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Royal Jordanian resumes flights to Damascus after 13-year halt

AFP | Amman, Jordan

Royal Jordanian said yesterday it had resumed flights from Amman to Damascus, following a 13-year halt during Syria's civil war.

After the first flight on Friday from the Jordanian capital, the flag carrier said it would operate four flights a week to begin with.

"The company plans to increase flights to one a day next April," Royal Jordanian CEO Samer Al-Majali said, according to a statement.

International flights from Damascus airport resumed on January 7, nearly a month after the ouster of president Bashar al-Assad by an Islamist-led alliance.

Qatar Airways, Turkish Airlines and Emirates have all resumed flights to the Syrian capital.

Saudi Media Minister visits Pearling Path

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Salman bin Yousif Al Dosari, Minister of Media of Saudi Arabia, visited the Pearling Path in Muharraq, accompanied by Dr. Ramzan bin Abdullah Al Noaimi, Minister of Information, and Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed bin Abdullah Al Khalifa, Chairman of the Bahrain Authority for Culture and Antiquities (BACA).

The visit was part of Minister Al Dosari's trip to Bahrain to chair the Saudi delegation at the fourth meeting of the Coordination Committee on Culture, Media, Tourism, and Social Development, established under the Saudi-Bahraini Coordination Council.

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Rafah crossing to reopen today

Jerusalem, Undefined

Gaza's Rafah border crossing with Egypt is to reopen today following a fourth exchange of hostages and prisoners under a truce agreement, a Hamas official said. "The mediators informed Hamas of Israel's approval to open Rafah crossing tomorrow, Saturday, after the completion of the fourth batch of prisoner exchange," the Hamas official said.

Championing Equestrian Excellence



His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, on Friday attended the final day of the Crown Prince's Cup Festival in Sakhir. HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, HH Shaikh Isa bin Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, HH Shaikh Mohammed bin Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, HH Shaikh Faisal bin Rashid Al Khalifa, and HH Shaikh Hamad bin Abdullah bin Isa Al Khalifa were present. The event highlighted Bahrain's commitment to equestrian excellence and heritage, showcasing strong competition and celebrating the Kingdom's global standing in horse racing.

Hamas to free three Israeli hostages in next ceasefire swap

Jerusalem, Undefined

Hamas and Israel will conduct their next swap of the Gaza ceasefire today, with three Israelis including the father of the youngest hostages to be freed in return for 90 people held in Israeli jails.

Hamas and Islamic Jihad have so far handed over 15 hostages to the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) in exchange for hundreds of Palestinian prisoners, many of them women and minors.

Israeli campaign group, the Hostage and Missing Families Forum, named the captives to be released on Saturday as Yarden Bibas, Keith Siegel, who also has US citizenship, and Ofer Kalderon, who also holds French nationality.

In exchange, Israel will free 90 prisoners, nine of whom are serving life sentences, the Palestinian Prisoners' Club advocacy group said.



A crowd welcomes Palestinians formerly jailed by Israel as they arrive in a Red Cross convoy to Ramallah in the occupied West Bank

48hrs delay for fund transfers

MPs propose two-day delay for international money transfers to tackle fraud

● **Parliament's foreign affairs, defence, and national security committee has backed the proposal**

● **To give authorities time to detect fraudulent transactions and block scam messages**

● **The proposal will be put to a vote in Parliament on Tuesday**

Mohammed Darwish
TDT | Manama

Money sent abroad from Bahrain could soon take two days to credit, if a proposal to delay international transfers by 48 hours gains parliamentary approval.

While real-time transactions are becoming the norm nowadays, MPs argue that this delay will give authorities crucial time to detect and catch online fraudsters. They also want telecom companies to block scam messages before they can victimise people.

“Scammers are getting smarter—impersonating businesses, tricking people into transferring money, and using all kinds of dirty tricks to drain accounts. Banks need to stay one step ahead, and that means tightening security where it matters”

HASSAN EBRAHIM, MP



If the proposal passes, banks will be required to delay international transfers by 48 hours moving forward.

The probability of this happening is high, as Parliament's foreign affairs, defence, and national security committee has already endorsed the plan. MPs Hassan Ebrahim, Dr Hisham Al Ashiri, Dr Ali Majid Al Nuaimi, First Deputy Speaker Abdulnabi Salman, and Hassan Bukhumas are the driving force behind the initiative.

"Scammers are getting smarter—impersonating businesses, tricking people into transferring money, and using all kinds of dirty tricks to drain accounts," MP Ebrahim said. "Banks need to stay one step ahead, and that means tightening security where it matters."

Parliamentarians believe the delay will give victims more time to detect fraud and allow authorities to stop scammers by cutting off fraudulent messages at the source.

"Scammers are using fake texts and social media to trick people into handing over their financial details. We need action, both to raise awareness and to make it harder for fraudsters to move stolen money," said Ebrahim.

Committee members agree, citing the rapid growth of online fraud and the

need for stronger protections.

The Ministry of Interior, through the General Directorate of Anti-Corruption, Economic and Electronic Security, has outlined its ongoing efforts to tackle the issue. These include warnings on TV, radio, and social media, as well as collaboration with banks, the Consumer Protection Directorate, and other financial institutions. A joint committee has also been set up with the Central Bank of Bahrain and the Telecommunications Regulatory Authority to tackle fraud, with banks, auditors, and money exchange firms now part of the discussions.

However, the ministry has stressed that its input so far is not final. A full response will be included in the government's official memorandum, which is still being drafted.



In the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) countries, the standard time for international money transfers varies depending on the method used and the specific banks involved. Generally, international wire transfers are not instant and can take between 1 to 5 business days to complete.

Suspects in killing of Quran-burner in Sweden freed: prosecutor

Stockholm, Sweden

Five suspects in the killing of Salwan Momika, who in 2023 burned a copy of the Quran, have all been freed, a prosecutor handling the case in Sweden said yesterday.

"The suspicions have been undermined and I see no reason to keep these people under arrest" over the killing on Wednesday, prosecutor Rasmus Oman said in a statement, adding that the investigation was continuing.



The building in Södertälje, south of Stockholm, Sweden, where the shooting took place



Indian Ambassador warns against unlicensed loans, highlights passport application changes

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Indian Ambassador Vinod Kurian Jacob yesterday urged members of the community to avoid obtaining loans from unlicensed providers to prevent any potential legal issues. Referring to recent reports, he stated that a group of workers is engaging with fellow nationals to secure loans with exorbitant



interest rates. He further explained that these individuals are operating with funds that may have been obtained through illicit activities.

“These lending operations could be a sign of money laundering,” the Ambassador warned during the first open house of 2025, organised by the Embassy of India. The Ambassador also highlighted recent

changes to the passport application process for minors. He explained that the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, has revised annexures (‘C’ and ‘D’) required for such applications.

The revised forms are available on the embassy’s website.

Around 30 cases were addressed during the Open House, which was conducted in English,

Hindi, Tamil, and Malayalam. The Embassy’s Community Welfare team, Consular team, and panel lawyers were present to assist. The Ambassador also expressed his pleasure at the large turnout of Indian community members at the Flag Unfurling Ceremony and the evening reception organised by the Embassy to celebrate India’s 76th Republic Day.

Kid Francescoli and Elinor Morel to headline Bahrain’s Spring of Culture Festival

Feel the cool vibe of French electro music by the seaside!

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Get ready for an unforgettable musical experience as world-renowned French Touch artist Kid Francescoli hits Bahrain for a one-night-only live performance on February 3, 2025! With over 3 million monthly listeners and iconic tracks like Nopalitos, Blow Up, and the viral Moon (And It Went Like), his electrifying sound has captured the hearts of music lovers globally, amassing over 200 million streams.

This exclusive show will fea-



Elinor Morel

ture tracks from his latest album Sunset Blue, a collaboration with renowned Algerian musician Hakim Hamadouche. Expect to hear mesmerizing singles like You Are Everywhere, 1986, and Run, Run, blending Mediterranean roots with sunny, dancea-



Kid Francescoli

ble rhythms for a unique musical journey.

Event Details:

February 3, 2025 - 7:00 PM
Venue: National Museum – Darsen Café, Bahrain (Outdoor Terrace)

Admission: Free with registration via the Bahrain Authority for Culture & Antiquities (BACA) website

Age Limit: +13 years old
Part of BACA’s Spring of Culture Festival

Beyond his music, Kid Francescoli has made waves in the fashion and entertainment worlds, with collaborations with major brands like Apple, Netflix (Emily in Paris), Chanel, and Xbox. With multiple gold singles and a diamond certification, his new album Sunset Blue marks a bold new chapter in his career,

offering fans a rhythmic, dreamy seaside vibe.

Also Not to Be Missed:

February 19, 2025 – “Love of Voice” with French opera-pop singer Elinor Morel

Experience an enchanting live performance by Dubai-based mezzo-soprano Elinor Morel, whose unique blend of opera classics and French chansons will captivate audiences. Known for her versatile vocal range and vibrant performances, Elinor will also showcase her original compositions, including Ave

Maria and Cause I Love You.

Event Details:
February 19, 2025 - 8:00 PM
Venue: Cultural Hall

Admission: Free (Walk-in, no prior registration required)

No Age Limit

Both concerts are part of BACA’s annual Spring of Culture Festival and are organized in collaboration with the French Embassy to Bahrain and the Alliance Française Bahrain, reinforcing the shared commitment to cross-cultural dialogue and artistic exchange.

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End of the line for BD500 foreign worker fee?

LMRA urges caution, warns changes could disrupt local job

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The parallel Bahrainisation system, which allows businesses to hire foreign workers by paying a BD500 compensation fee, is now under scrutiny.

MPS are pushing to remove this option, claiming it lets companies sidestep local hiring regulations. However, the Labour Market Regulatory Authority (LMRA) warns that scrapping the system could backfire, as the additional cost of foreign work permits encourages firms to hire locals.

The proposal is set for a parliamentary vote on Tuesday.

MPS argue that abolishing the system would force businesses to focus more on hiring Bahrainis rather than relying on foreign workers. The move, backed by MPs Bader Al Tamimi, Hamad Al Doy, Abdulla Al Dhaen, Dr Ali Al Nuaimi, and Waleed Al Doseri, is aimed at promoting local employment.

LMRA Defends

However, LMRA insists that the current system aligns with



Picture for representation only

Bahrain's labour market plan and the government's goal of making Bahraini workers the preferred choice. The authority argues that businesses already meeting their hiring targets are exempt from the extra fees, meaning the system isn't inher-

ently unfair.

Specialist Jobs

The Bahrain Chamber of Commerce and Industry warns that many specialist jobs rely on foreign expertise, and removing the system could lead to short-

ages, lower work quality, and a less efficient economy.

Lack of Consultation

Meanwhile, the General Federation of Bahrain Trade Unions contends that the system has made it harder for Bahrainis to

secure jobs. The union also criticises the lack of consultation with labour groups when the system was introduced, claiming it favours businesses over workers.

Services Committee Backs

Parliament's Services Committee has reviewed the proposal and is in favour, with most members agreeing that it could help increase Bahraini employment and stabilise the job market.



Employers must now wait 21 days to bring in overseas workers, with a week dedicated to advertising the job locally. During this time, firms are required to interview Bahraini candidates, ensuring that foreign workers are hired only when no local talent is available.

Dedicated cancer hospital for Southern Governorate

● The Parliament's Services Committee has recommended approval

● The Ministry of Health stated that the Supreme Health Council, through its Training and Health Strategic Planning Committee, is evaluating the Kingdom's healthcare needs

H Naser
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A dedicated cancer hospital may soon be established for residents of the Southern Governorate, eliminating the need for a 40-minute journey to King Hamad University Hospital, if a proposal by MP Ali Al Noaimi is approved by Parliament.

The Parliament's Services Committee has recommended approval of the proposal, citing several factors, including the increasing prevalence of cancer, the lack of a specialised cancer hospital in the region, the need to ease the burden on oncology centres at Salmaniya Medical Complex and King Hamad University Hospital, and the



desire to improve the quality and effectiveness of healthcare services provided by the Ministry of Health.

In response, the Ministry of Health stated that the Supreme Health Council, through its Training and Health Strategic Planning Committee, is evaluating the Kingdom's healthcare needs as health insurance is implemented and public hospitals and primary healthcare centres transition to self-management.

This evaluation will take into account urban and population growth, as well as the feasibility of establishing medical centres under the health insurance system. The Ministry also highlighted that the National Cancer Centre at King Hamad University Hospital, a national facility specialising in cancer treatment, already serves cit-



MP Ali Al Noaimi

izens across the Kingdom, including those in the Southern Governorate.

"The centre operates in line with global best practices, utilising advanced medical technologies for cancer detection and treatment, thus addressing the Kingdom's cancer care needs and fulfilling the objectives outlined in the proposal," the Ministry said in its written response.

Parliament to debate merger of CSB and Labour Ministry

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The potential merger of the Civil Service Bureau and the Ministry of Labour is set to be discussed in Parliament on Tuesday.

The proposal, put forward by MPs Saleh Buanaq and Zainab Abdulameer, calls for the Government to study the feasibility of combining the two entities.

The MPs argue that the merger would streamline the oversight of human resources, align

legislation across sectors, and standardise procedures and work systems in both the public and private sectors.

A joint committee from the Legislative and Legal Affairs Committee and the Services Committee of the Council of Representatives has recommended approval, highlighting the potential public benefits. The committee believes the merger could create a more cohesive and consistent legal framework for employment, modernise government institutions, reduce budgetary ex-

penditures, improve coordination on job creation, and better address unemployment in both sectors.

Additionally, it could lead to the development and implementation of employment policies under a single, unified body.

However, both the Ministry of Labour and the Civil Service Bureau have expressed concerns, stating that the proposal falls outside their purview. Despite these reservations, the proposal will proceed to parliamentary debate.



Salman bin Yousif Al Dosari, Minister of Media of Saudi Arabia, visited the Pearling Path in Muharraq, accompanied by Dr. Ramzan bin Abdullah Al Noaimi, Minister of Information, and Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed bin Abdullah Al Khalifa, Chairman of the Bahrain Authority for Culture and Antiquities (BACA).

Shura's bold plan: Free home repairs for Bahrain's neediest

Mohammed Darwish
TDT | Manama

A proposal to offer free home renovations and rebuilding for Bahrainis with no income will be voted on by the Shura Council this Sunday.

The plan aims to grant the Housing Ministry the authority to cover renovation and rebuilding costs for those unable to afford them, ensuring vulnerable citizens are not left living in unsafe conditions.

However, the government has raised concerns, arguing that the current housing support is sufficient.

Currently, the Housing Ministry provides homes and renovation loans to low-income citizens, but the loans must be



Redha Munfaridi, Shura member



Jamal Fakhro, Shura's First Deputy Chairman

repaid, and those without any income are excluded. The proposal seeks to waive this requirement for the most vulnerable

citizens.

Proponents argue that the proposal aligns with Bahrain's

Constitution, which mandates the state to provide social security in cases of joblessness, disability, illness, old age, and orphanhood.

Shura members Redha Munfaridi, First Deputy Chairman Jamal Fakhro, Jumaa Al Kaabi, and Fouad Al Hajji have put the proposal forward.

In response, the Housing Ministry cited Law No. (1) of 2024, which already provides financial assistance for low-income Bahrainis. This law allows the ministry to offer homeownership, rental support, and funds for purchasing, building, or repairing homes. The ministry believes additional free renovations are unnecessary.

The Municipalities and Agriculture Ministry, which has managed home repairs for years,

supports the Housing Ministry's position, noting that many Bahrainis have already benefited from free home repairs through existing schemes.

Committee approves

Shura's Public Utilities and Environment Committee has reviewed the proposal and approved its general direction, allowing for further debate.

The committee emphasized that if passed, the law would give the Housing Ministry the flexibility to set rules and conditions for free home repairs rather than imposing a rigid policy.

Since 2004, the government has assisted thousands of families with home repairs, either through renovation, rebuilding, or financial aid for repairs. Between 2004 and 2011, 2,700



Currently, to qualify for government-funded renovations, applicants must have an income between BHD 120 and BHD 1,200, must not have received housing assistance in the past 10 years, and the home must be their primary residence. Those who have already received aid for home repairs are ineligible for further assistance.

homes were improved, while from 2011 to 2024, 8,080 families received financial aid for repairs.

Delivery services under commercial registration system, says Minister



“This activity is regulated under the commercial registration system, allowing businesses that meet the necessary requirements to obtain a licence.”

ABDULLA BIN ADEL FAKHRO, INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE MINISTER



Mohammed Darwish
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Bahrain's delivery services, covering a range of goods from food to medicine and gifts, are regulated under the commercial registration system, according to Industry and Commerce Minister Abdulla bin Adel Fakhro.

In response to a question from Shura Council member Bassam Al Binmohammed, the minister clarified that delivery services



Bassam Al Binmohammed, Shura member

are currently provided by two types of businesses: those that offer delivery as part of their general trade activities, and those specialising exclusively in deliveries. “This activity is regulated under the commercial registration system, allowing businesses that meet the necessary requirements to obtain a licence,” Fakhro explained.

The inquiry also raised questions about whether Bahrain plans to implement specific rules for delivery vehicles and

equipment, depending on the type of goods being transported, particularly concerning health and safety. The minister noted that such matters fall under the jurisdiction of other government entities that manage specific licensing requirements.

“The Ministry of Industry and Commerce is continuously collaborating with other ministries and licensing authorities to enhance the business environment and address the rapid changes in the market,” Fakhro added.

Five-year sentence for scammer behind BD800 OTP fraud

Mohammed Darwish
TDT | Manama

A scammer who tricked victims into revealing one-time passwords (OTPs) through fake bank calls has been sentenced to five years in prison after stealing BD800 from one victim. The High Criminal Court ruled that he was part of a larger network that funneled stolen funds abroad.

The case came to light when a Bahraini man reported to the Cybercrime Directorate that he had received a text asking him to update his details on a financial app. After following the instructions, he received a call from someone pretending to be a bank officer handling security updates. The scammer convinced him to provide an OTP, and the following day, the victim discovered money missing from his account.

Police traced the fraud to an international gang, with the defendant acting as an intermediary. His role was to collect



the stolen funds and transfer them outside Bahrain.

The defendant and his accomplices were charged with fraud. Prosecutors stated they conspired with an unknown individual to exploit the victim's electronic signature—his credit card PIN—and tricked him into revealing banking details by posing as bank staff. They were also accused of illegally accessing his online account and possessing illegal material on an electronic device.

Crafting the future: MPs push for stronger artisan support

H Naser
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A proposal to enhance opportunities and incentives for local artisans has gained the backing of Parliament's Services Committee, despite the Bahrain Authority for Culture and Antiquities (BACA) asserting that several initiatives are already in place.

BACA highlighted its existing efforts, including designated spaces in national museums and the annual Heritage Festival to support artisans. The National



Representative picture

Register of Artisans serves as a database for craft projects, while “Made in Bahrain” stores and craft houses promote and market locally made handcrafted products.

The proposal, put forward by MPs Muneer Serour, Ahmed Al Salloum, Basma Mubarak, Mohammed Al Ahmed, and Lulwa Al Rumaihi, was approved by the committee, which emphasised its potential to boost tourism. Lawmakers argue that expanding artisan support will not only attract visitors but also increase public appreciation for tradi-

tional crafts as vital cultural legacies.

BACA also pointed to its training programmes aimed at preserving and developing traditional skills by nurturing a new generation of artisans and enhancing technical expertise. These efforts include participation in both local and international exhibitions and events.

The next meeting of the Council of Representatives will be crucial, as MPs are set to debate and vote on the proposal's future.

Parliament to debate proposal for national employment strategy

Mohammed Darwish
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On Tuesday, Parliament will debate a proposal for a national employment strategy designed to further integrate Bahrainis into the workforce. This comes as part of a broader push to create more local job opportunities, which has already resulted in 5,400 Bahrainis securing jobs and another 4,900 benefiting from Tamkeen's training programs.

The Joint Committee, which includes members of the Legislative and Legal Affairs Committee and the Services Committee, has given its full support to the proposal, stating that it aligns with the country's long-term



Ahmed Qarata, Second Deputy Speaker

goals of strengthening the labour market and ensuring that Bahrainis have priority in employment opportunities.

The Civil Service Bureau, responsible for government hiring, has pointed out that public sector hiring practices already prioritise Bahrainis. Expats are only hired when qualified local candidates are unavailable. Additionally, foreign workers in the public sector are required to train Bahraini colleagues before their contracts end, ensuring that skills are transferred and that Bahrainis are ready for more senior roles. The Bureau monitors hiring trends and training initiatives to ensure that Bahrainis are being prepared for leadership positions.

The Ministry of Labour, which oversees the private sector, has emphasized that it is already implementing measures to priori-

tise Bahraini workers. It has re-entrenched several government initiatives, such as the Government Action Plan for 2023-2026, the Economic Recovery Plan from 2021, and the National Labour Market Plan, all of which aim to boost local employment. However, the Ministry also stresses the importance of maintaining an open and competitive job market to attract foreign investment. Efforts to incentivise companies to hire more Bahrainis, such as wage support and training programmes, are already in place.

Tamkeen, the government agency responsible for Bahrain's employment and training schemes, has played a key role in these initiatives. It has already helped more than 5,400 Bahrai-

nis secure jobs and trained nearly 4,900 individuals. Programs such as wage subsidies, leadership courses, and job-matching services are helping Bahrainis become more competitive in the job market.

The proposal, put forward by MPs Second Deputy Speaker Ahmed Qarata, Jameel Mulla Hassan, Mohammed Al Olaiwi, Hisham Al Awadhi, and Mohammed Al Rifai, calls for a more structured approach to shifting jobs to Bahrainis in a way that ensures the public interest is served. The proposal has been met with no opposition from the committee, which views it as a necessary step towards achieving a more sustainable and locally-focused labour market.

Putin approves Goldman Sachs' Russia exit

Moscow, Russia

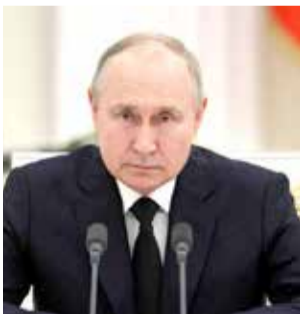
Russian President Vladimir Putin on Friday gave the green light to investment bank Goldman Sachs to offload its Russian subsidiary, a highly symbolic departure amid the Western corporate exodus.

The US bank, which was hired by the Kremlin in the 1990s to help attract foreign investors, announced plans to leave Russia in March 2022, just days after Moscow launched its full-scale military offensive on Ukraine.

Hundreds of Western companies have exited the country since, most selling at cut-down prices amid counter-sanctions introduced by Moscow to punish those seeking to leave.

Putin signed a decree on Friday authorising the sale of 100 percent of the shares of Goldman Sachs's Russian unit to Balchug Capital, an Armenia-based investment firm.

There were no details on the terms of the deal.



World awaits Trump tariff deadline on Canada, Mexico and China



Workers transport Chrysler minivans at the Stellantis Windsor Assembly Plant in Windsor, Ontario, Canada

AFP | Washington, United States

The global economy is bracing for impact as US President Donald Trump's deadline to impose sweeping tariffs on the three largest US trading partners -- Canada, Mexico and China -- draws near.

Trump said shortly after taking office that he planned to introduce 25 percent tariffs on neighbors Canada and Mexico on February 1, unless they cracked down on illegal migrants crossing the US border and the flow of deadly fentanyl.

He is also eyeing an additional 10 percent duty for Chinese goods on Saturday, similarly over fentanyl.

While Trump has not specified tools for the new tariffs, analysts have suggested he could tap emergency economic pow-

ers -- which allow the president to regulate imports during a national emergency. But this could be hindered by lawsuits.

On Thursday, he reiterated commitment to levies on all three countries, while re-upping threats of 100 percent tariffs on BRICS nations -- a bloc including Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa -- if they create a rival to the US dollar.

Fentanyl, many times more powerful than heroin, has been responsible for tens of thousands of overdose deaths a year.

Beijing has rebuffed claims of its complicity in the deadly trade, while Canada has countered that below one percent of undocumented migrants and fentanyl entering the United States comes through its northern border.

JPMorgan analysts believe tariffs are "a bargaining chip" to accelerate the renegotiation of a trade deal between the United States, Mexico and Canada.

"However, potentially dismantling a decades-long free-trade area could be a significant shock," said a recent JPMorgan note.

One lesson from Trump's first term was that policy changes could be announced or threatened on short notice, it added.

Tariffs are paid by US businesses to the government on purchases from abroad and the economic weight can fall on importers, foreign suppliers or consumers.

Another looming deadline is April 1, by which Trump has called for reviews including on trade deficits.

India forecasts slowing growth ahead of next budget

AFP | Mumbai, India

India's economy will grow 6.3-6.8% in the next fiscal year, a government report said on Friday, among the top-performing countries globally but sluggish compared with recent performance.

The world's fifth-largest economy posted 8.2% GDP growth in the 2023-24 financial year but has slowed down since due to lower infrastructure spending, a weaker manufacturing sector and muted urban consumption.

"Looking ahead, India's economic prospects for FY26 are balanced. Headwinds to growth include elevated geopolitical and trade uncertainties and possible commodity price shocks," the Finance Ministry said in its annual economic survey.

The lower end of the predicted range comes just below the 6.4%t GDP growth projection for the current financial year ending March 2025, which is the slowest the economy has expanded since the Covid-19 pandemic.

It is, however, in line with global estimates including the World Bank, which has forecast growth of 6.7% next fiscal year.

The report said that, while an uptick in rural demand and an easing of food inflation offered an "upside to near-term growth", India will need to improve its global competitiveness to "reinforce its medium-term growth potential". The report comes a day before India is set to unveil its annual budget, with the spotlight on how Prime Minister Narendra Modi will address the slowdown.



Analysts say efforts to stimulate demand are likely.

"In a quest to support consumption, we expect the finance minister to provide an effective personal income tax rate cut by further tweaking the tax slabs," analysts at Barclays said in a note last week.

"We think a boost to consumption is needed, especially with private investment also now awaiting the increase in demand growth."

Modi was nonetheless upbeat in brief public remarks made on Friday to open the latest session of parliament ahead of Saturday's budget.

He said India was on track to become a developed country by 2047, a mantra of his government, the year coinciding with a century since the end of colonial rule by Britain.

Modi also offered a prayer to Lakshmi, the Indian goddess of wealth and prosperity, exhorting her to continue to bless India's "poor and middle-class".

Apple profit climbs but sales miss expectations

AFP | San Francisco, United States

Apple on Thursday reported its revenue was a whopping \$124.3 billion in the year-end holiday quarter, but sales growth fell shy of market expectations as the iPhone faces stiff competition, particularly in China.

Apple logged \$36.3bn in profit in what chief executive Tim Cook called its "best quar-



Apple was originally founded in a garage by Steve Jobs, Steve Wozniak, and Ronald Wayne in 1976. The first product, the Apple I, was hand-built by Wozniak and sold for \$666.66. Despite its humble beginnings, Apple went on to revolutionise the tech world and become one of the most valuable companies globally.

ter ever." Revenue growth was powered by Apple's service and digital content unit, with iPhone sales slipping in markets like mainland China where they tallied \$18.5bn.

Overall iPhone sales in the quarter were \$69.1bn, about a half-billion less than it took in for handsets in the same period

a year earlier, according to an earnings release.

"Our record revenue and strong operating margins drove (earnings per share) to a new all-time record with double-digit growth," said Apple chief financial officer Kevan Parekh.

"We are also pleased that our installed base of active device-

es has reached a new all-time high across all products and geographic segments."

In the quarter, Apple's services segment -- which includes Apple Music, iCloud, the App Store, and Apple TV+ -- reported revenue of \$26.3bn, compared to \$23.1bn in the same period a year earlier.

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News in brief

Thailand orders stubble burning crackdown as pollution spikes
 The Thai government has ordered a crackdown on farmers flouting a ban on crop burning, as pollution in Bangkok spiked yesterday a week after toxic air forced hundreds of schools to close. Smoke from farmers burning crop stubble combines with vehicle and factory emissions to send air pollution in Bangkok and other cities soaring in the early months of the year. Yesterday morning, the sprawling Thai capital was seventh on the list of the world's most polluted cities run by air monitoring company IQAir.

New US Secretary of Defense Pete Hegseth and his Japanese counterpart Gen Nakatani agreed in a phone call yesterday to continue efforts to strengthen the countries' alliance, Tokyo said. Hegseth -- a former infantryman and Fox News personality -- was sworn in last weekend, having narrowly won Senate confirmation despite allegations of alcohol abuse, sexual misconduct and concerns over inexperience. Key allies Japan and the United States are each other's top foreign investors, and 54,000 US military personnel are stationed in Japan, mostly in Okinawa east of Taiwan.

Trump's point man for drilling agenda confirmed by Senate
 The US Senate on Thursday confirmed Donald Trump's pick to lead the Interior Department, a role that oversees the nation's vast public lands and waters that are vital to the president's agenda of expanding drilling. Former North Dakota governor and 2024 presidential candidate Doug Burgum was confirmed in a 79-18 vote, with the majority of Democrats joining their Republican colleagues. Trump has also tapped Burgum to lead a newly created National Energy Council, a role which does not require Senate confirmation.

SPOTLIGHT

Trio of rare tiger cubs spotted in Thai national park



A Bengal tiger walks with three cubs in Kaeng Krachan National Park in Thailand's Petchaburi province

The video of the feline family captured in July was published by the national park on its Facebook page on Wednesday.

"Based on the timeline, we estimate the cubs are now about six months old," Mongkol said.

Six adult Bengal tigers currently live in Kaeng Krachan National Park -- a UNESCO World Heritage site spread over densely forested mountains along the border with Myanmar -- two males, two females and two whose sex is unknown.

Bengal tiger sightings are rare. However, park officials spotted another Bengal tiger in Kui Buri National park, south of the capital Bangkok, earlier this year.

It was the first sighting of the animal in that park in more than a decade, according to Thai authorities.

Thailand has one of the few remaining breeding populations of Bengal tigers, which roam just a handful of countries, including India, Nepal, Russia and Bhutan.

US works to explain plane collision

Investigators recover plane black boxes from Washington air collision as Trump blames diversity policies for tragic disaster

- Black boxes recovered from passenger plane and military helicopter
- Over 40 bodies recovered from icy water
- Skaters, coaches, and international victims on board

AFP | Washington

Investigators on Thursday recovered the black boxes from a passenger plane that collided mid-air with a military helicopter over Washington's Potomac River, killing all 67 people, as rescuers pulled bodies from the freezing water.

US President Donald Trump launched a political attack blaming diversity and inclusion policies championed by his Democratic predecessors for causing the incident.

Trump's politicization of the tragedy came as the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) said it had recovered the cockpit voice recorder and flight data recorder from the Bombardier jet operated by an American Airlines subsidiary that collided with an Army Black Hawk helicopter late Wednesday.

"The recorders are at the NTSB labs for evaluation," the agency



Part of the wreckage is seen along the Potomac River after American Airlines flight 5342 collided with a US Army helicopter near Washington, DC

said in a statement.

According to a New York Times report, staffing was thin in the control tower at Reagan National Airport, where the airliner was about to land when the collision occurred.

One controller, rather than the usual two, was handling both plane and helicopter traffic, the Times quoted a preliminary Federal Aviation Administration report as saying.

A fireball erupted in the night sky and both aircraft tumbled into the icy Potomac, leaving rescue crews to search for victims in the dark and cold.

Over 40 bodies had been recovered as of Thursday evening, according to US media reports.

The passenger plane was carrying 64 people and the Black Hawk had three aboard.

Trump politicizes crash

The collision -- the first major crash in the United States since 2009 -- occurred as American Eagle Flight 5342 from Wichita, Kansas came in to land.

Reagan National is a major airport located a short distance from downtown Washington, the White House and the Pentagon. The airspace is extremely busy, with civilian and military aircraft a constant presence.

Just 24 hours before the collision, another plane coming in to land at Reagan National had to make a second approach after a helicopter appeared near its flight path, The Washington

Post and CNN reported, citing an audio recording from air traffic control.

Trump, who took office 10 days ago, turned a press conference on the disaster into a platform for his crusade against diversity, equity and inclusion or DEI -- a series of often decades-old measures meant to combat racism and sexism across the United States.

Accusing his Democratic predecessors Joe Biden and Barack Obama of having kept good employees out of the aviation agency in pursuit of DEI, he claimed: "They actually came out with a directive: 'too white.' And we want the people that are competent."

Trump aimed criticism directly at Biden's openly gay transportation secretary Pete Buttigieg. "He's run it right into the ground with his diversity,"



The collision was the first major crash in the United States since 2009, killing all 67 people on board the passenger plane and military helicopter



DONALD TRUMP

The message was hammered home as Vice President JD Vance and new defense secretary Pete Hegseth took turns at the podium to repeat -- without evidence -- the hard-right theory that diversity measures keep capable Americans out of responsible jobs.

Asked again by reporters whether he was blaming workplace diversity for the crash, Trump answered: "It could have been."

Buttigieg responded on X, calling Trump "despicable." "As families grieve, Trump should be leading, not lying," he said.

Democratic Senator Chris Murphy posted that Trump's comments "blaming the FAA's hiring of women and black people for the crash -- was disgusting."

"He's in charge. This happened on his watch," Murphy said.

Russia says Kyiv forces killed 22 people in occupied village



heavily damaged buildings in Chasiv Yar, Donetsk region (file photo) AFP | Moscow

Moscow yesterday accused Ukrainian troops of killing 22 people in an occupied Russian village, including eight women who were allegedly raped before being executed.

Ukraine controls of dozens of border towns in the Kursk region of western Russia since launching a surprise offensive in August and says about 2,000 civilians still live in areas it occupies.

Russia has now retaken several towns.

Russia's Investigative Committee had said on January 19 it was investigating the killing of "at least seven civilians" in the village of Russkoye Porechnoye, about 20 kilometres (12 miles) from the Ukrainian border.

Yesterday, it said it was now investigating the killing of "22 residents" between September and November.

Among the victims, whose bodies were found in the basements of

several homes, were eight women who were allegedly raped before being killed, the Investigative Committee said.

Investigators blame five Ukrainian soldiers for the killings and said one of them, Yevgeny Fabrisenko, was arrested during the fighting in the Kursk region.

The committee released a video of the interrogation of a man identified as Fabrisenko, who confessed.

AFP was not immediately able to verify the claims and there has been no official response from Ukraine.

Russia and Ukraine have accused each other of killing civilians since the conflict began nearly three years ago.

Russian forces are accused of murdering hundreds of civilians in the town of Bucha, near Kyiv. AFP journalists are among the international media outlets that have seen and photographed the bodies of Ukrainian civilians killed, some with their hands tied.

Thousands of protesters call for VP Duterte impeachment

AFP | Manila

Thousands of protesters took to the streets of Manila yesterday, urging the Philippine House of Representatives to impeach Vice President Sara Duterte.

Duterte faces three impeachment complaints over alleged misconduct and misuse of millions of dollars in government funds, but legislators have yet to tackle them just days before Congress adjourns next week ahead of the May midterm elections.

Trump envoy warns Maduro that Venezuela must accept returned migrants from US

AFP | Washington

President Donald Trump yesterday sent an envoy to Venezuela to warn leftist leader Nicolas Maduro to accept the unconditional return of deported Venezuelans or face consequences.

Richard Grenell, an outspoken ally of Trump who serves in a broad role as envoy for special missions, traveled to Caracas to speak to Maduro as the new administration vows to push a hard line.

"President Trump expects Nicolas Maduro to take back all of the Venezuelan criminals



Protesters holding placards shout slogans during a rally. The 46-year-old vice president, who is estranged from

President Ferdinand Marcos but remains his constitutional successor in case he is unable to perform his duties, has denied the allegations.

Marcos himself has urged Congress not to pursue Duterte's impeachment, calling it a "storm in a teacup" that would distract the legislature from its primary responsibilities.

Protesters mostly wearing white shirts held placards calling for Duterte's removal and chanted "Impeach! Impeach Sara now!" as they gathered beside Manila's busiest avenue.



Migrants, mostly from Central America and Venezuela, rest on their way to the United States (file photo)

and gang members that have been exported to the United States, and to do so unequivocally and without condition," said Mauricio Claver-Carone, the US special envoy for Latin America.

He said that Grenell was also demanding that "American hostages need to be released -- immediately, unequivocally."

"All I would do on this call is urge the Maduro government -- the Maduro regime -- in Venezuela, to heed to Special Envoy Ric Grenell and to his demands and what he puts on the table, because ultimately, there will be consequences otherwise," Claver-Carone told reporters.

Rwanda-backed M23 advances towards second DR Congo regional capital

AFP | Goma

The Rwandan-backed armed group M23 moved south as it closed in on a key military airport in DR Congo, with queues of young men volunteering to defend a provincial capital yesterday.

The group captured most of Goma, the capital of North Kivu province, earlier this week and has vowed to march all the way to the capital Kinshasa.

The weeks-long offensive has marked a dramatic escalation in a region that has seen conflict involving dozens of armed groups claim the lives of an estimated six million people over three decades.

Rwanda says its primary interest is to eradicate fighters linked to the 1994 genocide but is accused of seeking to profit from the region's reserves of minerals used in global electronics.

The crisis has rattled the continent and international observers, with a southern African regional bloc holding an emergency summit in Zimbabwe's capital Harare yesterday.

M23 fighters are now moving south, with local sources telling AFP on Thursday that fighting was concentrated some 30 kilometres (19 miles) from the city



An abandoned Congolese army truck is seen on the streets of Goma

Despite international condemnation, M23's rapid advance has met little resistance from the poorly equipped Congolese army, raising fears of further destabilization in the region

of Kavumu. The city has a strategic military airfield and is where the Congolese army has laid down its defensive line just 40 km north of South Kivu's provincial capital Bukavu.

The United Nations warned there were "credible reports that the M23 is moving rapidly towards the city of Bukavu."

In Bukavu -- home to two million, and the second biggest city in eastern Democratic Republic of Congo after Goma -- an AFP reporter saw long lines of volunteers queuing to join a Congolese militia that has been fighting alongside the army.

Scores of young men carried out drills on the red earth inside a stadium, a day after the provincial interior minister called on people to enlist to fight back against the M23.

"I am ready to die for my country," volunteer Juvenal Bahati Muhigirwa Ndagano said.

Hamas to free three Israeli hostages in next ceasefire swap



A military helicopter transporting five newly-released hostages, lands at the military of the Shamir Medical Center in Beer Yaakov on Thursday

AFP | Gaza

Hamas and Israel will conduct their next swap of the Gaza ceasefire on Saturday, with three Israelis including the father of the youngest hostages to be freed in return for 90 people held in Israeli jails.

After holding them hostage for 15 months, armed groups in Gaza began releasing captives as the first phase of a ceasefire with Israel took effect on January 19.

Hamas and Islamic Jihad have so far handed over 15 hostages to the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) in exchange for hundreds of Palestinian prisoners, many of them women and minors.

Israeli campaign group, the Hostage and Missing Families Forum, named the captives to be released on Saturday as Yarden Bibas, Keith Seigel, who also has

US citizenship, and Ofer Kalderon, who also holds French nationality. The office of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu confirmed it had received the names of the three hostages to be released.

In exchange, Israel will free 90 prisoners, nine of whom are serving life sentences, the Palestinian Prisoners' Club advocacy group said.

During their October 7, 2023 attack on Israel which started the Gaza war, armed men abducted Siegel from kibbutz Kfar Aza, and Kalderon and Bibas from kibbutz Nir Oz.

They took a total of 251 people hostage that day. Of those, 79 still remain in Gaza, including at least 34 the military says are dead.

Those seized include the wife and two children of Bibas, whom Hamas has declared dead, although Israeli officials have not confirmed that.

TOP 4 TWEETS

01



I was deeply moved by the testimonies and impressed by the dedication of 4 American doctors that have worked in Gaza. 2,500 children must be immediately evacuated with the guarantee that they will be able to return to their families and communities.

@antonio gutierrez

02



For decades, @UNRWA has been the main provider of health services in #Gaza and the West Bank. There is no alternative. Banning its lifesaving work will have major health consequences for millions of Palestinians. We call on #Israel to reverse the ban on UNRWA that is set to come into effect today.

@DRDtrois

03



Discussing future of humanitarian aid with Minister Reinetter Klever of The Netherlands -- especially role of technology and private sector. The Netherlands is a key partner in humanitarian response.

@UNReliefChief

04



My heart goes out to the grieving families who lost loved ones in the tragic accident last night at Reagan Airport. Washington DC and the surrounding area has been my adopted home for many years. As part of this community I share the pain and I join the prayers.

@KGeorgieva

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CELEBS

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Kristen Stewart had fun 'swiping' on friends' dating apps

Bang Showbiz | Los Angeles

Kristen Stewart has "done some swiping" on her friends' dating apps. The 'Love Lies Bleeding' actress has been engaged to screenwriter Dylan Meyer since 2021 but she can see the appeal of going online to find love and getting to connect with a "random person". Speaking to 'Extra', she

Kristen Stewart

said: "I've done some swiping on my friends' phones, which is fun... [I see online dating as] a way to go hang out with a random person. It's just sort of rolling the dice every time, right?"

Kristen acknowledged how people can seem "inauthentic" on social media and would be "offended" if people branded her "fake", so she thinks people need to better understand the nuances of online communication.

Reflecting on her new movie 'Love Me', she said: "We didn't make this to be like, 'We know

about our future'... It's like we're living in a time where fake is really like the new F-word.

"If you were to call me fake, I'd be so offended, yet so much of communication is artifice, and if we don't acknowledge that our ways of communicating on social media can seem inauthentic because it's, like, this new format and we're all negotiating how to, like, utilise it properly and how to be as close to each other as we can."

The post-apocalyptic romance sees a buoy (Stewart) and a satellite (Steven Yeun) inherit the

Earth long after humanity's extinction, with only the internet to guide them on life and love and the 34-year-old actress hailed the story as "really smart and weird", with some important lessons to offer.

She said: "It's a total metaphor for somebody who feels like they don't really exist, like, we're this amalgamation of affectations combined with instincts and hormones and physicality... but we are so forced to define ourselves in order to be loved and to feel known."

I needed a break from Hollywood, says Renee Zellweger



Renee Zellweger
Bang Showbiz | Los Angeles

Renee Zellweger took a break from Hollywood because she was "sick of the sound of [her] own voice".

The 55-year-old actress embarked on a six-year hiatus in 2010, and Renee has now acknowledged that she "needed" a break from the movie industry.

Asked why she decided to take a six-year break from making movies, Renee told British Vogue magazine: "Because I needed to. I was sick of the sound of my own voice."

"When I was working, I was like, 'Oh, my gosh, listen to you. Are you sad again, Renee? Oh, is this your mad voice?' It was a regurgitation of the same emotional experiences."

Renee "wrote music and studied international law" during her hiatus.

The actress also made a concerted effort to adopt a healthier lifestyle.

Ariana Grande 'throws party to celebrate Oscar nomination'

Bang Showbiz | Los Angeles

Ariana Grande threw a lavish party for her team to celebrate her Oscar nomination.

The 31-year-old star was recently nominated for the Academy Award for Best Supporting Actress for her performance as Glinda in 'Wicked', and Ariana celebrated the achievement by hiring The Aubrey, an upmarket Japanese restaurant in London.

A source told The Sun newspaper's Bizarre column: "Ariana is riding so high at the moment and she wanted to share the love with her team, who work so hard for her."

"She hired out The Aubrey, which is a really posh sushi restaurant, where they put on a private dining experience."

"As well as marking Ariana's Oscar nomination, it was her manager's birthday, so Ari made it a double celebration."

"She had the Ukiyo room hired just for them."

"They were served specially selected dishes like slow-cooked

lobster and Wagyu with caviar. "The drinks were flowing too, with champagne and cocktails."

Ariana footed the bill for her team, as she celebrated one of her career high points.

The insider continued: "The bill came to more than £6,000 (\$7,475) and Ari picked up the entire tab."

"It was such a special night for them all and marked a celebration of everything Ariana and her team have achieved over the past year."

Ariana previously admitted that she's fulfilled a long-held ambition by starring in the 'Wicked' film.

The award-winning star - who is best known for her success as a musician - told Variety: "I was hunting Marc Platt down for an audition."

"As soon as I found out that it might be happening, I told my team, 'Be on high alert, please. And I know this has to be earned. So when they start seeing people, can I please go in? I'll do anything.' And I worked really hard with a vocal coach and an acting coach to get ready, because Glinda's vocal track is very different than what I usually sing."



Ariana Grande

Katy Perry sees her success through the eyes of her daughter

Bang Showbiz | Los Angeles

Katy Perry loves being able to enjoy her success through the eyes of her daughter.

The 40-year-old pop star has Daisy, four, with fiancé Orlando Bloom and as she prepares to head out on the 'Lifetimes' tour, Katy admitted that she sees everything with a renewed sense of "light and joy and hope" now that she is a mother.

She told E! News: "It's like Christmas again when you get to see it through a child's eyes. There's so much light and joy and hope."

"One thing I will be implementing is an earlier showtime because now I feel for all the mothers that I put through when I started my show at 9:15."

The 'I Kissed A Girl' hitmaker was last on the road in 2017 with her 'Witness' tour. But in 2021, she launched a two-year residency titled 'Play' in Las Vegas and Katy teased that her new show will be full of "surprises" for fans.

She added: "There might be a section that has some surprises. We gotta keep these kids on the edge of their seat, you know?"

Katy - who will kick off her world tour in April - has been a mainstay on the pop

scene since debuting in the late 2000s and also explained that she will try to find a balance between old and new in terms of her setlist.

She said: "I like to have everything represented in its own special way, but I do feel a responsibility to my audience that they can have a sing along of some sort."

"So, the songs that they know and grew up with and there's nostalgia songs that people have adopted for their life mantra or for a certain time in their life, whether that was a hard time or a happy time. Music really stirs our emotions and connects us, so I'm gonna be singing all those songs and more."



Katy Perry

Rami Malek recalls being 'thrown on the bonnet of an LAPD car'

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Rami Malek was once "thrown on the bonnet of an LAPD cop car" after he mistaken for a criminal.

The 43-year-old actor still has vivid memories of being stopped by police officers on the streets of Los Angeles during his younger years.

Rami told the Guardian newspaper: "I got thrown on the bonnet of an LAPD cop car because someone had robbed a liquor store and stolen a wom-

an's bag.

"They said the [thief] was of Latin descent and, 'You fit the description.' I remember how hot that engine was, they must have been racing over there and it was almost burning my hands."

"My friend, who was Caucasian, was clever enough to go, 'Actually, sir, he's Egyptian. Not Latin.' I remember laughing on the cop car, thinking, 'OK, this is a very precarious situation. I may well be going to jail for something I've not done.'"

Rami was born in California to Egyptian parents and he now appreciates the sacrifices his parents made for him

after arriving in America.

The 'Oppenheimer' star explained: "The school system in Los Angeles was not great. [My mom] would handwrite these long letters in blue fountain pen explaining our situation. She'd say, 'I'm going to give my kids every opportunity possible.'"

"I would hear stories about her being pregnant with my brother and me, and taking three buses - three different buses! - to get to work and back."

Meanwhile, Rami previously admitted that he struggled to fit-in during his childhood in Los Angeles.



Rami Malek

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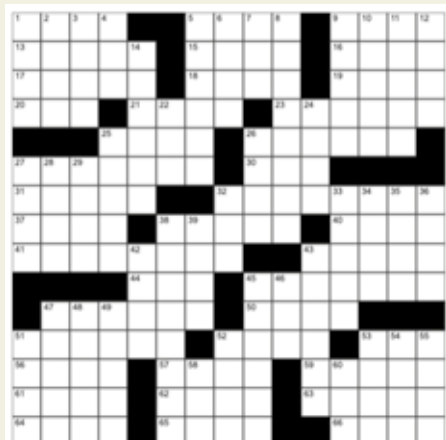
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How to play

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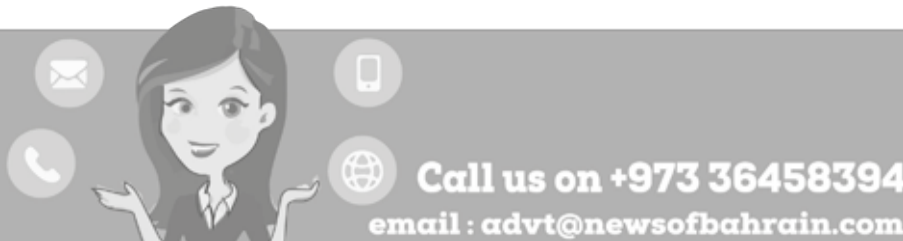
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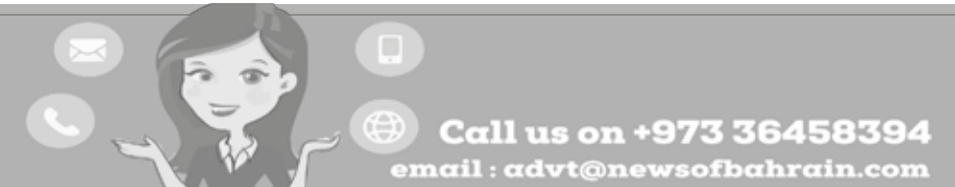
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Real Madrid vs Man City again!

Reigning Champions Drawn Against 2023 Winners in Champions League Play-Offs

● Celtic will face Bayern Munich

● PSG plays Brest, Juventus plays PSV, and Feyenoord plays AC Milan

● Liverpool, Arsenal, and others are already in the last 16

AFP | Paris

Reigning champions Real Madrid will face 2023 winners Manchester City in the plum tie of the play-off round of this season's Champions League, following yesterday's draw.

It is the fourth year running in which the sides have been drawn against each other in a knockout tie, with Real emerging victorious in a penalty shoot-out in the quarter-finals last season.

City, who scraped through after finishing 22nd in the league phase in this first season of the new format for Europe's elite club competition, will be at home in the first leg before going to Spain for the return.

Elsewhere, Celtic will face six-time European champions Bayern Munich, after the Scottish champions reached the knockout stage for the first time in 12 years.

Paris Saint-Germain will play surprise package Brest in an all-French tie, while Juventus play PSV Eindhoven and Feyenoord



The trophy is on display next to a giant screen showing fixtures

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Manchester City and Real Madrid have met in the Champions League knockout stage every year since 2021, with both teams winning twice over the past four encounters

take on AC Milan in two ties between former winners of the competition.

Last season's Europa League winners Atalanta, who finished one place outside the top eight

which offered a direct path to the last 16, will face Club Brugge of Belgium.

Sporting of Portugal were drawn against last season's runners-up Borussia Dortmund, while Monaco will take on Benfica having lost at home to the Portuguese club in the league phase.

The play-off ties will take place next month, with the eight winners going through to the last 16 along with the eight highest-placed sides from the league phase.

Liverpool, Barcelona, Arsenal, Inter Milan, Atletico Madrid, Bayer Leverkusen, Lille and Aston Villa are the sides already through to the last 16.

Those teams finished in the top eight in the standings in the 36-team league phase -- the first season of the new format for the competition saw all competing

Knockout phase play-off ties

- Brest vs Paris Saint-Germain
- Monaco vs Benfica
- Juventus vs PSV Eindhoven
- Feyenoord vs Milan
- Manchester City vs Real Madrid
- Celtic vs Bayern München
- Club Brugge vs Atalanta
- Sporting CP vs Borussia Dortmund

clubs placed together in one giant pool, each playing eight games against eight different opponents.

The draw for the remainder of the competition is partly pre-determined, meaning that whoever emerges triumphant in the tie between City and Real knows they will play either Atletico Madrid or Bayer Leverkusen in the last 16.

Man Utd, Spurs advance to last 16 in Europa League



Manchester United's English midfielder #37 Kobbie Mainoo (C) shoots the ball

AFP | Paris

Manchester United booked their place in the Europa League last 16 with a 2-0 win at Romanian side FCSB, while troubled Tottenham turned to their young guns to advance via a top-eight finish on Thursday.

Diogo Dalot and Kobbie Mainoo scored for United in the second half of their final league phase fixture at the National Arena in Bucharest.

In north London, under-pressure Tottenham boss Ange Postecoglou was relieved to see Dane Scarlett, Damola Ajayi and Mikey Moore kill off Swedish minnows Elfsborg with their first goals for the club in a 3-0 victory.

United, unbeaten in eight games in the tournament, finished in third place and Tottenham came fourth, ensuring the Premier League clubs both avoided the Europa League

More than the win is to have time to train and have time to recover the players

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play-off round. The top eight automatically progress to the last 16, where they will be seeded against the winners of eight two-leg knockout play-off ties featuring the clubs ranked from ninth to 24th.

Ruben Amorim's side extended their recent improvement to one defeat in seven games in all competitions with a third successive victory for the first time this season.

United were patchy in the first half but Amorim sent on Amad Diallo and Alejandro Garnacho at the break and they helped turn the tide.

Roma face Porto in Europa League play-offs, Man Utd learn possible opponents

AFP | Paris

Former winners Porto were drawn yesterday to face Claudio Ranieri's Roma in the standout tie of the Europa League knockout phase play-offs, while Manchester United and Tottenham Hotspur were among the clubs to discover their potential opponents in the last 16.

Porto, who won the Europa League in 2011 as well as its predecessor, the UEFA Cup, in 2003, will be at home in the first leg on February 13 with the return in Italy a week later.

Other notable play-off round ties will see Jose Mourinho's Fenerbahce come up against Anderlecht and Ajax play close neighbours Union Saint-Gil-



The draw for the Europa League play-offs

loise of Belgium. The eight winners from the play-off round will go through to the last 16, where they will join the top eight teams from the league phase.

Lazio finished on top of the standings, just ahead of Athletic Bilbao, with United and Spurs coming third and fourth respectively.

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Tarren takes charge at halfway mark

Callum Tarren recovers from early bogeys to lead by two after second round of Bapco Energies Bahrain Championship

● **Callum Tarren recovers from slow start to card 67, leads at 13 under par**

● **Tarren battles back with four birdies in five holes after early bogeys**

● **Italy's Andrea Pavan and England's Dan Brown trail by two shots on 11 under**

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Callum Tarren has seized a two-shot lead at the halfway mark of the Bapco Energies Bahrain Championship, bouncing back from an early struggle to card an impressive second-round 67.

The Englishman went into the second round on eight under par after firing a flawless 64 on Thursday but was unable to keep the bogeys off his card in the early stages yesterday afternoon.

After dropping a shot at the opening hole, Tarren made another bogey on the fourth to slip even further off the pace.

But he bounced back in style, carding four birdies in his next five holes to turn in 34 blows.

And the birdies kept com-



Callum Tarren in action yesterday

ing on the back nine as Tarren picked up shots at the 11th, 13th and 14th to head into Saturday's third round on 13 under par.

Tarren's nearest challengers were Italy's Andrea Pavan and England's Dan Brown on 11 under, with Pablo Larrazábal another shot further back after making a memorable hole-in-one at the second.

Pavan held the early clubhouse lead after the morning starter notched eight birdies and

a single bogey, while Brown also shot a seven-under-par 65 in the afternoon.

Tarren started the day three shots off the lead before falling further behind with an opening bogey.

Another bogey followed at the fourth before Tarren responded with back-to-back tap-in birdies at the fifth and sixth, which came courtesy of two delightful approach shots.

After safely paring the short

seventh, the 34-year-old holed his 22-foot birdie effort on the eighth before closing the front nine with a seven-foot birdie to sit one shot off the summit at the turn.

Tarren joined the lead on 11 under with a three-foot birdie at the 11th before taking advantage of the back nine's two par fives, the 13th and 14th, to move two shots clear at the summit.

Those two birdies were followed by battling pars at the 15th

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CALLUM TARREN

and 16th as Tarren held on to his two-stroke cushion.

And although he gave himself chances to stretch his advantage on the 17th and 18th, he settled for pars there to sign for a 67.

Tarren said: "I got off to a shaky start today, but I knew I was playing good golf so I just stayed patient.

"A few bounce-back birdies, and I played really solid again. So just more of that and see what happens.

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Callum Tarren sank a 22-foot birdie putt on the eighth hole and followed it with another birdie on the ninth, turning his shaky start into a two-shot lead heading into the weekend

"There were a couple in the middle of the round where I hit it to two feet and a foot with nine iron and a wedge.

"A couple of good saves coming in, a couple of good putts. The par save on 16, that keeps the momentum going.

"Shame about the last (missed birdie chance) but I'm ready to tackle the weekend.

"I've got to keep the foot to the floor because the course will yield birdies to the guys behind me. Just keep doing what I'm doing, stay patient.

"I feel very relaxed this week for some reason, I don't know why. I just feel super chilled, so hopefully that's a good omen."

Top riders set for Bahrain's premier cycling race

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TDT | Manama

The stage is set for one of Bahrain's premier cycling events, as the fifth edition of the Abdul Hakim Al Shammari Group Holding Cycling Race gears up for an exciting contest on February 8. Taking place along the newly inaugurated Nasser Bin Hamad Cycling Track near Al Jazayer Beach in Zallaq, the event will see top riders from over 20 nations compete across various categories.

Organized in collaboration with the Bahrain Cycling Association (BCA), the race has grown into a marquee event, attracting elite cyclists from across the GCC and beyond. The competition will feature nine categories, ensuring inclusivity for riders of all ages and abilities.

BCA president Dr. Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad bin Ahmed Al Khalifa highlighted the importance of the event, stating:



Officials during the press conference

Pic credit: Anchalo Bensegier

"This event is one of the most important on our calendar. It has contributed to developing cycling in Bahrain, offering a highly competitive race and increasing the sport's popularity."

The inclusion of a dedicated pro class, a Bahraini category, and separate divisions for amateurs ensures that all riders have a fair shot at competing for top honours.

The race continues to draw interest from top-level cyclists across the region, expatriates

and international competitors.

Platform for future champions

Speaking exclusively to The Daily Tribune, key figures involved in the event emphasized the impact the race has had on Bahrain's cycling community. Mountain bike race director Amir Nasrallah highlighted the introduction of distinct categories for professionals and amateurs, which has significantly boosted participation and competition at all levels.

Event chairman AbdulHakim AlShammari expressed his enthusiasm for the upcoming race, noting the inclusion of over 200 cyclists from more than 13 countries. "We are pleased to host this prestigious event under the patronage of His Excellency Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa. This year, we have introduced a greater number of prizes across different levels, ensuring a highly competitive and rewarding experience for all participants."

Among the riders to watch will be Bahrain national team cyclist Sayed Ahmed Khalil, who claimed victory in last year's edition. He will face stiff competition from Qatar's Moshen Arhaili and Saudi Arabia's Ahmed Abdulla, who finished second and third, respectively, in the previous race.

The first race is scheduled to begin at 7 AM on February 8, with cycling enthusiasts eagerly awaiting the action-packed showdown along Bahrain's premier cycling track.

India clinch T20I series against England with Pune victory



India's Hardik Pandya plays a shot

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India clinched the T20I series against England with a 15-run victory in Pune, securing an unassailable 3-1 lead in the five-match series. Hardik Pandya and Shivam Dube orchestrated a stunning fightback with half-centuries, while the bowlers, led by Harshit Rana and the spinners, ensured a successful defense of 182.

England appeared to be in control early in their chase as openers Ben Duckett and Phil Salt blasted 62 runs in the powerplay. However, leg-spinner Ravi Bishnoi dismissed Duckett off the last ball of the sixth over, and Axar Patel removed Salt in the following over, shifting momentum in India's favor. Bishnoi then struck again to remove England captain Jos

Buttler, tightening India's grip on the match.

Earlier, India found themselves in deep trouble at 79 for five before Pandya (53 off 30) and Dube (who also bowled briefly before being controversially replaced by Harshit Rana as a concussion substitute) lifted the team to 181 for nine. Pandya reached his fifty in just 27 balls before falling to Jamie Overton, but his efforts, along with Dube's, ensured a competitive total.

The match began with a dramatic first over as England pacer Saqib Mahmood delivered a triple-wicket maiden, dismissing Sanju Samson, Tilak Varma, and Suryakumar Yadav in quick succession. Despite the setback, India managed to recover and set a target that ultimately proved too much for England.

Downpour halts Sri Lanka Test as Australia tighten grip

AFF | Galle

Incessant afternoon rain forced an early end to day three of the first Test between Australia and Sri Lanka yesterday, with the visitors leading by 518 and former home skipper Dinesh Chandimal waging a

lone battle on 63.

Sri Lanka were 136-5 by lunch in Galle, with wicketkeeper Kusal Mendis also at the crease on 10, after losing two more wickets from their overnight 44-3. The break was called early and players were kept off the pitch through the afternoon,

with officials calling an end 90 minutes before the scheduled finish.

Kamindu Mendis departed for 15 after an edge to the keeper off Mitchell Starc, further denting the Bradman-like average he maintained at the start of his Test comeback last year.



Groundsmen cover the field