

TOURIST OR TERRORIST

As the increased threat of terrorism sweeps across North Africa and the Middle East, people are getting very afraid, in fact they are terrified. This fear is rife in the governments of the Islamic world with public outcry putting pressure on the respective nations to take action. And so, increased security measures have been rolled out in countries like Egypt in an attempt to quell the Islamist militant insurgency. Unfortunately, these fear fuelled measures have had limited success. Worse still, a case of mistaken identity by the Egyptian Security Forces led to fatality on September 13th as twelve innocent Mexican tourists lost their lives. The tourists, who were travelling with Egyptian tour guides across the Western Desert, were brutally gunned down by a “joint force from the police and armed forces”. The authorities believed the convoy to be transporting terrorists as the vehicles



Mexican Foreign minister (left) and President **Enrique Pena Nieto** (right)

had strayed into a restricted area where unauthorised travel is illegal. Ten other members of the group were seriously injured and were rushed to Dar Al-Fouad Hospital in West Cairo, along with the twelve fatalities. The attack prompted outcry from Mexican president Enrique Pena Nieto and the Mexican Foreign Relations Ministry who are demanding a thorough investigation into the tragedy and question how such an extreme case of mistaken identity could have occurred. Now, as the survivors make their way home to

Mexico and mourning relatives bring home their dead, there are questions to be answered. How did this happen? Who is at fault? Should the blame fall on the Egyptian guides who strayed from the official roads and endangered the lives of the touring party? Can the Islamic fundamentalists spreading terror and destruction across North Africa be held accountable? Or are the overzealous Egyptian Security Forces responsible for their inability to tell the difference between tourist and terrorist?

Harry Deacon

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Rugby World Cup



JAPAN'S WINS "MIRACLE" VICTORY AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA

Japan caused one of the greatest upsets in Rugby World Cup history on Saturday after their triumph over 1995 and 2007 champions South Africa. Japan, who had conceded an average of 48 points in previous Rugby World Cup matches, had 1/500 odds of emerging victorious in their match against South Africa, ranked third in the world. South Africa led 12-

10 at half time but every time they scored Japan kept fighting back. Japanese fullback Ayumu Goro-maru kicked 5 penalties, 2 conversions and scored a superb try, scoring a total of 24 points. Four minutes into injury time Japan's brave attacking tactics paid off as they chose a five-metre scrum instead of the penalty kick that would have ensured a draw. Pummelling the South African de-

fence, knowing one mistake would cost them the match the Japanese finally managed to create space for Hesketh to slide over the try line. Japan's defeat of the Springboks is surely one of the most notable victories in RWC history. South Africa's previous defeats have only come from New Zealand, England and Australia.

Jack Schmitz

England began their own World Cup with a shaky win over Fiji in Twickenham on Friday. Although the pressure of the occasion was clear on the faces of the players, they quickly forgot about it and put it aside when that whistle went. England began well and was awarded a penalty try and Fiji were down to 14 men, as Nikola Matawalu sin binned. Mike Brown went over in the corner to give England a 15-0 lead in 20 minutes. It wasn't Matawalu's night as he thought he'd got his team back into the game when he scored a try but the TMO clearly showed that



the scrum half had dropped the ball as he dived for the line. England survived. That didn't faze Fiji as they did score a try minutes later, Nemani Nadolo going over for the Pacific Islanders. England took control of the game in the last 15

NERVY ENGLAND DEFEAT DANGEROUS FIJI

minutes with Mike Brown and Billy Vunipola both scoring tries. England won 35-11 and got their campaign off to a winning start. Wales are next for England while Fiji face Australia.

Andrew Vincent

NEW ZEALAND PUT DOWN ARGENTINIAN THREAT

It was business as usual for the All Blacks as they defeated Argentina in front of a packed Wembley Stadium last night, opening their world cup campaign with a solid victory. The two teams would be considered as the best in Pool C, so the game was essentially viewed as the decider for who went through to the quarter finals as winner and who went through as runner up. Although they lost, Argentina had a lot to be happy about with their performance, sending out a message that they could go far in this competition. Los Pumas started the stronger of the two sides. Their momentum lead to a try through young second row Guido Petti. For the first hour it looked like another Japan style upset was on the cards, but it was



Guido Petti crashes over for Argentina's try

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not to be. New Zealand, who lost their captain, Richie McCaw, and their key midfield man Conrad

Smith to the sin-bin in the first-half, did improve latterly as their opponents tired but it took all the brilliance of Aaron Smith and the line-breaking skill of Sonny Bill Williams to restore order. The match was also a record attendance for a rugby world cup match, with 89,019 people in attendance.

Daniel James

IRELAND EASES BY SORRY CANADA

Joe Schmidt's men made no mistake in their opening World Cup match as they took apart the Canadians under the roof in Cardiff. It finished 50-7, a result that definitely flatters the Irish as they started both halves seemingly flat. The bonus point victory was wrapped up within 35 minutes as the Canadians simply had no answer to Ireland's perfected rolling maul and backline moves. After Canada's captain, Jamie Cudmore received a yellow card for infringing at the ruck, Ireland began to exploit Canada's weak defence. Tries from the impressive Iain Henderson, Sean O'Brien, Dave Kearney and Man of the Match Jonny Sexton insured Ireland went into the break with a comfortable 29-0 lead. It took time, however, for the Irish to get going in the second half but substitute Sean Cronin got the ball rolling again before Rob



Kearney and Jared Payne followed suit. There was a consolation try for Canada after Payne's poor kick was collected and ran home by Van der Merwe. Ireland will be quite pleased with their performance and the result but they will know their bigger tests lie a bit further down the line.

Ben Walker

NOVAK CONQUERS NEW YORK TO CLAIM 10TH GRAND SLAM TITLE

Ben Walker

Novak Djokovic came out on top against Roger Federer in four sets in The Big Apple, to win the 2015 US Open title. The men were made to wait for three hours longer than expected to take to the court after heavy rainfall tried its best to disrupt the world number 1 and 2. When the players eventually did get out on court, it was Djokovic that started the better by breaking serve early on. Despite this, Federer responded in typical fashion but it was the Serb that was able to build on an impressive early start and land the first set, 6-4. It was a completely different story in the second set however, as Federer started to return to the form that saw him defeat Djokovic last month in the Cincinnati Open. The 17-time Grand Slam Champion showed a lot more intensity and precision with the way he went about the second set and although he was playing the better tennis, Djokovic hung in for the best part of the set. Federer was able to make his dominance count however as he levelled the scores at a set a piece (7-5). Unfortunately though for Federer, his high unforced error count began to take its toll and even though his win-



ner and ace count stayed above the Serb's, Djokovic's consistence, was too great for Federer. It was Djokovic who took home the second winning 6-4, and leaving Federer with an uphill battle. Djokovic's fitness began to show in the fourth and final set as he continued to hit the ball as impressively as the previous sets. Federer was starting to make easy mistakes, which may have been down to the fact that he had been involved in a tougher semi-final then his counter-part, and never looked like upsetting Djokovic's rhythm. The Serb completed the set by winning it 6-4 and securing his 10th Grand Slam title and adding to his already successful year after victory at Wimbledon. The rivalry between the world's best continues to grow and will surely carry on into 2016. This win for Djokovic puts him level on head-to-heads with Federer with 21 wins each. Both men will be looking to overtake each other when the two men meet again further down the road.

IS THERE ANY END TO MONEY IN FOOTBALL

It seems that with every passing transfer market, the extremes clubs will go to in order to get hold of a player or in most cases keep hold of a player, seem to be never ending. The money in football has got to the stage where by a teenager with little reputation can be taken from his club and brought to any of the European's big name clubs at a fee that would be enough to buy a whole new training complex. The latest example of which is Man United's new signing from Monaco, Anthony Martial. If you were to have mentioned his name to a select number of United fans 24 hours before the signing, you would get some very confused looks. 36 million pounds rising to 50 million pounds was the fee paid for the young French man that has put the question of money in football under the spotlight. If this player goes on to have a good season and score goals then people will say the fee has been justified, However, 36 million

pounds will always remain a panic buy and an obscene amount of money to most. If transfer fees are getting out of hand then player's wages are certainly following along that path. We always hear grumpy critics talking about how passion has gone out of the game. Surely the fact that the players know they are going home to a cheque that has six figures on it must brighten their spirits and as a result take a bit of the drive out of these professionals. To an extent players are using their clubs as a way to get a bigger pay check. If they say they're unhappy and other clubs are interested well then either the money increases or the player tries his hand at getting a little more at a new club. To say that money is ruining football is impossible as matches are still producing as much drama as always, but to say the motivation of being a great football player has altered, can definitely be a statement worth arguing.

Ben Walker



GB AND IRELAND TEAM REGAIN WALKER CUP

Jack Hume did his part in the Contest

**The GB and Ireland
team started well in
the Saturday
foursomes ”**

The Great Britain and Ireland Walker Cup team successfully regained the Walker Cup against the United States of America at Royal Latham and St. Anne's in England over the weekend. The team included 5 Irish players, Paul Dunne, Gavin Moynihan, Jack Hume, Gary Hurley and Cormac Sharvin. The hosts needed a total of 13 ½ points while their opponents needed 13 points. The GB&Ire team started well in the Saturday foursomes, with Ashley Chester and Jimmy Mullen bringing home the first points when they beat Maverick McNealy and Hunter Steward 3and2. Unfortunately the second pairing of Paul Dunne and Gary Hurley couldn't live up to the standard of the first pair as they lost to Beau Hossler and Denny McCarthy 3and1. From then on it was all GB&Ire, Cormac Sharvin and Jack McDonald comfortably beat the American pair Jordan Niebrugge and Robby Shelton 5and4. The final pair continued Sharvin and McDonald's good play as they out-played the yet

another American pair, this time it was Lee McCoy and Mike McCoy who couldn't defeat Gavin Moynihan and Jack Hume. It was just the start the GB&Ire team had been looking for, they lead 3-1 after the Saturday foursomes. Ashley Chester led out the GB&Ire team for the singles on Saturday afternoon. The English man came up a tough challenge in Bryson deChambeau. Chester played well against deChambeau and came out of the game with it all square. Greystones' finest, Paul Dunne was next out but he found it tricky to play consistently, he ended up losing to Hunter Steward by 2 shots. Grant Forrest fared the same way as Dunne as he went down to Scott Harvey. The Americans were gaining momentum. But GB&Ire responded well with Jimmy Mullen, who was played exceptionally well all weekend, and Ewen Ferguson both winning their matches. Gary Hurley was able to halve his match with Robby Shelton but Jack Hume was unable to get an-

thing from his as he lost to Beau Hossler. The GB&Ire team finished well though with Gavin Moynihan defeating Jordan Niebrugge in the final game. Going into Sunday, GB&Ire were leading 7 points to 5 points. GB&Ire came out on Sunday all guns blazing. They decided to stick with the same pairs as the day before, and it paid off. They won the first 3 games and took a massive step towards regaining the cup. Only Gavin Moynihan and Jack Hume lost their game to Bryson deChambeau and Robby Shelton. GB&Ire getting ever closer... GB&Ire took control of the day by smashing the Americans by winning 5 of the singles, 3 halved and only losing 2. This was a fitting goodbye to Paul Dunne Gary Hurley and Gavin Moynihan who all turned pro after the tournament.

Andrew Vincent

MOLDOVAN PROTESTORS COMPARE GOVERNMENT TO “MAFIA”

Thousands of protesters have set up camp in the Great National Assembly Square in the Moldovan capital, Chisinau, because of corruption in the government. This was after the biggest protest in Moldova since they split from the Soviet Union in the early 90's. Organisers report that over 100,000 people from the country with a population of 3.5 million people turned up, whereas police reports claim that less than 40,000 attended the demonstration. One of the main demands from the protesters is to investigate the disappearance of almost 29 billion Moldovan Leu (\$1.5 billion) that was revealed this year. The money, which came from three Moldovan banks called Savings Bank, the Social Bank and Unibank, was estimated to amount to 10% of the GDP of Europe's poorest country. This has resulted in extreme inflation in a country where families often get by on \$300 a month. The people of Moldova are also calling for new elections. Some activists have refused to leave their tents until the government has dissolved. A representative of the organisation Dignity & Truth stated; “We will create a political alternative of uncorrupt professionals to give people a choice at the next election” and accused President Nicolae Timofti of not being the “true president of Moldova”. In Moldova, the president is not



Protestors at the **Central Square**

100,000 people from the country turned up ”

elected by public vote, but by the decision of the parliament, leading people to think that the government may be corrupt. According to Russia Today, the Moldovan government accepted the list of demands from the protesters, but refused to speak directly to the crowd. The situation in Moldova has been compared to the crisis in Ukraine by Russian and Ukrainian media outlets. Moldova signed an

agreement, connecting it closer to the EU, a route Ukraine went down before the riots in early 2014. Moldova hoped that this would connect the country to the EU as well as Russia so Moldovans could get a chance at migration and working in both areas. However, as a result of corruption and the money fraud, the EU has refused to give money to Moldova until it receives help from the International Monetary Fund. Most recently, Moldova's national television station was

Elvi Wilson



Shows the destruction caused by **Wildfires**

On Monday the 14th of September a tragic wildfire in California killed 1 person and destroyed over 400 homes. The Valley Fire in Lake County erupted in the early hours of Saturday afternoon and very rapidly burned through bushes and trees. Following several years of drought it made it easier for a fire to start in this area. The fires spread through several northern Californian towns, they spread quickly, growing from 50 acres to 400 acres on Saturday to 50,000 acres on Sunday. Thousands of evacuees were forced to flee their homes as the fire was becoming bigger and more dangerous by the minute. Over 1,000 fire fighters tried to fight the blaze, which kept growing. Four fire fighters were

tragically killed on Saturday. As this fire had destroyed at least 91 homes the devastation has engulfed many lives. Residents were scattered from Middletown to Mountain Ranch and they had to do their best to dodge telephone poles and fallen trees as they travelled through the thick, black smoke. In Middletown home after home was burned to the foundation. Many evacuees described the incident and devastating and depressing. New evacuation orders

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CALIFORNIAN WILDFIRE KILLS ONE AND INJURES HUNDREDS MORE

were issued on late Saturday regarding the largest wildfire in the state. Fire fighters successfully cleared bushes and put out the most intense fires, they also set prescribed burns to keep the fire from restarting, this meant that the fire was under control. The efforts of these fire fighters helped protect the precious trees. protect the precious trees.

Nancy Wiseman

TEARS WASHED ASHORE

On Wednesday the 2nd of September the world was shaken as photos emerged on social media of the body of a 3 year old Syrian infant washed up on a Turkish beach. The baby identified as Aylan Kurdi is suspected to have fled the violence of his homeland along with his family on a vessel which later sunk off the Turkish coast while attempting to reach the Greek island of Kos. Only four people were rescued from the vessel. Among the four survivors is Aylan's mother who remains in a state of overwhelming grief. The boy's lifeless body was collected by a local policeman shortly after being discovered. This recent tragedy is only one of 2,500 lives lost



The Body of Syrian Infant **Aylan Kurdi**

this year by migrants in an attempt to escape war torn Syria. The image, which has prompted much controversy, represents the need for action to be taken by the EU to help migrants in similar situations and has now become a symbol of the refugee crisis having been retweeted countless times on various social media applications by the

general population and celebrities alike. So what is the next step for Europe? How can we help solve this daunting problem? Amongst all these unanswered questions there is only one thing we can be sure of: Aylan Kurdi is not the first Syrian migrant to lose his life in a pursuit of a better future and sadly he will not be the last.

MH370: THE MYSTERY CONTINUES

Emily Gordon

Malaysian authorities have confirmed that the aeroplane part found in July on the island of Reunion in the Indian Ocean is actually from missing Malaysia Airlines flight MH370.

A year has elapsed since the disappearance of a Malaysian Airline with 239 passengers aboard. Investigators are still at a loss as to what happened. What is incredible is that prior to July not a single shard of debris, not even a single seat cover or piece of luggage has been found, in spite of what has been described as 'one the biggest searches in history'. Recently, a two-metre piece of wreckage, which appears to be part of the wing of an aircraft, was found on a beach on Reunion. This has been identified as a flaperon – a movea-

ble part on the wing's trailing edge which can be lowered or raised to manage the lift and roll (bank) of the aircraft. This discovery can have many implications for the search. Investigators may be able to isolate the exact location of the plane's wreckage. Theories are abound as to what may have caused the plane to go missing. This discovery has lent credence to some of these theories. "If you look at Reunion on a map, it is only a pinpoint in the ocean. For the piece of the plane to arrive on this island is remarkable," Dr Trouadec, an oceanographer on

the Reunion Islands says. Furthermore, the probability of finding wreckage "increases if the island's coastline is bigger. I'm thinking for example of Madagascar, which is a long thin island from north to south". However, in spite of this astounding find, it seems unlikely that investigators will be able to make much headway. They may not be able to determine much about the stricken plane's whereabouts without the black box (the flight recorder which logs information about controls and sensors). Yet, it's the best shot they've got so far.

Bhavya Shukla



Peter Robinson former First Minister of NI seen here resigned to protest against possible IRA activity

TENSIONS RISE IN NORTHERN IRELAND OVER POTENTIAL IRA ACTIVITY

IRA were involved with the death of the father of nine, thinking that it could be a revenge killing after the murder of former commander of the provisional IRA Jock Davison. Since the murder, there have been sixteen arrests, including Sinn Fein Northern Chairman Bobby Storey, who was suspected of being involved with IRA activity recently. He was released after a day with no charges. Given Sinn Fein's past associations with the IRA, this has caused serious controversy and the Northern Ireland government has come under severe pressure. Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams has insisted that the IRA no longer exists, despite multiple bombings and attempted murders last year. Peter Robinson threatened to leave the government with the rest of the party if the government did not adjourn. He followed through on this on the 10 September. At present, the future is looking uncertain. The Secretary for State Theresa Villiers has warned the House of Commons in England that the Northern Ireland Assembly could potentially collapse. This could lead to direct rule from London.

Elvi Wilson

On the 10 September, Northern Ireland's First Minister and DUP leader Peter Robinson resigned in a political move to protest against suspected IRA activity. The rest of the DUP ministers joined him except Arlene Foster, who took over as Acting First Minister. This is following the murder of a former IRA member and a financial stalemate in Northern Ireland which threatens the future of the region and is causing friction between parties in Stormont Castle. The current difficulties began in March 2015 when Sinn Fein refused to sign the Stormont House Agreement. This agreement was intended to bind communities together regarding identity issues, welfare reform and improve the financial status of Northern Ireland. Sinn Fein refused to sign it to show their anti-austerity policy. The British government's budget to Northern Ireland had been cut severely and this agreement brought in even more cuts. Sinn

Fein objected to these measures. The government brought it before the house again, but it failed a second time. Soon after, the problem of finance arose. Warnings that the Northern Irish government could run out of money spread.

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This put Arlene Foster under pressure to get a budget out, but the DUP refused to support the budget without the Stormont House Agreement. On 12 August this year, former IRA member Kevin McGuigan was murdered in Short Strand, Belfast. The PSNI chief George Hamilton claimed that the

NEW RESTAURANT SET TO OPEN IN BLACKROCK

Work has begun on the construction of a new restaurant in Blackrock village. The new restaurant is part of the “Counter” chain of restaurants which make gourmet burgers and are also quite well known for their chicken wings and chips. It will be located on Temple Road, on the sight of the former pub “South 1”. The Counter Chain operates in the USA, Ireland, Malaysia, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates. There are already two restaurants in Dublin, located on Suffolk Street and in Dundrum town centre. The Counter immediately gained popularity in Dublin due to the quality of their burgers and the



The Counter offers a build your own burger service

fact that you can create your own burger (their slogan is “Custom built burgers”).

Daniel James

IMPRESSIONS OF DUBLIN, A PIECE BY BHAVYA SHUKLA

Moving to a new city can be very tiring but at the same time very exciting. Reading about a new place is very different from seeing it through your own eyes, as every person’s perspective differs. Due to this the place may not live up to the person’s expectations or may hold surprises when he/she arrives. Dublin is a very tranquil and serene city. It is verdant, immaculate and not at all polluted. I believe this is due to the people’s healthy attitude towards cleanliness. Most of the buildings have not been demolished and rebuilt so the architecture is similar to that of a century ago or even older. This is inspiring and truly fascinating. With frequent rain and the rarity of sunshine and clear skies, the weather here is unpredictable. It changes drastically and suddenly with barely perceptible signs of change. I have heard people say in Ireland, one can experience five different types of weather in a day! Moreover, civic amenities are excellent, for example, the public transport.

On the roads, there are separate tracks for cyclists and meticulously constructed pavements for pedestrians. This possibly prevents casualties as a result of road accidents and reduces pollution as people may take the bus wherever possible. Water and electricity are necessities that can be availed without hindrances of any sort. Even though I have just arrived in Dublin a few weeks ago, I have very much come to like this city. This is in part because of the charming and helpful nature of the Irish people. They are welcoming and have shown much warmth and kindness. I have found them to be extremely outgoing and friendly towards everyone. I come from a city in Gujarat called Ahmedabad, which is in Western India. Ahmedabad is Gujarat’s major city and is a startling metropolis with a long history, many remarkable buildings, excellent museums, fine restaurants and fabulous night markets. Yet the old-world charm is all but swallowed up by 21st-

century traffic, crowding, pollution and the usual extreme proximity of wealth and poverty. Many travelers stop off briefly en route to [Rajasthan](#) or [Mumbai](#), sneaking in a visit to Sabarmati Ashram (Mahatma Gandhi’s former headquarters). Although the weather there is highly regular, temperatures can go as high as 49 degrees Celsius. This is alarming and not to mention excruciatingly uncomfortable. Imagine one’s exasperation over getting drenched in sweat right after taking a shower! One needs a little stamina to get to know Ahmedabad better, as it’s quite spread out and moving around can be a bit of a task. The old city lies on the east side of the Sabarmati River and used to be surrounded by a 10km-long wall, of which little now remains except 15 formidable gates. The new city on the west side of the river, nearly all built in the last 50 years, has wider streets, several major universities, and many middle-class neighbourhoods.

A HISTORY AND OVERVIEW OF CUBA

Cuba was originally inhabited by various American tribes until it was discovered in 1492 by Christopher Columbus. Cuba then became a colony of Spain until 1898 when the Spanish-American War occurred. The Republic of Cuba is one of the last socialist countries remaining in the world. There had always been great tension between the USA and Cuba since Cuba helped Russia hide their weapons and planned an attack on America during The Cold War. Since then America cut off all trade with Cuba ; no direct flights to or from Cuba to the United States, if an American wanted to visit Cuba they would have to get a flight from Canada or a European country. No American brand food such as Cadburys chocolate, Coca Cola etc. are not allowed in Cuba so Cuba relies heavily on their agriculture for food. Even though Cuba has exports worth over \$2.4 billion (the major exports include; sugar, tobacco, medical products



and coffee) it is quite a poor country, the average wage for a lawyer/doctor in Cuba is 466 pesos per month which is the equivalent of \$19 dollars. As tourism is growing in Cuba, taxi drivers can earn more than lawyers. Farmers and all other jobs earn little to no money. When you walk the streets of Cuba it can easily be seen how little money most people have. It is very rare to see houses in Cuba as they are only for the wealthy, many Cubans share rooms in small apart-

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ments and there can be up to ten families living in an apartment. There are very few cars in Cuba so those who have cars are expected to give others a lift if they entering or leaving the city to get supplies. People tend to walk into the city of Havana if they live in the country to gather enough supplies to last the month. Many people find it too hard to go into the main cities of Cuba to get supplies so they grow their own food and use what they have on their land to survive. Cuba relies heavily on tourism for income to the economy. The Cuban people who live in the city rely on tourists to make their money as they try selling many different things to tourists; mainly cigars. Cuba gets an average of 2.8 million tourists a year. Families send their young children onto the streets to try get money from tourists as the tourists feel sorrier for young children rather than adults. The money tourists give locals would be the Convertible Cuban Peso which is worth more than the Cuban peso so locals that receive money from tourists sell the Convertible Pesos on the black market as they get more money in return.



Amy Larkin

