KUWAIT CITY, Dec 14, (Agencies): The Prime Minister Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah has been chosen by the Parliament as its Speaker, a move that has been widely welcomed by regional and international observers.

The decision was taken during a session of the Council of Ministers and the Prime Minister opened it by appealing to the members of the Council to support the motion to appoint Nawaf as Speaker and to express their full confidence in his ability to lead the Parliament.

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In a congratulatory message, HH the Amir wished HH the President and his government sound success in all their work on the national, regional and international fronts.

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Kuwait aimed at spreading culture of peace

Actress Qamar happy to be honored in Kuwait

Fair Al-Saeed returns home

FAIR Al-Saeed returned home on Monday after a successful trip to Kuwait City, where she completed recovery from a hospital stay, reports Al-Seyassah daily.

Sheikh SAsc Al-Abdallah Airport, by Kuwait Airways, received Al-Saeed, head of the General Secretariat for Returnees, together with her parents and family.

Al-Saeed expressed her happiness to have arrived in Kuwait, where she had not visited in four years.

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The NATO chief and NATO Ambassadors will attend a ceremony under the patronage of His Highness Prime Minister of Kuwait Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah within the Global Cooperation Summit inauguration.

The ceremony includes discussions focused on the importance of regional and global security, peace, prosperity, and stability.

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By Ahmed Al-Naqeeb

MP re-submits bill to liquidate ministers’ court, prosecution regulations

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**Cooperation key to develop media agencies in the area**

Kuwaiti team in China to boost relations

**KCCI participates in 52nd GCC chambers meeting**

Kuwait Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KCCI) participated in the 52nd meeting of the GCC Chambers of Commerce and Industry, which was hosted by Oman's Chamber of Commerce and Industry (OCCI).

According to a press release, other members of the KCCI delegation to the meeting were the Director General Italian Abdul- Rahman Al-Rahman; Deputy Director General for Support Services and Commercial Affairs Ahmad Zamzam; Deputy Director for Commercial Relations Fahad Sabban; Assistant-Executive Director for Computer Systems Management Al-Saleh; and Deputy Director for Management of Intellectual Property Ahmad Al-Hassan.

The KCCI delegation at the meeting.

The Kuwaiti delegation led by KCCI Chairman Al-Sabah met with Oman's Chamber of Commerce and Industry. The meeting was held to discuss ways of developing the media agencies in the area.

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**KUNA's chairman spoke of how meeting with the encounter discussing Hayat and member of the embassy's ambassador of Kuwait to China Samih, Deputy Director for Computer Systems Management Al-Saleh; and Deputy Director for Support Services and Commercial Affairs Ahmad Zamzam; Deputy Director for Commercial Relations Fahad Sabban; Assistant-Executive Director for Computer Systems Management Al-Saleh; and Deputy Director for Management of Intellectual Property Ahmad Al-Hassan.**
KUWAIT CITY, Dec 14: Government statistics revealed that Kuwaitis working in more than 25 economic activities constitute 71.8 percent of the total workforce in private sector with 8,988 employees, compared to 96 percent of expatriates out of 12,506 expatriates, while the percentage of Kuwaitis in the private sector activities reach 1,663,616.

The percentage of Kuwaitis employed in banking sector is the highest, constituting 71 percent of the total workforce in this sector which numbered 91,013 nationals by 57,170 expatriates, followed by trade and restaurants sector tops economic activities with the largest number of Kuwaitis employed to other (70,960) nationals out of 67,079 expatriates, while pre- mechanical and refinery recorded the lowest number of 52 citizens out of a total 1,627 employees in this sector.

It is worth mentioning the statistics included banking, finance, insurance, investment, trade, restaurants, hotels, and tourism; manufacturing, agriculture, fishing, private sector of all kinds, insurance, hotels, hospitals, travel; retail; aviation, signage; telecommunications; transport; medicine; hospitals; electricity; gas; trade, real estate; services, newspapers, cooperatives, and all sectors.

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Violators of engineering regulations to pay KD 5,000 fine; 21 shops get citations

By Manal Kayed
Al-Seyassah Staff

Two Kuwaiti women died in a traffic accident on Fahdiah Street, according to security sources, a Kuwaiti citizen who was with them witnessed the incident.

Their corpses were referred to the Forensics Department in Al-Rai area. Their deaths were confirmed by the Ministry of Health. The investigation is ongoing.

"We are preparing to write letters to the Ministry of Health to enforce the rule concerning overseas medical services," said Dr Mail Al-Mutawa of the Kuwaiti Medical Board.

A security source said many junior employees were referred to the Criminal Investigation Department for investigating the accused doctor.

A Kuwaiti who was accused of embezzling public funds was acquitted by a lower court which acquitted doctors who were accused of forwarding official documents concerning overseas treatments and for the judges of the public bodies.

In 2017, Directive of Public Prosecution issued an Order of Arrest to the Criminal Court the accused doctor, which is the crime of embezzlement, which means usurping patients to illegal gain. This was the first of its kind, and the presence of a legal body in each of them consisting of experts who review a majority of the members of the institutions are interested to know what is on them, the Legislative Council has discovered the defect and we had been always warning against it and decided to take necessary measures after the publication of many newspapers.

"Since 1979, I have opposed the establishment of religious banks, which were claimed transcendental, since in Islam or any other religion – my estimate – there are no enough constructs to create an integrated banking system that can cover the entire work of such financial institutions and the foundations of Islamic law. 

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"Gift from the state, not interests"

By Ahmad al-Bahrani

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Pledge to heal divisions

British PM claims Brexit mandate ‘new majority’

London: Dec 13 (AP) - Prime Minister Boris Johnson pledged Friday to Britain’s divided country that the public’s vote on only electronic votes last month a cache of York Times published workers. His promise to “get Brexit done” and widespread agreement with the leadership of political opposition leader Jeremy Corbyn confirmed it gave the ruling Conservative Party 365 seats on the House of Commons, its best performance since Tony Blair’s last victory in 1997. Corbyn said Saturday it was a “result of huge disappointment” but “we will continue to fight for our country.”

The results offer Johnson a workable majority that will allow Brexit to pass. He plans to be there by the Jan. 31 -- it is, by then, the formal end of the EU’s four-year Brexit mandate.
Hundreds of attendees enjoyed the unrivaled experience of Ford vehicles in KMT

Ford Alghanim Holds Ford Blue Weekend

Ford Alghanim held its first Ford Blue Weekend on 15 and 16 November at Kuwait Motor Town (KMT), celebrating the legacy of Ford Motor Company with hundreds of customers and Ford lovers. Giving customers an immersive experience on what Ford Motors has to offer, the event included a star-studded lineup of Ford Alghanim special vehicles on display for visitors of KMT during the Ford Blue Weekend. The lineup included the Ford Mustang Bullitt, Expedition Street Edition, Expedition Beach Edition, Raptor Supercrew Edition, in addition to other Ford vehicles accessorized and customized by Off Road Performance.

The first day of the event focused on celebrating Ford Motors selling over 10 million Ford Mustangs. Ford Mustang and Ford Mustang Shelby owners took over the KMT South Circuit, enjoying the adrenaline rush accompanied by the loud roar of the powerful and capable Ford Mustang engines. From 9 AM to 10 PM, 10 sessions were held whereby customers were given a 30-minute briefing by professional truck drivers, followed by a 30-minute truck ride session for customers.

The second day was all about the Truck Life. Ford Truck aficionados gathered to test their skills from a roster of Ford off-road beasts such as the F-150, the Ranger, the Super-Duty, and the Raptor. The event saw participation from the Kuwait F-Series Club, who showed off a number of their unique customized trucks. All participants in the Truck Life event were given a briefing by rally cross champion Abdul-Jaleel Al Bshair before heading to the Obstacle Course Track and the Rally Cross Track.

On the addition of the event, Ford Trucks Alghanim revealed the All-New, top-of-the-line Ford F-150 Heavy truck, winner of the 2019 International Truck of the Year award, which boasts space, comfort, and the most advanced technology available in a truck. Hundreds of spectators watched as a specialized professional stunt driver was flown in from Europe to showcase the truck’s true power, capabilities, and safety. The driver drifted the 8-ton vehicle with such ease and control as if it were a sports car, putting the Truck’s abilities to the test.

Commenting on the successful conclusion of the event, Adrian Idmars, Marketing Manager at Ford Alghanim said: “We are proud to host this event, a perfect opportunity for us to engage with customers, Ford Motors enthusiasts, and our community partners such as the Kuwait F-Series Club and Mustang Owners. We look forward to organize more events in the future, introducing our loyal customers and members of the community as a whole to the unparalleled experience that Ford vehicles provide.”

He added that Ford Alghanim is committed to provide customer-centric experiences that complements the lifestyle of its customers, and works year-round to engage with its customers and members of the community.

* Celebrating the legacy of Mustang and Truck Life with Ford fans in KMT
Iraqi leaders and military officials said Thursday in Baghdad that the Islamic State group still has about 50 sleeper cells operating in the capital and its surrounding areas.

The announcement came as security forces tightened security measures in the Iraqi capital, where the Islamic State group is said to have a network of cells that can carry out attacks without warning.

Iraqi intelligence agencies have been working to disrupt the Islamic State group's activities in the capital, where the group's presence is believed to be strongest.

The militants have targeted security forces and civilians in the past, and the Iraqi government has been working to contain their activities.
Ali Alghanim & Sons Automotive Company, the exclusive importer for BMW, MINI, Rolls-Royce Motor Cars, Land Rover and McLaren in Kuwait, has opened a new boutique showroom in 360 Mall, the luxury shopping destination in Kuwait. The 400-square-meter luxury showroom boasts a privileged location in the leading shopping destination in Kuwait, where this new showroom fits up to seven cars and includes a range of accessories and clothing from the same car brands. The 400-square-meter showroom facility will be a fully functional showroom that offers customers the ability to evaluate, trade-in, purchase and configure vehicle specifications on demand, with the ability to test-drive one of eight models available in the mall parking area near the showroom.

Speaking at the launch, Engineer Fahad Ali Mohammed Thunayan Alghanim, Managing Director of Ali Alghanim & Sons Automotive Company, said: "I am very delighted and honoured to inaugurate this new boutique showroom at 360 Mall. This exclusive location at one of Kuwait’s most high-end retail destinations demonstrates our vision of offering convenience to our clientele by allowing them to experience our products and services in a luxury environment. We are also pleased to be the first car dealer in Kuwait with the ability to offer test drive experiences to our clientele around the mall vicinity". The operating hours of this new boutique showroom at 360 Mall from Ali Alghanim & Sons Automotive Co. will be 10am – 11pm on Sunday to Wednesday and 10am – 11pm on Thursday to Saturday. For more information, call 1846664.

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Wild, chaotic and unhinged

Sandler on plunging into the Safdies’ ‘Uncut Gems’

By Jake Coyle

A darkly comic and cruelly funny movie emerges in the Safdie brothers’ ‘Uncut Gems.’

Film

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The central setting of ‘Uncut Gems’ – the 47th St. diamond district – is just a short walk from the NBC studios at 30 Rockefeller Center, where Sandler broke through in the early 1990s on ‘Saturday Night Live.’ As far as Sandler has traveled since then, it’s been on a wild ride – from the comedic gold of ‘The Waterboy,’ ‘Happy Gilmore’ and ‘The Wedding Singer’ on a plane. You can just feel it in the actors opposite him. Ranging from the pasture-land to the moon, the ‘Uncut Gems’ are great fun, even if they’re not a whole lot of ornamental. They are only ornamental in the sense that they’re only occasionally ornamental. The more they’re ornamental, the better.

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LOS ANGELES: Corey Mintz's 'Jumanji: The Next Level' is a bounty of blockbusters

By Mark Kennedy

The features

The ‘Next Level’ offers unabashed ride

New ‘Jumanji’ sticks with the formula

By Variety

The creators of the last ‘Jumanji’ sequel have been inspired by the ‘other’ ‘Jumanji’ – the one with the second sequels. (RTRS)

LOS ANGELES: Crocs has an elderly man’s befuddlement at what's happening in the game.

By Mark Kennedy

The beads are always in Last Week Tonight with John Oliver. The new series is not.

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Girls queries unsettle her parents' longtime friends

Dear Abby,

My wife and I recently hosted some old friends for dinner. My wife, who has never painted through her life, was passing through our area on location. We all have no knowledge of painting, although we enjoyed chatting about art. But she was asked to paint our hall. We just received a small email from that crafty crafty (I mean that in a loving way) that says she has also also asked to paint our kitchen. My dad wants to know if I should also ask her to paint our back porch? I would welcome the free labor, but I feel like it’s too much to ask. I have seen her work, however, and the work is beautiful. What do you think, should I ask her to paint our back porch?

— Anonymous

Dear Anonymous,

Your mom, sounds like she has a lot to offer. If your dad needs help with his home, I think she has the chops to do it. It’s the kind of job that could be turned into a gift of time spent together. It’s a personal thing, after all. Can you suggest a plan that would make it easier to manage?

— Dear Abby

Dear Abby,

This is a friend that I have know for years and we go back and forth. We see each other a lot. She is a very kind person and makes the best fried chicken. We often have dinner at her house and she is very generous. My kids love the fried chicken she makes. About a month ago, I decided to start a weight loss journey and have been eating more salads and healthier foods. I don’t want her to know that I am eating unhealthy foods. I would hate to hurt her feelings. What is the best way to handle this?

— Anonymous

Dear Anonymous,

Fried chicken and salads strike a nice balance. Of course, you can always handle the situation by saying you are just trying to eat healthier. If she asks about it, you can always tell her you are working on a new recipe.

— Dear Abby

Dear Abby,

I am trying to lose weight and my friend in the family, who is a weight loss coach, has suggested I try a workout program. I am not sure if I should listen to her or not. She works with many people and has helped them lose weight. I am not sure if I should trust her or not. What do you think?

— Anonymous

Dear Anonymous,

Weight loss programs can be helpful, but it’s important to trust your own instincts. If you think your friend is trying to help you, then you should listen to her. If you don’t think she is helping you, then you should trust yourself and think about what you really need.

— Dear Abby

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Toyota ranked Best Global Automotive Brand by Interbrand

Toyota has been ranked as the world’s best automotive brand by Interbrand, a global brand consultancy. The annual study evaluates the performance of brands in a variety of industries, taking into account factors such as financial strength, market leadership, and customer perception.

The ranking is based on a proprietary methodology that considers brand equity and financial performance. Toyota’s strong brand performance in the automotive industry has resulted in its position as the top-ranked brand in the study for the third year in a row.

Other top-ranked brands in the automotive sector include Audi, BMW, and Mercedes-Benz, which all performed well in the study. The ranking highlights the continued growth and success of the automotive industry, with brands investing heavily in innovation and technology to stay ahead of the competition.

The Interbrand study is a key indicator of brand performance and is widely recognized as a prestigious ranking in the industry. It is used by companies to measure their brand value and make strategic decisions about brand management and growth.

The top 10 automotive brands according to Interbrand are:

1. Toyota
2. Audi
3. BMW
4. Mercedes-Benz
5. Honda
6. Volkswagen
7. Lexus
8. Hyundai
9. Kia
10. Ford

These rankings are based on a combination of brand equity and financial performance, providing a comprehensive view of the automotive industry's leading brands.
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NEW YORK, Dec. 14, 2019—People whose mothers had diabetes during pregnancy may be at increased risk of developing cardiovascular disease by early adulthood.

The analysis followed more than 3,000 people born to women with diabetes during pregnancy who were tracked for up to four decades, including nearly 7,000 who were born to mothers who had diabetes during pregnancy. During the study period cardiovascular disease before age 40 developed in 1,515 people whose mothers had diabetes while pregnant and 2,213 whose mothers did not.

“Prospective tracking of changing and maturing diabetes in women of childbearing age may be helpful not only for improving health of the women but also for their children in the future,” said study lead Dr. Vishal V. Yachha of University Health Network in Toronto.

“We also need to monitor cardiometabolic risk factors for women at increased risk of diabetes of mothers and incorporate possible lifestyle changes interventions that may reduce the occurrence of diabetes in children,” Yachha said by email.

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Ssan’s chief said that it would be important to study children and adults in these observational studies to better understand which factors may be driving the higher risk of cardiovascular disease in early adulthood.

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**General**

AWL registration: Those interested in pursuing career enrichment are welcome as associate members. American women over the age of 17 or wives of org, or email them at awl@awlkuwait.org. Please check out their website, www.awlkuwait.org, for more information. Joining the American Women's League (AWL) is a great way to meet new people and make friends. The organization promotes various activities, including cultural events and social gatherings.

**Conceps Sudeku**

The girl must be consistent that every two columns and 3x3 box has every single digit from 1 to 9 included.

**Challenger**

A sacred balance must be in its own weight. To do so, we need to "balance" our lives. The balance is the key to mental well-being and a healthy lifestyle. It involves finding a balance between different aspects of our lives, such as work, family, and leisure.

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**Jamal Alumni Association holds annual meet**

Jamal Mohammad College, Trichurthappally held the 22nd Annual Meet. The meet was well attended by over 1000 guests, alumni, and others from India, USA, Canada, and other countries. The program covered various topics such as entrepreneurship, leadership, and personal development. The event was well-received by everyone, and the alumni expressed their gratitude to the college and their alumni affiliates.

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**Fluoride and dental health according to WHO**

Fluoride is a natural mineral that is found in many natural water sources. It is an essential nutrient for building strong teeth and bones. When fluoride is added to water supplies, it helps prevent tooth decay and improve oral health. The WHO recommends that fluoride levels in drinking water should be around 1 ppm (parts per million). The optimal fluoride concentration in water varies depending on the local conditions and the need for additional fluoride supplements. Therefore, it is important to monitor fluoride levels in drinking water and adjust if necessary.

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**Leadership Excellence Course (LEC)**

The Leadership Excellence Course (LEC) is a course modeled on the Seerah of Rasoolullah who is the best model of leadership for all mankind. The LEC is designed to help leaders develop their skills and become better at leading their teams and organizations. The course covers various topics, such as leadership development, team building, and effective communication. It is open to all leaders, regardless of their level of experience.

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**Invitation to Grand Mosque**

The Will of God is to achieve the perfect balance in our lives, to have a road map to achieve it. How to do it 2. Understand how to leverage your purpose in life 3. Understand how to capitalize on the right type of investment 4. Understand how to connect with faith, figures and anecdotes to substantiate our point of view and the validity of our message. The Al Ser Baina Akthar Men Ethnain laisa Beser had identified potential rising stars and devoted himself to the development of these rising stars. Jamal Mohammad College was well attended by over 500 plus students, faculty, and guests.
Oil markets hit by profit-taking

By Anna Zieminski

Oil markets hit by profit-taking after a sustained rally

Image of the previous week’s purchases and options contracts linked to managers sold the equivalent of 107 million barrels of crude.

LONDON, Dec 14 (Reuters) - Oil prices began their bets on higher oil prices next week, with speculations and options markets hinting at a wave of selling after a jump in positions this week.

While much of that can be put down to growing optimism the global economic outlook and rapidly improving trade sentiment, a Chinese goods tariff in the US and threats to use more oil are more likely to make US refineries for the time being.

BofA analysts and other managers with the average of 217,000 million barrels in the six major crude blend inventories in the US was $95 per barrel and $98 per barrel.

This resulted in three-quarters of the 144 million barrels purchased the previous week. Analysts noted that oil prices recorded by BNEF were $66 per barrel.

Of course, the market was not the only one in the US refining oil. The US price of crude oil is down since mid-April.

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Report prepared by KAMCO

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The report said that the assets of the GCC aggregate stood at USD 6.9 trillion in Q2-19 and 33.2% in Q3-18. The GCC banking sector reported the biggest q-o-q increase in Q3-19 compared to a growth of 2.3% in Q2-19. GCC banks reported a capital adequacy ratio of 3.6%.

Aeva’s new sensor is more deeply with the startup, said Alex Hitzinger, current CEO of Volkswagen Group. “We’re looking into using Aeva’s lidar sensor on the I.D. BUZZ, an electric reboot of our previous model,” Hitzinger said. The company plans to release a unit that is half the size of its predecessor but with a field of view which is 300 meters (984 feet) ahead. Early next year, Aeva plans to release its ‘e-tron’ development car.

Aeva’s sensor uses a different technology than other lidar units currently being tested on the road, Salehian said in an interview at Aeva’s Mountain View, California headquarters. The technology uses a different approach for laser-based lidar sensors. Aeva’s sensor has no moving parts and is designed for the mass-production of autonomous vehicles.

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According to Qatargas, the country’s largest liquefied natural gas exporter, the value of exports fell by 18.5% to $31.4 billion in the first six months of the year.

The central bank said the country’s non-petroleum industrial activity shrank 1.9% in nominal terms in the first six months of the year, after contracting 3.4% in the same period last year.

Aeva introduced its latest sensor at the CES tech show in Las Vegas, which was not disclosed. The sensor is the same size as a US quarter coin and can be made for less than $500 to cover the cost of volume production.

Aeva was founded by ex-Appaloosa engineers and former MIT researchers who had worked on self-driving cars at Google, NASA and Facebook. The company said earlier this year that it had raised $12.6 million in a funding round led by Apple and its CEO, Tim Cook.

Aeva’s sensor detects the velocity of objects in a car’s surrounding environment to help it navigate safely. The sensor will be used in a range of autonomous vehicles, including delivery trucks and delivery robots.

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Senior Business Correspondent

Oman's economy shrinks 1.9%

YEREVAN, Dec 14, (RTRS) – Oman's economy contracted 1.9% year-over-year in the third quarter, marking the country's third consecutive quarter of contraction, the central bank said on Tuesday.

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Signs of a slowdown in the majority of the G20

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A Huawei employee talks on her cell phone as she stands next to a sign at Huawei's campus in Shenzhen, southern China's Guangdong Province, Dec 3. Chinese tech giant Huawei is asking a US federal court to throw out a suit that uses phone camera images from using government money to purchase its equipment on security grounds. (AP)
BANGKOK, Dec 14, (AP): The Thai Baht stood higher Friday as Prime Minister Prayuth Chan-ocha’s Consortium won a huge Thai government transport project. The Thai Baht rose to 34.34 from 34.37 on Wednesday, as the government announced the award of a major rail project to Prayuth’s Consortium.

The bid process was plagued by corruption allegations, but Prayuth’s Consortium emerged as the clear winner, beating out international rivals with a lower bid. The project is expected to cost around $3 billion and will include the construction of high-speed rail lines linking Bangkok with major cities in the country.

The victory was a significant political boost for Prayuth, who has been under scrutiny for alleged human rights abuses and corruption during his time as military junta leader. The win is also seen as a sign of the government’s growing confidence in its ability to implement large-scale infrastructure projects.

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The Sensex in India added 1.0% to close at 3,168.57, about 0.5% above its last all-time closing level. Technologies sector stocks were the biggest winners Friday. Adobe Systems gained 3.7%.

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The US dollar rose 0.9% to close at $1.3339 from $1.3134. Other major currencies were relatively stable, with the euro rising slightly and the yen falling.

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Saudi desert ready to host Dakar Rally’s first adventure in Asia

**RALLYING**

“Saudi Arabia is a big country, so there is a chance of having all sorts of landscapes and a lot of deserts, which makes it the perfect place for Dakar,” French driver added.

Dakar Rally 2023 will arrive in the Middle East for the first time, with Saudi Arabia set to host the event. The rally will start in Jeddah and finish in Qiddiya, covering a total distance of over 7,500 km. The route will include a variety of terrains, from sandy deserts to mountains, offering a unique challenge for the competitors.

A combination of sandy stretches, gravel roads, and asphalt roads will make up the rally course. The route will also include off-road sections, making it an exciting experience for drivers and spectators alike.

Peterhansel said, “It’s a very special place for the rally. It’s very big with a lot of deserts, which makes it the perfect place to organise Dakar for sure.”

The event will take place in the heart of the Saudi Arabian desert, with the finish line in Qiddiya, a futuristic megacity currently under construction.

**FOOTBALL**

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The duo won a total six medals, including three silver in the 54kg weight categories going to Al-Hasan and Ali in the women’s weightlifting at the bi-weekly Bridge tournament.

Australia extend lead in Test against Black Caps

New Zealand trail hosts by 417 runs

Oily mile & 800-meter champion Snell dead

Snell, who is regarded as one of the greatest middle-distance runners of all-time, won the 800 meters at the 1956 Olympic Games aged 17, and the 1,500-meter gold medal at the 1960 Games.

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Leishman, Angus stage improbable comeback

International clinching to 2-point lead in Presidents Cup

Leishman had gone 9 holes without a par before Woods shot 69 to move to 5 under and out of the lead. Leishman had shot 75, trailing by 2 with two to play.

Towards the end of Tuesday’s play, Woods' partner Thomas, who was 1 over at the time, saved par from the fairway into the 16th green to move within one of the lead. Four holes later, he holed out from just inside the cup on the 18th green to win their match 2 and 1.

Bouli celebrates after scoring a goal for Kerala Blasters.

Bouli strikes twice to level scores

Blasters hold Jashdepur 2-2

Els couldn't stifl e a laugh, for the Internationals had forced the match to the final two holes. 

“Some 35 competitors, representing 18 countries, are participating in the regional event, which concludes on Wednesday at 19:30 with a bi-weekly Bridge tournament.

Given that Woods was not in the team as a wildcard selection, in his own words, “I don’t think he’s planning to be on the bag.”

The Americans trailed in all four matches, with Woods at the World Golf Championship as a wildcard choice in 2017 and playing in the Presidents Cup in 2018.

Both captains appeared to use that as motivation in their press conferences. Woods noted that his team could really use a victory in South Africa, while Els’ assistant captain Graeme McDowell pointed to their one match at The Presidents Cup as a good experience.

Leishman, on the other hand, fired a 65 to go 10 under for the tournament, then birdied the final hole to win the session. Els said he and his team thoroughly enjoyed playing with each other.

Leishman’s 2018-19 campaign has been a mixed bag. She fired a 63 on Saturday, then shot 74 on Sunday, then went back-to-back with rounds of 66 on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Bouli celebrates after scoring a goal for Kerala Blasters.

Woods sent them out again Saturday afternoon and returned the favor. He also had the birdie on the 11th green in their fourball match.

The Americans had the lead at one point in match No. 1 when Kisner chipped in from 4 feet on the 15th hole to win the hole for the USA. But that was their only victory.

The Americans couldn’t close out the singles match against Woods.

But at 167-6 with 13 overs remaining, Australia still needed to be wary of two potential run outs.

The American team has lost four matches Friday and kept it close. The result continued its dominance over The Presidents Cup over the last four years.

It was only the third time in 15 events that the International team had lost back-to-back matches. It had a one-point lead going into Thursday’s play in South Africa.

Leishman is 38-17-13, her third year in the Presidents Cup, and Irving 44-29-14. But after the opening two losses, they took charge with their victory Tuesday afternoon.

The Americans won the 14th hole on Els’ approach to within 6 feet, a birdie putt from the left side of the green. Leishman missed her 6-foot par putt and Fowler missed his 6-foot par attempt.

The teams were tied 8-8 on Tuesday afternoon and returned the favor. The internationals won five matches and the Americans four.

After the match, Thomas said he and Fowler both said they enjoyed playing with each other. Fowler said he felt comfortable playing with the person who had never played Presidents Cup before.

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Woods, a five-time winner of the Presidents Cup, said he enjoyed playing with Leishman, who led him to victory on Saturday.

Of course, Woods wasn’t the only one who had a good day. He had a birdie on the 11th hole, which made it more difficult for Els and his American team to play catch-up.

Snell’s athletics career was relatively short. He retired in 1965 to pursue a career in medicine, being awarded an Distinguished Service Award from the American Medical Association. He later went on to become a Professor of Physiology at Washington State University.

The International team will try and deny Els and his team a repeat of last year’s Presidents Cup win. Els said the Americans didn’t have the experience the Internationals did.

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FINA approves qualifying guidelines for 25 meters world swimming competition

Kabul, November 28 (TAS): The Fédération Internationale de Natation (FINA) held a meeting in Kabul led by Chairman of FINA Julio Maglione shortly before launching the Water Polo World Championship for 25 meters pool on Dec 1-12 in Kabul.

The meeting approved the qualifying guidelines for 25 meters world swimming competitions to be held in April, May and August.

The meeting also approved of sports conferences and competitions for 25-meter pool races, which are slated for Dec 15-20 in Spain.

The first meeting was held here for the race of completion of the 25-meter pool races, which was held on the first day, which was approved by April.

Kagama's big summer

Brignone second

Brianna, a retired rower, was in the 100-meter race, as part of the fourth round of the World Cup race in Lake Placid, NY, on Dec 13.

Lars Wesenberg was the top American and of the US by 1.83 seconds.

The 2019 World Cup race was more than any other in the world, including the main event, which was held on the 100-meter race.

Marta Bassino edged of Fratelli d'Italia, with eyes closed.

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The 2019 World Cup is the second held in Fukuoka, Japan in 2021.

The 100-meter race is also second overall for a giant slalom originally planned for a giant slalom event.

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Aussies snatch world title with dramatic win in Dubai

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A penalty lap up against the de-
fending champions for missing a buoy in Abu Dhabi's 4.33-kilometer course at Barry-Cotter and William Willats was added to the Abu Dhabi World Championship with victory in the Dubai H2O Grand Prix. Shaw's compatriots Al Mansoori and Barry Cotter also did enough to help Australia win its first world title in dramatic style.

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By Mari Yamaguchi and Stephen Wade

The track record of the Tokyo Olym- 
pics will be of no small concern to a gen-
eration almost nine years ago for an earthquake, tsunami and subsequent meltdowns. Yet Tokyo is also known for its resilience, a trait the Japanese city showcased vividly with the successful 2020 Olympic Games.

They did also play Olympic baseball and with each host this year is the Portland Timbers, which allowed organizers to showcase Japanese culture and celebrate the city’s rich history.

The team is comprised of 18-year-old Greenwood, who joined the club in 2017.

The 18-year-old Greenwood is the younger brother of United’s 16 Premier League games this season largely out on loan before leaving the club in 2021.

For every success story, however, there is a less successful one. That’s what I did,” he says. “And it shows that they give opportunities to young players’

Academy graduate Jesse Lingard, Marcus Rashford, Scott McTominay and Mason Greenwood – who were all brought through the club’s academy system as youngsters. Lingard was lowest in the first team, he’s still important for us.”

“People came here for a variety of reasons,” said a figure stands in dim evening light at a reception area. A piece of paper that reads: “If you haven’t left Futaba, you need to go. Everyone needs to go out of the way of Ontake.”

At Old Trafford in the English Premier League and tentatively set at the turn of the millennium, they were told that they would never play for United again. Now, it’s the same story, but with a twist: they are starting their journey on the road to recovering from the disaster.

Back in 1937.

United has produced some of the greats from the 1950s to David Beckham to Ardson in the 2017 Premier League, including Marcus Rashford, Scott McTominay and Mason Greenwood.

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Liverpool extended lead as Leicester held

LIVERPOOL, England, Dec. 14 (AP)—Mohamed Salah scored twice as Liverpool kept up its relentless Premier League title charge with a 4-0 victory over struggling Watford on Saturday to move two points clear of its main challengers.

Leicester extended its winning streak to eight straight league games also ending the team's surprising lead in the 26th. "The most important thing that you have to take is the points of the win," said Brendan Rodgers, whose team was held to a 1-1 draw by Southampton on Saturday in a match that saw both teams beaten 10-17 league games so far. "You can have 15 points from 17 games, but the most important thing is to take the points from the games."

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Barca ‘held’ by Real Sociedad

BILBAO, Spain, Dec. 14 (AP)—Barcelona needed Real Sociedad to hold Real Madrid to 2-1 draw in Madrid on Saturday, giving Real Madrid a chance to take the league lead before next week's "clásico" between the rivals.

Spanish powerhouses Madrid and Barca have 15 points from 17 games. "Barcelona are not close to Madrid in the right way," said Real Sociedad's Diego Llorente, (left), during the Spanish La Liga soccer match between Real Sociedad and Barcelona, at Anoeta Stadium, in San Sebastian, Spain, Dec. 14 (AP)."The most important thing that you have to take is the points of the win," said Brendan Rodgers, whose team was held to a 1-1 draw by Southampton on Saturday in a match that saw both teams beaten 10-17 league games so far. "You can have 15 points from 17 games, but the most important thing is to take the points from the games.

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