Anyone with a printed match ticket will be eligible to collect a free standard class day pass from any metro station on match days. Tickets will be available in all stations from the Gold Club box office.

see beIN Sports exclusively broadcast the FIFA Club World Cup in 24 countries across the Middle East & North Africa. Set to take place in Qatar for the first time in 38 years after a dramatic 2-1 victory against River Plate, the 2019 Club World Cup will be broadcast live and exclusively on beIN Sports to millions of viewers across the region.

The FIFA Club World Cup is the crowning global club competition, with the champions from each continent – Europe (Liverpool), South America (Flamengo), North and Central America and the Caribbean (C.F. Monterrey), Asia (Esatoni), Africa (Al Hilal), Asia (Al Hilal), as well as host nation champions Al Sadd, competing in Qatar for the title of best football club in the world. The FIFA Club World Cup Qatar 2019 will be played in three stadiums. With Education City Stadium and Khalifa International Stadium set to host FIFA Club World Cup matches in three years’ time, both beIN SPORTS and global football fans can look forward to an advance glimpse of these spectacular state-of-the-art venues.
Qatar responds fast to victims of Albania earthquake

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Qatar Fund for Development (QFFD), in cooperation with Qatar Charity (QC), responded urgently to the earthquake that struck several cities including Durres, Fura and Kavaya in Albania.

Relief items such as beds, blankets, hot meals and food baskets, as well as winter blankets and clothes that were distributed to the victims.

This urgent relief comes as support from the QFFD and QC as part of the vital role played by Qatar to help those affected by disasters around the world in needy countries.

The Mayor of Durres Governorate, Valbona Sako, thanked Qatar and QC for their support to Albania, during a meeting with Qatar’s Ambassador to the country, Ali bin Hamad Al Marri.

QM organises ‘Clean-Up Day’ at Freiha

In the presence of its Chairperson, H E Sheikha Al Mayassa bint Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani, Qatar Museums (QM) has organised a ‘Clean-Up Day’ at Freiha — one of the country’s most important settlements. In alignment with the Qatar National Vision 2030, which emphasises on the importance of creating a sustainable environment, QM is moving towards a renewed focus on protecting the environment — particularly when it comes to heritage sites. The initiative was organised in collaboration with the Doha Environmental Actions Project (DEAP), a volunteering organisation leading the beach clean-up movement and fight against plastic pollution in Qatar.

Call to promote competency in multiple languages

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Dudley Reynolds, a teaching professor of English at Carnegie Mellon University of Qatar (CMU-Q), calls on education systems around the world to examine how they support their communities’ language resources. In a research report he prepared for the World Innovation Summit for Education (WISE), Reynolds offers a frank discussion of issues that must be addressed to build cohesive communities.

The report, titled Language Policy in Globalized Contexts, suggests that languages should not be in competition with each other, particularly in the classroom. Reynolds states: “We live in an age where multilingualism is the norm. Language represents cultural identity and national belonging, as well as communication beyond political borders.” He believes that too often, education systems emphasize one of these goals at the expense of the others. “National cohesion and wider communication are often viewed as more important than languages spoken in the home,” said Reynolds. Voicing multilingual competency as the educational goal has significant implications for what is taught, how proficiency is assessed, and what people understand to be a good teacher.

The report recognises that changing educational practices, however, begins with changing popular ideologies around what language is and how it is learned.

At WISE, Reynolds shared his findings during a research panel on distributed leadership and the complexities of the multilingual education space. Reynolds is the former president of TESOL International Association.

Qatar sends cables of condolences to Japan Emperor, PM

DOHA: Amir H H Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani and Deputy Amir H H Sheikh Abdullah bin Hamad Al Thani sent cables of condolences to Emperor Naruhito of Japan and Prime Minister, Shinzo Abe, on the death of former prime minister of Japan, Yasuhiro Nakasone.

The Prime Minister and Interior Minister, H E Sheikh Abdullah bin Nasser bin Khalifa Al Thani, also sent a cable of condolences to Shinzo Abe. QNA
Qatar affirms continued support to UN system

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H E Ambassador Ali bin Khalaf Al Mansouri praised Qatar’s efforts in the field of foreign policy, describing them as “outstanding, historic and well-established” relations between the government and peoples of the two countries.

He also said that Doha’s preparations for the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022 are underway and that theμnations and associated preparations will be ready a year before the tournament begins.

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He went on saying that Qatar’s Kataran Hospitality Company plays an important role in the development of a number of hotels and resorts in Switzerland, including the Bürgenstock resort on Lake Lucerne, which opened in 2018, with a total cost of $1bn, and contributed to the creation of 1,300 new jobs.

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Qatar University’s QTSC holds workshop

As part of the continuous efforts to implement the Qatar National Traffic Safety Committee (QN-TSC) work and the strategy of the General Authority of Road Traffic Safety Management (GE-RTSM), a training workshop on Road Traffic Safety Management (RTSM) was held.

The workshop aimed to provide information on the elements of the RTSM system, including institutional management, interventions and results. Furthermore, the workshop addressed the requirements of ISO 39001 standards and discussed the implementation and operational performance.

Participants learned about RTSM institutional processes, procedures to perform capacity review through practical examples and group exercises, management of traffic safety programs and the application of different tools to support RTSM related processes.

More than 35 participants from the National Traffic Safety Commission and universities in Qatar attended the workshop.

A security check on the visitors who arrived to watch the opening match of the 24th Arabian Gulf Cup Championship.

Natural gas receiving attention as important clean fuel in global energy mix: Al Kaabi

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Iraq PM announces resignation after cleric's call

The biggest unrest for years across the country went on strike as petrol stations yesterday as petrol stations had closed their pumps and blocked off their entrances with a barrier or yellow tape, but a handful had remained open, according to news reports. Filling station owners announced the walkout from Thursday over mounting losses due to a dollar liquidity crunch. More than a month into unprecedented anti-government protests, Wednesday's demonstrations increased to tens of thousands across the country, with petrol stations briefly stopping their cars in the middle of the road. The lawyers called for the removal of the corrupt politicians as pawns of Iran.

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India announces $400m loan for Sri Lanka

Prime Minister Narendra Modi said India would provide Sri Lanka with $50m for its security needs and $280m to fund the $400m for infrastructure. "India is fully committed to the development of Sri Lanka," he said.

Bije's Jammu Kashmir in-charge Davinder Raj Kachra yesterday said that no decision has been taken about the release of three former chief ministers, Farooq Abdullah, Omar Abdullah and Mehbooba Mufti who were detained after the revocation of Article 370. "Nothing has been decided on the release of former chief ministers. The administration will take a call to release them or not and when," Kachra said.

The court has been hearing cases related to the appointment of the new chief minister, Haji Mohsin Khan. "Some have cases against them in the court," said an official.

India fords $400m for infrastructure projects. Prime Minister Narendra Modi said yesterday that India will provide $400m for infrastructure projects in the island nation’s new President Gotabaya Rajapaksa’s region. The agreement is aimed at improving bilateral ties and is fully committed to the development of Sri Lanka, he said.

Sixteen nations, including the US, Japan, Australia and the European Union, have already expressed interest in providing financial assistance to Sri Lanka. "We have completed, both mandal and district level elections in Jammu and then the same will be done in Kashmir," Kachra said.

"Happy to receive @GotaRajapaksa at Rashtrapati Bhawan, in New Delhi yesterday. The south Indian actress was abducted and assaulted in a moving car. The victim was allegedly assaulted in a moving car. The court allowed him to access the data on the card."

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Pakistan students demand end to ban on unions at campuses

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Yesterday’s rallies in the cities of Lahore, Islamabad, Karachi and elsewhere were attended by hundreds of male and female students, many of them carrying red flags symbolising socialism and communism.

Students say they should be allowed to form unions at educational institutions, a demand which has been ignored since 1984 when former dictator Gen Ziaul Haq banned student political activities at educational institutions. Students also want a reduction in fees and provisions for better facilities.

Authorities deployed police to ensure peace, but students say they will peacefully disperse after completing their rallies.

International students voice support for solidarity march

Scores of Pakistani student leaders studying at international universities are voicing their support for the ‘student solidarity march’ happening across campuses in Pakistan yesterday.

In an open letter addressed to the government, students have come together under the banner of the Pakistan International Students Alliance and registered opposition to the current ban on student unions in Pakistan. “The ban on student unions has not only significantly restricted the ability of students to politically mobilise themselves and silenced their political voices, but also prevented students from campaigning on issues crucial to their well-being such as campus safety, fee hikes, accommodation security and many others,” reads the letter, which has been signed by nearly 40 student body leaders from universities including Cambridge University, Cornell University, Harvard University, McGill University and National University of Singapore. “It is our duty to use our privilege and the resources at our disposal to further the values of democracy, representation and progress in the country we call home,” the letter adds.

The letter has been undersigned by the student presidents of Pakistan societies in universities in the UK, US, Canada, Australia and Singapore.

Together these students represent the interests of thousands of Pakistani students enrolled in these universities across countries. In the midst of fee hikes, harassment scandals and arrests from campuses, students across the country are coming together for a Student Solidarity March yesterday to demand better education facilities, in Islamabad yesterday.

Protest in Kabul against vote fraud

Hundreds of protestors took to the streets in Kabul yesterday against alleged vote fraud in the presidential polls.

The Stability and Partnership team led by presidential candidate Abdullah Abdullah — power-sharing Chief Executive to the incumbent President Ashraf Ghani — has called for a march to protest alleged vote fraud and electoral irregularities.

The election commission is yet to announce the preliminary poll results.

Rebel coalition supports international lawsuits against Myanmar

A coalition of ethnic rebel groups has welcomed efforts by the international community to punish Myanmar’s military through legal processes for alleged genocide against ethnic minority groups including Rohingya Muslims in the country’s west.

Three members of the Northern Alliance bloc of armed groups — the Ta’ang National Liberation Army (TNLA), Arakan Army and Myanmar National Democratic Alliance Army — issued a joint statement on Thursday welcoming three lawsuits against Myanmar at the International Criminal Court (ICC), the International Court of Justice (ICJ) and an Argentine court for rights violations in ethnic areas.

The groups said that during the past 70 years of the ongoing civil conflict, Myanmar’s military has committed genocide, extra-judicial arrests, unlawful torture, massacres, abductions and use of gang rape as instruments of war. They added that they stand ready to cooperate and collect evidence of war crimes by the military in northeastern Shan state and western Rakhine state between 2009 and 2018 and are in full support of the international organisations that have taken up the matter with the ICC and ICJ. TNLA spokesman Myint Aung Kyaw said that the groups had already gathered information and evidence of rights abuses by the military against ethnic people as well as ‘Bengali Muslims’ — referring to Rohingya Muslim community.
Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe has expressed deep sorrow over the death of Yasuhiro Nakasone and praised him for raising the country’s profile by contributing to global peace and economic order.

Abe said Nakasone served at a time when Japan faced severe domestic and diplomatic challenges, including Cold War tensions and trade friction with the United States. He praised Nakasone for improving relations with other Asian countries while strengthening the Japan-US alliance and securing blind eyes in Japan, at a time when anti-American sentiments were stronger today than after the defeat in World War II.

Echoing the “Reaganomics” policies of the American president, Nakasone privatised national corporations, such as Japan Airlines and telephone operators. He reduced the number of the free market and a small state, and a nationalist. Nakasone’s positions on defence angered left-wing in Japan, when anti-Nakasone sentiments were stronger today than after the defeat in World War II.

The Samoan health system has been confronted with some difficulties since 2017, when Winston Peters said.

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New Zealand announced extra funds to support Samoa’s government after a measles outbreak in the Pacific nation’s cities and towns of any kind. Work was underway to boost the country’s tourism industry, which has been hit by the outbreak. New Zealand officials said.

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In April this year, parliamentarian dialogue and diplomacy were at the forefront of 140th IPU Assembly in Doha, as over 800 MPs from 164 countries convened in the world’s biggest platform for global parliamentary exchange. In the final Doha Declaration, endorsed by the Assembly, MPs from national parliaments underlined the critical role of parliaments to enhance parliamentary channels of communication between the two parties, exchange parliamentary knowledge and expertise in the legislative, supervisory and administrative fields, and provide oversight for the convergence and emergence of parliamentarians in the Middle East on this occasion.

H E Al Mahmoud stressed that the Shura Council, through this accession, will work to achieve the objectives of the APU for the establishment of a sustainable peace based on cooperation and dialogue and benefit the region and its peoples.

The WTO had aimed in forming 164-member World Trade Organization that its Appellate Body will be forced to drop its function of settling trade disputes. There are now only three members in the Appellate Body although it is supposed to have seven members, including experts on trade and international law. The Appellate Body office for two of these three will expire on December this year, leaving one impossible for the body to meet the minimum member number required to hold hearings on appeals.

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Efforts must be made to avoid loss of WTO’s dispute settlement function

The current situation can be regarded as serious for the WTO, making it unable to perform its principal function that sustains the free trade system. The possibility of a former `superpower’ not respecting the rules of the organization and becoming impossible for the body to meet the minimum members number required to hold hearings on appeals.

This situation has become inevitable because the United States had blocked the reappointment of Appellate Body member, and rejected proposals to launch selection processes for new appointments, arguing that the body has made too many judgments beyond the limit of its jurisdiction.

Trade ought to be conducted under fair rules and conflicts of interest between two countries should be resolved through international law. The WTO was inaugurated in 1995 to embody these fundamental ideals.

If the solutions to trade disputes are left up to bilateral negotiations, big countries such as the United States will have the advantage. The failure of the dispute settlement system within the WTO repudiates the wisdom of the international community.

If protectionism prevails due to the decline in rule played by the WTO, global trade may shrink. Japan is called on to work tenaciously toward resolving the Appellate Body issue.

Gaza’s acute shortage of potable water has been weakened, not only by climate change but also by Israel’s restrictions on entry of materials and fuel needed for wastewater treatment.

WTO dispute settlements go through two processes of judgment. If a member nation has a complaint about a decision made by a panel, it is able to appeal to the Appellate Body. About 10 cases a year, which account for 70 percent of all the cases handled by panels, are appealed. The government of Japan should explore ways of finding realistic measures to break the stalemate in cooperation with other WTO members.

It is necessary to clarify the range of responsibility and authority for the Appellate Body while going ahead with the selection of new members, thereby reforming the body and international law. The term of office for two of these three will expire on December this year, leaving one impossible for the body to meet the minimum members number required to hold hearings on appeals.

Palestinian farmers face some of their most severe problems in the Jordan Valley, an agricultural area that comprises 20 percent of the West Bank.

In the occupied West Bank, Israel systematically steals and destroys Palestinian land and water. Israel controls more than 60 percent of West Bank land, where 640,000 Israelis now live in illegal settlements. Israeli settlers consume six times as much water at the West Bank’s 2.3 million Palestinian residents. Israel has also approved 800,000 olive tree trees since 2007.

Israel’s electric power production comes from fossil fuels, leading to export natural gas and electricity generated from fossil fuels to Europe.

On the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian, our Palestinian environmental organizations called for global pressure on Israel to end climate apartheid through boycotts of the Israeli government and institutions and companies that are contributing to destroying the environment, violating our right and profiting from our resources.

This includes boycotting the international private sector, which now support water apartheid by depriving Palestinians of drinking water and supplying Israel’s illegal projects. More than 30,000 water well resources, which are grown in the Jordan Valley using land and water stolen from Palestinians; and opposing Israel’s exports of natural gas and electricity to Europe.

As people rally worldwide for an end to fossil fuel use and for climate justice, the Palestinian community includes such boycotts among their strategies and demands in support of Palestinian freedom, justice and equality.

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Ahead of Nato summit, Serbia buffered between West and Russia

Macron has grown increasingly wary of EU expansion, arguing that the 28-country group needs to take stock of its near doubling in size over the past 15 years, assess the impact of Britain’s pending departure, and think hard about the criteria it applies to those seeking to join.

Since October, French President Emmanuel Macron has questioned the effectiveness of Nato’s enlargement and called for a new “strategic relationship” with Russia.

While his colleagues have reason to pay close attention to his “shake it up” style of diplomacy, his few places will build contacts with former members of the Serbian military, Russia’s foreign ministry played down the report, saying it was a “speculation,” while Serbian President Aleksandar Vucic said it wouldn’t harm relations between the two, adding he was sure Putin “was not informed about this.”

Nato’s 30-member bloc, which had been born in the United States to “defend Europe,” expanded beyond the European Union as the goal of “European solidarity” was to “save Europe” and put an end to the threat of a major power that the countries of Nato intend to maintain their independence.

Speaking to students at a university in Los Angeles to defend the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program, Trump said he was repeating a message that he had been giving traveling for decades.

The president acknowledged that his administration has been an American tradition. Yet, there is a sense that Americans are not yet ready to take a step back from the world when it comes to defending the American way of life.

Though the US has been a major player, it is not the only one. In fact, Russia is the only major player in the world, with its large military and economic power.

The Trump administration has signaled its interest in reasserting American leadership in the world, but it has also been clear that the US will continue to be a key player in the world.

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An intensifying probe into the assassination of Karuna Galizia, who was blowing up a car bomb in October 2017, has destabilised the Maltese government. There were widespread calls for the resignation of Prime Minister Joseph Muscat and his chief of staff Keith Schembri who was blown up by a car bomb in Seville.

“Muscat must go. But that is not enough. The response to his own behaviour should be subject to investigation,” said the Times of Malta, as civil society groups vowed to take to the streets in protest.

The government said the operation to find survivors and specialised equipment hours after the quake struck. About 2,000 people were injured in Tuesday’s 6.4-magnitude pre-dawn quake, said Health Minister Oraia Mifsud, after information was collected from hospitals, small health centres, homes and those now staying in tents.

The search is now being limited to a city centre, Turin, and the near town of Thame. The search operation is due to end Wednesday, and operations to pick up dishes are being worked out. The search is a national project, groups are now on their way to the region of Rostov on suspicion of second person to be identified.

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Prime Minister Boris Johnson (picured right) said yesterday it would be “best” if US President Donald Trump did not get involved in Britain’s election when he visits London for a Nato summit next week.

Trump waded into the electoral fray by saying opposition Labour Party leader Jeremy Corbyn would be “so bad” for Britain and that Johnson should challenge him with Brexit Party leader Nigel Farage.

But the German conservatives are nervous that Trump could use the opportunity to press ahead with talks in London, just over a week before the December 12 election which polls indicate Johnson is on course to win.

“We don’t do traditionally as loving allies and friends, do we? But that do traditionally, is get involved in each other’s domestic politics,” Johnson, 55, told BBC radio.

“The best thing when you have close friends and allies like this is to be for neither side to get involved in each other’s domestic politics,” Johnson has said that if he retained power, he will deliver Brexit by January 31 – after nearly four years of political crisis following a 2016 referendum in which Britons voted to leave the European Union.

He said he wanted to keep in place government preparations for a possible no-deal Brexit – under which Britain would leave without an agreement on the terms with Brussels and potentially expose itself to more economic uncertainty — but that he expected to secure a trade deal with the EU by the end of 2020.

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Mexico not to allow US operations against cartels

Mexico’s President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador warned yesterday that he would not allow the US to conduct cross-border armed operations, after Donald Trump vowed to designate Mexican drug cartels as terrorist groups.

The US President has been talking tough on the powerful drug cartels since one was allegedly responsible for the massacre of nine women and children from a US Mexican-Mormon community in northern Mexico on Nov 4.

Trump tweeted after the killings that the US was ready to “wage war on the drug cartels” and he followed up this week by vowing to add Mexican cartels to the US blacklist of terrorist organizations.

But trade unions and many of the calls to protest. However, the country has registered more than 250,000 murders since deploying the army into the streets, including an all-time high of 33,743 last year — a record that looks set to be broken again this year. Trump made his controversial comments in a radio interview with conservative media personality Bill O’Reilly. “Are you going to designate these cartels in Mexico as terrorist groups and start hitting them with drones?” O’Reilly asked. “I don’t want to know what I’m going to do, but they will be designated,” Trump said. Mexican authorities reacted swiftly, with the foreign minister warning against a “violation of national sovereignty.” His office said it had contacted US officials to “understand the content and the reach” of Trump’s statements.

Mexico said it would also seek a high-level meeting with US officials to hear their views and present the Mexican government’s concerns — which include stemming the flow of American-made weapons south of the border. The two countries share a 3,000-mile border. Mexico lost more than 20,000 Mexican active-duty soldiers in the US-Mexico conflict during the war.

The US Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) has a large operation in Mexico. American planes routinely conduct counter-narcotics operations in Mexican airspace and US personnel work with the Mexican military — on condition that they are unarmed.

The two countries also work together to crack down on cartel money-laundering operations. Experts say little would likely change on the ground if the US added Mexican cartels to its terror blacklist.

Chile govt meets with unions in bid to end social unrest

Chile’s government met for the first time this week with union leaders to try to find a way out of the social unrest that has roiled the country for more than a month.

Members of President Sebastián Pinera’s conservative government met with representatives of the Social Unity Board, a collective of social and labor groups who were behind many of the calls to protest.

Among the collective’s members is the Workers’ United Center of Chile, the most powerful union in the country; the teachers’ union and the SO-AFP group, which calls for an end to Chile’s private pension system.

“We have made it very clear that we are not prepared to negotiate behind people’s backs, that is not our spirit, and that it’s the government that must now provide answers to proposals that have been made,” nhà’s Aguilar, president of the teachers’ union, said after the meeting.

The country’s worst crisis in decades has seen furious street protests to stem social and economic inequality, and against an entrenched political elite that comes from a small number of the country’s wealthiest families, among other issues.

Pinera’s government has announced a raft of reforms to end the crisis, including the drafting of a new constitution to replace the current one that dates back to the dictatorship of General Augusto Pinochet, who ruled from 1973 to 1990.

But trade unions and many demonstrators are asking the government to go further, including by increasing the minimum wage by 50 percent, and by replacing the private pension system inherited from the Pinochet era.

The 42 days of protest have produced by the government to curtail the protests, which are the largest in decades and have led to clashes with security forces. Hundreds of people, some playing musical instruments and others banging pots and pans, demonstrated on Thursday in the north of the capital, Santiago.

That came after tens of thousands of protesters took to the streets on Friday in the country’s capital, shutting down public transport. Similar demonstrations were held in Cali and Medellín.

The protests have been largely peaceful but sporadic violence has left four dead — including a young man who died in a mob after being wounded in clashes with riot police on Saturday. Some 500 people have been injured.

Police said 184 people had been detained in the protests since last week. Under fire for his economic policies and corruption, Pinera removed the national dialogue with mayors and other officials on Sunday.
Snow, winds wane across much of US

AP

CHICAGO

Wintery weather temporarily loosened its grip across much of the US after tangling holiday travellers in wind, ice and snow and before more major storms developed.

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India’s economic growth slips to 4.5%, lowest in 6 years

India’s economy grew at its slowest pace in more than six years in the July-September period, down to 4.5%, lowest in six years, according to government figures released yesterday that piled more pressure on Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The expansion in Asia’s third-largest economy fell from 5 percent in April-June and marked the steepest quarterly contraction.

The GDP growth, now well below the 5 percent needed for India to provide the millions of jobs required each year for new entrants to the labour market, poses a major headache for Modi. His government is struggling to kickstart what once was the world’s fastest-growing major economy but consumption demand shrinks and unemployment surges to a four-decade high.

Modi has announced several reforms to open up the country to foreign investment in key sectors, including banking, coal mining, and other public services, and launched a privatization drive aimed at reviving moribund state firms.

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The proposal comes as the Reserve Bank of Japan, RBI’s closest relative in terms of size and services, has announced that it is considering a five-year plan to reduce corporate debt from the private sector and focus on real estate and other asset classes.

Economists expect India’s central bank to cut rates again on July 10 in a bid to support the troubled economy.

Experts say the economy has never recovered from a 2016 shock cancellation of bank notes that forced many small and medium-sized businesses to shut down or leave the market. The economy has been burning up through 2017.

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Huawei plans legal challenge to latest US pressure: Report

China

CNBC

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) last week invoked Huawei and its Chinese rival ZTE as threats to US national security and blocked them from the fund.

Huawei said the FCC decision was "based on selective information and assumptions" and that blocking it would merit appeals to American consumers.

The Universal Service Fund is used to subsidise telecoms services and equipment mainly in rural areas of the United States, a market where Huawei has established a presence despite the growing US pressure on the company.

President Donald Trump moved to block American companies from doing business with Huawei, which US officials accuse of violating US sanctions on Iran. Trump has since offered temporary reprieves for Huawei to allow service providers covering sensitive rural areas time to comply with him, US officials say.

ZTE came close to collapse last year after American companies were prevented from selling it vital components over concerns about supplier dealings with Iran and North Korea.

In a move last week that also threatened other service providers he required to carry out their mission and provide equipment from the companies, the FCC also made a law suit in the United States next week.

The Wall Street Journal reported, citing unnamed sources.

Huawei spokeswoman declined to comment but the company has hired its own legal teams for the lawsuit.

German's manufacturing jobs losses top 100,000 with Daimler cuts

BLOOMBERG

Germany's manufacturing sector has taken a hit after Daimler AG said it will shed more than 10,000 jobs in Europe that were created from its manufacturing sector to more than 100,000, according to Bloomberg calculations.

Companies from Volkswagen AG to Siemens AG and others have gone as German's powerful automotive industry struggles with a shift toward electrification and self-driving cars and manufacturers of machinery and robots are hit by sharply weakening demand in Europe and across the globe from trade disputes.

Daimler AG said Friday it will shed more than 10,000 positions, lifting the tally of jobs that have been lost in the country's industrial champions from signs of shrinking.

Euro drifts lower as FX volatility holds near record lows

Reuters

The euro held near two-week lows yesterday as a combination of record low currency market volatility and the United States and China would be able to delay damaging tariff war, with a preliminary trade deal boosted demand for the greenback.

Trading ranges in euro-dollar, the most liquid currency pair in the world, were the narrowest in 20 years, falling into around 20 pips on Monday, analysts at Nomura said. A small price move in a currency pair can make equivalent to the third decimal place for most currency pairs and the fourth for the most liquid.

As daily price swings have narrowed, expectations of future currency market moves have also dropped with those month implied volatility gauges for euro-dollar falling to 4.7 percent, the lowest on record, down from 7.8 percent in January.

The drop in currency market volatility has fuelled appetite for carry trades where investors borrow in low currency pairs and invest in relatively higher yielding ones.

If any strategy has worked this year, it is a carry-trade one," said a sales trader at a European bank.

Black Friday sales could be hundreds of millions more than past Black Fridays, British retailers were warning customers over several weeks, aiming to smooth out consumer spending as prices rose.

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Germany plans rapid intervention to protect key industries

Berlin

Germany set out plans yesterday to create a government body to step in quickly to protect companies against foreign takeovers, with a sign of concern about China and others acquiring its technology.

The finalised industrial strategy for the Economy Minister Peter Altmaier (pictured) is also intended to prevent the erosion of Germany’s manufacturing base, on much of which its wealth is built. The new standing committee would, as a last resort, have powers to take stakes in German companies that produce sensitive or security relevant technologies.

The government sources, which would be acquired by state development bank KfW, would hold temporary. This can already be done in some cases under German law, but Altmaier said the process needs to be more flexible.

“Structures have to be created which the necessary decisions faster and more efficiently than has been the case thus far,” he said in his “Industry Strategy 2030” document. Altmaier told a new conference the standing committee would work with KfW but there would be no new state funding vehicle to take government stakes in companies.

He met resistance from business lobby groups whom he presented his initial ideas in February. Altmaier singled out marquee companies Thyssenkrupp, Siemens and Deutsche Bank. The drive to protect and promote Germany’s industry coincides with a fall in the economy. Europe’s largest, which is losing momentum following a decade of robust expansion.

There are also growing protectionists trends worldwide, with Washington and Beijing embroiled in a damaging tariff dispute, and uncertainty surrounding future trade relations between Britain and the EU as a zone.

Under Altmaier’s plans, Germany also aims to step up screening of non-European investors that want to buy into firms in important sectors, a move widely seen as targeting Chinese state-backed investors.

The European Union is reconsidering its industrial strategy and relations with China in the face of increased investment in critical sectors by Chinese state-owned enterprises.

Beijing is pushing the domestic development of technologies including electric cars and computer chips having been buying know-how abroad through acquisitions, including of German robotics maker Kuka.

German officials took the takeover of Kuka in 2016 as a wake-up call that underlined the need to shield strategic parts of the economy, and KfW stepped in when China’s State Grid attempted in 2018 to buy a stake in power grid operator 50Hertz.

Salaries delayed at Hong Kong Airlines as troubles mount

HONG KONG

Hong Kong Airlines Ltd is delaying salaries and some employees have “severely affected” the city’s third-biggest carrier whose finances were already under strain before anti-government demonstrations flared in June.

Executives and some employees will receive their November wages on time, while all other Hong Kong-based workers’ pay will be paid on December 6, the company said.

“Hong Kong Airlines was prompted by the shared social unrest among the four carriers in Hong Kong,” said Andrew Holy, an analyst at Morningstar Inc. noting that the airline has high exposure to mainland routes and is less able to offset a decline in travelers with revenue from international flights.

“It is a surprise to see that the company even struggles to pay its staff,” he said.

The situation in Hong Kong remains delicately poised. Street battles between demonstrators and armed police have eased, but there are still tension spots such as Hong Kong Polytechnic University, the scene of a two-week standoff. US President Donald Trump this week signed legislation expressing American support for the protesters, prompting China to threaten retaliation.

Hong Kong Airlines cut some operations earlier this month and plans to cancel Los Angeles-bound flights from February. Other airlines have been affected by the unrest too, especially Cathay Pacific, which is one of the most high-profile business casualties, losing profit and market share.

The company is planning to reduce staff capacity next year, according to an internal memo.
Warner, Labuschagne share record stand as Australia dominate

REUTERS

David Warner and Marnus Labuschagne showed in the Adelaide Oval three-peat that their partnership was far from finished, with the pair putting on an unbroken 294-run stand to dominate Australia's complete, complexed, dominated Pakistan on day one of their second Test yesterday.

Opening batsman Warner was hit out and number three Labuschagne on 128, the duo having pushed Australia to a commanding 302 for one on day one, only being bowled out in the third over of their first Test in Brisbane.

Pakistan lost the toss and had started brightly in the tourists to turn the match around. Warner brought up his 16th Test century in 112 minutes yesterday.

But their bowlers were powerless against Warner's onslaught and their fielding often abysmal.

Already down 1-0 after being thrashed by an innings and five runs in the Brisbane opener, it will take something extraordinary for the tourists to turn the match around.

“It’s a bit surreal at the moment, it’s just amazing to be out here with Davey and put on a really big partnership against a very tough bowler who scored 189 in the win for the Gabba,” Warner said.

Pakistan’s rigid pace attack easily threated the batsman’s defence while the largely meek field placements seemingly at will.

Warner brought up his half-century with a touch of class, varying his six-run cocktail with a wild throw at the stumps onto the covering lidder and raced to the boundary. Paceman Shaheen Afridi also gave up four runs just after the dinner break when he literally ran the way at deep cover to give Warner a free boundary from a cut shot.

The seamer had Burns caught behind for four but it was an almighty day for Pakistan bowlers, with debutant Mohammad Abbas conceding more than five runs an over.

Left-arm seamer Yasir Shah also had a torrid evening, leaking 87 runs from 17 overs.

Captain Azhar Ali even sent down one of part-time spin and was duly left with nine runs.

Chandimal in Sri Lanka squad for Pakistan Tests

Sri Lanka yesterday gave former skipper Dinesh Chandimal a new chance to fight for his place in the national team by naming him in the squad to play a landmark Test series in Pakistan.

The matches will be the first Test played by Sri Lanka for more than a decade because of security fears.

The 37-year-old Chandimal, who played his last Test in Australia in February, is still in doubt due to an unclear back injury.

The team will be led by Dimuth Karunaratne, the cricket board said.

Oualla, Al Qadi victorious as Round 3 begins

CHRISTINNA WASCALA
THE WARRIOR

Achraf Oualla sealed the Medium Tour honours while Hamad Naaser Al Qadi won his second Small Tour as the third round of Longines Qaeer Equestrian Tour – Halliwell kicked off at the Al Shaqab Indoor Arena yesterday.

Oualla, astride Dusty, topped a field of 46 entries when he clocked a time of 30.87s to win the individual prize of the day worth QR1,000.

Bolshoi Van T 7V, ridden by Hassan Saeed Al Hamad, completed the round in 30.14s to reach the second place as he walked away with a prize worth QR600. Mohamed Hamza Al Ghalzi clocked the third fastest time of 32.75s after three riders completed the tour without any errors.

The Medium tour team event was won by Exceedingly who topped a field of 46 entries. Safety Hassan Naaser Al Qadi and Mohamed Al Ghalzi (Dino RR II)

Hamza Al Ghalzi completed the podium in the team competition.

Earlier, prominent Qatar rider Hamad Naaser Al Qadi guided his favourite stallion Hugo Z in a flawless routine to clinch the top prize in the Small Tour which saw a highly competitive field of 53 entries.

Hugo Z completed the round in 34.49s as Al Qadi topped the problem form the second season this year and won QR2,500 in prize money.

Dusty, ridden by Khalifa Abdulla Al Khalidi, was a fraction of a second slower than the winner as he clocked a time of 34.70s with no errors to win QR2,000. Mohd Al Saeed Al Saeedi completed the podium after completing the same tack on Brandy in 35.30s without any faults and the same QR1,500 for his effort.

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Ideas for this season’s circuit.

The medium and small tour events started and ended with horse trials, with the top prize of the day worth QR3,500 going to the winner.

Achraf Oualla, astride Dino BB Z, topped a field of 53 entries in the Medium Tour.

Mohammed Sultan Al Suwaidi (Happy Feet), Faris Saad Al Qahtani (Idylls), Ghanim Nasser Al Qadi (Numero Uno – T) and Ali Mohammed Al Qadi (Daydreamer EC) completed the podium in the same order.

Recovery: Hadi Al Attiyah and Ali Yousef Al Rumaihi, The Director of Longines Hathab Tour.

It’s a reality check for Afghanistan who were awarded Test status in 2007 and won their first game in the five-day format earlier this year.

Skipper Hashim Amla announced that all three Afghanistan wickets fell to the morning as the Windies needed just 13 overs to see off Afghanistan after they resumed on the day on 89 for seven.

John Campbell made an unbeaten 19 and sealed the win with a boundary after losing his opening partner Krags.
**Saudi Arabia eye win against Bahrain**

**Omani coach and players remember Verbeek**

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**Bottas takes reprisal, leads Mercedes one-two**
Abdelkarim Hassan smashed a hat-trick as hosts Qatar bounced back strongly at the 24th Arabian Gulf Cup, thrashing Yemen 6-0 in their second Group A match at the Khalifa International Stadium last night.

Qatar's first victory in the tournament saw Iraq – who defeated the UAE 2-0 for their second successive win earlier yesterday – become the first side to reach the semi-finals of the eight-nation tournament.

With 10 minutes left in the match, which is also scheduled for Monday, Yemen will look for consolation against Iraq in their final match, which is also scheduled for Monday.

Iraq will next play Yemen in their final pool match on Monday.