



Najith Meewanage, chief operating officer of Commercial Bank of Ceylon PLC, and Chevan Gooneratne, general manager of Royal Park Residence Hotel, exchange the signed documents of a deal at the head office of the bank in Dhaka. Debit or credit cardholders of the bank will enjoy special discount at the hotel.

Uber board to discuss CEO absence, policy changes

REUTERS, San Francisco

Uber Technologies Inc's board will discuss Chief Executive Travis Kalanick temporarily stepping away from the embattled ride-hailing firm and consider sweeping changes to the company's management practices at a meeting on Sunday, according to a person familiar with the situation.

The source said it is not clear that the board will make any decision to change Kalanick's role. The board is expected to adopt a number of internal policy and management changes recommended by outside attorneys hired to investigate sexual harassment and the firm's broader culture. The outside lawyers made no recommendation about Kalanick.

The meeting, which Uber has not publicized, could be a pivotal moment for the world's most valuable venture-backed private company, which has upended the tightly regulated taxi industry in many countries but has run into legal trouble with a rough-and-tumble approach to local regulations and the way it handles employees and drivers.

At the Sunday meeting, according to two

people familiar with the matter, the seven voting members of Uber's board, including Kalanick, are expected to vote on recommendations made by the law firm of former U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder, which conducted a review of the company's policies and culture.

The review was launched in February after former Uber engineer Susan Fowler published a blog post detailing what she described as sexual harassment and the lack of a suitable response by senior managers. Fowler now works for digital payments company Stripe.

Uber's board will likely tell employees and the public of its decisions by Tuesday, one of the sources said.

An Uber spokesman had no comment. Neither Kalanick nor Holder's law firm, Covington & Burling, immediately responded to requests for comment late Saturday.

Kalanick has developed a reputation as an abrasive leader, and his approach has rubbed off on his company. The 40-year-old executive was captured on video in February berating an Uber driver.

India's retail inflation seen cooling to new record low in May

REUTERS

Inflation in India is expected to have cooled to a new record low in May, a Reuters poll found, which could add pressure on the Reserve Bank of India to cut interest rates later in the year.

The consumer price index likely rose 2.60 percent in May from a year earlier, dipping from 2.99 percent in April, due to a fall in the cost of pulses, cereals and perishable goods, according to the poll of 25 economists.

That would be the lowest level since the series began in 2012 and remain below the RBI's medium-term target of 4.0 percent for the seventh successive month.

Forecasts ranged from 2.26 percent to 3.49 percent. The data will be released on June 12 at 1200 GMT.

"Consumer inflation touched an all-time low for the first time in the new series in May as food prices dipped into a negative territory on a yearly basis," said Tushar Arora, senior economist at HDFC Bank.

"In addition, petrol and diesel prices were also reduced last month."

Food and beverage price inflation, which accounts for nearly 50 percent of the consumer price index basket, eased to 0.61 percent in April, significantly lower than the previous year's high of 8.35

percent in July.

The India Meteorological Department has forecast an above-average monsoon rainfall this year, crucial in an economy where two-thirds of the population depend on farming for their livelihood.

A good June-September monsoon, which delivers about 70 percent of India's annual rainfall, will help drive higher food and grain production, keeping food inflation in check.

India's central bank on Wednesday kept its benchmark interest rate unchanged while softening its hawkish stance following a drop in consumer inflation, as predicted in a Reuters poll.

The central bank lowered its headline inflation forecasts to a range of 2.0-3.5 percent for the first half of fiscal year 2017/18 and 3.5-4.5 percent in the second half, down from 4.5 percent and 5 percent, respectively.

The RBI is waiting to see if inflation will remain low, especially after the implementation of a goods and services tax from July 1. It tweaked its language in the latest statement to say risks were evenly balanced.

"The RBI will be on wait and watch mode, but probably cut rates by end of this calendar year if (the) current scenario persists," said Karan Mehrishi, lead economist at SMERA Ratings Limited.

European mobile operators brace for end of roaming charges

AFP, Paris

Long an important source of revenue for telecom companies, roaming charges will be lifted in Europe starting June 15, raising pressure on operators in a tight market.

Roaming charges within and outside Europe account for an average of around five percent of sales for telephone operators in Europe, estimates Sylvain Chevallier of BearingPoint.

But the impact of the new measure will differ for corporate and individual clients, he adds.

On the Spanish market, subject to wide seasonal variations in business due to a reliance on tourism, Telefonica estimates the end of roaming charges in the EU will lead to a 1.2 percent drop in its sales this year.

But the change can hardly come as a shock for telecom operators, according to Victor Marcais of Roland Berger, who noted the plans have been in the works for several years and are "largely anticipated". "If the operators are not ready, it will be more their fault than anything else," said Dexter Thillien, analyst with BMI Research. "It has been very gradual."

Still, telephone operators are taking different approaches as they gear up for the change.

In Italy, for example, Wind-Tre says it implemented the European requirements two months early, while its rival TIM said it would adhere to the new rules the day they come into effect.

In France, Free expanded the reach of its roam-

ing-charge-free zone in March, whereas Orange and Bouygues did away with the fees in May. A fourth company, SFR, is expected to follow suit on June 15.

It will be hard to tell exactly how much the move affects telecom operators since they no longer detail the revenues in their filings.

The European Commission estimates the end of roaming fees will cost European telecom operators 1.2 billion euros (\$1.3 billion). The market generates 4.7 billion euros a year, according to European telecoms regulator BEREC.

But the share of revenues from roaming charges already significantly declined in recent years as charges for calls and text messages dropped 90 percent since 2007 and data charges declined 96 percent since 2012 under EU regulations.

Data traffic, meanwhile, has grown 100-fold, according to the EU.

But the telecoms business varies greatly from country to country, with Europe's southern countries relying heavily on tourism compared to their northern counterparts.

"Southern countries like Portugal or Greece have a lot of temporary clients and fewer with longer-term plans, so revenues from roaming fees also helped finance the costs of reinforcing networks to help deal with seasonal peaks," said Isabelle Jegouzo, who represents the European Commission in France.

The wholesale market -- business among operators -- was one of the main stumbling blocs

in discussions as some operators were pushing for high prices while others sought to lower them.

"Unsurprisingly, the countries in the south wanted the highest prices whereas those in the north wanted the opposite. In the end, we got a typical European agreement, win-win, with no one completely winning but each one getting a bit," said Dexter Thillien at BMI Research.

The price per gigabyte was established at 7.70 euros, which is set to decline until 2022. Operators are allowed to apply surcharges -- in accordance with local regulators -- if losses linked to roaming surpass three percent of annual net profit.

"As consumers grow accustomed to using data throughout Europe they will undoubtedly be inclined to do so outside Europe, which will compensate for some of the losses," said BearingPoint's Chevallier. The European Commission is making the same bet, said Jegouzo.

It aims to stimulate the digital economy in Europe in terms of numbers of users and services in the hope that consumption rises faster than the pace of dropping prices.

"This is where operators will see gains," said Jegouzo. "There are positive aspects that are being underestimated, particularly how the public sees the operators," said Roland Berger's Victor Marcais.

"It's a chance to improve their image but also to benefit from the rise in consumption."

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Chinese Apple staff suspected of selling private data

AFP, Beijing

Chinese authorities say they have uncovered a massive underground operation run by Apple employees selling computer and phone users' personal data.

Twenty-two people have been detained on suspicion of infringing individuals' privacy and illegally obtaining their digital personal information, according to a statement Wednesday from local police in southern Zhejiang province.

Of the 22 suspects, 20 were Apple employees who allegedly used the company's internal computer system to gather users' names, phone numbers, Apple IDs, and other data, which they sold as part of a scam worth more than 50 million yuan (\$7.36 million).

The statement did not specify whether the data belonged to Chinese or foreign Apple customers.

Following months of investigation, the statement said, police across more than four provinces -- Guangdong, Jiangsu, Zhejiang, and Fujian -- apprehended the suspects over the weekend, seizing their "criminal tools" and dismantling their online network.

Gas giant Qatar Petroleum says unaffected by Gulf crisis

AFP, Doha

Energy giant Qatar Petroleum said in a statement on Saturday that it was "business as usual" despite a spiralling diplomatic crisis involving Doha and its Gulf neighbours. In an attempt to reassure customers, the state-run company said it had "mobilised all available resources" to mitigate any actions that could disrupt supplies.

"Qatar Petroleum, and its subsidiar-

ies, wishes to affirm that it is conducting business as usual throughout all its upstream, midstream and downstream businesses and operations, and in all activities across all of QP's world-class facilities," the statement read.

Qatar is the world's largest exporter of Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG), and produces up to 77 million tonnes of gas each year. In April, Qatar announced it was boosting output in the world's largest gas field, the North

Field, off the Gulf state's northern coast, which it shares with Iran.

Gas has helped transform the tiny emirate into one of the richest countries in the world, fuelling its rise into a major regional player and helping fund huge infrastructure projects such as the 2022 football World Cup, which will be hosted by Qatar.

Qatar Petroleum's statement comes during the biggest diplomatic crisis to hit the Gulf states in years.

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