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**Two Saudi astronauts land safely on earth**

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Saudi astronauts Rayyanah Barnawi and Ali Alqarni, and Americans Peggy Whitson and John Schoffner, made a safe splashdown off the coast of Florida early yesterday morning, after completing a successful eight-day Ax-2 mission on the International Space Station.

The 12-hour journey of the Dragon capsule back to Earth from the ISS was watched live by many Saudi citizens, who expressed pride at the contribution of the two Saudi astronauts to space research.

After 10 days in orbit, Dragon and the Ax-2 crew have returned to Earth.

Barnawi and Alqarni successfully completed 14 science experiments in space. Three were part of the education outreach microgravity experiments, which involved over 12,000 students from 47 locations across the Kingdom.

**Sudan army quits ceasefire talks**

AFP | Khartoum

Sudanese army forces blasted paramilitary bases with artillery in Khartoum yesterday after pulling out of US and Saudi-brokered ceasefire talks, accusing their foes of failing to honour their commitments.

Mediators have blamed both sides for violating the truce which was supposed to enable secure corridors for delivering aid to an increasingly needy population.

In both the north and south of the capital, key bases of commander Mohamed Hamdan Daglo's Rapid Support Forces came under attack by troops loyal to army chief Abdel Fattah al-Burhan, residents said.



HM the King



President Erdogan

**HM King Hamad congratulates Turkey President on re-election**

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa yesterday held a phone call with the President of the Republic of Turkey Recep Tayyip Erdogan and congratulated him on his

re-election.

HM the King wished President Erdogan success to continue leading Turkey to achieve further progress and prosperity, hailing long-standing relations binding the two countries.

President Erdogan expressed thanks and gratitude to HM the King on his congratulations, wishing the Kingdom of Bahrain further progress and development, under his wise leadership.

**Iran 'increasing' nuclear stockpile**

IAEA's separate confidential report shows progress in cooperation with Tehran

AFP | Vienna

Iran has significantly increased its stockpile of enriched uranium in recent months, continuing its nuclear escalation, a confidential report by the UN nuclear watchdog revealed yesterday.

The agency, however, noted progress in its cooperation with Iran in a separate report saying it has decided to close the file on nuclear material at an undeclared site, an issue which has long exacerbated relations between the two parties.

The two confidential reports come days before the board of governors of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) is due to meet to review progress in addressing the watchdog's remaining concerns.

The nuclear watchdog said in its quarterly report that Iran's estimated stockpile of enriched uranium had reached more than 23 times the limit set out in the



landmark 2015 accord between Tehran and world powers.

As of 13 May, Iran's total enriched uranium stockpile was estimated at 4,744.5 kilograms (10,459 pounds).

The limit in the 2015 deal was 202.8 kilograms.

The report also said that Iran is continuing its enrichment of uranium to levels higher than the 3.67 percent limit in the deal.

Efforts to revive the Iran nuclear deal - which was left in tatters by the unilateral withdrawal of the US in 2018 - have stalled since last summer.

The stockpile of uranium enriched up to 20 percent is now believed to be 470.9 kilograms - up 36.2 kg since the last report in February - while the amount enriched up to 60 percent stands at 114.1 kilograms, an increase of 26.6 kg.

Enrichment levels of around 90 percent are required for use in a nuclear weapon.

**Monitoring equipment**

Meanwhile, the IAEA has been able to reinstall some monitoring equipment

set up under the 2015 nuclear deal - but which was later removed by Iran - the reports said.

"Iran has allowed the agency to install monitoring equipment at two declared enrichment facilities," it said.

Some additional surveillance cameras were also installed at workshops in Esfahan where "centrifuge rotor tubes and bellows are manufactured".

However, the agency said it awaits Iran's engagement to address "the completion of the installation of surveillance and monitoring equipment, access to data recordings and the gaps in the recordings."

On the detection of uranium particles enriched to near bomb-grade at the Fordo plant, the IAEA said it has "no further questions on the matter" for now.

"The Agency assessed that the information provided (by Iran) was not inconsistent with Iran's explanation for the origin of these particles," the report said.

**Audit company owner**

**Three years in jail for failing to report suspicious transactions**

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An owner of a local audit company has been sentenced to three years in prison for failing to meet the money laundering requirements which compel him to report suspicious transactions.

According to a statement re-

leased by the Public Prosecution, the Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Tourism reported the defendant after it was found that the company failed to live up to its obligations when auditing local establishments.

"The company had committed a number of violations when

it was assigned to perform the required audit procedures for various companies, including failure to implement the rules of due diligence towards clients and neglecting the application of the approach based on risks, keeping records and documents, and the obligation to submit re-

ports on suspicious operations," the statement explained.

The Public Prosecution heard the statements of the Head of Anti-Money Laundering Department at the Ministry of Industry and Commerce who discussed the pieces of proof that were collected against the

owner of the company, while the latter was questioned too and admitted to the violations he committed, revealed the Public Prosecution in the statement, warning against violating the regulations and laws of money laundering and financing terrorism.

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# 'Social partner' in education, training and labour market

● Labour Minister opens Career Expo 2023

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Labour Minister Jameel bin Mohammed Ali Humaidan has affirmed the government's awareness of the key contribution of the public and private higher educational and training establishments as a social partner in synchronising the educational and training output with the labour market needs.

He pointed out that those initiatives will be supported by launching a national employment skills platform to serve the students, employers and all concerned people with the future of the labour market.

Humaidan was speaking as he inaugurated yesterday the "Career Expo 2023", which was organised by the Bahrain Poly-



The exhibition aims to boost vocational guidance for the students of the institute by informing them about the jobs available in the labour market and highlighting the market's needs for various specialties, mainly in the technological and knowledge-based sector.

technic at its headquarters in Isa Town.

Humaidan toured the partic-



Humaidan tours the participating pavilions

icipating pavilions alongside the Minister of Municipalities Affairs and Agriculture, Wael bin Nasser Al Mubarak, the Board of Trustees Chairman of Bahrain Polytechnic, and the attendees.

The event was also attended

by Labour Ministry Undersecretary Shaikh Khalifa bin Salman bin Mohammed Al Khalifa, Bahrain Polytechnic Chief Executive Dr Ciaran O Cathain, and invitees.

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vocational guidance for the students of the institute by informing them about the jobs available in the labour market and highlighting the market's needs for various specialties, mainly in the technological and knowl-

edge-based sector.

## Cooperation

The Labour Minister commended cooperation between the Labour Ministry, Bahrain Polytechnic and the Labour Fund, Tamkeen, which resulted in the signing of many memoranda of understanding to train and groom the new graduates with specialties difficult to integrate the labour market.

He lauded, in this context, the strategy of Bahrain Polytechnic to upgrade the educational and training system, mainly in the Information and Communication Technology (ICT) sector and artificial intelligence.

Dr Cathain underscored the institute's constant keenness to provide a platform for its graduates to communicate directly with the employers and pave the way for them to take up future jobs.

# Israel's 75th Independence Day celebrated in Bahrain

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The Israeli Embassy held a reception yesterday at the Wyndham Grand Manama Hotel to celebrate the 75th Independence Day of the State of Israel.

The government of Bahrain was represented by the Minister of Industry and Commerce, H.E. Abdulla bin Adel Fakhro.

The invitees list included hundreds of guests, including high-level government officials, members of the academia, media, the private sector, diplomats and friends of Israel and the embassy. Among the guests were several Israeli businesspeople, members of the tourism industry in Israel and Israeli NGOs.

The colourful event highlight-



Industry and Commerce Minister Abdulla bin Adel Fakhro and Israel Ambassador Eitan Na'eh join the celebration at the Embassy

ed the diverse culture of Israel and included food prepared by the Arab - Israeli chef Elias Mattar, who cooked a fusion of of Israeli Jewish, Arab and Bahraini dishes, for the guests.

The dance group "Tzuza"

(Movement), which included 12 young dancers, who performed a unique "video art" dance show prepared especially for this evening.

The performance showcased the journey of Israel over the

past decades, highlighting it through music and dance.

In addition, the event featured an exhibition of photos "Israel through the eyes of young Bahrainis" taken by the Bahraini young delegation that had visit-

ed Israel last year.

The Ambassador of Israel to the Kingdom of Bahrain, Mr. Eitan Na'eh, emphasised the importance of the growing cooperation between the private sectors and ties between the young

generation of Israel and Bahrain.

He highlighted the fact that some joint business projects were already implemented recently, in addition to several youth projects, and of course the visit of the President of Israel, Itzhak Herzog, in December 2022.



## Caring for kidney transplant patients and donors

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Dr Ahmed Mohammed Al Ansari, the CEO of government hospitals, paid a visit to the Salmaniya Medical Complex to check the health status of patients and donors who had undergone kidney transplants.

He had the opportunity to meet with the donors, patients, their families, and the medical staff who performed the surgeries.

Dr Al Ansari expressed his appreciation for everyone's efforts in continuing the kidney transplant program.

He emphasised the full sup-



Dr Al Ansari visits kidney transplant patient and donor

port for this pioneering program that alleviates the suffering of patients. He further highlighted the significance of donors who contribute through their donations to save the lives of patients.

During the visit, the patients'

families conveyed their gratitude for the exceptional health services provided to their loved ones, coupled with continuous care and attention that provided the best means of comfort and service to patients.

## 'Maan' programme supporters honoured

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The Interior Minister with the supporters of the programme

and addiction yesterday. Interior Minister General Shaikh Rashid bin Abdullah Al Khalifa attended a celebration organised by Maan (together) programme against violence

The event included the honouring of supporters of the programme.

He also launched the Maan security awareness exhibition 2023. The Minister of

Social Development, Minister of Justice, Islamic Affairs and Endowments, Minister of Information, Minister of Education, Minister of Youth Affairs and senior officials attended.

# Beautification and afforestation projects going full blast

Julia Cassano  
TDT | Manama

Significant efforts to display greenery and nature have been a goal for Bahrain, as Undersecretary for Municipalities Affairs, Shaikh Mohammed bin Ahmed, showcased the progress of beautification and afforestation projects in the Kingdom.

Although projects as such aim to beautify main streets in Bahrain and large intersections, these types of projects also significantly contribute to the Kingdom's long-term goals.

For example, the Representative of HM the King for Human-

itarian Works and Youth Affairs, His Highness Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, planted the 100,000th mangrove tree in the Ras Al Mutla Area, as part of the national afforestation plan.

Bahrain plans to multiply the number of mangroves by 400 per cent by 2035. This assists the Kingdom's goal of achieving zero neutrality by 2060, in the fight against climate change.

And though we must look at the future to curb climate change, projects like these also help in protecting the environment the Kingdom has today. Implementing sustainable projects to increase the number of trees and



HH Shaikh Nasser plants the 100,000th mangrove tree in the Ras Al Mutla Area



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greenery around the island not only preserves the environment

but allows for it to grow.

Notably, trees and greenery that are being planted across the island are suitable for the Kingdom's climate.

Practical projects must be implemented to combat Bahrain's worsening air pollution. The Kingdom is currently ranked among the top five most polluted countries for air quality in 2022.

Many areas in the Kingdom have received more attention than others; for example, Riffa and Seef. However, the government is taking the initiative and placing its efforts towards other areas on the island to spark allure and promote sustainability.

# 'From life to 15 years in prison' for man who attempted to murder son

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The High Appeals Court reduced the jail time of a man accused of attempting to murder his son with a chainsaw to 15 years in prison instead of a lifetime behind bars.

The defendant was earlier

sentenced to life by the High Criminal Court on grounds of premeditated assault.

According to court files, the man reportedly tried to kill his son under the pretext that the teenager was on drugs and he was acting unstable. The victim's

mother told prosecutors that the pair weren't seeing eye to eye.

"Before the incident, the school requested us to come because an issue arose involving our son. They



told us he was caught smoking e-cigarettes. I managed to convince them to punish him by suspending him for two days," the mother told prosecutors.

"On the day of the

crime, I was out in the evening, and my son was asleep. When I returned I saw my husband's clothes were blood-stained. I rushed inside and saw my son fighting for his own life," she added.

The victim is said to have been

rushed to hospital and managed to survive. The father handed himself into the police and confessed to his crime.

"He used to insult me regularly and he has gone out of control," the father pointed one to prosecutors.

## Third Bahrain Baby Games to kick off today

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The third Bahrain Baby Games, organised by the Bahrain Olympic Committee (BOC) will kick off today.

The event will be under the patronage of His Highness Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa, First Deputy Chairman of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports (SCYS), General Sports Authority Chairman (GSA) and BOC President.



HH Shaikh Khalid

Commencing at 4.30pm with the arrival of the sponsor of the event accompanied by the playing of the Royal Anthem, followed by a series of performances from the participants.

After that, the crawling competition for 12-month-olds will start, then the baby walker competition for children under 15 months, then the show queue for representatives of the participating nurseries and kindergartens.



**The crawling competition is for 12-month-olds, and the baby walker competition is for under 15 months.**

## Strong winds and rising dust will continue over weekend



A dusty weather

Zahra Ayaz  
TDT | Manama

Strong winds have been blowing around the Kingdom since yesterday morning, causing dust and other airborne debris.

The winds of Al Bareh started to influence the Kingdom over the previous two days, according to the Meteorological Department of the Ministry of Communications.

Officials predict winds will last until the start of next week since they travel at great speeds throughout the day, creating dust that causes large water



**To protect the respiratory system, doctors advise patients with asthma and shortness of breath to avoid dusty environments and use masks.**

waves.

Although the breeze will help to reduce the relative humidity, it will be warm during the day, with highs in the early forties.

Officials have urged individuals to exercise caution and heed the official bulletins and warnings issued by the Meteorological Department, especially those who travel by land and by sea. The time it takes to clear the air across the Kingdom may vary this coming week.

To protect the respiratory system, doctors advise patients with asthma and shortness of breath to avoid dusty environments and use masks.

## LMRA steps up joint inspection campaigns

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The Labour Market Regulatory Authority (LMRA) and the Ministry of Interior continue joint efforts to intensify inspection campaigns against illegal practices in the labour market, in order to preserve a competitive, fair and stable labour market.

LMRA conducted two joint inspection campaigns in the Northern Governorate, the first was in coordination with the General Directorate of Crime Detection and Forensic Evidence of the Ministry of Interior and the other campaign was undertaken in coordination with the Nationality, Passports and Residence Affairs (NPRA) and the Governorate's respective Police Directorate.

LMRA also conducted a joint inspection campaign in the Southern Governorate in coordination with the General Directorate of Crime Detection and Forensic Evidence of the Ministry of Interior.

The campaigns resulted in reporting violations related to the Labour Market and Residency laws. The cases were referred for legal action.

The LMRA renewed its call on all members of the society to support the efforts of government agencies in addressing illegal labour practices, by reporting violations via the electronic form on the authority's website [www.lmra.gov.bh](http://www.lmra.gov.bh) or by calling the authority's call centre on 17506055.

## Court of Appeals upholds five Asian robbers' jail terms

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Five Asian men convicted of drug use, robbing an abandoned deceased businessman's house and possessing three pistols and ammunition have had their jail terms confirmed by the High Appeals Court.

The defendants earlier re-

ceived sentences ranging between four years and one year in prison.

According to court files, an Asian labourer reported the convicted men to the police after witnessing their illicit activities.

As a result, their place of living was searched, and the drugs



were found hidden in addition to the pistols, while it was dis-

covered that they were involved in robbing the house of the businessman. The latter died in 2013.

Further investigations uncovered that the pistols were stolen from the businessman's house.

"We found three pistols inside a bag, and we took them. We gave one to the third de-

fendant," the first suspect told prosecutors.

"We hid one of them in an abandoned building, while the other one we kept with us," he added.

The defendants' saliva tested positive for various types of drugs.

## Workshop reviews fight against corruption

● Event held in cooperation with United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime

TDT | Manama

Chief of Public Security Lt. General Tariq bin Hasan Al Hasan opened the “UN Convention Against Corruption” and the recommendations received by the Kingdom of Bahrain at its first and second sessions’ workshop.

The workshop was organised by General Directorate of Anti-Corruption and Economic and Electronic Security in association with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime. A number of representatives of relevant authorities in the Kingdom participated.

Al Hasan asserted that the workshop comes in implementation of the directives of His Excellency Interior Minister General Shaikh Rashid bin Abdulla Al Khalifa to review the United Nations Convention Against Corruption and follow-up on developments in the recommendations received by the Kingdom of Bahrain in the report of the UN Convention Against Corruption in the first two sessions.

Participants also discussed the measures taken in this regard, praising the achievements made by the Kingdom in combating corruption in cooperation with the UN Office on Drugs and Crime and local and international partners. Also, he stressed on the significant attainments of the Kingdom in combating corruption.

## Temporary roundabout

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The Ministry of Works announced that the improvement works on Janabiyah Highway necessitate constructing a temporary roundabout at its junction with Avenue 35.

The closure will be effective starting from tomorrow for a period of three months.

## Slow lane closure

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The Ministry of Works announced as part of the resurfacing works on Shaikh Khalifa bin Salman Highway on Wali Al Ahd Flyover necessitate closure of the slow lane for the southbound traffic to Zallaq and two lanes will be provided for traffic movement.

The closure will be effective starting from today at 11pm to Sunday at 5am.

# ‘People of determination’ given priority in Bahrain

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa’s humanitarian approach places people of determination among national priorities, as reflected in the kingdom’s plans, programmes and strategies.

This was emphasised by Council of Representatives Speaker Ahmed bin Salman Al Musallam.

He indicated that the legislative and executive branches and NGOs are doing their utmost, with Team Bahrain, supported by His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, to support people with special needs by enabling them to participate effectively in developing the state of law and institutions and contribute to enriching the kingdom’s comprehensive development process.

While addressing that the Parliamentary Forum for People of



Speaker Al Musallam speaks at the forum

Determination 2023, held yesterday under his patronage, Al Musallam stressed that the Representatives Council has promoted community partnership in all its programmes and plans.

He noted that the Representatives Council has always confirmed the need to preserve the rights of people of determination by meeting their needs and providing them with the

requirements of decent living, including education, housing, health, work, care and supportive services, based on the provisions of the National Action Charter and the Constitution.

He added that the draft-law on the 2023-2024 general state budget, approved by the Representatives Council yesterday, proved anew the great interest the legislative and executive

branches attach to people with special needs.

He unveiled the Representatives Council’s launch of the “Empowerment of People of Determination Prize”, which will recognise initiatives and programmes launched by official and civil entities and individuals to serve people with special needs.

Speaker Al Musallam ex-

pressed thanks and appreciation to the organisers and participants in the forum for their efforts to ensure its success.

He pledged that the recommendations and outcomes of the forum will be given priority by the Council of Representatives to ensure the delivery of better services for people of determination, in cooperation with the executive branch.

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- AHMED BIN SALMAN AL MUSALLAM, COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES SPEAKER

## Beautification and afforestation projects in full swing

TDT | Manama

Municipalities Affairs and Agriculture Ministry Undersecretary, Shaikh Mohammed bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, visited Janabiya intersection project’s second phase, and the project to beautify and develop the intersection of Shaikh Isa bin Salman Highway and Shaikh Salman Highway.

Shaikh Mohammed said that the Ministry has made significant achievements in road aesthetics projects by planting environment-friendly trees and green spaces in various governorates, contributing to achieving the goals of the Kingdom’s afforestation plan.

Shaikh Mohammed explained that the beautification and afforestation projects at the main intersections contribute signifi-



Shaikh Mohammed is being briefed about the Janabiya intersection project’s second phase

cantly to the implementation of the afforestation plan.

He noted that the plan aims to double the number of trees by 2035, to contribute in Bahrain’s vision to reach zero neutrality by 2060.

The undersecretary highlight-

ed the ministry’s efforts to work on road aesthetics around the Kingdom, increase afforestation, and implement sustainable projects that contribute to preserving the environment, and to help achieve Bahrain’s comprehensive development

process.

The undersecretary was briefed on the work process of Janabiya intersection project’s the second phase, which extends over 130,000 square metres.

He pointed that the second phase of the project includes

planting 8000 sqm of plants and 4000 sqm of floral trees.

Shaikh Mohammed was also briefed on Shaikh Isa bin Salman Highway and Shaikh Salman Highway intersection project, which includes planting around 224,000 square metres.



The aim is to double the number of trees by 2035, to contribute in Bahrain’s vision to reach zero neutrality by 2060.

## Sri Lankan Embassy holds 10th anniversary celebration



Sri Lankan Ambassador Wijeratne with dignitaries at the cake-cutting ceremony

TDT | Manama

The 10th anniversary of the establishment of the Sri Lankan Embassy in the Kingdom of Bahrain was celebrated with a cake-cutting ceremony at its premises in Mahooz.

The event was presided by the Sri Lankan Ambassador

Reethisri Rakhtiya Kumari Wijeratne Mendis and was attended by several dignitaries including ambassadors from other countries and guests from local government bodies.

The event was also attended by the Under-Secretary for Consular and Administrative Affairs from the Foreign Ministry Dr Mohammed Ali

Behzad and LMRA Director of Communications Mr Husain Rasool who commended the bilateral relations of both countries.

The Sri Lankan envoy talked about the ties between the countries and emphasised Sri Lanka’s dedication to reinforcing the relationship and cooperation between the nations.

## Meeting held to ensure health welfare at detention facilities



Dr. Al Hammadi with Ramzy

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The Detention and Facilities Visitation Committee at the National Institution for Human Rights (NIHR) held its 24th regular meeting, under the chairmanship of Dr. Malallah Jaffar Al Hammadi and attended by committee member Hala Ramzy.

The meeting reviewed the

previous resolutions and recommendations of the committee, as well as the actions taken regarding them.

The panel discussed the outcomes of its recent visit to the Bahrain Multiple Sclerosis Patients Society to be informed about the health conditions of MS patients, in accordance with international human rights standards.

# India records strong 7.2% growth

India among world's fastest-expanding major economies

● **Growth in financial, real estate and other services strengthened**

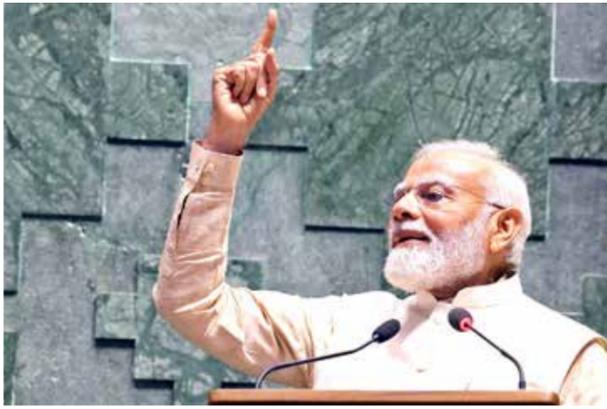
● **Reserve Bank projects GDP to grow 6.5% in the 2023-24**

AFP | Mumbai

India's GDP grew by 7.2% in the year to March, official figures showed yesterday, boosted by services and consumption, putting it among the world's fastest-expanding major economies.

The South Asian nation is the world's fifth-largest economy, and recently surpassed China to become the most populous country.

Its growth has rebounded since the pandemic -- the economy rocketed 9.1% in the 2021-



India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi

22 financial year.

But like other countries, it has been buffeted by global headwinds including tightening global financial conditions, the war in Ukraine and geopolitical tensions.

India imports more than 80% of its crude, with Russia's invasion of Ukraine driving up oil

costs.

But its economy grew by 6.1% in the fourth fiscal quarter from January to March compared with the same period last year, according to National Statistical Office data.

In the same period, China's economy expanded 4.5% year-on-year according to its Nation-

al Bureau of Statistics, while Washington's Commerce Department said the United States grew by an anaemic 1.1%.

China is rebounding after the end of zero-Covid measures that battered business and supply chains, but is bedevilled by a host of other headaches.

Meanwhile the United States is battling persistently elevated inflation, Germany is in a technical recession amid an energy crisis triggered by the Ukraine war, and Japan expanded by just 0.4% in the first quarter.

In India, growth in financial, real estate and other services strengthened from the previous year, while the manufacturing sector expanded at a much slower pace.

The quarterly and annual figures were slightly above market expectations of around 5.5% for the quarter and 7.0% for the 2022-23 financial year.

## Adeeb Ahamed of LuLu Financial Holdings named as chair of FICCI Middle East Council

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Adeeb Ahamed, the Managing Director of LuLu Financial Holdings, has been appointed as the Chair of the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI) Middle East Council.

As the head of LuLu Financial Holdings, Adeeb oversees a diverse portfolio of business interests spanning financial services and hospitality. His company operates in 10 countries across the Middle East, Indian sub-continent, and Asia-Pacific regions, making significant investments in India, including the NBFC LuLu Finserv and the cross-border payments company LuLu Forex. Additionally, they have luxury hospitality assets under their umbrella.

In his new role, Adeeb participated in the council's 6th meeting held in New Delhi yesterday. The gathering served as a platform for council members, including key figures such as Shailesh Pathak (Secretary General of FICCI), Goutam Ghosh (Senior Director & Regional Head, Africa, Middle East, South Asia), and Deepti Pant (Joint Director and Head, Africa, Middle East, and South Asia), to discuss burgeoning investment oppor-



Adeeb Ahamed

tunities. They also deliberated on crucial initiatives planned for the upcoming year and identified country-wise ambassadors from the business community.

The summit witnessed the presence of a delegation from the Sharjah Chamber of Commerce and Industry, led by Abdallah Sultan Al Owais, its Chairman. The interactive session featured Satish Sivan, the Joint Secretary of Development Partnership at the Ministry of External Affairs, as well as the Indian Consul General Designate to Dubai. A noteworthy presentation highlighted the lucrative opportunities in Oman's Oil & Gas sector, captivating the attention of attendees.

# SANS Institute, Tamkeen open 3rd Cyber Reskilling Programme

TDI | Manama

SANS Institute, the global leader in cybersecurity training and certifications, have opened the third cohort of their Cyber Reskilling Programme in Bahrain, in partnership with The Labour Fund (Tamkeen). Those interested in the programme can register as of yesterday. The registration window will close on the 19th of June 2023.

The SANS Cyber Reskilling Programme aims to identify, educate, and rapidly reskill individuals in just eight weeks, with comprehensive foundational training from the world's leading industry experts. Participants will undertake three SANS courses and achieve two GIAC certifications - the industry-renowned GSEC and GCIA. Once they have completed the programme, successful graduates are well suited for a range of entry-level cybersecurity roles, in Security Analyst Teams, Junior Penetration Testing, Forensics, Management & Policy, and Junior Incident Response.

"We are looking forward to the third iteration of the Cyber Reskilling Programme following the engagement in and success of the first two cohorts,"



Ned Baltagi

comments Ned Baltagi, Managing Director - Middle East, Africa, and Turkey at SANS Institute. "This programme truly bolsters students with the skills and knowledge they need to succeed in the cybersecurity field, ensuring graduates are highly prepared and ready to make an impact."

### Recruit New Cybersecurity Talent

The programme benefits cybersecurity employers in the region, too. Previous graduates of the Cyber Reskilling Programme have secured roles at established companies such as CTM360, Citibank, Gulf Air, Beyond Cyber, Y.K Almoayyed and Sons, and Zendata. Potential

employers that partner with SANS Institute on the Cyber Reskilling Programme have the opportunity to gain priority access to emerging Bahraini cybersecurity talent as well as to a host of networking sessions with SANS Certified Instructors and industry-leading cybersecurity specialists.

Baltagi says, "Employers benefit from access to our dedicated, specialist recruiter, who works with employers to connect them to the right 'reskilled' candidate, for their organizational needs."

### Opportunities to Engage and Contribute

On 22 June 2023, the Cyber Reskilling Programme Career Fair will take place, where the latest cohort of graduates and employers can connect and discuss future opportunities.

### The Programme

The Cyber Reskilling Programme consists of three courses: SEC275: Foundations - Computers, Technology, and Security, enabling students to develop fundamental skills and knowledge in key IT subject areas and speak the same language as industry professionals; SEC401:

Security Essentials: Network, Endpoint, and Cloud, to provide the information security skills and techniques needed to protect and secure critical IT assets, on-premises or in the cloud; and SEC504: Hacker Tools, Techniques, and Incident Handling, to equip students with the skills to conduct thorough incident response investigations.

### Selection Process

Students are carefully selected through a competency-based assessment process, using the SANS CyberTalent Enhanced aptitude assessment tool. This tool is specifically developed by SANS and designed based on traits and characteristics of world-class instructors and cybersecurity professionals to assess and shortlist those with the greatest chance of success in the field.

### Apply Now

The Cyber Reskilling Programme is supported by Tamkeen and interested individuals and employers will be able to apply directly via the SANS website. For more information and to register, visit website <https://www.sans.org/mlp/bahrain-academy/>

## AIB names AbdulHussain winner of alBarakat May BD100,000 grand prize



TDI | Manama

Al Baraka Islamic Bank (AIB) has announced Abdulnabi AbdulHussain as the BD100,000 Monthly Grand cash prize winner for the month of May 2023, as part of the alBarakat

Ali Al Derzi, Acting Chief Retail Officer of Al Baraka Islamic Bank, stated: "These initiatives represent our strenuous efforts to give possibilities for our customers to save money, which could have a significant impact on their life."

Abdulnabi AbdulHussain and his family expressed their

gratitude for winning the Grand Prize.

The current alBarakat scheme offers a Monthly Grand Prize of BD100,000 for one winner, in addition to weekly cash prizes of BD500 for eight winners, as well as four weekly prizes for customers who have never won in the alBarakat account. Individuals of all nationalities over the age of 18 can open an account, for those under the age of 18 by their parents or legal guardians. Institutions and companies can open their own al Barakat account with a minimum deposit of BD50.

# Zain concludes data analytics accelerator programme

TDI | Manama

Zain Bahrain (BSE: ZAINBH), recently conducted Data Analytics Accelerator Programme for its employees in collaboration with General Assembly and sponsored by the Labour Fund (Tamkeen).

The five-day training programme introduced participants to the best ways for Data Communication, Data Narratives, and Mapping in Tableau along with a final project to implement the skills learned in the programme.

Rana Al Majed, Chief Hu-



Participants during a photocall

man Resources Officer at Zain Bahrain said, "The Data Ana-

lytics Accelerator Programme in collaboration with General

Assembly and Tamkeen has enhanced employee skills in the

technology field and helped widen their scope as it is one

world."

**News in brief**

◆ **Russia yesterday** claimed it destroyed the last major warship of the Ukrainian naval forces, which it said was stationed in the southern port of Odesa. "On May 29, a high-precision strike by the Russian Air Force on a ship anchorage site in the port of Odesa destroyed the last warship of the Ukrainian Navy, the 'Yuri Olefirenko,'" the Russian army said in its daily briefing. A spokesperson for the Ukrainian Naval Force declined to comment. The Yuri Olefirenko is a medium-size landing ship for troops and vehicles. First named "Kirovograd", the ship was renamed in 2016 in honour of a Ukrainian marine killed near Mariupol in 2015. Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky decorated its crew in June 2022.



**Russia claims destroyed Ukraine's 'last warship'**

◆ **Five fighters** from a pro-Syrian Palestinian group were killed in an accidental explosion at a base in eastern Lebanon, a Lebanese security source said yesterday. A spokesman for the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine - General Command (PFLP-GC) instead accused Israel of carrying out "overnight raids" at the base in Qusaya, near the Syrian border. Israel denied any involvement. "An old rocket exploded in an arms depot on the base and five fighters were killed," the security source said, requesting anonymity as they were not authorised to speak to the media. The Damascus-based group has close ties with the Syrian government and its main Lebanese ally Hezbollah, and has bases in Lebanon's eastern Bekaa Valley as well as in Al-Naameh, just south of Beirut.

**Blast at Palestinian base in Lebanon kills five: security source**

◆ **Embattled Pakistan** opposition leader Imran Khan returned to court yesterday, as the nation's human rights watchdog warned all sides are to blame in a rapidly deteriorating democratic crisis. Khan's brief arrest earlier this month sparked days of deadly unrest before Islamabad orchestrated a crackdown on his party, including mass arrests and a pledge to try some protesters in army courts. The Islamabad High Court and a specialist corruption court granted Khan bail on Wednesday in the same graft case which prompted his arrest on May 9, his lawyers said. Islamabad says the arrests are justified because it was targeted by anti-state terrorism, while Khan claims his Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) party is being quashed ahead of elections due by October. But Hina Jilani, the head of the Human Rights Commission of Pakistan (HRCP), issued a stark warning to "all political stakeholders". "Unless they desist from any further measures that could imperil the country's fragile democracy, they may find themselves unable to steer the country safely through the multiple crises it is facing."

**Pakistan ex-PM Khan in court as rights watchdog issues warning**



**CURIOSER & CURIOSER**

**New Yorkers gather to watch 'Manhattanhenge'**



The Sun sets in alignment with Manhattan streets running east-west, also known as Manhattanhenge, in New York City

**New York**

Snapping pictures with cell phones, hundreds of New Yorkers and tourists gathered in the streets to watch the sun set in perfect alignment between rows of the skyscrapers for which the city is famous. Right on schedule at 8:12 pm on Tuesday evening, the flaming orange ball could be seen perfectly framed by Manhattan's canyons of tall buildings on streets running east-west, such as 42nd Street, which runs through Times Square. This spectacle happens four times a year for two days, about three to four weeks before and after the summer and winter solstices. It has come to be known as "Manhattanhenge" after Stonehenge, the ancient mon-

ument in southern England where the sun also lines up perfectly during the solstices -- the moments when the sun appears to reach either its highest or lowest point in the sky. "It's a beautiful event. And it's some totally New York moment to do," said Jeanette Wolfson, a 47-year-old science teacher from Long Island who came into the city to take pictures for her students. She said she would remind them that "it's not the sun actually setting. It is the Earth rotating out of the light into the darkness." The event lures photographers with fancy lenses and regular New Yorkers and tourists who do not hesitate to stand in the streets for a few minutes, blocking traffic.

**UAE withdraws from**

AFP | Abu Dhabi

The United Arab Emirates has withdrawn from a US-led maritime coalition tasked with securing tense Gulf waterways that are vital to the global oil trade, it said yesterday. The UAE "withdrew its participation" in the 38-nation Combined Maritime Forces two months ago, a foreign ministry statement said, without giving reasons for the move. "As a result of our ongoing eval-



File picture showing CMF Headquarter Staff outside Combined Maritime Forces Headquarters, Bahrain

**Saudi population up third since 2010: cen**

- Total population reached 32.2 million
- Total resident population is up 34.2%
- Among Saudis, 63% is below the age of 30
- Non-Saudi nationals account for 13.4 million

AFP | Riyadh

Saudi Arabia's population has grown by more than one third since 2010, and a majority of the kingdom's nationals are aged under 30, according to a census published yesterday. The 2022 Saudi census marks the "most comprehensive and precise population survey conducted in the Kingdom's history,"



Representative picture

the General Authority of Statistics said. It set the total population of the oil-rich country at 32.2 million. Of these, 58.4% are Saudi nationals and most others are from South Asia or elsewhere in the Middle East and North Africa region. The total resident population is up 34.2% since 2010 -- an increase of 8.2 m people, of whom 4.8 m are Saudi nationals. Among Saudis, 63% of the pop-

**North Korea spy satellite crashes into sea, Seoul salvages w**

**Seoul**

North Korea attempted to launch a spy satellite yesterday but it crashed into the sea after a rocket failure, with the South Korean military retrieving part of the likely wreckage in a potential intelligence bonanza. North Korea does not have a functioning satellite in space and leader Kim Jong Un has made developing a military spy satellite a top priority for his regime, despite UN resolutions banning its use of such technology. Pyongyang had said in the build-up to the launch attempt that the satellite would be vital to monitoring the military movements of the United States and its allies. But the rocket lost thrust and plunged into the sea with its sat-



South Korean sailors fish part of North Korea's satellite out of the sea near Eocheongo Island (Courtesy of Mirror)

ellite payload, the official Korean Central News Agency reported. It added that authorities would investigate the "serious defects" revealed by the launch and conduct another test as soon as pos-

sible. South Korea's military said it had managed to locate and salvage a portion of the suspected debris. It released images showing a large barrel-like metal structure with thin pipes and wires at the bottom, which experts said might be a liquid fuel tank. "Technical experts will be able to gain tremendous insight into North Korea's proficiency with large, multi-stage boosters from the recovered debris," US-based analyst Ankit Panda said. Prior to Wednesday's launch, Pyongyang had launched five satellites since 1998, three of which failed immediately and two of which appeared to have been put into orbit. Signals from those launches have never been independently detected, indicating they may have malfunctioned. North Korea said Tuesday its new spy satellite would be "indispensable to tracking, monitoring... and coping with in advance

4000 BC

Approximate domestication of the horse in the Eurasian steppes near Dereivka, central Ukraine (hypothesis only)

1676

Battle of Öland: allied Danish-Dutch forces defeat the Swedish navy in the Baltic Sea, during the Scanian War (1675-79)



Kenya becomes a republic with Jomo Kenyatta as its 1st President

1964

1998

European Central Bank is founded in Brussels to define and execute the European Union's monetary policy

# US-led maritime coalition



uation of effective security cooperation with all partners, two months ago, the UAE withdrew its participation in the Combined Maritime Forces," said the statement carried by the official WAM news agency.

The Bahrain-headquartered CMF was established in 2001, initially as a partnership between 12 nations. It is active in crucial waters where tankers have been seized and attacked in recent months.

A spokesperson for the Com-

binated Maritime Forces said the UAE remains a partner nation, despite putting its participation on hold.

"The CMF still includes 38 partner nations, of which the UAE is one," Commander Timothy Hawkins said.

Iran seized two tankers in a week in late April and early May, including one empty ship that was travelling between the UAE ports of Dubai and Fujairah.

Iran was also accused of

launching a drone attack against an Israeli-owned tanker in November 2022, stoking tensions with the United States.

Earlier this month, the US said it was sending reinforcements to the Gulf, which carries at least a third of the world's sea-borne oil, after what it called increasing harassment by Iran.

The commander of the US Navy's Fifth Fleet, Vice-Admiral Brad Cooper, later transited through the Strait of Hormuz in

a guided-missile destroyer along with British and French naval commanders.

Iran responded by saying it is capable of ensuring the safety of Gulf waters in cooperation with neighbouring countries.

"The UAE remains committed to responsibly ensuring the safety of navigation in its seas," the UAE statement said, adding that the major oil exporter is "committed to peaceful dialogue and diplomatic engagement".

# by a census

Saudi Arabia conducted its first official census in 1974.

## Kenya says airport incident was emergency drill

Nairobi

Kenya's airports authority triggered a flurry of panic online yesterday after it announced an incident involving a plane at Nairobi's international airport -- only to clarify it had been a drill.

Images posted on Twitter by some media outlets showed black smoke billowing from a site at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (JKIA), one of the busiest in Africa.

The Kenya Airports Authority said rescue operations were under way after "an aircraft overflying Nairobi encountered an incident" at the airport on



Representative picture

Wednesday morning.

But the authority later said the exercise, "which involved a simulated incident of an aircraft that crashed at the airport", was

aimed at enhancing the facility's preparedness for emergencies.

"The primary objective of this exercise was to test and evaluate the efficiency and effectiveness

of the airport's emergency response procedures," it said.

"This incident was entirely simulated and did not pose any real danger to passengers, crew members or airport operations."

JKIA, which lies on the outskirts of Nairobi, handled a total of 6.5 million passengers last year, according to government figures.

The number of international visitor arrivals to Kenya, a popular tourist destination renowned for its wildlife parks and Indian Ocean beaches, jumped to 1.54 million last year as travel rebounded following the Covid pandemic.

## Germany orders four Russian consulates closed

AFP | Berlin

Germany will drastically reduce Moscow's diplomatic presence on its soil after Russia slashed the number of people Berlin can employ in its embassies and institutions in Russia, a foreign ministry spokesman said yesterday.

"We have decided to withdraw consent for the operation of four of the five Russian consulates operating in Germany," the spokesman told a regular government press conference.

"This was communicated to the Russian foreign ministry today," he added.

The German foreign ministry said at the weekend that hun-



Russian President Vladimir Putin answers a question on a drone attack on Moscow and the Moscow region in Moscow

dreds of civil servants and local employees working for German institutions in Russia had been asked to leave the country.

Moscow had put a 350 limit on the number of German personnel in Russia, said the foreign ministry spokesman.

"In order to be able to meet the Russian requirements for limiting our staff, the government has decided to close the German consulates in Kaliningrad, Yekaterinburg and Novosibirsk," the spokesman said on Wednesday.

Operations will be considerably reduced and will be discontinued by November, he said. Germany's embassy in Moscow and its consulate in St Petersburg will not be affected.

"For the Russian presence in Germany, our decisions apply reciprocally... in order to ensure a balance of the mutual presences both in terms of personnel and structure," the spokesman said.

## Beijing blames US for South-China-Sea fighter jet incident

AFP | Beijing

Beijing blamed US "provocation" yesterday for an incident last week in which a Chinese plane crossed in front of an American surveillance aircraft over the South China Sea.

The incident comes at a time of frayed ties between Washington and Beijing over issues including Taiwan, which China regards as its territory, and the shooting down of an alleged Chinese spy balloon that flew over the United States this year.

"The United States' long-term and frequent sending of ships and planes to conduct close



A J-16 fighter pilot from China flying in front of the nose of a US Air Force RC-135 aircraft over the South China Sea in international airspace.

surveillance on China seriously harms China's national sovereignty and security," foreign ministry spokeswoman Mao Ning said when asked about the latest incident.

"This kind of provocative, dangerous activity is the cause

of the security issues on the seas," Mao said, calling on Washington to "immediately stop this form of dangerous provocation".

The US military said on Tuesday a Chinese fighter pilot had performed an "unnecessarily

aggressive maneuver" near an American surveillance aircraft operating over the South China Sea last week.

Video footage released by the US military shows a Chinese fighter plane crossing in front of the American aircraft, which can be seen shaking from the resulting turbulence.

But China's military said on Wednesday the US jet "broke into" a military training area. "A US RC-135 reconnaissance plane deliberately broke into our training area to carry out reconnaissance and interference," Chinese military spokesperson Zhang Nandong said.



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Conflict, climate extremes, and economic shocks continue to drive more and more communities into crisis. Unless immediate action is taken, hunger is expected to soar in 18 hot-spots around the world. We need urgent action to save lives.

@antonioguterres

02



It was a pleasure to interact with His Majesty King Norodom Sihamoni of Cambodia today. We had a positive exchange of views on our close cultural and people to people ties and development partnership.

@narendramodi

03



Our bipartisan budget agreement prevents the worst possible crisis: a default for the first time in our nation's history – an economic recession, retirement accounts devastated, and millions of jobs lost.

@POTUS

04



The majority of pregnancy-related deaths occur after child birth. Most are preventable. 33 states & D.C. have answered our Administration's call to expand Medicaid postpartum coverage from 2 months to 1 year. It's time for all 50 states to get it done.

@VP

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# Beyon completes Solar Park Phase 2

Announces first data centre in Bahrain fully powered by clean energy



In pictures, inauguration of Phase 2 of Beyon's Solar Park in Beyon Data Oasis



- Phase 1 and 2 to generate 3.6 GWh

- Announces plans for phase 3

- Aims to achieve 6 GWh clean energy per year

- Data Centre located at Beyon Data Oasis

TDT | Manama

Beyon Chairman, Shaikh Abdullah bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, yesterday announced the completion of Phase 2 of the company's Solar Park located in Beyon Data Oasis. The completion also marks a



Shaikh Abdullah addresses the audience significant milestone for Beyon's Centre for it becomes the first facility in Bahrain to operate entirely on clean energy.

The initial phase of the solar park was completed in November 2021.

Following the inauguration held at the Royal Golf Club in Riffa, Chairman Shaikh Ab-

dulla bin Khalifa Al Khalifa announced intentions to commence the implementation of the third phase. He stated, "We have clear plans to initiate the third phase of this project, situated in Hamala."

Upon the completion of this phase, Beyon is projected to achieve a total clean energy production of approximately 6 GWh per year.

The combined clean energy generation of Beyon's Solar Park Phase 1 and 2 will amount to 3.6 GWh, resulting in a carbon footprint reduction of over 2000 tonnes and an annual cost savings of BD105,000.

The opening ceremony was attended by Kamal Bin Ahmed Mohamed, the President of Electricity and Water Authority; Mohamed bin Thamer Al Kaabi, the Minister of Transportation and Telecommunications;



**Beyon's Solar Park Phase 1 and 2 will generate 3.6 GWh of clean energy leading to a carbon footprint saving of over 2000 tonnes and a cost saving of BD105,000 annually.**

Yasser bin Ibrahim Humaidan, the Minister of Electricity and Water Affairs; Noor Bint Ali Al Khulaif, the Minister of Sustainable Development; and Mo-

hamed Almoayyed, Director of YK Almoayyed & Sons. Members of Beyon's Board of Directors, Executive team, and project contributors were also present. Chairman Shaikh Abdullah bin Khalifa Al Khalifa reiterated the company's ongoing commitment to sustainability and clean energy production. He emphasised the significant progress achieved since the launch of the Solar Park's initial phase in November 2021.

Shaikh Abdullah attributed the project's success to the leadership and dedication of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Bahrain. He acknowledged the Kingdom's commitment to achieving zero carbon neutrality by 2060 as a driving force behind Beyon's accomplishments.

## NBB 'Gold Sponsor' of "MEIRA" 2023 annual conference



Officials announcing the sponsorship  
TDT | Manama

NBB has announced its 'Gold Sponsorship' and participation in Middle East Investor Relations Association "MEIRA" 2023 Annual Conference hosted by Bahrain Bourse, the largest Investor Relations event in the region. The event will take place on 13th November 2023 at the Ritz Carlton Hotel Bahrain.

The 'MEIRA' 2023 Annual Conference aims to provide a networking platform and foster

debate on market challenges and best practices, while also educating participants and stakeholders about the significance of IR, transparency, and corporate governance. The event will act as a knowledge hub for market professionals to network, discuss the latest industry trends, digital IR solutions, and gain access to a large network of IR industry partners, as well as develop a comprehensive IR ecosystem in the region.

Usman Ahmed, Group Chief Executive Officer at NBB, said: "As a founding member of MEIRA's Bahrain chapter, NBB has continuously ensured that clear, transparent and reliable information is communicated to our current and potential investors. The upcoming event will provide the ideal networking platform for industry leaders to discuss best Investor Relations practices, ESG factors, and the future of an evolving sector."

## German inflation falls sharply in May

- Energy prices have come down from their peaks in recent months

- Food prices, however, continued to show "above average growth"

- Prices in the service sector also cooled

- Consumer price growth slowed to 5.1%

Frankfurt

German inflation fell sharply in May on lower energy costs, official data showed yesterday, mirroring slowing price growth in France and Spain.

The annual inflation rate in Europe's biggest economy eased to 6.1%, down from 7.2% in April, federal statistics office Destatis said in preliminary figures.

Analysts surveyed by FactSet had expected a May reading of

6.4%.

The drop was partly down to the comparison with May 2022, when energy prices soared in the wake of Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

Energy prices have come down from their peaks in recent months, helped by government relief measures to cushion the impact on consumers and businesses.

Food prices, however, continued to show "above average growth" in May compared with a year earlier, Destatis said.

Prices in the service sector also cooled this month, "probably due in part to the introduction of the Germany ticket", Destatis said, referring to a new public transport card allowing unlimited travel for 49 euros a month.

"The significant drop in the German inflation rate" brings "some relief", said KfW chief economist Fritzi Koehler-Geib.

"But there is still a long way to go," she said, before inflation reaches the European Central Bank's two-percent target.

The ECB has hiked interest rates by an unprec-

edented 3.75 percentage points since last July in an attempt to bring down rapidly rising consumer prices.

ECB vice-president Luis de Guindos earlier on Wednesday welcomed "positive" inflation data out of key eurozone economies recently, but he too warned that the battle against high prices was not over.

"The data that we have received yesterday and today is positive, it's a decline in headline inflation," de Guindos told reporters.

"But I would not say that the victory is there," he said.

"We are on a correct trajectory and we have to look very carefully at the evolution of core inflation" which excludes volatile food and energy prices, he added.

Consumer price growth slowed to 5.1% year-on-year in France in May, down from 5.9% a month earlier, preliminary figures showed Wednesday.

Spanish inflation meanwhile declined to 3.2% in May mainly thanks to lower fuel costs, after hitting 4.1% in April, according to figures released on Tuesday.

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## autobuzz

# Electric trucks pick up speed despite bumpy road

Gothenburg

Using a motorised arm, a worker at Volvo's factory near Gothenburg slowly guides massive black blocks alongside a chassis, the three tonnes of batteries soon to power an electric truck.

"This is where the difference lies," explains Sandra Finer, vice president of operations at the Swedish site.

On the assembly line, "we use the same people, the same equipment and the same process, (but)... when we build the electric truck we dock the electric module instead of an engine for the diesel trucks."

Electric heavy trucks are now mass produced in Europe, North America and China and have been rolled out faster than expected -- though it will still be a while before they overtake polluting diesel trucks in number.

"It is a really exciting moment we're living in regarding electric trucks," Felipe Rodriguez, an independent expert at analysis group International Council on Clean Transportation (ICCT), said.

"Just four or five years ago, people would have said 'You're crazy, that's not going to happen. Diesel is king, it can't be beaten,'" he said.



A Volvo electric truck (front) and a Volvo fuel cell electric truck (back) driving at the company's proving ground in Hällered near Borås, east of Gothenburg, Sweden.

Electric heavy trucks require massive amounts of energy to propel their heavy loads, raising questions about their range and recharging capabilities.

They need charging terminals dozens of times more powerful than those made for electric cars.

The electric trucks are also more expensive, currently costing between two to three times more than a traditional diesel

model, according to industry experts.

However, those prices are expected to go down and the higher up-front price can be offset by cheaper running costs using electricity, as well as different country-specific incentives.

### Race to launch

Spurred by increasingly strict EU regulations aimed at reducing CO2 emissions as well as massive Chinese state support for its national manufacturers, the sector is determined to press ahead.

There has been "a reckoning in the industry that they will not be able to hold on to their diesel engines forever," Rodriguez said. "There is now a race to really develop and launch these electric trucks on the market."

In 2022, electric trucks accounted for a tiny portion of heavy trucks on the world's main markets -- just one or two percent, with 40,000 to 50,000

units sold worldwide, most of them in China, according to data from trade experts.

But the main Western truck makers -- Germany's Daimler and Man, Sweden's Volvo and its French subsidiary Renault Trucks, and the other Swedish manufacturer Scania -- have invested heavily.

US manufacturer Tesla, which has been hugely successful with its electric cars, also aims to break into the e-trucks sector, with its "Semi" model promising a range of up to 800 kilometres (500 miles).

The global truck market is sizable, estimated at more than \$200 billion per year with almost six million units sold.

"In 2030, 50% of the volume that we sell for Volvo Trucks should be zero emissions ... and in 2040, everything that we sell should be zero emissions," Roger Alm, head of Volvo Group's trucks division, said.

That more or less corresponds to the level necessary to achieve

the objectives of the Paris Agreement to decarbonise road transport, according to the ICCT.

Diesel long-haul trucks emit around one kilo of CO2 per kilometre, the ICCT estimates.

With Europe's current electricity mix, which still comprises a significant amount of coal and gas, the carbon footprint of an electric truck is two-thirds lower than that of a diesel truck.

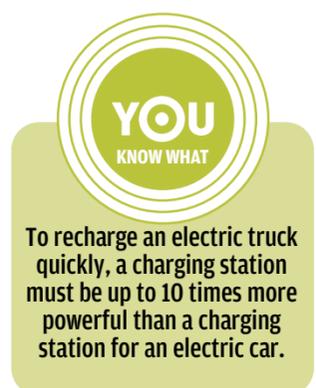
### Spreading around the world

Electric trucks are expected to account for 90% of the truck market by 2040, according to ICCT.

"It has started to really take off and grow in the Northern parts of Europe and in North America," Alm said.

"Now it's moving into the southern parts of Europe and we also have new markets in Africa, for example, Australia, Brazil, so it's expanding country by country."

Together with other man-



ufacturers, Volvo, the world's second-biggest truck builder, has agreed to take part in a vast European project to increase the number of truck charging stations, currently one of the weak points holding back their adoption.

To recharge an electric truck quickly, a charging station must be up to 10 times more powerful than a charging station for an electric car.



Employees working on the assembly line at the Volvo plant in Gothenburg, Sweden.

# Tsitsipas says 'strength of Navy SEAL' needed to win French Open

AFP | Paris

Stefanos Tsitsipas believes he'll need to have the mental and physical strength of an elite, battle-hardened special forces commando to break through to a maiden Grand Slam title.

The Greek world number five came agonisingly close to winning the French Open in 2021 when he surrendered a two-sets lead to lose in five to Novak Djokovic.

It's a memory which still haunts him, especially after losing to the Serbian superstar again in January in the final of the Australian Open.

"There are a few guys that can play good under pressure, especially in big, tight moments, and you have to have the mental strength of a Navy SEAL to pull it through," said Tsitsipas, hailing the crack US special forces unit.

Tsitsipas made the French Open last 32 for the fourth year in succession yesterday with a 6-3, 7-6 (7/4), 6-2 victory over Spain's Roberto Carballes Baena.

As well as making two Grand Slam finals, the 24-year-old has fallen at the semi-finals on four occasions -- twice to bitter rival Daniil Medvedev (2020 and



Greece's Stefanos Tsitsipas



As a teenager, Tsitsipas almost drowned when swimming in the Mediterranean Sea - he was saved by his father, who helped him to a rock.

"The waves were covering us every two to three seconds and, for the first time in my life, I felt I was a few seconds from dying," Tsitsipas recalled. "On the court after this, I was looser and more relaxed."

2021 Australian Open) and to Djokovic (2020 French Open) and Rafael Nadal (2019 Australian Open).

In his quest, he has resorted to consulting Rafael's Nadal autobiography because he "kind of shows you that anyone can do it".

"You have to have the physique of a marathon runner, the

lungs of a marathon runner. You have to have the power of a football player," added Tsitsipas when asked what constitutes a Grand Slam champion.

"There are so many little components that you have to link up in order to make this unbelievable player where you allow yourself to be unstoppable."

Tsitsipas racked up his 50th

Grand Slam win in the first round against Jiri Vesely while Wednesday's victory against Carballes Baena was his 20th at Roland Garros.

"I get excited when I see personal records being kind of set and broken," he added. Another of Tsitsipas's ambitions is to deliver a first Davis Cup title to Greece.

However, he is his country's only player in the world's top 500 so if an unlikely triumph in the prestigious team event is ever to be secured, it would require Greece to have a reliable doubles pairing.

That's where his brother Petros, who is Greece's top-ranked doubles player, enters the equation.

The Tsitsipas brothers were beaten in the first round in Paris on Tuesday, losing in a final set tiebreak to Marcelo Arevalo and Jean-Julien Rojer.

"Trust me, it sucks. To be losing that with your brother, it sucks more than usually," said Stefanos.

"I'm doing this for my brother. I don't think I would have done this for anyone else. One of our own personal dreams is winning Davis Cup together. Doing that with your brother is probably the most beautiful thing you can witness on a tennis court."

## Young footballer dies after cup brawl in Germany

Berlin

A 15-year-old footballer from Berlin died yesterday after he was seriously injured in a fight with players from a French team at an international youth tournament, police said.

The teenager "died in hospital as a result of his severe brain injuries" after being hit on the head in the altercation in Frankfurt on Sunday, local police said in a statement.

A 16-year-old player from the French team was arrested following the fight and was still being held in custody, police said.

The brawl occurred following the final whistle in a game between the victim's side JFC Berlin and a team from French second-division club Metz.

Investigators were still look-



Representative picture

ing at the "detailed sequence of events" which led to the young player's injuries, they said.

The victim was seemingly hit "on the head or neck" before he "fell to the floor and had to be resuscitated", police said in a separate statement Tuesday.

The victim, already declared brain dead on Tuesday, was kept on life support so his organs could be donated, a spokeswoman for the Frankfurt prosecutor's office said.

## Man Utd's Martial ruled out of FA Cup final



Manchester United's French striker Anthony Martial

London

Manchester United forward Anthony Martial will miss Saturday's FA Cup final against Manchester City due to a hamstring problem.

The Frenchman sustained the injury after coming off the bench against Fulham on Sunday in United's final game of the Premier League season.

"Anthony Martial is out of Saturday's FA Cup final against Manchester City due to injury," United said in a statement Tuesday.

"The France international strained his hamstring towards

the end of Sunday's 2-1 win against Fulham at Old Trafford.

"Assessments have since revealed a muscle tear that rules the 27-year-old out of the Wembley showdown."

Martial scored nine goals in 29 appearances for United this term but was restricted by a series of injuries.

Only 11 of his 21 league appearances have been in the starting line-up, but he had been hoping to be in contention to start at Wembley against City, who are bidding for a treble of Premier League, FA Cup and Champions League.

## Kokkinakis ends 38-year-old Wawrinka's French Open

AFP | Paris

Thanasi Kokkinakis knocked 38-year-old Stan Wawrinka out of the French Open yesterday in a five-set rollercoaster to book a third round place at Roland Garros for the first time since 2015.

Australian world number 108 Kokkinakis came through 3-6, 7-5, 6-3, 6-7 (4/7), 6-3 in four hours and 38 minutes against the 2015 champion.

"I feel better now that I've won," said the 27-year-old after securing victory on a fifth match point.

"What a match. I know Stan is getting older but in the first set he was playing the best. I was nowhere, just hanging in."

Kokkinakis, who described Wawrinka, a three-time major winner, as a "legend" of the sport, last made the third round



Switzerland's Stan Wawrinka

of a Slam in Paris eight years ago when he was just 19.

However, he has been plagued by physical and medical problems with a shoulder injury limiting him to just one singles match from November 2015 un-

til May 2017.

He then missed the entire 2020 season due to mono before undergoing surgery on his sinuses in 2022.

"I've had a pretty crazy story. I came on the scene when I was



Australia's Thanasi Kokkinakis

pretty young, looked like I was set for a big future but I went missing for a few years," he said.

Kokkinakis will take on either Russian 11th seed Karen Khachanov or Moldova's Radu Albot for a place in the last 16.

## Dalot signs new contract with Man Utd

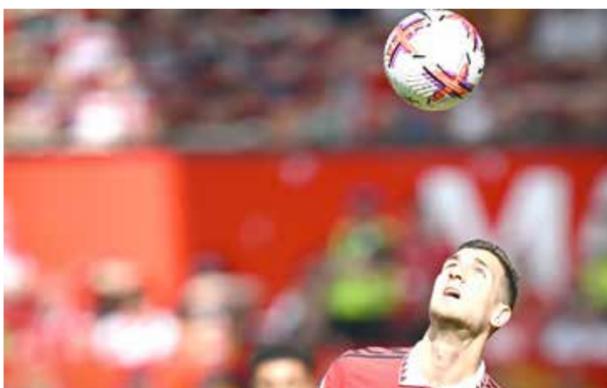
London

Manchester United defender Diogo Dalot has signed a contract extension that will keep him at Old Trafford until at least 2028.

Dalot's new five-year deal includes the option of a further season as the right-back is rewarded for an impressive season with the club.

Erik ten Hag's team finished third in the Premier League, won the League Cup and face Manchester City in the FA Cup final on Saturday.

The 24-year-old, capped 11 times by Portugal, joined United from Porto in 2018 and has gone on to make 107 appearances in



Manchester United's Portuguese defender Diogo Dalot

all competitions.

Dalot, who spent the 2020-21

season on loan at AC Milan, said: "Playing for Manchester United

is one of the highest honours that you can have in football. "We have shared some fantastic moments over the past five years and I've grown so much and my passion for this incredible club has only increased since the day that I joined.

"As a group of players, we all feel like we are at the start of a special journey right now.

"I can assure you that I will dedicate myself relentlessly to helping this group to achieve our aims and make the fans proud of this team.

"That drive continues this week with everyone intensely focused on preparations for the FA Cup final."

## Sabalenka powers into French Open third round



Belarus' Aryna Sabalenka

Paris, France

World number two Aryna Sabalenka cruised into the French Open third round yesterday with a straight-sets win over fellow Belarusian Iryna Shymanovich.

The Australian Open cham-

pion took some time to get the measure of her opponent, who had never won a main-draw WTA match before this tournament, before wrapping up a 7-5, 6-2 victory.

Sabalenka will face either Poland's Magdalena Frech or Russian Kamilla Rakhimova in the last 32.

# Muharraq come up short in qualifiers

Bahrainis lose in second leg to secure elimination from King Salman Club Cup

● **Youssef Oumarou fires in match winner in second half**

● **Muharraq bow to Tunisians 0-3 on aggregate**

TDT | Manama

Bahrain's Muharraq Club were last night eliminated from the 2023 King Salman Club Cup.

The Bahrainis' exit was secured following a 0-1 loss yesterday in the second leg of their second qualification round match-up against Tunisian outfit Union Sportive Monastirienne (USM).

Muharraq thus bowed to their rivals 0-3 on aggregate as they came up short in their bid for a berth in the region's top tournament, organised by the Union of Arab Football Associations, also known as the Arab Club Champions Cup.



Action from the match



The King Salman Club Cup carries a huge prize purse, with the champions pocketing a cool US\$6million. The runners-up get \$2.5million, while the semi-finalists each take home \$200,000 and the quarter-finalists \$150,000 each

They had earlier lost in the first leg held in Tunis just over a week ago.

Last night's game was played at the Shaikh Ali bin Mohamed Al Khalifa Stadium in Arad.

Youssef Oumarou scored the game's lone goal in the 76th minute of play.

Muharraq were then reduced to just 10 men in the fifth minute of second-half stoppage time after Waleed Al Hayyam was given his marching orders with a red card.

With the loss, Muharraq became the second Bahraini team to be booted out of the tournament, following in the footsteps of Manama, who lost in the first

qualifying stage against Al Hilal Omdurman of Sudan.

Twelve teams are in this second phase of qualification, which will determine the six teams that will move on to the group stage.

Ten squads have already entered the King Salman Club Cup directly, including champion clubs from Algeria, Egypt, Iraq, Morocco, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and Tunisia.

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**Alcaraz overcomes wobble to reach French Open last 32**



Spain's Carlos Alcaraz Garfia

AFP | Paris, France

World number one Carlos Alcaraz overcame a second set blip to defeat Japan's Taro Daniel and reach the French Open last 32 yesterday.

The Spanish star came through 6-1, 3-6, 6-1, 6-2 against his 112th-ranked opponent and will face Canada's Denis Shapovalov for a place in the fourth round.

Alcaraz, 20, is bidding to add the Roland Garros title to the US Open he won in 2022.

**'Political statements not banned,' says ITF**

AFP | Paris, France

International tennis chiefs insisted yesterday that "political statements" are not banned at Grand Slam events after Novak Djokovic controversially wrote "Kosovo is the heart of Serbia" on a camera at the French Open.

Djokovic defended his message in comments to Serb media, saying that Kosovo is Serbia's "cradle, our stronghold".

The International Tennis Federation (ITF), the governing body of the sport, said they had received a request from the Kosovo Tennis Federation demanding Djokovic be sanctioned over his actions.

However, they pointed out that such statements do not contravene regulations.

"Rules for player conduct at a Grand Slam event are governed by the Grand Slam rulebook, administered by the relevant organiser and regulator. There is no provision in this that prohibits political statements," an ITF spokesman told AFP.

Djokovic was criticised earlier Wednesday for his comments about recent clashes in Kosovo by French sports minister Amelie Oudea-Castera who said he "shouldn't get involved".

Ukrainian player Elina Svitolina said Djokovic should be free to "say his opinion".



## Badminton could allow Russians to return from ban

Kuala Lumpur

Badminton's governing body paved the way yesterday for Russian and Belarusian players to return to competition as neutrals after they were banned over Moscow's invasion of Ukraine.

It comes with the Paris Olympics just over a year away and sports federations grappling with what to do about athletes from Russia and its ally Belarus.

Badminton World Federation (BWF) barred Russian and Belarusian players in March last year and in April extended the ban as Moscow's assault on Ukraine



stretched into a second year.

But on Wednesday the BWF said it had commissioned "a regulatory and operational framework to allow athletes with Rus-

sian and Belarusian passports to compete as individual neutral athletes".

"BWF council will then deliberate on the merits of the prin-

ciples, framework and timeline to potentially lift the suspension of Russian and Belarusian athletes," the Kuala Lumpur-based BWF said in a statement.

The council will meet in August in Copenhagen.

Athletes from both countries have faced differing sanctions from a multitude of sports since Russia invaded Ukraine.

In March the IOC recommended that Russian and Belarusian athletes return to international competition, without commenting on their possible presence at the Paris Games.



Many sports, including badminton, have begun their qualifying campaigns for the 2024 Games.

## Vettel invests in high-speed, high-tech sailing team

AFP | Paris

Former Formula 1 champion Sebastian Vettel said yesterday he is taking to the water as the co-owner of a German entry in SailGP, a competition for ultramodern catamarans.

"Parallels between sailors and Formula 1 have long existed," said the 35-year-old Vettel at the team launch in Dusseldorf. "The boats are fascinating and the speeds on the water are incredibly high." The German boat is scheduled to compete when SailGP launches its fourth season in Chicago on June 16-17.

Vettel, who retired after last season, was the youngest world



Sebastian Vettel



Australia SailGP Team

champion in Formula One history when he won the first of four consecutive titles in 2010. He is

an investor in the SailGP team owned by German businessman Thomas Riedel. "Both will take

an active role in the management and performance of the team," said a SailGP press re-

lease, without saying how much Vettel is investing.

SailGP stages regattas close to shore with identical high-performance, foiling, multi-hull boats that can reach speeds of 100 kilometres per hour.

Australia, skippered by Tom Slingsby, won the first three editions. Erik Heil, a 33-year-old double Olympic bronze medallist, will skipper the German boat in its first season.

Ben Ainslie, a quadruple Olympic gold medallist, helms the British boat and Peter Burling, the youngest coxswain to win the America's Cup, heads the New Zealand entry.