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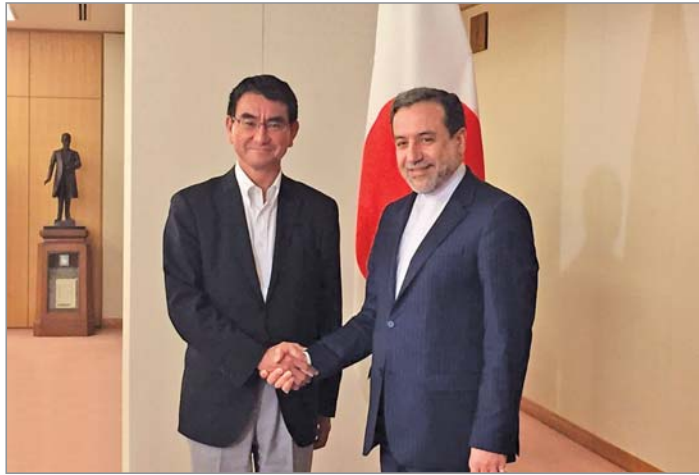
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## FM Kono: Japan policy based on boosting ties with Iran

Japanese Foreign Minister Tarō Kono said on Thursday that his country's policy is to expand all-out ties with Iran. Speaking in a meeting with Iran's Deputy Foreign Minister for Legal and International Affairs Abbas Araqchi, he extended congratulations to President Hassan Rouhani on his reelection for another four-year term, hoping bilateral relations, especially in the economic domain, would improve in the post-JCPOA era, IRNA reported.

Referring to the implementation of an agreement to encourage investment in both countries, he added that grounds for making optimal use of capacities will be paved once documents are finalized. Supporting the nuclear deal officially known as Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA), the Japanese minister hoped that a successful example of economic cooperation will take shape between the two countries. He expressed willingness to visit Tehran at an opportune time following his counterpart Mohammad Javad Zarif's visit last December. The minister added that deepening ties with Iran and maintaining consultations on regional developments are among Japan's priorities. Araqchi congratulated Kono on his appointment as foreign minister, adding it is pleasing to see that Japan is determined to boost relations, particularly in the economic sphere.

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## Iran: Serious costs await violators of nuclear deal

Iran's deputy foreign minister warned on Friday against serious ramifications of breaching the 2015 nuclear deal, expressing Tehran's preparedness to respond to any such scenario.

Abbas Araqchi, a senior negotiator during marathon talks that led to the nuclear agreement, said if any party to the deal violates its terms, they will have to pay a "serious cost", IRNA reported.

Araqchi, who was speaking at Japan's Sasakawa Peace Foundation, denounced the new US sanctions against Iran over its missile program as "unacceptable" and argued that Tehran's missile program, which relies on Iranian people's capabilities, is solely defensive and deterrent.



Iran and the five permanent members of the UN Security Council – the United States, Britain, France, Russia and China – plus Germany reached the deal, called the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA), on July 14, 2015 and began implementing it in January 2016.

The UN Security Council later unanimously endorsed a resolution that effectively turned the JCPOA into international law.

Under the agreement, limits were put on Iran's nuclear activities in exchange for, among other things, the removal of all nuclear-related bans against the Islamic Republic.

However, the US Senate and Treasury Department have imposed new sanctions against the Islamic Republic and several Iranian companies and individuals in recent months over its missile program.

Araqchi complained that these sanctions were in violation of the accord. Araqchi's comments come as Iran's Parliament is set to vote on a motion which incorporates a host of retaliatory measures in the face of US "acts of terror" and "adventurism" in the region.

The bill will be put on the Parliament's agenda on Sunday, said MP Hossein Naqvi Hosseini on Thursday. It "takes into consideration the aspects of US hostile measures in the region and its behavior in different areas, [including] acts of terrorism and human rights violations, will be put under close monitoring," he added.

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## Egg scandal hits 15 EU countries

Fifteen EU countries as well as Hong Kong and Switzerland have received eggs contaminated with the insecticide fipronil, the European Commission said.

The commission's food safety chief called countries to stop "blaming and shaming" each other, BBC reported on Friday. Eggs, coming mainly from the Netherlands, have been found to contain a harmful pesticide banned by the EU for use in the food industry.

"Blaming and shaming will bring us nowhere and I want to stop this," Vytenis Andriukaitis, the European Commissioner for Health and Food Safety, said in a statement.

"But first things first. Our common job and our priority now is to manage the situation, gather information, focus on the analysis and lessons to be learned in a view to improve our system and prevent criminal activity."

On Thursday, investigators arrested two people in raids on companies in the Netherlands and Belgium.

The UK food watchdog also said about 700,000 eggs had been sent to the UK from potentially contaminated Dutch farms, up from an earlier estimate of 21,000.

Supermarkets in Belgium, the Netherlands and Germany have withdrawn millions of eggs from sale.

On Friday, France's Agriculture Minister Stéphane Travert said about 250,000 affected eggs had been sold in the country since April, adding that all products containing eggs from contaminated farms would be taken off the shelves.

Fipronil should not be allowed anywhere near food. But the risk from eggs is thought to be low, because the number of contaminated eggs is also low.

It is thought that fipronil, which is used to kill lice and ticks on animals, was added to disinfectant on some chicken farms in the Netherlands, Belgium and Germany.

The insecticide can damage people's kidneys, liver and thyroid glands if eaten in large quantities.

A criminal investigation is under way in Belgium and the Netherlands, centering on two firms – Poultrey Vision, a pest control firm from Belgium, which is alleged to have sold the treatment to a Dutch poultry farm cleaning company, Chick-frend.

More than 100 poultry farms have been closed during the investigation, and 26 suspects identified and evidence seized from their companies.

The Netherlands is Europe's biggest egg producer – and one of the largest exporters of eggs and egg products in the world.

## UN reacts to Saudi 'destruction' of Shia town

The UN reacted to media reports about a deadly and destructive Saudi military crackdown against an eastern Shia town, urging Riyadh to respect human rights.

Speaking at a press conference in New York, Stéphane Dujarric, the spokesman for UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres, said the world body could not independently verify the reports coming out of Awamiyah, but that all Riyadh's actions should be in line with its commitments to human rights, Press TV reported.

The UN wants Saudi Arabia to take human rights and international regulations into consideration before taking any action, the official was quoted as saying by the London-based New Arab media outlet. Awamiyah is located in the Qatif region of Saudi Arabia's Shia-populated Eastern Province. The small town of 30,000 that has, since 2011, been the center of anti-government rallies, with the protesters calling for end to the kingdom's discriminatory policies against the Shia minority.

The region has witnessed sporadic deaths of Saudi forces at the hands of unknown gunmen. Riyadh blames the Shia population for such assaults.

Since May, Riyadh has imposed a siege on Awamiyah in what it calls a "security campaign" against the gunmen there, launching almost daily attacks against the town, destroying residential areas and setting fire to buildings.

The Musawara neighborhood, Awamiyah's old quarter, has been the hardest hit area in the crackdown. The Saudi government has subjected the neighbor-

hood to a renovation project, which has featured wholesale destruction of age-old structures, rampant raids against various targets, and reported threats against Shia residents to either leave or face potentially deadly swoops.

UN experts in April voiced concerns over the demolition of the 400-year-old neighborhood, saying the move threatens Awamiyah's cultural heritage.

Dujarric said last week that the UN "could not" enter conflict zones in the kingdom to examine the situation on the ground for itself.

His latest comments came after Reuters released footage of destruction in Awamiyah, which has been almost razed to the ground. Reuters reported that a number of journalists had been allowed into the city as the first outside witnesses of the damage caused by the Saudi military operation there.

On the lamp posts and walls, portraits of the victims, including a 16 one, could be seen, with graffiti along one rubble-strewn street reading, "The land which is mixed with the blood of martyrs gets sufficiently watered by God's light to defeat the mighty."

New videos circulating on social media on Wednesday showed Saudi forces celebrating by linking arms and dancing in a circle, with their automatic weapons raised in the air, while bulldozers continued to destroy more buildings in the town.

Locals, according to the report, said nine civilians, including a three-year-old boy, had been killed in the violence over the past week and more than 20,000 had fled or been evacuated from the conflict zone.



REUTERS

## Trump: US military 'locked and loaded' on N. Korea

US President Donald Trump on Friday once again upped the ante in his war of words with North Korea, warning that the American military is "locked and loaded" in the event of a misstep by Pyongyang.

Ignoring appeals from China for restraint, Trump launched another rhetorical salvo at the North to keep its nuclear weapons and ballistic missile programs in check, AFP reported.

The latest Twitter threat from the Republican billionaire leader, who took office in January, came as concerns swelled worldwide that a miscalculation by either side could trigger a catastrophic conflict on the Korean peninsula.

"Military solutions are now fully in place, locked and loaded, should North Korea act unwisely. Hopefully Kim Jong-un will find another path!" Trump wrote from his golf club retreat in New Jersey, where he is spending two weeks.

Earlier Friday, China – Pyongyang's main diplomatic ally – urged Trump and Kim to tone down the saber-rattling. Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Geng Shuang called on both sides to avoid "going down the old path of alternately showing strength and continuously escalating the situation."

"We call on the relevant parties to be cautious with their words and actions, and contribute more toward easing tensions and enhancing mutual trust," Geng said in a statement.

Beijing has repeatedly called for a resumption of long-dormant six-party talks to peacefully resolve the mount-

ing tensions, but its position has been overshadowed by the emerging game of brinkmanship between Trump and Kim.

China's proposal for North Korea to suspend its weapons programs in exchange for a suspension of military drills by the United States and South Korea – seen by Pyongyang as provocative – has essentially been ignored.

Trump has progressively ramped up the tone throughout the week – after brandishing a threat of unleashing "fire and fury" on North Korea, he said Thursday maybe that statement "wasn't tough enough."

He also warned Pyongyang it should be "very, very nervous" of the consequences if it even thinks of attacking US soil, after Kim's government said it was readying plans to launch missiles toward the US Pacific territory of Guam.

Also on Thursday, US Defense Secretary Jim Mattis appeared to step back from his boss's dire rhetoric, describing the prospect of war as "catastrophic" and saying diplomatic efforts to solve the North Korea nuclear crisis were working.

German Chancellor Angela Merkel joined an intensifying chorus of calls for restraint, saying diplomacy was the answer.

Nearly a week ago, the UN Security Council unanimously passed fresh sanctions against Pyongyang over its weapons program, including export bans, a new measure that could cost North Korea \$1 billion a year.

Iran's Embassy in Dushanbe denied allegations raised in a documentary that Tehran played a negative role in Tajikistan's civil war in the 1990s, slamming the "spiteful" narrative as an attempt to foment discord between the two countries.

Salehi reinstated as AEOI chief

President Hassan Rouhani in a decree on Thursday reappointed Ali Akbar Salehi as vice president and head of Atomic Energy Organization of Iran (AEOI).

Salehi, an MIT-educated nuclear physicist, was Iran's chief technical negotiator during Tehran's nuclear negotiations with P5+1 group of countries - Russia, the US, the UK, France, China and Germany.

On Tuesday, Rouhani reappointed Es'haq Jahangiri as his first vice president for the second term, IRNA reported.



On the same day, the president submitted the list of his nominees for ministerial posts to the Parliament, four days after his swearing-in ceremony.

The list includes the proposed picks to head 17 out of 18 ministries.

The nominee for the Ministry of Science, Research and Technology is yet to be presented to the Parliament.

Rouhani, who was reelected on May 19, has changed eight of his ministers.

Some of the ministers, who have retained their portfolios in the list are Mohammad Javad Zarif as foreign minister, Bijan Namdar Zanganeh as minister of petroleum, Mahmood Alavi as intelligence minister, Hassan Qazizadeh Hashemi as minister of health, and Abdolreza Rahmani Fazli as interior minister.

Iran's lawmakers will start debates on the credentials and backgrounds of the proposed ministers on Tuesday for the vote of confidence.

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The bill allocates some \$609 million to several state bodies, including the Foreign Ministry, Ministry of Finance and Economic Affairs, the Judiciary, the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) and its Quds Force, to monitor and probe US actions in the region, the lawmaker said.

Trump comments

US President Donald Trump on Thursday said Iran is not "living up to the spirit" of the nuclear deal, and reiterated that he thought it was a "horrible agreement."

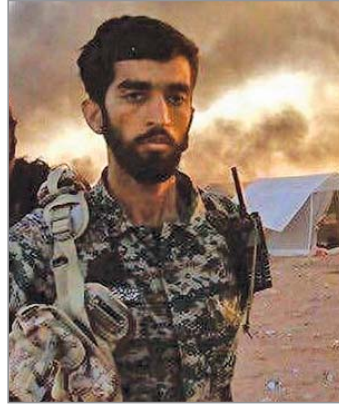
"I don't think Iran is in compliance," Trump said from his golf club retreat in New Jersey, where he is spending two weeks away from Washington for a working vacation, AFP reported.

"I don't think they're living up to the spirit of the agreement." Last month, Trump was forced to back off from a key campaign promise to withdraw from the deal. He had described it as "the worst deal ever."

But on July 17, the White House certified that the Islamic Republic was in fact sticking to the nuclear agreement.



# Soleimani vows revenge for Daesh killing of Iranian advisor



Major General Qassem Soleimani (C)

Commander of Quds Force of Iran's Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) Major General Qassem Soleimani condemned the beheading of an Iranian advisor in Syria by Daesh terrorists and pledged to take revenge on the terror group.

General Soleimani in a statement on Thursday said Iranian forces will not rest until they have taken out every last terrorist from the face of the Muslim world.

Mohsen Hojaji, who was a member of the Iranian advisory support team in Syria, was reportedly taken hostage by the Daesh terrorist group near the Iraqi border on Monday and beheaded two days later, Press TV reported.

General Soleimani said the "horrific,

inhumane crime" came in the wake of successive blows dealt on several fronts to Takfiri-Wahhabi terror groups, which are tied to global arrogance.

"The atrocity does not fall within any Islamic, or even humanitarian, principle or law," the statement said.

Such acts, the general said, would further strengthen the Iranian servicemen's resolve in pursuit of their cause "to purge every inch of the Muslim territories of their (the terrorists') evil presence."

Iranian servicemen "will avenge this bestial act with a firm decision, namely [to realize] the very eradication of the evil growth of Wahhabism and terrorism from the face of the Muslim world."

Ministry message

Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif and Foreign Ministry spokesman Bahram Qassemi offered their condolences over the martyrdom of the Iranian advisor, IRNA reported.

In a message posted on Instagram on Friday, Zarif paid tribute to Hojaji and all martyrs "who sacrificed themselves for the security and tranquility of oppressed Muslims."

He said the Iranian martyrs have lost their lives in the fight against the cruel Takfiri terrorists and their supporters.

In a separate message, Qassemi also expressed deep condolences to the Iranian people, particularly the bereaved fam-

ily of Hojaji.

At Iraq and Syria's request, the Islamic Republic has been providing the advisory assistance to the respective countries' armies in their fight against terrorists.

On June 7, Daesh gunmen mounted assaults on Iran's Parliament and the mausoleum of late Founder of the Islamic Republic Imam Khomeini, leaving 18 people dead and over 50 others wounded.

The IRGC responded with a missile strike, which pummeled Daesh positions in Syria.

The group, which is by many accounts on its last legs in Iraq and Syria, is now seeking to establish footholds in countries beyond the Middle East, including Afghanistan.

## Former minister Najafi elected as new Tehran mayor

Mohammad-Ali Najafi was elected as Tehran mayor on Thursday following a vote at the City Council as the Iranian capital city faces challenges ranging from

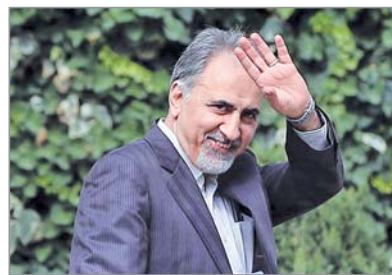
traffic to air pollution. Initially, there were seven candidates for the Tehran's mayoral post, but the number was reduced to two after resignations, Press

TV reported. The candidates had presented their programs for the city's management to the council's members and answered their questions.

Najafi, a reformist politician who had served for nine years as Iran's education minister, will replace current Tehran Mayor Mohammad-Baqer Qalibaf, who held the post for 12 years.

Najafi will begin his official four-year term as mayor on September 6 after the first session of the fifth Tehran City Council and another voting session.

Iranian people chose members of the 21-seat Tehran's City Council in the May city and village council elections, which were held concurrent with the presidential poll.



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## Two killed as floods, storms hit NE Iran

Two people were killed and two others went missing after floods and storms hit Iran's northeastern province of Golestan, authorities said on Friday.

The head of the Iranian Red Crescent Society (IRCS) in the city of Aliabad-e Katul, Hossein Shakki, said a three-member family was reported missing after flashfloods in the village of Zarrin Gol, Tasmin News Agency reported.

He further said a rescue mission was dispatched to the flood-hit area on Thursday night to find the family.

The official said the body of a 35-year-old woman, who had gone missing along with her child and husband, was discovered on Friday a few kilometers away, adding that the rescue

operation is underway to find other members of the family. The director general of the Crisis Management Center of



Golestan Province also said that a young man was killed following a big storm in a village near Inche Boroun region

in the province. Flashfloods and rainstorms occasionally hit northern Iran. In April, over 40 people were

killed in severe flooding triggered by torrential rains in four northwestern provinces of the country.

## Envoy hails Parliament approval for Iran's TAC membership

Political Desk

Iran's accredited envoy to the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) hailed the Parliament's approval for joining Iran to the organization's Treaty of Amity and Cooperation in Southeast Asia (TAC), describing the move as the beginning of cooperation between Tehran and South Asia region.

Valiollah Mohammad-Nasr-Abadi, who is also Iran's ambassador to Indonesia, said, "With Iran's membership in TAC, practical cooperation will begin with the organization", IRNA reported.



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On July 2016, ASEAN approved Iran's request to accede to the treaty during the 49th meeting of its foreign ministers in the capital of Laos, Vientiane.

In their joint communique, the ministers welcomed the "growing interest of other non-ASEAN member states to accede to the TAC", adding the interest "reflects their political will and commitment to cooperate with ASEAN in the furtherance of peace and security in the region."

The statement added that the ASEAN community has agreed to the requests for accession by Iran, Chile, Egypt, and Morocco to TAC and looks forward to the signing ceremony as soon as possible.

TAC is a peace treaty among Southeast Asian countries signed by the ASEAN founding members in 1976.

The purpose of the TAC is to promote perpetual peace, everlasting amity and co-operation among the people of Southeast Asia which would contribute to their strength, solidarity, and closer relationship.

The ASEAN is a geopolitical and economic organization of 10 countries located in Southeast Asia.

At least 36 people were killed and 13 injured when a packed bus slammed into a wall at the mouth of an expressway tunnel in northern China, authorities said Friday.

# IOM: Dozens dead as smugglers throw African migrants into sea

At least 56 people drowned over the past 24 hours, and dozens remain missing, after human traffickers forced 300 African migrants off two Yemen-bound boats and into the sea.

Survivors – all Ethiopian and Somali migrants – managed to make their way to Shabwa, a southern province along Yemen's Arabian Sea coastline, the International Organization for Migration said, AFP reported.

The war in Yemen has left over 8,300 people dead and displaced millions since 2015, but the impoverished country continues to draw migrants from the Horn of Africa seeking work in prosperous Persian Gulf countries further north.

At least six people drowned on Thursday after human smugglers forced 180 Ethiopians off their boat and into the choppy waters of the Arabian Sea, an IOM spokesperson told AFP.

Thirteen people remained unaccounted for, the spokesperson said. The majority of the migrants appeared to be teenagers and young adults.

On Wednesday, traffickers also forced more than 120 Somali and Ethiopian migrants into the rough seas off Yemen to avoid arrest by local authorities, leaving at least 50 dead and 22 missing, IOM reported.

IOM teams, working with the International Committee of the Red Cross, found the bodies of 29 migrants in shallow graves along the coast of Shabwa.

They had been buried by survivors. The smugglers deliberately pushed the migrants into the waters since they feared that they would be arrested by the authorities once they reach the shore", an IOM emergency officer in Aden told AFP.



A group of Somali and Ethiopian people waits on a beach near Shabwa after being forced from a boat off the coast of Yemen.

## 'Shocking and inhumane'

Laurent de Boeck, IOM's Yemen mission head, said the boat's crew immediately returned to Somalia on Wednesday to pick up more migrants headed to Yemen on the same route.

He described the forced drownings as "shocking and inhumane".

"The suffering of migrants on this migration route is enormous. Too many young people pay smugglers with the

false hope of a better future," he said.

Long the Arab world's most impoverished country, Yemen has all but collapsed in what the United Nations has called the "largest humanitarian crisis in the world".

The IOM estimates some 55,000 migrants have however left the Horn of Africa for Yemen since the start of 2017, more than half of them under the age of 18.

The journey is particularly dangerous at this time of year due to high winds in the Indian Ocean.

Despite the war, smugglers – who are highly active in the Red Sea and the Gulf of Aden – have continued to offer passage through Yemen, which shares a land border with Saudi Arabia.

The poor Arab country has been engulfed in the war since Saudi Arabia launched a bombing campaign in March 2015 to bring back Yemen's former president Abd Rabbuh Mansur Hadi to power and undermine the popular Houthi Ansarullah movement.

## Cambodia PM gives ultimatum to Laos over 'border invasion'

Cambodia's Prime Minister Hun Sen on Friday issued a six-day ultimatum to Laos to pull back troops who have allegedly trespassed into a border area or face a military response.

Around 30 Laos soldiers have been stationed in Cambodia's northern Stung Treng Province since April despite repeated requests by Phnom Penh for them to leave, according to the premier, AFP reported.

"I appeal to Laos Prime Minister Thongloun Sisolith to withdraw troops from Cambodian territory without any conditions," Hun Sen said during a ceremony in Phnom Penh.



Cambodian soldiers swear an oath during a ceremony before a deployment as UN peacekeepers.

Military commanders have been ordered to deploy troops along with multiple rocket launchers to the border area, he said, giving Laos the "ultimatum" of pulling out by August 17.

"We are friends, but a friend cannot step on (our) head," said the mercurial leader, who often leans on ultra-nationalist rhetoric to drum up support, especially ahead of election season.

"We are not waging war, but we just want our land back," he said, adding that he was running out of patience with "the invasion" by Laos troops.

According to Hun Sen the Laos soldiers crossed into Cambodia to halt the construction of a road.

On Friday Cambodia's Foreign Ministry announced that Hun Sen would fly to the Laos capital Vientiane on Saturday to meet with his counterpart to hash out a solution.

Cambodia and Laos share a 540-kilometre (335-mile) land border but large tracts have not been officially demarcated, leading to territorial squabbles.

The border is hard to police, with increasing amounts of drugs – mainly methamphetamine and heroin – being moved from Laos into Cambodia.

For years Cambodia was locked in a bitter territorial dispute with Thailand over the ancient Preah Vihear temple near their shared border, with 28 people killed in the worst clashes in 2011.

In 2013 the UN's top court ruled that the area belonged to Cambodia and ordered Thai troops to leave.

## Spain calls in police to help with airport strike

Spain on Friday called in police to help with security checks at Barcelona's busy airport as a strike continues at the peak of the holiday season, causing long queues and safety concerns.

The El Prat airport, Spain's second busiest after Madrid, has been hit by a partial work stoppage at baggage and salaries, AFP reported.

The 360 employees, contracted by multinational firm Eulen, have stopped work for four hours on specific days. But after negotiations with their company and a government mediator broke down – with workers rejecting an 18 percent salary rise – they will launch into a full-time strike on Monday, Public Works Minister Inigo de la Serna told reporters that as a result the government had decided to call in the Guardia Civil police force to help out.

The Eulen employees are required by law to ensure at least 90-percent service during their strike, and the police officers will assist them in implementing full-body and luggage checks, he said.

"No one can forget the terrorism alert level we have," he said, adding the measures were taken "to avoid any problem of this kind from happening."

Spain is currently on a level four terror alert out of a maximum of five. Passenger traffic at El Prat rose by more than 60 percent from 2009 to 2016.

## Police nab fireman for arson as Italy blazes rage

A volunteer fireman was caught setting fires in northern Italy as the drought-ravaged country struggled Friday to contain wildfire blazes.

Italy's fire brigade was tackling flames nationwide, where a relentless heat wave has turned fields and woods into tinder. With the wind picking up, nine rescues launched urgent appeals for water planes, AFP reported.

While much of the country sweltered, the heat in the Veneto region resulted in violent storms overnight Thursday to Friday which lashed the area, landing three people in hospital and lightly injuring 45 others.

The president of the Calabria region, Mario Oliverio, called on the government to send in the army as exhausted firefighters and civil protection volunteers raced to stop the flames reaching villages.

In the Lombardy region, the 28-year-old arsonist was filmed on a security camera setting hedges and rubbish bins alight before returning to base, sounding the alarm and rushing along with the colleagues to put



The fire out.

Police said he had set at least seven fires since 2014.

On Monday, 15 firefighters were arrested in Sicily on suspicion of having started fires in order to receive bonus payments.

"You cannot link the concept of earning a salary and firefighting in a period of economic crisis such as this," said Antonio Brizzi, secretary general of the Conapo fire fighters' union.

"Cuts mean we have 3,500 fewer firemen than necessary, which has led in some cases to a hurried use of volunteers," adding that the latter needed to be chosen on more stringent psychological tests.

## India in talks with Myanmar, Bangladesh to deport 40,000 Rohingya

Compiled from Dispatches

India is in talks with Bangladesh and Myanmar about its plan to deport around 40,000 Rohingya Muslims, a government spokesman said on Friday, with state governments told to form task forces for the purpose.

New Delhi says only around 14,000 of the Rohingya living in India are registered with the United Nations refugee agency, making the rest illegal and liable to be sent back. India is not a signatory to UN conventions on refugees and no national law covers it, Reuters reported.

"These things are being discussed at diplomatic level with both Bangladesh and Myanmar," India's Interior Ministry spokesman K.S. Dhatwalia said.



A girl belonging to Rohingya Muslims walks past a makeshift settlement on the outskirts of Jammu, India, on May 6, 2017.

"More clarity will emerge at an appropriate time." India's Junior Interior Minister Kiren Rijiju told Parliament on Wednesday the federal government had directed state governments to "constitute task forces at district levels to identify and deport the illegally staying foreign nationals."

## 'Unconscionable' move

Amnesty International has said deporting and abandoning the Rohingya would be "unconscionable".

The Indian office of UN High Commissioner for Refugees also said it was "trying to find the facts" about New Delhi's plans to deport them. Rohingya are not welcome in India, where its 1.3 billion people are fighting for resources and job opportunities. No better conditions would be awaiting the Rohingya Muslims in Myanmar and Bangladesh.

Myanmar's government already denies full citizenship to the 1.1 million-strong Rohingya population that lives there, branding them illegal immigrants from Bangladesh. This is while the Rohingya track their ancestors many generations back in Myanmar.

Considered by the UN as the "most persecuted minority group in the world," they have been under a military siege in Myanmar's state of Rakhine since October 2016, when the military launched an operation against the minority after deadly attacks on police posts.

The government blamed the Rohingya for the assault that left nine policemen dead despite the fact that Rohingya have no militant faction to fight for them. The minority has flatly denied the allegations against it.

There have been numerous eyewitness accounts of summary executions, rapes, and arson attacks by security forces against the Muslims since the crackdown began.

The government rejects the allegations and has refused to cooperate with a UN fact-finding mission to look into abuses in Myanmar. Last year, Bangladesh also pushed back a number of Rohingya refugees, mostly women and children, as they desperately tried to take refuge in the country.

Bangladesh has confined those Muslims who have remained in the country to squalid camps.

More than 75,000 Rohingya have fled to Bangladesh since the Oct. 9 attack.

## Troops sent to Rakhine

Myanmar has sent hundreds of soldiers to beef up security in northwestern Rakhine state after a recent spate of killings, military sources said on Friday, fueling fears of yet more violence and instability in the troubled region, Reuters reported.

Two military sources based in Rakhine told Reuters the army had sent troops to the state's north to "help tighten security" after seven Buddhists were found hacked to death in mountains near the town of Maungdaw last week.

The army dispatched about 500 soldiers to several towns near the border with Bangladesh on Thursday, including the towns of Buthidaung and Maungdaw, according to one of the military sources with direct knowledge of the matter.

The government blamed "extremists" for the killing of the seven.



Such a buildup raises fears of a fresh wave of violence after last year's operation in which security forces allegedly shot villagers at random and burnt homes. That prompted security forces to hunt for the killers in an "intensive clearance operation", a military source told Reuters last week. Regional rights body ASEAN Parliamentarians for Human Rights voiced concern about the increased number of troops in Rakhine.

The total value of trade exchanges between Iran and the US over the first half of 2017 decreased by 29 percent, according to the latest data released by the US Census Bureau.

## Envoy: Iran banking restrictions in China nothing to do with US sanctions

In reaction to some banking limitations created for Iranian residents in China, Iran ambassador to China said restrictions have nothing to do with recent US sanctions against Iran.

The Chinese government has recently changed internal regulations and put some limitations to create transparency and fight money laundering, Ali Asghar Khaji told IRNA on Friday.



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The mentioned monitoring and limitations are not only for Iranians but also for all countries' nationals in China.

He added that Iranian firms' banking accounts have been blocked only in Yiwu city in which many economic activities are underway.

US senators on July 27 voted 98-2 on a bill, which would give Congress the ability to block US President Donald Trump from lifting the Russia sanctions.

It also includes new penalties against Iran and North Korea.

Senators Rand Paul and Bernie Sanders voted against the bill, with Sanders saying on Twitter that "following Trump's comments that he won't recertify Iran's compliance with the nuclear agreement I worry new sanctions could endanger it."

## Iran eyes bigger share in Iraq market

Iranian Ambassador to Baghdad Iraj Masjedi underlined the need for the further expansion of economic ties between Tehran and Baghdad, saying that Iran can have the bigger share in the Iraqi market.

"All the Iraqi ethnic groups are interested in cooperation with Iranian industrialists and traders," Masjedi said, addressing the Iran-Iraq Joint Chamber of Commerce in Baghdad, Fars News Agency reported.



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The envoy pointed to eight billion dollars worth of trade exchanges between Iran and Iraq, and said, "Institutionalization of political and cultural relations with Iraq is the secret of success in this country's big market."

"Despite having various problems, Iran can have the final say in Iraq's market."

Iraqi Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi in a phone conversation with Iranian Parliament Speaker Ali Larijani in August called for continued cooperation with Tehran in economic and trade fields.

"Iran and Iraq can broaden their relations in the fields of economy and trade," Abadi said during the phone talk.

The Iraqi prime minister also appreciated Iran's support for the Iraqi government and people in the war against terrorism.

# Russian bank makes \$100m tourism investment in Iran



The Elbin Bank of Russia is to invest in construction of a tourism township in northwestern Iran with the cooperation of an Iranian bank. The investment is to be made based on an agreement which was signed on August 10 in Moscow between managing director of the Russian bank Abdullah Amrov and representative of Ardabil Medical Sciences Housing Co-

operative Ali Lotfi as the operator of the project.

Speaking to the Islamic Republic News Agency (IRNA) on the sidelines of the signing ceremony of the deal, Amrov said, "We favor investment in Iran so that our customers will benefit from services of the health center of Taisiz Sabalan," the name given to the tourism project which is to be constructed between the Iranian

provincial capital city of Ardabil and its nearby region Sarein in northwestern Iran.

Taisiz Sabalan means Unparalleled Sabalan in Iran's Azari language and refers to the Mount Sabalan which is the third highest mountain in Iran.

Amrov said that a Russian delegation will soon visit the region to conduct further research on the project.

Another agreement was also signed on Wednesday by the Iranian and Russian delegations for the sale in Russia of handicrafts and goods made by Iranian factories operating by the country's Welfare Organization.

Based on the agreement, Russia will purchase goods and services from Iran and hold an exhibition-cum-sales in the central building of Elbin Bank.

## India's SEBI ties up with Iran's SEO for technical assistance

Markets regulator SEBI on Thursday entered into a pact with its counterpart in Iran to promote technical assistance and facilitate cross-border cooperation in the area of securities regulations.

operation and technical assistance," SEBI said in a statement.

The MoU was signed by SEBI chief Ajay Tyagi and SEO chairman Shapour Mohammadi in Mumbai.



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It will facilitate mutual assistance, contribute toward efficient performance of the supervisory functions, and enable effective enforcement of laws and regulations governing the securities markets, hindustantimes.com reported.

"The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) and Securities and Exchange Organization (SEO) of Iran have entered into a bilateral memorandum of understanding (MoU) for mutual coop-

SEBI has signed nearly two dozen bilateral MoUs with the regulators of various jurisdictions. The markets regulator is also a signatory to the multilateral MoU of International Organization of Securities Commissions (IOSCO).

In order to encourage the exchange of information and assistance, SEBI has been signing pacts with the jurisdictions who are yet to become a signatory to the multilateral MoU of IOSCO.

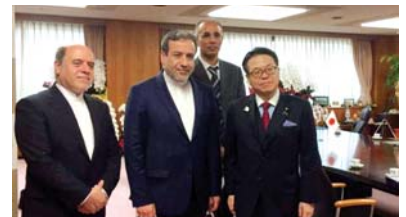
## FM: Japan policy based on boosting ties with Iran

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Noting that the nuclear deal has paved the way for promoting relations and using the two countries' potentials, he said that today, conditions are prepared for pushing forward economic cooperation more than ever.

ing herbal extracts in Tirtash village in northern Mazandaran on Thursday, he added that Iran and Japan have had good cooperation in various fields and the nuclear deal has paved the ground for collaboration smoother.

Referring to his country's assistance to Iran's women breadwinners,



He also hoped that Japanese companies will make use of the economic opportunities that have emerged in Iran following the implementation of the nuclear deal.

Meanwhile, Japanese Ambassador to Iran Hiroyasu Kobayashi voiced his country's readiness to promote economic cooperation with Iran, saying that the JCPOA opened a new way for cooperation with the Islamic Republic.

Speaking at the inauguration ceremony of the first factory of produc-

the envoy said, "We have launched projects such as that of herbal extracts for women caring for their families in eastern part of Mazandaran and we will keep supporting such ventures."

Earlier, Japan cooperated with the province in improving paddy fields and now it is also prepared for collaboration in the agriculture sector.

Construction of the production unit began in October 2015. Some 20 herbal medicines will be processed in the factory.

## Iran ships 25 tons of cheese to Russia

An official said a total of 25 tons of cream cheese worth 100 thousand dollars have been exported to Russia through Astara Customs Office.

Behnam Pourzarb, chairman of Astara Veterinary Network, added that the cargo had received confirmation from Mazandaran Province Veterinary Department and enjoyed supervision of Astara Network, Mehr News Agency reported.

He continued that so far in the present Iranian calendar year (that began on March 21), a total of 125 tons of cream cheese have been sent to the Russian market through Astara border point.

Astara Customs Office operates in various arenas including import, export, temporary entry and exit, border guard cooperatives, domestic and foreign transit, international trade agreements, licensing of car exists, passenger and judicial affairs and ranks first in carry-on-luggage exports among the country's land borders and conducts the largest volume of exports among northern borders of Iran.

With a population of 91 thousand, Astara is located in far west of Gilan Province and neighbors Azerbaijan Republic.



State fund 1Malaysia Development Berhad (1MDB) has remitted the equivalent of \$350 million (£269.52 million) to Abu Dhabi's government-owned International Petroleum Investment Co. (IPIC), it said on Friday.

# Credit crisis did not lead to deleveraging



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The financial crisis that began to wash over the world 10 years ago was the result of an enormous accumulation of debt in rich countries — the bulk of which was owed by households and financial institutions. It was the realization that many of these claims may not be honored

that triggered the credit crunch and ensuing financial market freeze. Since then, the debt-to-GDP ratio in mature economies has remained roughly constant. But debt has continued to play an important role in post-crisis developments, in two ways, FT reported.

The first is that the composition of indebtedness has changed markedly. Public debt increased sharply as governments tried to cushion the shock to aggregate demand as the private sector tightened its belt and tried to 'deleverage' or reduce its debts. And just as the rich world reined in

credit growth, the emerging world — led by China — opened the stimulus spigot. As a result, the world is today more awash in debt than ever. How that debt accumulation can possibly end is one of the big questions hovering over the global economy today.

## China's economic problems are exactly why its global influence is expanding

Slowing economic growth in China is spurring its top leadership to expand the country's influence beyond its shores — a development that was most recently on display at an annual forum of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations.

Over the weekend meeting, foreign ministers grappled with how to refer to differences in the South China Sea, highlighting divisions within the trade bloc under the shadow of the neighboring economic powerhouse, CNBC wrote.

Aside from its stunning economic ascent, China's growing clout overseas is also about bolstering confidence at home.

"In recent years, the government wants to show the country is becoming stronger and stronger, so to make people feel better about country. That's the main driving force of the shift to a foreign policy agenda like South China Sea and 'One Belt, One Road' and a lot of things," said independent economist Andy Xie.

"It has a lot to do with the domestic

economy," he told CNBC recently. "One Belt, One Road" — also called "Belt and Road" — is China's globe-spanning investment program to connect countries along a new high-tech and transport Silk Road. That's being unfurled as the Chinese economy shifts from a manufacturing focus to services and consumption.

The transition comes with growing pains, with efforts to reform state-owned enterprises (SOEs) and slash excess capacity spurring layoffs and widespread resistance.

To maintain a certain degree of economic growth — targeted around 6.5 percent in 2017 — China needs to find new markets, and help keep massive state-owned enterprises afloat. Nadege Rolland, senior project director of political and security affairs at the National Bureau of Asian Research, said at a recent forum hosted by the Center for Strategic and International Studies.



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## Singapore's total merchandise trade increases 9.5% in Q2

International Enterprise Singapore, a government agency that promotes international trade and partners Singapore companies to go global, announced on Friday the country's total merchandise trade increased 9.5 percent year on year in the second quarter of 2017.

That extended the 16.4 percent expansion in the previous quarter, as both oil and non-oil trade grew, Xinhua reported.

Oil trade increased 27.7 percent on a yearly basis in April-June period amid higher oil prices than a year ago, moderating from the 77.1 percent expansion in the preceding quarter. Non-oil trade rose 5.9 percent in the second quarter, following the 6.9 percent increase for the first three months of 2017.

In the second quarter, Singapore's non-oil export grew 5.7 percent year on year as against a 10.2-percent expansion for the first quarter. The non-oil domestic exports rose 2.7 percent year on year, narrowing down from



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15.3 percent increase for the previous quarter. The authority attributes the continued growth to the increased shipments of electronic products which outweighed the decrease in non-electronics.

In detail, domestic exports of electronic products hiked 13.3 percent year on year in the second quarter, comparing with the 9.5 percent growth for the first quarter. Domestic exports of non-electronic products declined 1.1 percent year on year, as that for the previous quarter expanded 17.8 percent year on year.

## Parked electric cars earn \$1,530 feeding power grids in Europe

Electric car owners are earning as much as \$1,530 a year just by parking their vehicle and feeding excess power back into the grid.

Trials in Denmark carried out by Nissan Motor Co. and Italy's biggest utility Enel SpA showed how batteries inside electric cars could help balance supply and demand at times and provide a new revenue stream for those who own the vehicles, according to Bloomberg.

Technology linking vehicles to the grid marks another challenge for utilities already struggling to integrate wind and solar power into their distribution system. As the use of plug-in cars spreads, grid managers will have to pay closer attention to when motorists draw from the system and when they can smooth variable flows.

"If you blindly deploy in the market a massive number of electric cars without any visibility or control over the way they impact the electricity grid, you might create new problems," Francisco Carranza, director of energy services at Nissan Europe, told Bloomberg New Energy Finance.

While the Tokyo-based automaker has trials with more than 100 cars across Europe, only those in Denmark are able to earn money by feeding power back into the grid. There, fleet operators collected about €1,300



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(\$1,530) a year using the two-way charge points, said Carranza.

Restrictions on accessing the market in the UK means the company needs to reach about 150 cars before they can get paid for power sent back to the grid. That could be achieved by the end of this year, he said.

"It's feasible," he said. "It's just a matter of finding the appropriate business model to deploy the business wide-scale."

Electric car demand globally is expected to soar, putting further pressure on grid operators to find new ways of balancing demand. Power consumption from vehicles will grow to 1,800 terawatt-hours in 2040 from just six terawatt-hours now, according to Bloomberg New Energy Finance.

## Car production fall hits UK industrial output

UK industrial production shrank in the second quarter of the year, according to the latest official figures.

Production fell by 0.4 percent, mainly due to a 0.6 percent drop in manufacturing output, the Office for National Statistics (ONS) figures showed, according to BBC.



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That was largely due to a 3.6 percent fall in the production of transport equipment, including motor vehicles.

Car production fell by 6.7 percent from May to June — the sharp drop since December 2015.

Construction output also fell in the second quarter by 1.3 percent, with less work on new projects as well as repairs and maintenance.

The figures underline the British economy's dependence on services, which makes up about four-fifths of the UK's economic output.

There was some upbeat news towards the end of the quarter. In June, production output picked up, beating most economists' expectations, because oil producers had postponed seasonal maintenance work until later than normal.

And although the construction sector had the worst three months in five years, June saw a slight improvement, with just a 0.1 percent fall in output.

Separately, a report from the National Institute for Economic and Social Research said that UK economic growth in the three months to the end of July had slowed to 0.2 percent, compared with 0.3 percent growth in the second quarter of the year.

However, it predicted a 'modest' recovery in the second half of the year as a result of improving global growth and the weaker pound.

## Jordan makes strides toward inclusive green economy

Jordan may be one of the smallest economies in the Middle East, but it has high ambitions for inclusive green growth and sustainable development despite the fact that it lies in the heart of a region that has long been plagued with wars and other troubles, said the Director General of the Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI) Dr. Frank Rijdsbergen.

In a wide-ranging interview with IPS, Rijdsbergen stressed that Jordan has shown a strong commitment towards shifting to a green economy, and has made significant strides in the area of renewable energy. The demand for water and energy is increasing due to the influx of more than one million Syrian refugees.

Following months of intensive cooperation with GGGI, the government of Jordan — represented by the Ministry of Environment — with contributions by line ministries and other stakeholders — launched its National Green Growth Plan (NGGP) in December 2016, Rijdsbergen said.

## Egypt's July inflation rate hits highest level in decades

Egypt's annualized urban consumer price inflation jumped in July to 33 percent from 29.8 percent in June, its second highest rate on record, official CAPMAS statistics agency said.

Egypt raised fuel prices by up to 50 percent in July to help meet the terms of a \$12 billion (SR45 billion) loan deal with the International Monetary Fund, which includes tax increases and subsidy cuts, Reuters wrote.

Import-dependent Egypt has been hit by soaring inflation since it floated its currency in November as part of the IMF deal, which led to the pound roughly halving in value.

The central bank raised its key interest rates by 200 basis points last month, seeking to ease the inflationary pressure.

Sharply rising prices present a challenge for President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi and his government, which has pledged to push ahead with politically sensitive austerity measures.

### Major Currencies

Currency	To USD	Currency	To USD
Turkish Lira	0.2819	Chinese Yuan	0.1499
Euro	1.1751	UAE Dirham	0.2721
British Pound	1.2978	Kuwaiti Dinar	3.3067
Australian Dollar	0.7858	Iraqi Dinar	0.0008
Japanese 100 Yen	0.0091	Saudi Riyal	0.2666

### Major Commodities

Crude Oil	\$48.24	Silver	\$17.08
Gold	\$1291.60	Platinum	\$985.20
Copper	\$2.88	Wheat	\$442.00

The year 2016 was the warmest on record for the planet as a whole, surpassing temperature records that date back 137 years, according to an annual report compiled by scientists around the globe.

## Tajrish Bazaar: An old market in north of Tehran

Tajrish Bazaar, located in the northern district of Tehran, is one of the oldest areas of the capital city, Shemiran District and is close to Imamzadeh Saleh Mausoleum as well as Velenjak, Darband and Darakeh mountain resorts.



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The name Tajrish is derived from the language of Tat which was the official language of Shemiran before Tehran was chosen as the capital, Tasnim News Agency wrote.

Tajrish Bazaar was built along the lines of architectural styles prevalent for other traditional bazaars in Tehran.



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Some of the arches were wrecked during the construction of nearby, multi-storey buildings and some of the traditional identity has been transformed by growing urbanization but for the

most part the bazaar has maintained its original architecture.

The names of the stores are scripted on mosaic tiles over the entrance of each store. The bazaar is covered and has many passage ways leading to various sections.

A visitor can find everything from spices, dairy products, clothes, fabrics, nuts and dried fruits, traditional cookware, fruits and veggies and so much more.

The fruit and vegetable market is one of the most popular attractions of the bazaar, as you can find both local and foreign produces.



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The stunning historical shrine of Imamzadeh Saleh is located adjacent to the bazaar, with access from inside.

Imamzadeh Saleh contains the tomb of Hazrat Saleh (PBUH), a son of Imam Musa al-Kadhim (PBUH), the seventh Shia Imam. At the entrance to the shrine, people distribute sweets and dates.

An interesting point about this bazaar is that the name of each store is carved on the stores' facade on tiles giving the market a beautiful appearance.

## Gilan hosts over 18,000 foreign tourists



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Some 18,618 foreign tourists have visited the northern province of Gilan since March 21, said the director general of Gilan Cultural Heritage, Handicrafts and Tourism Department.

Reza Alizadeh further said that 4,476 foreign tourists visited the province during June 22-July 22.

He cited security of Gilan as a reason for the growing presence of foreign tourists.

Alizadeh also said that Gilan is one of important provinces for tourism attracting numerous visitors during holidays as well as normal working days.

The province has 87 hotels, 23 hotel apartments, 75 tourist complexes, 47 guesthouses, 233 inns and traditional

restaurants as well as 53 travel agencies.

The tourism sector in the province has a staff of over 6,000, of whom 4,926 are men and 1,106 are women.

Gilan Province is one of the most beautiful places in the country with many natural attractions that draw millions of tourists annually, particularly during the summer.

The tourism attractions ranging from

paddy fields, rural houses, weekly bazaars, local garments to tea gardens and olive orchards as well as religious sites are all sources of tourism in Gilan Province and can help improve the livelihood of local residents.

Local bazaars — that are set up all over the province — are symbols of the province and are the source of income for local residents.



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# Certain jobs may pose higher rheumatoid arthritis risk



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Rheumatoid arthritis, a painful disease in which a person's immune system attacks the joints, appears to be more common among people in certain types of jobs, researchers suggested.

Anna Ilar, doctoral student in epidemiology at the Karolinska Institute in Stockholm, said, the findings "indicate that work-related factors, such as airborne harmful exposures, may contribute to disease development".

The study looked at more than 3,500 people in Sweden with rheumatoid arthritis, and nearly 5,600 people without the disease, UPI wrote.

Among men, those in manufacturing jobs had a higher risk of rheumatoid arthritis than those in the

professional, administrative and technical sectors, the findings showed.

The risk was twice as high for electrical and electronics workers, and three times higher for bricklayers and concrete workers.

Among women, assistant nurses and attendants had a slightly higher risk, but women in manufacturing jobs did not.

The researchers suspect that's because fewer women than men work in manufacturing.

More study is needed to zero in on the exposures that may be involved, Ilar noted. Potential culprits include silica, asbestos, organic solvents and engine exhaust.

The report was published online Aug. 10 in the journal Arthritis Care and Research.

Ilar said, "It is important that findings on preventable risk factors are spread to employees, employers, and decision-makers in order to prevent disease by reducing or eliminating known risk factors."

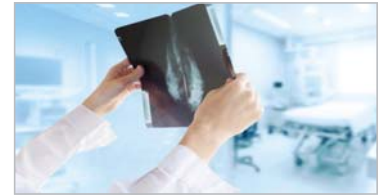
The researchers said they accounted for lifestyle factors associated with rheumatoid arthritis, such as body fat, smoking, alcohol use and education level.

However, while the study found an association between certain occupations and rheumatoid arthritis risk, it didn't prove a cause — and — effect relationship.

## Alternative medicine only treatment linked to lower cancer survival

Yale University researchers warn in a new study alternative therapies as the treatment for curable cancers are at a significantly higher risk of death.

The study, published in the Journal of the National Cancer Institute, found that patients who choose alternative therapy solely to treat cancer are at a much higher risk of death than patients treated with conventional therapies, according to UPI.



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Dr. James B. Yu, associate professor of therapeutic radiology at Yale Cancer Center, said, "We became interested in this topic after seeing too many patients present in our clinics with advanced cancers that were treated with ineffective and unproven alternative therapies alone."

The team at Yale studied the outcomes of 840 patients diagnosed with breast, prostate, lung and colorectal cancer from 2004 to 2013, 280 of whom received alternative medicine instead of chemotherapy, surgery, or radiation.

The remaining 560 patients received conventional treatment for their cancers.

When comparing outcomes, the researchers found a higher risk of death among patients treated with alternative medicine, findings which persisted for patients with breast, lung and colorectal cancer.

Dr. Skyler Johnson, the lead author of the study, said, "We now have evidence to suggest that using alternative medicine in place of proven cancer therapies results in worse survival."

"It is our hope that this information can be used by patients and physicians when discussing the impact of cancer treatment decisions on survival."

## Vitamin B3 may prevent miscarriages and birth defects

Taking Vitamin B3 could prevent miscarriages and birth defects, a study on mice suggested.

Researchers from the Victor Chang Institute in Sydney called it "a double breakthrough", as they found both a cause and a preventative solution, BBC reported.

With 7.9 million babies born each year with a birth defect worldwide, the team hopes the benefits are wide-reaching.

But an expert said the findings "cannot be translated into recommendations" for pregnancy.

The researchers analyzed the DNA of four families where the mothers had suffered multiple miscarriages or their babies were born with multiple birth defects, such as heart, kidney, vertebrae and cleft palate problems.

They found mutations in two genes that caused the child to be deficient in a vital molecule known as Nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide (NAD), which allows cells to generate energy and organs to develop normally.

Lead researcher Prof. Sally Dunwoodie replicated these mutations in mice but found they could be corrected if the pregnant mother took niacin (vitamin B3).



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She said, "You can boost your levels of NAD and completely prevent the miscarriages and birth defects. It bypasses the genetic problem."

"It's rare that you find a cause and a prevention in the same study. And the prevention is so simple, it's a vitamin."

### Bypass genetics

Dr. Katie Morris, an expert in maternal fetal medicine at the University of Birmingham, said: "While exciting, this discovery cannot be translated into recommendations for pregnant women, who at most may be deficient in vitamin B3."

"The doses used in this research were 10 times the recommended daily doses for supplementation in women."

She said the side effects of this high dosage are not known, with pregnancy complications often occurring because of the complex interaction of a number of factors.

Prof. Jean golding, from the University of Bristol, called it a "solid piece of work".

But cautioned against extrapolating too much from the findings, because they were based on the genetics of four families and mice.

For now, Prof. Dunwoodie recommended pregnant women take a pregnancy-specific multivitamin, which includes the advised 18 milligrams of niacin.

She said, "But, we're not all the same in how we absorb nutrients adding that body mass index and diabetes can influence how a woman produces NAD."

"We don't know who these women are that don't make sufficient levels, so that will be the next thing to study."

## What is heart failure? Three signs you could be suffering with deadly condition

Heart failure means the heart is not pumping blood around the body effectively — and can occur after a heart attack.

Symptoms of heart failure occur because the heart does not have enough strength to pump blood around the body which can cause fluid to pool in the feet and legs, express.co.uk wrote.

The three main symptoms of the condition include shortness of breath even if people are resting, swelling of the feet, ankles, stomach and lower back area and fatigue — feeling tired or weak.

The main causes of heart failure are heart attack, high blood pressure and cardiomyopathy — disease of the heart muscle which can be triggered by viruses or even be genetic.

It can also be caused by alcohol or drugs, cancer treatment or arrhythmia, which is an irregular heart rhythm.

Fewer people are dying from heart failure following admission to hospital, according to the latest National Heart Failure Audit published today.

The report found that the mortality rate for people admitted to hospital with heart failure has dropped from 9.6



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percent to 8.9 percent.

This reduction means that around 500 lives have been saved in the past year, compared to 2014-15.

An assessment of patients admitted to hospital with heart failure at National Health Service (NHS) Trusts also shows that more people are being provided with crucial medicines for heart disease as well as greater access to treatment by heart specialists.

Professor Sir Nilesh Samani, medical

director at the British Heart Foundation, said: "Heart failure blights the lives of more than half a million people across the UK, and in its severest form has a worse prognosis than many cancers."

"However, providing optimal treatment can help patients live longer, healthier lives."

"This audit shows promising signs that the quality of hospital care for heart failure is improving, with fewer people dying as a result."

"However, we need to build on this progress."

"It is imperative we continue to close variations in heart failure care across hospitals and ensure more patients receive the best possible treatments."

"This, alongside research in to new treatments, will ensure more people suffering from heart failure live longer, better lives."

The findings come from a new independent audit of NHS services to treat acute heart failure between April 2015 and March 2016.

The National Heart Failure Audit is based on an analysis of 66,695 admissions to English and Welsh hospitals where the patient's main diagnosis is for heart failure.

There is no cure for heart failure but the right treatment can help patients.

Doctors usually prescribe medication which helps to control blood pressure and pumping action of the heart.

People can make lifestyle changes if they suffer from the condition such as reducing the amount of salt from diet and eating more healthily.

## Accepting negative emotions is better for health

New research indicates that people who habitually accept their negative emotions experience fewer negative emotions, which adds up to better psychological health.

By contrast, pressure to feel upbeat can make people feel downbeat, xinhuanet.com reported.

In findings published in the Journal of Personality and Social Psychology, researchers tested the link between emotional acceptance and psychological health in more than 1,300 adults in the San Francisco Bay Area and the Denver, Colorado, metropolitan area.

The results suggested that

people who commonly resist acknowledging their darkest emotions, or judge them harshly, can end up feeling more psychologically stressed, and those who generally allow such bleak feelings as sadness, disappointment and resentment to run their course reported fewer mood disorder symptoms than those who critique them or push them away, even after six months.

Three separate studies were conducted at the University of California, Berkeley, on various groups both in the lab and online, and factored in age, gender, socio-economic status and other demographic variables,

according to a news release from UC Berkeley.

In the first study, more than 1,000 participants filled out surveys rating how strongly they agreed with such statements as "I tell myself I shouldn't be feeling the way that I'm feeling."

Those who, as a rule, did not feel bad about feeling bad showed higher levels of well-being than their less accepting peers.

Then, in a laboratory setting, more than 150 participants were tasked with delivering a three-minute videotaped speech to a panel of judges as part of a mock job application, touting their communication skills and other

relevant qualifications.

They were given two minutes to prepare. After completing the task, participants rated their emotions about the ordeal.

As expected, the group that typically avoids negative feelings reported more distress than their more accepting peers.

In the final study, more than 200 people journaled about their most taxing experiences over a two-week period.

When surveyed about their psychological health six months later, the diarists who typically avoided negative emotions reported more mood disorder symptoms than their

nonjudgmental peers.

At this point, the researchers, including lead author Brett Ford, an assistant professor of psychology at the University of Toronto, Canada, and senior author Iris Mauss, an associate professor of psychology at UC Berkeley, can only speculate on why people accepting joyless emotions can defuse them, like dark clouds passing swiftly in front of the Sun and out of sight.

Next, they plan to look into such factors as culture and upbringing to better understand why some people are more accepting of emotional ups and downs than others.

Solar specs needed for safe viewing of eclipse

With the total solar eclipse right around the cosmic corner, eye doctors are going into nagging overdrive.

They said mom was right: You can damage your eyes staring at the Sun, even the slimmest sliver of it, AP wrote.

So it's time to rustle up special eclipse eyewear to use August 21, when the US has its first full solar eclipse spanning coast to coast in 99 years.

"We have an opportunity to experience a spectacular natural phenomenon, and we can enjoy it with some simple protection. But if you don't use that protection, you'll be paying for it for the rest of your life," said Dr. Paul Sternberg, director of the Vanderbilt Eye Institute in Nashville, noting smack dab in the middle of the total eclipse path.

No peeking, for example, without eclipse glasses or other certified filters except during the two minutes or so when the moon completely blots out the Sun, called totality. That's the only time it's safe to view the eclipse without protection. When totality is ending, then it's time to put them back on.

To be clear, totality means 100 percent of the Sun is covered. That will occur only along a narrow strip stretching from Oregon, through the Midwestern plains, down to South Carolina. The rest of the US gets a partial eclipse that extends into Canada and to the top of South America.

So it's important to know exactly where you are on eclipse day in relation to that path of totality, advises Dr. B. Ralph Chou, a retired professor of optometry at the University of Waterloo in Ontario who is also an astronomer and eclipse chaser. He'll be in Oregon for his 19th total solar eclipse.

"Unfortunately, when it comes to safety with a solar eclipse, 99.9 percent coverage means a 0.1 percent area of the Sun that is still uncovered and is ever so bit as dangerous," Chou said.

For example, Boise, Idaho, will see 99 percent Sun coverage; Omaha, Nebraska, 98 percent; Savannah, Georgia, 97 percent; and Memphis, Tennessee, 94 percent. So for those cities — and anywhere else with a partial eclipse — you need to keep those solar specs on the whole time.



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What can happen when you look directly at the Sun? You're essentially cooking your retina, the delicate, light-sensitive tissue deep inside the eyeball. Solar radiation can kill those cells. Hours can pass before you realize the extent of the damage.

It's known in the trade as solar blindness or solar retinopathy — not total blindness, rather more like age-related macular degeneration, where you have trouble reading or recognizing faces, or lose those abilities altogether.

Seconds are enough for retinal sunburn. And unlike with the skin, you can't feel it. The damage can be temporary or permanent.

"It's really important to resist the urge to look even momentarily, directly in the Sun because you have no real sense of time," said Dr. Christopher Quinn, president of the American Optometric Association.

"What you think may be a glancing look could be a more substantial amount of time, and that can result in permanent damage."

Forget sunglasses. Certified eclipse glasses or hand-held viewers are a must for direct viewing. Or you can look indirectly with a pinhole projector — homemade will do, crafted from a shoebox, or grab a kitchen colander — that casts images of the eclipsed Sun onto a screen at least three feet away.

When it comes to eyewear, though, the emphasis is on certified.

Worried about potentially dangerous knockoffs, NASA, the American Astronomical Society and others are urging eclipse watchers to stick with reputable makers of sun-gazing devices. The society's solar eclipse task force has put out a list of approved manufacturers.

Don't use eclipse glasses with filters that are crumpled, scratched or torn. If you can see any light besides the Sun, it's time for new solar specs. Also beware if the eclipse glasses are older than 2015, when international safety standards were adopted.

Eclipse glasses can be worn directly over your prescription glasses or with contacts. As for binoculars, telescopes and cameras, high-quality solar filters are essential and must be mounted at the front end.

Weed smokers 'more than three times more likely to die from high blood pressure'

People who smoke weed are more than three times more likely to die from high blood pressure than non-users, according to new research.

A study showed that the risk of death from hypertension (also known as high blood pressure) is higher for cannabis users than for non-users and is even higher than for those who smoke cigarettes, metro.co.uk wrote.

Researchers studied cannabis users between 2005 and 2011, looking at how long they had used the drug and for their general health.

Among a total of 1,213 participants, 34 percent used neither cannabis nor cigarettes, 21 percent used only cannabis, 20 percent used cannabis and cigarettes, 16 percent used cannabis and were past smokers, 5 percent were past smokers, and 4 percent only smoked cigarettes but not cannabis. The average duration of cannabis use was 11-and-a-half years.

Compared to non-users, cannabis users were 3.42 times more likely to die from hypertension, with a 1.04-times greater risk for each year of use.

Crank the AC, cut in-car pollution

New research suggested the best way to minimize your pollution exposure on the commute to and from work is to crank the air conditioning in your vehicle.

It is during the commute that people experience the majority of their daily exposure to contaminants, UPI wrote.

To determine how drivers and passengers might mitigate their exposure risks, scientists at Washington University in St. Louis tested what effects the car ventilation system has on passing pollutants.

Scientists tested different combinations and fan and air conditioning settings and monitored contaminant concentrations using portable sensors. A dashboard camera allowed scientists to determine how outside variables — a restaurant exhaust system or a passing diesel truck — impacted exposure.

"As aerosol scientists, we had access to state-of-the-art air monitoring equipment," Nathan Reed, a doctoral candidate at WUSTL, said.

"Once we began measuring inside and outside of the car, and started getting numbers back, we were able to confirm our hypothesis that by controlling our car's ventilation we could mitigate some pollutant risk."

Researchers found that using air conditioning reduced the amounts of the pollutants inside the vehicle by 20



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to 34 percent. While the fan and AC both pull air from the outside, the air conditioning system sees air passed across a cold evaporator.

"This cold surface attracts the pollutant particles, and they deposit there, as opposed to diffusing it into the air

you're breathing," Reed said.

Scientists found the AC was best at minimizing pollution exposure when following a heavy polluter like a bus or big rig.

Of course, using the AC also diminishes a car's fuel economy,

contributing to auto emissions. Scientists recommend deploying the AC only when presented with a high pollution exposure scenario. Once the truck or bus is gone, the driver should roll down the windows to allow any buildup of pollutants to dissipate.

Climate change is shifting when Europe's rivers flood

Across Europe, rivers aren't flooding when they used to.

Long-term changes in temperature and precipitation are making some rivers flood days, weeks or even months earlier than they did 50 years ago, and pushing flooding in other areas much later, researchers reported, according to sciencenews.org.

Those changes could impact people, wildlife and farms near rivers.

Previous studies have shown that climate change is likely to increase the severity and frequency of coastal floods, but it can be tricky to concretely link river flooding to climate change, said Ginter Blöschl, a hydrologist at the Vienna University of Technology who led the study.

Coastal flooding is worsened largely by one overriding variable that can be tracked: Sea level rise. But river flooding is affected by a complex set of factors, said Rob Moore, a policy analyst at the Natural Resources Defense Council in Chicago who specializes in water issues. Both the timing and quantity of precipitation matter, as does the type of soil and whether it's dry or already waterlogged when rain hits. What's more, changes in land use around a river or engineering projects such as dams that change river flow can also affect flood risk — but aren't necessarily related to the climate.

So instead of tracking the size or frequency of river floods, the researchers examined the seasonal timing of those floods. That measurement is less impacted by factors that have nothing to do with climate. Blöschl worked with researchers from 38 countries to analyze



In August 2005, severe floods hit alpine communities like this village in Tirol, Austria.

hydrological data collected at 4,262 sites across Europe from 1960 to 2010.

Flood season shifted as much as 13 days earlier or nine days later per decade, the researchers found. Over the entire study period, that shift added up to floods in some regions occurring, in the most extreme cases, as much as 65 days earlier or 45 days later. The biggest changes were in Western Europe, where a quarter of the monitoring sites recorded flood timing shifts of more than 36 days over the 50-year period. Elsewhere, effects were more moderate, though still measurable: In northeastern Europe and the area around the North Sea, for instance, more than half of the stations showed shifts of more than

eight days.

The effect varies substantially by region because not all parts of Europe experience the same sorts of floods, said Blöschl. In southern Sweden and the Baltics, floods are mostly driven by snowmelt. Warmer local temperatures make the snow melt earlier in the spring, shifting flood season up, too. In southern England, on the other hand, heavy autumn rains saturate the soil, and subsequent winter deluges can cause flooding. Flood season there is driven by when the soil gets too waterlogged to take in more moisture.

The study showed that flood timing has changed, but does not address specific consequences. It's clear, though, that off-season flooding could have far-reaching effects, especially if these trends continue. Animals that rely on river conditions at a certain time of year in order to breed or find food could be affected by surprise floods. Out-of-season floods or unexpected dry spells could damage crops.

Plus, people are less prepared when big floods happen off-season, said Moore. While a comprehensive study like this one hasn't been done in the United States, floods are occurring at unusual times here, too, he noted. Moore cited devastating floods that swelled the upper Mississippi River to a record size in December 2015 — not the time of year when the river is expected to overflow its banks. That flooding, combined with tornadoes spurred by the same storm system, killed more than 50 people and caused almost \$2 billion in damage.

Moon had a magnetic field longer than thought

The moon had a magnetic field for at least two billion years, or maybe longer.

Analysis of a relatively young rock collected by Apollo astronauts reveals the moon had a weak magnetic field until one billion to 2.5 billion years ago, at least a billion years later than previous data showed, sciencenews.org wrote.

Extending this lifetime offers insights into how small bodies generate magnetic fields, researchers reported.

The result may also suggest how life could survive on tiny planets or moons.

"A magnetic field protects the atmosphere of a planet or moon, and the atmosphere protects the surface," said study coauthor Sonia Tikoo, a planetary scientist at Rutgers University in New Brunswick, NJ. Together,

the two protect the potential habitability of the planet or moon, possibly those far beyond our solar system.

The moon does not currently have a global magnetic field. Whether one ever existed was a question debated for decades. On Earth, molten rock sloshes around the outer core of the planet over time, causing electrically conductive fluid moving inside to form a magnetic field. This setup is called a dynamo. At one percent of Earth's mass, the moon would have cooled too quickly to generate a long-lived roiling interior.

Magnetized rocks brought back by Apollo astronauts, however, revealed that the moon must have had some magnetizing force. The rocks suggested that the magnetic field was strong at least 4.25



From around 4.25 billion years ago to at least as late as 2.5 billion years ago, the moon had a magnetic field, which dwindled in strength over time, a new study found.

NASA

billion years ago, early on in the moon's history, but then dwindled and maybe even got cut off about 3.1 billion years ago.

Tikoo and colleagues analyzed fragments of a lunar rock collected along the southern rim of the moon's Dune Crater during the Apollo 15 mission in 1971. The team determined the rock was

one billion to 2.5 billion years old and found it was magnetized. The finding suggested the moon had a magnetic field, albeit a weak one, when the rock formed, the researchers conclude.

A drop in the magnetic field strength suggested the dynamo driving it was generated in two distinct ways, Tikoo said.

Early on, Earth and the moon would have sat much closer together, allowing Earth's gravity to tug on and spin the rocky exterior of the moon. That outer layer would have dragged against the liquid interior, generating friction and a very strong magnetic field.

Then slowly, starting about 3.5 billion years ago, the moon moved away from Earth, weakening the dynamo. But by that point, the moon would have started to cool, causing less dense, hotter material in the core to rise and denser, cooler material to sink, as in Earth's core. This rolling of material would have sustained a weak field that lasted for at least a billion years, until the moon's interior cooled, causing the dynamo to die completely, the team suggested.



# Middle-class parents damaging their children by not being able to say 'no'



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Middle-class parents are damaging their children by not being able to say 'no', a top child psychologist has claimed.

For many teachers, bad behavior in the classroom does not stem from the pupils themselves but the parents, according to Dr. Amanda Gummer, a research psychologist specializing in child development, wrote The Independent.

"Wild, unruly children are increasingly likely to be the progeny of so-called 'helicopter' parents," said Gummer writing for the Daily Mail, "those who give intensive, one-on-one attention to their child and pander to their every whim, fueling a 'little emperor' syndrome."

From her experiences of working with primary school teachers, she said, the attitude and behavior of middle class parents in particular was far more shocking than that of their children.

"They are ruthlessly ambitious for their child's future — failing to realize how badly their mollycoddling is preparing them for the compromises of real life," she said.

"While we've long known this hovering parenting style can create children unable to make decisions or exhibit independence, what's less often discussed is how aggressive and difficult the children of helicopter parents — often middle-class, professional and, to their minds, devoted to their darlings — can be at school.

"These children struggle in the classroom because they cannot cope with not being number one," she added. "So they play up to try to get the attention they have been raised to believe ought to be all theirs."

Teachers were being "frustrated to tears" as a result of these attitudes, she said.

Recent Department for Education figures revealed as many as 35 children a day were being permanently excluded from school for bad behavior in England alone.

Just under a fifth of those expelled were at primary school, including some children as young as four — a figure that has more than doubled over the past four years.

Gummer suggested the perceived increase in expulsions can be linked to the combination of poor behavior

and lack of personal skills as a result of bad parenting.

"Imagine: Little ones so helpless they need assistance to go to the loo and put on their shoes, yet who are utterly unafraid to biff their teacher on the nose," she wrote.

"Too many of these children have never heard the word 'no' levelled at them at home."

Previous studies have suggested parents who exert too much control over their children could be causing them psychological damage later on in life.

A 2015 study by University College London tracking more than 5,000 people since birth, found people whose parents had intruded on their privacy in some way, or encouraged dependence were much more likely to be unhappy in their teens, 30s, 40s and later on in life.

"Children need rules, boundaries and opportunities to feel the cold, go hungry and fall down and hurt themselves, so they can learn from their mistakes," concluded Gummer.

"If they are deprived of those basic life experiences at home, it makes educating them a far greater challenge for their teachers than it ever need be."

Middle-aged men from disadvantaged backgrounds are twice as likely to be single as those from rich families, according to a new study that highlights the lack of social mobility in Britain.

Research by the Institute for Fiscal Studies showed that men's marriage prospects are linked to their upbringing, and that the disparity between those from well-off and poor families has widened in recent years, according to The Guardian.

The study found that one in three men from disadvantaged backgrounds were single at the age of 42, compared with one in seven from rich backgrounds.

The IFS said this was the result both of lower marriage rates and a higher likelihood of relationship breakdown among men from low-income families. Men from low-income households were more than twice as likely to be divorced as those from high-income backgrounds — 11 percent rather than 5 percent — and almost twice as likely never to have been married (36 percent rather than 20 percent).

The thinktank said it had long been established that the



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## Men from poor families twice as likely to be single

sons of richer parents tended to have higher incomes than those with poor parents, but it noted that the gap was widening. In 2012, employed 42-year-old men whose parents were among the richest fifth of households earned an average of 88 percent more than those from the poorest families. In 2000, the equivalent gap was 47 percent. The income gap

was reduced to 66 — after tax.

The IFS said men from disadvantaged backgrounds were also losing out by not being able to attract or keep a partner. Even among men in couples, the partners of men from richer backgrounds earn 73 percent more than the partners of men from poorer families.

"Female earnings are an increasingly important

component of household income and so these trends significantly reduce the household incomes of men who grew up in poor families compared with those of men who grew up in rich families," the IFS said.

"And this is a new phenomenon. Amongst men born 12 years earlier, the differences in partnership status and partner earnings by family background

were considerably smaller."

Men from poorer backgrounds were twice as likely to be out of work as those from richer backgrounds, the study found. Only seven percent of men growing up in the richest fifth of households were out of work at the age of 42 in 2012 — a year when the economy was growing only sluggishly — while more than 15 percent of men from the poorest fifth of households were out of work.

Men from poorer backgrounds are also more than twice as likely to receive disability benefits as those from better-off families, at 11 percent rather than four percent.

Chris Belfield, a research economist at IFS and an author of the paper, said: "Focusing solely on the earnings of men in work understates the importance of family background in determining living standards.

"As well as having higher earnings, those from richer families are more likely to be in work, more likely to have a wife and more likely to have a higher-earning wife than those from less-well-off backgrounds. And all these inequalities have been widening over time."

## Number of homeless in Britain expected to double by 2041

The number of people forced into homelessness is expected to more than double to half a million by 2041 unless the government takes immediate action, a homelessness charity has warned.

Analysis by Heriot-Watt University for Crisis has found that the number of homeless people in Britain will reach 575,000 — up from 236,000 in 2016. The number of people sleeping rough will more than quadruple from 9,100 in 2016 to 40,100 over the same period, the research found, The Guardian reported.



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The forecast, released to mark the 50th anniversary of Crisis, comes as the number of homeless households has jumped by a third in the past five years. The majority of those affected are 'sofa surfers', with 68,300 people sleeping on other people's couches.

The biggest rise will be for those placed by a council in unsuitable accommodation, such as bed and breakfasts, with the total expected to rise from 19,300 to 117,500.

Crisis has urged the government to build more affordable housing and launch a concerted effort to tackle rough sleeping.

Jon Sparkes, chief executive of Crisis, said: "With the right support at the right time, it doesn't need to be inevitable. Together we can find the answers and make sure those in power listen to them."

Jess Phillips, Labour MP for Birmingham Yardley, said that homelessness had become the bulk of her workload.

"The government needs to wake up. The system is broken. Without more social housing, a flood of good temporary accommodation and investment in homelessness support the problem will get worse."

Jim McMahon, Labour MP for Oldham West and Royton, said: "This is a crisis of the government's own making. Deliberate and targeted policies and cuts in welfare, housing and community support have made a bad situation terrible."

Jacqui McCluskey, director of policy and communications at the charity Homeless Link, said the predictions were extremely concerning.

"It is unacceptable that anyone should have no other option than to sleep on the streets or live in poor-quality temporary accommodation, and we must continue to act to ensure the current situation not only improves but definitely does not worsen."

The report found that the problems will be more acute in England compared with Scotland, with London particularly affected. The capital is forecast to account for more than half of England's homeless population by 2041.

## South Korean women employed in record number but mostly in temporary positions

Women landed a record number of jobs in July, according to statistics on Friday that also showed they were working in low-quality jobs and suspending their careers to raise a family.

Statistics Korea said 11.48 million women were employed as of July, up 181,000 from the same month last year. This is the highest figure since the agency started to produce separate employment data for men and women in 1982, Yonhap reported.



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By comparison, 15.43 million men had jobs in July — up 131,000. The increase in employment for women was higher than that for men for the fifth month in July.

Details indicated, however, that the types of jobs that women got were temporary positions. Approximately 5.09 million people were working on contracts of one month to one year as of July, with roughly 3.07 million, or 26.8 percent of all workers, were women. Men holding such jobs reached 2.02 million, or 13.1 percent.

If daily workers, people contracted for shorter than a month, are included, the ratio goes up to 31.7 percent for women and to 19.6 percent for men.

The proportion of regular workers, whose job contract is for more than a year, was 45.1 percent for women and 53.1 percent for men.

By age group, 23.8 percent of working women were aged between 40 and 49. Corresponding numbers were 22.7 percent for the 50-59 age group, 18.8 percent for the 30-39 group and 17.2 percent for the 20-29 group. The number for people 60 and over was 16.2 percent.

Compared with men, the number of workers was higher for women in the 20-29 and over 60 groups — a phenomenon that indicates that women are out of the job market during child-rearing years. Many Korean women start to have children in their late 20s and their 30s.

## 1st place runner collapses 50m shy of finish line, gets help from 2nd place runner



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Rob Gomez had a chance to win the \$1,000 prize as the top male finisher in Maine's TD Bank Beach to Beacon 10K after front-runner Jesse Orach had fallen for a second time within sight of the finish line.

Instead of running past Orach, Gomez stopped, pulled Orach to his feet and forcibly held him upright over the last 50 meters before giving him a final nudge forward to make sure Orach crossed the finish line first, sunnyskyz.com reported.

Photos of Gomez's selfless act have been circulating on social media and Gomez has remained humble.

"They've put me on a pedestal I don't really deserve," Gomez told the Press Herald.

"What people saw was just an example of the running community. It's not really special. It's just what we do."

Some wondered how Gomez could pass up winning himself, especially since the first place finisher gets a \$1,000 prize.

"It wasn't a calculated decision," he said. "It wasn't because I'm some sort of hero or some sort of special person, because I'm not. As runners, we understand, we pick each other up and help each other."

## 'The Little Prince' quotes

An all-time favorite children's book, *'The Little Prince'* by Antoine de Saint-Exupéry has been turned into a beautifully animated movie — and it's finally being released. The inspiring lessons, timeless story, and beautiful quotes from *'The Little Prince'*

People where you live, the little prince said, grow 5,000 roses in one garden... Yet they don't find what they're looking for... And yet what they're looking for could be found in a single rose.

ability to see what's really important in life.

All you need is to truly love one thing to be filled with love for everything.

The grass always seems



make this a perfect choice.

You become responsible, forever, for what you have tamed.

And now here is my secret, a very simple secret: It is only with the heart that one can see rightly; what is essential is invisible to the eye.

It is much more difficult to judge oneself than to judge others. If you succeed in judging yourself rightly, then you are indeed a man of true wisdom.

All grown-ups were once children... but only few of them remember it.

It is the time you have wasted for your rose that makes your rose so important.

I am who I am and I have the need to be.

The most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or touched, they are felt with the heart.

No one is ever satisfied where he is.

One day, I watched the Sun setting 44 times.....You know...when one is so terribly sad, one loves sunsets.

It is such a mysterious place, the land of tears.

But the conceited man did not hear him. Conceited people never hear anything but praise.

Well, I must endure the presence of a few caterpillars if I wish to become acquainted with the butterflies.

What matters most are the simple pleasures so abundant that we can all enjoy them... Happiness doesn't lie in the objects we gather around us. To find it, all we need to do is open our eyes.

Where are the people?" resumed the little prince at last. "It's a little lonely in the desert..."

"It is lonely when you're among people, too," said the snake.

A rock pile ceases to be a rock pile the moment a single man contemplates it, bearing within him the image of a cathedral.

But the eyes are blind. One must look with the heart.

Do what makes you happy because your heart knows best.

Never lose that childish

greener elsewhere, so remember that's just an illusion and be happy where you are.

You'll travel the most by going off the beaten path and taking twists and turns.

Before you criticize others, reflect upon your own actions.

Break out of endless self-destructive cycles.

While you're building your career, don't forget to enjoy life.

Don't just be a geographer; be an explorer.

Take the time out to get to know people and then work to maintain those relationships.

You're never really alone when you feel alone because everyone feels the same way.

You are always obligated to the people who you have allowed to love you.

Sometimes, a silent look or a hug is enough.

There are so many wonderful things out there in your future. You can't see them yet, but they're there.

## Inside abandoned UFO village where families lived in 'spaceships'

These creepy images show an abandoned UFO village where wacky spaceship-style homes have been left to rot and grow moldy.

The yellow and green flying-saucer homes are elevated above ground, with all the amenities of a regular home designed in a circular pod. mirror.co.uk wrote.

Once filled with the hustle and bustle of family life and tourists on holiday, the homes, officially known as Futuro houses, grew incredibly popular in the 1960s.

Now, images from the village in the Wanli District of Taiwan show crumbling exteriors, cracked windows and moldy carpets after decades of decay.

The perfect living space by



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many, the spaceship homes designed by Finnish architect Matti Suuronen were thought to be a horrendous eye sore by others.

The pods were originally designed as ski chalets, made from lightweight material so they could be transported

between various locations.

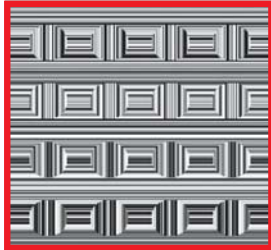
Resembling something from a sci-fi film, doors and windows of the alternative properties are based on the design of an aircraft and the indoor living spaces are made up of a kitchen, bedroom and bathroom.

But as oil prices soared, the once-fashionable homes and holiday cabins became unaffordable and were left to crumble and rot to the ground.

Along with the Futuro homes, Suuronen also designed a series of Ventura pre-fab houses.

While Suuronen is best known for his futuristic homes, he has also designed petrol stations, kiosks, detached and terraced houses as well as public buildings.

## There are 16 circles in this image. Can you spot them?



When I first came across this image and was told there are 16 circles in it, I was certain I was being trolled. But trust me, the circles are there, sunnyskyz.com wrote.

Good luck!

## Themed Crossword

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- Capital of the Bahamas (6)
- Strait between the Atlantic and Pacific oceans (8)
- Currency of Bulgaria (3)
- Falls between Canada and USA (7)
- Formerly known as Ceylon (3,5)
- Montgomery is the capital (7)
- Corsican town and birthplace of Napoleon (7)
- Carson City is the capital (6)
- Nebraska city on the Missouri (5)
- Indonesian island (4)
- Currency of Romania (3)

## ACROSS

- State capital of Wisconsin (7)
- Lombardy city (5)
- The Friendly Islands (5)
- Spanish city (7)
- Muscat is the capital (4)
- Capital of Malta (8)
- Capital of Turkey (6)
- World's largest desert (6)
- West Indies island group (8)
- Portuguese folk music (4)
- State capital of Georgia (7)
- Capital of Ghana (5)
- One of the Lesser Islands in 17 across (5)
- Grand Canyon state (7)

## Thursday's solution

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## 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.

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# Iran drops one place in latest FIFA rankings



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Iran plunged one position in the August 2017 edition of the Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) rankings to land in the 24th spot in the world.

According to the latest monthly rankings released by the world's soccer governing body on Thursday, the

Iranian team collected 893 points and maintained its position as the best Asian soccer team, Press TV reported.

Other Asian teams included Japan, which moved up two positions to claim the 44th slot in the latest FIFA rankings with 696 points, followed by the Australians and South Koreans, who occupied the 45th and

49th spots respectively with 691 and 674 points.

Brazil is the top-ranked soccer team in the world, with 1,604 points. Germany bagged 1,549 points to claim the second position while third-place Argentina earned 1,399 points. Switzerland stands fourth with 1,329 points.

## Iran thrashes Maldives at Asian women's volleyball meet

Iran secured its first victory at the Asian Senior Women's Volleyball Championship in the Philippines.

On Friday, Iranian women claimed a 3-0 (25-4, 25-13, 25-14) triumph over their Maldivian rivals in a Pool D

match at Muntinlupa Sports Complex in Muntinlupa, Press TV reported.

The Iranians, having already failed to secure a berth among the top eight teams, almost blanked their opponents in the first set of the game, and only gave away four points due to their individual errors.



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The Maldives then tried to recover from the humiliating opening set in the ensuing sets, managing to score 13 and 14 points respectively.

Iran's hard-hitting spiker Mina Roosta led the scoring with 9 points, while Mahdich Khajehkolaei, Mahsa Saberi and Neda Chamlianian had 8 apiece to contribute to Iran's victory.

"We had two difficult matches against Chinese Taipei and Thailand and today we had a normal match against Maldives," Mir-mostafa Shojefi, technical advisor of the Iranian women's volleyball team, said after the game.

He added, "We are preparing ourselves for future matches."

Iran will next take on Australia in a 9-14 playoffs fixture in Pool H on August 14.

## Coutinho submits transfer request to force Barca move



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Philippe Coutinho handed in a transfer request to Liverpool minutes after the club had insisted it would not accept any offers for the Brazil playmaker.

Barcelona has had two bids turned down for the 25-year-old, the second in the region of £90 million on Wednesday, the Guardian reported.

After Jürgen Klopp insisted that Coutinho was not for sale, that stance was reiterated in a statement by the club's owners Fenway Sports Group.

However, it is understood from a source close to the player that a transfer request was submitted on Friday, with Coutinho said to be unhappy with the way Liverpool has handled the negotiations. He had so far refused to agitate for a move despite having informed the club of his desire to join Barca, instead opting to wait for the situation to be resolved.

Yet with Liverpool steadfastly refusing to soften its position in the face of a third offer, Coutinho decided to attempt to take matters into his own hands.

Earlier, the statement from FSG was adamant the player signed

from Internazionale in 2013 would still be at Anfield at the end of the month.

"We wish to offer clarity as regards our position on a possible transfer of Philippe Coutinho," it read.

"The club's definitive stance is that no offers for Philippe will be considered and he will remain a member of Liverpool Football Club when the summer [transfer] window closes."

Klopp, speaking at a prematch press conference ahead of Liverpool's Premier League opener at Watford today, again reiterated his stance but remained coy about his private talks with the Brazilian.

"I think if somebody, in this case FSG, is saying something like this it is the statement," said the German. "I think I have said it already a few times, but maybe that's not 100 per cent clear."

"I don't think I ever told you anything about what I spoke to players [about]. I turned 50 in the summer, so maybe I forget things like this. I have nothing to say about this."

Barca has plenty of money to spend, having sold Coutinho's com-

patriot Neymar to Paris Saint-Germain for a world-record £198 million last week.

Coutinho signed a new five-year deal with the Merseyside club in January that did not include a buy-out clause. The 25-year-old was The Reds' leading scorer with 14 goals in all competitions last term, a season that saw Klopp's men secure a fourth-place finish in the Premier League.

He will not be available to face Watford this weekend, however, and is a doubt for the first leg of the Champions League qualifying playoff against Hoffenheim on Tuesday, after failing to recover from a back injury.

Asked if Coutinho would be involved in today's fixture, Klopp said, "No, he has back problems. He was not in training since last Friday. No he is not available, he is also a doubt for Tuesday, unfortunately."

When asked if his job was now to keep Coutinho happy, Klopp added, "I can't keep players happy. That's how life is. It's not about this, Phil is not available for us, that's the biggest issue that he's not available to play."

## Nadal stunned by Canadian teen

Canadian teenager Denis Shapovalov stunned top seeded Rafael Nadal to reach the quarterfinals of the ATP Montreal Masters tournament, spoiling the Spaniard's chances of returning to world No. 1.

The 18-year-old Shapovalov, who needed a wild card to get into the tournament, continued his giant killing form at the hardcourt tournament by rallying to beat Nadal in three sets, 3-6, 6-4, 7-6 (7-4) on Thursday, FOX Sports reported.

Nadal would have returned to No. 1 in the world if he had defeated Shapovalov on Thursday and Adrian Panarino on Friday.

The defeat means injured Brit Andy Murray will hold on to top spot for now.

Shapovalov is youngest ATP World Tour Masters 1000 quarterfinalist ever and second youngest player to defeat Nadal since Borna Coric did at 2014 Swiss Indoors.

Nadal went 0-for-6 on break points in the third set, sat back and waited for the kid to miss. He didn't.

Shapovalov's stunning upset against the reigning French Open champion came as a result of some inspired tennis in front of a boisterous home crowd who cheered his every



Denis Shapovalov (R) of Canada shakes hands with Rafael Nadal of Spain after defeating him at the ATP Montreal Masters in Canada on August 10, 2017.

shot.

Shapovalov had just three wins this season coming into the tournament. He quickly got on a roll in Montreal beating Brazil's Rogerio Dutra Silva in the opening round 4-6, 7-6 (10-8), 6-4.

He defeated former US Open winner Juan Martín Del Potro in the second round in straight sets 6-3, 7-6 (7-4) to set up the showdown with Nadal.

Shapovalov won seven of the final eight points of the third set tiebreaker before closing out the match with a forehand winner down the line. He celebrated by falling onto his back then covering his face with his hands.

Shapovalov blasted a total of nine aces, including ones on his second serve that handcuffed Nadal. He also had seven double faults and won 67 percent of his first serve points.

Nadal won 77 percent of his first serve points but had just two aces and six double faults in the two hour, 45 minute center court match.

"I was just swinging for the fences," said Shapovalov after his triumph over world No. 2.

"The whole day I was like: there's no chance, I will go and have fun but there is no way I am beating this guy," Shapovalov added.

The 31-year-old Nadal praised the teenager's performance, saying, "He played well. He has great potential." "I wish him the best. He played with the right determination."

### Art & Culture

#### Iranian flick enters Hungarian fest's contest section

Art & Culture Desk

Iranian feature film titled 'Kupal' will be screened in the international competition section of Jameson CineFest – 14th Miskolc International Film Festival in Hungary.

Directed by Kazem Mollaei 'Kupal' is the only Iranian flick to take part in the Hungarian film festival which is to be held from September 8 to 17, 2017, IRNA reported.



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The cast of the film include Mojtaba Alizadeh, Nazamin Farahani and Hossein Ghayebi Shabhang.

Among the other movies to take part in the Hungarian fest's competition section are 'April's Daughter' from Mexico directed by Michel Franco, 'Good Time' from the US directed by Ben Safdie and Joshua Safdie, 'God's Own Country' from the UK directed by Francis Lee, 'Brigsby Bear' from the US directed by Dave McCary, 'Lady Macbeth' from the UK directed by William Oldroyd, 'Columbus' from the US directed by Kogonada, Brimstone a joint product of the Netherlands, France, Germany, Belgium, Sweden, the UK and the US directed by Martin Koolhoven, 'A Ciámbrá' a joint product of Italy, Brazil, Germany, France, the US and Sweden directed by Jonas Carpignano and 'Western' a joint product of Germany, Bulgaria and Austria directed by Valeska Grisebach.

Earlier, the Iranian film won the first prize for the best feature in Amsterdam Film Festival in the Netherlands.

#### ICHTHO official: Food fests will help promote Iran's tourism

Iran's Cultural Heritage Handicrafts and Tourism Organization (ICHTHO) seeks to attract domestic and international tourists and promote food tourism by holding annual food festivals in a different city each year.

Ali Khaksari, the deputy head of ICHHTO, added the organization held the first edition of such festivals in the western Iranian province of Kermanshah in the year to mid-March 2017, IRNA reported.

This year's festival was held in Hamedan Province, western Iran, during August 9-11.

Khaksari said the food festivals aim to present healthy traditional Iranian cuisines, their recipes and unique Iranian spices to domestic and international tourists.

He noted that the three-day festival was attended by some of the best Iranian brands in food, hotel and restaurant industries. Culinary attractions play a significant role in developing tourism industry.

Traditional foods, as an intangible cultural heritage, are always very popular among domestic and foreign tourists as food constitute the most memorable part of a trip.



Iranian play-cum-concert titled 'Si' (30), which is a joint production of famous Iranian vocalist Homayoun Shajarian and Iranian Iranian-Kurdish musician and composer Sohrab Pournazeri, is on stage at Sa'dabad Cultural Complex in Tehran.

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## Iran, Kazakhstan sign cultural agreement

Iran and Kazakhstan signed an agreement to increase cultural exchanges and promote cooperation in this field.

The deal was signed between Kazakh Culture, Tourism and Sports Minister Arystanbek Muhammeduly and the head of Islamic Culture and Relations Organization (ICRO), Abuzar Ebrahimi-Torkaman, in Tehran on Thursday, IRNA reported.

During the signing ceremony, Ebrahimi-Torkaman said Kazakhstan has the second longest border with Iran among the Central Asian states, adding the friendly and brotherly country is one of the major and influential countries in Central Asia.

He further noted that Iran was among the very first countries to recognize Kazakhstan's independence following the dissolution of the Soviet Union in 1991.

The two countries have had excellent relations ever since, the ICRO head said.

Speaking in the same ceremony, the Kazakh minister called for expansion of cooperation between Iran and Kazakhstan given the support of the presidents of the two countries for promoting cultural collaboration.

Muhammeduly noted that the deal will provide both sides with a good opportunity to foster cultural and sports relations and increase interactions among cultural activists.

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## Renowned Italian musician to hold saxophone masterclasses in Iran

A distinguished Italian musician, Mario Ciaccio, will hold masterclasses in Tehran in late August with a focus on playing the saxophone.

The soloist of the Italian National Police Wind Orchestra is scheduled to hold his masterclasses on playing the saxophone for Iranian musicians during August 21-28, IFP News reported.

Ciaccio received his master's degree in saxophone from F. Bonporti Conservatory. Having won 12 Italian, European and international chamber music competitions, Ciaccio performs with orchestras and musical institutions including Orchestra Haydn di Bolzano e Trento, Orchestra Sinfonica Siciliana, Palermo Orchestra di Musica Contemporanea, Filarmonica Franco Ferrara, Academie Neue Music Bolzano, Traiettorie Sonore Milan, Old time jazz Orchestra, Ars Musica, Teatro Massimo di Palermo, Teatro

Comunale di Bolzano and Teatro Santa Chiara Trento.

He has performed in more than 200 concerts. A member of the Modern Saxophone Quartet, Ciaccio is currently performing in many concerts and tours in the Nether-



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lands, France and the US. The Italian musician teaches the saxophone at the C. Eccher Music School in Cles (Trento),ss



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## 'Autumn Memories' to compete in Indian filmfest

Art & Culture Desk

A feature film by Iranian director Ali Fakhr Mousavi titled 'Autumn Memories' was given the green light to participate in the main competition section — Best International Feature Film — of India's Lake View International Film Festival.



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A joint production of Iran, the Czech Republic and Ukraine, the film will compete with 17 other flicks in this section, IRNA reported.

Selected for participation in the main competition section of the Indian festival out of 60 other flicks, 'Autumn Memories' is an anti-war love story depicting the story of a girl whose home and family were attacked by terrorist groups. As a person who has experienced displacement, blindness and loss of speech, she can ultimately find peace and love in another part of the world along with people who also are affected by war.

The film was screened at the 35th Fajr Film Festival in February. Its cast includes Nazanin Ahmadi Shahpourabadi, Aleksandr Ignatusha, Galyna Karpin, Oleksa Kravchuk, Dmytro Linartovych, Nazar Regush, Oleksandr Vakulyuk and Olga Voytanovich.

The Indian event is held annually in Punjab during August 28-September 6. Earlier, it was announced that the film will be screened by the Art & Experience Cinematic Group in autumn.

The shooting of the movie began in October 2015 in Ukraine. It was entirely shot outside Iran.

### Weather



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