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BUSINESS

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WASHINGTON, USA , 14th of March , 2017- According to the White House, President Donald Trump paid \$38 million in taxes on more than \$150 million in income in 2005. Elite are obliged to pay 25% of their income as federal tax returns. Despite these revelations by the White House, it is speculated that President Trump wrote off \$100 million in losses, such that his federal taxes are reduced. (Photo credit: Thomson Reuters)



CAPE CANAVERAL, Florida, USA, 14th March 2017 - The U.S. Air Force announced on Tuesday that Elon Musk's Space Exploration Technologies had won a GPS satellite launch contract over rival United Launch Alliance, a partnership of the top two U.S. aerospace companies Lockheed Martin Corp. and Boeing Co. The contract, worth \$96.5 million, is the second GPS satellite launch contract awarded by the Air Force to Musk's rocket company, known as SpaceX. (Photo credit: Irene Klotz)



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SINGAPORE, March 15th 2017 - South African petroleum company Engen is set to export a gasoil cargo to Singapore, according to trade sources and shipping data. The company plans to transport 35,000 tonnes of gasoil to Singapore from Durban, shipping fixtures showed. The move would be unusual as South Africa rarely exports gas oil. This could help break the monopoly trade of the OPEC (Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries) countries for the export for oil and help bring prices in check. (Photo credit: Jessica Jaganathan)



WELLINGTON, New Zealand, 15th March, 2017 – The Kiwi capital Wellington, in order to boost itself as a tech hub, is offering an all-expense paid trip to Wellington from all across the globe to 100 tech workers to lure them for a job interview. The itinerary will be four days of (May 8-11, 2017) of pre-arranged job interviews, meet-ups with tech leaders and exploration, with all flights and accommodation paid for. The program involves registering your candidature and uploading your CV to any potential employer in Wellington. The employers may then 'nominate' you, essentially saying that they'd like you to win one of the one hundred spots available so that they could meet you in person in Wellington. The move is done to get the best of minds in the booming tech industry of the country. (Photo Credit: Wellingtonnz.com)



ENVIRONMENT

Reported by Stephanie Goveas



Fuvemeh, Ghana, West Africa, 16th November, 2016 -- High tides off the coast of sub-Saharan Africa are destroying homes, schools and marine life. These tidal waves come in full force, at regular intervals, taking away people's homes and lives. Climate change and industrial activity, like the construction of dams and sea ports, have increased coastal soil erosion. Fuvemeh, is a community of 2,500 people who survive

on fishing and coconut plantations. Due to the calamities, the ocean has engulfed hundreds of feet of the coastline, taking away the coconut plantations, along with some of the houses. Due to global warming, sea levels are expected to rise by 2.5 ft. by the end of the century, around the world. However, they are expected to rise faster in West Africa. Parts of the coastline like Nouakchott, the capital of Mauritania, lose up to 24 meters of beach every year. (Photo credit: Matilde Gattoni)



Bihar, India, 27th November, 2016 -- Artists from Patna, Bihar, began painting trees and leaves, with vibrant colours, with images of Hindu deities in efforts to protect the environment. This project stretches from Rampatti to Rajnagar, in Madhubani district. Cutting down these trees used

to be a common practice but once painted with images of deities, people have changed their minds. They have started to appreciate the aesthetic of nature and art. Now, people even stop by to take pictures with them. This style of painting is called Madhubani, which uses fingers, twigs, brushes and even matchsticks. The practice was enforced by Bihari citizen, Shashti Nath Jha who advocates from women empowerment and the rehabilitation of child labor. She says that so far, her efforts to provide a more sustainable environment has been successful. This method has now saved over a thousand trees from being cut down. (Photo credit: Lata Rani)

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Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, 19th February, 2017 -- Abu Dhabi Environment Agency launched its new Strategic Plan from 2016 to 2020. It acknowledges and focuses on the nine key challenges of air quality, groundwater, climate change, waste, marine water quality, land quality, habitat loss and fisheries and forestry. The EAD will enforce laws and policies to ensure protection for wildlife and marine biodiversity;

in addition, intensive research to understand and monitor ecosystems and species have been done to avoid future risks. This plan goes hand-in-hand with the UAE Vision 2021, the UAE Green Growth Strategy and the National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan. All of them have been developed to promote a more sustainable and environment-protective lifestyle in the UAE. The plan aims to protect the emirate's water, air and land and conserve its biodiversity, all while providing information and a sense of shared responsibility among the citizens. (Photo credit: UAE Interact)

United Arab Emirates, 3rd March, 2017-- Aquaponics is a system that combines hydroponics, the soil-less growing of plants, with aquaculture, raising of fish. Aquaponics is used in developing countries to improve the country's economic growth, food security and employment opportunities. Starting with the Dominican Republic,



over 142 countries are practicing aquaponics. It decreases death rate in underdeveloped countries with the increase in the production of crops and raises the income of farmers. Here, a symbiotic relationship is formed. Where fish waste is used as a source of organic feed for the plants, the plants provide filtered water for the fish's habitat. Aquaponics have a list of benefits. It uses 90% less water than does traditional farming and uses no chemical pesticides. It has no weeds growing amongst their plants; in addition, plants grow twice as fast because of the naturally filtered water from the fish. And lastly, Farm soil isn't necessary for this process; gravel or even rocky surfaces can be used. (Photo credit: Jim Klousia)

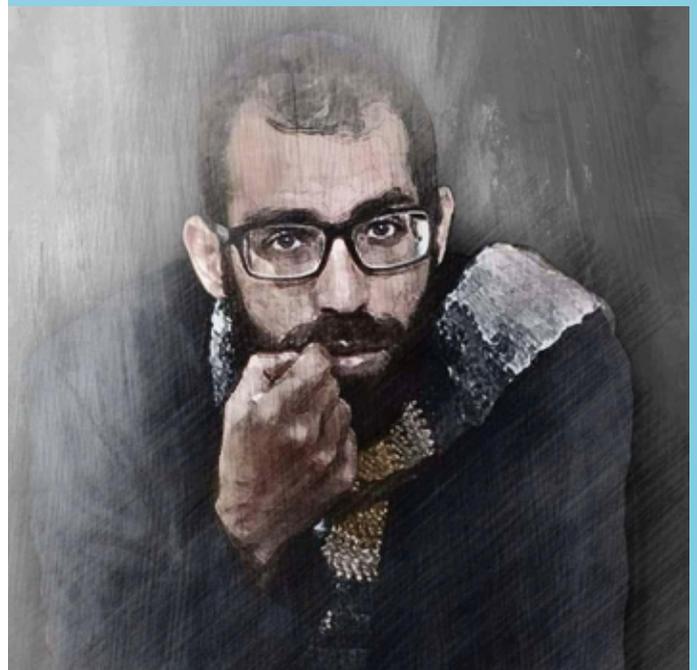
POLITICS

Reported by Jumana Fraije



WASHINGTON, United States of America, 27th January, 2017 - Donald Trump signed an executive order suspend refugee arrivals and visa entry travelers from Iran, Iraq, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria and Yemen. Trump's decree suspends the entire US refugee resettlement program for at least 120 days and directs officials to determine additional screening "to ensure that those approved for refugee admission do not pose a threat to the security and welfare of the United States". In addition, the order specifically bars Syrian refugees from the United States indefinitely, or until the president himself decides that they no longer pose a threat. Following the executive order, protests have erupted across the nation. (Photo credit: The National)

RAMALLAH, Palestine, 6th March, 2017-- Palestinian activist Basil Al-Araj was killed by Israeli occupation forces during a shootout after the soldiers raided his home. The 31-year-old, was well known blogger born in Bethlehem. He wrote about the Palestinian struggle against the Israeli occupation and had been wanted for a year by Israeli forces. According to Palestinian health ministry, three other Palestinians were injured in the shootout, which lasted for two hours. Palestinian health ministry officials said that the Israeli forces have retained his body. According to Tel Aviv statements, no Israeli troops were injured during the operation. (Photo credit: Motasem Khaleel)



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ISTANBUL, Turkey 6th March 2017-- A Syrian air force pilot who bailed out as his warplane crashed on Turkish territory has been found by a Turkish rescue team and is being treated at a hospital in the Hatay region, a hospital spokeswoman said on Sunday. Dogan news agency said the pilot, who crashed his plane on Saturday, had been found around 40km from the wreckage. He was first taken to a gendarmerie base and then to hospital. The 56-year-old pilot was identified as Mohammad Sufhan by medical staff at the hospital, and they said he was not in critical condition despite some fractures in his spine. (Photo credit: NBC News)

NAIROBI, Kenya, 6th march, 2017-- A British man has been shot dead on his ranch in central Kenya, a local official said Sunday, blaming heavily armed herders responsible for land invasions in the area. Thousands of herders have invaded private ranches and wildlife parks with their livestock, slaughtering animals and destroying property in Laikipia. "It is true the Sosian ranch director was shot dead while going to inspect damage at his ranch," local government official Jacob Endung told AFP. The police had been unable to access the area due to the high number of the raiders but had managed to fly over the area and saw the body. (Photo credit: ABC News)

