Media mourns Sheikh Al-Sabah’s death

Kuwait City: The Kuwaiti government declared a mourning period for Sheikh Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, the Kuwaiti emir, who passed away on Saturday. The mourning period will be observed from Sunday until Wednesday. Sheikh Al-Sabah passed away due to a heart attack, his death was announced by the government.

Gases during the drilling operations: University points to poverty

Gazprom, the Russian gas giant, has announced that it has discovered significant quantities of natural gas in the Bovanenkovo field in the Yamal Peninsula. The discovery is expected to become one of the world’s largest gas fields, and could potentially boost Russia’s energy exports. The news follows several other recent announcements of gas discoveries in the region, highlighting the importance of the Arctic and Russian gas to global energy markets.

Economic shockwaves with lockdowns

The economic impact of lockdowns has been severe, with many businesses struggling to survive. However, some industries have seen a surge in demand, particularly in areas such as delivery services and online shopping. The World Health Organization has called on governments to ensure that essential services are maintained during lockdowns, and to support vulnerable populations.

How to prevent COVID-19

Recent studies have shown that plasma from COVID-19 survivors might be effective in treating the virus. The plasma contains antibodies that can help fight the virus, but more research is needed to determine its efficacy. The use of convalescent plasma is currently being tested in clinical trials.

High risk exposure to the virus

COVID-19 survivors might still be at risk of reinfection, and therefore need to continue to take precautions to protect themselves and others. This includes wearing masks, practicing social distancing, and getting vaccinated when it becomes available.

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US, Iraq in strategic talks on troop levels

The US and Iraq are holding strategic talks on troop levels, according to reports. The talks are expected to focus on the withdrawal of US troops from Iraq, as well as other issues such as security and economic cooperation. The talks come as tensions rise between the US and Iran, and as the US military looks to reduce its footprint in the Middle East.

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Kuwait Red Crescent Society has launched a blood donation campaign in Kuwait, aiming to draw 15,000 blood donors. The organization is calling on all residents to donate blood, as the pandemic has led to a shortage of blood supplies.

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The White House, the New York City council president, the Arizona governor and various mayors and governors have all taken action to remove Confederate statues and symbols. However, the move is prompting a backlash from those who see it as an attack on America’s history.

The movement to remove or rename Confederate symbols has been in response to the death of George Floyd in Minneapolis. Floyd was killed by Minneapolis police officers, who were later charged with murder. The incident has sparked protests across the country, with people calling for the removal of Confederate symbols and monuments.

“I think it’s a very important moment in our history,” said John Hooper, a professor of history at the University of Virginia. “The Confederate flag is a symbol of racism and oppression, and it needs to be removed.”

The movement has gained momentum as people have come to recognize the harmful impact of Confederate symbols and monuments. In many places, the symbols have been seen as a symbol of racism and oppression, and people have started to demand their removal.

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**DEATH CAUSE UNDER PROBE**

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According to the police, the body was referred to them from a hospital where the worker received treatment following the onset of the infection.

**REQUIESCAT IN PACE**

Kuwaiti MP Khaldoun Nasser Al-Mutairi called for urgent reforms in the electoral system, saying they were needed to ensure that parliament was representative of the people. He also called for greater transparency in the budget and called for the resignation of the government.

In an op-ed, Al-Mutairi wrote: "The competition is still very intense among these candidates to win the parliamentary elections and the government's support. The competition is not based on the interests of the people, but rather on the interests of political parties and individual candidates, which is why we must demand that the government be held accountable for its actions."
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Syrian President Bashar Assad has fired his prime minister, a move that could pave the way for new talks with the West as the country's economic crisis continues to worsen. The decision, announced by the state-run SANA news agency, comes amid growing pressure on the government to address the country's mounting financial difficulties, which have led to hyperinflation and a currency collapse. Assad's decision is seen as a bid to salvage the regime's position in the face of mounting domestic and international criticism.

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New Delhi overwhelmed

No ‘Vedic’ hymns, holy Ganges water

NEW DELHI, June 13, (AP): When Raj Singh's 70-year-old father died suddenly of COVID-19 last month, his family was unable to bathe the dead and wash his ashes in holy Ganges water, a religious tradition in India. The number of people allowed at funerals and those in attendance at the morgue are allowed to have a look at the face of the dead from ambulances bringing more bodies. The virus has upended Muslim burial rituals in the city as restrictions and social distancing are very much in effect. The government has ordered the number of people at funerals to be reduced and all others prevented from visiting the mortuary. The violation of burials normally involve a simple ceremony. Before the coronavirus, more than 200 burials of CO-Vid-19 victims and with bodies steadily arriving, there are no sermons in hearses manned by crews in hazmat suits. Bodies aren't taken to the grave. The failure at the morgue will stack as many bodies as they can fit in ambulances bringing more bodies.

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Advocates are urging the federal government to make sure people with disabilities are included in the vaccine distribution plan, especially as states begin to receive COVID-19 vaccines. Advocates also worry that the special needs of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, the developmental and intellectually disabled, may not be included in the plan. It's gotten so bad that some staffers are already resorting to desperation. Valedon was angry, frustrated and crushed after his brother died. He said staffing levels and training for a handful of people are going beyond just familiar tunes. In conjunction with House of Worship and House of Prayer, the nurses are making infrared lights from the COVID-19 pandemic, when patients are unable to have friends or family there to comfort for the spread of the virus. Music and songwriting has helped their patients express their emotions and cope with the isolation of being in the hospital. (AP Photo/Erik Schelzig)

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Nurses note ... worthy

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"It's broken"

Fears over patchwork election system in US

ATLANTA, June 13, (AP) — The chois that the Trump administration took this week in making the case for mail ballots could result in a potentially competitive election in 2020. As the nation faces a November presidential campaign, political leaders are watching closely. With less than two months to go, fears are growing that the mail system could be overwhelmed and that the election could be marred by problems. The challenge is how to prevent long lines, particularly in urban areas.

The final Las Vegas voter wasn't able to cast a ballot at 11:45 p.m. Wednesday. "I didn't think we'd be done," said one voter. "We've had to wait in line for hours."

Some Atlantic voters brought their own chairs to wait in lines that have lasted for hours.

Wait times of two hours or more were reported in recent weeks across Philadelphia, Milwaukee, and Washington, D.C. The FBI has warned of potential election-related violence.

Pennsylvania was one of several states that were expected to do so.

Democrats want to ensure that millions of ballots are registered in state and local election systems and expand in-person voting. Republicans, however, want to reduce the federal government's role in state elections. They have resisted efforts and called on local election officials, who are in state and city offices. Democrats, they say, are a problem for the election.

President Donald Trump has called for a "safe but secure" election. The president also said that he has "a right to win".

"I don't think they were dead," said Daniel. "It's broken."
WASHINGTON, June 13 (AP) - For the first time in nearly three years, ships transporting military cargo and personnel are now patrolling the South China Sea, putting missile and airstrike threats near the Taiwan Strait 300 kilometers (186 miles) away. The US and other allies are fortifying their defenses in what they say is a response to China’s growing strength in the region.

The increase in US naval presence in the South China Sea, which includes the Spratly Islands and the Paracel Islands, is seen as a significant development in the tense relationship between the US and China. The US is concerned about China’s military buildup in the region, particularly as it relates to its territorial claims in the South China Sea.

The US Navy has deployed the aircraft carrier USS Theodore Roosevelt and the guided-missile destroyer USS Carney to the South China Sea, with additional ships set to join in the coming weeks. This is the first time since 2017 that the US has sent a carrier strike group to the region.

US Navy Secretary Kenneth J. Braithwaite said in a statement that the deployment is a clear signal to China that the US is committed to maintaining a free and open Indo-Pacific region.

China, on the other hand, has made it clear that it is not averse to increasing its military presence in the region. Chinese state media have repeatedly warned the US not to send any ships or aircraft to the South China Sea, as they perceive it as a provocation.

On Monday, the Chinese Foreign Ministry said it was “firmly opposed” to the US naval drills in the South China Sea, and accused the US of sending “false signals” to the region.

The US and China are engaged in a tense rivalry over trade, technology, and territorial disputes in the South China Sea. The US has consistently urged China to abide by international law and respect the rights of all parties in the region.

China, however, has maintained that it has the right to defend its territorial sovereignty and maritime rights in the South China Sea. The two countries have been engaged in a territorial dispute over the Spratly Islands, with both countries claiming sovereignty over the islands.

The US deployment comes amid increasing concern in the US and elsewhere about China’s growing military reach and influence in the region. The US has been increasing its military presence in the Asia-Pacific region in recent years, as part of its broader “pivot to Asia” strategy.

The US and China have been engaged in a trade war since 2018, with both countries imposing tariffs on each other’s goods. The trade war has escalated tensions between the two countries, and has led to a decline in bilateral trade.

The US has also been increasing its military presence in the region as part of its efforts to counter China’s naval expansion. The US has been deploying additional ships and aircraft to the South China Sea, with the goal of maintaining a free and open navigation environment in the region.

The US deployment to the South China Sea is likely to further escalate tensions between the US and China, and could lead to an increase in military exercises and other forms of confrontation in the region. The US and China are likely to continue to engage in a tense military rivalry in the years to come.
Fed says ‘full range of tools’ in play to counter virus

In this photo, an electronic information display, across the street from Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in West Hollywood, California (AP)

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Business

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Pandemic causing ‘tremendous human and economic hardship’

Wait to reopen? Some NYC shops run out of ‘patience’

LONDON, June 13, (AP) - The British economy saw the worst month on record, contracting by a colossal 20.4% in April, amid the coronavirus pandemic's impact and the lockdown over how long it could take labor market recovery along with other renewed measures to soften the blow to the world.
Analysts don’t expect passenger traffic to get back to 2019 levels anytime soon

Airlines aim for takeoff as lockdowns ease and demand rises

NEW YORK, June 13, (AP): Wall Street managed to end a bumpy day broadly higher Friday but still finished with its worst week since March as investors were a bit more willing to take on risk in a market that has been more than three weeks in a row.

The S&P 500 rose 1.3% after a volatile session that saw the benchmark index fall as much as 5% before an unexpectedly strong jobs report for May helped steady it.

Analysts don’t expect passenger traffic to get back to 2019 levels anytime soon. Airlines are struggling to adapt to the pandemic and are grappling with a business model that is no longer viable.

The number of confirmed coronavirus cases in the US climbed to 2,919,740. The infection rate dropped to about 1%, which is evidence that the virus is under control, according to researchers.

Airlines face an uncertain future as governments around the world continue to impose travel restrictions to contain the spread of the virus.

For investors, the small signs of recovery were enough to warrant stepping back into airlines stocks. Shares of American Airlines opened more than 11% higher, indicating the added capacity.

Meanwhile, China’s stocks also climbed, with the Shanghai Composite rising 1.2% and the Hang Seng index in Hong Kong gaining 0.7%.

For the month, the S&P 500 has gained 4.8% and the Dow Jones industrial average has risen 5.4%.

The US central bank, the Federal Reserve, has also been providing support, pumping in trillions of dollars to try to keep the economy from falling into a deeper recession.

The job market remains weak, with 2.5 million Americans still filing for unemployment benefits last week, more than a year after the pandemic began.

A median test finds that the photo, the company logo, and a long row of small black square boxes are visible to the naked eye.

In the top photo, the business logo is clearly visible in the top left corner.
**People & Places**

**ENTERTAINMENT**

**‘Best’ Oscar noms set at 10... inclusion key**

LOS ANGELES, June 13, (AP): The Oscars are instituting some big changes, including a set number of best picture nominees and to-be-determined representation and inclusion standards for eligibility. The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences says Friday that there will be 10 best picture nominees beginning with the 94th Academy Awards in 2022. (AP)

**Music**

**Red-faced Antebellum now Lady A**

NASHVILLE, Tennessee, June 13, (AP): Grammy-winning country group Lady A is changing its name to Lady A, with members saying they are opposed and “shamefaced” by the group’s antebellum-style name and logo because the term has wide-spread associations with slavery. The band, made up of Hillary Scott, Charles Kelley and Dave Haywood, made the announcement Thursday on their social media.

The group’s first self-titled album came out in 2008, and included the Grammy-winning No. 1 country hit “It’s All About You,” which achieved crossover success on the pop charts with the nine-time platinum “Tandem.” That success sparked a streak of impactful and chart-topping hits and the group’s ongoing status as one of country music’s top recording acts, their eyes have been opened to “blindspots we didn’t even know existed” and “the injustices, inequality and biases black women and men have always faced.”

The band said it is deeply sorry for the hurt this name caused and for anyone who felt wounded, slandered or violated. LOS ANGELES, June 13, (AP): The Oscars are instituting some big changes, including a set number of best picture nominees and to-be-determined representation and inclusion standards for eligibility. The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences says Friday that there will be 10 best picture nominees beginning with the 94th Academy Awards in 2022. (AP)

**Late July theatrical release for ‘Tenet’**

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**More aid for Mexico amid coronavirus**

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Bielema sues Razorback Foundation

6 athletes test positive for COVID-19 with symptoms

BERKELEY, June 13, (AP) - The Univer-
sity of California is investigating all
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NEW YORK, June 13, (AP) — Major League Baseball and the union are close to finalizing a deal. The two sides have been negotiating for weeks, trying to close the gap and reach an agreement before the end of the day on June 18. The two sides have been working on the agreement since the previous proposal was rejected.

The agreement would provide for full prorated salaries for the shortened season under MLB’s plan, which is currently in place. This means that players would receive their normal salaries for the full 162-game season, regardless of the total number of games played.

The union has expressed concerns about the proposed deal, saying that it does not adequately address concerns about the financial impact of the coronavirus pandemic. The union has also expressed concerns about the proposed deal’s impact on the future of the sport.

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