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Happy New Year

The management and the staff of The Daily Tribune extend their best wishes to His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, HRH Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, the people of Bahrain and our readers and advertisers a very happy and prosperous New Year

HM King, HRH CP, PM exchange New Year wishes with world leaders

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Leaders of Bahrain yesterday exchanged cables of congratulations with GCC and world leaders on the occasion of the New Year 2025.

His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, exchanged cables of congratulations with Their Majesties, Highnesses, and Excellencies, the Kings, Princes, and Presidents of Arab and Islamic countries, and other world leaders.

Foreign Minister Pays Tribute to Late Indian Prime Minister

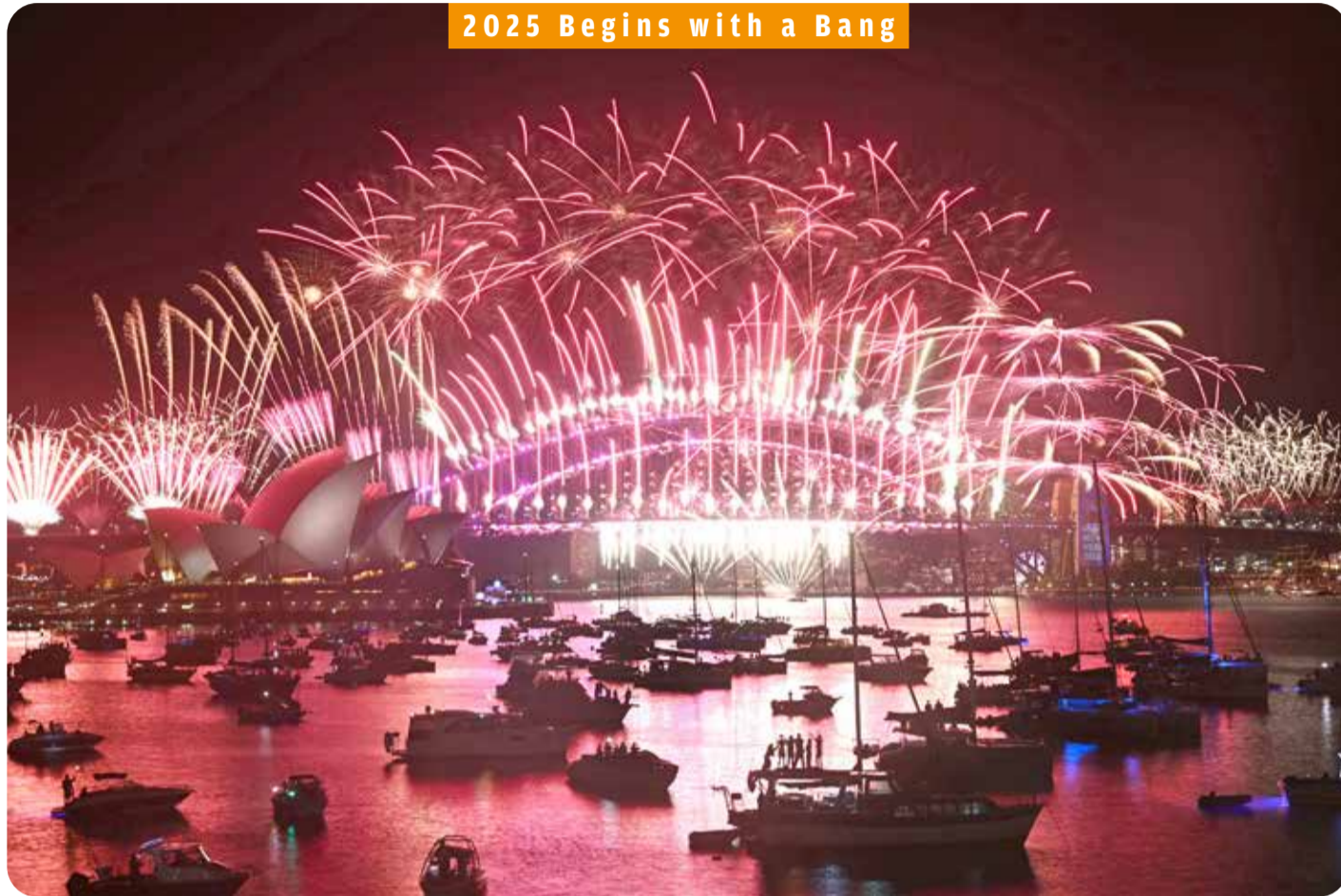
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Dr. Abdullatif bin Rashid Al Zayani, Minister of Foreign Affairs, visited the Embassy of India to offer condolences following the passing of Dr. Manmohan Singh, the former Prime Minister of India.

During the visit, he conveyed the Kingdom's sympathies to Vinod Kurian Jacob, the Indian Ambassador to Bahrain, extending heartfelt condolences to the government and people of India.

Dr. Al Zayani also reflected on the late Prime Minister's remarkable service to his country and his significant contributions to strengthening the ties between Bahrain and India at various levels

2025 Begins with a Bang



Fireworks light up the midnight sky over Sydney Harbour Bridge and the Sydney Opera House as Sydney ushered in 2025. Meanwhile, New Zealand, the first country to welcome the New Year, kicked off global celebrations with a dazzling fireworks display from the Sky Tower in Auckland. The festivities spread across major cities, including Wellington and Auckland, where vibrant celebrations marked the start of 2025.

Muharraq ring road opens



H Naser TDT | Manama

The Ministry of Works officially opened the new Muharraq Ring Road yesterday.

One of the Ministry's largest strategic infrastructure projects, the Muharraq Ring Road was completed in just seven months, surpassing expectations by eight months.

The 8.5-kilometer motorway, featuring four lanes in each direction, can now accommodate over 112,000 vehicles daily, greatly enhancing connectivity between Muharraq and the capital city.

The project, which involved over 1.5 million man-hours, was completed without any injuries. It also includes advanced drainage systems for sewage and treated water, along with a comprehensive stormwater management system.

Tobacco war ignites 2025

MPs okay steep rise in fines to BD100,000 from BD3,000

Mohammed Darwish TDT | Manama

Bahrain has stepped into 2025 with renewed determination, turning the page on the challenges of 2024 by declaring a bold new mission: an unrelenting fight against the growing menace of herbal and non-herbal tobacco substitutes.

Yesterday, Parliament has taken decisive action, approving a government-drafted plan to impose steep penalties on those dealing in these substances.

The new measures are part of a comprehensive strategy to combat the rising use of products like suwaika, Indian paan, and tambak—popular among younger demographics for their addictive properties.

The stakes have been significantly raised.

In 2024, offenders faced a fine of BD3,000. This year, violators will be met with fines as high as BD100,000 and a year in jail.

"This is about protecting our youth and ensuring public

Over 30 inspectors in the department conduct thorough inspections of commercial establishments, including those selling cigarettes, tobacco, and related products,

DR MOHAMMED ABDULMAJEED AL AWADHI



health," said Ghanim bin Fadhel Al Buainain, Minister of Parliamentary Affairs. "The previous penalties weren't enough of a deterrent. These amendments give us the flexibility to adapt as new substances emerge."

Explaining, the Ministry of Health said the problem has been escalating, with 118 violations recorded between January 2022 and June 2024.

The government's response goes beyond fines, granting authorities the power to temporarily shut down offending businesses and confiscate illegal materials.

The proposal, which received unanimous support in Parliament, will now head to the Shura Council for further deliberation.

Despite broad agreement on the need for tougher measures, MPs voiced concerns about ensuring fairness in enforcement.

MP Mohammed Al Rifai urged caution, highlighting the importance of distinguishing between

harmful substances and therapeutic products such as nicotine gum and patches. "These products help people quit smoking. We need to ensure they are not mistakenly targeted," he said.

MP Mohammed Al Marafi likened certain herbal products to narcotics, warning of their deceptive marketing tactics. "They are promoted as harmless but are dangerous and specifically targeted at young people. The punishment must reflect the severity of their impact," he said.

Others, like MP Mohammed Mousa, called for stronger action against vaping products, particularly their use in schools.

Dr Mohammed AbdulMajeed Al Awadhi, Director of the Public Health Directorate, underlined the importance of robust enforcement. "Our inspectors play a vital role in this effort. Currently, we have over 30 inspectors focused on public health issues, and we are committed to strengthening this team to ensure the law is effectively implemented," he said.

Jail time for driving on yellow lines



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Driving on the yellow line or road shoulders could cost you dearly.

If a proposal by Maryam Al Dhain receives parliament's approval, offenders could face up to six months in jail and/or a fine ranging from BD 50 to BD 500.

The Foreign Affairs, Defence, and National Security Committee is currently reviewing the proposal.

The proposal clarifies that these penalties would not override any stricter penalties outlined in existing laws.

Al Dhain explains that the proposal aligns with Article 1/20 of the Bahraini Constitution, which stipulates that no crime or punishment exists without a corresponding law.

She highlighted the significant number of traffic accidents caused by the illegal use of the emergency lane, which has resulted in injuries and fatalities.





The family of the late Dr. Mohammed Jaber Al Ansari expressed their heartfelt thanks to His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa for his care and unwavering support throughout Dr. Al Ansari's illness. Hala Mohammed Jaber Al Ansari conveyed that His Majesty's gesture of offering condolences demonstrated the highest level of respect and national honour for the late Dr. Al Ansari. She also expressed the family's deep appreciation for His Majesty's guidance in preserving Dr. Al Ansari's intellectual and scientific legacy, which has significantly enriched libraries, academic platforms, and research institutions worldwide. Furthermore, she extended gratitude to His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, for his leadership in advancing the Kingdom's progress



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The Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Isa bin Salman Education Charitable Trust, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Labour Fund (Tamkeen), and Chairman of the High Committee of the Rashid Equestrian and Horse Racing Club (REHC), His Highness Shaikh Isa bin Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, held talks yesterday with the President of the Electricity and Water Authority (EWA), Kamal bin Ahmed Mohammed, at Riffa Palace. HH Shaikh Isa bin Salman highlighted the efforts to align the REHC's development projects with energy efficiency and sustainable development initiatives, in support of the National Action Plan to achieve carbon neutrality. Cooperation between the REHC and the EWA was discussed, particularly regarding the use of renewable energy for the Club's development projects. Additionally, ways to adopt more innovative solutions to accelerate the Club's infrastructure projects and ensure the highest levels of quality during their implementation were also discussed.



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Technical glitch stalls pensions

MP calls for fix to SIO system

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Pension disbursements are facing unexpected delays due to a malfunctioning electronic system at the Social Insurance Organisation (SIO).

The technical issue has forced staff to revert to manual data entry, resulting in slower processing of funeral allowances and pension payments, according to MP Abdulla Al Rumaihi, who is calling for urgent reforms to address the situation.

In his explanatory memorandum, Al Rumaihi criticised the new system, stating that it has caused significant disruptions, unlike the previous system, which operated with-



Abdulla Al Rumaihi

out any issues. He questioned the decision to replace a reliable platform with one that has caused widespread problems, particularly highlighting the additional financial strain on families already coping with the loss of a loved one.

Al Rumaihi stressed the need

for immediate intervention, urging the SIO to implement a long-term solution to restore stability. "A lasting fix is crucial to avoid further failures, enhance administrative efficiency, and ensure the public's needs are met," he added.

The proposal also called for timely pension payments to safeguard contributors' rights and alleviate financial pressures on families during challenging times. It emphasized the SIO's responsibility to maintain consistent operations for the benefit of those relying on its services.

Concluding his statement, Al Rumaihi urged the authorities to stabilise the system without delay, stressing that its smooth functioning is vital to Bahrain's social welfare framework.

Repair homes of low-income families, MPs demand

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Create a national platform to identify and repair home of low-income citizens, demands a group of MPs.

They also suggest giving citizens temporary and suitable housing to the affected people during maintenance.

The proposal, spearheaded by MPs Basma Mubarak, Mamdouh Al Saleh, Dr Mahdi Al Showaikh, Abdulnabi Salman, and Hanan Farda, also argues that such a move will help Bahrain maintain its unique architectural character and rich Islamic heritage.

MPs say low-income families in the Kingdom face an uphill battle over their homes that are either dilapidated or at risk of becoming so.

They argue with timely, minor repairs, the government could significantly extend the lifespan of these buildings at a lower cost compared to the extensive and expensive repairs later.

The memorandum states that repairing these older properties will help maintain Bahrain's



unique architectural character and rich Islamic heritage.

The proposed national platform would involve collabora-

tion between several key ministries, including the Ministry of

Transform historic landmarks into tourist attractions

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A group of MPs has proposed transforming restored historic homes and landmarks across the Kingdom into cafes, restaurants, and other attractions.

The initiative, led by MPs Basma Mubarak, Jalal Kadhem, Ahmed Al Salloom, Dr. Hisham Al Ashiri, and Jalila Al Sayed, aims to enhance tourism and create year-round events.

The proposal stresses that all buildings would be fully restored by the government before being opened to investment.

The MPs highlighted the importance of preserving Bahrain's cultural identity through its historical architecture and expanding the concept of herit-



MP Basma Mubarak

age villages to all governorates.

The memorandum further suggests that these projects could generate substantial new revenue for the state, recognising tourism as a vital source of income. The MPs also believe the initiative would create numerous job opportunities for Bahraini citizens.

Housing and Urban Planning, the Ministry of Works, the Min-

istry of Municipalities, and the Ministry of Social Development.

Psychiatric evaluation ordered for man accused of stabbing co-worker to death

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The High Criminal Court has ordered a psychiatric evaluation for a 43-year-old man accused of fatally stabbing his best friend and coworker. The evaluation will assess the defendant's mental state at the time of the incident and determine his culpability. The next hearing is set for January 5th, pending the results of the psychiatric report.

The victim, aged 47, and the accused had been close for over a decade, working together in various Arab countries before moving to Bahrain several years ago. The victim had been living with the defendant's brother in a labourers' accommodation.

A previous altercation between the victim and the defendant's older brother over a car had escalated into a verbal dispute, during which the victim insulted the defendant's mother and sister. Although the defendant was not present during the initial confrontation, he was later informed of the insults by a fellow resident.

Upon learning of the insults, the defendant became enraged. After spending several hours away from the residence with his brother, the defendant returned and confronted the victim. He entered the victim's room with others, demanding to know who had insulted his family. The victim admitted to



Representative picture

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The defendant then retrieved a knife from the kitchen and returned to the room, where a renewed argument ensued. Despite attempts by other residents to intervene, the defendant fatally stabbed the victim in the chest.

Following the attack, the defendant fled the scene and wandered the streets before being apprehended by the police. A housemate of the victim, aged

23, testified in a previous hearing, describing his unsuccessful attempts to provide first aid. An autopsy revealed that the victim died from a stab wound that pierced his heart and lung, leaving a 2.5cm wound on his left chest.

The defendant confessed to the crime during his investigation but pleaded not guilty in court. He claimed to have been intoxicated at the time of the incident.

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Parliament okays tiered fines for hiring unlicensed workers

● Tiered penalty system introduced, with fines escalating after 10, 20, and 30 days of non-compliance.

● 14-day reconciliation period for employers to settle fines before court intervention.

Mohammed Darwish
TDT | Manama

In a move to ease the burden on small businesses and provide them with more time to comply with regulations, Parliament has approved a reduction in fines for employing expatriate workers without permits, cutting the penalty from BD 500 to BD 100.

The amendments, introduced through Decree-Law No. 12 of 2024, revise Article 40 of the Labour Market Regulation Law,



Jalal Kadhem, mp



MP Maryam Al Dhaen



Labour minister Yousef Khalaf



MP Ahmed Al Salloom

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implementing a tiered penalty system. A BD 100 fine will apply if violations are resolved within 10 days of a work permit's expiry, increasing to BD 200 after 20 days and BD 300 after 30 days. If unresolved after 14 days, the case will go to court, where the minimum fine applies.

MP Maryam Al Dhaen described the decree-law as well-received by the business

community. "Under the previous law, employers were fined BD 1,000 regardless of the situation. The new system acknowledges these differences and allows for reconciliation."

Labour Minister Yousef Khalaf emphasized that the goal is to create a fairer and more efficient labour market, not burden employers.

MP Ahmed Al Salloom wel-

comed the reforms, noting, "Small businesses are the backbone of our economy. Imposing a BD 1,000 fine on them can be overwhelming. This law introduces fairness missing in the previous system."

MP Jalal Kadhem called for further improvements, stating that harsher penalties do not necessarily deter violations. "The law should hold individual

workers accountable for taking jobs outside the establishments they are registered with, rather than penalizing employers, many of whom are Bahraini citizens."

Data from the Labour Market Regulatory Authority (LMRA) shows the scale of the issue, with unlicensed workers increasing from 1,500 in 2022 to over 3,400 in 2023. Employer violations

nearly doubled, reaching 2,100. By September 2024, another 2,700 cases were recorded, with fewer than one in five resolved.

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Kadhem also raised concerns about the economic impact of unregulated remittances, stating, "These transfers cost the economy billions annually and weaken our financial stability. Proper documentation and transparency are crucial."

The reforms also introduce a 14-day reconciliation period for unlicensed workers, allowing employers to settle fines of BD 500 before cases go to court. Al Dhaen praised the government for tackling a long-standing issue, saying, "While the reforms may not solve every challenge, they represent a step in the right direction for supporting SMEs and improving the labour market."

Lunch date turns into brutal assault: man gets five years

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A 42-year-old man has been sentenced to five years in prison for kidnapping a woman after inviting her to his apartment for lunch. The High Appeals Court upheld the original sentence issued by a lower court, where the man was also convicted of assault and robbery.

According to the victim's testimony, upon arriving at the man's apartment, he locked the door, confiscated her phones—throwing one of them from the balcony—and stole her purse, which contained a silver neck-



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lace, a silver lighter, and another phone. He then attacked her, striking her approximately 15 times on the head and body with a metal rod. In a desperate

attempt to save her life, the victim fled to the kitchen, grabbed a knife, and barricaded herself in the bathroom. However, the defendant broke down the door,

disarmed her, and continued the assault, kicking and hitting her with a glass water bottle. He then confined her to the apartment's balcony for about two

hours.

During this time, a hotel security guard, alerted by a tenant who had heard the woman's cries for help, approached the apartment. The guard found the defendant sweating, with his clothes soiled, and the victim visibly bruised and distressed. Despite the victim's attempts to signal for help, the defendant dismissed the guard's concerns and forced him to leave.

Police were eventually contacted. Upon their arrival, the defendant answered the door holding a Quran, dressed in medical attire, and carrying an iron cane. He claimed the victim

was his wife and that he was treating her with the Quran. Initially, he refused to allow police to speak with her, stating that she didn't speak to men. However, he eventually allowed her to come to the door, where visible bruises indicated the severity of the situation.

The following day, the security guard reported seeing the defendant spraying water throughout the apartment, further prompting police involvement. Although the victim initially hesitated to fully report the incident due to her lack of residency permits, she eventually provided a full account of the ordeal.

Festivities boost flower power, but still not in full bloom

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Back-to-back festivities have provided a much-needed boost for florists, but the market still isn't as vibrant as it was last year.

Shopkeepers report a 50% increase in demand since December 15, yet sales are still down by 40% compared to last year.

Hassan Abdullah AlMadhoob, a veteran florist with over a decade of experience, confirms these fluctuations in the flower market. He attributes the recent boost to Bahrain's national holidays, Christmas, and New Year celebrations.

AlMadhoob explains that market fluctuations are influenced by changing yearly circumstances. "Sometimes these holidays clash with other finan-



cial commitments or events that compete for people's spending," he said, adding that personal or social events can also affect gift budgets.

When asked about popular flowers, AlMadhoob noted that red and white roses remain customer favourites, symbolising Bahrain's national colours and



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He also observed a rise in demand for luxury flower arrangements, especially those designed for the holidays, as customers seek unique gifts. "People are

looking for innovative designs that complement national celebrations and add an aesthetic touch to their festivities," he added.

Online ordering and delivery have surged in popularity, a trend that began during the 2020 COVID-19 pandemic. "This offers convenience, allowing customers to select arrangements from home and have them delivered directly to their friends and family. It has expanded the customer base, offering greater access to diverse floral options and easier price comparisons."

Despite the rise of online shopping, AlMadhoob believes the personal experience of visiting a flower shop still holds its appeal. "Customers enjoy experiencing the fragrant aromas and vibrant colours in person before making their purchase."

Seef Properties CEO wins 'Professional of the Year 2024' at MECS+R Awards

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Seef Properties Chief Executive Officer, Ahmed Yusuf was named 'Professional of the Year' at the 2024 Middle East Council of Shopping Centres and Retailers (MECS+R) Awards ceremony held in Mandarin Oriental Al Faisaliah hotel, Riyadh.

The awards celebrate innovation, strategic excellence, and the transformative power of retail across sectors.

Founded in 1994, the Middle East Council of Shopping Centres & Retailers (MECS+R) is the leading body represent-



Seef Properties Chief Executive Officer, Ahmed Yusuf

ing the shopping center and retail industry in the Middle East

and North Africa. The council supports its members through networking events, educational programs, and regional conferences. Mr. Yusuf's achievement recognizes his guidance of Seef Properties through a period of significant growth and transformation, most notably with the development of Al Liwan, a mixed-use destination blending residential, retail, and entertainment elements. Under his leadership, Seef Properties also embraced a strategic focus on sustainability while diversifying its offerings to enhance Bahrain's appeal as a hub for quality lifestyle experiences. Mr.

Yusuf was recently recognized by Forbes Middle East as one of Most Impactful Real Estate Leaders 2024.

Reflecting on the win, Seef Properties CEO, Ahmed Yusuf said: "This achievement is a result of our entire team's dedication and hard work. We work together to ensure elevating Seef Properties' portfolio and providing unmatched experiences to the community across our venues. It's a recognition that not only reinforces the company's adherence to its strategic vision, but also solidifies its commitment to being a driving force in Bahrain's real estate, hospitality,

and entertainment landscape."

Since 2015, Mr. Yusuf has been serving as CEO of Seef Properties, one of Bahrain Bourse's largest publicly listed companies and a key player in the commercial, entertainment, and tourism sectors. He had an essential role in launching a number of Seef Properties' major initiatives, including Al Liwan, while also shaping the vision for the company's portfolio in entertainment and hospitality through Seef Entertainment and Fraser Suites. Additionally, he has been a driving force behind the company's digital transformation initiatives.

GFH buys AED 500 Million Dubai-based Logistics Fund

Nael Mustafa
TDT | Dubai

GFH Partners Ltd., the DIFC-based global asset management subsidiary of GFH Financial Group has announced a strategic investment in Manrre REIT a premier Dubai-based fund specializing in institutional-grade logistics and industrial assets across the UAE and the GCC region.

Founded in 2018 by Palmon Group FZCO, a leading local logistics developer and owner, Manrre's portfolio is valued at approximately AED 500 million. This includes 26 high-quality, diversified industrial and logistics properties primarily in the UAE, establishing Manrre as a leading player in the region's logistics and industrial real estate landscape.

This investment marks a pivotal milestone for Manrre and its future growth. Following the recent approval from the

Dubai Financial Services Authority ("DFSA"), GFH Partners has assumed the role of Fund Manager.

This transaction marks a significant milestone with the Fund converted into a Shari'ah-compliant investment vehicle and aspiring for growth by broadening its investor base and accelerating new acquisitions and projects across the UAE and Saudi Arabia, regions experiencing strong demand in the logistics and industrial sectors.

Commenting, Mr. Nael Mustafa, CEO of GFH Partners, said, "Our investment in Manrre is an extension of GFH Partners' strategy, centered on collaboration with leading specialist

asset managers operating in attractive segments of the global real estate market. Already a major investor in logistics and industrial assets in the US, UK, and GCC region, we are well-positioned to leverage our deep experience to help accelerate Manrre's growth and further build upon its unique market position. With a new structure and strengthened foundations, we look forward to capturing opportunities from strong macroeconomic drivers contributing to the growth of the logistics and industrial sectors across key markets in the GCC."

Kunal Lahori, Director of Manrre REIT Logistics Fund, also commented on the collaboration: "This investment

marks a pivotal moment for Manrre. We have consistently aimed to redefine the logistics and industrial real estate market in the UAE and beyond. With GFH Partners on board, we are well-positioned to expand our specialist asset class and further elevate Manrre's market presence."

Manrre, registered with Nasdaq Dubai's share depository, has a proven record of delivering long-term, stable dividend income and capital appreciation for its shareholders. With this strengthened partnership, the Fund is set to continue its upward trajectory, reinforcing its position as a pioneering force in logistics and industrial real estate across the GCC.

Bahrainouna launches second season

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Bahrain's creative talent takes centre stage with the launch of the second season of the 'Bahraini Camera' initiative, showcasing short documentaries that highlight influential figures and offer a platform for young filmmakers.

Part of The National Plan to Promote the Spirit of Belonging to the Nation and Reinforce the Values of Citizenship (Bahrainouna), the initiative is in collaboration with the Ministry of Information. Dr. Ramzan bin Abdullah Al Nuaimi, Minister of Information, attended the event, reaffirming the Ministry's full support for the project.

The initiative aims to spotlight exceptional Bahrainis and offer budding filmmakers an opportunity to showcase their work. A selection committee will recognize the most impressive films for further

Dr Ramzan Al Nuaimi, Minister of Information
accolades.

This season emphasizes short documentaries, focusing on the lives and contributions of Bahrainis whose work has made a lasting impact. Major General Mohammed Dainah, General Supervisor of Bahrainouna, described the initiative as a tribute to Bahrain's artistic heritage, in line with the royal vision that inspired the National Plan.

Bahrain to welcome global leaders at Women's Economic forum

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The Bahrain Businesswomen's Society will host the Global Women Economic Forum and Exhibition from January 12-15, 2025.

Under the patronage of Her Royal Highness Princess Sabeeka bint Ibrahim Al Khalifa, Consort of His Majesty the King and President of the Supreme Council for Women (SCW), the

event will take place at the Four Seasons Hotel Bahrain Bay.

The forum will feature extensive participation from Gulf, Arab, and international entities, with around 50 speakers from across the globe, including prominent figures, current and former ministers, and senior officials from international and United Nations institutions.

Remittance shows minor dip amid strong economic indicators

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Remittances from foreign workers has marginally dropped during the first nine months of 2024, when compared to the year-ago period, official data says.

The total amount sent home reached BD 726.9 million (approximately US\$1.9 billion), a slight 1.1% decrease from the BD 735 m recorded in the corre-

sponding period of 2023.

Despite this, the figures are considered stable, particularly given that the number of foreign workers in the Kingdom exceeded 631,000 by the end of June.

This stability is noteworthy considering Bahrain's open policy on financial remittances. The government does not impose restrictions or taxes on these transfers, having repeatedly re-

jected proposals to introduce such measures. This policy, coupled with improved macroeconomic conditions, contributes to maintaining a significant portion of foreign currency reserves within the country.

The Kingdom's balance of payments has shown consistent improvement over recent years, driven by higher oil prices and increased value of exports such

as aluminum, a key non-oil commodity. This positive trend supports Bahrain's policy of pegging its dinar to the US dollar.

Current account surplus

The current account surplus fell to BD 609.4 m in the first nine months of 2024, a decrease of



BD 159.4 m (approximately 20.7%) from BD 768.8 m in 2023. Oil exports totaled BD 3.39 bn compared to BD 3.43 bn in 2023,

while non-oil exports remained relatively stable at BD 3.46 bn.

Oil imports decreased by 5.8% to BD 1.93 bn, while non-oil imports increased by 1.1% to BD 3,915.0 m. Net services recorded

a significant increase, rising by 12.1% to BD 1,251.6 m.

The slight decrease in remittances, coupled with the overall positive economic indicators, suggests a relatively healthy financial position for Bahrain. The government's continued commitment to its open remittance policy is expected to play a key role in maintaining this stability.

World greets **2025** after sweltering year of Olympics, turmoil, and Trump

A year of Olympic glory, global elections, and lingering crises makes way for 2025

● **Sydney dazzles as “New Year’s capital” with nine tonnes of fireworks**

● **2024 was likely the hottest year on record**

AFP | Sydney

The world ushered in 2025 yesterday, with huge crowds waving goodbye to the old year that brought Olympic glory, a dramatic Donald Trump return and turmoil in the Middle East and Ukraine.

It is all but certain that 2024 will go down as the hottest year on record, with climate-fuelled disasters wreaking havoc from the plains of Europe to the Kathmandu Valley.



Balinese traditional dancers perform during the dance of releasing the sun 2024, welcoming the sun 2025 a New Year's Eve celebration in Indonesia's Bali



A woman rides her bicycle past New Year 2025 numerals displayed in Hanoi

Sydney -- the self-proclaimed “New Year’s capital of the world” -- sprayed nine tonnes of fireworks from its famed Opera House and Harbour Bridge at midnight local time (1300 GMT).

“Just to see all the beautiful colours and enjoy being in this situation with so many people in wonderful Australia,” said 71-year-old retired nurse Ruth Rowse ahead of the display.

As champagne corks popped and New Year’s Eve parties kicked into gear along picturesque Sydney Harbour, many revellers were relieved to see the past 12 months in the rearview mirror.

“It would be nice for the world if it all sort of fixed itself, sorted itself out,” insurance worker Stuart Edwards, 32, told AFP before the fireworks.

Taylor Swift brought the cur-

tain down on her Eras tour this year, pygmy hippo Moo Deng went viral and teenage football prodigy Lamine Yamal helped Spain conquer the Euros.

The Paris Olympics united the world for a brief few weeks in July and August.

Athletes swam in the Seine, raced in the shadows of the Eiffel Tower and rode horses across the manicured lawns outside the Palace of Versailles.

Election upheaval

It was a global year of elections, with countless millions going to the polls across more than 60 countries.

Vladimir Putin prevailed in a Russian ballot widely dismissed as a sham, while a student uprising in Bangladesh toppled the reigning prime minister.

However, no vote was as closely watched as the November 5 contest that will soon see Trump back in the White House.

From Mexico to the Middle East, his looming return as commander-in-chief is already making waves.

The president-elect has threatened to pile economic pain on China and boasted of his ability to halt the Ukraine war within “24 hours”.

Hope and trepidation

Turmoil rippled across the Middle East as Bashar al-Assad fled Syria, Israel marched into southern Lebanon, and doctored electronics exploded in a wave of Israeli assassinations targeting Hezbollah.

Civilians grew weary of the grinding war in Gaza, where dwindling stocks of food, shelter and medicine made a humanitarian crisis even bleaker.

“I lost many loved ones, including my father and close friends, starting from the beginning of the year,” Wafaa Hajjaj told AFP from Deir el-Balah, where masses of displaced residents now cram into crowded tents.

“May security and safety return, and may the war finally come to an end.”

There was hope and trepidation as the new year approached in Syria, which is still reeling after Islamist rebels toppled longtime ruler Assad.



Taylor Swift concluded her Eras tour, pygmy hippo Moo Deng went viral, and football prodigy Lamine Yamal helped Spain win the Euros in 2024

“We were hesitant to go out this year because of the security situation, but we decided to overcome our fears,” lawyer Maram Ayoub, 34, told AFP from the capital Damascus.

Russia’s invasion of Ukraine inches towards its three-year anniversary in February.

Outgunned on its eastern flank, Ukraine must now contend with a Trump administration seemingly intent on winding back crucial military aid.

On the streets of Kyiv, teacher Kateryna Chemeryz wanted “peace to finally be obtained for Ukraine”.

Comebacks, football, festivals

With AI advances on the horizon and rampant inflation

tipped to slow, there is plenty to look forward to in 2025.

Britpop bad boys Oasis will make a long-awaited reunion, while K-pop megastars BTS return to the stage after military service in South Korea.

Football aficionados will be treated to a revamped 32-team Club World Cup hosted by the United States.

And about 400 million pilgrims are expected at the spectacular Kumbh Mela festival on India’s sacred riverbanks -- billed as the largest gathering of humanity on the planet.

The UK weather service has already forecast sweltering global temperatures for 2025, suggest-

ing it is likely to rank among the hottest years recorded.

Meanwhile, in wintry northern Japan, heavy snowfall meant some passengers at Hokkaido’s main airport may see in 2025 in the departure lounge.

“It was great to see snow, but I didn’t think I would be trapped here,” one man told local broadcaster HTB as flights were scrapped.

“I might have to stay at the airport tonight.”

With electric vehicle sales growing and renewable energy on the rise, there is a shred of hope that glacial progress on climate change may finally gain momentum in 2025.



Participants wearing 1900 style costumes, run into the sea as they take part in the traditional last swim of the year, off the beach at Cabourg, northern France



Revellers attend a 2025 New Year party, during celebrations on its eve in Taipei

A year of war and wounds

Humanity Battled and Battered



Jan

- 1** Egypt, Ethiopia, Iran, Saudi Arabia, and the UAE become BRICS members
- 7** Bangladesh's Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina wins her fourth term in office
- 18** NASA's trail-blazing Ingenuity helicopter, the first aircraft to fly on another world, dies after three years on Mars and 72 flights (only expected to make five flights)
- 19** Japan becomes the fifth country to achieve a soft landing on the Moon, with its SLIM mission.
- 26** The UN's International Court of Justice rules that Israel must take all measures to prevent genocidal acts in Gaza.

April

- 13** Iran launches retaliatory strikes against Israel after an Israeli airstrike on the Iranian consulate in Damascus earlier in the month.
- 19** Israel conducts airstrikes against Iran, in response to Iran's missile and drone attack on Israel earlier on April 13
- 30** The G7 countries agree to phase out unabated coal power by 2030-2035.



July

- 4** United Kingdom general election: Sir Keir Starmer leads the Labour Party to a landslide victory, returning the party to government for the first time in 14 years.
- 30** At least 334 people are killed, over 200 injured and 281 missing following landslides in Wayanad district, Kerala, India
- 31** Ismail Haniyeh, the political leader of Hamas, is assassinated at his residence in Tehran.



Oct

- 1** Iran attacks Israel with ballistic missiles as a response to Israel's offensive against Hezbollah in Lebanon.
- 13** SpaceX achieves the first successful return and capture of a Super Heavy booster from Starship, the biggest and most powerful rocket ever to fly
- 16** Yahya Sinwar, leader of Hamas, is killed in a gunfight with Israeli forces in Rafah.
- 29** Spain experiences its worst flooding in half a century, with over 200 killed and many more missing, as a year's worth of rain falls in eight hours.

Feb

- 29** Israel-Hamas war: Soldiers of the Israel Defense Forces open fire on a crowd of civilians in Gaza City, killing more than a hundred people, as the Palestinian casualties of the war exceed 30,000.



May

- 10** The United Nations General Assembly passes a resolution to grant the State of Palestine the right to be seated among member states in alphabetical order. This will go into effect at the next session of the UN General Assembly on 10 September 2024.
- 19** Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi and Iranian Foreign Minister Hossein Amir-Abdollahian are killed in a helicopter crash near the Azerbaijan-Iran border.
- 20** The chief prosecutor of the International Criminal Court seeks arrest warrants for Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Hamas leader in Gaza Yahya Sinwar over alleged war crimes.

Aug

- 5** Prime Minister of Bangladesh Sheikh Hasina announces her resignation and flees to India following nationwide protests.
- 8** Nobel laureate Muhammad Yunus takes oath as Chief Adviser of an interim government formed after Sheikh Hasina's resignation in Bangladesh
- 11** President Volodymyr Zelenskyy announces that the Ukrainian military is conducting a cross-border offensive inside Russia's western Kursk Oblast. Russia says that 76,000 people have been evacuated from the region.



Nov

- 5** 2024 United States presidential election: Donald Trump, with his running mate JD Vance, is elected for a second non-consecutive term, the first candidate to be so since Grover Cleveland in 1892.[229]
- 21** The International Criminal Court (ICC) issues arrest warrants against Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, former Israeli Defense Minister Yoav Gallant, and Hamas military leader Mohammed Deif on accusations of war crimes committed during the Israel-Hamas War.

March

- 7** As the final Nordic country to join the alliance, Sweden officially joins NATO, becoming its 32nd member after Finland a year earlier.



June

- 1** The 2024 Indian general election, which began on April 19, concludes. In the Lok Sabha, the BJP party loses its outright majority, but its electoral alliance, the National Democratic Alliance, retains its majority.
- 24** WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange leaves the United Kingdom after being freed from prison in a plea deal with the United States. He returns to his native Australia two days later.

Sept

- 12** The first commercial spacewalk is conducted by entrepreneur Jared Isaacman as part of the Polaris Dawn mission, which also includes the highest altitude orbit by a human crew since the Apollo program.
- 23** The deadliest day of the Hezbollah-Israel conflict since 2006 occurs, with 569 people killed and 1,835 wounded by Israeli airstrikes in Lebanon.
- 30** The UK becomes the first G7 country to phase out coal power for electric generation, after 142 years of using the energy source.



Dec

- 3** South Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol declares martial law
- ?** Assad fled Syria after a lightning offensive spearheaded by the Islamist Hayat Tahrir al-Sham (HTS) group
- 12** Time Magazine names Donald Trump person of the year for second time
- 30** Azerbaijan says Russia shot at plane before crash



2025



From Trump to COP30

Preview of news events in 2025

JANUARY

- **Donald Trump** is to be inaugurated as the 47th President of the U.S., four years after he left the White House.
- Non-Europeans visiting UK need an ETA (electronic travel authorisation), which costs £10. ETA expands to Europeans in April.
- China marks the Year of the Snake. People born under this sign are said to be intuitive, calm and intelligent.



FEBRUARY

- Voters in **Germany** go to the polls seven months earlier than planned, amid a political crisis triggered by the collapse of the ruling coalition.
- Ecuador holds presidential and legislative elections.
- The Super Bowl LIX will be held in New Orleans. Rapper Kendrick Lamar will headline the half-time show.



MARCH

- The **F1 season** starts in Australia, the last before a new engine era and major rules revamp in 2026.
- A partial solar eclipse is visible from parts of North America, Greenland, Europe, north-west Africa and north-west Russia.
- The **97th Academy Awards** take place in Los Angeles.



APRIL

- **Venice** is to double the number of days it charges tourists an entrance fee of 5 for a total of 54 days.
- India's financial capital is set to open its **new Navi Mumbai International Airport**, which could handle 90m passengers per year.
- The World Expo 2025 is held in Osaka, Japan.



MAY

- Europe's biggest airline **Ryanair** goes fully digital and phases out paper boarding passes and check-in desks.
- The 80th anniversary of VE Day marks the end of **World War II** in Europe following the defeat of Nazi Germany. Basel in Switzerland hosts the 69th Eurovision Song Contest.



JUNE

- France and Saudi Arabia host an international conference in New York aimed at establishing a **Palestinian state**.
- The music, technology and film festival South by Southwest "**SXSW**" held each year in Austin, Texas is going to London in a new European edition.
- The **FIFA Club World Cup**, the first under an expanded format with 32 teams, begins in the U.S.



JULY

- **The UEFA Women's Euro 2025** football tournament kicks off in Switzerland.
- Russia plans to begin "extensive introduction" of the **digital ruble**, a government-issued cryptocoin.
- The 112th edition of the **Tour de France** starts in Lille.



AUGUST

- The 80th anniversaries of the nuclear bombings of **Hiroshima and Nagasaki** are commemorated in Japan.
- **Bolivia** holds a general election.
- **The 2025 Women's Rugby World Cup** starts in England.



SEPTEMBER

- Italian rocker **Damiano David**, the iconic frontman of 2021 Eurovision winning band Måneskin, embarks on his first-ever solo world tour, starting in Warsaw.
- Parliamentary elections are scheduled to take place in **Norway**.
- Tokyo hosts the **World Athletics Championships**.



OCTOBER

- **Canada's** federal election must be held no later than Oct 20.
- Microsoft ends support for **Windows 10** which launched in July 2015.
- **Palisades** in Michigan is the first of several decommissioned nuclear power stations in the U.S. due to come back online in a move signifying the growing popularity of this energy source.



NOVEMBER

- Brazil hosts the **COP30 climate conference** in the Amazon city of Belém, bringing delegates closer to nature.
- Chile holds general elections.
- **South Africa**, the first African country to hold the G20 presidency, hosts the group's summit in Johannesburg.



DECEMBER

- **The African Cup of Nations** (AFCON) football finals begin in Morocco after a six-month delay to avoid a clash with re-vamped Club World Cup.
- **Jane Austen** enthusiasts around the world mark the 250th anniversary of the author's birth.
- James Cameron takes audiences on another journey to the world of Pandora with his upcoming sequel, **Avatar: Fire and Ash**.





Turning Points

That Redefined the Middle East and Echoed Worldwide in 2024

Politics and Diplomacy

Evolving Relations with Israel

In 2024, Israel achieved significant military victories over regional adversaries, including Hamas in Gaza and Hezbollah in Lebanon. These developments have led to a more wider Israeli presence in the Middle East.



Iran-Saudi Rapprochement

The year witnessed a decline in Iran's influence in the region, primarily due to its entanglement in proxy wars. This shift has opened avenues for Saudi Arabia to seek international solutions to regional conflicts, such as the Palestinian issue.



Qatar's Diplomatic Engagements

Qatar continued its role as a mediator in regional disputes, exemplified by its reopening of the embassy in Damascus following the overthrow of President Bashar al-Assad. This move signifies Qatar's commitment to engaging with new political realities in the Middle East.



Economy and Business

GCC Economic Diversification Efforts:

The Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) countries made significant strides in economic diversification. The UAE's non-oil sector now accounts for 74% of its GDP, reflecting the effectiveness of policies aimed at reducing dependence on oil revenues.



OPEC+ Policies:

Throughout 2024, OPEC+ continued to influence global energy markets through its oil production decisions, balancing market stability with member countries' economic interests.



Middle East's Tech Boom

The region saw substantial investments in technology, particularly in AI and fintech, contributing to economic growth and diversification. Events like the Economy Middle East Summit 2024 highlighted the region's commitment to embracing digital transformation.



Conflicts and Resolutions

Updates on the Yemen Conflict:

Israel intensified its offensive against the Houthi rebels in Yemen, aiming to eliminate threats posed by various groups. These actions, according to Israel, are part of broader efforts to reshape the region's security landscape.



Palestinian-Israeli Tensions:

The ongoing conflict resulted in significant casualties, with Israeli military actions in Gaza leading to over 45,000 Palestinian deaths. These events have underscored the urgent need for international solutions toward Palestinian statehood.



Syria's Reintegration into the Arab League:

Following the overthrow of President Bashar al-Assad, Syria began a complex process of reintegration into regional diplomacy, with new leadership seeking to establish inclusive governance and stability.



Social and Cultural Highlights

Expo City Dubai's Growth: Expo City Dubai continued to host global events, reinforcing the UAE's position as a hub for international business and cultural exchange.

World Cup Aftermath: The successful hosting of the FIFA World Cup in Qatar had lasting impacts on regional sports and tourism, boosting infrastructure development and international recognition.

Saudi Arabia's Entertainment Boom: Initiatives like Riyadh Season attracted major global stars, reflecting the kingdom's efforts to diversify its economy and promote cultural openness.

Science and Technology

Space Achievements: Oman hosted the Middle East Space Conference in January 2024, signaling the region's growing interest in space exploration and technology.

Green Energy Projects: The Middle East invested in renewable energy projects, including solar and hydrogen initiatives, aligning with global sustainability goals and economic diversification strategies.

Smart Cities: Projects like NEOM in Saudi Arabia progressed, aiming to redefine urban living through advanced technologies and sustainable practices.

Humanitarian and Social Issues

Refugee Crises: Ongoing conflicts in Syria and other parts of the region continued to cause displacement, with international organizations striving to address the humanitarian needs of refugees.

Women's Empowerment: GCC nations achieved milestones in gender equality, with increased female participation in various sectors contributing to social and economic development.

Labour Reforms: Countries like Qatar implemented changes to foreign worker policies, aiming to improve labor conditions and align with international standards.

Most striking images of 2024



The image, which features an oversized table-setting of a naked figure lying decadently on a platter, surrounded by drag queens and a seductive singer sitting in a fruit bowl, was mistaken for a satire of The Last Supper by some Christian and conservative critics, who condemned the piece as distastefully sacrilegious. Apologising for the confusion, the Paris 2024 organising committee clarified that the tableau was not intended to recall Leonardo da Vinci's masterpiece at all, but to summon instead the Greek God Dionysus, recalling the contours of a later painting by Jan van Bijlert, The Feast of the Gods, 1635.

Olympics



Sudanese refugees wait their turn for assistance in a crowded queue at a Transit Centre in Renk, South Sudan in February.

Transit Centre, Renk



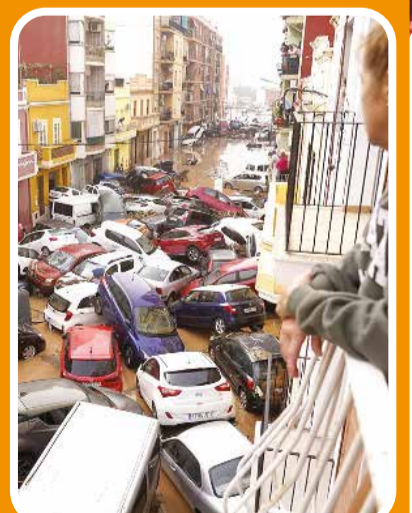
Defiant, fist-pumping Donald Trump, clambering to his feet with his face bespeckled with blood after a would-be assassin pierced his right ear with a bullet at a campaign rally in July

Donald Trump



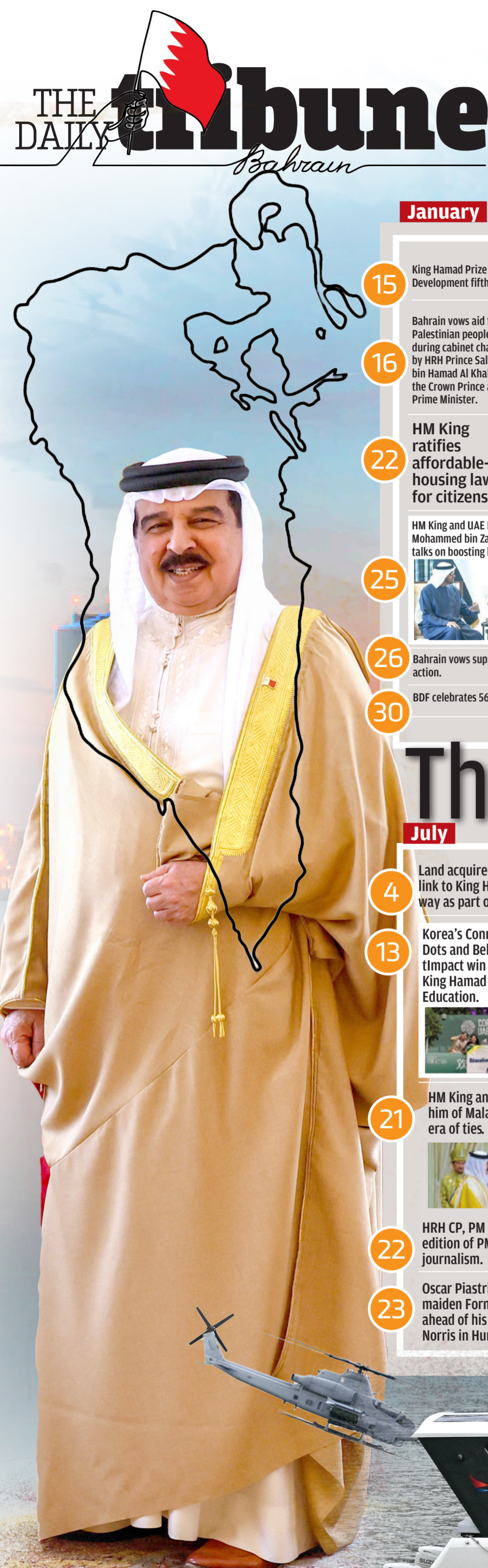
Two Palestinian girls, preparing for Ramadan, light lanterns to decorate crowded refugee tents in southern Gaza on 29 February.

Refugee camp



A woman in Valencia, Spain gazes from her balcony on 30 October at the flooded neighbourhood below, as swept-up vehicles smash into one another, like a stampede of steel bulls smashing through the streets.

Valencia



January

- 15 King Hamad Prize for Agricultural Development fifth edition launched.
- 16 Bahrain vows aid for Palestinian people during cabinet chaired by HRH Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister.
- 22 HM King ratifies affordable-housing law for citizens.
- 25 HM King and UAE President Shaikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan hold talks on boosting bilateral ties.
- 26 Bahrain vows support for joint Arab action.
- 30 BDF celebrates 56 years of valour.

February

- 6 HM King introduces AH-12 cobra attack helicopters into Bahrain Defence Force as part of Bahrain Shield project.
- 12 HRH Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the CP and PM, starts consultations for drafting Bahrain Economic Vision 2050.
- 27 HRH Prince Salman doubles financial support for those receiving social security and disability allowances.

March

- 5 Bahrain airport receives two prestigious awards, the Airport Operator of the Year for Medium Size Airport and Aviation Sustainability Award at the 2024 Aviation Achievement Awards in Dubai.
- 8 Bahrain celebrates 25 years of King Hamad's reign.
- 12 HRH Prince Salman issues directive to restore 32 places of worship across Bahrain.
- 21 US approves \$2.2 billion sale of battle tanks to Bahrain.
- 28 HM King orders Eid gift for widows and orphans.

April

- 9 HM King pardons 1,584 inmates on the occasion of Eid Al Fitr.
- Bahrain's economy grows by 2.4% in 2023, iGA reports.
- 11 HM King, HRH Prince Salman perform Eid prayers.
- 13 Bahrain selected to host the fourth round of 2025 F1.
- 20 HM King concludes visits to Egypt, Jordan.
- 23 Governmental-parliamentary meeting held to address oil tank leak in Sitra area.

May

- 4 Labour Ministry committee to address layoffs due to partial or complete closures.
- 12 Bahrain backs Palestine's full UN membership bid.
- 16 HM King, HRH Prince Salman welcome Arab leaders for 33rd Arab Summit.
- 24 HM King, Russian Prez Vladimir Putin forge new phase of Bahrain-Russia ties.
- 30 HM King arrives in China for talks.

June

- 1 Bahrain-China ties hit new milestone. HM tells Xi, Li Bahrain is ready to resume ties with Iran.
- 15 Hajj Journey begins.
- 17 HRH Prince Salman performs Eid Al Adha prayers.
- Summer has officially begun, with Bahrain preparing for an even hotter and more intense sweltering season than ever before.
- 21 Law in force allowing fines of up to BBD8,000 for tourism violators without court trials.
- 25 For seventh straight year, Kingdom tops ranking in the US State Department's Trafficking in Persons report.

The Journey that defined Bahrain in 2024

July

- 4 Land acquired for Bahrain link to King Hamad Causeway as part of GCC rail link.
- 13 Korea's Connecting the Dots and Belgium's EducoN-impact win 2023 UNESCO King Hamad Prize for ICTs in Education.
- 21 HM King and HM Sultan Ibrahim of Malaysia open new era of ties.
- 22 HRH CP, PM attends 8th edition of PM's award for journalism.
- 23 Oscar Piastri of McLaren claims maiden Formula One victory ahead of his team-mate Lando Norris in Hungarian Grand Prix.

August

- 4 Government passes new law for partial cheque payments and removing jail time for bounced cheques.
- 9 Labour minister says that the Kingdom employed 12,555 Bahrainis in the first half of 2024 representing 63% of annual target.
- 13 HRH CP, PM leads the Kingdom in welcoming Olympic heroes.
- 13 HRH Prince Salman pledges to create programmes to secure more jobs for locals in private sector.
- 27 UN report hails Bahrain's progress towards achieving Sustainable Development Goals.
- 28 HRH CP, PM highlights two centuries of Bahrain-UK ties and achievements.

September

- 2 New tax introduced for multinational enterprises aligning with OECD standards.
- 4 Bahrain attracts \$201 million in foreign direct investment in first five months of 2024.
- 7 New referral guidelines introduced for non-Bahrainis in labour at Government hospitals.
- 10 Cabinet nod for law to prevent exploitation of marine resources.
- 15 Qarata completes stunning comeback win against Al Shaikh in closely-fought Muharrag runoff.
- 26 HRH Prince Salman calls for UN reform at UN General Assembly.

October

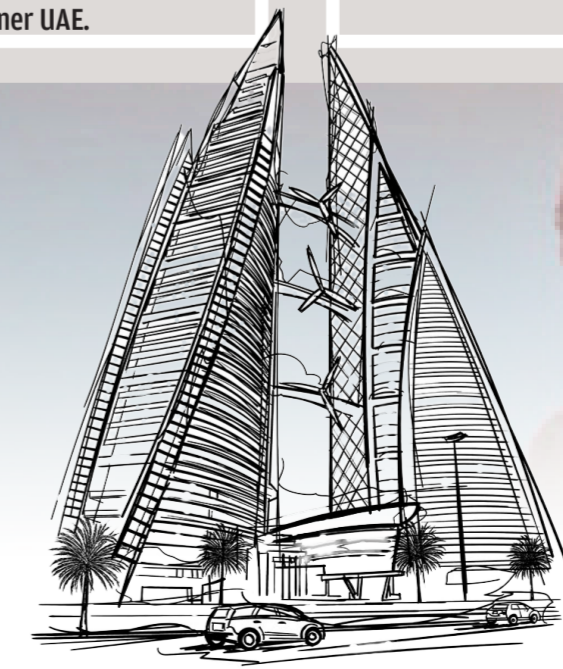
- 2 HRH Prince Salman hails efforts behind Bahrain's 18th place in global eGovernment development index.
- 10 HH Shaikh Isa bin Salman inaugurates Night Lighting project at Rashid Equestrian and Horse Racing Club.
- 10 His Majesty King Hamad lays the outline for the Kingdom's future in key address.
- 17 HRH CP, PM delivers historic address at first EU-Gulf Cooperation Council Summit.
- 20 Government cracks down on businesses failing to pay workers' wages on time.

November

- 11 HM King arrives in UK on a visit at the invitation of King Charles III.
- 14 HRH Deputy King opens Bahrain International Airshow 2024.
- 7 Bahrain hosts Middle East's first Gastronomy forum.
- 21 Bahraini innovation takes centre stage at WBAF 2024.
- 17 Third edition of Cityscape Bahrain opens at Exhibition World Bahrain in Sakhir.
- 20 Bahrain signs first double taxation avoidance deal with Gulf partner UAE.

December

- 1 GCC leaders gather in Kuwait to tackle pressing regional and global issues head-on.
- 5 Bahrain launches innovative experts' platform to showcase National Talent.
- 7 HRH CP, PM opens 20th IISS Manama Dialogue.
- 10 New hubs announced for fresh produce and essentials across Kingdom.
- 14 Bahrain leads the way for GCC by announcing support for new Syrian authorities.
- 14 HM King receives gold commemorative coin.
- 18 HM King pays tribute to martyrs for their legacy of pride and sacrifices.
- 19 HM King Hamad opens Bapco project.



2024: A Transformative Year in Business for Bahrain

Bahrain experienced a dynamic year in 2024, with significant strides across various sectors, showcasing its resilience, adaptability, and commitment to economic diversification in line with its Economic Vision 2030.

Economic Diversification and Growth

Bahrain attracted \$201 million in foreign direct investment (FDI) between January and May, leading to the creation of 505 new jobs. This reflects growing international confidence in Bahrain's business-friendly environment.

The construction sector was a key driver of this growth, with projected investments of \$3.04 billion by the end of the year. Landmark projects like the Bahrain Metro, Salman Industrial City, and the Salmaniya Medical Complex expansion reinforced the kingdom's commitment to modernizing infrastructure and supporting economic diversification.



Financial Sector: Challenges and Opportunities

Bahrain's financial services sector witnessed significant transformations in 2024:

BNP Paribas Exit: The French banking giant announced plans to scale back its operations in Bahrain, ceasing to use Manama as its regional headquarters. This strategic shift was influenced by rising competition from financial hubs like Dubai and Riyadh.

Investcorp Leadership Restructuring: Bahrain's leading asset manager, Investcorp, consolidated its executive leadership under Mohammed Alardhi and moved away from its co-CEO model to streamline operations and focus on global expansion.



International Relations and Trade

Bahrain strengthened its ties with key trade partners:

The kingdom positioned itself as the UK's gateway to the Gulf, pledging £1 billion in investments in green technologies, financial services, and infrastructure in the UK. This strategic partnership underscores Bahrain's potential as a bridge for post-Brexit trade in the region.

Collaboration with Saudi Arabia and UAE continued, particularly in shared mega-projects and regional trade initiatives.



Luxury Retail Boom

Bahrain emerged as a rising star in the luxury retail sector, marked by the opening of the first Chanel store and the grand launch of Marassi Galleria Mall, featuring global brands such as Louis Vuitton, Gucci, Hermès, and Dior. These developments are positioning Bahrain as a premier shopping destination in the Gulf, fueled by rising consumer spending power and the kingdom's strategic focus on retail tourism.



Sustainability and Innovation

Bahrain advanced its renewable energy projects, focusing on solar power and other sustainable technologies. These efforts are part of the kingdom's long-term strategy to reduce dependence on fossil fuels while contributing to global climate goals.

The government also emphasized digital innovation, fostering the growth of fintech startups and AI-driven solutions, making Bahrain a regional hub for technology-driven business solutions.



Real Estate and Tourism Growth

The real estate sector witnessed a surge, with high-profile projects like the Water Garden City and Diyar Al Muharraq attracting international investors. Bahrain's tourism strategy received a boost with the growth of luxury hospitality offerings, solidifying its appeal as a travel destination for high-net-worth individuals.



Monetary Policy Stability

To maintain economic competitiveness amid global financial shifts, the Central Bank of Bahrain cut its overnight deposit rate by 25 basis points in December, bringing it down from 5.25% to 5%. This adjustment aligned with global monetary trends and supported local economic stability.



Top 10 Cars to Watch in 2025

As 2025 approaches, the Middle Eastern automotive market is set to welcome a range of innovative vehicles that blend advanced technology with regional



TOYOTA CAMRY 2025

The latest iteration of this popular sedan offers a 2.5-liter four-cylinder engine, available in both gasoline and hybrid versions. Trims in Saudi Arabia include E, E+, LE, Grande, and Lumiere



HYUNDAI ELANTRA 2025

This sedan is known for its variety of engine options that provide both powerful performance and exceptional fuel efficiency. It features modern infotainment and comfort amenities, enhancing the driving experience for both driver and passengers



HYUNDAI SONATA 2025

The Sonata provides a spacious interior, making it a preferred choice for individuals looking for family cars. Equipped with numerous advanced technological features, it delivers outstanding performance on the roads.



FORD MUSTANG MACH-E

This all-electric SUV combines performance with sustainability, offering an estimated range of 350-450 km and acceleration from 0-100 km/h in 3.3 seconds. It is set to premiere in the Middle East in 2025.



FORD TERRITORY HYBRID

A family SUV that provides a spacious interior and comes with powerful engines, offering exceptional performance on various terrains. It features modern safety and security technologies, enhancing safety during off-road trips and camping adventures.



KIA SORENTO PLUG-IN HYBRID

This SUV offers a solid electric-only range, sharp styling, and advanced driver assistance features, making it a compelling choice for families seeking efficiency and modern technology.



CHANGAN EADO PLUS 2025

A compact sedan that offers exceptional fuel efficiency and is equipped with advanced safety and technology systems, making it a modern and innovative vehicle for daily commuting.



TOYOTA URBAN CRUISER 2025

A compact SUV that delivers standout performance on the road, featuring advanced infotainment, connectivity, and safety systems, making it ideal for family use.



CHANGAN UNI-T 2025

A luxury SUV with a sleek design that reflects elegance, offering exceptional performance and high speed on highways. It stands out as an exceptional choice for individuals seeking a stylish vehicle.



HAVAL JOLION PRO 2025

A compact SUV that offers modern safety and technology features, providing a comfortable and efficient driving experience for urban and suburban settings.

CELEBS

celebs

Gal Gadot reveals she was diagnosed with 'massive blood clot' in her brain just before giving birth

Bang Showbiz | Los Angeles

Gal Gadot was diagnosed with a "massive blood clot" in her brain shortly before she gave birth.

The 39-year-old actress welcomed daughter Ori into the world in March with her husband Jaron Varsano, but on Sunday, she took to social media to reveal that she had to have an MRI in the final weeks of pregnancy after dealing with "excruciating headaches" that left her bed bound.

She wrote on Instagram: "In February, during my eighth month of pregnancy, I was diagnosed with a massive blood clot in my brain. For weeks, I had endured

excruciating headaches that confined me to bed, until I finally underwent an MRI that revealed the terrifying truth. In one moment, my family and I were faced with how fragile life can be. It was a stark reminder of how quickly everything can change, and in the midst of a difficult year, all I wanted was to hold on and live.

"We rushed to the hospital, and within hours, I underwent emergency surgery. My daughter, Ori, was born during that moment of uncertainty and fear. Her name, meaning "my light," wasn't chosen by chance.

"Before the surgery, I told Jaron

that when our daughter arrived, she would be the light waiting for me at the end of this tunnel."

The Hollywood actress underwent "weeks of dedicated care" and felt grateful to be able to say that she is now "fully healed" from everything.

She went on: "Thanks to an extraordinary team of doctors at @cedarssinai and weeks of dedicated care, I made it through and began the road to recovery. Today, I am fully healed and filled with gratitude for the life I've been given back."

The 'Wonder Woman' star - who also has Alma, 13, Maya seven, and three-year-old Daniella with Jaron

- has learned "so much" from her ordeal and wants to raise awareness of the health issue.

She said: "The journey has taught me so much. First, it's vital to listen to our bodies and trust what it's telling us. Pain, discomfort, or even subtle changes often carry deeper meaning, and being attuned to your body can be life saving.

"Second, awareness matters. I had no idea that 3 in 100,000 pregnant women in the 30s+ age group are diagnosed with CVT (develop a blood clot in the brain).

"It's so important to identify early because it's treatable. While

rare, it's a possibility, and knowing it exists is the first step to addressing it.

Sharing this is not meant to frighten anyone but to empower. If even one person feels compelled to take action for their health because of this story, it will have been worth sharing."



Gal Gadot

Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie reach divorce settlement

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Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie have reached a settlement in their divorce.

Eight years after Angelina filed for divorce citing "irreconcilable differences", the former couple have finally come to an agreement on terms and both have signed off on it.

Angelina's lawyer James Simon told PEOPLE: "More than eight years ago, Angelina filed for divorce from Mr. Pitt. She and the children left all of the properties they had shared with Mr. Pitt, and since that time she has focused on finding peace and healing for their family. This is just one part of a long ongoing process that started eight years ago. Frankly, Angelina is exhausted, but



Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie

she is relieved this one part is over."

Although the split was acrimonious, a source close to Jolie added: "She doesn't speak ill of [Pitt] publicly or privately. She's been trying hard to be

light after a dark time."

Angelina, 49, filed for divorce from Brad, 61, in September 2016 after just two years of marriage.

It came just days after a journey on a private plane in

which Angelina claimed Brad was abusive to her and their six children but authorities did not charge him after investigating.

Angelina and Brad later released a joint statement declaring that they would keep all divorce proceedings private for the sake of their children.

They said: "The parties and their counsel have signed agreements to preserve the privacy rights of their children and family by keeping all court documents confidential and engaging a private judge to make any necessary legal decisions and to facilitate the expeditious resolution of any remaining issues. The parents are committed to act as a united front to effectuate recovery and reunification."

Keanu Reeves' stolen watches found in Chile

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Keanu Reeves' stolen watches have been found in Chile.

Three watches belonging to the 60-year-old actor, including a \$9,000 Rolex Submariner, were reportedly taken from his Los Angeles home in late 2023 and recovered during a recent raid in Santiago.

According to CNN, the police raid was linked to a series of local robberies.

Chilean authorities said they had found valuables during raids on four houses, with at least one of the watches "belonging to a famous actor who was victim of a robbery in Los Angeles in December 2023".

The Rolex Submariner watch is engraved with Keanu's name and the words, "2021, JW4, thank you, The John Wick Five".

He reportedly gifted Rolex Submariners to the stuntmen he worked with on 'John Wick: Chapter 4' in 2021.

CNN Chile said Chilean authorities were working with US officials on the case and this had helped them to link the recovered watches to the burglary at Keanu's home.

Police said they have arrested a

21-year-old man.

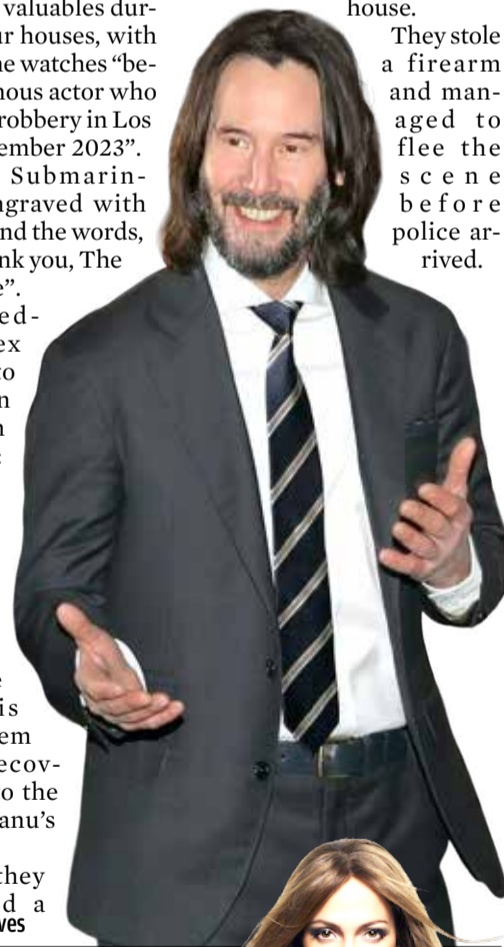
Reeves was not at home last December when the robbery took place.

Police were first alerted to a possible intruder via an anonymous tip but found no signs of entry when they arrived.

In the early hours of the following morning, police received a report of an activated alarm at the premises.

Security cameras captured individuals wearing ski masks breaking through a window and entering the house.

They stole a firearm and managed to flee the scene before police arrived.



Keanu Reeves

Gwyneth Paltrow opens up on 'painful changes' in 2024 as she shares what she has had to 'let go' of

Bang Showbiz | Los Angeles

Gwyneth Paltrow has had to deal with "painful" changes in 2024.

The 52-year-old actress - who has also made millions as the founder of wellness brand Goop - reflected on the previous 12 months as she looked on into 2025 and revealed that while she has had some "very strong lessons" this year, she has

also had to learn to "let go" of some things, no matter how difficult it can be to do so.

In her latest Goop newsletter, she said: "My friend got me a numerology reading, and I learned I'm in a nine year, which is year of completions and endings. I had a few very strong lessons around completing certain things. I had a bunch of goodbyes this year. I had some revelations that led to the ends of things.

"The numerologist contextualized all of this for me, but this year was about learning to understand that it was a year of endings.

"And that sometimes those endings have been really painful and have come with big change and recalibrations. I've learned to loosen my grip on things and deeply learn to let go. And also to understand that everything is always happening for your highest good, even if it's super uncomfortable."



Gwyneth Paltrow

Jennifer Lopez 'proud' of how she handles life and low moods

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Jennifer Lopez is "proud" of how she handles life and low moods.

The singer, 55, made the declaration in an interview she included in a video montage posted on her Instagram as she looked back on 2024 - and forward to 2025.

Jennifer - who filed for divorce from her actor husband Ben Affleck, 52, in August after two years of marriage - said in the chat included in the clip: "I am

very proud of how I handle all the things. All the things."

She added in another interview segment included in the montage: "In my low moments, I've learned to just feel the feelings and then let them go.

"What a journey this has been. I honestly feel that the best is yet to come.

"I can sit here with my heart and soul intact, and still feel really full of love.

"It's gonna get better, and it always does. It's a beautiful life in

that way.

She ended the clip with a flash of text that said: "See you in 2025!"

Even though Jennifer and Ben have split, she has actively showed support for his family.

The singer earlier this month attended a play that featured Ben's daughter child Seraphina, 15, and her 16-year-old daughter Emme.

It was reported earlier this month Jennifer Garner "encouraged" her ex-husband Ben Affleck

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to work on his marriage with Jennifer.

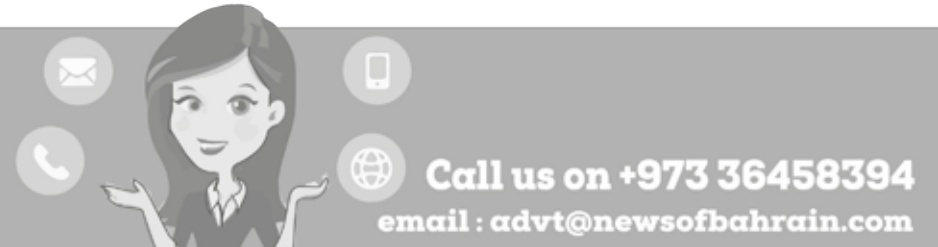
The actress, 52, was married to actor Scott Foley, 52, from 2000 to 2004 and Ben, from 2005 to 2018. A source told Page Six actress

about Jennifer's apparent advice to Ben before he split from singer J Lo: "When things started getting rocky between Ben and Jennifer (Lopez), Jen was very supportive of their relationship and encouraged Ben to work on their marriage."

The insider added Jennifer had "even become friendly" with Ben's wife and they were "communicating on a regular basis".



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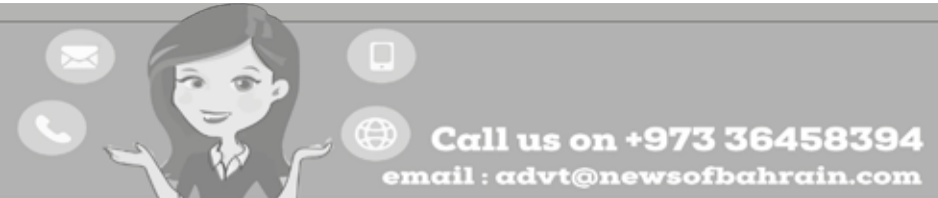
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YEAR IN REVIEW

Viral moments in entertainment

The year was not without its share of celebrity scandals and surprises. In January, Jennifer Lopez and Ben Affleck announced their separation after just over a year of marriage. In March, Kanye West made headlines with his controversial comments on social media, leading to widespread backlash and the loss of several high-profile endorsement deals.

Here we look into some of the highlights.

Taylor Swift's Eras Tour And New Beau Travis Kelce

2024 marked the end of Taylor

Swift's iconic Eras tour after adorning the world with friendship bracelets. She also swept the Grammy awards for her 10th studio album, *The Tortured Poets Department*. And what was definitely not torture was her PDA-filled romance with Travis Kelce, which kept the internet gushing for months as she appeared in football games to support her boyfriend.

End of Bennifer 2.0

August 2024 marked the culmination of Ben Affleck and Jennifer Lopez's two years of marriage. JLo filed for divorce, citing irreconcilable differences as the reason for the split. As per People, "She tried really hard to make



things work and is heartbroken." However, the former couple have remained supportive of each other through the divorce, with each maintaining amicable relationships with each other's children from different marriages, putting their blended family above all else.

band to reunite broke down as tributes from all over the world poured in. Meanwhile, prosecutors have connected five people with his drug-induced fatal fall.

Justin Bieber welcomes his first baby

In a much happier viral pop culture moment, congratulatory messages flooded Justin Bieber and Hailey Bieber's social media accounts as the couple announced the birth of their first child, Jack Blues Bieber, on August 23, 2024. The couple, who tied the knot in 2018, posted a cute snap of their baby boy's foot on Instagram which left fans and famous friends



One Direction singer Liam Payne's tragic death

The news of Liam Payne's untimely death sent shockwaves to millions of 1D fans as the singer died on October 16th from falling off a third-floor balcony at a hotel in Buenos Aires, Argentina. Payne's death has been attributed to substance abuse including pink cocaine and whiskey. The late singer was spending holidays with girlfriend Kate Cassidy after attending former bandmate Niall Horan's concert. Directioners who were once hoping for the

teary-eyed with joy. Over the next few months, Justin and Hailey offered glimpses of their parenthood with adorable clips and pictures featuring baby Jack on social media.



Sean Diddy Combs' legal drama: Did he do it?

Rap mogul P Diddy got arrested on Monday, 16 September, in a New York hotel on charges of sex trafficking and racketeering. Soon after Pandora's box of sexual assault and drugging allegations against him opened. From CNN publishing CCTV footage of Diddy physically assaulting his former partner Cassie Ventura to multiple men and women accusing him of sexual assault, the disgraced rapper's case unfolded into a horror show. He is set for trial in May 2025. Meanwhile, 50 Cent announced a tell-all Netflix documentary on Diddy's deeds.

Kendrick Lamar vs Drake's viral beef

Rappers Kendrick Lamar and Drake's feud became such a huge pop cultural phenomenon that it has a Wikipedia page of its own. Needless to say who won the feud as Lamar's *Not Like Us* and *Euphoria* topped music charts and became a viral trend online with netizens dancing to the diss tracks for months. Drake dissed Lamar in *Push Ups* and Taylor Made *Freestyle* released in April to get hit back with *K-Dot's Euphoria*, where he attacked Drake's parenting. Drake responded with *Family Matters* in May, where he attacked Lamar's relationship with his fiancée, Whitney Alford. In the same month, Kendrick's fatal blow, "Tryna strike a chord and it's

Oppenheimer rules the Oscars

At the Oscars, *Oppenheimer* took home the award for Best Picture, with Cillian Murphy winning Best Actor and Christopher Nolan winning Best Director for the same film. Emma Stone won Best Actress for her role in *Poor Things*, and Robert Downey Jr. won Best Supporting Actor for *Oppenheimer*. The award for Best Original Song went to "What Was I Made For?" from *Barbie*, written by Billie Eilish and Finneas O'Connell



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Yesterday's solution

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Year in Review

2024: Year of sporting dominance and historic feats

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2024 delivered a captivating year in sports, marked by record-breaking achievements, dominant individual performances, and unforgettable moments of sportsmanship across a diverse range of disciplines. Here we look at some of the biggest sporting achievements of the year.

Jan. 28: Jannik Sinner won the Australian Open for his first Grand Slam title, kicking off a dominant year that saw him win eight more tournaments (including the U.S. Open, ATP Finals and Davis Cup) and ascend to world No. 1.



March 2: After taking pole position in qualifying, Max Verstappen of Red Bull Racing led every lap, won the Formula 1 Gulf Air Bahrain Grand Prix 2024. His teammate Sergio Perez finished in second, followed by Carlos Sainz Jr. of Ferrari.



May 19: Manchester City* clinched their fourth consecutive Premier League title, becoming the first club in the 124-year history of English football to win four straight top-flight titles.

May 6; Victor Wembanyama was named the sixth unanimous ROY in NBA history



June 1: Real Madrid beat Dortmund, 2-0, for their record 15th Champions League title, and a day later signed all-world striker Kylian Mbappe. The rich get richer.

2024 Paris Olympics

Aug. 1: Algeria's Imane Khelif beat Italy's Angela Carini by forfeit in an Olympic boxing match that sparked a culture war

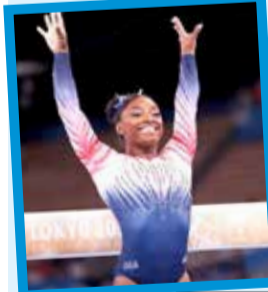
Aug. 3: Katie Ledecky won her fourth straight 800m freestyle gold



Aug. 4: Noah Lyles* won gold in the closest 100-meter final ever, beating Jamaica's Kishane Thompson (9.789) by five one thousandths of a second, which is less time than it takes to blink.



Aug. 4: Novak Djokovic finally won an Olympic gold medal to go along with his 24 Grand Slam titles



Aug. 5: In the lasting image of an all-time great Olympics, Americans Simone Biles and Jordan Chiles bowed down to Brazil's Rebeca Andrade after she beat them out for gold in floor exercise.

Aug. 10: Stephen Curry went nuclear in the final minutes of Team USA's gold medal winning victory over France with a three-point explosion that I promise you won't regret re-watching.

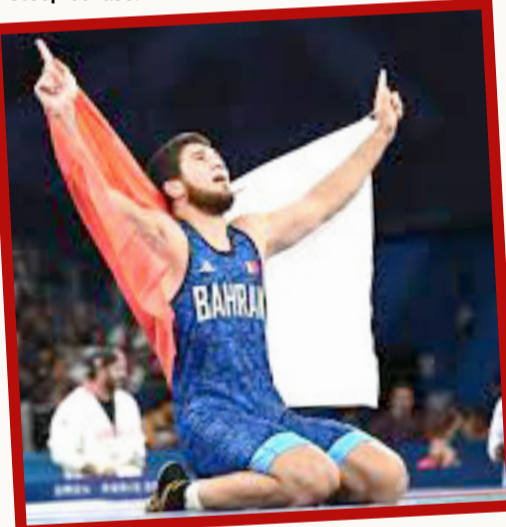


June 29: India beat South Africa to win their second T20 World Cup title

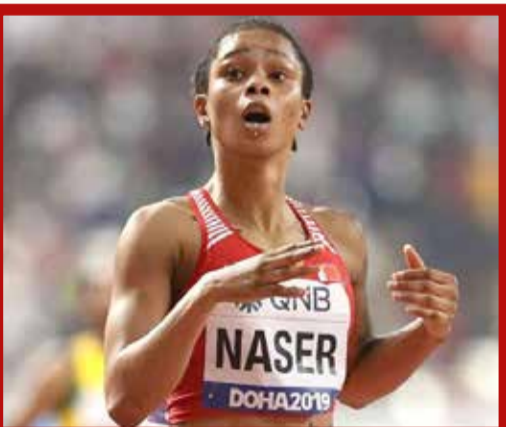
Bahrain in Olympics



Aug 6: Winfred Yavi won a gold medal for Bahrain in Athletics in the Women's 3000m steeplechase.



Aug 11: Akmed Tazhudinov secured a gold medal in Wrestling in the Men's -97kg.



Aug 9: Salwa Eid Naser earned a silver medal in Athletics in the Women's 400m.



Aug 10: Gor Minasyan claimed a bronze medal in Weightlifting in the Men's +102kg.



July 14: Spain won their record fourth European Championship (breaking a tie with Germany) and Argentina won their record 16th Copa America (breaking a tie with Uruguay) within hours of each other, bringing an end to the Summer of Soccer.

July 14: Carlos Alcaraz beat Novak Djokovic in the Wimbledon final, becoming the sixth man* in the Open Era to win the "Channel Slam."



July 21: Tadej Pogacar won his third Tour de France in dominant fashion, becoming the eighth cyclist (and first since 1998) to win the Giro d'Italia and Tour de France in the same year.

Oct. 21; Inter Miami broke the record for most points in an MLS season



Nov. 19: Gracias, Rafa: Rafael Nadal's otherworldly career* came to an end with one final match at the Davis Cup. "The titles, numbers, they're there," Rafa said during his farewell speech. "The way I'd like to be remembered more is like a good person from a small village in Mallorca."

Nov. 24: Max Verstappen clinched his fourth straight F1 title with a win at the Las Vegas GP



Dec. 8; McLaren won its first Constructors' Championship since 1998

News in brief

Syria authorities name HTS military chief as transitional defence minister

◆ Syria's new authorities announced



yesterday that the military chief of the Islamist group that spearheaded the offensive that toppled longtime ruler Bashar al-Assad had been appointed defence minister in the transitional government. "The General Command announces the nomination of General Murhaf Abu Qasra as defence minister in the new government of the Syrian Arab Republic," said a statement carried by the official news agency SANA. Abu Qasra, 41, a former agronomist, led the armed wing of Hayat Tahrir al-Sham (HTS) for five years.

◆ Syrian authorities have appointed

Syrian Maysa Sabreen made first woman central bank chief: senior official

Maysa Sabreen as interim central bank governor, a bank official said yesterday, the first time a woman heads the financial establishment. Sabreen, until recently the bank's first deputy governor, took her new position yesterday, said a department manager at the Central Bank of Syria who requested anonymity to discuss sensitive matters. "We received an internal circular yesterday assigning Dr Maysa Sabreen to run the Central Bank of Syria in a caretaker capacity," he said.



China slams 'groundless' claims of cyberattack on US Treasury

◆ Beijing yesterday hit back at accusations that a China state-sponsored actor was behind a cyber breach at the US Treasury Department, calling the claims "groundless".



The Treasury said the attack resulted in access to some of its workstations, according to a letter to Congress seen by AFP. According to the Treasury, the incident happened earlier this month, when the actor compromised a third-party cybersecurity service provider and was able to remotely access the workstations and some unclassified documents.

SPOTLIGHT

South Korea investigates barrier hit in Jeju Air crash



The wrecked tail section of the Jeju Air Boeing 737-800 aircraft that crashed and burst into flames is seen at the end of the runway at Muan Airport
AFP | Seoul

South Korean authorities said yesterday they were investigating the role of a concrete barrier at the end of Muan airport runway in the country's worst air disaster, which killed 179 people as a Jeju Air jet crashed on landing. US investigators, including from Boeing, were at the crash site in southwestern Muan, officials said, as South Korean authorities began assessing two black boxes retrieved from the burned-out wreckage of the aircraft. The plane was carrying 181 people from Thailand to South Korea when it made a mayday call and belly-landed before hitting the barrier and bursting into flames, killing everyone aboard except two flight attendants pulled from the burning wreckage. Acting President Choi Sang-mok, who has only been in office since Friday, said the acci-

dent was a "turning point" for the country, calling for a full overhaul of air safety systems. He urged officials to "thoroughly reexamine the overall aircraft operation system... and immediately address any necessary improvements." Officials initially pointed to a bird strike as a possible cause, but experts have also flagged the barrier, with dramatic video showing the Boeing 737-800 bursting into flames as it collides with it. When asked whether it was permissible for the airport to have used concrete in the barrier, director-general for airport policy Kim Hong-rak said the government would "review the relevant regulations and their application." "Whether this structure exacerbated the damage is... something the Accident Investigation Committee plans to investigate thoroughly," said deputy minister for civil aviation, Joo Jong-wan.

Gaza healthcare nearing 'total collapse' due to Israeli strikes: UN

Israeli strikes on hospitals raise concerns about international law compliance

● UN report documents 136 strikes on 27 Gaza hospitals since October 2023

● Attacks led to deaths of medics, civilians, and severe infrastructure damage

● Israel's claims of improper hospital use deemed "vague" and unsubstantiated

AFP | New York



Ambulances transport wounded Palestinians from the Kamal Adwan Hospital to the Al-Shifa hospital in Gaza City

A United Nations report published yesterday found that Israeli strikes on and near hospitals in the Gaza Strip had left healthcare in the Palestinian territory on the verge of collapse.

The report by the UN human rights office said such strikes raised grave concerns about Israel's compliance with international law.

"Israel's pattern of deadly attacks on and near hospitals in Gaza, and associated combat, pushed the healthcare system to the brink of total collapse, with catastrophic effect on Palestinians' access to health and medical care," the UN human rights office said in a statement.

Its 23-page report, entitled "Attacks on hospitals during the escalation of hostilities in Gaza", looked at the period from October 7, 2023 to June 30, 2024.

It said that during this time, there were at least 136 strikes on 27 hospitals and 12 other medical facilities, claiming significant casualties among doctors, nurses, medics and other civilians and causing significant damage to, if not the complete destruction of, civilian infrastructure.

'Death trap'

The report noted that medi-

cal personnel and hospitals are specifically protected under international humanitarian law, provided they do not commit, or are not used to commit, acts harmful to the enemy outside their humanitarian function.

It found that Israel's repeated claims that Gaza hospitals were being improperly used for military purposes by Palestinian groups "vague".

"Insufficient information has so far been made publicly available to substantiate these allegations, which have remained vague and broad, and in some cases appear contradicted by publicly available information," the report said.

UN human rights chief Volker Turk said Gaza hospitals had become a "death trap".

"As if the relentless bombing and the dire humanitarian situation in Gaza were not enough, the one sanctuary where Palestinians should have felt safe in fact became a death trap," he said.

"The protection of hospitals during warfare is paramount and must be respected by all



International law specifically protects hospitals and medics in conflict zones, emphasizing their neutrality unless used for harmful acts

sides, at all times."

Call for investigations

The Gaza war was triggered by the unprecedented Hamas-led October 7, 2023, attack on Israel.

That resulted in 1,208 deaths, mostly civilians, according to an AFP tally of Israeli official figures.

Israel's retaliatory military campaign has killed more than 45,500 people in Gaza, a majority of them civilians, according

to figures from the Hamas-run territory's health ministry that the UN considers reliable.

The report concluded with a call for credible investigations into the incidents detailed, and said they had to be independent given the "limitations" of Israel's justice system in respect of the conduct of its armed forces.

"It is essential that there be independent, thorough and transparent investigations of all of these incidents, and full accountability for all violations of international humanitarian and human rights law which have taken place," said Turk.

"All medical workers arbitrarily detained must be immediately released.

"It must also be a priority for Israel, as the occupying power, to ensure and facilitate access to adequate healthcare for the Palestinian population, and for future recovery and reconstruction efforts to prioritise the restoration of the medical capacity which has been destroyed over the last 14 months of intense conflict."

S. Korea court issues arrest warrant for impeached president Yoon

● Yoon accused of insurrection for December martial law declaration

AFP | Seoul

A South Korean court has issued an arrest warrant for suspended President Yoon Suk Yeol, investigators said yesterday, prompting hundreds of supporters to gather at the gates of his private residence.

Investigators probing Yoon over his December 3 declaration of martial law requested the warrant after he failed to report for questioning a third time.

Crowds gathered outside his home yesterday wielding plac-



A supporter of Yoon Suk Yeol holds a placard showing a picture of the president as they gather near the presidential residence in Seoul

ards and South Korean flags, chanting: "Martial law legal! Impeachment invalid!"

"The arrest warrant and search warrant... were issued this morning," the Joint Investigation Headquarters managing

the probe into Yoon said in a statement.

Yoon's legal team described the arrest order as "illegal and invalid" and filed an injunction to nullify it.

It is the first time in the coun-

try's history that a sitting president has been subject to an arrest warrant.

"I came out here because I was shocked and horrified that they're trying to arrest the president," said Song Mi-ja, a pro-Yoon protester.

"The martial law was not an insurrection, what they're trying to do now is one," she told AFP.

Police were sent to the area in large numbers and could be seen shouting at demonstrators to keep in line, but a route in and out of Yoon's residence remained clear.

Yoon has been stripped of his presidential duties by parliament and faces criminal charges of insurrection, which could result in life imprisonment or even the death penalty.

Al Sadadi gears up for Dakar

Bahraini rally star Hasan Al Sadadi ready to tackle Dakar Rally 2025, aiming for national glory

● The rally starts on Friday in Bisha, Saudi Arabia

TDT | Manama

Bahraini driver Hasan Al Sadadi has arrived in the city of Bisha, south-west of Saudi Arabia, in preparation for the Dakar Rally 2025.

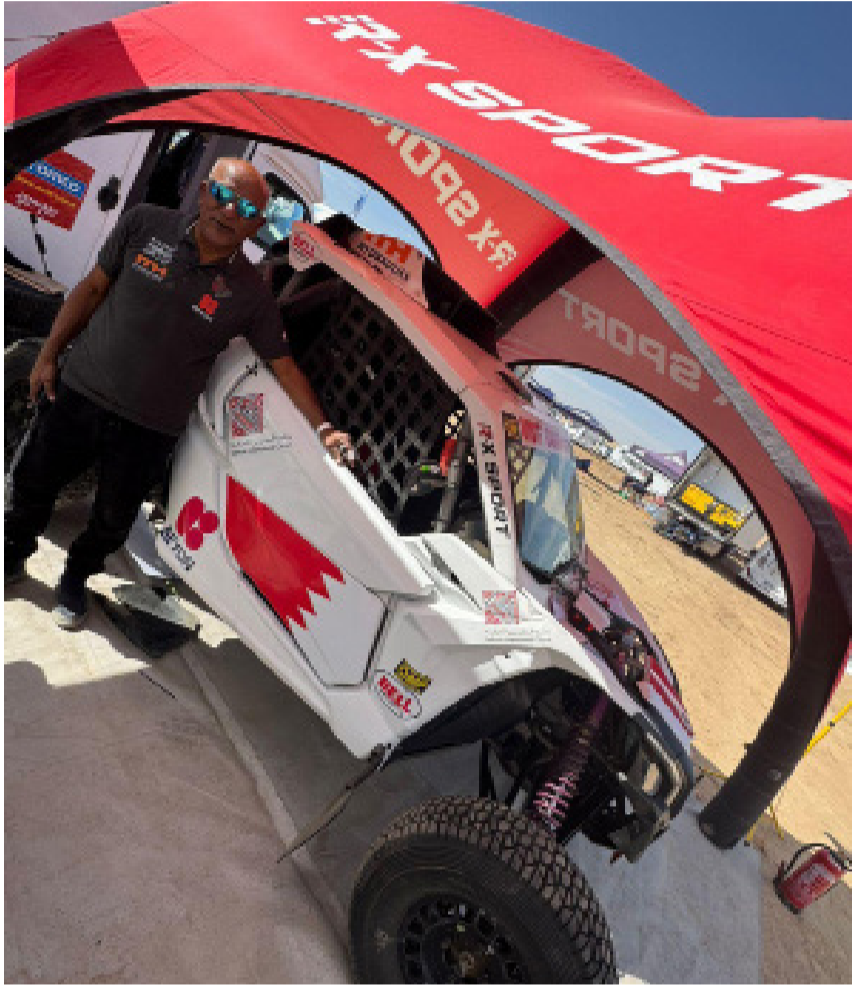
As the race approaches, Al Sadadi and his team are in high spirits and focused on preparing their challenger to achieve a distinguished performance in this prestigious challenge, which gets underway on Friday.

Al Sadadi extended his sincere thanks to all who have supported him in his journey to the Dakar Rally, led by His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, whose continuous backing for Bahrain's motorsport community is an inspiration and it always pushes him to give his very best in every endeavour.

Al Sadadi also expressed his gratitude to Bahrain International Circuit (BIC), Beyon Group, and Bell Helmets for their trust and for helping him embark on this tremendous adventure.

Al Sadadi stated: "I am extremely pleased to be participating in the Dakar Rally 2025, which is one of the largest sporting events in the world.

"We are now working hard to prepare



Hasan Al Sadadi with his car



The Dakar Rally, first held in 1979, is a grueling 8,000 km race testing speed, navigation, and endurance across the toughest terrains worldwide

the car for this event, which represents a big dream for me, as I will be able to raise the flag of the Kingdom of Bahrain high."

Al Sadadi's participation comes as part of the Kingdom of Bahrain's strategy to enhance its standing in world sport and confirm its commitment to supporting Bahraini athletes. This also contributes to enhancing Bahrain's presence in international sports forums, supporting national talents, and enhancing their ability to compete at the highest levels.

Al Sadadi is a model of experience and passion in rallying, and he embodies the spirit of challenge and achievement, which characterises the people of Bahrain. His participation reflects the nation's ability to develop sports-

men and women capable of competing at all levels, and confirms the importance of sport as a means of cultural and economic communication between peoples.

Al Sadadi's participation is supported by national institutions that believe in the importance of backing Bahraini sports and athletes. Among these is BIC, which continues its efforts to support motorsports by providing the necessary infrastructure, training, and resources.

BIC has proven its ability to be a platform for developing Bahraini talents capable of shining on the international stage.

The Dakar Rally 2025 extends over 8,000 kilometres and it includes various stages that combine speed and navigation over harsh terrains, requiring great mental and physical endurance, in addition to advanced driving skills. The race is a platform to test a driver's ability to adapt to various challenges imposed by the environment, as well as highlighting the technical innovations used in the participating cars, bikes, and trucks.

The Dakar Rally was held for the first time in 1979, and it has turned into a major international event that attracts the best rally drivers from around the world. Participants compete in various categories, including cars, bikes, challengers, SSVs, trucks, M1000s, and classics.

Khandare, Awan engage in expletive-laden exchange, setting stage for India vs Pakistan 3



Bharat Khandare and Aqib Awan

TDT | Manama

The India vs. Pakistan rivalry is far from over in BRAVE Combat Federation, as India's Bharat Khandare and Pakistan's Aqib Awan were seen engaging in an expletive-laden exchange on social media.

Bharat, who became the first Indian MMA fighter to compete on Pakistani soil when he took on Zia Mashwani at BRAVE CF 85 in Lahore, launched a series of attacks on Aqib Awan on Instagram, to which the Pakistani fighter also responded strongly.

"The win was a gift to you, but we are going to take it back," Bharat noted in a voice message, which he shared with Aqib referring to Pakistani's win at BRAVE CF 92.

Aqib responded with a simple affirmation, adding that Bharat is living in some 'Bollywood movie.' After this, Aqib went on to ask his fans whether he should fight Bharat next or have a rematch with Ehtesham Ansari.

Aqib Awan secured a win over India's Ehtesham Ansari at BRAVE CF 92 in Bahrain, and after the win, Aqib and Ehtesham

engaged in a back-and-forth on social media, with Ehtesham pushing for a rematch, citing an injury during their fight at BRAVE CF 92. The fight snapped Ehtesham's six-fight winning streak, and his call for a rematch had gained attention from fans.

Now, the call-out from Bharat has also made headlines ahead of the third instalment of the India vs. Pakistan series in BRAVE Combat Federation, which is scheduled to take place in India. Aqib has expressed his willingness to move up to Bantamweight to fight Bharat, adding further intrigue to the situation.

The first part of the India vs. Pakistan series in BRAVE Combat Federation took place in Pakistan at BRAVE CF 85, with the second part happening in Bahrain at BRAVE CF 92. The rivalry has already gained worldwide attention and millions of impressions on social media. Now, the stage is set for the third instalment, which is scheduled to take place in India in 2025 amidst the ongoing social media exchanges between fighters from both nations.

Nicholas Hwende celebrates first Christmas as world champion, promises to make history in 2025

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Newly crowned BRAVE Combat Federation Bantamweight Champion Nicholas Hwende is enjoying his moment in the spotlight. Hwende, who hails from Zimbabwe, became the new Bantamweight Champion in the main event of BRAVE CF 91, where he outclassed former champion Nkosi Ndebele over five rounds to secure a decision victory and claim the title belt.

The win marked Hwende's third consecutive victory in BRAVE Combat Federation and, at the same time, etched his name into the history books of the most global MMA organization in the world. Following his historic title win in Bahrain, Hwende celebrated his first Christmas as World Champion



Nicholas Hwende celebrates his win

and is now planning to make his mark in 2025.

"The African takeover. I want to thank all the folks who supported me on this journey to

making history. 2025 is my year," Hwende noted after his title win.

The victory over Ndebele not only started Hwende's title

reign but also established him as the biggest MMA name from Africa.

Having started his professional MMA career in 2021, Hwende became a regional champion and made his BRAVE CF debut at BRAVE CF 71, at which point he was undefeated. Although his debut in BRAVE CF did not go as planned, as Combat Sambo World Champion Velimurad Alkhasov handed him his first career loss, Hwende bounced back strongly, winning his next three fights in the organization to capture the World Title.

Now, having showcased his talent to MMA fans worldwide, Hwende is eager to solidify his position at the top of the BRAVE CF Bantamweight division with a strong 2025.

Rami Hamed provides nose injury update, expects return and title fight in April

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The much-awaited return of Rami Hamed to the BRAVE CF cage took place at BRAVE CF 92 in Bahrain, where the Arab superstar stopped Salamat Orozakunov in the first round of a high-stakes Super Welterweight clash.

The fight marked Hamed's return to the organization after five years and extended his winning streak to six fights. Hamed has remained undefeated since his last appearance in BRAVE



Rami Hamed

Combat Federation at BRAVE CF 33 and with his statement win at BRAVE CF 92, Hamed has risen

as a top contender in the Super Welterweight division.

The victory, however, was not an easy one. Hamed overcame a nasal fracture sustained during the fight to stop Salamat Orozakunov. Salamat capitalized on the injury and nearly secured a finish, but Hamed bounced back strongly to get the stoppage.

After the fight, Hamed shared a photo on social media showcasing the damage to his nose. The injury will keep him out of action for some time, but Hamed is eyeing a title shot

upon his return.

The Super Welterweight division had an active 2024, headlined by Luiz Cado's crowning as the new champion. Alongside Cado, former champions Kamal Magomedov and Marcin Banel, African superstar Eliezer Kubanza, and European stand-out Alex Lohore are all in the race for the title.

Hamed's entry into the mix has raised the stakes and set the stage for an exciting 2025 in the BRAVE CF Super Welterweight division.

Djokovic, Sabalenka win season-openers

Djokovic and Sabalenka start Australian Open preparations with straight-set victories in Brisbane; Kyrgios loses on return

● Djokovic defeated Hijikata 6-3, 6-3

● Sabalenka beat Zarazua 6-4, 6-0

● Kyrgios lost to Mpetshi Perricard in three sets

AFP | Brisbane

Novak Djokovic and Aryna Sabalenka launched their Australian Open preparations with straight-sets wins yesterday at the Brisbane International but Nick Kyrgios lost on his return from injury.

Former world number one Djokovic, who is chasing a record 25th Grand Slam crown in January in Melbourne, eased to a 6-3, 6-3 victory over wildcard Rinky Hijikata.

The 37-year-old Serb broke Hijikata once in the first set and twice in the second for a comfortable 74-minute win.

Djokovic, now ranked seven in the world, was all business against the young Australian and



Novak Djokovic pretends to play the violin to his family after his win

always looked in control as he set up a second-round clash against fellow veteran Gael Monfils.

"To start the new season with a win is obviously very important," said Djokovic, who is pursuing an unprecedented 11th Australian Open title.

"But Hijikata was really good tonight and he made me work for it."

Australian firebrand Kyrgios lost in three tight sets in his first

singles match since June 2023.

Kyrgios went down 7-6 (7/2), 6-7 (4/7), 7-6 (7/3) to Frenchman Giovanni Mpetshi Perricard in almost two and a half hours as serve dominated.

The 2022 Wimbledon finalist Kyrgios, 29, is making his comeback following wrist reconstruction and other injuries over the past couple of years.

Ahead of the Australian Open starting on January 12, big-serv-

ing Mpetshi Perricard said Kyrgios had shown enough to suggest that his comeback would be a success.

Kyrgios played and won in the doubles with Djokovic on Monday.

"Playing Nick here wasn't a good match-up for me," the 21-year-old Mpetshi Perricard said, asked about playing Kyrgios in front of his home crowd. "He did some good things, he



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NOVAK DJOKOVIC

played with confidence."

The Frenchman, who has risen from 205 in the world at the start of 2024 to his current ranking of 31, fired down 36 aces.

Women's world number one Sabalenka kickstarted her bid to win the Australian Open for a third consecutive time with a straight-forward win after a sluggish start.

The Belarusian appeared bothered by the high humidity on Pat Rafter Arena in Brisbane, particularly during an error-strewn first set against Renata Zarazua.

But after breaking Mexico's Zarazua at 5-4, the 26-year-old surged through the second set to wrap up the match 6-4, 6-0 in 65 minutes.

"The first match is always a



Nick Kyrgios, returning from wrist reconstruction and other injuries, lost his first singles match since June 2023 in a tight three-set battle against Giovanni Mpetshi Perricard

tricky one," Sabalenka said.

"It was a tricky start for me but I'm glad that I closed it out in the first set, and in the second set I felt like whatever I tried to do it would work for me.

"So I'm really happy for the first win of the season."

Sabalenka is bidding to be the first woman since Martina Hingis in 1997-99 to win three Australian Opens in succession.

She will play Yulia Putintseva next after the Kazakh's 6-2, 7-5 win over American McCartney Kessler.

BIC ushers in 2025 with first Open Track Day of the new year

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Bahrain International Circuit (BIC) rings in the new year with the first Open Track Day of 2025 scheduled for this Saturday in Sakhir.

This fan-favourite experience at 'The Home of Motorsport in the Middle East' offers the chance to enjoy the thrill of powering down a world-class Formula 1 host venue.

Saturday's Open Track Day will be held from 11am to 6pm along BIC's 2.55-kilometre Inner Circuit - the same used in the Kingdom's leading circuit racing championships.

Participants will get to take in a memorable drive in the seat of



Action from a previous event at BIC

their very own private vehicles, which they can push to their limits within a safe and controlled environment.

Driver etiquette is of ultimate importance during Open Track Days. There is no close or aggressive overtaking permitted.

Overtaking is by invitation between corners and driving is monitored, with poor or dangerous driving being dealt with swiftly.

Those interested in taking part can book their slot in advance to get a reduced rate. The cost for the full day is BD82,500, while the half day is BD55. A single session is also available for BD22. If booking on the day itself, the cost for the full day is BD93,500, BD66 for half the day, and BD27,500 for a single session.

Instructor sessions are also available, while additional drivers and passengers can participate, all for an additional fee.

Rooney leaves Plymouth after just seven months in charge



Wayne Rooney (L) arrives ahead of an English FA Cup (file photo)
AFP | London

Former Manchester United star Wayne Rooney stepped down as Plymouth manager yesterday after just seven months in charge of the Championship strugglers.

Rooney leaves with Plymouth rooted to the bottom of the second tier following Sunday's 2-0 defeat at relegation rivals Oxford.

Plymouth sit four points from safety after winning just four times and losing 13 of their 23 league games following Rooney's appointment in May.

Plymouth have been thrashed 6-1 by Norwich and lost 4-0 against both Bristol City and Coventry in recent weeks to heap the pressure on the former England captain.

"I would like to take this opportunity to thank the board of Plymouth," said Rooney.

"Thanks also to all the staff who made me feel welcome and who make the club such a special place, the players and

fans for their efforts and support during my time as head coach and I wish them all the best for the future.

"To the Green Army thanks for making the games at Home Park so special, they are memories that we will share forever.

"Plymouth Argyle will always hold a special place in my heart, and I will continue to look out for and take interest in their results."

A statement on the club website added: "Plymouth Argyle can confirm that the club and head coach Wayne Rooney have mutually agreed to part ways with immediate effect.

"We would like to thank Wayne and his team for all their efforts and wish them well for the future."

It is 39-year-old Rooney's latest managerial flop. He was sacked by Birmingham after only 15 games in charge last season.

Birmingham were eventually relegated from the Championship after Rooney's exit.

Australia optimistic on Starc fitness for final India Test

AFP | Sydney

Australia coach Andrew McDonald said he was optimistic yesterday that pace spearhead Mitchell Starc will be fit for the decisive fifth Test against India while also backing misfiring Mitch Marsh.

The hosts pulled off a stunning 184-run win deep into day five of the fourth Test in Melbourne and there is a quick turnaround before the match in Sydney from Friday.

Australia are 2-1 up in the series and will regain the Border-Gavaskar trophy for the first time since 2014-15 if they win or draw the New Year's Test.

Victory would also guarantee them a place in the June World Test Championship final at Lord's against South Africa.

Left-arm Starc bowled 41 overs in Melbourne but clearly



Australia are optimistic that Mitchell Starc

struggled in the latter stages, reportedly with sore ribs.

McDonald said selectors would wait to see how he is before making any calls.

"We'll see how the bodies are. Clearly Starc's carrying something of some description. We'll

assess that," he said.

"But other than that it looks as though we got through.

"But short turnaround, recovery is important and we'll assess what the team looks like in Sydney based upon the surface, as we always do."



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ANDREW MCDONALD

McDonald said though it was a good indicator that Starc kept bowling in Melbourne.

"It didn't stop him. Clearly there was a little bit of discomfort early on in spells but once he got warm, it seemed as though he was pretty free. Ball speeds are good."

Jhye Richardson and Sean Abbott are the other fast bowlers in the squad, with skipper Pat Cummins and Scott Boland certain to play again.