

Snapshot	Currency	Closing/ Ref Price	% Change
Equities			
BODCO	SCR	24	-
SACOS	SCR	100	-18.23
SCRF	ZAR	109	-
SHI	USD	1	-
SBL	SCR	63.00	-3.13
FX (Bank rate – notes)			
SCR/USD		13.80	0.40
SCR/EUR		16.36	0.47
SCR/GBP		18.40	0.18
Treasury Bills			
91-day	SCR	3.30	-1.50
182-day	SCR	4.79	0.84
Commodities			
Crude Oil (Brent)	USD/bbl	65.23	2.85
Gold	USD/t.oz	1277.92	1.79

SPTC staff to get end of year bonus

The government and the Seychelles Public Transport Corporation (SPTC) have agreed to pay 60% bonus to all staff of the corporation, based on their performance appraisal for 2017. The announcement follows a meeting on Friday chaired by the Minister responsible for Land Transport, Charles Bastienne, in the presence of the management and board of SPTC, the Seychelles Federation of Workers' Union and the drivers' representatives of SPTC, after drivers of the company voiced their concern regarding the decision not to pay them their annual bonus. *Seychelles NATION*

Air Seychelles names interim chief executive ahead of year of change

The Seychelles' national carrier, Air Seychelles, announced Tuesday the appointment of an interim chief executive to succeed the present one, whose resignation takes effect end of December. Remco Althuis, 48, a citizen of the Netherlands, succeeds Roy Kinnear who leaves Air Seychelles on December 31. Kinnear, an Irishman, joined the national airline of Seychelles, a group of 115 islands in the western Indian Ocean, in July 2015. The interim chief executive will be with Air Seychelles for six months after which the airline will announce a permanent CEO. The interim chief executive joins the

Seychelles' national carrier which will be facing transformation next year, according to an announcement made by the tourism minister in answering questions from members of the National Assembly on Tuesday. *Seychelles News Agency*

UN slaps new sanctions on North Korea

With China's backing, the UN Security Council on Friday slapped new sanctions on North Korea that will restrict oil supplies vital for Pyongyang's missile and nuclear programs. The council unanimously adopted a US-drafted resolution that also orders the repatriation of North Korean workers sent abroad to earn revenue for Kim Jong-Un's regime. It is the third raft of sanctions imposed on Pyongyang this year and comes as the United States and North Korea show no signs they are willing to open talks on ending the crisis on the Korean peninsula. "The United Nations Security Council just voted 15-0 in favor of additional Sanctions on North Korea. The World wants Peace, not Death!" Trump tweeted. *Agence France-Presse*

Russia to build nuclear power plant in Sudan

Russia has signed an agreement to build a nuclear power plant in Sudan, Russia's Rosatom nuclear agency announced on Friday, a month after a meeting between President Vladimir Putin and his Sudanese counterpart Omar al-Bashir. "The development of nuclear technology will allow Sudan to deal with its energy security problem. It is a strategic project which will determine the nature of relations between our two countries for a long time," Rosatom said. *Agence France-Presse*

Bitcoin slump sees trades suspended on certain exchanges

Bitcoin plunged on Friday, extending a fall that saw the crypto-currency lose almost a third of its value from a record of nearly \$20,000 (£15,000). The crypto-currency's price dipped below \$11,000 on Friday, according to the Coindesk exchange website, before recovering to above \$13,000. Amid the swings, three Bitcoin-related exchanges suspended certain trades. *BBC*