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BUSINESS

Reported by Faiza Ali



SAN FRANCISCO, USA, 19th October, 2016 – Wells Fargo & Co. was fined \$185 million for illegal sales practices that included opening two million accounts for customers without their consent, among other allegations, employees created fake email addresses of people who don't exist in the online-banking services to hit sales goals.



BURBANK, California, USA, 2nd November, 2016-- Superhero Movie Suicide Squad and higher fees from TV providers increased revenues and quarterly profits for Time Warner, the firm was amidst a takeover from telecom giant AT&T, who owns Cartoon Network, HBO, CNN and Warner Brothers film studios. ScreenRant.

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ALEXANDRIA, Virginia, USA, 29th December, 2016— Amazon.com Inc has filed for patent to use airships to store and deliver products faster using delivery-drones. The patent was filed two years ago, but only recently surfaced to the desk. The patent claims that having an airborne center would allow the company to reduce power usage compared to when it is launched from the ground. Reuters.



DUBAI, UAE, 29th December, 2016— Rolls-Royce has delivered its first engine to power the world's largest long-haul airline, Emirates. The engine is the first of many to power the Airbus A380. The \$9.2 billion deal between Rolls Royce and Emirates had technical issues but have since been resolved and Emirates is expecting two more engines by the end of 2016. Emirates.

ENVIRONMENT

Reported by Stephanie Goveas



21 November, 2016 – National Geographic’s climate change documentary ‘Before The Flood’ produced by and starring Leonardo DiCaprio was watched by 30 million viewers worldwide. The film explores climate change and the ways to disrupt the change. The documentary debuted on all Nat Geo channels across 147 countries in 45 languages and is nominated for the Toronto Film Festival, London Film Festival and Hamptons International Film Festival. National Geographic.



CHRISTMAS ISLAND, near Australia, December 4, 2016— Coral Reefs are being heavily impacted by the massive rise in water temperatures by a super El Nino. Statistics have proven that sea temperatures will rise and stay that way till March. Coral reefs are found deep in water bodies, where they lie in cool temperatures but the rising temperatures is causing the reefs to bleach and making in an inhabitable space for marine life. WWF Australia. Catlin Seaview Survey.

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South America, December 19, 2016—El Niño is a climate cycle in the Pacific ocean used to study trends in the global environment. This was used to study mosquito-biting rates and temperature rates, mortality rates and the like to foresee the effect of climatic changes on the transmission of viruses. El Niño occurs every three to seven years and results in the extreme weather changes around the world. This was applied in terms of the virus Zika that had a major impact in South America. It is found that the virus was either produced in Brazil or according to the model, El Niño must have started the outbreak of the virus which lasted for over two years. Reuters.



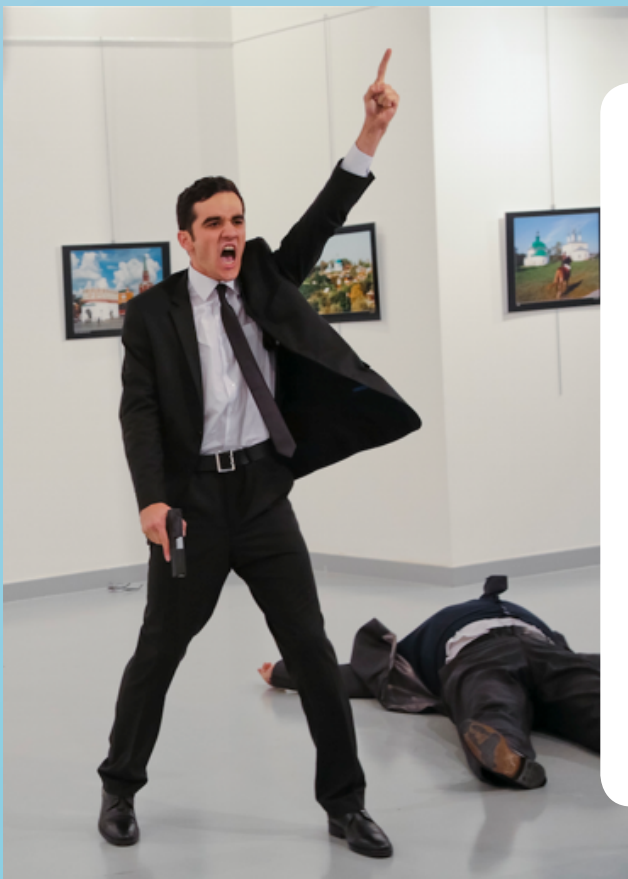
CARTAGENA, Columbia, 6 October, 2016 – Conceptos Plasticos is a Columbian enterprise founded by Oscar Mendez in 2010 that replaces rural settlements with decent housing while reducing plastic waste by mixing different plastics and rubber to make construction material that allow for a low-cost, safe and durable housing that can be re-assembled.

POLITICS

Reported by Jumana Fraije



NEW YORK CITY, New York, USA, 24th December, 2016— The UN Security Council has passed a resolution urging Israel to immediately cease building settlements on occupied Palestinian territory including Eastern Jerusalem. The resolution was passed after the US abstain from voting. An unusual move that came from Donald Trump and Israel called the US to use its Veto. The resolution was adopted with 14 votes in favor 1 abstention to a resounding round of applause. It is the first resolution the Security Council has adopted on Israel and the Palestinians in nearly eight years. World Bulletin.



ANKARA, Turkey, 19th December, 2016— Russian ambassador to Turkey was shot and killed by an off-duty Police officer at the opening of an art exhibition in Ankara. The gunman shot Andrey Karlov in the back, then shot him again on the ground. The incident happened one day before a meeting on Syria between Russia, Turkey and Iran. Footage of the attack showed a man dressed in a suit and tie standing calmly behind the ambassador. He then pulled out a gun, shouted “Allahu Akbar” and fired at least eight shots. After firing at the ambassador, the man shouted in Turkish: “Don’t forget Aleppo. Don’t forget Syria. Burhan Ozbilici/AP.

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DAMASCUS, Syria, 21st December, 2016— A sickening footage was shared widely online showing a jihadi fighter convincing his two little daughters to take part in suicide attacks against government-held facilities. Abu Nimr, who is a former fighter for Jabhet al-Nusra lectured the two girls Fatimah and Islam, about how to carry out suicide bomb attacks before they are embraced by their mother.

Later, the young girl, Islam entered the police station and entered the police station and blew herself up in the toilet. As it was reported, the bomb on the child might have been detonated remotely by someone else, and the child was just used. While Islam managed to blow herself up but Fatimah tried to blow herself up in a building of the Syrian Ministry of Internal Affairs, but she was stopped by the guards before reaching her target. Al Masdar News.



BERLIN, Germany, 19th December, 2016—A truck rammed into a Christmas market in Berlin killing 12 people and injuring nearly 50. The popular Christmas market was filled with tourist and locals as they were enjoying a traditional pre-Christmas evening near Berlin's Zoo station. ISIS has claimed responsibility for this terrorist attack and the driver of the truck is still unidentified. Michael Sohn. ABC News.

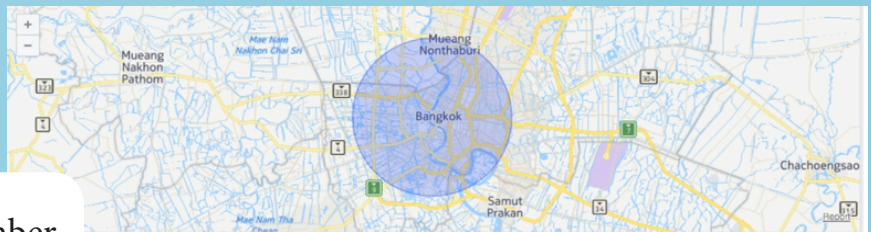
CULTURE

Reported by Noha El Chaarani



LONDON, UK, 21 December, 2016 – Tunisian YouTube Star Adam Saleh, 23, was kicked off a Delta Airlines flight heading to New York City after passengers on the flight allegedly expressed their discomfort of him speaking Arabic to his mother on the phone. The star and his friend were then escorted off the plane by Delta officials. Saleh vlogged the incident and took his anger to twitter - the hashtag #BoycottDelta immediately trended. OMGADAMSALEH via Twitter.

BANGKOK, Thailand, 27, December, 2016 - While Facebook is known for the occasional fake news, Bangkok resident Facebook users fell to a major “bombing” news scam which alerted them to mark themselves safe. Word of the alleged bombing spread quickly to the other side of the world - Media users and news agencies quickly took the event to reintroduce “fake news” on Facebook as a “potential influence” on the results of the US presidential election. Facebook.



The Explosion in Bangkok, Thailand

Facebook Safety Check
Dec 26, 2016

Notifications

Share

Safety Check for this crisis has been turned off.

Area

All Safe Not Marked

No friends listed in the area

About the Crisis

What Happened: Explosion

When: Dec 26, 2016

Affected Cities: Bangkok, Thailand

Confirmation Source: Media Sources

Emergency Services
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This Safety Check was turned on based on the Facebook activity of people in the affected area.

Facebook deactivated this Safety Check for a false alarm over a bombing in Bangkok, Thailand.

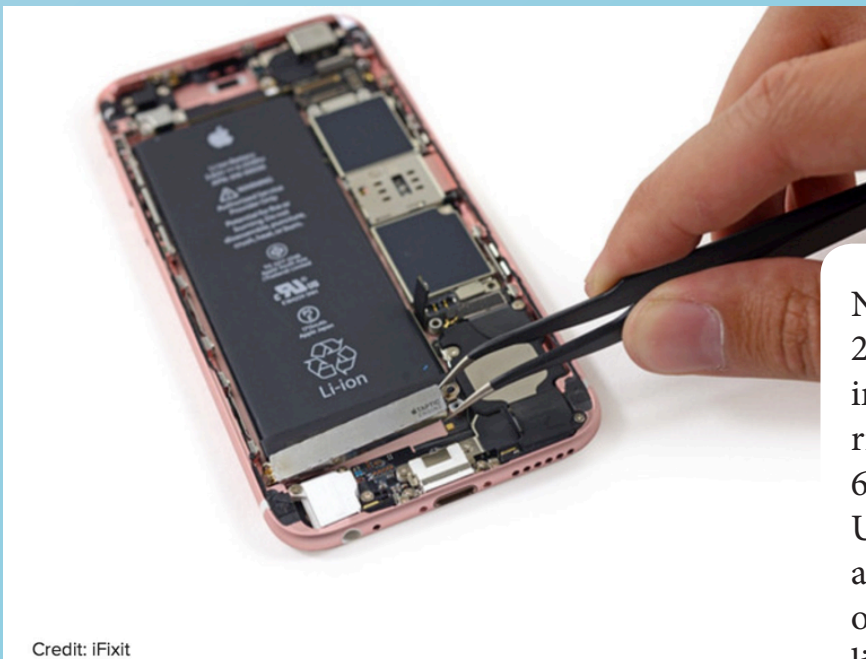
Photo by Facebook

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MEDELLIN, Colombia, 29th November, 2016 – Chapecoense football team dies in a plane crash that hit a Colombian hillside on their way to the finals of a regional tournament. The crash killed 71 passengers with only 6 survivors – Electrical failures and low fuel levels were deemed as potential stimulants of the crash. Getty Images.



Credit: iFixit

NEW YORK, USA, 6th December, 2016— Apple announces taking immediate action towards the ever-rising complaints on faulty iPhone 6s batteries. Consumers both in the US and internationally complained about their type 6s phones shutting off unexpectedly and short battery life – consumers can request a battery or phone replacement if their battery is deemed faulty. iFixit.