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'No Date, No Signature' garners two awards at Venice Film Festival

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Iranian film 'No Date, No Signature', directed by Vahid Jalilvand, won two awards in the 'Horizons' section of the 74th Venice Film Festival held in the Italian city from August 30 to September 9.

The feature received Horizons Awards for the best director, Jalilvand, and best actor, Navid Mohammadzadeh, at the closing ceremony of the event which was held on Saturday.

A beautifully shot psychological drama with comprehension issues, 'No Date, No Signature' narrates the story of a forensic pathologist, Dr. Nariman, who has a car accident with a motorcyclist and injures his 8-year-old son. He offers to take the child to a clinic nearby, but the father refuses his help and money. The next morning, in the hospital where he works, Dr. Nariman finds out that the little boy has been brought for an autopsy following a suspicious death. Dr. Nariman faces a dilemma now: Is he responsible for the child's death due to the accident or he died of food poisoning according to other doctors' diagnosis?

Prior to the screening of the Iranian flick at Venice filmfest, a number of American film magazines and news websites, such as The Hollywood Reporter and Variety had, in separate reviews of the drama, commended Jalilvand's second feature as well as Mohammadzadeh's performance.

Variety described the film as "a handsomely made, exceptionally well-played drama that largely works despite a few significant plot holes," noting "all four main actors are in top form, but it's Mohammadzadeh who steals the show in his scene at the poultry plant, when his desperate monologue takes on an epic, Shakespearean quality as he throws all his physical force into a verbal storm of pained outrage."

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Syrian Army controls entire strategic highway

Syrian government forces seized a final stretch of highway linking the eastern city of Deir ez-Zor to the capital Damascus on Sunday in further advances against the Daesh terrorist group, a Hezbollah-run media unit reported.

Troops moving in from the west linked up with forces already in Deir ez-Zor at the Panorama entrance to the city, bringing the whole road under their control for the first time in years, it said, Reuters reported.

The Syrian Army and its allies, which include Lebanese Hezbollah movement, this week broke a three-year siege by the terrorists of a government-held enclave of Deir ez-Zor and an adjacent airbase.

The rapid government advances, accompanied by Russian airstrikes, are squeezing Daesh in its last major Syria stronghold, as US-backed forces separately oust the Daesh terrorists from areas they hold to the east, on the other side of the Euphrates river.



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The US-backed Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF) said they had made further gains against Daesh a day after announcing an operation to capture northern and eastern parts of Deir ez-Zor Province.

Syrian state TV broadcast footage of Syrian officers who had been holed up in Deir ez-Zor emotionally greeting their superiors after being surrounded by Daesh since 2014.

The United Nations has estimated that some 93,000 people were living in "extremely difficult" conditions in government-held parts of Deir ez-Zor, supplied by airdrops to the airbase.

Daesh has lost nearly half of its territory across both Iraq and Syria, but still has 6,000-8,000 members left in Syria, the United States-led coalition has said.

Iran's President Hassan Rouhani said that Muslim world's capability, progress and stability lead to global capability, progress and stability.

Rouhani made the remarks in an address to the first Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) summit on science and technology in the Kazakh capital, Astana, on Sunday.

"We have all reached a consensus that the Muslim world is a crucial and effective part of the system of the universe, and its capability, progress and stability lead to global capability, progress and stability," said President Rouhani, as reported by Press TV.

He underlined the need for unity and cooperation among Muslim countries as the key to rid the world of violence and reach permanent peace.

Rouhani said weakness, backwardness and disunity among Muslim countries would make sustainable peace, inclusive development and effective conversion impossible to reach.

"Therefore, consensus, concord and cooperation among members of the great Islamic world, in order to enter the developed world, is a joint effort to build a world free of ignorance, poverty, war and violence," he added.

He also stressed that cooperation in the field of science and technology has strategic political and social significance.

Today, he said, the Muslim world feels the need for solidarity and unity more than ever as it is grappling with multiple crises, such as Israeli crimes against the Palestinians, atrocities by Buddhist extremists against Rohingya in Myanmar, humanitarian catastrophes created by extremist groups in Syria and Iraq and the continuation of the Saudi war on Yemen.

"I am honored to represent a nation which has been the pioneer of knowledge and culture in two civilizational eras of pre-Islamic and post-Islamic human history, Iran in the Achaemenid and Sassanid periods was the cradle of generating knowledge and culture and it was a hub

for the expansion of knowledge, literature and management in the world. The Iranian spirit attracted scientists, businessmen and architects from all over the world, through creating a political and social environment based on ethics and human rights, and paved the way for the creation of vivid sites of human civilization in Persepolis, and a treasury of books in Asian libraries," said President Rouhani.

The Iranian president said the OIC summit had the potential to be turned into a milestone in the history of scientific cooperation in the Muslim world.

"Let's put aside divisions being sowed by the enemies of Islam and warmongering powers, who see their benefit in dividing us, and open new grounds for scientific and technological cooperation as well as further renovation of our countries," he said.

Rouhani also expressed the Islamic Republic's readiness to cooperate with all Muslim countries and nations in the area of science, technology and innovation.

Myanmar refugee exodus nears 300,000

The United Nations has appealed for aid to deal with a humanitarian crisis unfolding in southern Bangladesh after the number of Muslim Rohingya fleeing Myanmar neared 300,000, just two weeks after violence erupted there, Reuters reported.

The wave of hungry and traumatized refugees is "showing no signs of stopping," overwhelming agencies in the Cox's Bazar region already helping hundreds of thousands displaced by ongoing Myanmar security forces crackdown on Muslims in Rakhine state, the UN said.

"It is vital that aid agencies working in Cox's Bazar have the resources they need to provide emergency assistance to incredibly vulnerable people who have been forced to flee their homes and have arrived in Bangladesh with nothing," said the UN Resident Coordinator in Bangladesh Robert Watkins said.

He said in a statement late on Saturday that agencies urgently needed \$77 million (£58.3 million) to cope with an emergency that was triggered when armed groups attacked police posts and an army base on Aug. 25, prompting a military counter-offensive.

The Arakan Rohingya Salvation Army (ARSA) declared a month-long unilateral cease-fire, starting on Sunday, to enable aid groups to bring humanitarian aid to those still in the northwestern state of Buddhist-majority Myanmar.

Thousands of displaced people in Rakhine have been stranded or left without food for weeks.

Many are still trying to cross mountains, dense bush and rice fields to reach Bangladesh.

Red Cross organizations are scaling up their operations in Rakhine after the UN had to suspend activities there following government suggestions that its agency had supported the armed groups.

In its cease-fire statement, ARSA called on the military to lay down arms and allow humanitarian aid to all affected people.

About a dozen Muslim villages were burned down on Friday and Saturday in the ethnically mixed Rathedaung region of Rakhine, two sources monitoring the situation said.

"Slowly, one after another, villages are being burnt down - I believe that Rohingyas are already wiped out completely from Rathedaung," said one of the sources, Chris Lewa of the Rohingya monitoring group, the Arakan Project.

Three Rohingyas were killed by landmines on Saturday as they tried to cross from Myanmar, a Bangladeshi border guard said, and an official with a non-government organization said two more were injured on Sunday.

In Cox's Bazar, a Reuters reporter saw about 40 Rohingyas, mainly women and children, arriving early on Sunday after a four-day trek and then a border crossing by fishing boat.

The International Crisis Group said in a report that the strife in Rakhine is causing more than a humanitarian crisis. "It is also driving up the risks that the country's five-year-old transition from military rule will stumble, that Rohingya commu-



REUTERS

A Rohingya refugee girl sits next to her mother who rests after crossing the Bangladesh-Myanmar border on September 6, 2017.

unities will be radicalized, and that regional stability will be weakened," it said.

Myanmar leader Aung San Suu Kyi has come under international pressure to halt the violence.

Critics complain that Suu Kyi, who won a Nobel Peace Prize in 1991 for championing democracy, has failed to speak out for a minority of her country that has long complained of persecution.

Media: Lebanese president to visit Iran in Oct.

Lebanese President Michel Aoun plans to pay an official visit to Iran in October as part of efforts to deepen Beirut-Tehran relations in all fields, local media reports said on Sunday.

The Arabic-language Ad-Diyar newspaper said Aoun is expected to discuss mutual ties as well as regional and international developments with the Iranian officials, according to Tasnim News Agency.

Heading a high-ranking delegation, President Aoun will visit Tehran in the near future at the official invitation of the Islamic Republic, the Arabic-language Al Mayadeen TV had reported in August.

Lebanese Foreign Minister Gebran Bassil announced the visit in June and said that Lebanon welcomes the development of political, economic and parliamentary ties with Iran. Bassil then highlighted the key role Iran plays in resolving regional problems and praised its contribution to peace and stability.

Velayati: Crimes against Rohingya, organized Israeli plot

A senior Iranian official slammed the ongoing brutal crackdown on the Rohingya in Myanmar, saying the Muslim community is suffering from organized crime at the hands of the Israeli regime.

"The Zionist regime's plot for eradicating its cruel and child-killing image, and the expansion of the culture of cruelty and oppression against children, the elderly, and innocent people, in coordination with the government of Myanmar, demonstrates a horrible and organized crime against the deprived Rohingya Muslims," Ali Akbar Velayati, the secretary general of the World Assembly of Islamic Awakening, said in a statement, Press TV reports.

He warned that such an "ominous and organized plot by international Zionism" would result in genocide against Muslims, oppression and forced displacement, ethnic and racial cleansing, massacre and regional instability.

He said all international bodies, including the United Nations, Human Rights Watch and the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), as well as world countries shoulder a heavy responsibility to have a correct understanding of such a calculated plot.

Velayati, who is the senior adviser to the Leader of the Islamic Revolution, Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei, on international affairs, urged "swift and effective" measures to prevent the recurrence of such tragedies and bring the perpetrators to justice.

He called on all dignitaries, groups, parties, movements, Muslim countries, the OIC and Human Rights Watch, as well as the UN Secretary General António Guterres, to utilize all their capabilities and diplomatic means to exert more pressure on the government of Myanmar in order to prevent further crimes against the Rohingya Muslims.

They must ease the pain of the oppressed people in this region by dispatching fact-finding teams to immediately investigate the situation, sending humanitarian assistance and properly organizing the refugees, the senior Iranian official said.

Velayati further emphasized that if the government of Myanmar refuses to cooperate, its crimes must be addressed at the UN Security Council.

In such a scenario, he also called on the OIC to hold an emergency session and Muslim countries to cut their diplomatic and trade ties with Myanmar to express their firm support for the oppressed and defenseless Rohingya Muslims.

Rouhani meets counterparts on the sidelines of OIC summit

He urges promotion of Tehran ties with other nations



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Iranian President Hassan Rouhani meets with Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro.



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Iranian President Hassan Rouhani shakes hands with Kazakh President Nursultan Nazarbayev.



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Iranian President Hassan Rouhani confers with Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan.

Iranian President Hassan Rouhani met with leaders of several countries on the sidelines of the first science and technology summit of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), in Astana, Kazakhstan.

Tehran-Tashkent ties

In a meeting with Uzbek President Shavkat Mirziyoyev, Rouhani said no barrier can obstruct the expansion of bilateral ties.

"There is no barrier obstructing the path of developing relations between Iran and Uzbekistan," he said, according to Mehr News Agency.

Rouhani said the two Asia nations can promote their relations in many fields.

"We welcome the participation of Uzbek entrepreneurs and investors in Iran and, likewise, the participation of Iranian investors in Uzbekistan," he said.

The Iranian president added that the Islamic Republic can provide the shortest path of access to the Persian Gulf and high seas for Uzbek traders.

The Uzbek president, for his part, described his meeting with Rouhani as a historic event and a turning point in the history of bilateral relations and reiterated that Tashkent is ready to develop its ties with Tehran.

Rouhani hails Kazakhstan

In his meeting with Kazakh President Nursultan Nazarbayev, President Rouhani congratulated his counterpart for holding OIC's first science and technology summit.

"Relations between Iran and Kazakhstan have been growing over the past 25 years and we welcome further expansion. We have had constructive cooperation on issues of mutual interest and international development," said Rouhani, according to IRNA.

Kazakhstan's president also called for the promotion of bilateral ties. He said that Iran had made great achievements despite the imposition of sanctions against the Islamic Republic.



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Iranian President Hassan Rouhani shakes hands with Azerbaijani President Ilham Aliyev.



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Iranian President Hassan Rouhani holds discussions with Uzbek President Shavkat Mirziyoyev.

Mutual interests

The Iranian president further conferred with the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan Ilham Aliyev.

The two leaders exchanged views on various issues, including mutual interests.

US meddling

The Iranian president also held talks with his Venezuelan counterpart, Nicolas Maduro.

In the meeting, Rouhani touched on US meddling in other countries' internal affairs, Press TV wrote.

Venezuela has been convulsed by months of unrest, which has plunged the oil-rich country into the worst economic crisis in its history. The government says Washington is instigating the unrest and trying to undermine the South American country.

"We have no doubt that the new methods of the US government cannot last for long," Rouhani said.

He underlined the importance of unity and further cooperation among independent countries in the face of US efforts to create divisions.

Maduro told Rouhani that his people "have wit-

nessed invasive maneuvers and meddling by the US, especially over the past six months, but we will stand against these pressures by preserving our unity."

The Venezuelan president urged further expansion and deepening of relations between Tehran and Caracas, which have developed close relations over recent years.

Plight of Rohingya

Rouhani also sat for talks with his Turkish counterpart Recep Tayyip Erdogan, calling for developing bilateral ties.

Both leaders stressed the importance of delivering aid to the people of Myanmar, where security forces have been attacking Rohingya Muslims and torching their villages since October 2016, in a bid to push them out of the western state of Rakhine.

Rouhani noted that Iran would be sending humanitarian aid to those affected in the crackdown, and called for an end to the violence against the Rohingya Muslims.

Erdogan also stressed that the government in Myanmar must be pressured into halting its atrocities.



Iran's missile boat warns off US warship in Sea of Oman

An Iranian missile boat warned off an American warship approaching an Iranian dhow in the Sea of Oman, the Navy of the Islamic Republic of Iran Army said in a statement on Sunday.



"The dhow, Shams (Sun), had set sail from the port city of Jask in southeastern Iran to test its motor. Forty-five miles (72 kilometers) into the sea, the vessel's motor started to malfunction, prompting the sailors to alert the Iranian Navy," it said, according to Press TV.

The navy dispatched Falakhan (Sling) missile boat to the vessel's rescue, which towed the broken-down dhow to the port but before that, the US destroyer was seen approaching the site, it said.

"The American warship left the area with a warning and the announcement of the Falakhan missile boat's timely presence in the region," the statement said.

Iran's naval patrols and US warships have been engaged in a series of face-offs in the Persian Gulf in recent months, where Washing-

ton has accused Iranian vessels of "harassing" American warships.

Iranian military commanders say while their units continue routine patrols, US naval units have changed their navigational patterns

since President Donald Trump came into office, often engaging in provocative maneuvers near Iran's vessels.

The Islamic Republic has repeatedly warned that any act of transgression into Iran's territorial waters would be met with an immediate and befitting response.

Iranian VP congratulates new Algerian PM



Iranian First Vice President Eshaq Jahangiri expressed congratulations to Ahmed Ouyahia on his appointment as the new prime minister of Algeria.

In a message released on Sunday, Jahangiri congratulated the appointment of Ouyahia and hoped that in light of potentials and capacities of the North African country and the Islamic Republic, bilateral relations would develop more than ever, Tasnim News Agency reported.

The Iranian official wished good health and success for the newly-appointed premier, along with progress and prosperity for the people of Algeria.

Ouyahia, who is also leader of the ruling party of the Democratic National Rally (RNS), and chief of staff of the office of the president, has occupied the post of prime minister several times, the last of which dates back to 2012.

The expansion of relations with African nations in all political, economic, and cultural fields is at the top of the agenda of Iran's foreign policy.

President Hassan Rouhani, who won a second term in May, has repeatedly stressed his government's interest in boosting relations with African states.

Norway began voting in parliamentary elections on Sunday with the polls indicating the result was too close to call as the center-right government eyes a historic victory.

Fierce Hurricane Irma slams into Florida Keys

Hurricane Irma's eyewall slammed into the Florida Keys on Sunday, lashing the island chain with fearsome wind gusts as it bears down on the state's west coast where a mass exodus has turned cities into ghost towns.

Irma, packing maximum sustained winds of 130 miles (215 kilometers) per hour, was upgraded overnight to a Category 4 storm as it closed in on the Keys, the National Hurricane Center said. Six million people — one-third of the state's population — have been ordered to evacuate their homes ahead of the monster storm, AFP reported.

The eye of the hurricane was 20 miles east-southeast of Key West as of 8 a.m. local time (1200 GMT), threatening dangerous storm surges up to 15 feet (4.5 meters) — enough to cover a house.

"EVERYONE IN THE FLORIDA KEYS... IT IS TIME TO HUNKER DOWN," the National Weather Service (NWS) warned before the hurricane rammed into the tropical islands, popular as a destination for fishing, boating and scuba diving.

Worst winds yet to come

For those still at home, it was too late to flee the wrath of one of the most powerful hurricanes ever to slam storm-prone Florida, after cutting a path of devastation across the Caribbean.

In Key West, police opened a "shelter of last resort" for those who had ignored evacuation orders.

The cities of Naples, Fort Myers and the densely populated peninsulas of Tampa Bay on Florida's west coast were in the crosshairs of the historic storm, which was churning slowly northwest at eight miles per hour.

"It's going to be horrible," Florida Governor Rick Scott said of Irma on NBC television on Sunday morning. "Now we have to hunker down and watch out for each other."

More than 430,000 homes and businesses were already without power, mainly in southern Florida, according to utility company Florida Power and Light, which said it had "safely shut down" one of two



Rough surf churned up by the approaching hurricane damages the docks at Whale Harbour in the Florida Keys as winds and rain from the outer bands of Hurricane Irma arrive in Islamorada, Florida.

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nuclear reactors at its Turkey Point power plant.

At least 25 killed

At least 25 people have been killed since Irma began its march through the Caribbean, smashing through a string of islands from tiny Barbuda on Wednesday, to the tropical paradises of St. Barts and St. Martin, the US Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico, the Dominican Republic, Haiti and the Turks and Caicos.

Terrified Cubans who rode out Irma in coastal towns — after it made landfall Friday as a maximum-strength Category 5 storm on the Camaguey archipelago — reported "deafening" winds, uprooted trees and power lines, and blown rooftops.

There were no immediate reports of casualties but it caused "significant damage," and enormous waves lashed the Malecon, Havana's emblematic seafont, causing seawaters to penetrate deep into the capital, AFP reported.

Irma was smacking the Keys 57 years to the day that Hurricane Donna hit the same area in 1960, destroying nearly 75 percent of the island chain's buildings.

Hurricane-force winds are expected to lash Florida as Irma rolls north toward Georgia. MacDill Air Force Base in Tampa, the military installation home to US Central Command, issued mandatory evacuation orders ahead of the storm's passage early Monday, while the Kennedy Space Center on the east coast was also closed.

Reprieve from Jose

Warning that Irma would be more powerful than Hurricane Andrew — which killed 65 people in 1992 — Florida's governor had said all 20.6 million of the state's inhabitants should prepare to flee.

But some were determined to ride out the storm. In a welcome reprieve for the Caribbean, a second monster storm, Hurricane Jose — which had been heading toward the same string of islands pummeled by Irma — began to gradually weaken and shift course towards the north.

The deteriorating weather had grounded aircraft and prevented boats from getting relief to hard-hit islands. The US military was mobilizing thousands of troops and deploying several large ships to aid with evacuations and humanitarian relief.

Thousands protest Trump's DACA decision

Thousands of protesters descended on Columbus Circle in New York City on Saturday to denounce US President Donald Trump's decision to end DACA, the immigration policy established by the Obama administration in 2012.

chanting and holding signs that read, "Legalize liberty," and "Keep the dreamers, deport the racists," New York Post reported.

According to AP, the protesters on Saturday waved signs that read "No one is illegal" and "Immigrants Welcome," and chanted

Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program, or DACA.

Under DACA, nearly 800,000 immigrant youths, also called the "Dreamers," brought to the US by their undocumented parents, gained protection by enrolling in the system enabling them to attend school as well as receive and renew work permits every two years.

First legal effort

The country has seen a number of protests led by immigrant rights groups since Trump announced his plan to scrap the program.

The Trump administration has pressed to phase out the program by allowing the current permits to expire and issue new permit requests that have already been submitted on a case-by-case basis. The program is expected to be stalled for six months to allow Congress time to weigh in to address the status of the law.

The University of California is suing the Trump administration over the repeal of the DACA program, saying it unconstitutionally violates their rights on "nothing more than unreasoned executive whim," teleSUR reported.

The lawsuit was filed on Friday and is the first legal effort by a university to block the decision.

Merkel says Turks safe in Germany, dismisses Ankara warning

Turks can safely come to Germany, Chancellor Angela Merkel said on Sunday, dismissing a warning from Ankara that its citizens should take care when travelling there due to what it said was an increase in anti-Turkish sentiment.

Tensions between Berlin and Ankara have been bubbling for months and Turkey's warning on Saturday came after Germany's Foreign Ministry said on Tuesday Germans traveling to Turkey risked arbitrary detention even in tourist areas, Reuters reported.



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"I want to say very clearly that all Turkish citizens can travel here," Merkel said in the northwestern German town of Delbrück during a campaign event ahead of a Sept. 24 election.

"No journalists get arrested here and no journalists get put in custody. Freedom of opinion and the rule of law prevail here and we're proud of that," Merkel said.

She pointed to German-Turkish journalist Deniz Yucel, who has been detained in Turkey for more than 200 days. He is one of 12 German citizens now in Turkish detention on political charges, four of them holding dual citizenship.

"We think there's no justification at all for him being in prison and the same applies to at least 11 other Germans," Merkel said.

Merkel, who infuriated the Turkish government last weekend by saying she would seek an end to Turkey's membership talks with the European Union, is expected to win a fourth term in the upcoming election.

Polls give her conservatives a double-digit percentage lead over their rival Social Democrats (SPD).

Russia urges dialogue to solve Persian Gulf crisis

Arab countries and Qatar should enter into direct talks to solve a diplomatic dispute, Russia's Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov said on a trip to Saudi Arabia on Sunday, urging all parties to restore regional unity.

Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, the United Arab Emirates and Egypt severed ties with Qatar on June 5, accusing it of supporting terrorist groups — a charge it denies, Reuters reported.

"We have confirmed our position (that we are) in favor of settling the disagreements by means of negotiations, by directly expressing concerns and achieving solutions which would take into account the concerns and the interests of all parties," Lavrov told a news conference in Jeddah.



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Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov

We are interested in all those mediatory efforts that are currently being made producing results and the unity of the Persian Gulf Cooperation Council being restored, he added.

Kuwait and the United States have been mediating to reach a breakthrough in the three-month long crisis that has put the whole region on edge, and prompted Turkey to send troops to the wealthy Persian Gulf state in a sign of support.

Last week, Saudi Arabia suspended any dialogue with Qatar, accusing it of "distorting facts," just after a report of a phone call between the leaders of both countries suggested a breakthrough in the Persian Gulf dispute.

Saudi Foreign Minister Adel al-Jubeiri told the news conference that Qatar needed to show seriousness in finding a solution to the crisis.

Hundreds of thousands to rally for Catalan independence from Spain

Hundreds of thousands of Catalans are expected to rally in the streets of Barcelona today in what campaigners hope will be a show of support for independence after Madrid moved to block a planned referendum on the region's split from Spain.

The "Diada" day of Sept. 11, which commemorates the fall of Barcelona to Spain in 1714, is often used by activists to voice their demands for an independent state. Coachloads of demonstrators travel to Barcelona from villages in the region, Reuters reported.

Hostility between Madrid and Barcelona has ramped up since Spain's Constitutional Court last Thursday suspended the referendum, planned for Oct. 1, following a legal challenge by Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy.



VINCENT WEST/REUTERS
Protesters carry Esteladas, Catalan separatist flags and Basque flags, during a rally in favor of a referendum on independence from Spain for the autonomous community of Catalonia, in the Basque city of Bilbao, Spain, on September 9, 2017.

The government says the referendum contravenes the constitution, which states that Spain is indivisible.

Catalan leader Carles Puigdemont has urged "independentistas" to take to the streets on Monday in a massive show of support for the referendum.

"It's vital that we come out in force for this Diada for the Oct. 1 referendum to be successful," he said on Twitter. "I'll be there."

Spain's state prosecutor has begun criminal proceedings against Puigdemont and 13 members of his cabinet on charges of misuse of public money, disobedience and abuse of office after the Catalan Parliament approved the referendum last Wednesday.

Rajoy has urged Catalan civil servants and mayors to uphold the law and to stop any preparations for the referendum over the next three weeks.

However, around two-thirds of Catalonia's mayors have so far said they will allow the use of municipal facilities for the vote, with one mayor ripping up a court order warning of legal repercussions in front of a cheering crowd.

Puigdemont has said he has ballot boxes and voting papers hidden and ready to deploy at any moment. Over the weekend, police searched a printing press and the offices of a local newspaper for signs of preparation for the referendum.

At the height of pro-independence fervor in 2012, during a deep economic recession in Spain, around one million people took to the streets waving the Catalan flag and singing the Catalan anthem.

Polls have shown support for independence waning since then, and those wanting a separate state are in a minority. However, a majority of Catalans want to hold a referendum on the issue.



AP
Protesters rally outside the Trump International Hotel and Tower in New York to protest the Trump administration's decision to end a program protecting young immigrants from deportation on Sept. 9, 2017.

It was one of a string of demonstrations nationwide — including in Washington, DC, Boston, and Oakland, Calif., in protest against the US administration's decision to end the program protecting immigrants who were brought to the US illegally by their parents.

At least 3,000 protesters gathered across the street from the Trump International Hotel and Tower in Columbus Circle,

"Deport Donald Trump," and "No hate, no fear, immigrants are welcome here."

Attorney General Jeff Sessions on Tuesday announced the end of an administrative order initiated by former president Barack Obama that allows some immigrants who were brought to the United States illegally as children to stay.

Many of those attending the rally said they have benefited from the program, known as the

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Domestic Economy Desk

NIOC: Iran to raise oil output to 4.5 mbd within five years

Iran will reach an oil production rate of 4.5 million barrels per day (mbd) within five years, Ali Kardor, the managing director of the National Iranian Oil Company (NIOC), said Sunday according to the Oil Ministry news site Shana.



Iran has been producing around 3.8 mbd in recent months, Reuters reported.

Iranian gas production will reach 1.3 billion cubic meters per day and production of gas condensates will reach 864,000 bpd in the next five years, Kardor said.

The boost in oil production will come from an increase of 420,000 bpd from the West Karoun oilfield and an additional 280,000 bpd from oilfields in central and southern Iran as well as the Iranian Offshore Oil Company (IOOC), Kardor told Shana.

Oil exports are expected to reach up to 2.5 mbd within five years, the NIOC chief added.

The increase in gas production is expected to come from South Pars, the world's largest gas field, according to the official.

Iran, Venezuela explore economic cooperation

Iranian and Venezuelan companies are looking for ways to continue economic cooperation, even increase bilateral trade, against the backdrop of American sanctions that were slapped on the South American country at the end of August.

At a meeting held in Iran's Foreign Ministry in Tehran, representatives from Iranian and Venezuelan companies discussed mechanisms to continue economic and commercial activities, and see how Iranian companies in Venezuela can leverage opportunity, caspiannews.com reported.

Iran is involved in several joint ventures in Venezuela worth several billions of dollars, in sectors including energy, agriculture, housing and infrastructure. Iran has opened an ammunition factory, a car assembly plant, a cement factory, and established routes for direct flights between Tehran and Caracas on Iran Air.

Trade between the two countries has grown steadily since the early 2000s. The Venezuelan government and a high-level delegation from Iran had inked six deals on scientific, technological, economic and health cooperation in June 2015.

But while the value of industrial development projects carried out by Iranian firms in Venezuela is said to be in the billions of dollars, bilateral trade is relatively low.

In 2011, for example, Iranian exports were just under \$65 million, putting it at number 37, according to data compiled by Trading Economics.

In the same year, imports fared even worse: At \$78,720, Venezuela not only exported less to Iran than countries like Zimbabwe (\$2.54 million), Cuba (\$401,000), Ethiopia (\$171,000) and the Republic of San Marino (\$144,530), but is one of the lowest-ranked exporters to Iran from Latin America.

As neither country is a stranger to American and European sanctions, both tend to offer political and economic support to each other. Bilateral ties gelled during the tenures of former Iranian president Mahmoud Ahmadinejad and Venezuela's Hugo Chavez in the beginning of the century, as both bucked what they described as American 'imperialism', particularly loathing the Bush administration.

Iran has been hard hit by the downfall of global oil prices, which began to slump in early 2014. Some say Saudi Arabia launched the price war together with the US, but regardless of how it was started, the Iranian economy was able to manage the depression.

Venezuela's economy, on the other hand, has been a completely different picture. Inflation hit an all-time high of 800 percent in December 2016, and within the first seven months of the current year it stood at 248.6 percent. The Trump administration's new sanctions imposed on Venezuela prevent it from borrowing or selling assets in the US financial system, only worsening the country's financial situation. The new embargo is expected to exacerbate shortages of food and other essential goods, including medicine, while severely limiting the policy options available to pull Venezuela out of what is a deep depression.

On August 11, when pressed by reporters, President Donald Trump said a US 'military option' with regards to intervention in Venezuela is possible, as the government there consolidates its power.



Rouhani talks energy, trade with leaders in Astana

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Iranian President Hassan Rouhani who is in the Kazakh capital, Astana, to attend the first summit of Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) on science and technology, conferred with the leaders of several countries.

President Rouhani elaborated on cooperation on energy sphere and oil market, expansion of economic and banking ties and unity among Muslims during his address to the OIC summit at the meetings with the leaders, azernews.az reported.

The OIC founded on September 25, 1969 is the largest and most influential official Muslim governmental international organization, bringing together 57 countries. The two-day summit started on September 10.

Bilateral ties

Conferring with Uzbekistan President Shavkat Mirziyoyev, on the sidelines of the meeting, the Iranian president touched upon the trade ties between the two countries and said the Islamic Republic is the shortest path for Uzbek merchants to reach the Persian Gulf and international waters.

President Rouhani also expressed his interest in widening mutual trade ties between the two countries and said Iran welcomes Uzbek investors to do business in the Islamic Republic.

Hassan Rouhani also added that Iran is capable of providing Uzbekistan with energy.

The Iranian president went on to speak

about banking ties and said expansion of cooperation in banking sector would contribute to boosting the two countries bilateral trade.

In a meeting with President of Kazakhstan Nursultan Nazarbayev, Rouhani said that Tehran welcomes expansion of bilateral ties with Astana.

The two presidents underlined the strong will of their countries to broaden the existing ties in various spheres including economy, transportation and energy.

The two sides also urged for making efforts aimed at improving the situation of oil market.

Also at a meeting with Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro, the Iranian counterpart said that it is necessary to

continue talks among the oil exporting countries.

Rouhani said that OPEC and non-OPEC countries in particular Venezuela have made efforts for reducing oil production and balancing the prices which have yield positive results.

Rouhani further urged the OPEC and non-OPEC producers to continue such efforts.

Earlier on Saturday, President Rouhani and his Turkish counterpart, Recep Tayyip Erdogan, met to exchange views on expansion of bilateral ties.

During the meeting, Rouhani said that facilitating banking ties would help the two neighboring countries to boost the level of bilateral trade to \$30 billion.

Major terminal under construction at Iran's northern port: Official



The executive director of the Astara Development Project said a terminal with an annual loading and unloading capacity of 2.5 million tons of grains and other commodities is being constructed in Astara, a port in northern Iran.

"The dedicated capacity of the port has been designed for 2.5 million tons per year and now there is a big project under construction in this important port of Iran for the grain terminal," Alireza Cheshm-Jahan told Tasnim News Agency on Sunday.

He added, "In the terminal, 1-1.5 million tons per year would be handled annually. The grains will be discharged by two ship unloaders and transferred to a site with a capacity of 30,000 tons. The ship unloaders' capacity per hour is around 300 tons."

Cheshm-Jahan added that for granting smooth berthing and un-berthing of vessels and also the safe approach to the port, a dredger, as well as a tugboat, have been ordered and both of them will arrive in the port in October.

"The equipment will grant around 1.5 million tons of capacity for the grains. In the meantime, for serving different types of cargos and general cargos and also for woods and for timbers as well as the chemical products, the port will be equipped with necessary equipment."

"By having the infrastructure, we will hope to receive up to one million tons of capacity per year (for non-grain products). So, in general, 2.5 million tons will be available within the next 24 months," the port official underscored.

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8. Ownership Type: A) Public B) Joint Stock.....
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Chairman of the Suez Canal Authority, Mohab Mamish, said that 65 ships passed through the artificial water passage carrying a record load of 4.3 million tons.

China's mild inflation creates room for financial risk control



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China's inflation accelerated faster than expected in August, but remained mild overall, leaving policy makers room for containing financial leverage and risks.

Fresh data showed that consumer price index (CPI), a main gauge of inflation, rose to a seven-month high of 1.8 percent in August, compared with July's 1.4 percent, beating market expectations of 1.6 percent, Xinhua wrote.

For the first eight months of the year, CPI climbed 1.5 percent from one year earlier, according to data from the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS).

The core consumer inflation, which excludes volatile food and energy prices, increased 2.2 percent year on year in August, up slightly from July's 2.1 percent. The core CPI has been holding steady at a little above two percent since March.

The stronger, yet still moderate, consumer inflation remained below the government's annual target of around three percent set for 2017.

Producer price index (PPI), which measures costs of goods at the factory gate, climbed to a four-month high of 6.3 percent in August, compared with 5.5 percent in July, according to NBS.

PPI growth, which was higher than the market forecast of 5.7 percent, was boosted by increases in the prices of steel, non-ferrous metals, as well as oil and natural gas.

Analysts said the pick-up in inflation is unlikely to continue because of a high comparative base in September 2016 and the fading effects of seasonal factors during the rest of the year.

Jiang Chao, chief economist at Haitong Securities, said the CPI increase would ease to 1.6 percent in September and remain subdued for the whole year.

Prices of coal, steel and other metals continued to rise in September amid the government's efforts to reduce industrial overcapacity and enhance environmental regulations, but Jiang expected September's PPI growth to fall to 5.8 percent due to a calculation factor in higher prices for the same month last year.

Guosen Securities analyst Dong Dezhi said the growth of CPI and PPI in August would be their peak this year. August's price data added to a slew of upside surprises in the world's second-largest economy, which has defied market expectations of a slowdown.

Producer prices accelerated upward, a significant positive sign for China's economy, which will help drive profits higher and enable companies to process their debt burden a little more easily, Bloomberg chief Asia economist Tom Orlik said.

Surging housing prices in major cities and investment booms in financial markets — ranging from stocks and bonds to farm produce futures — made policy makers

wary of debt piling up in enterprises, local governments and households, and prioritizing financial risk control in 2017.

Since the end of 2016, authorities have tightened financial regulation and credit control, and have been using an expanded monetary toolkit to manage liquidity.

With downward pressure and increasing global market uncertainty complicating the outlook, analysts said the mild inflation and steady growth momentum would give policy makers more scope to continue deleveraging.

Orlik expected the central bank to continue dealing with the deleveraging challenge, not to hasten monetary easing.

CICC analyst Liu Wenqi said monetary policy would stay largely neutral, but also be ready to be "fine-tuned" on potential changes in growth and inflation trajectory.

The government's ongoing drive to contain financial risks will see credit growth slowing further in the coming months, including credit flows to local governments, which may soften fixed-asset investment and weigh on economic activity, UBS economist Wang Tao said.

However, Wang expected growth to stay firm before softening modestly going into the year end.

GDP grew 6.9 percent in the first half of the year, well above the government's target of around 6.5 percent for the year.

Main Indices of TSE

Index	Value	Change	Percent
Total Index	83255.7	2522.5	3.11
Industry Index	72256.6	2306.2	3.29
Free Float Index	91713.7	3826	4.27
First Market Index	58105.0	2388.7	4.21
Second Market Index	182727.6	2030.5	1.14

Overall Index details on 20170910

First	83675.3	Change end of year(%)	919.04%
High	83530.6	Historical highest	89500.6 (20140105)
Low	83255.7	Historical lowest	100 (1369/1/6)
Close	83255.7	Base Value	100 (1369/1/6)
Change	2522.5		

Industry Index details on 20170910

First	72675.6	Change end of year(%)	1034.32%
Max Value	72497.6	Historical highest	75181.9 (20140105)
Max Value	72675.1	Historical lowest	1226.8 (1377/8/25)
Closing	72256.6	Base Value	
Closing	2306.2		

Free Float Index details on 20170910

First	91833.7	Change end of year(%)	
Max Value	89665	Historical highest	105040 (20140105)
Max Value	89154.9	Historical lowest	
Closing	91713.7	Base Value	
Closing	3826		

Main Board Index details on 20170910

First	58543.5	Change end of year(%)	787.77%
Max Value	58386.4	Historical highest	67441.4 (20140105)
Max Value	56380.7	Historical lowest	
Closing	58105.0	Base Value	4740.4 (1381/6/2)
Closing	2388.7		

Secondary Index details on 20170910

First	182857.0	Change end of year(%)	1317.58%
Max Value	182870.3	Historical highest	181353 (20170522)
Max Value	177894	Historical lowest	
Closing	182727.6	Base Value	4740.4 (1381/6/2)
Closing	2235.2		

Welfare reforms, inflation will leave millions £50 a week worse off by 2020

PA MONEY NEWS

The majority of those households receive working tax credits and will face a 'significant loss in income' when they transition to UC, the study said.

More than two million British families will be £50 a week worse off by the end of the decade due to welfare reforms, inflation and rising rents, a report warned, according to PA Money News.

The stark analysis commissioned by the Local Government Association (LGA) found that of the 2.14 million working-age households set to lose more than £50 a week by 2020, the majority (1.34 million) are in work.

The majority of those households receive working tax credits and will face a 'significant loss in income' when they transition to the Government's flagship universal credit (UC) welfare system,

aimed at streamlining benefits, the Policy in Practice study said.

Ministers have designed UC in order to 'make work pay' but the analysis warned: "This reduction in support raises the risk of working poverty, and reduces the incentive for low income households to enter or stay in work, as work will not 'pay' as well as under the current tax credits system."

The report comes with the Tories under pressure to ease austerity after a disastrous general election in which the party lost its House of Commons majority, with anti-austerity Labour making gains.

In all, UC is set to lead to an average income loss of £11.18 per week, the analysis of a representative cohort of 9.1 million low-income British

households showed.

While ministers often cite the higher minimum wage and increases to the personal tax allowance as measures to help poorer families, the cumulative loss from welfare reform will be an average of £40.62 per week by 2020, according to the report.

"This is a consequence of expected inflation and private rent growth, combined with the freezing of benefits rates for working-age people through to 2020," the report said.

"This means many households see falls in real income. This is especially pronounced for private renters, for whom the link between the Local Housing Allowance (LHA) rate and market prices has been broken."

The report added: "It is important to

note that welfare reforms affect households very differently, with a range of impacts depending on family type and size, housing tenure and characteristics, in particular disability or ill health."

A Department for Work and Pensions spokesman said: "This report assumes that people won't make any attempt to change and to improve their lives."

"But our welfare reforms incentivize work and for the first time, universal credit helps working people progress and earn more so they can eventually stop claiming benefits altogether."

"Under universal credit people are finding a job faster and staying in it longer than under the old system, and since the benefit cap was introduced, 34,000 households have moved off the cap and into work."

South Korean agro exports drop amid THAAD row

Exports of South Korea's agricultural goods to China fell this year as diplomatic rows with its biggest trading partner deepen, a local agricultural agency said on Sunday.

The value of agricultural exports fell to \$860 million in the January-August period from \$920 million a year earlier. Exports to China accounted for 14.4 percent of all outbound shipments from 16.6 percent during the same period, according to the Korea Agro-Fisheries and Food Trade Corp., reported Yonhap.

The slump came as Chinese consumers opted to buy fewer South Korean products in protest against the deployment of an advanced US missile defense system,

called THAAD, in the country, which they see as running counter to their security interests.

South Korea has recently completed the deployment of the THAAD missile defense system in a 'tentative' step to counter missile threats from North Korea.

The latest tally raises worries that the country will post a negative growth in the agricultural export field this year.

Seoul said it is targeting \$7 billion in agricultural exports this year. But it is unlikely to reach the goal as Beijing is expected to take additional measures against Korean products in retaliation against the THAAD installation.



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Major Currencies

Currency	To USD	Currency	To USD
Turkish Lira	0.2929	Chinese Yuan	0.1543
Euro	1.2035	UAE Dirham	0.2721
British Pound	1.3197	Kuwaiti Dinar	3.3233
Australian Dollar	0.8057	Iraqi Dinar	0.0008
Japanese 100 Yen	0.0092	Saudi Riyal	0.2665

Major Commodities

Crude Oil	\$47.56	Silver	\$18.03
Gold	\$1351.00	Platinum	\$1011.10
Copper	\$3.04	Wheat	\$437.75

Ancient tomb discovery in Egypt adds to Luxor treasure trove

Grave dating back three millennia contains statues, jewelry, and mummies in find that could rekindle Egypt's tourism industry.

Egyptian archeologists have unearthed yet another major find in the Nile city of Luxor: The 3,500-year-old tomb of a prominent goldsmith containing statues, jewelry and, of course, mummies, euronews.com wrote.



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It is believed the site, which includes a courtyard, two burial shafts and an alcove containing a statue of the deceased, dates back to the 18th dynasty of Egypt's New Kingdom in around the 15th century BCE.

The tomb is believed to be the resting place of the goldsmith Amenemhat, his wife and one of his sons. The discovery follows the uncovering of another New Kingdom tombs in Luxor belonging to a judge, earlier this year.

Also this year, Swedish archeologists discovered 12 ancient cemeteries near the southern city of Aswan.

Egyptian authorities hope the new finds will help to rekindle its tourism industry, which suffered in the aftermath of the mass protests that toppled President Hosni Mubarak, and the recent spate of terrorist attacks.

The first seven months of 2017 have seen tourism revenues jump by 170 percent, indicating a potential fresh start for the country's heavily tourism-reliant economy.

What is storm surge and why is it so dangerous?

The biggest threat to human life during a hurricane is often the storm surge, which occurs when sea level rises dramatically during a storm, sending a wall of water gushing over land.

Forecasters warn that the storm surge from Hurricane Irma could reach 15 feet (4.5 meters) along parts of the Florida coast in the coming hours, phys.org reported.

Here are some facts about storm surge and what makes it so dangerous.

How does it start?

Storm surge does not come from rainfall or flooding, but occurs when powerful winds from a hurricane push ocean water higher than usual over the shore.

Storm surge is an "abnormal rise of water generated by a storm, over and above the predicted astronomical tides", according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

Why is it so deadly?

Storm surge begins before the hurricane makes landfall, making it harder for people to evacuate in time.

Most of the 1,800 deaths from Hurricane Katrina, which struck



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Louisiana in 2005, are attributed to storm surge, NOAA said.

Storm surge can extend for dozens of miles inland, filling buildings with water quickly, making roads impassable and causing people to drown in their cars or homes.

Also, the accumulated weight of water — some 1,700 pounds per cubic yard — can demolish any structure not specifically designed to withstand such force.

Factors that shape surge

Storm surge is shaped by a number of different factors, including storm intensity, forward speed, the size of a storm and the angle of approach to the coast.

The underlying features of the land at the coast, including bays and estuaries, are also at play. "A shallow slope will potentially produce a greater storm surge than a steep shelf," said NOAA.

The Louisiana coastline has a wide and shallow continental shelf, which can produce a 20-foot storm surge in a Category 4 hurricane.

Miami Beach, on the other hand, has a steep drop off to its continental shelf, which could limit the storm surge to about eight or nine feet under a Category 4 hurricane. Even as Irma takes aim at Florida's west coast, both coasts of the peninsula can expect storm surge.

On the west coast, storm surge could reach as far as seven miles (11 kilometers) inland, meteorologists said.

Rising seas and warming oceans due to climate change are also expected to amplify the effects of storm surge in the coming decades. Numerous studies have predicted that storm surges will become more frequent and deadly as the planet warms.

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Weather could increase type 2 diabetes risk

Type 2 diabetes complications can include foot ulcers which can go unnoticed by people with the condition. People with diabetes have a much greater risk of developing problems with their feet, due to the damage raised blood sugars can cause to sensation and circulation, express.co.uk reported. Now a footwear company has warned warm wet weather increases

the risk of serious infections for diabetics. It said the currently weather — warm but humid and with heavy downpours could cause problems for people with diabetes. Experts at IOMO Footwear Socks are reminding people with the condition that warm wet weather could leave them at an increased risk of foot ulcers. A spokesman for the company

said, "For the four million people in the UK who are living with diabetes, ill-fitting footwear is more than just an uncomfortable inconvenience. "With diabetes, a simple cut or blister can turn into what's known as a diabetic foot ulcer, but with due attention to what we put on our feet can minimize the risk. "Raised blood sugar levels impact on sensation and circulation, meaning that even small wounds can go

unnoticed, and take longer to heal. "The feet are a particularly good breeding ground for bacteria, providing a warm, moist and dark environment for it to thrive. "This can be made worse by the current humid and rainy conditions." Experts have warned wearing inappropriate footwear for the current weather can be very serious for diabetics. Around 10 percent of diabetics will experience a foot ulcer, which in the worst cases can lead to amputation. Symptoms of a foot ulcer include a wound that is painful to the touch, firm in the surrounding area, warm or discolored. People with type 2 diabetes are recommended to see a podiatrist once a year on the National Health Service (NHS), but doctors warn people should also regularly check feet themselves. IOMO said choosing the correct footwear can prevent ulcers developing. Guidance by health watchdog the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) said, "Foot complications are common in people with diabetes. "It is estimated that 10 percent of people with diabetes will have a diabetic foot ulcer at some point in their lives. "A foot ulcer can be defined as a localized injury to the skin and/or underlying tissue, below the ankle, in a person with diabetes. "Poor blood flow also means the wound heals much slower, and in the most devastating cases, this can lead to amputation."

Sleep apnea wrecks havoc on metabolism

People who leave their sleep apnea untreated for just a short time may face a higher risk of spikes in blood sugar levels, stress hormones and blood pressure, a new study found. Even a few days of failing to treat sleep apnea can cause these levels to go up, UPI wrote. Researchers said the findings support the ongoing use of continuous positive airway pressure (CPAP) devices to protect sleepers from airway closure due to sleep apnea. Study senior author Dr. Jonathan Jun, an assistant professor of medicine at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine in Baltimore, said, "This is one of the first studies to show real-time effects of sleep apnea on metabolism during the night." An estimated 20 to 30 percent of adults have obstructive sleep apnea, which causes a person's airway to close multiple times per hour during sleep. Sleep apnea causes daytime sleepiness and can kill people with the condition.



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Researchers haven't determined whether it's directly responsible for diabetes and heart disease, which — along with obesity — are more common in those with the condition. For the new study, Jun and his colleagues monitored 31 obese patients with an average age of 51 as they slept. Two-thirds were male, and most were white (65 percent). All the subjects had moderate to severe obstructive sleep apnea and were monitored either while using a CPAP device or after not using it for two nights. During the night, researchers measured levels of fatty acids in the blood, insulin, blood sugar and the stress hormone cortisol. The levels rose in those who hadn't used a CPAP device, and they rose more in those with the most severe cases of sleep apnea. Researchers also found that blood pressure increased in the patients who hadn't used CPAP devices over the last couple of nights. In a university news release, Jun said that because only obese patients were observed in this study, findings may not apply to all people with sleep apnea, and further studies are needed. But he added, "The results provide more evidence that sleep apnea isn't just a manifestation of diabetes and cardiovascular disease, it can make these conditions worse." The study was published recently in the *Journal of Clinical Endocrinology and Metabolism*.

People feel fuller when they believe they ate more

How filling you think a meal will be can affect how much you eat later, a small study found. The research included 26 people who ate what they were told were two-egg and four-egg omelets on two different mornings. But both omelets contained three eggs, UPI reported. When people ate what they believed to be the smaller omelet, they said they were much hungrier after two hours, ate much more of a pasta lunch and consumed significantly more calories throughout the day than when they believed they had eaten a larger omelet.



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The findings were expected to be presented at a British Psychological Society meeting. Study leader Steven Brown, of Sheffield Hallam University in the United Kingdom, said, "Previous studies have shown that a person's expectations can have an impact on their subsequent feelings of hunger and fullness and, to a degree, their later calorie consumption. "Our work builds on this with the introduction of solid food and measured people's subsequent consumption four hours later, a period of time more indicative of the gap between breakfast and lunch. "The researchers also measured the food people ate throughout the rest of the day and found that total intake was lower when participants thought they had eaten the larger breakfast." The researchers also measured levels of ghrelin in the blood. Ghrelin is a known hunger hormone. Brown explained, "Our data also suggest that changes in reported hunger and the differences in later consumption are not due to differences in participants' physical response to the food. "Therefore, memory for prior consumption, as opposed to physiological factors, may be a better target for investigating why expectations for a meal have an effect on subsequent feelings of hunger and calorie intake." Studies presented at meetings are typically viewed as preliminary until they've been published in a peer-reviewed journal.

Researchers at University of California (UC) Davis and other institutions showed that mothers who take recommended amounts of folic acid around conception might reduce their children's pesticide-related autism risk. In the study, children whose mothers took 800 or more micrograms of folic acid (the amount in most prenatal vitamins) had a significantly lower risk of developing autism spectrum disorder (ASD) — even when their mothers were exposed to household or agricultural pesticides associated with increased risk, according to sciencedaily.com. The study appeared in the journal *Environmental Health Perspectives*. Rebecca J. Schmidt, assistant professor in the Department of Public Health Sciences and first author on the paper, said, "We found that if the mom was taking folic acid during the window around conception, the risk associated with pesticides seemed to be attenuated. "Mothers should try to avoid

pesticides. But if they live near agriculture, where pesticides can blow in, this might be a way to counter those effects." In the paper, which used data from the Childhood Autism Risks from Genetics and the Environment (CHARGE) study, researchers looked at 296 children between two and five who had been diagnosed with ASD and 220 who had developed typically. Mothers were interviewed about their household pesticide exposure during pregnancy, as well as their folic acid and B vitamin intake.

Folic acid may mitigate autism risk from pesticides



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tered household pesticides had a much higher estimated risk of having a child who developed an ASD than moms who took 800 micrograms of folic acid or more and were not exposed to pesticides. The associated risk increased for women exposed repeatedly. Women with low folic acid intake who were exposed to agricultural pesticides during a window from three months before conception to three months afterward also were at higher estimated risk. Schmidt, a UC Davis MIND Institute faculty member, said,

the associated risk of a child developing autism, it did not entirely eliminate it. Schmidt added, "It would be better for women to avoid chronic pesticide exposure if they can while pregnant." The authors caution that this is a case-control study that relied heavily on participants' memories. In addition, they have yet to establish a causal link. However, these results certainly warrant larger studies to validate them. The team is also eager to investigate the mechanisms that contribute to folic acid's possible protective effects. Schmidt added, "Folate plays a critical role in DNA methylation (a process by which genes are turned off or on), as well as in DNA repair and synthesis. "These are all really important during periods of rapid growth when there are lots of cells dividing, as in a developing fetus. "Adding folic acid might be helping out in a number of these genomic functions."

Swiss hospital finds way to cut antibiotic overuse in babies

A latest international study led by a Swiss hospital has successfully tested a way of reducing antibiotic therapy in new-born babies, thereby avoiding unnecessary treatment and side effects. According to authors of the study, in Europe and North America up to seven percent of all new-born babies receive antibiotics within their first three days of life to prevent a possible bacterial infection before it is too late, news.xinhuanet.com wrote. However, only 0.1 percent of them have such an infection, which 'suggested substantial overtreatment'. The authors said, "Overuse of powerful antibiotics can have a damaging effect on an infant's other microorganisms that play helpful roles in immunity and other systems." The latest study, spanning six years, was originally led by Lucerne's Children's Hospital, located in the canton of Lucerne in central Switzerland, to find a way to better



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target antibiotic use in babies who may be suffering from sepsis, a potentially fatal reaction to a bacterial infection. Sepsis is so dangerous that doctors will often immediately use antibiotics on infants, especially very young

babies, who show signs of it, even before test results are available. But disruption of the baby's immune system, as a consequence of antibiotics overuse, has been proved to cause several chronic conditions, including allergies, obesity, diabetes and inflammatory bowel disease. The researchers studied over 1,700 infants from 18 hospitals across Europe and Canada, including four in Switzerland. Roughly half the infants received the standard treatment, while the other half received doses of antibiotics based on their blood levels of a protein called procalcitonin (PCT), which can indicate a bacterial infection in the body. The PCT test, which requires only a small sample of blood, proves to be a fast and reliable method to better target antibiotic treatment so as to reduce the overall duration of antibiotic therapy.

Honey bees could help scientists create new antibiotic

A protein produced by honey bees could inspire the first new antibiotic in 30 years.

Health officials are desperate for new antibiotics as dangerous bacterial strains strengthen their resistance against long-used drugs, UPI wrote.



UPI

Every year in the US, two million people are infected with drug-resistant bacteria. For 23,000 people, the infection and related complications prove fatal.

Researchers are constantly scanning nature for compounds and molecules that might inspire new antibiotics.

Recent studies have identified potential compounds in sponges and Komodo dragons.

In a new study published in the journal *Nature Structural and Molecular Biology*, researchers highlight the promising *Api137*, a protein capable of blocking protein production in harmful bacteria. The protein is produced naturally by bees, wasps and hornets, and helps keep the insects infection-free.

Most antibiotics disrupt protein production by targeting the ribosome inside bacterial cells. The ribosome is responsible for synthesizing the proteins that allow bacteria cells to function.

Api137 — an antibacterial peptide, or small protein — works by thwarting DNA translation, the genomic process that sees genetic instructions read and translated into fresh proteins.

The latest analysis of *Api137* — carried out by researchers at the University of Illinois at Chicago — has helped scientists better understand exactly how the protein works.

Now, scientists are working to replicate, or synthesize, the peptide in the lab.

Researcher Vázquez-Laslop said, "This project was a result of an excellent collaboration of our team."

"We can now harness the knowledge of how *Api137* works in order to make new drugs that would kill bad bacteria using a similar mechanism of action."

New study suggests an unconventional way for memories to form

A team of researchers working at Howard Hughes Medical Institute found possible evidence of a way for memories to form that differs from conventional theory.

In their paper published in the journal *Science*, the team described their theory, the biophysical model they built and what their findings suggest about the way some memories may form, according to medicalxpress.com.

Julia Krupic of University College London offers a Perspective piece on the study in the same issue and gives some background on memory research in general.

After many years of research, brain scientists have come to some degree of consensus about how the brain forms memories — as Krupic noted, it happens as a result of the creation of neural networks that are strengthened when neurons in the network cause or contribute to activity occurring in a connected neuron — the idea has become known as the Hebbian learning rule.

Under the rule, memories are formed due to activities that occur very closely in time, allowing the neurons time to build stronger bonds for those events that are more memorable.

The theory also embraces the idea of plasticity — the network must be changeable in order for a memory to strengthen.

The theory further suggested that memories are added to or recalled by neurons firing in quick succession in short bursts of activity, a process called long-term potentiation (LTP).

In this new effort, the researchers suggested there might be a different type of memory processing that happens over longer periods of time.

Such memories, they suggest, could help with remembering events as a sequence, rather than just as snapshots.

They call this new memory mechanism behavioral time scale synaptic plasticity (BTSP).

The new theory suggested that there need not be a relationship between interconnected neurons during sequential memory formation to maintain associations that can be long-lasting — instead, place fields are involved.

To test the plausibility of their ideas, the researchers built a biophysical model based on what might happen with place fields during times when a mouse is moving faster versus slower — it showed the idea to be plausible.

A BTSP mechanism, Krupic noted, could lead to over-representation of places that are important to a mouse — such as the steps required to get to a good food source, allowing it to find such a source when snapshot types of memories alone will not suffice.

Lazy ants make themselves useful in unexpected ways

If the first thing that comes to mind when you think about ants is 'industrious', you might be in for a surprise.

In 2015, biologists at the University of Arizona reported that a sizable chunk of the 'workers' that make up an ant colony spent the vast majority of their day engaging in one task: Doing absolutely nothing, phys.org reported.

Daniel Charbonneau, who dedicated his PhD thesis to studying the behavior (or lack thereof) of these lazy ants, said, "They really just sit there."

"And whenever they're doing anything other than doing nothing, they do chores around the nest, like a bit of brood care here or grooming another worker there."

Observing colonies of ants maintained in the lab, Charbonneau found that an average of 40 percent of individuals are mostly inactive, with some variation between seasons, colonies and species.

And his ants, which belong to the species *Temnothorax rugatulus*, don't appear to be freaks of nature, Charbonneau said, as similar patterns can be observed in other social insects, even honey bees.

Charbonneau and his doctoral adviser, Ecology and Evolutionary Biology Professor Anna Dornhaus, published those results in 2015.

At the time, the researchers could only speculate over the purpose of keeping around hordes of inactive 'workers'.

In a new paper, published in the open-access journal *PLOS ONE*, authors Charbonneau, Takao Sasaki of the University of Oxford and Dornhaus show for the first time that inactive ants can act as a reserve labor force. When they removed the top 20 percent of most active workers, they found that within a week, they were replaced mostly by individuals belonging to the 'lazy' demographic, which stepped up and increased their activity levels to match those of the lost workers.

Charbonneau added, "This suggests that the colony responds to the loss

of highly active workers by replacing them with inactive ones."

Coauthor Dornhaus added, "Serving as a replacement workforce is a long-held suspicion about the function of 'lazy' ants, but it was just an assumption and never had been empirically confirmed."

Various functions — from serving as living food stores to laying eggs for consumption by their nest mates — had been suggested by other research-

In Arizona, colonies of this particular ant species are found at higher elevations — for example, on Mount Lemmon northeast of Tucson, where Dornhaus and her lab members go to collect them.

Charbonneau said, "Because the animals have rarely been studied in the wild, researchers don't know much about their life history."

"We don't know how quickly their populations turn over in their natural

wandering around the nest; foragers that take care of outside tasks such as foraging and building protective walls from tiny rocks; and nurses in charge of rearing the brood.

"The lazy ants tend to have more distended abdomens, hinting at the possibility that they could serve as 'living pantries'."

Published in another recent paper, this observation awaits further testing to determine whether their larger circumference is a cause or a consequence of the lazier workers' lifestyle.

To see what would happen if the colony lost sizable amounts of inactive members, Charbonneau and Dornhaus did a separate experiment in which they removed the least active 20 percent.

They found that those ants, unlike their top-performing peers, were not replaced.

Charbonneau said, "This suggests that workers are not switching from other task groups to replace the removed 'inactive' workers."

"The problem of adjusting supply to demand is not unique to social insects."

"From companies stocking supplies in warehouses; to meet rising demand or employing contingent workers from external labor supply agencies; to computer systems performing better if equipped with reserve processing power."

"The problem faced by all of these systems is how to optimally organize the supply or reserve workforce such as to minimize the costs of maintaining these reserves."

"My speculation is this: Since young workers start out as the most vulnerable members of the colony, it makes sense for them to lay low and be inactive."

Charbonneau noted, "And because their ovaries are the most active, they produce eggs, and while they're doing that, they might as well store food."

"When the colony loses workers, it makes sense to replace them with those ants that are not already busy pursuing their tasks."



By marking ants with tiny dots of paint, Daniel Charbonneau and his collaborators were able to keep track of what individual ants do over the course of two or more weeks.

ers, and Charbonneau investigated several of them through experiments involving marking individual ants in a colony and tracking their movements through video recordings.

He explained, "We apply tiny dots of paint to them."

"One on head, one on thorax, and two dots on abdomen. The combination of colors and location identifies each individual, so we can track it in our video recordings."

habitat.

"But it doesn't take much for a colony to lose a bunch of workers. Since they can live for up to five years or more, they have to overwinter, and being snowed in claims many workers each season."

"Analyzing the video recordings revealed that a colony breaks down into four main demographics: Inactive, lazy ants; so-called walkers that spend most of their time just

Scientists make stretchy electronics from rubbery materials

materials, especially semiconductors, are brittle and non-stretchable.

In a paper published in the journal *Science Advances*, the researchers described a completely new strategy to develop electronic materials that can be stretchable and in format similar to rubbers, news.xinhuanet.com wrote.

Author Cunjiang Yu, assistant professor at the University of Houston, who led the study, said, "Conventional electronics

reduced structural stability, and high cost."

In their work, Yu and his team developed a naturally stretchable rubber nanocomposite made from all elastomeric materials, including silicone rubber and organic semiconducting nanofibers.

On this basis, rubbery transistors — a fundamental building block for circuits — and rubbery sensors capable of

measuring strain, pressure and temperature have been successfully fabricated.

Lab testing showed that they remained functional while stretched by 50 percent.

Yu said, "Our strategy has the advantages in simple fabrication, scalable manufacturing, high-density device integration, large strain tolerance, robustness, and low cost."

To illustrate some of the

promising applications, the researchers explored use of their sensors as smart skins for robots by incorporating them onto a glove to enable sign language translation.

A temperature sensing skin implemented on the robot hand also detected the temperature of cups filled with hot or cold water.

Yu added, "Such a class of rubbery electronics and sensors represents the drastic advancements in electronic materials and soft stretchable electronics, and will impact the future development in soft wearable electronics and a broad range of application areas."

Analysis of Jupiter's auroras presents new mystery

A new analysis of Jupiter's auroras, the most powerful in the solar system, has revealed a fresh mystery.

Quoting Barry Mauk, a researcher in the Applied Physics Laboratory at Johns Hopkins University, UPI reported, "At Jupiter, the brightest auroras are caused by some kind of turbulent acceleration process that we do not understand very well."

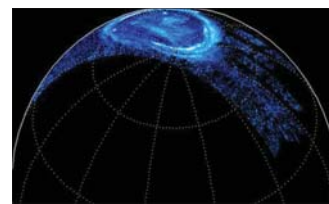
Measurements of Jupiter's auroras using particle detectors and ultraviolet spectrographs revealed extremely large electric potentials.

When electric potentials on Jupiter's poles align with the gas giant's magnetic field, electrons stream through the upper atmosphere at energies upwards of 400,000 electron volts.

On Earth, large electric potentials are linked with the most intense auroras.

Currents of a few thousand volts are associated with what are known as 'discrete auroras', the famous colorful swirls snaking through the skies of Alaska and Scandinavia.

But when researchers looked for correlations between



An image of one of Jupiter's auroras captured by Juno's Ultraviolet Imaging Spectrometer.

high electric potentials and intense auroras on Jupiter, they found no such link.

Mauk said, "There are hints in our latest data indicating that as the power density of the auroral generation becomes stronger and stronger, the process becomes

unstable and a new acceleration process takes over.

"But we'll have to keep looking at the data."

In other words, Jupiter's huge electric potentials at the poles don't explain the gas giant's massive auroras.

Jupiter exotic and dynamic atmosphere is oft studied by planetary scientists because it is capable of producing such dramatic forces.

Previous research suggested Jupiter's intense auroras drive a series of massive storms, including the Great Red Spot.

The interplay between Jupiter's electromagnetic fields and climatic patterns could help scientists better understand other space-weather phenomena.

Mauk said, "The highest energies that we are observing within Jupiter's auroral regions are formidable."

"These energetic particles that create the auroras are part of the story in understanding Jupiter's radiation belts, which pose such a challenge to Juno and to upcoming spacecraft missions to Jupiter under development."

Researchers detailed their analysis of Jovian auroras in a new paper published in the journal *Nature*.

Parents need a strength switch to help them and their kids

By Lea Waters*

When will he ever learn? That was my thought as I arrived home and saw that my eight-year-old son Nick had failed to put away his new bicycle... again. The day before, I'd snapped: "I'm tired of reminding you about this!" Then, seeing his welcoming smile fade, I'd felt like a terrible parent.

Why is it so hard to control the urge to criticize our children — and is there a better way? I'm constantly asked these questions at my parent talks. The culprit is ancient brain wiring — and yes, there is a better way, reported theguardian.com.

We evolved to have a "negativity bias", zeroing in on what's wrong as a way to protect ourselves and our tribe. Add to this the constant social pressure to raise perfectly behaved, accomplished kids, and many parents feel as if they have to be in "fix-it" mode all the time.

My research has shown we can override this impulse and implement a far more powerful, positive strategy called "strength-based parenting" that helps children improve by focusing on their strengths.

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A strength isn't just something your child is good at. Psychologists have defined three characteristics of a strength: Your child does it well (high performance), happily (high energy) and often (high use). Strengths can be talent-based, such as sports or art, or character-based, such as humor or kindness.

More and more schools are teaching strengths. A study of more than 300 secondary school students in the UK, published in the Journal of Positive Psychology in 2011, found teens who were taught about their strengths had significantly higher life satisfaction than their peers who did not. Similar results have been found in the US, Australia, New Zealand, Japan and China.

Parents benefit, too. In one of my studies, published in the International Journal of Applied Positive Psychology, parents who undertook a strength-based parenting course were happier and more confident about their parenting skills. Learning to consistently see their child's strengths allowed them to find the sweet spots



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where their kids could thrive.

What I call the "strength switch" is a mental tool that helps you see your child's strengths more clearly. Picture a light switch inside your head. When the light is on, you look for the strengths in your child. When it is off, your negativity bias is operating.

The brain is a pattern detecting organ, so the more you flick the switch, the more you train your brain to look for positive patterns and so over-ride the negativity bias.

In discipline situations, the switch will help you suggest how your child could handle things using a strength they already have.

In my case, I commented on how Nick had used his good organizational skills to put his other belongings away after school. He felt good about himself — and I got the bike put away.

Simply notice one strength in your child per week

and have a conversation together about it. When challenges arise, you'll find you can more easily shift out of fix-it mode.

Another way is to incorporate strengths into the questions you ask your children. When your child has a big project or event coming up, you could ask them: "What strengths do you have to help you with this?"

Or if they've had a fight with a friend: "What strengths do you think were missing that may have led to the fight? What strengths will help you make-up?"

Strength-based parenting can help your children tune into what is best about them and others, and thus show us all how to shine.

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China studying when to ban sales of traditional fuel cars

China has begun studying when to ban the production and sale of cars using traditional fuels, the official Xinhua news agency reported, citing comments by the vice industry minister, who predicted "turbulent times" for automakers forced to adapt.

Xin Guobin did not give details on when China, the world's largest auto market, would implement such a ban. The United Kingdom and France have said they will ban new petrol and diesel cars from 2040, Reuters wrote.

Guobin, vice minister of the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology, was quoted as saying at an auto industry event in the city of Tianjin on Saturday. "Some countries have made a timeline for when to stop the production and sales of traditional fuel cars. The ministry has also started relevant research and will make such a timeline with relevant departments. Those measures will certainly bring profound changes for our car industry's development."

To combat air pollution and close a



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competitive gap between its newer domestic automakers and their global rivals, China has set goals for electric and plug-in hybrid cars to make up at least a fifth of

Chinese auto sales by 2025.

Guobin said the domestic auto industry faced "turbulent times" over the years to 2025 to make the switch towards new

energy vehicles, and called on the country's car makers to adapt to the challenge and adjust their strategies accordingly.

Banning the sale of petrol- and diesel-powered cars would have a significant impact on oil demand in China, the world's second-largest oil consumer.

Last month, state oil major China National Petroleum Corp. (CNPC) said China's energy demand will peak by 2040, later than the previous forecast of 2035, as transportation fuel consumption rises through the middle of the century.

Song Qunling, a senior Finance Ministry official, said during Saturday's event that government subsidies, intended for jump-starting the new energy auto industry, could easily be abused if held long-term and led to "mindless expansion" and excess capacity in the sector.

She said China would gradually withdraw such financial subsidies for the sector, and instead speed up the establishment of a credits accumulation policy to support the industry.

Two-thirds of American adults get news from social media

About two-thirds of American adults are getting "at least some of their news on social media" with two in 10 doing so often, according to a Pew Research Center survey this week.

About 67 percent of American adults somewhat rely on social media platforms such as Facebook Inc., Twitter Inc. and Snapchat for news, the survey showed, compared with 62 percent in 2016, Reuters reported.

For the first time in the Center's surveys, the research also found that 55 percent of Americans adults over 50 were consuming news on social media sites, up from 45 percent in 2016.

The research said, "While a small increase overall, this growth is driven by more substantial increases among

Americans who are older, less educated, and non-white."

Those under 50 years of age remained more likely than their elders to get news from these sites — 78 percent said they consume news on social media platforms, unchanged from 2016.

Facebook remained as the dominant platform for news with 45 percent of American adults saying they get news from the social media site. Alphabet Inc.'s YouTube was next with 18 percent while only about 11 percent of US adults said they get their news on Twitter.

The research also showed about three-quarters of non-whites or 74 percent, get news on social media sites, up from 64 percent in 2016.

Social media news use also increased among those with less than a bachelor's degree, up nine percentage points to 69 percent in 2017 from the previous year. Alternatively, among those with at least a college degree, social media news use declined slightly this year.

While Twitter lags far behind Facebook and YouTube in total news consumers, the site still seems to be benefiting from US President Donald Trump who is one of the most active politicians on the social media platform.

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Agenda 2063 targets ending poverty in Africa

A Ugandan economic affairs officer at the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) based in Addis Ababa, Dr. Paul Mpuga has called for the alignment of the sustainable development goals (SDGs) with Agenda 2063 for easy implementation.

The SDGs are a set of 17 ambitious goals set by the UN in 2015 intended to end poverty by 2030, newvision.co.ug reported. Agenda 2063 is a Pan Africa plan intended for the social transformation of Africa, which was adopted by the African Union in 2015.



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Mpuga, who was discussing a paper Reporting Africa and China from the perspective of Agenda 2063, Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC) and SDGs during a workshop at Azzeman Hotel in Addis Ababa, said UNECA was working to harmonize both programs so that where they are similar goals they are supported as one.

Mpuga praised Chinese as an alternative source for financing in Africa.

"Other financiers look at it as a possible threat," he said. "It creates competition."

China has of recently financed large projects ranging from mining, agriculture to power generation. Unlike Western financiers, China has less conditions.

In Uganda, they are financing the construction of Karuma Dam and the construction of the Standard Gauge Railways both in Kenya and Uganda.

Early in the day Hellen Hai, a Chinese business consultant and chief executive officer of Made in Africa Initiative while discussing Reporting Africa-China Industrialization: The Pros and Cons based on Case studies, said job creation was the key to poverty eradication in Africa.

She said Africa has this last golden opportunity to get over 85 million jobs that will likely come from China in the next few years before many manufacturing jobs get replaced by robots.

She cited the example of the Eastern Industrial Park outside Addis Ababa that employs close to 10,000 workers in its shoes industry.

Oxfam also released a report that looked on how African countries can engage China and others countries to achieve SDGs and Agenda 2063.

It found overlaps in FOCAC, Agenda 2063 and SDGs. The report called for integration of Agenda 2063 and SDGs in National Development.

The workshop which was organized by Oxfam International's Africa — China Dialogue Platform and the Africa-China Reporting Project based at Wits University in South Africa brought on journalists from Africa and China to increase and broaden reporting between Africa and China.

Children forced to work at cannabis factories as slaves in UK

Children are being forced to tend cannabis factories and commit street crimes, a leading charity warned as it raised the alarm over the hidden toll of child slavery in the UK.

The UK's National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (NSPCC) said youngsters around the country also face sexual exploitation and punishing physical labor, reported The Independent.

A team set up by the organization 10 years ago to provide advice in child trafficking cases has received nearly 2,000 referrals, with babies among those reported as potential victims.

The NSPCC said the secretive nature of modern-day slavery means this number is likely to be a fraction of the true scale of the problem.

Exploitation for sex or labor and domestic servitude were among the main concerns flagged up in referrals to the NSPCC's Child Trafficking Advice Center (CTAC).

Children being used for criminal exploitation such as cultivating cannabis or committing street crimes were among the other reasons for reports, according to the charity.

It said Vietnamese children made up a fifth of all those referred to the center since it was set up, with Romanians, Nigerians and Afghans among other nationalities flagged to the service.

The NSPCC is calling for increased training among professionals, a global "best practice" approach to safeguarding of child trafficking victims to be adopted, and the creation of a single international database to boost child protection efforts.

Last month, the National Crime Agency warned that modern slavery and human trafficking in the UK are much more prevalent than previously thought, with cases affecting "every large town and city in the country".

In 2013, research by the Home Office estimated that there were between 10,000 and 13,000 potential victims of modern slavery. NSPCC Chief Executive Peter Wanless said: "Many believe slavery couldn't possibly go on today, yet the problem is all too real."

"We must expose the dark underbelly of slavery that, sometimes, goes on right under our noses, and bring those responsible to justice."

"These are children who have been denied their basic human rights and are bound by their enslavers, who will force them into the most degrading, hopeless life imaginable."

Three 'alien portals' appear below Int'l Space Station



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A trio of 'alien portals' appear to have opened directly below the International Space Station (ISS) — and everyone is baffled.

The round shapes can be seen flying directly below the ISS and on the Earth's atmosphere, mirror.co.uk wrote.

Brett and Blake Cousins, who are well-known conspiracy theorists, uploaded footage of the three flying objects to their YouTube channel.

But the duo can't say what they think the strange objects, which are circular and have a hole in the middle, are.

In the strange footage, Blake said: "We've got three strange anomalies drifting downwards just above the earth's atmosphere. Is this something extra-terrestrial?"

Brett added: "They look almost like smoke rings and they seem to be drifting. I'm not sure these are just anomalous clouds — there's no other ones in the hemisphere.

"If you look at them closely you're just not sure. Are they portals of some sort?"

Thousands of people have already watched the footage with theories as to what they are ranging from spaceships to clouds.

84-year-old great-grandfather, world's oldest male bodybuilder



GUINNESS WORLD RECORDS/YOUTUBE

A great-grandfather from California, the US will enter the 2018 Guinness Book of World Records as the world's oldest male bodybuilder.

Jim Arrington was born in 1932 and continues to train for and compete in bodybuilding competitions at the age of 84, UPI wrote.

"All my life, I have wanted to excel at something. To be World Class (top 100). In bodybuilding, my true love, becoming the best over 80 and earning my Pro Card, was that goal reached," Arrington said.

"Gaining a Guinness World Records title must therefore, be 100 times better! My friends and family are all delighted. Everyone wants to be photographed with the certificate!"

Throughout his 70 years of bodybuilding, Arrington has competed in 62 competitions and won 16.

He first registered the record in 2015, but plans to break it again by participating at a competition in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

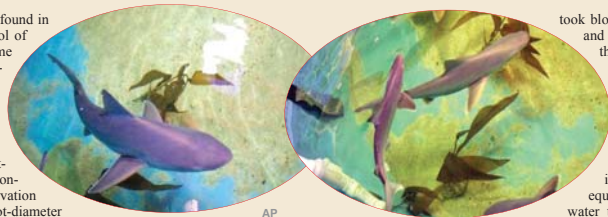
Arrington's workout routine adapts to his specific goals, and he tries to stick to a high protein, moderate carbohydrate and fat meal regimen to stay lean.

"Just about anything works for a while, then your body adapts and requires new challenges," he said.

"Bodybuilding is hard work! You need to set goals, but most of all, you need to love the training. No bodybuilder is satisfied with how they look. If you want to compete, compete! If you don't, you never will."

10 sharks found in home's basement pool

Ten sharks were found in the basement pool of a New York home after environmental conservation officers searched the residence.



AP

Officials with the state Department of Environmental Conservation said the 15-foot-diameter aboveground basement pool inside a home in the Dutchess County hamlet of LaGrangeville had seven live sandbar sharks, two dead leopard sharks and one dead hammerhead shark, foxnews.com

reported.

All the sharks were two feet (60.96cm) to four feet (121.92cm) long.

Officials said marine wildlife experts

took blood samples and measured the sharks before they were transferred to the Long Island Aquarium in a truck equipped with water tanks, oxygen and climate control.

It is unclear what prompted the search of the Hudson Valley home last month.

No one has been charged and an investigation is ongoing.

Teen completes Rubik's cube in 4.69 seconds



PATRICK PONCE/YOUTUBE

A teen set a new world record by completing a Rubik's cube in less than five seconds at an event in Virginia, the US.

Patrick Ponce, 15, completed the 3x3 Rubik's cube in 4.69 seconds while participating in the Rally in the Valley event in Middletown, according to UPI.

The teen said after slamming the solved cube on the table, "World record?"

Ponce's reaction drew a large crowd of his peers, who gathered around him to congratulate him on the achievement.

Officials reexamined the cube after the attempt was complete to determine whether it had been scrambled properly, but ultimately confirmed the record.

Ponce completed the record attempt in 17 moves carefully examining the cube for a few seconds before frantically shifting the pieces to complete the puzzle.

His performance topped the previous record of 4.73 seconds set by Australian Felix Zemdegs, 20, in December 2016.

"Hey that's pretty good," Ponce said of his record-breaking performance.

Extremely rare pure white monkey takes a bite of his sibling's head



mediadrumworld.com

An extremely rare and particularly cheeky baby white monkey has been spotted taking a very hefty bite of his sibling's head in Japan.

The peculiar act, which was caught on camera at the Japanese Jigokudani Monkey Park, was even more unique with the tiny creature the first of its kind observed in the park's 51-year history, dailymail.co.uk wrote.

It's believed the adorable primate was a white snow monkey — his specific coloring a practically unheard-of occurrence.

The active little monkey put on an adventurous and strangely human-like performance during a visit to the park with his mother and sibling.

The energetic baby put comical facial displays as he jumped around within the park's specially



to hold onto her undercarriage.

The trio played among the lush greenery, allowing lucky onlookers the opportunity to capture the momentous historic occasion on camera.

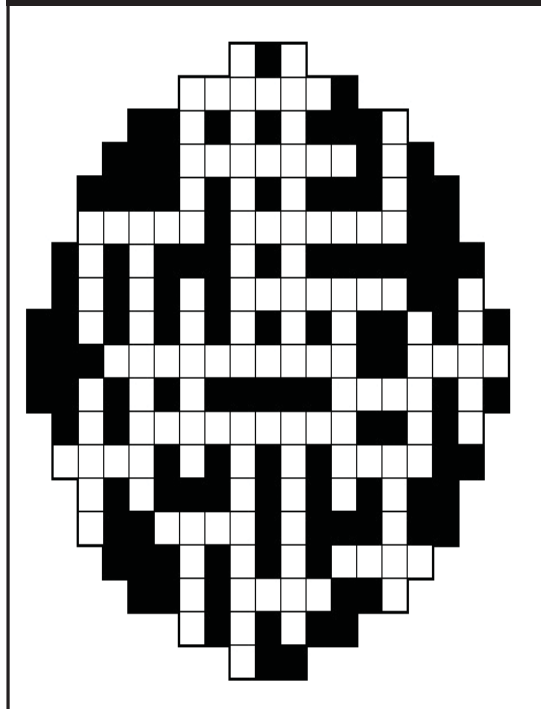
constructed 'spa' for wild animals living in the mountains of the Nagano Prefecture.

At one point he settled as he stood to cuddle up to his mother, and again as he clung upside down

It's believed that although the undeniably cute animal was pure white in color, he wasn't albino given his eyes were dark brown.

The rarity of his incredible white fur was clear with his stark contrast between his mother and sibling's light brown color.

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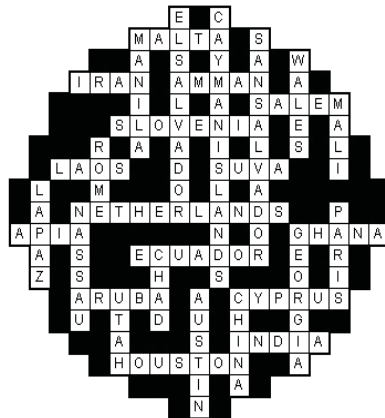
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Yesterday's solution



Sudoku

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

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England's Dele Alli could face a suspension after FIFA confirmed it had opened disciplinary proceedings over the Tottenham Hotspur midfielder's obscene gesture during a World Cup qualifier against Slovakia.

Sports Desk

Two Iranians claimed a couple of bronze medals at the Karate 1 Premier League in Leipzig, Germany.

On Sunday, Representing Iran in -67kg weight division, Saied Ahmadi outmuscled British 2016 world champion Thomas Jordan 6-0 in the third-place bout to settle for the bronze medal.

Iranians grab two Karate 1 PL bronzes



Ahmadi had outpowered counterparts from Luxembourg, Kazakhstan, Turkey and France on his way to the semifinals, only to suffer a defeat against his Japanese opponent by a 4-0 score line.

Ahmadi's compatriot, Amir Mahdizadeh (-60kg) also finished third in the competitions after he overcame Russian Vladimir Kalashnikov 6-0 in the repechage final bout for the bronze medal.

The 28-year-old Iranian had beaten representatives from Italy, Egypt, Uzbekistan and again Italy before he conceded defeat against two-time world champion Douglas Brose

from Brazil in the semifinal round. Mahdizadeh had also bagged a bronze medal at the Karate 1 Premier League in Dubai, the UAE, in April.

Some 1300 karatekas represented 87 countries in the competitions which was held in the German cities of Halle and Leipzig on September 8-10.

Unseeded Stephens thrashes Keys to win US Open

Unseeded Sloane Stephens completed a spectacular return from injury by beating fellow American Madison Keys to win the US Open at Flushing Meadows.

Stephens, ranked 83rd, beat 15th seed Keys 6-3, 6-0 in the final, BBC reported.

The 24-year-old was ranked as low as 957th six weeks ago, having only returned from 11 months out with a foot injury at Wimbledon.

rankings began.

Close friends since childhood, they shared a long hug at the net after Keys netted a forehand on the third match point.

"I had surgery in January and if someone had told me then that I would win the US Open, I would have said it was impossible," said Stephens.

"This journey has been incredible and I wouldn't change it for the

"Sloane is truly one of my favorite people and to play against her was special. I obviously didn't play my best tennis and Sloane was very supportive. "If I'm going to lose to anyone today, I'm glad it's to her."

The first American woman from outside the Williams family to win a major singles title since Jennifer Capriati at the 2002 Australian Open, Stephens collected £2.84 million in prize money.

just nine errors and moving to the top of the aces chart with a display of controlled power.

Stephens had come through a far nter encounter against Venus Williams, with her athletic defensive skills all the more remarkable as her foot had been in a protective boot as recently as May.

It was her calm consistency that prevailed in a final that became something of a horror show for Keys.

Over the course of 61 minutes, she made 30 unforced errors to just six from the rock-solid Stephens.

After the first four games went quickly with serve, Keys was broken when a forehand flew long, and a similar error gave up the set after half an hour.

Keys offered up another opportunity early in the second with a woeful backhand volley, and Stephens grabbed her chance with a rasping backhand winner followed by a cross-court forehand.

The final appeared as good as over when Keys double-faulted to fall 4-0 down, and even when she finally earned break points - three of them at 0-40 after 47 minutes - Stephens would not buckle.

The third of them was seen off with a dart to the net and a confident forehand volley, leaving Stephens to serve for the match.

There was a final flurry of resistance from Keys but she could only find the net on match point number three, as Stephens reeled off eight games in a row to clinch her first major title.



Sloane Stephens poses with her US Open trophy after beating Madison Keys 6-3, 6-0 in the women's singles final at Flushing Meadows in New York on September 9, 2017.

She became only the fifth unseeded woman to win a major title in the Open era.

Both women were making their Grand Slam final debuts, and their combined ranking of 99 was the lowest for a US Open final since the

world. "Madison is one of my best friends on tour. I wouldn't have wanted to play anyone else. I told her that I wished it could have been a draw."

Keys, who was playing with her right thigh heavily strapped, said,

Stephens too solid for error-strewn Keys

Keys, 22, had played superbly to win her semifinal against Coco Vandeweghe, making 24 winners to

chances.

"We controlled the game but didn't score while Hoffenheim was three times in our box and scored two goals," he said.

"In general, we played well but we weren't at 100 percent - 95 percent wasn't enough, but that happens in football and we have to focus on the next game."

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Bayern Munich players look frustrated after they suffered a 2-0 away defeat against Hoffenheim in Rhein-Neckar-Arena in Sinshelm, Germany, on September 9, 2017.

Valverde hails 'extraordinary' Messi

Barcelona coach Ernesto Valverde hailed "extraordinary" Lionel Messi after the Argentina playmaker netted a hat-trick in the 5-0 thrashing of Catalan rival Espanyol at the Nou Camp.

With both Real Madrid and Atletico having dropped points with draws earlier in the day, Barcelona was looking to strike an early blow at the top of the La Liga table, Sky Sports reported.

Messi set Barca on its way with the opening goal after 26 minutes, although he looked to have been offside when collecting a pass from Ivan Rakitic before sidestepping his marker and lashing the ball into the top corner.

The No. 10 doubled the lead shortly before halftime from close range after a ricochet in the penalty area had fallen into the path of Jordi Alba, and completed his treble just after the hour.



Lionel Messi celebrates putting Barcelona in front in the 5-0 beating of the local rival Espanyol at the Nou Camp in Barcelona on September 9, 2017.

Gerard Pique's header made it 4-0 with three minutes left before £96.8 million signing Ousmane Dembele, on as a late substitute, laid a fifth on a plate for Luis Suarez in stoppage time.

It was a 42nd career hat-trick for Messi, 38 of which have come for Barcelona.

"I am happy for Leo who scored three goals and is extraordinary," Valverde said at a postmatch press conference.

"We pulled through a complicated game, because these kinds of matches are always tough.

"Despite the result, it wasn't easy. Espanyol fought very well, but we have great players like Messi, who scored three goals, and Suarez, who gave everything like the rest of the team."

The comprehensive win puts Barcelona, which hosts Juventus in the Champions League on Tuesday night, two points clear at the top of the table, having yet to concede a goal in its three La Liga victories.

Despite Barcelona's positive start, Valverde wants to keep things in perspective as the Catalans look to maintain an advantage over champion Real Madrid.

"We are at the beginning of the season and the distances are not significant, but it is better to be ahead than behind," Valverde said.

"It does not mean anything, but being ahead is always good."

Valverde had resisted the temptation to throw Dembele straight into the thick of the action following the 20-year-old's big-money high-profile switch from Borussia Dortmund, but the loudest cheer of the night from the Nou Camp faithful greeted his introduction on 68 minutes, when the result was already secure.

"The idea is to give Dembele minutes, we have a lot of hopes for him and this game was a first step," the Barcelona coach said.

"His teammates know that he has real quality."

Ancelotti after Bayern loss: Little details decided the game

Bayern Munich boss Carlo Ancelotti and captain Manuel Neuer both rued missed chances as the German champion slipped to its first defeat of the season, losing 2-0 in Hoffenheim.

Bayern never recovered from the shock of falling behind to the first of Mark Uth's two goals on 27 minutes, badly caught napping following a quickly taken throw-in from Andrej Kramaric (via a ball boy) which meant two balls were on the pitch for a brief moment, ESPN reported.

Speaking after the match, Ancelotti blamed his side's profligacy in front of goal for the disappointing result.

"Little details decided the game, for the first goal we weren't focused and conceded a second goal immediately in the second half. It was difficult then but we had a lot of

chances.

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Art & Culture

Iran's Badran receives SIFF award for best supporting actress

Art & Culture Desk

Iranian actress Bita Badran won the award for the best actress at the 14th Salento International Film Festival (SIFF 2017) for her role in the film 'Cold Breath'.

The SIFF 2017 was held in Salento from September 1 to 10, concurrent with the 74th Venice Film Festival, IRNA reported.

The Iranian flick was screened at the opening ceremony of the Italian festival on September 1 in which the movie's director Abbas Raziji was also present.

The movie was received very well by critics and audience following its screening on the first day of the filmfest.

After a six-year hiatus, Badran returned to the world of acting last year by starring in 'Cold Breath'.



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She had won a Crystal Simorgh award as the best supporting actress for her role in 'The Glass Agency' at the 16th Fajr International Film Festival held in Tehran in 1997.

The cast of the movie include Nader Naderpour (actor), Majid Mozaffari (actor), Parichehr Rizi (actress), Hamideh Barati (actress) and Ezzatollah Ramezani (actor).

Coproduced by Hamidreza Jahamian and Abbas Raziji, the movie has competed in more than 50 international festivals garnering numerous awards.

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After being presented with his award at the closing ceremony, Mohammadzadeh said, "I am proud to be an Iranian and delighted that [renowned Iranian female director] Rakhsan Bani Etemad who is one of the best filmmakers in the history of Iran's cinema is a member of the panel of jury of this year's edition of Venice film festival."

Winners of major awards

Mexican director Guillermo del Toro's 'The Shape of Water' — a dark fairy tale in which a mute cleaning lady falls in love with an aquatic creature — won the Golden Lion award for best film at the festival.

The film beat contenders including George Clooney's 'Suburbicon' and Alexander Payne's 'Downsizing' at the end of a 10-day, high-quality and star-studded movie marathon that critics said showed Venice was now on an equal footing with the widely revered Cannes film festival.

The runner-up Grand Jury prize went to family tragedy 'Foxglove' by Samuel Maoz, while Xavier Legrand was picked as best director for his divorce drama 'Jusqu'à la Garde' (Custody).

Charlotte Rampling received the best actress award for her performance in Italian film 'Hannah', while Palestinian Kamel El Basha took the best actor prize for his



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role in 'The Insult'.

Full List of Winners

Venice 74 Awards

Golden Lion: 'The Shape of Water', Guillermo del Toro

Silver Lion Grand Jury Prize: 'Foxglove', Samuel Maoz

Silver Lion Best Director: 'Custody', Xavier Legrand

Volpi Cup for Best Actress: Charlotte Rampling for 'Hannah'

Volpi Cup for Best Actor: Kamel El Basha for 'The Insult'

Best Screenplay Award: Martin McDonagh, 'Three Billboards'

Special Jury Prize: 'Sweet Country', Warwick Thornton

Marcello Mastroianni Award: Charlie Plummer for 'Lean on Pete', directed by Andrew Haigh

Horizons Awards

Best Film: 'Nico, 1988', Susanna Nicchiarelli

Best Director: 'No Date, No Signature', Vahid Jalilvand

Special Jury Prize: 'Caniba', Verena Paravel, Lucien



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Best Actress: Lina Khoudiri, 'The Blessed', directed by Sofia Djama

Best Actor: Navid Mohammadzadeh for 'No Date, No Signature'

Best Screenplay: Dominique Welinski, Rene Ballesteros for 'Oblivion Verses', directed by Alireza Khatami

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Lion of the Future Luigi De Laurentiis Award for a Debut Film: 'Custody', Xavier Legrand

Venice Classics

Best Documentary on Cinema: 'The Prince and the Dybbuk', Elwira Niewiera, Piotr Rosolowski

Best Restored Film: 'Idi i smotri' (Come and See), directed by Elem Klimov

Venice VR

Best VR Film: 'Arden's Wake' by Eugene YK Chung

Best VR Experience Award: 'La camera insabbiata', Laurie Anderson and Hsin-Chien Huang

Best VR Story Award: 'Bloodless', Gina Kim

Iranian illustrator wins golden apple at BIB 2017

Art & Culture Desk

Iranian illustrator Narges Mohammadi won the golden apple (second prize) award of the 26th Biennial of Illustrations Bratislava (BIB 2017) — the world's biggest children's books illustration awards.

She was presented the award for her illustrations in the book 'I Was a Deer', written by Ahmad-Reza Akbarpour, Mehr News Agency reported.

Mohammadi had earlier won awards at Illustration festivals in South Korea and Portugal, both held in 2009, for her illustrations in the same book.



Some of the other award winners at the BIB 2017 are Ludwig Volbeda (grand prix 2017) from the Netherlands for the book titled 'The Birds', Maki Arai (golden apple) from Japan for the book titled 'Dandelion', Ji-Min Kim (golden apple) from South Korea for the book titled 'Hide and Seek', Ana Desnitskaya (golden apple) from Russia for the book titled 'The Old Russian Home', Daniela Olejnikova (golden apple) from Slovakia for the book titled 'Verninarium, the Escape', Hanne Bartholin (plaque) from Denmark for the book titled 'A Story About You, a Story About Everything', Mirocomachiko (plaque) from Japan for the book titled 'Beasts Smelling' and Romana Romanyshin and Andriy Lesiv (plaque) from Ukraine for the book titled 'Loudly, Softly, in a Whisper', were the other award winners at BIB 2017.

'The Man Who Wasn't Here' is in US



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Art & Culture Desk

The Iranian short film 'The Man Who Wasn't Here', directed by Ata Mojabi, will be pitted in three US festivals in the coming days.

The flick will first take part in the first edition of Hub Film Festival in Los Angeles on September 23 and 24, and will then attend the Ninth Interrobang Film Festival in Des Moines East Village Neighborhood in Iowa from September 29 to October 1 and finally will be pitted in the 16th Miami Short Film Festival scheduled to take place during November 6-11, IRNA reported.

Mojabi is also the scriptwriter of the flick. The cast includes Siamak Karim-Pour (actor), Saeed Mozaffari (actor), well-known English actor Clive Owen, Hossein Erfanian (actor), late American screen and stage actor Humphrey DeForest Bogart and Naser Ahmadi (actor).

This film is a unique in form and style. It took two years to complete the film which was made by remixing and re-filming some of the most important films in the history of cinema.

'The Man Who Wasn't Here' is about revenge, intolerance, forgiveness and cinema.

The film is a production of Iranian Youth Cinema Society.



FARHAD SAFARI/mehrnews.com
 Iranian nomadic Bakhtiari tribeswomen, inhabiting the southwestern provinces of Iran, celebrate in a wedding ceremony as their clothes displaying a wide range of hues are reminiscent of colorful works of Jackson Pollock, the American painter and a major figure in the abstract expressionist movement.

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