

## Donald Trump Tears Holy City Apart

*By L.S and associate*

Donald Trump's official recognition of Jerusalem as the capital of Israel led to violent protests in the holy city against law enforcement agents. The establishment of the US embassy in Jerusalem also angered many Israelis.

Assessing the riots is important with at least 16 Palestinians demonstrators injured by rubber bullets and tear gas. Even though the rioters only replied by throwing stones at Israeli forces, the latter apparently answered with live fire.

Israeli troops also used water cannons in Bethlehem to clear the crowd.

Palestinians from Gaza and the West Bank began demonstrating after going on a general strike which shut down many main activities in the country.

Palestinian protesters' slogan "Jerusalem is the capital of the state of Palestine" was chanted loudly in the West Bank's streets. Meanwhile, a lot of them were setting fire to pictures of Donald Trump.

A warning tinged with worries from the Turkish Prime Minister, Binali Yildirim, was addressed to the US while violence rose in Jerusalem : " The US has pulled a pin on a bomb ready to blow in the region".

The Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas declared that Trump's speech was

the confirmation that the United States of America had withdrawn from the peace process.

Emmanuel Macron also sent a message to the White House to tell them to give up on their decision, a position which Pope Francis also defended saying that he was praying that "wisdom and prudence prevail".



# #MeToo movement and Silence-Breakers named Person of the Year.

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Time Magazine has named the Silence-breakers person of the year 2017. They are women who have spoken of their own experiences of sexual assault and harassment by sharing their stories on social networks with the hashtag #metoo.

This hashtag struggles against harassment and sexism and invites women to speak about it, which a lot of celebrities did, like Taylor Swift and Oprah Winfrey – who spoke about the #metoo movement during the Golden Globes ceremony -.

The movement was born after the Harvey Weinstein scandal when a lot of women testified against the sexual harassment they suffered from him. Tarana Burke is the creator of this movement which helped publish the testimonies of numerous women. She's a women's rights activist.

When we say #metoo, we think about Trump who has caused a scandal too.

Indeed, he has been accused of sexual assault by a dozen of women, whom he called "politically motivated liars". Trump's misogyny during his presidency allowed the movement to become even more powerful than before. The president was however named runner-up for the person of the year.



The movement has gained a universal reach and men have joined it too. Angela Merkel, person of the year in Time Magazine in 2015 said that this year's winner should be thanked for "having the courage to break the silence on sexual assault and for the worldwide discussion that they have launched". We thank them very much too.

## 3-2: Defeat for Net Neutrality

*By Thibaud B.*

It's done, American citizens will soon have new fees to pay in order to access whatever content they want on the Internet. Net neutrality is over. But what is it exactly?

Net neutrality was based on the rules which allowed equal access to the net to everyone in the world. It meant that it was

forbidden for a network operator to make any distinction in the process of sources, destinations and contents. Until today net neutrality was protected and determined by the FCC (Federal Communications Commission). Created in 1934 by the US Congress, it is an independent agency responsible for regulating all the communications and content of radio, television and the Internet. Its delegates are directly chosen by the president.



*(Federal Communications Commission assembly)*

In 2015 net neutrality defenders won a historical fight under Obama's mandate. But recently Donald Trump chose a new president to lead the operation, Ajit Pai, who is opposed to this former rule which was abolished on the 14th of December 2017. The result was predictable: 3-2. It looks like the end score of a football match which turned into a hell for the loser. However in fact it's sure, the USA and the rest of the world won't be on an equal footing anymore.

In France net neutrality is organized on a European scale and there are more laws

to preserve it. There is currently no danger to it. But for major French companies like Orange, the end of net neutrality is a mandatory step which has to happen. This is justified by the desire to be able to offer easier and quicker fibre and a better service to everyone because without net neutrality they could generate more value and money. Now, the question is when?

However the end of this rule means the end to one of the last places where equality for everyone was real. RIP net neutrality.

## **Walt Disney Company buys 21st Century Fox for \$52.4 Billion**

*By Nawel A. and Mélissa M.*



On December 14<sup>th</sup> 2017, in Los Angeles, the Walt Disney Company announced that they had made a deal to buy most of the assets of 21<sup>st</sup> Century Fox. For that, Disney paid \$52.4 billion. This acquisition, which is now making Disney a true competitor of Netflix, Apple and Google in terms of streaming, is likely to affect Hollywood and the Silicon Valley. In fact, the

company already announced an ambitious plan for 2019. They would like to introduce two streaming services where you can find movies, TV shows or even sports programs. Robert Iger, Disney's chief executive said in an interview "This will allow us to greatly accelerate our direct-to-consumer strategy, which is our highest priority".

At the same time, this agreement means that 20<sup>th</sup> Century Fox, one of the most famous movie studios, which is part of 21<sup>st</sup> Century Fox, will be downsized. The Fox Studio was founded in 1935 and produced movies with Marilyn Monroe, the first Star Wars and recently Avatar. But lately, the studio has been struggling to keep its place in Hollywood with the changing way younger audiences view films.

## Bitcoin, a new economic paradigm?

*By Alban L.*

Appearing in 2009 under mysterious circumstances, Bitcoin is a crypto currency, which is a digital asset designed to work as a medium of exchange that uses cryptography to secure its transactions to control the creation of additional units and to verify the transfer of assets. In the last few months, Bitcoin has gained popularity on the world economic scene, due to its important and rapid growth. Beginning at \$1,000 at the



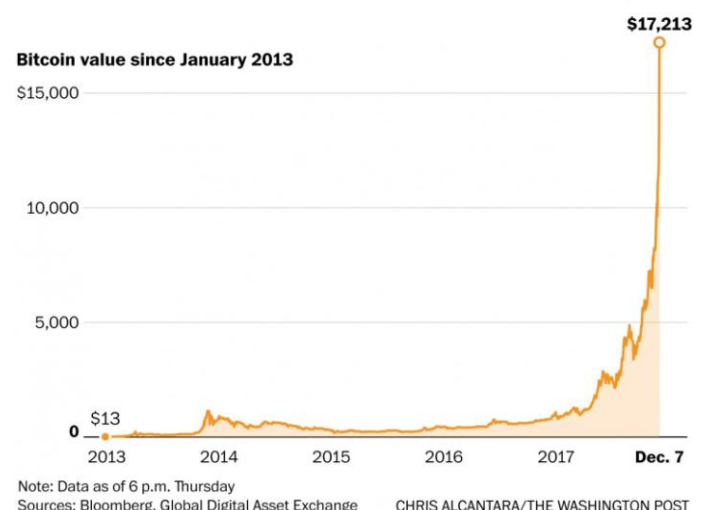
start of 2017, it has now reached more than \$13,000, but this growth shows one of the problems of cryptocurrencies: its unpredictable stock price.

Due to the fact it is a new form of currency, some find it hard to trust. A number of governments and companies have said that it's impossible for them to invest in it. This is not the only problem it poses: Bitcoin is known for being used in the dark net for the purchase of illegal goods, such as drugs or weapons.

However people who use it cannot use anything else, because banks or countries do not have any kind of influence on it. It is a peer to peer currency which can be used for everything and which isn't controlled. This crypto-currency is becoming highly popular at the moment and we can only wonder what the future holds for this new form of payment.

### Bitcoin rising

The value of Bitcoin has soared within the past year. The cryptocurrency is about to hit a milestone in the United States, with a bitcoin product set to trade on a U.S. commodities market for the first time Sunday.



## Engagement between Harry and Meghan , a push towards diversity.

*By Anaïs and Chloé F.*

-When Meghan weds Harry, Britain's relationship with race will change for ever.

We mustn't underestimate how symbolic a royal marriage is. Now, it's impossible to argue that being black is not being British.

Two decades ago, the baroness Kate Gavron made what was considered at the time as a shocking suggestion to Prince Charles: he should have married someone black. For her, it would have been a powerful symbol of the monarchy's commitment to racial integration and multiculturalism. The comments of Kate Gavron were not well received at the time.

People suspected this was just a clandestine attempt at "getting rid" of the monarchy, erasing their heritage through interracial marriages. For others, the Prince of Wales couldn't marry a "black girl" because, to them, it would have meant a return to a loveless and strategic marriage for Charles. For the commentators at the time marrying a black girl and someone you actually love were mutually exclusive.

The couple is to marry in spring 2018. The engagement of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle represent something really different from all that happened before because their marriage will bring into reality what the British establishment lacked the imagination to even think possible 17 years ago.

## London prisoners play chess to control their anger

*By Capucine V. and Oksana*

The game of chess is very popular in jails in London. Prisoners play chess to learn the consequences of their actions and it allows them to control their anger.

Carl Portman is the creator and volunteer director for the prisons of the British Federations of Chess. Mr Portman manufactures craft DIY sets. Mr Portman donates free sets and establishes clubs in



jails including Wandsworth, Wormwood Scrubs and Bronzefield women's prison in Surrey.

According to Portman, the game gives them a sense of freedom and he estimates 10 percent of the United Kingdom prison population inmates play the game.

On Thursday, an event was held announcing that the world championship would take place in London next year. Among the guests was the author of Chess Behind Bars as well as the world chess champion Magnus Carlsen who was guest of honour.

Mr. Portman was interviewed and said that he had received a lot of letters from inmates whom chess helped a lot. He also said that a man wanted to commit suicide after drinking and drugging himself, but that chess helped him out of his cell to make friends. Knowing that chess help prisoners, Mr. Portman felt better.

Mr. Portman said inmates spend their lives being told what to do. On a chessboard, they make their own decisions. Chess has changed the lives of many inmates and allows them to work on themselves. They also realize that lies and hypocrisy do not work for all.

## Prince George target of a Jihadi

*By Nnyfa and Jeanne A.*

A jihadi has threatened Prince George. He posted a picture of the four-year-old boy and said that « Even the royal family will not be left alone ». The Jihadi is 31-year-old Rashid Husnain. He said to his followers that he would execute a terrorist attack. Prosecutor Rebecca Mundy said Rashid was accused of setting up an account called « The Lone Mujahid » on an encrypted messaging service Telegram, to share information with fellow extremists.

