.

Directed by Farnoush Abedi, 'The Servant' narrates the familiar story of a master and his servant, the story of a writer's encounter with a gigantic insect. A cockroach. The cockroach becomes a servant but gradually begins to realize that it deserves better conditions, so it tries to turn the table and change the game in its own favor. The man, however, attempts to preserve the status quo but soon realizes that the game has no rules.

Abedi's had earlier won a number of international awards including best short animation award for February at London Independent Film Festival, second Best Animation Award at the 20th San Francisco Black Film Festival (SFBFF) and the Best Short Animation award at the 2017 Silver Scream Festival in California, the US.

Elche is Spain's 12th oldest film festival, and a contributor to Goya Awards — Spain's main national annual film awards.

The 40th edition of the festival was held from July 14 to 21, 2017.



MEHR NEWS AGENCY



The closing ceremony of Iranian Watercolor Society Exhibition was held at Andiesheh Cultural Center in Tehran.

## Iran's 'Kupal' to vie at Croatian festival

Iranian feature 'Kupal', directed by Kazem Mollaei, will make its debut at the 22nd Split International Festival of New Film in Croatia.

The event annually features the works of emerging directors in its competition section while its main focus is to display innovative, experimental, unconventional and radical works that have been produced outside the current cinematic trend.



MEHR NEWS AGENCY

According to the festival's official site, this year's selection board nominated only nine films for the main section of the festival. In this section, 'Kupal', as Iran's sole representative, will compete with works from Austria, Spain, China, Mexico, the Philippines, Croatia, India and South Korea.

The flick narrates the story of a hunter and taxidermist who goes through an unfortunate incident just moments before the turn of the year.

The storyline of Kupal and the tagline is, "you can't be alone in this world!"

Mollaei, who is both the director and the scriptwriter of 'Kupal', had earlier produced several successful short films and presented them to national and international film festivals. They include 'Please Stay Away from the Red Line', 'Minus' and 'Delete'.

Split International Festival of New Film will be held from September 9 to 16 in the historic and coastal city of Split in Croatia.

### Weather

