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Aquarius January 21st - February 19th
Notice any difference in the last few days? Things that had been bugging you or any strand which has not exactly been going to plan, have hopefully started to gain traction and there might be more to come. Also, you could start to feel better about the hard work you have put in since the start of the year. Things can shape up.

Pisces February 20th - March 20th
Have you been paying too much attention to the downside of one possibility or moreover, too much attention to the absence of support that has been so conspicuous of late? Either way, resolve to take everything into your own control and stay in the present. Once you do, a spectacular change could soon occur.

Aries March 21st - April 20th
The big news today is that Mercury starts to spin direct. All sorts of future plans can take a mighty step forward, and friendships and social activities could be clarified. However, chances are you are set to continue to focus more on quality, rather than quantity when it comes to the favourite people in your world.

Taurus April 21st - May 21st
Try to mix flair and creativity into your approach to your professional role today. Although you may have attempted to do this recently, your message might not have got across quite as well as you would have liked. Fortunately, now this can be less of an issue. News that has been delayed connected to a job may also emerge.

Gemini May 22nd - June 21st
Your ruling planet Mercury goes direct today, and this can be something you’ll warmly welcome. In its link to Saturn, this is going to help you to forge constructive agreements which have proved rather elusive over the last three weeks. However, you do need to be realistic and tune in carefully to what others feel too.

Cancer June 22nd - July 23rd
If you’ve been waiting for news on some kind of payout, insurance claim or legacy, you may have just heard about this or will so in the next few days. You can also now feel more confident about grappling with the nitty-gritty of your long-term financial situation. No detail will evade your focus.

Leo July 24th - August 23rd
There’s a wonderful chance today to revitalise a relationship that might be more important to you than you’ve been prepared to admit to yourself. Has an element of pride crept in here? If so, try to put this to one side and enter into a spirit of co-operation. Even if something is ending, doing so gracefully is the way to go.

Virgo August 24th - September 23rd
You’re governed by the planet Mercury. This gives you your outstanding analytical abilities along with your Earth rulership, which help aid your natural grasp of detail and the desire to achieve tangible results. All are resumed.

Libra September 24th - October 23rd
A mutual attraction may have been somewhat off and on of late, but now you can gain a clearer picture of how things stand. This might have just been down to competing demands which have affected you both. But if you can, try to get more organised and create the quality time together that you both richly deserve.

Scorpio October 24th - November 22nd
The Moon in your sign can give you an added sense of emotional reassurance and in its link with Pluto, an ability to second guess other people’s responses or motives. However, by tomorrow’s Quarter Moon, you could find yourself needing to balance your needs with those of others, and they might not make it so easy.

Sagittarius November 23rd - December 21st
A person can give you a hint today, one which may have some true merit if taken notice of. Then again, you might find yourself recalling some recent conversations and being able to work out what someone was trying to intimate to you. In general, a brighter vibe shapes up, but do stay attuned to the subtlety.

Capricorn December 22nd - January 20th
You can be quite visionary. This doesn’t mean that you are going to come up with a financial plan to improve living standards for all, but you may well make a valuable observation and knelt in well with others in a way which can prove to be very helpful. Recent financial gremlins also have more chance of melting away.

Traffic laws great
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A road user in Bahrain for the past 30 years, I am loving the effect that the new traffic laws are having on our drivers. I would like to thank the Interior Minister and the Traffic Directorate for their efforts in their new campaign.

The blue flashing lights on stationary police cars certainly seem to be a great deterrent here, which I think is marvellous. The speed cameras and CCTV flashes on the traffic poles are making citizens think twice before jumping a red light which can only be a good thing.

The fine system seems concise, fair and workable – even offering discounts if paid early and it’s on line! So no complaints from me and many other responsible drivers in Bahrain.

This approach to traffic offenders has long been overdue and I applaud any official who tries to make this country safer.

Bahrain has a bad reputation when it comes to driving-related accidents and even deaths. But I hope that with the consistent round the clock vigilance of traffic policemen, and a new approach to offence follow-up, we become a more tolerant, respectful and civilised nation of drivers.

Come on, nothing is impossible!

Opportunity lost?
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A new international news channel based in Alkhobar had its broadcast suspended less than 24 hours after its launch for “administrative and technical purposes,” according to authorities.

But sources said the Al Arab Channel “failed to abide by the GCC customs and conventions.” The suspension comes after the pan-Arab news channel hosted senior Al Wefaq member Khalil Al Marzooq, who spoke about the decision by the Interior Ministry to revoke citizenship of 72 people,” reported the GON on Thursday, February 3.

Who is Marzooq or anyone from Al Wefaq to comment about a decision that has been taken for a group of people from different sects with links to terrorist groups?

Once again it has been proved that media is not interested in the truth, but is more focussed on promoting dramatic propaganda to keep the masses misinformed.

If they resume service, hopefully it will be a strong voice to better serve the Arab world.

Considering all the news at the time wouldn’t an interview with an official from the Interior Ministry, about the two policemen injured by a bomb the day before, or the historical Government Action Plan that was about to be presented in parliament, be newsworthy?

Since 2011, international media have reported biased news against Bahrain and to many countries doing the same is disrespectful to the people who are trying to move forward.

Press TV, the British Broadcasting Corporation, the CNN or Al Jazeera to name a few regularly interview people who blatantly lie about the situation in Bahrain.

It would have been a breath of fresh air if this media channel had not followed the same strategy as foreign media and had actually taken a stand to air the real situation in Bahrain.

The Western world is trying to destroy terrorism and yet they refuse to expose the deadly nature of Hizbollah. Iran and Hassan Nasrallah have wrongly threatened and criticised Bahrain’s internal affairs, whereby the Foreign Ministry has had to issue statements – why didn’t none of the media address this?

In December, a terrorist bomb killed a policeman and within 12 hours another bomb killed a civilian in a nearby village. An Asian worker was also injured.

Al Ashtar group claimed responsibility for the first blast as well as 38 other attacks on...