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Global call for calm

International community on high alert as Haniyeh killing threatens Mideast peace

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ith the sudden escalation of tensions in the Mideast, following Israel's killing of Hamas' political leader Ismail Haniyeh while in Iran, world leaders yesterday called for cooler heads to prevail and avoid actions that would escalate the conflict.

The Israeli attack occurred at 2am local time while the Hamas leader was in Iran to attend the swearing-in of Iran's new President.

According to AFP reports citing Iranian media, the Israeli strike targeted special residences for war veterans in north Tehran where Haniyeh was staying.

An "official and public" funeral ceremony for Haniyeh will be held in Tehran today before his body is flown to Qatar, his base in recent years, for burial tomorrow, Hamas said.

UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres said the strike on Tehran, and another one on Tuesday in Beirut that killed a top Hezbollah commander, represented a "dangerous escalation".

there from Israel.



Palestinians attend a protest in Nablus in the Israeli-occupied West Bank following the assassination of Ismail. (AFP)

All efforts, he said, should be avoid any further escalation," "leading to a ceasefire" in Gaza,said Peter Stano, the European regional conflagration." and the release of hostages taken Commission's spokesperson for

Calling for restraint in the wrong path." "We call on all parties to ex- Mideast, the German govern-

German foreign ministry aftermath of Haniyeh's assas- East," the spokesperson stated. logic of tit-for-tat reprisals is the already tense situation," Kremlin spokesman Lin Jian said, "We Page)

Russia strongly condemned ert maximum restraint and ment said, "It is essential to Haniyeh's killing and said it avoid further escalation and a could "significantly destabilize" the region.

"We believe that such actions foreign affairs. "No country and spokesman Sebastian Fischer are directed against attempts to The European Union called no nation stand to gain from a said, "We call on all actors to restore peace in the region and for "maximum restraint" in the further escalation in the Middle exercise maximum restraint, the could significant destabilise an

"It is a completely unacceptable political assassination, and this will lead to a further escalation of tensions," Russia's Dep- Tayyip Erdogan condemned uty Foreign Minister Mikhail what he called the "perfidious Bogdanov told the state-run RIA Novosti news agency.

China's foreign ministry

Bahrain warns of escalation in region

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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Bahrain warned of the danger of escalation operations in the region and its repercussions on the security situation, increasing tension and violence, and fueling conflict in the Middle East.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs emphasised Bahrain's position against political violence, calling on the Security Council and the international community to support the efforts of the countries of the region to prevent further escalation and tension and their dangerous repercussions on regional security and stability.

spokesman Dmitry Peskov stated. are highly concerned about the incident and firmly oppose and condemn the assassination."

Turkey's President Recep assassination" of his "brother" Haniyeh.

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US downplays 'wider war' fears despite high-profile strikes

AFP | Washington

in Beirut and the killing of the attacks on Israel and the ensuing political leader of Hamas in war in Gaza. Tehran "don't help" regional the White House said yesterday. tion is imminent," he said.

"These reports over the last But he said Washington was help with the temperature go- ments. ing down," National Security told reporters when asked about the attacks.

"We're obviously concerned president," said Kirby. about escalation."

Kirby downplayed the risk of an immediate descent into the An Israeli strike that killed all-out war that the region has Hezbollah commander feared since Hamas's October 7

"We don't really think that tensions but there are no signs an escalation is inevitable and of an imminent wider conflict, there's no signs that an escala-

24, 48 hours certainly don't carefully monitoring develop-"It's not like we're brushing

Council spokesman John Kirby off concerns at all. We're watch-

The strikes on two of Isra- the White House for talks with strike for the killing of its po- now as we speak," he dsaid.



US spokesman John Kirby speaks during the daily press briefing. (AFP)

ing this very, very closely and el's arch foes came less than a President Joe Biden aimed at it's been a chief concern of the week after Israeli Prime Minis- pushing a ceasefire in Gaza. ter Benjamin Netanyahu visited

"We don't really think that an escalation is inevitable and there's no signs

that an escalation is imminent." - JOHN KIRBY, NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL SPOKESMAN

litical leader Ismail Haniyeh in

Israel declined to comment on the attack but Netanyahu on Wednesday said his country had delivered "crushing blows" to its enemies, and explicitly mentioned the killing of Hezbollah leader Fuad Shukr in south Beirut.

Kirby said it was "too soon" to tell what impact the stikes would have on talks for a deal to reach a truce and release hostages held by Hamas.

"That doesn't mean we're going to stop working on it. We Hamas blamed an Israeli have a team in the region right

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IHCL signs deal to establish two Taj hotels in Bahrain

Part of India's largest hospitality company's strategy to expand footprints in Middle East

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pany, announced the signing of a landscape.' luxury hotel and boutique resort in the Kingdom of Bahrain, both surroundings, the Taj resort in under its iconic Taj brand.

IHCL becomes the first Indian serenity of the island. hospitality company to establish a presence in the Kingdom of Bahrain, further cementing its footprint in the Middle East.

are pleased to announce two club. hotels in the island nation of Bahrain in line with our strategy phere of relaxation and rejuveof growing Taj's presence in key nation, the resort will additiongateway cities of the world. With ally encompass wellness areas cluding four under development and tranquil spa. The resort's in the Middle East, these hotels 1,200 sq.mt banquet facilities MENA region."

He added, "We are delighted to partner with Kingdom Prohe Indian Hotels Compa- jects to introduce the iconic Taj ny Limited (IHCL), India's with its world - class hospitallargest hospitality com- ity, elevating Bahrain's tourism

Nestled amid picturesque Hamala will feature 251 luxu-These greenfield projects rious rooms, each thoughtfully mark a significant milestone as designed to reflect the laid-back

Luxury offerings

The resort will offer luxury offerings, including an all-day Mr. Puneet Chhatwal, Man-dining restaurant, two specialty aging Director and Chief Exec- restaurants, alongside a swimutive Officer, IHCL, stated, "We ming pool and exclusive beach

Curated to create an atmoscelebrations, making it a key travelers and tourists alike.



Mr. Jalal Al Wazzan, Managing Director of Kingdom Projects W.L.L., with Mr. Puneet Chhatwal, Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, IHCL

player in Bahrain's emerging leisure sector.

Coupled with world-class

"We are delighted to partner with **Kingdom Projects to** introduce the iconic Taj with its world - class hospitality, elevating Bahrain's tourism landscape."

- MR. PUNEET CHHATWAL, MANAGING DIRECTOR AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, IHCL

The Downtown Seef hotel will additionally feature banquet areas tailored for meetings, corporate events, and weddings.

Mr. Jalal Al Wazzan, Managing Director of Kingdom Projects W.L.L, stated, "We are wellness facilities including a delighted to welcome the pres-The 200 room Taj hotel in modern gym, spa, and swimming tigious and world-renowned Taj a portfolio of seven hotels in- such as a state-of-the-art gym Downtown Seef, Manama, stra- pool, the hotel will provide guests brand, a first for Bahrain, which tegically located in the heart of with an endless variety of culi- will work towards attracting Bahrain's bustling capital, is set nary experiences, ranging from tourists in greater numbers from significant real estate developwill extend our presence in the will cater to grand events and to cater to the needs of business all-day dining and specialty res- across the region and around the ment firms in the Kingdom of taurants, to an exclusive pool bar. globe, thereby enhancing the Bahrain.

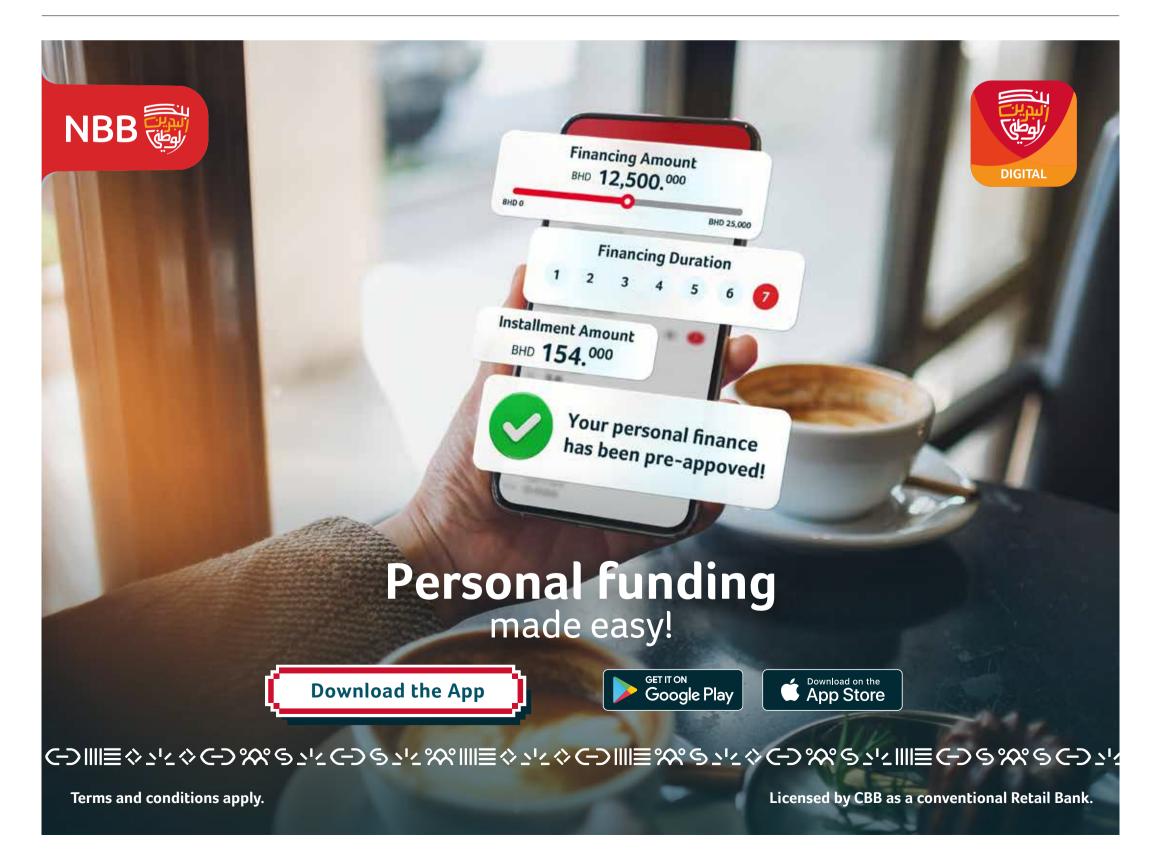
tourism sector's contribution to GDP. In line with the Economic Vision 2030 driven by the Crowne Prince, partnering with leading leisure and hospitality brands exemplifies Kingdom Projects' vested commitment to contribute to the development and growth of the tourism sector and thereby, the diversification of the national economy."

With the addition of these hotels, IHCL will have a presence of 7 hotels with 4 under development in the Middle East.

Owner

The Kingdom Projects W.L.L, a pioneering company in the real estate sector, is renowned for its innovative approach and commitment to excellence and is driven by the Crown Prince's Vision of 2030.

Kingdom Projects W.L.L stand as one of the most esteemed and



Overseas voting procedures for by-election are outlined

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The Minister of Justice, Islamic Affairs and Waqf, His Excellency Nawaf bin Mohammed Al Maawda, vesterday outlined the procedures for the upcoming by-election for the Council of Representatives, focusing on voters residing outside Bahrain.

Each Bahraini embassy, consulate, or diplomatic mission abroad is to form a committee responsible for overseeing the polling and counting of votes electoral district of Muharraq Governorate.

headed by the ambassador, secretary.



HE Nawaf bin Mohammed Al Maawda

for the vacant seat in the first consul general, or head of the mission, along with two addi-These committees will be will serve as the committee's Bahrain's electoral roll for the

These committees will manage the voting process in their respective locations, with the election scheduled for Tuesday, 3 September 2024, and a possible re-election on Tuesday, 10 September 2024, if required. Voting hours are from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. local time.

The directive also tasks the committees with publicising the registration and voting procedures on the elections website and social media platforms. Bahraini citizens abroad can register to vote online or at the diplomatic missions between 19 and 21 August 2024, providtional officials, one of whom ed they are already listed on district.

Over 100,000 visit Housing Ministry website

20,000 requests submitted

Mohammed Darwish TDT | Manama

The Ministry of Housing's website drew over 100,000 visitors during the first half of this year.

Ahmed Al Thawadi, the Ministry's Director of Information Technology, noted a surge in citizen interaction with the eServices provided through the Virtual Customer Service Centre, which launched last

Al Thawadi reported that more than 20,000 requests were submitted via the Ministry's website and the national portal, bahrain.bh.

These requests encompassed a range of services, including financial aid, housing units, residential plots, maintenance of housing units and apartments, disposal rights, and ownership procedures.

He also remarked on the growing popularity of the Virtual Customer Service Centre, crediting its success to the accessible eServices and the support offered.

The Ministry has conducted 507 virtual financial consultations for those seeking financial guidance.

Additionally, 2,453 appointments were scheduled through the eService for visits to the Customer Service Centre, where all queries were addressed and necessary consultations provided.

In another update, the page dedicated to the Muharraq City Development saw over 3,000 visits.

This platform offers services related to property ownership, ownership procedures, frequently asked questions, and information on construction in heritage areas.

Al Thawadi mentioned the Ministry's ongoing efforts to improve its eServices.

Pardon recipients, minors involved in holding illegal riots

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The Ministry of Interior has The Ministry of International Confirmed the arrest of individuals involved in recent illegal riots.

Among those arrested were individuals who had previously benefited from a royal pardon, having been released from convictions in various criminal cases.

rehabilitation, some have reverted to criminal behavior.

Several minors were also arrested, prompting the Min-Law on Restorative Justice for ric. Children and Their Protection from Abuse.

This law holds guardians accountable for any harm caused to minors under their care.



The Ministry will hand the minors over to their guardians, Despite the opportunity for highlighting the importance of parental responsibility.

The Ministry reiterates that actions against riots are conducted in accordance with the istry to initiate legal proce- law, as such events threaten dures under Article 55 of the civil peace and the social fab-

> Maintaining Bahrain's stability is a national duty, and the Ministry remains committed to protecting the country's security and achievements.

High humidity to continue

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The Kingdom of Bahrain The weather is expected to improve at night, with northyesterday, with relative hu- 10 knots. midity levels reaching 90% by high temperatures.

According to the Meteorolo- 31°C. gy Directorate at the Ministry

of 90%, with some clouds in per meteorological forecasts.

the morning, followed by hot conditions during the day.

weather conditions since early erly winds ranging from 5 to

The maximum temperature the evening, accompanied by is forecasted to reach 45°C, while the minimum will be

Looking ahead, the humidity of Transportation, this trend is is expected to decrease tomorexpected to persist until today row, with the maximum rela-The forecast indicates a tive humidity dropping to 65% maximum relative humidity and the minimum to 10%, as

CID marks World Day against Trafficking

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o mark the World Day

row, according to the US State Department report.

or this occasion, Deputy To mark the World Day of this occurrency, against Trafficking in Director-General of Criminal Persons 2024, the General Di- Investigations and Forensic rectorate of Criminal Investi- Science Brigadier Raed Ali Al gations and Forensic Science Meili pointed out in his speech held a workshop on the efforts that the Kingdom of Bahrain of the Kingdom of Bahrain to continued its efforts to combat maintain its international sta- trafficking in persons, hailing tus for the seventh year in a Bahrain's human rights.

Instant regret

Bahraini man pleads guilty to online hate speech, promises to delete account

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Bahraini man appeared in the Lower Criminal Court, pleading guilty to charges of insulting and defaming a religious group through social media.

The defendant admitted to posting offensive content while in a state of anger and impulsiveness, but claimed he deleted the posts within two minutes.

However, another individual had already captured screenshots of the tweets before they were removed.

The defendant expressed remorse for his actions and pledged to delete his social media account, assuring the court that he would not repeat such behaviour.

The court adjourned the case until August 6th for further deliberation.

The Public Prosecution, in a statement, revealed earlier that the investigation was initiated following a report filed by the **Electronic Security Directorate** of the General Directorate of Anti-Corruption and Economic, and Electronic Security.

The accused's tweets,



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The Public Prosecution emphasised that social media platforms, while vast, are subject to legal regulations and boundaries.

which were publicly accessible, contained offensive language and derogatory remarks aimed at a specific religious community.

After being apprehended and questioned, the defendant confessed to posting the tweets with the intention of harming the targeted group, stating that he had been provoked.

The Public Prosecution ordered his detention for seven days pending further investigation and subsequently referred him to the Third Criminal Court of First Instance, where he was held in custody.



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High-tech classrooms

MPs to discuss proposal installing security cameras in schools

Mohammed Darwish TDT | Manama

Ps are expected to discuss the installation of security cameras in classrooms and school facilities when sessions resume.

This move aims to enhance educational quality by improving resources and behavioural assessment methods through advanced observation techniques, recognising the crucial role of effective teaching and classroom management in reducing violence and bullying.

MP Basma Mubarak and several colleagues are advocating for this initiative.

According to the explanato- Image used for illustrative purposes only ry memorandum, the Ministry of Education is committed to providing top-tier educational services by elevating education quality, building community partnerships, and developing the knowledge, skills, and values of students to improve educational outcomes and support the national economy.

Personal development

In its ongoing efforts to promote positive behaviour MP Basma Mubarak





among students, the Minis- motivating environment and try is eager to amplify the role employing various educational of administrative and educa- strategies. tional bodies in supporting the personal development of ise the installation of security students at all educational cameras in Bahrain's school fa-

teachers strive to develop stu- day, offer adequate evidence dents' skills while promoting for student assessment and papositive values and addressing rental follow-up, and reduce their psychological needs by the likelihood of problems providing a disciplined and arising.

The security cameras

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The proposal aims to finalcilities and classrooms to sys-In collaboration with parents, tematically monitor the school

Bahrainis wish to leave Lebanon

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calls from Bahraini citizens citizens currently in Lebanon requesting to leave Lebanon, is very small, with the majority prompting it to activate its being students. plans to facilitate their return.

Excellency Wahid Mubarak be facilitated through Beirut's Sayyar, the ambassador of the Rafic Hariri International Air-Kingdom of Bahrain to Syria. port.

This comes as fears of an

that it is fully prepared to assist port, he stated.

those wishing to return home. The Bahrain Embassy in Ambassador Sayyar stated that the number of Bahraini

He explained that the return This was confirmed by His of citizens wishing to leave will

In the event that all flights all-out war in the region are are suspended at Beirut airgrowing, fueled by escalating port, the embassy will arrange tensions between Israel and for their return by land to Syria and then by air to Bahrain via The embassy has confirmed Damascus International Air-

Six-month shrimp fishing ban set to be lifted today

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▲ of Marine Wealth at the adhering to authorised fishing Supreme Council for Environ- methods as outlined in Dement (SCE) has announced the cree No. (205) of 2018, which lifting of the shrimp fishing ban effective today.

The six-month ban, which runs from February 1st to July 31st each year, is aimed at protecting the Kingdom's marine resources.

the ban is in line with regional industry. decisions aimed at safeguarding fish stocks, highlighting courage responsible fishing their commitment to ensuring practices and urges all fishthe long-term health and sus- ermen to comply with regutainability of Bahrain's marine lations for the benefit of the ecosystem.

The Directorate General of Marine Wealth also stressed The General Directorate the importance of fishermen prohibits bottom trawling (Kraf) in Bahrain's territorial

This annual ban plays a crucial role in allowing shrimp populations to replenish and ensuring a sustainable future The SCE emphasised that for the Kingdom's fishing

The SCE continues to enentire community.

Two Bahraini climbers conquer Mount Elbrus

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丙wo Bahrainis, Mohammed 📕 Al-Maamari and Ali Shakeeb, successfully raised the Kingdom of Bahrain's flag atop Mount Elbrus in the Russian Federation.

At 5,642 meters, Mount Elbrus is the highest peak in Europe and Russia and ranks tenth globally.

This feat was organised by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and the Bahrain Youth Hostels Association, with oversight from the Bahrain Fitness Academy.

Reflecting on the experience, Al-Omari stated, "We achieved the desired goal of the adventure by raising the Kingdom's flag high on the summit of Mount Elbrus, which is the highest mountain peak in Europe and highest peak desired goal."

climber to reach the summit, ex- adventures." pressed pride in his achievement, saying, "I was able to achieve an accomplishment that is added to



Mohammed Al-Maamari and Ali Shakeeb, along with their leader, Musab Hamada raise the Bahrain flag at Europe's

Shakeeb, the youngest Arab will seek to enhance it in future us overcome all challenges."

Difficulties and challenges

world. The adventure was very achieved by the youth of the difficulties and challenges, in- physical and mental preparation difficult in light of the difficult Kingdom of Bahrain. By reach- cluding the weather conditions and fitness, so we were keen to climatic conditions and low ing the summit of Mount Elbrus, and cold, in addition to the high prepare the two young men, temperatures, in addition to I was able to register my name altitudes where the oxygen level many challenges that we were as the youngest Arab climber to is low. However, our love for rais- fore taking on the difficult test able to overcome to reach the reach the summit. I am proud ing the Bahraini flag and affirm- of climbing the summit. They of this accomplishment and I ing the status of our youth made lived up to expectations through

> guidance of Musab Hamada, ability to overcome difficulties who highlighted the importance while climbing to the summit to He added, "Reaching the sum- of preparation, stating, "Taking reach the desired goal."

among the highest peaks in the the series of accomplishments mit was not easy. We faced many on such adventures requires Al-Maamari and Shakeeb, betheir commitment to the entire Both climbers were under the climbing plan and their high

3,644 inspections to safeguard fisheries

First six months of 2024

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d of Marine Wealth has anthe identification of 93 violanounced the completion of tions, which were addressed 3,644 inspections across all in coordination with relevant governorates of Bahrain in the authorities," the Directorate first half of the year 2024.

These inspections demonstrate the directorate's com- tend beyond inspections. They mitment to protecting fish are committed to preserving stocks and regulating fishing natural resources, bolstering practices to ensure the sus- fish stocks, and regulating fishtainable management and coning practices through a series servation of marine resources. of initiatives and programs.

encompassed public beach- the sustainable development es, central markets, fishmon- and conservation of marine regers, and outdoor stalls, were sources for current and future carried out in collaboration generations," the statement with relevant authorities. explained.

They included verifying fishing licenses, inspecting fishing equipment and methods, ensuring adherence to permitted fish species and fishing seasons, and assessing the safety of workers' practices. The General Directorate The inspections resulted in highlighted in a statement.

"The directorate's efforts ex-"The inspections, which These efforts aim to ensure

Northern Council member calls for swift property registration in Al-Lawzi

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for citizens and residents in housing project plans.

properties.

Al-Lawzi, particularly in Block She had earlier proposed the Al-Lawzi area.

This includes establishing Al-Durazi emphasised that needs and population density, that these facilities are vital for

spaces in the newly planned generating business opportuni- standards. ties and enabling residents to expedite property registration ise the approval procedures for ensure convenience for shop- density and available services. pers and visitors.

plan takes into account the area's all and sports needs. She noted Authority. commercial shops and parking these facilities are crucial for adhering to approved planning enhancing the quality of life and once the registration procedures multiple authorities.

The ministry confirmed ongo-

providing essential services to are complete. citizens and residents.

Northern Council Member Al-Durazi mentioned that the access daily necessities without ing efforts to complete the plan The Housing Bank's response ties and Agriculture confirmed approval procedures, following indicated that, according to the that it has received the land regphasised the urgent need to firmed ongoing efforts to final- ed adequate parking spaces to a study of the area's population approved master plan, sever- istration proposal and has conal government properties have tacted the Ministry of Housing Al-Durazi stressed the necesbeen designated as shops for the to approve the registration of In an official response, the sity of including playgrounds bank's benefit and are in the properties such as parks, walk-1020, urging the authorities to creation of a market, shops, Ministry of Housing and Urban and parks in the new plan to cess of being registered with the ways, and playgrounds. take swift action to address the and parking areas to benefit the Planning stated that the new cater to residents' recreation- Survey and Land Registration

The Ministry of Municipali-

The process of registering government sites within housing The proposal will be reviewed projects requires approvals from

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Bahrain-Doha route booms

Mohammed Darwish TDT | Manama

he number of travelers to Doha, Qatar from Bahrain Airport has skyrocketed to 50,302 last June, marking a remarkable 128% increase.

This information comes from an official report by the Ministry of Transport and Communica-

Meanwhile, Doha has risen to the top of the list of destinations with the most passenger growth in the same month compared to the same month in 2023.

The statistics highlight passenger, aircraft, and air cargo movements.

A total of 847,666 passengers moved through Bahrain International Airport, with 453,304 departing and 394,362 arriving.

lines at Bahrain International Airport totaled 8,869 departures and arrivals from various destinations.

Additionally, 39,819 transit air-tonnes of transit cargo.

Basic and diluted earnings / (loss) per 100 fils share

INTERIM CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT



Aircraft movements for all airlines at Bahrain **International Airport** totaled 8,869 departures and arrivals from various destinations. Additionally, 39,819 transit aircraft passed through Bahrain's airspace.

Aircraft movements for all air- craft passed through Bahrain's airspace.

> The total movement of air cargo and mail surpassed 31,000 tonnes, including over 12,000

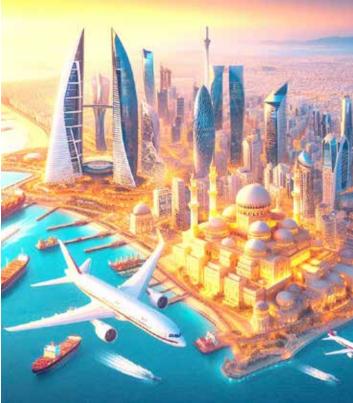


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Passengers moved through Bahrain International Airport.

Second

Jeddah in Saudi Arabia clinched the second spot, with 34,116 passengers, reflecting a

Kochi in India secured third place, with 24,324 passengers, showing a 42% jump.

Abu Dhabi and Dubai in the UAE grabbed the fourth position in terms of percentage growth, with a 14% increase.

However, they topped the list of the most frequented destinations, with an impressive 155,739 passengers heading to these cities in just one month.

RHF honours top students

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The Royal Humanitarian Foundation (RHF) held the 20th ceremony to honour top students.

The ceremony was held at University of Bahrain, Shaikh Abdulaziz bin Mohamad Al Khalifa Hall, where 401 students with 95% GPA and above in the academic year 2023/2024 were honoured.

In a video recording played at the event, His Highness Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the King's Representative for Humanitarian Work and Youth Affairs congratulated all outstanding students in Bahrain as well as the foundation's students.

HH Shaikh Nasser valued the support from His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, the honorary President of the Royal Humanitarian Foundation, for the orphans registered in the RHF and providing comprehensive care for them with a special attention to their education.

BAHRAIN COMMERCIAL FACILITIES COMPANY B.S.C.

Interim Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements 30 June 2024

OF PROFIT OR LOSS For the six months ended 30 June 2024 2023 2023 Bahraini dinars in thousands Interest income Interest expense (3,741)(2,204)Net interest income 4,994 5,534 2,632 2,528 19,928 11,767 10,061 Automotive revenue 22,470 Cost of sales (18, 265)(9,591)1.623 Gross profit on automotive revenue 4.205 3,400 2,176 Net fee and commission income 1,629 1,798 Rental and real estate income 11,929 5,986 5,438 Total operating income 11,979 (4,136) (2,031) (1,999) (2,510) Salaries and related costs Other operating expenses Total operating expenses (9.281)(4.677)(8.773)(4.509)Profit before provisions, credit losses and recoveries 929 2.648 3.206 1.309 Provisions and credit losses (530) (5,877) (9,979)(400)Recoveries from written off balances 1.207 Profit / (loss) for the period 3,325 (5,516)1,513 (4,394)

INTERIM CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME Six months ended Three months ended 2023 2024 Bahraini dinars in thousands Profit / (loss) for the period **3,325** (5,516) **1,513** (4,394) Other comprehensive income / (loss): Items that are or may be reclassified to profit or loss Net change in cash flow hedge reserve (145) (170) Total comprehensive income / (loss) for **3,238** (5,661) **1,343** (4,058)

17 fils

(27) fils

8 fils

(22) fils

OF FINANCIAL POSITION At 30 June 2024									
Bahraini dinars in thousands	30 June 2024 (Reviewed)	31 December 2023 (Audited)							
ASSETS									
Cash and balances with banks	12,207	13,244							
Loans and advances to customers	139,356	144,044							
Trade receivables	2,725	2,509							
Inventories	17,718	18,959							
Investment properties	9,912	9,972							
Property and equipment	26,750	25,423							
Other assets	10,371	5,712							
TOTAL ASSETS	219,039	219,863							
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY									
LIABILITIES									
Trade and other payables	21,987	17,863							
Bank term loans and other borrowings	92,272	100,355							
TOTAL LIABILITIES	114,259	118,218							
EQUITY									
Share capital	20,419	20,419							
Treasury shares	(599)	(599)							
Statutory reserve	10,210	10,210							
Share premium	25,292	25,292							
Other reserves	28,687	28,777							
Retained earnings	20,771	17,546							
TOTAL EQUITY	104,780	101,645							
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	219,039	219,863							

OPERATING S For the six months ender		NFORMA	TION	
		g Income hs ended	Profit / Six mont	
	30 June	30 June	30 June	30 June
Bahraini dinars in thousands	2024 (Reviewed)	2023 (Reviewed)	2024 (Reviewed)	2023 (Reviewed)
Lending	6,387	7,553	1,851	(6,795)
Automotive	4,450	3,772	1,572	1,171
Insurance	425	375	45	11
Real estate	667	279	(143)	97
	11,929	11,979	3,325	(5,516)

OPERATING ACTIVITIES	
Bahraini dinars in thousands (Reviewed) (Re OPERATING ACTIVITIES Loan repayments, interest received and other credit related receipts 99,055 Cash receipts from automotive sales 22,498	viewed)
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Cash receipts from automotive sales 22,498	100,748
Insurance commission received 331	20,439
	168
Proceeds from sale of real estate inventory 418	64
Rental and evaluation income received 252	267
	79,644)
	18,209)
Payments for operating expenses (12,049)	(6,875)
Directors' remuneration paid - Interest paid (4,058)	(275) (5,000)
Net cash generated from operating activities 9,905	11,683
	11,000
INVESTING ACTIVITIES	
Capital expenditure on property and equipment (4,689)	(2,929)
Proceeds from sale of property and equipment 1,744 Fixed deposit held with banks with maturities of more than three months 1,000	1,123
	200
Net cash used in investing activities (1,945)	(1,606)
FINANCING ACTIVITIES	
Bank loans availed 23,117	31,668
, , ,	62,395)
Dividends paid -	(4,029)
Donations paid (103)	(60)
	34,816)
NET CHANGE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS (22)	24,739)
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 January 6,214	34,325
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT 30 JUNE 6,192	9,586
Cash and cash equivalents comprise:	
Cash and balances with banks 12,207	16,302
Less:	
Restricted cash (194)	(92)
Bank overdrafts (821)	(524)
	(6,100)
6,192	9,586

				Reserves and retained earnings								
(Reviewed) Bahraini dinars in thousands					(Other reserves						
	Share capital	Treasury shares	Statutory reserve	Share Premium	Cash flow hedge reserve	Donation reserve	General reserve	Retained earnings	Total equity			
As at 1 January 2024	20,419	(599)	10,210	25,292	1,244	33	27,500	17,546	101,645			
2023 appropriations (approved by shareholders): - Donations approved		-		-	-	100	-	(100)	-			
Balance after 2023 appropriations	20,419	(599)	10,210	25,292	1,244	133	27,500	17,446	101,645			
Comprehensive income for the period: Income for the period		-		-	-	-	-	3,325	3,325			
Other comprehensive income:												
- Net change in cash flow hedge reserve	-	-	-	-	(87)	-	-	-	(87)			
	20,419	(599)	10,210	25,292	1,157	133	27,500	20,771	104,883			
Utilisation of donation reserve	-	-	-	-	-	(103)	-	-	(103)			
At 30 June 2024	20,419	(599)	10,210	25,292	1,157	30	27,500	20,771	104,780			

The interim condensed consolidated financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on 31st July 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

AbdulRahman Yusuf Fakhro

Dr. AbdulRahman Ali Saif

Abdulla Abdulrazaq Bukhowa Chief Executive Office

The above Interim Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements, have been extracted from the interim condensed consolidated financial statements of Bahrain Commercial Facilities Company BSC for the six-months period ended 30th June 2024 on which an unqualified review conclusion was issued by Ernst and Young, Kingdom of Bahrain on 31st July 2024.

For further information please visit: www.bahraincredit.com.bh.

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BCFC reports BD3.3 million H1 profit

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ahrain Commercial Facilities Company announced its financial result for the three months and six months periods ended 30 June 2024.

Three months results

The Group reported a net profit of BD 1.5 million compared to a net loss during the same period last year of BD 4.4 m, mainly due to lower provisions and credit losses charged during the period of BD 0.4 m compared to BD 5.9 m for the same period last year.

Earnings per share amounted to a profit of 8 Fils compared m compared to a total compreto a loss of 22 Fils for the same period last year.

The Group registered a total comprehensive income of BD 1.3



Abdulla Bukhowa, Chief Executive

same period last year.

H1 results



Abdulrahman Fakhro, Chairman

m for the same period last year, "The majority of our business environment, and persistently pansion."

the period of BD 0.5 m compared to BD 10 m for the same period

Earnings per share amounted to a profit of 17 Fils compared to a loss of 27 Fils for the same period last year.

was BD 3.2 m compared to a total comprehensive loss of BD 5.7 m for the same period last

Total liabilities reached BD 114.2 m as of 30 June 2024, 3% of BD 118.3 m.

potential for sustained growth. opportunities. We have confidence in our busifuture opportunities."

Chief Executive Officer of application (Sahel), as well as lower than 31 December 2023 Bahrain Commercial Facilities inaugurating a new branch at a Abdulrahman Fakhro, the encouraged with the Group's of Bahrain. These business in-During the six months period Chairman of Bahrain Commer- results during the six month itiatives have been essential in hensive loss of BD 4.1 m for the ended 30 June 2024, the Group cial Facilities Company (BCFC), period, reflecting a healthy fi- meeting our customers' diverse achieved a net profit of BD 3.3 m expressed his appreciation for nancial performance despite needs and have significantly compared to a net loss of BD 5.5 the Group results and stated: a challenging macroeconomic contributed to our business ex-

mainly due to lower provisions segments have delivered posi- high interest rates. These results and credit losses charged during tive performances, highlighting underscore the Group's resilthe synergy within our diversi- ience and capability to overcome fied portfolio. These successes current challenges, positioning are a testament of our enduring it strongly for future growth and presence in the market and our the ability to seize upcoming

New loan origination witness model and are enthusiastic nessed robust growth compared Total comprehensive income about the promising future that to the same period last year, lies ahead for our Group. We re- driven by the efforts and commain focused on creating share- mitment of the team and the inholder value and capitalizing on troduction of new products such as residential mortgage loans Mr. Abdulla Bukhowa, the and the award-winning digital Company (BCFC), stated, "I am prime location in the Kingdom

US Fed expected to pause again and hint at September rate cut

Washington, United States

from its position of holding in- on Wednesday. terest rates at a two-decade high

erations at 9:00 am local time of two percent.

yesterday, but could drop hints its key lending rate between 5.25 an annual rate of 2.5 percent last wrote in a recent investor note. about a September start to rate and 5.50 percent for the past month, while economic growth year, with policymakers seeking has remained resilient, and the officials "suggest that they will Policymakers began their sec- to bring inflation back down to- labor market has come into bet- remain on hold at their meeting," ond day of interest rate delib- ward the bank's long-term target ter balance.

The US Federal Reserve is Fed said in a statement. Their tion earlier this year, the Fed's expected to make its first rate adding that they "have moved of cuts they penciled in for this highly unlikely to waver decision will be published later mission appears to be firmly cut on Wednesday, High Frechoser to a first interest rate cut." year from three down to just one. back on track. Its favored meas- quency Economics (HFE) chief

> Recent comments from Fed Goldman Sachs US chief econocision in June, Fed officials recuts this year, according to CME Despite the improved eco- mist David Mericle wrote in a sponded to a small uptick in in- Group data.

> > 31 December

(1300 GMT), as scheduled, the After a small uptick in infla- nomic picture, the Fed is not note to clients published Friday, flation by lowering the number

Instead, the Fed's rate-setting

Since then, the data has paint-The US central bank has held ure of headline inflation eased to US economist Rubeela Farooqi committee "is likely to revise its ed a much better picture, and fustatement to hint that a cut at the tures traders now assign a probfollowing meeting in September ability of around 65 percent that has become more likely," he said. the US central bank will make at At the most recent rate de- least 0.75 percentage-points of

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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF INCOME

or the six months ended 30 June 2024

	Six mont	hs ended	Three mon	ths ended
	30 June 2024	30 June 2023	30 June 2024	30 June 2023
	BD'000 (reviewed)	BD'000 (reviewed)	BD'000 (reviewed)	BD'000 (reviewed)
INCOME				
Income from financing contracts	27,071	24,687	13,741	12,710
Income from investment in Sukuk	7,773	7,275	3,936	3,807
Expense on placements from financial institutions	(3,066)	(3,573)	(1,311)	(1,805)
Expense on placements from non-financial institutions and individuals	(10,104)	(7,148)	(5,350)	(3,810)
Expense on financing from financial institutions	(4,078)	(2,677)	(1,829)	(1,483)
Total net income from jointly financed assets	17,596	18,564	9,187	9,419
Fee and commission income, net	3,319	2,873	1,350	1,542
Income from investment securities	36	6	36	6
Income from investment in real estate, net	125	188	54	40
Share of results of associates, net	42	159	35	32
Other income, net	1,356	1,572	1,171	720
Total net income	22,474	23,362	11,833	11,759
EXPENSES				
Staff costs	6,916	6,329	3,373	3,196
Depreciation and amortization	935	898	472	456
Other expenses	7,111	6,248	3,593	3,397
Total expenses	14,962	13,475	7,438	7,049
Profit before impairment allowances and attribution to quasi-equity	7,512	9,887	4,395	4,710
Impairment allowance and other provisions, net	(3,358)	(3,322)	(2,021)	(2,094)
Profit before attribution to quasi-equity	4,154	6,565	2,374	2,616
Profit attributable to quasi-equity	(1,841)	(530)	(1,092)	416
PROFIT FOR THE PERIOD	2,313	6,035	1,282	3,032
BASIC AND DILUTED EARNINGS PER SHARE (fils)	0.39	3.92	(0.59)	1.07

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN OWNERS' EQUITY For the six months ended 30 June 2024

	30 June 2024	30 June 2023
	BD'000 (reviewed)	BD'000 (reviewed)
Balance at 1 January	144,632	135,751
Profit for the period	2,313	6,035
Other comprehensive income	(3)	(30)
Total comprehensive income for the period	2,310	6,005
Zakah approved	(289)	(170)
Donations approved	(250)	(250)
Profit distribution on AT1 Capital	(1,906)	(1,901)
Shares allocated to staff during the period	148	124
Balance as at 30 June	144,645	139,559

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	2024	2023
	BD'000	BD'000
	(reviewed)	(audited)
ASSETS		
Cash and balances with banks and Central Bank	59,769	61,602
Placements with financial institutions	119,626	51,689
Financing contracts	959,864	924,340
Investment securities	262,730	278,213
Investment in associates	11,374	8,302
Investment in real estate	14,725	14,725
Property and equipment	13,915	13,692
Other assets	7,591	5,528
TOTAL ASSETS	1,449,594	1,358,091
LIABILITIES, QUASI-EQUITY AND OWNERS' EQUITY		
Liabilities		
Placements from financial institutions	88,390	95,842
Placements from non-financial institutions and individuals	401,255	297,215
Financing from financial institutions	147,801	181,502
Customers' current accounts	205,332	202,511
Other liabilities	41,212	24,668
Total Liabilities	883,990	801,738
Quasi-equity		
Financial institutions	58,563	39.865
Non-financial institutions and individuals	362,396	371,856
Total Quasi-equity	420,959	411,721
Owners' Equity		
Share capital	106,406	106,406
Treasury shares	(892)	(892)
Shares under employee share incentive scheme	(47)	(195)
Share premium	206	206
Reserves	13,972	14,107
Equity attributable to Bank's shareholders	119,645	119,632
Subordinated Mudaraba (AT1)	25,000	25,000
Total Owners' Equity	144,645	144,632
TOTAL LIABILITIES, QUASI-EQUITY AND OWNERS' EQUITY	1,449,594	1,358,091

Directors on 31 July 2024 and has been reviewed by KPMG

Zaid Khalid Abdulrahman Usman Ahmed Vaser Abdulialil Alsharifi

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS For the six months ended 30 June 2024

	30 June 2024	30 June 2023
	BD'000 (reviewed)	BD'000 (reviewed)
OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Profit for the period	2,313	6,035
Adjustments for non-cash items:		
Depreciation	744	736
Impairment allowance and other provisions, net	3,358	3,322
Amortization of right-of-use asset	191	162
Amortization of gain on sale of investment in real estate		(108)
Gain on sale of investment in sukuk	(5)	(1)
Share of results of associates, net	(42)	(159)
Operating profit before changes in operating assets and liabilities	6,559	9,987
Working capital adjustments:		
Mandatory reserve with Central Bank of Bahrain	(3,620)	695
Financing contracts	(41,755)	(35,371)
Other assets	(1,231)	(1,211)
Customers' current accounts	2,821	(22,693)
Other liabilities	16,347	7,663
Placements from financial institutions	(7,658)	(8,473)
Placements from non-financial institutions and individuals	104,040	36,761
Quasi-equity	9,238	(7,699)
Net cash from / (used in) operating activities	84,741	(20,341)
INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Purchase of property and equipment	(967)	(396)
Purchase of investment securities	(44,361)	(18,112)
Disposal of investment securities	58,667	49
Net cash from / (used in) investing activities	13,339	(18,459)
FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Profit distribution on AT1 Capital	(1,906)	(1,901)
Financing from financial institutions	(33,701)	123
ljarah liability paid	(194)	(157)
Net cash used in financing activities	(35,801)	(1,935)
NET INCREASE / (DECREASE) IN CASH AND		
CASH EQUIVALENTS	62,279	(40,735)
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 January	74,399	101,073
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT 30 JUNE	136,678	60,338
Cash and cash equivalents comprise:		
Cash on hand	11,185	11,623
Balances with CBB, excluding mandatory reserve deposits	236	1,406
Balances with banks and other financial institutions excluding restricted balances	5,631	9,850
Placements with financial institutions with original maturities less than 90 days	119,626	37,459

136,678

60,338

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NBB names partners for third EVOLVE Summer Internship



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tions, and non-profit organi- knowledge. sations supporting the third Programme.

This announcement fol- participants.

lows the recent launch of the The National Bank of Bah- to offer valuable opportuni-■ rain (NBB) has announced ties for high school and unithe training providers, com- versity students to gain pracpanies, educational institu- tical experience and industry

EVOLVE Summer Internship stitutions to ensure a compre- Diving Centre. hensive curriculum for EVOLVE

such as the Bahrain Institute APG School, St. Christopher's in the programme.

programme, which continues ing providers include Bahrain Ahlia University, British Uni-("Mumtalakat"), Bahrain Fin- University of Bahrain, Bahrain School. Tech Bay, Berlitz Bahrain, Bah- Polytechnic, and Euro Univerrain Institute of Banking and sity of Bahrain will be partici-Finance (BIBF), INJAZ Bahrain, pating in the programme. Mean-NBB is collaborating with a Mada Translation, Traffic Di- while, high school students edition of its highly acclaimed diverse range of prominent in- rectorate Session and Senyar include those attending from Bahrain Bayan School, Ibn Khul-Students from universities doon National School (IKNS), and INJAZ Bahrain will also join ipants become well-rounded

These companies and train- of Banking and Finance (BIBF), School, Alhekma International Mumtalakat Holding Company versity of Bahrain, American rain and Naseem International

Student candidates from non-profit organisations such as the Crown Prince International Scholarship Programme, Royal team-building exercises, first-Humanitarian Foundation, AlMabarrah AlKhalifia Foundation,

EVOLVE offers attendees School, British School of Bah- hands-on vocational trainings, functional simulations, and exposure to various divisions within the Bank.

> Furthermore, it emphasises soft skills development through aid training, and even sign language lessons to ensure particprofessionals.

Kanoo Ventures invests in CorrosionRADAR

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∕ anoo Ventures, the invest-Kment arm of YBA Kanoo, has announced a significant investment in CorrosionRADAR, the leading provider of predictive Corrosion Under Insulation (CUI) monitoring solutions. This latest funding round, which also includes investments from Aramco Ventures, Dow and Mercia \$14 million (£11.7M).

further its mission to improve structure." safety and operational efficien-





systems on a global scale, en- guard critical assets and ensure added. hance its product offerings, and the longevity of critical infra-

cy within the oil, gas, petro- companies such as Aramco Ven- Corrosion RADAR underscores is actively focusing on healthchemical and hydrogen sectors. tures, Dow, Kanoo Ventures, our commitment to supporting care, food and agriculture and Dr. Chiraz Ennaceur, Chief and Mercia Ventures on board. innovative technologies that the new economy sectors both

Ventures, brings the total capital RADAR, expressed enthusiasm to continue with our ambition Aramco. The continued collabraised by CorrosionRADAR to about the strategic support from to increase our global footprint oration and investment from these industry leaders: "Corro- and develop state-of-the-art Kanoo Ventures and other This infusion of capital will sionRADAR is in a period of rapid solutions that improve indus- stakeholders will further bolenable CorrosionRADAR to ac- growth, and we are leading the trial processes through the ear- ster CorrosionRADAR's capacity celerate the deployment of its way with our predictive CUI ly detection of CUI, promoting to innovate and lead in the field. cutting-edge CUI monitoring monitoring solutions that safe- more efficient operations," she

man of Kanoo Ventures, com- consumer goods and specialty "We're delighted to have mented: "Our investment in logistics. Additionally, the firm Executive Officer at Corrosion- This investment will allow us enhance operational efficiency regionally and globally.

and sustainability. We believe CorrosionRADAR's pioneering solutions will set new industry standards and significantly improve safety and reliability globally."

UK-based CorrosionRADAR is already making waves in the industry, with its predictive CUI monitoring systems being utilized by major companies worldwide, including Dow and

Kanoo Ventures continues to build on its strong track re-Mr. Nabeel Kanoo, Chair- cord across industrials, travel.

CrowdStrike outage to cost Delta \$500 mn: CEO



Representative picture **AFP** | New York, United States

global computer outage in A July that stranded thoucompany's CEO Ed Bastian told CNBC yesterday.

Bastian added in an inter- hotels, said Bastian. view that the carrier would choice."

"We're looking to make certain that we get compensated referring to US companies Microsoft and CrowdStrike.

CrowdStrike, the cybersecuthe breakdown stemmed from affected. a problem in its test software.

cident report that the glitch ers. was pushed out to millions of computers running Micro- me because we have issues reg-

that it will change the way it handles such updates in the

The incident has cost Delta sands of travelers will cost Del- "half a billion dollars" over five ta Air Lines \$500 million, the days -- lost revenue, as well as tens of millions of dollars per day in compensation and

CrowdStrike said earlier this seek damages for the disrup- month that about 8.5 million tions, saying: "We have no devices were impacted by the outage, which hit a wide range of industries. Users were faced with "blue

however they decide to, for screens of death" that made what they cost us," he said, rebooting impossible -- with the airline industry visibly impacted by the crash. Delta, which was said to

rity company that caused the have cancelled more than outage, previously said that 5,000 flights, was particularly

According to Bastian, it had The company said in an in- to manually reset 40,000 serv-

"It's been a wakeup call for soft's Windows software and ularly in this space," he said.

Boeing names new CEO as it reports hefty loss

AFP | New York, United States

Boeing named former Rock-well Collins chief Robert "Kelly" Ortberg its next CEO company. vesterday, as the aviation giant reported a hefty loss on continued operational problems.

Ortberg, 64, helped lead Rockwell Collins and integrate it into kopf in a message to employees. of \$1.4 billion, compared with a which a 737 MAX operated by United Technology prior to his

retirement from RTX in 2021. His appointment comes as Dave Calhoun, a former Gen-

quality control problems that since early 2020. have sharpened scrutiny on the

leader who is deeply respected od in our long history," Mollen- the close watch of regulators. Boeing chairman Steve Mollen- reported a second-quarter loss seat since a January incident in

on August 8, taking over for ago period.

Boeing attempts to rebound eral Electric and private equity \$16.9 billion. The quarterly refrom a series of safety and executive who has held the post

in the aerospace industry," said kopf said. Boeing on Wednesday Ortberg is set to become CEO loss of \$149 million in the year- Alaska Airlines made an emer-

Revenues fell 14.6 percent to panel blew out mid-flight.

sults reflected a continued drag from Boeing's commercial divi-"We look forward to working sion, where it has lowered prowith Kelly as he leads Boeing duction while addressing safety Ortberg "is an experienced through this consequential peri- and quality control issues under

> Boeing has been in the hot gency landing after a fuselage

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Mosque, Doha's

largest mosque, af-

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It said funer-

News in brief

♦ The European Union yesterday said it had begun paying 400 million euros (\$430 million) in emergency funding to the Palestinian Authority to help address its "critical" budget problems. Brussels said the first 150-million-euro tranche includes grants to help pay the salaries of civil servants in the West Bank and support vulnerable families. The rest of the

EU begins paying 400 mn euros emergency aid funds will be disbursed in August and September "subject to progress in the to Palestinian Authority implementation of the reform agenda

of the Palestinian Authority (PA)", the EU said in a statement. The authority has long faced a fiscal crisis, but its finances have been hit further by the Gaza war in Gaza as Israel has withheld tax revenue meant for the Palestinian territory.

President Volodymyr Zelensky said Ukraine and the entire world wants to see Russia take part in global forums aimed at ending the grinding conflict in Ukraine. Leaders and top officials from more than 90 countries gathered at the Swiss resort of Burgenstock in June for a first peace summit, which Russia derided as a waste of time. But Zelensky has recently indicated that

'Whole world' wants Russia at next peace summit: Zelensky



Moscow should be represented at the second summit tentatively planned for this year, a change of approach after Kyiv explicitly excluded Moscow from the first high-level meeting. "The majority of the world today says that Russia must be represented at the second summit, otherwise we will not achieve meaningful results," Zelensky said. "Since the whole world wants them to be at the table, we cannot be against it," he told AFP and other French media during an interview Tuesday in western Ukraine.

♦ The United States sanctioned two people

and four firms on Wednesday for facilitating the procurement of weapons on behalf of Yemen's Huthi rebels. The group began launching attacks on ships in the Red Sea following **Huthi weapons** the outbreak of the Israel-Hamas war in Gaza, forcing procurement many shipping companies to alter their routes and triggering retaliatory strikes by the United States and its allies. Wednesday's sanctions targeted "procurement operatives, shipment facilitators and suppliers" based in Yemen and China who sourced dual-use equipment for use in the Huthi's advanced weapons systems, the Treasury Department said in a



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US sanctions

statement. It said that those sanctioned had "directly supported" the Yemeni rebels' efforts to procure "military-grade materials abroad," which were then shipped to Huthi-controlled areas of Yemen, enabling their ongoing attacks. The Huthis "have sought to exploit key jurisdictions like the PRC (People's Republic of China) and Hong Kong in order to source and transport the components necessary for their deadly weapons systems," US Treasury under secretary for terrorism and financial intelligence Brian Nelson said.

SPOTLIGHT

Russia seizes almost 200 km2 of **Ukraine in July**

AFP | Paris, France

Russia consolidated its territory gains in eastern Ukraine in July, taking control of almost 200 square yesterday. The analysis, based per day. on data from the US-based Inslowdown compared to May, when Russian forces launched aratists since 2014. a ground offensive in the border region of Kharkiv, which has since been stopped.

In that month Russian forces seized 449 square kilometres, an average of 14.5 square kilomonthly gains since March square kilometres per day. 2022, just after President Vladimir Putin ordered the invasion of Ukraine.

Since the beginning of 2024, Russia has conquered 1,246 square kilometres of Ukrainian by Russia such as the Crimean territory, well above the 584 square kilometres seized over already under Russian conthe whole of 2023.

sian separatists in eastern nised borders. Ukraine began to fight for through for Moscow's forces.



kilometres (77 square miles), square kilometres, or an avaccording to an AFP analysis erage of 6.6 square kilometres

More than three-quarters, or stitute for the Study of War 155 square kilometres, are in (ISW), shows an increase over the eastern region of Donetsk, the previous month but a big parts of which have been controlled by Kremlin-backed sep-

The region is a springboard for Russia as it seeks to seize Pokrovsk, Toretsk and Chasiv Yar, as they prepare attacks on Kramatorsk and Sloviansk.

In June, Russia had seized metres per day, their biggest 129 square kilometres, or 4.3

> Since the Russian invasion on February 24, 2022, Russia has taken 65,776 square kilometres of Ukrainian territory.

If territory already annexed peninsula and eastern zones trol before the invasion are in-But that represents just 0.2 cluded, Russian now occupies percent of Ukraine's territo- 107,956 square kilometres or 18 ry in 2014, when Ukraine de- percent of Ukraine according scended into war as pro-Rus- to its internationally recog-

AFP's calculations are based independence. And it has not on information provided by a resulted in a decisive break- daily ISW report that relies on public information published From July 1 to July 30, Rus- by the two warring sides and sian forces conquered 198 satellite images.

'It's a thunderbolt,' say Palestinia

AFP | Palestinian Territories

he killing of Hamas leader Ismail Haniveh in an air strike in Tehran yesterday came as a "thunderbolt" to war-weary Gazans, with some expressing disappointment Iran was unable to "protect him".

"This news is like a thunderbolt, something unbelievable," said Wael Qudayh, 35, a resident of the central city of Deir al-Ba-

Yesterday, Hamas and the Iranian Revolutionary Guards announced that Haniyeh had been killed in Tehran in an Israeli air strike.

He was in the Iranian capital to attend the swearing-in on Tuesday of President Masoud Pezeshkian.

'Qatar was able to protect Haniyeh for 10 months, but Iran was unable to protect him even for a few hours," said Youssef Hamas. "Ismail Haniyeh is a pol-Saeed, 40, also a resident of Deir el-Balah.

In the Israeli-occupied West Bank, Hossam Abdel Razek, 45, an employee in a private institution in Ramallah, said Haniyeh's killing showed that the "blood of Palestinians is cheap".

"The assassination of Ismail Haniyeh in Iran proves that we, but he wants an achievement ... the Palestinian people, have no protector, that our blood is cheap, and that the Arab and Islamic nation sold us out to America and Israel," he said.

Sami Naem told AFP in Deir general strike and marches across al-Balah that the assassination the West Bank on Wednesday to "will affect the negotiations" for protest the killing of Haniyeh. a ceasefire between Israel and

Hamas chief burial in Doha Friday after Tehran funeral ceremony

Doha, Qatar

The burial of Hamas chief Ismail Haniyeh is to be held in Doha on Friday a day after a public funeral ceremony in Tehran, the Palestinian group said yesterday.

funeral ceremo- Haniyeh Hamas

Strip", Naem said.

'Martyrdom'

body would be transported to Arab and Islamic leaders".

itician who has his say over all the

Palestinian factions in the Gaza

Rami Youssef disagreed, saying

Israeli Prime Minister Benja-

min Netanyahu "was under pres-

sure from America to end the war

and he believes that Haniyeh is a

great achievement," Youssef said.

Palestinian factions called for a

Several Palestinians in the Gaza

the Hamas leader's killing might

even hasten the end of the war.

Haniyeh "will People hold up the Palestinian be given an offi- flag and a portrait of cial and public assassinated Hamas chief Ismail

Oatari capital. The Hamas statement added the ceremo-

ny in the Iranian capital, Teh- ny in Doha would be held "with ran, tomorrow," Hamas said popular and factional attendin a statement, explaining his ance and the participation of

Hezbollah say was in Beirut

AFP | Beirut, Lebanon

 \mathbf{H} ezbollah said yesterday that senior military commander Fuad Shukr was inside a south Beirut building hit by Israel the previous day but that his fate remained unknown.

The Israeli military said its Tuesday strike had "eliminated" Shukr, a top Hezbollah commander it blamed for carrying out a weekend rocket attack on the annexed Golan Heights that killed 12 children in a Druze Arab town.

Hezbollah said in a statement that "the great jihadist commander brother Fuad Shukr (Hajj Mohsen) was present" in

Qatar questions futur

AFP | Doha, Qatar

atar's Prime Minister Sheikh ation succeed when one party Mohammed bin Abdulrah- assassinates the negotiator on man Al-Thani yesterday cast other side? Peace needs serious doubt over the success of future partners," Sheikh Mohammed, mediation between Israel and Hamas following the killing of efforts, wrote on X. the group's political chief Ismail Haniyeh. "Political assassinations &

who has led Qatar's mediation Later on Wednesday, Sheikh

in Gaza while talks continue

leads us to ask, how can medi-

Mohammed received a call from US Secretary of State Anthony continued targeting of civilians Blinken with the pair confirming

Strip said Haniyeh had achieved he was killed. "martyrdom" because of the way

"This is what every Palestinian

Here is a list of previous killings over the



Yehya Ayash, Hamas's bomb-making expert, is killed on January 5 by a booby-trapped

telephone in the Gaza Strip.

1997: poisoning attempt Israeli intelligence agents poison Khaled Meshaal, a key Hamas leader, in the Jordanian capital Amman on September 25. But Jordanian officials capture the assailants and demand an antidote in exchange for their release, saving Meshaal's

2002: building bombed Salah Shehadeh, head of the Ezzedine al-Qassam Brigades, is killed along with 15 22 when an Israeli warplane drops a onetonne bomb on a building in Gaza.

2003: strike on car On August 22, senior Hamas leader Ismail Abu Shanab is killed in an Israeli

strike on his car in Gaza. 2004: founder killed

On March 22, Sheikh Ahmed Yassin, the wheelchair-bound founder of Hamas, is killed along with seven others in a

other people, nine of them children, on July helicopter strike as they leave dawn prayers at a Gaza City mosque. On April 17, Abdelaziz Rantissi, who had taken over from the assassinated leader, is killed in a helicopter strike on his car in

> On September 26, a car bomb kills top Hamas official Ezzeddine Sheikh Khalil in the Syrian capital Damascus. Israel unofficially admits responsibility.

2009: Gaza offensive

On January 1, Nizar Rayan, a leading proponent of the use of suicide bombers by

Al Jazeera says Israeli strike kills two of its journalists in Gaza

Doha, Qatar

Two Al Jazeera je ists were killed yes-Nwo Al Jazeera journalterday in an Israeli strike in Gaza, the Qatar-based channel reported as war rages in the Palestinian territory between Israel and

"Al Jazeera Arabic journalist Ismail al-Ghoul and his cameraman Rami al-Refee have been killed in an Israeli attack on the Gaza Strip," the network reported adding the strike "targeted a car near the Aidia area, west of Gaza City".

The network's office in Gaza has already been bombed in the conflict and two other correspondents

Last month, an Israeli court confirmed it had extended a ban on the network

Switzerland urges nationals to leave Lebanon

AFP | Geneva, Switzerland

Switzerland yesterday urged its nationals to leave Lebanon, noting the highly volatile situation in the country.

"The Federal Department of Foreign Affairs recommends that Swiss nationals leave the country by their own means, if this seems possible and safe," the Swiss foreign ministry said in its updated Lebanon travel uation worsens, Switzerland advice.

country.' It said the Swiss embassy

would continue to provide its regular services.

cide to remain in the coun- uninvolved persons". try or travel to Lebanon deaware that if the security sit- ministry says.



would be able to provide only "The decision to leave the limited services, if any, and country is taken voluntar- would have only limited posily, at the risk and expense sibilities to provide assistance of the person leaving the in an emergency," the foreign ministry said.

It said a significant deterioin Beirut remained open and ration of the security situation throughout Lebanon was possible at any time, while "target-"Swiss nationals who de- ed airstrikes can also endanger

Just under a thousand Swiss spite the FDFA's recommen- nationals were living in Lebdations should, however, be anon at the end of 2022, the

Israelis fear f

AFP | Haifa, Israel

oncerns grew among Israelis vesterday over the fate of dozens of hostages still held captive in Gaza following the killing of Hamas chief Ismail Haniyeh in Tehran.

Haniyeh's killing "was a mistake as it threatens the possibility of having a hostage deal," said Anat Noy, a resident of the coastal city of Haifa, in her 50s.

"We woke up today with a sense of fear in our hearts that this can escalate even more. There is no calm... we are afraid.

As the political chief of the Palestinian movement Hamas. Haniyeh was overseeing the negotiations for a deal to end the war in Gaza and release hostages held in the territory in exchange for Palestinian prisoners in Israel.

Both Israel and Hamas have blamed each other for the delay in striking the deal.

"We will be happy when the hostages come back home and the war will be over," said another

Justinian I becomes the sole ruler of the Byzantine Empire after the death of his uncle Justin I



Results of the Domesday inquiry presented to William the Conqueror in Salisbury (the date of compilation and the Great

Domesday are historically contestable)

English chemist Joseph Priestley

discovers oxygen by isolating it in its

Slavery Abolition Act 1833 comes into effect, abolishes slavery throughout the British Empire

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ns of Hamas chief's killing

s top commander Shukr building hit by Israel



The aftermath of an Israeli military strike on a building in Beirut's southern

Zionist enemy".

working since the incident "Lebanon does not want war". happened... to remove the rubble... and we are still waiting health ministry said four civilfor the results of this opera- ians -- two women and two chil-

great commander and other citizens" who were also in the building, the statement

Chairing a cabinet meeting Wednesday, Lebanese Prime Minister Naib Mikati warned: "Things could get out of hand if the enemy continues its reckless and murderous criminal mad-

"The strike on the southern the building targeted by "the suburbs is a strike on... efforts for calm," Mikati said in a statement Rescue teams "have been released by his office, adding:

In a provisional toll, Lebanon's tion regarding the fate of the dren -- were killed in the strike.

slipping into chaos and under-

Hamas armed wing says killing takes war to 'new levels'

Palestinian Territories

Hamas's armed wing said yesterday that the killing of its political leader Ismail Haniyeh takes the war with Israel to a "new levels," warning of repercussions for the entire region. "The criminal assassination of leader Haniyeh in the heart of the Iranian capital is a watershed and dangerous event that takes the war to new levels and will have enormous consequences for the entire region," the Ezzedine al-Qassam Brigades, whose fighters are engaged in fierce battles with Israeli troops in Gaza, said in a statement.

the southern city of Khan Yunis, where Israeli troops ended a major ground assault this week that displaced tens of thousands of people. "Haniyeh was someone

> grandchildren on the same path." In June, 10 family members of Haniyeh were killed in an Israeli air strike in the Al-Shati refugee

> who gave away his children and

camp in the northern Gaza Strip. In April, Haniyeh lost three sons and four grandchildren in an Israeli strike in central Gaza, with the Israeli military accusing them of "terrorist activities".

Haniyeh said at the time that about 60 members of his famihopes for... to obtain martyrdom people and its sanctities," said ly had been killed since the war while defending his land, his Muhammad Farwana, 38, from broke out on October 7.

Pilot dies after small plane crashes on Dutch highway

gaseous state



The accident happened at around 12:45 pm (1045 GMT) near the southern city of Breda, about 60 kilometres (38 miles) south of Rotterdam.

AFP | The Hague, Netherlands

small plane crashed yes-Aterday on a highway in the a burned-out wreck and debris Netherlands, killing the pilot on the highway, where traffic and scattering debris across had been blocked off by emerthe double-lane road. Dutch gency services from both sides. emergency services said.

around 12:45 pm (1045 GMT) on the wreckage, local broadnear the southern city of Bre- caster Omroep Brabant said. da, about 60 kilometres (38 miles) south of Rotterdam.

from Breda in the direction of roep Brabant. "At the moment Roosendaal," the Middle-West it crashed, we saw a ball of fire Brabant Safety Region said on and that was it." its website.

only person on board, died," day, emergency services addit said, without disclosing the ed.

type of plane. No other injuries were reported.

Images posted on X showed

A logo of a local aviation The accident happened at flight school could be spotted

"I suddenly saw something descend. It was the plane," an "A plane crashed on the A58" unidentified witness told Om-

The highway will remain "Unfortunately the pilot, the blocked off for the rest of the

e Israel-Hamas talks

"the importance of continuing reckless Israeli behaviour of to work to reach a ceasefire in continuously targeting civilians Gaza", Qatar's foreign ministry in Gaza will lead to the region said in a statement.

The foreign ministry had mine the chances of peace," condemned Haniyeh's killing said. "The ministry reiterates in Tehran on Wednesday, de- the State of Qatar's firm position scribing it as a "heinous crime", rejecting violence, terrorism and a "dangerous escalation" and "a criminal acts, including politflagrant violation of internation- ical assassinations, regardless al and humanitarian law".

"This assassination and the added.

e past three decades

Hamas, is killed along with his four wives,

10 of his 12 children and two neighbours

during Israel's December 27-January 18

offensive in the Gaza Strip.

of the motives and reasons," it

Prowling leopard injures two at S.Africa air force base

Johannesburg, South Africa

 ${f A}$ prowling leopard attacked and injured two military personnel at a South African air force base near a world-famous national park, the military said yesterday.

The two injured members of the South African National Defence Force (SANDF) were in stable conditions and recovering from what an air force spokesman described as the separate encounters with the big cat.

The unprovoked attacks oc- for its rich wildlife. curred between Friday and Sunday last week at the north- counters with wild animals, eastern Hoedspruit air base, Chetty said. said Brigadier General Donavan Chetty.

a morning jog when he was AFP. pounced on by the spotted animal, while the other was prompted the animal, a nocleaving work in the afternoon, turnal hunter, to pounce durhe said.



Representative picture

The base lies within the "mostly scratches" following catchment area of the Kruger National Park, a tourist magnet bordering Mozambique famed

This makes for frequent en-

"It's not uncommon to see leopards, it is uncommon for One officer was going for them to attack," Chetty told

> It was not known what ing the day, he added.

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our tables and steward our nation's land - they should never experience discrimination in farm loan programs. Today, I'm addressing that in-

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Population collapse is happening in so many countries

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Two weeks later a senior Hamas leader in Gaza, interior minister Said Siam, is killed in an Israeli air strike in Gaza.

2010: 'assassination' in Dubai On January 29, Hamas accuses Israel of the "assassination" in Dubai of Mahmud Abdel Rauf al-Mabhuh, a founder of its military wing, Ezzedine al-Qassam Brigades, who

died on January 20.

2012: targeted killing in Gaza On November 14, Israel's biggest military campaign against Gaza in nearly four years. Operation Pillar of Defence, begins with the targeted killing of top Hamas commander Ahmed Jaabari in an air strike on his car, triggering a major flare-up.

2014: three commanders killed On August 21, 2014, six weeks into a war between Israel and Hamas, a pre-dawn air strike kills three senior commanders of the Hamas armed wing, the Ezzedine al-Oassam

Brigades: Mohammed Abu Shamala, Raed al-Atar and Mohammed Barhum. 2024: deputy leader killed in **Beirut**

January 2: Nearly three months after Hamas's October 7 attack on Israel triggered war in Gaza, Hamas deputy leader Saleh al-Aruri is killed in a strike in Beirut's southern suburbs blamed on Israel Hamas military leader Mohammed Deif and Gaza leader Yahya Sinwar have topped Israel's hit list throughout the war but have remained elusive.

or hostages after Hamas chief's killing



Smoke billows from burning tyres as Israeli soldiers deploy in the occupied West

and Missing Families Forum ac- the hostages. the past nearly 10 months of the implore the Israeli government time."

Haifa resident, Avi Ben-Ishai.

war, but said "true achievement" Campaign group the Hostages can come only with the return of

knowledged the military gains of "Time is of the essence, and we we do is defend ourselves all the

and global leaders to decisively advance negotiations," it said in a statement released after Haniyeh's killing was announced.

"This is the time for a deal." Tel Aviv resident Shahar Binramini said she was anxious over how Hamas and allies like Lebanon's Hezbollah movement would react to Haniyeh's killing.

What stresses me now is the reaction of Hamas and Hezbollah," Binyamini, 25, told AFP as she cancelled plans to go to the beach out of fear.

"My partner was in reserve service in the north since September and was told to be on standby."

Tel Aviv resident Jacob, who only gave his first name, said he was unsure whether Haniyeh's killing would resolve the conflict.

"Our goal first of all should be the release of the hostages, and the war of October 7 should not have happened," he said.

"Israel is doing its best to exist in the Middle East in peace, all

China sanctions US lawmaker over Tibet 'interference"

AFP | Beijing, China

maker Jim McGovern yes-ty, security and interests" of terday for "interference" over China. his support for Tibetans.

bipartisan law last month that and his family from China, as strengthens support for Tibet, well as allowing a freeze on where China is accused of hu- any assets he has there. man rights abuses.

Beijing said McGovern has territory. "frequently interfered in China's internal affairs in recent in 1951 before the Dalai Lama

Announcing sanctions, the ministry accused the lawmak-Thina sanctioned US law- er of "an attack on sovereign-The measures imposed

The US Congress adopted a Wednesday ban McGovern

Beijing imposes strict con-McGovern, a Democrat, was trol on access to Tibet, a Himone of the authors of the bill. alayan region which it consid-The foreign ministry in ers an inalienable part of its

China took control of Tibet fled into exile in 1959.

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India landslide toll hits 270 as rain hampers rescue work

AFP | Wayanad, India

elentless downpours and howling winds hampered yesterday's search for survivors of landslides that struck Indian tea plantations and killed at least 270 people, most believed to be labourers and their families.

Davs of torrential monsoon rains have battered the southern coastal state of Kerala, with blocked roads into the Wavanad district disaster area complicating relief efforts.

The only bridge connecting the worst-hit villages of Chooralmala and Mundakkai was washed away, forcing rescue teams to carry bodies on stretchers out of the disaster zone using raging flood waters.

Several people who managed to flee the initial impact of the landslides found themselves caught in a nearby river that had burst its banks, volunteer rescuer Arun Dev told AFP at a hospital treating survivors.

'Those who escaped were swept away along with houses, temples and schools," he said.

Senior police officer M.R. Ajith Kumar told AFP that around 500 people had been resstruck before dawn on Tuesday.

plored and searched to find out large pool of labourers for plantwhether live people are there or ing and harvest. not," he said.



a makeshift zipline erected over Relief personnel conduct a search and rescue operation after landslides in Wayanad



cued since successive landslides A damaged vehicle lies amid mud after landslides in

"Still large areas are to be ex- countryside and which rely on a ed by a powerful wall of brown rugated iron and other debris sludge as labourers and their around the disaster site.

A man stands near a damaged house

families slept. A number of brick-walled row estates that crisscross its hilly seasonal workers were inundat- landslide scattered cars, cor- earth scientist Dave Petley told replenishing water supplies.

"Catastrophic debris flows are Other buildings were caked extremely violent, so survival is tember offer respite from the Wayanad is famed for the tea homes built to accommodate with mud as the force of the very difficult," Hull University summer heat and are crucial to

AFP. "This will have been exacerbated by the timing -- in the early hours when people were asleep -- and by flimsy structures that offered little protection." A total of 238 bodies had been recovered so far, the office of state revenue minister K. Rajan told reporters.

More than 3,000 people were sheltering in emergency relief camps around Wayanad district, the state government said.

At least 572 millimetres (22.5 inches) of rain fell in the two days leading up to the landslides, according to state chief minister Pinarayi Vijayan.

Kerala's disaster agency said more rain and strong winds were forecast for the week with the likelihood of "damage to unsafe structures" elsewhere in

'Incessant rains'

Indian opposition leader Rahul Gandhi, who until recently represented Wayanad in parliament, said he had been unable to go through with a planned visit to the disaster.

"Due to incessant rains and adverse weather conditions we have been informed by authorities that we will not be able to land," he said in a post on social media platform X. "Our thoughts are with the people of Wayanad at this difficult time," he said. Monsoon rains across the region from June to Sep-

Ex-BBC presenter **Edwards** pleads guilty to indecent child images charges



Former BBC news anchor Huw

London, United Kingdom

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m Huw\ Edwards,\ one\ of}$ the most recognisable faces on UK television, pleaded guilty Wednesday to three counts of making indecent images of children.

The 62-vear-old -- who resigned from the BBC in April on "medical advice", six months after he was arrested -- faces a maximum prison sentence of 10 years and a minimum of 12 months.

Wearing a dark suit and blue tie, Edwards sat impassively during the 25-minute court hearing as he admitted receiving 41 indecent images of children on WhatsApp, including seven of the most serious type.

Under English law, electronic communications involving indecent imagery of children -- including receiving and downloading pictures and videos -- can constitute the offence of making indecent images of children.

Palestinians detained by Israel subjected to 'torture': UN report

AFP | Geneva, Switzerland

Palestinians detained by Israel during rael during the Gaza war have largely been held in secret and in some cases subjected to treatment that may amount to torture, the United Nations said yesterday.

Since the October 7 Hamas attacks, thousands of Palestinians -- including medics, patients, residents and captured fighters -- have been taken from Gaza to Israel, "usually shackled and blindfolded", the OHCHR UN human rights office said in a report

Thousands more have been detained in the West Bank and



At least 53 detainees from Gaza and the West Bank have died in Israeli detention since the Gaza war began on October 7, the report found.



Displaced Palestinians return to Bani Suhayla and neighbouring towns east of Khan Yunis following reports of Israeli forces withdrawing from the area in the southern Gaza Strip

Israel, it added.

They have generally been held in secret, without being given a reason for their detention, detainee access to a lawyer or effective judicial review," OHCHR said.

Israel did not immediately vious critical reports saying its 7, the report found. prisons are run according to in-

military police questioned soldiers arrested on suspicion of sexually abusing a Palestinian

At least 53 detainees from Gaza and the West Bank have died in Israeli detention since comment but has rejected pre- the Gaza war began on October

Testimonies for the report or trial". ternational law. The report was suggested that Israel had subreleased the day after Israel's jected prisoners to "a range of reported treatment "including charge.

appalling acts, such as water- severe beatings, electrocution, boarding and the release of dogs being forced to remain in stress on detainees", UN rights chief positions for prolonged periods, Volker Turk said.

The report covers October 7 to June 30. It relies primarily on been subjected to blackmail, information gathered through interviews with released Pales- and given hallucinogenic pills". tinian detainees and other victims and witnesses of violations,

The report said there were 'reasonable grounds to believe" that since October 7, Israel and Palestinian armed groups had "committed gross violations and abuses... of the rights to life, liberty and freedom from torture and other ill-treatment."

These included the use of ment of detainees. rape and other forms of sexual violence," warning the abuses this month it had documented may amount to war crimes.

to cease, the OHCHR urged all old boy, who were detained by parties to "immediately end all Israel "for up to four and a half forms of arbitrary detention, in- months" without being able to cluding the holding of hostages". contact their families.

'Burnt with cigarettes'

ians held since October 7 have currently in Israeli jails, includbeen detained "without charges

or waterboarding".

The report said detainees had "being burnt with cigarettes,

The report also said the Palestinian Authority "continued to carry out arbitrary detention and torture or other ill treatment in the West Bank, reportedly principally to suppress crit-

icism and political opposition". A host of studies by rights groups and UN agencies have condemned conditions in Israeli prisons as well as Hamas's treat-

Amnesty International said 27 cases of Palestinians, includ-Besides calling for the abuses ing five women and a 14-year-

According to the Prisoners Club, a Palestinian rights watch-The report said most Palestindog, about 9,600 Palestinians are ing hundreds under administrative detention where they can be Many released Palestinians held for long periods without

UNESCO welcomes **UK's Stonehenge** tunnel cancellation

AFP | Paris, France

The United Nations' cultural organisation on Wednesday welcomed Britain's decision to cancel a controversial tunnel project near Stonehenge, a world heritage site.

The UK's Chancellor of the Exchequer Rachel Reeves on Monday announced a number of "difficult" budget decisions, telling parliament that a few "unfunded" projects launched by the previous government would not go ahead under the Labour administration of Prime Minister Keir Starmer, including plans for a road tunnel close to Stonehenge, a renowned prehistoric site in England.

"UNESCO welcomes the Starmer government's decision to cancel the construction of a road tunnel under the Stonehenge World Heritage Site," the organisation's Director-General Audrey Azoulay said in a social media post.

UNESCO last month warned that Stonehenge could be added to its world heritage in danger list because of the tunnel project.

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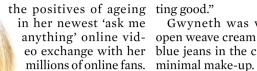
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Gwyneth Paltrow believes life 'starts getting good' at 40

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🖣 wyneth Paltrow Gis convinced life "starts getting good" at 40.

The Goop founder, 51, this year revealed she has dialled back on her fitness obsession and "doesn't give a f***" now she is in her fifties, and spoke out on again on her views about



During the Instagram Stories session, Gwyneth filmed a vid-Tell me life isn't over yet."

It all starts get- 2014.

Gwyneth Paltrow

Gwyneth was wearing an open weave cream jumper and eo exchange with her blue jeans in the clip, and had

Also in the chat, Gwyneth admitted she no longer likes leaving her house that much, and eo reply to the post posted an image of her and her from one follower: second husband Brad Falchuk 'Just turned 40. sitting beside a fountain.

She married the 53-yearold in 2018, two years after In a video taped finalising her divorce from while Gwyneth her Coldplay frontman first appeared to be in husband Chris Martin, 47, her leafy back gar- with whom she has childen, she smiled as dren Apple, 20, and Moses, she replied: "Forty 18 - and from whom she fais when it all starts mously said she was "congetting good, Kate. sciously uncoupling" in



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D ritney Spears has been "reach-Ding out" to her estranged sons. The 42-year-old singer shares Sean Preston, 18, and Jayden James, 17, with her former husband Kevin Federline but they

have a strained relationship reported embarrassment about their mum's obligations. raunchy social media posts.

> A source told Us tunities. Weekly: "Britney has ready."

Britney Spears

Sean and Jayden moved to Hawaii with Kevin, 46, and his wife Victoria Prince, 41, plus their two children, in

It is thought at the time of her sons' move to Hawaii Britney did not object.

In June, Kevin - who split from Britney in 2007 after three years of marriage - denied he had relocated to the island due, in part, to the boys' to take advantage of a legal loophole that would extend Britney's child support

> He insisted his wife landed a job offer at a university, while he had DJ oppor-

Kevin has largely maintained primary been reaching out to custody of the boys due to Britney's her sons more and controversial 13-year conservatorship, wants to start spend- which left her life and financial affairs ing more time with and decisions in the hands of her fathem when they are ther before it was ended in November

Jimmy Kimmel 'rejects offer to host the Oscars'

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year. However, Jimmy has already declined the opportunity to return in 2025, according to PEOPLE.

Elsewhere, John Mulanev Jimmy Kimmel

Academy Awards.

jected an approach to ivia Munn - actually hosted good as it possibly can be." host the Oscars in 2025. the Academy's 14th Governors the Academy Awards earlier this year, but he's al- so often. four times, including ready rejected the opportunity.

er this da Sykes and Amy Schumer.

awards show in 2023 and it and staying out of the picture proved to be a big hit with when you're not." viewers, attracting a US TV au-

has also passed on the op- ously admitted that the show But the comedian suggested portunity to host the next requires lots of planning and Molly's attitude actually en-

preparation.

The 41-year-old comedian He told PEOPLE: "We work Timmy Kimmel has re- - who is married to actress Ol- very hard to make the show as

The TV star has learned a The 56-year-old come- Awards in January. He was ap- number of important lessons dian has already hosted proached to host the Oscars through hosting the ceremony

> Jimmy - who has hosted his The awards ceremony went own late-night talk show since e mony host-less from 2019 to 2021, 2003 - said: "The big challenge while the 2022 event was joint- always is trying to keep the earli- ly hosted by Regina Hall, Wan- show moving, so it's a matter of picking your spots and pop-Jimmy returned to host the ping in when you're needed

> > Jimmy was reminded of the dience of 19.5 million people. potential pitfalls of hosting the Despite this, Jimmy previ- ceremony by his wife Molly.

Justin and Hailey Bieber 'are ready to become parents'



Justin and Hailey Bieber

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Justin and Hailey Bieber are very involved and helps him committed to being "the make decisions." best parents possible".

forward to the challenge.

A source told PEOPLE: in Hawaii. "They're ready to become par-

to their marriage, but also to bump. being the best parents possible.'

Justin and Hailey have been able to support each other time". through the process.

supportive of Justin. She's his pecting a baby together. rock. She is patient and someone he can always lean on."

Justin as he figures out his a child into the world."

next career moves.

Another source said: "She's

Hailey and her husband -The 30-year-old pop star who tied the knot in 2018 and Hailey, 27, are preparing announced their baby news to become parents for the first with a montage on Instagram, time, and they're both looking which featured the pair renewing their wedding vows

Among a series of behindents. They're planning for the the-scenes snaps, the model baby's arrival and it's very cute. was seen wearing a white, lace "They are super committed dress that highlighted her baby

> A source previously admitted that the loved-up couple had wanted a child "for a long

The insider told 'Entertain-The insider explained: ment Tonight': "Hailey and "Hailey has always been very Justin are thrilled to be ex-

"They have wanted this for a long time and can't wait to Hailey is also supporting expand their family and bring

Channing Tatum thanks Ryan Reynolds for 'having his back'

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∖hanning Tatum feels he owes Ryan Reynolds a debt of gratitude. The 44-year-old actor stars alongside

Ryan in 'Deadpool and Wolverine', and Channing has taken to social media to heap praise on his co-star. Channing wrote on Instagram: "I sat in

the audience when Ryan showed his first peek of Deadpool 1 to the world and I think I ran back stage right after and found him and I think I just hugged him and was like



Channing Tatum and Ryan Reynolds

holy s*** you did it man. It's perfect. I didn't then I can say that there is almost no one know him really at all back then. But since that has had my back in this industry more to play Wolverine.

than Ryan. I thought I had lost Gambit forever. But he fought for me and Gambit. I will owe him probably forever. Cause I'm not sure how I could ever do something that would be equal to what this has meant to me. I love ya buddy. (sic)"

Channing admitted that he feels proud to appear in the new 'Deadpool' movie.

He said: "All things happen for a reason. I'm so grateful to be in this movie. It's a masterpiece in my opinion."

Hugh Jackman also stars in the new film, and he recently admitted that he relished the challenge of getting in shape in order

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'Different, but better' - Jacobs confident of defending 100m title

Italian sprinter confident of retaining gold despite challenges since Tokyo triumph

Jacobs aims to defend 100m and 4x100m relay golds

Overcame criticism and injuries post-Tokyo

Changed coach and moved to US for training

Considers semi-final the most challenging hurdle

AFP | Paris

lympic 100m champion Marcell Jacobs said yesterday he is a "changed, but better" athlete and is confident of defending his title at the Paris Games.

The Italian stunned the field to snatch gold in the Covid-delayed Tokyo Olympics, in a European record of

He made it double gold just days later by helping Italy to victory in the 4x100m

The 29-year-old told report- the Olymers he was back at the Summer pic Games.

Games for one reason only: to defend his title in one of its standout events.

"I'm the Olympic champion. I want to win again," Jacobs told report-

"I know what I can do. I know I am the Olympic champion. I won the

100 m



I worked really problem. hard to get here We're 'not robots' to win again... so

After his stunning success in Tokyo, Jacobs

His conspicuous absence raised eyebrows and brought criticism that still stings.

"What hurt me was that people didn't understand that we went off the radar, are not robots, we are not maciting fatigue chines. We are human," he said.

"We work every day at 100% with our body, so it's normal to have some difficulties, some

"The problem with doping (accusations) after the Olympics didn't touch me because I know what I have to do to get a win, so I know what is not true.

> Olympics and win, but it's harder to continue to win. "So for that, you have a der.

lot of injury and people didn't understand that. "In Italy, we never

had an Italian guy make the Olympic final, but I won and years ago.' they continued to

his determination to bag backto-back golds by both professionally



Marcell Jacobs is the first Italian sprinter to ever win an Olympic gold in the 100m. His win in Tokyo marked a historic moment for Italy in **Olympic sprinting** history

and personally, changing coach "It's hard to survive at the in Olympic year and moving, with his family, to the United States to work under Rana Rei-

It seems to have paid off as Jacobs claimed a second European title in Rome in June.

"Of course I've changed since Tokyo," he said. "It was three

Since then, Jacobs added, "I criticise me. So it win, I lose, I have a lot of injury. I change everything. I change Jacobs showed country and change coach, so I'm different, but I'm better".

Jacobs maintained that reaching Sunday's 100m final was the upending his life, hardest part of the jigsaw.

"The most difficult thing is the

I know what I can do. I know I am the Olympic champion. I won the 100m at the Olympic Games. I worked really hard to get here to win again... so I can do the double

MARCELL JACOBS

semi-final because we are this year 15 or 16 guys who can go to the final. The semi-final will be hard," he said.

"Every year is a different, every year there are some people who can run really fast. This year we have the Jamaicans, the Americans, but every year is like

"In Tokyo it was like everybody can wait for the silver medal because the gold was being prepared for Trayvon Bromell.

"He ran 9.76sec at the beginning of the season, but he didn't even make the final so you never know. The Olympics are differ-

Jacobs concluded: "But it will be fun because there are a lot of guys who can run really fast, but only one can win, and on Sunday we'll know!"

WRC add Saudi race to calendar



Kalle Rovanpera of Finland and his co-driver Jonne Halttunen of Finland steer their Toyota GR Yaris Rally1 HYBRID during the last stage SS20 of the **WRC TET Rally Latvia WRC event**

AFP | London

races in Saudi Arabia, the August 28-31. Canary Islands and Para-

Rally Saudi Arabia will end the season on November 27-30 Torld Rally Champi- with the event in the Spanish onship announced archipelago on April 24-27 and yesterday that it will add the race in South America on

Rallys in Croatia, Poland and guay to its calendar next Latvia are no longer on the

Flick opens his Barcelona tenure with win over Man City

AFP | Orlando

alties after their pre-season diola. friendly at Orlando finished 2-2 at full-time.

to give the German manager's pitch.

side a 4-1 win on penalties.

Barcelona kicked off their US New Barcelona manager tour in the pre-season contest Hansi Flick made a tri- against the four-time reigning umphant start to his tenure on Premier League champions, Tuesday as the Spanish giants guided by former Barcelona beat Manchester City on pen- player and coach Pep Guar-

A sellout crowd of 63,237 spectators were unhappy early Toni Fernandez, who signed as a storm delayed the start by with Barca earlier this month 80 minutes, but were delighted after turning 16, flicked in a with a strong early pace, beleft-footed shot past reserve fore both teams gave reserve City goalkeeper Stefan Ortega players abundant time on the

National Center for Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation welcomes handball stars with advanced technology

Hussain Almaskati

rain Olympic Committee, re- Director of the centre. cently hosted a delegation from the Bahrain Handball Federation.

The delegation, led by Ismail vices and programs designed Teams at the federation, and performance. The National Center for Dr. Karim Eid, a specialist in

facilities, with advanced ser- programs.

Bager, Director of National to enhance Bahraini athletes'

A Sports Medicine and Re- the federation, was warmly re- state-of-the-art Physical Per- return to play. habilitation, part of the Bah- ceived by Dr. Moyad Al-Alawi, formance Laboratory, which This collaboration is telloffers precise assessments ing of Bahrain's leadership The visit included a com- of players' physical capabili- to advancing sports and proprehensive tour of the center's ties and personalized training viding top services for its

The delegation also explored the center's modern rehabilitation programs, aimed at rapid Key highlights included the recovery from injuries and swift

athletes.

Fifteen stadiums, five cities in Saudi 2034 World Cup bid

🗬 audi Arabia, the only bidder for the 2034 World Cup, will host the 48-team tournament in fifteen stadiums across five cities, including eight in the capital, state media said vesterday.

The announcement came days after the kingdom submitted its official bid to the International Federation of Association Football (FIFA).

Saudi Arabia plans to host "the largest-ever edition" of the tournament in a single country, according to the bid book, details of which were carried by the Saudi Press Agency (SPA).

The bid book outlines five tournament, including the capital Riyadh, the Red Sea city of NEOM, a \$500 billion, futuristic tournament, SPA said. new city, SPA said.



An artist's impression of the new 92,000-capacity stadium in Riyadh

new, according to the agency.

spectators and is set to host the structure. Jeddah, Al Khobar, Abha, and opening and final matches of the

They will feature 15 advanced Arabia was anointed host of stadiums, eleven of which are the 2034 World Cup last October by FIFA after gas-wealthy Riyadh will be home to eight neighbour Qatar hosted the stadiums, including the new Middle East's first World Cup proposed host cities for the King Salman Stadium, which at an eye-watering cost of \$220 will accommodate over 92,000 billion, including related infra-

As the only bidder, Saudi all-seater stadiums capable of athletes.

holding at least 40,000 people, according to the bid document.

It currently has two: Jeddah's King Abdullah Sports City Stadium and Riyadh's venerable King Fahd International Stadium, which is undergoing a major refit.

Infrastructure is the initial concern for the oil-rich kingdom, which is snapping up high-profile sports events in an attempt to sweep away its conservative image and entice foreign investment.

By the time the World Cup kicks off, the desert country of 32 million will have hosted the 2027 Asian Cup and even the 2029 Asian Winter Games.

In 2034, the same year as the World Cup, Riyadh will host the Asian Games -- a twoweek tournament with more To host the 48-team World events than the Summer Olym-Cup, the kingdom needs 14 pics and a similar number of

Djokovic and Alcaraz stay on track

Djokovic, Alcaraz close in on Olympics showdown as Zheng ends Kerber career in Paris amid sweltering conditions

Djokovic defeats Koepfer, reaches fourth Olympic quarter-final

Alcaraz brushes aside Safiullin in straight sets

Tsitsipas faces Djokovic in quarterfinal rematch of 2021 French Open final

AFP | Paris

ovak Djokovic and Carlos Alcaraz shrugged off crowns on Parcrushing humidity on is's famous red yesterday to stay on course for clay. an Olympic gold medal showdown as Zheng Qinwen ended very humid day the career of former world num- as it was yesterber one Angelique Kerber.

Djokovic, seeking a first to accept and Olympic title at Roland Garros embrace to add to his record-breaking t h e collection, defeated German condileft-hander Dominik Koepfer tions 7-5, 6-3, becoming the first man a n d to reach four singles quarter-fi- try to nals at the Games.

Alcaraz brushed aside Roman t h e Safiullin, the Russian playing in best out Paris as a neutral, 6-4, 6-2.

In the women's singles, Zheng



who had breezed past head record over Tsitsipas, inold rival Rafael Na- cluding a victory from two sets dal in the sec- down in the 2021 French Open

'Erased it'

"I've erased it," said Tsitsipas Djokovic when asked to recall that heartboasts an 11-2 breaking defeat.

> "I can see he's motivated for this Olympics but I want to get out on the court and show that I'm a worthy player on the clay courts.

> > Despite his confidence, Tsitsipas has not defeated Diokovic for almost five years, with the world number two having claimed the last 10 meetings.

French Open and Wimbledon champion Alcaraz has also vet to drop a set in Paris and breezed past 66th-ranked Safiullin in 90 minutes.

Alcaraz broke serve four times and wrapped up victory with his fifth ace of the

"I am really happy with the way I managed everything during the match. The conditions were really tough with the heat and it was really humid," said Al-Novak Djokovic

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Djokovic, still wearing strapping on his right knee after June surgery, is hunting for his first trophy in 2024 and considers representing Serbia at the Olympics the "greatest honour"

Up next for Alcaraz is Tommy Games, into retirement. Paul, the American he defeated in the Wimbledon quarter-finals. interest in the five Olympic tennis events.

reach the singles semi-finals.

Her three-hour victory, in 1988. which she unleashed 64 winners, sent 36-year-old former stunned Wimbledon champion world number one Kerber, a Barbora Krejcikova in straight silver medallist at the 2016 Rio sets.

Azarenka happy with shoulder

injury recovery in Washington win

I'm soaking wet. honestly. It's a very, very humid day as it was yesterday. I just hope it rains so it cools down the temperature a bit and the air. But it is what it is. You have to kind of accept and embrace the conditions and it's the same for you and your opponents so you have to try to make the best out of it

NOVAK DJOKOVIC

"What can I say? I gave everything," said Kerber, who Paul made the last eight by has slumped to 212 in the world seeing off Corentin Moutet, rankings. "I have loved playwhose defeat ended all French ing tennis. Now I can leave in peace."

Anna Karolina Schmiedlova Australian Open runner-up is the first Slovakian player to Zheng became the first Chinese make the Olympics semi-finals woman since Li Na in 2008 to since Miloslav Mecir won the men's singles title at Seoul in

The 67th-ranked Schmiedlova

Son nets twice in Spurs' preseason win in South Korea

AFP | Seoul

Tomecoming hero Son He-Hung-min scored a brace of goals as Tottenham Hotspur defeated a K-League All Stars team 4-3 in a preseason match in Seoul yesterday.

Dejan Kulusevski opened the scoring for Spurs in the 29th minute before Son, captain of both the Premier League side and the South Korean national team, went to

He cut in from the left wing and found the top right corner of the net with a curling effort Son Heung-min in action 38th minute.

lusevski in stoppage time before by fans. the break to calmly score again Spurs a 3-0 lead.



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of it."

Djokovic,

from the edge of the box in the an entirely new lineup for the in the 52nd minute, slotting the Spurs on Sunday, started for the He then teamed up with Ku- ing XI that had been voted in Brandon Austin was unable to much of an impression.

Emerson Royal found the Jae-hee. in the bottom corner to give woodwork with a header and The local team returned with the K-League team on the board header off a Jeong cross.

second half to replace a start- ball home after Spurs keeper Korean side but did not make hold an initial shot by Jeong

Iljutcenko got his second goal Stanislav Iljutcenko then put two minutes later with a diving

After mass substitutions by Spurs, Will Lankshear put the Premier League side two goals in front in the 66th minute, volleying home a cross by Timo Werner.

The K-League team responded in the 81st minute when Oberdan hit a first-time volley after Austin punched a corner right to the Brazilian midfielder.

Spurs hung on for the narrow win, with James Maddison striking the left post during stoppage time.

Yang Min-hyeok, the South Korean teenager signed by

He is currently playing for Gangwon FC in the K-League and will join Spurs in January.

Spurs faces Bayern Munich in Seoul on Saturday.

Victoria Azarenka returns a shot to Hailey Baptiste

AFP | Washington

¬wo-time Australian Open Champion Victoria Azarenka outlasted Hailey Baptiste 7-6 (8/6), 7-6 (7/3) on Tuesday to reach the second round of the WTA and ATP Washington Open.

The sixth seed from Belarus, coming off a shoulder injury, advanced past the hometown hero after two hours and 23 minutes into a last-16 match against China's Wang Yafan.

"I think my mindset was "It went well, so I'm pretty the key today for the victo- happy with that." ry," Azarenka said. "I knew it was going to be some ups and Azarenka, who beat Baptiste downs, I would have to adjust in their only prior meeting at in some moments. I also know Chicago in 2021, said she never she's a very talented player. felt comfortable during the She didn't give me much of the match. rhythm."

patriot and two-time reigning having a break and coming off Australian Open champion from injury, not really having Aryna Sabalenka in the quartoo much time on the practice ter-finals if the world number court," Azarenka said. three defeats Russia's Kamilla

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VICTORIA AZARENKA

Former world-number-one

"It was hard for me to ex-Azarenka could meet compect a high level of tennis after

"But I feel like I fought really Rakhimova after a first-round hard. In the tie-breaks, in the important moments, I really Azarenka, like Sabalenka, executed well and did what I withdrew from Wimbledon wanted to do. I'm very happy with that aspect, that when it "It was good for me to test did count, I really was able to

North-South Korea Olympic podium selfie goes viral

 ${f I}$ mages of Olympic table tennis players from North Korea and South Korea taking a selfie together on the medal podium in Paris went viral in South Korea yesterday, hailed as a rare show of cross-border

Nuclear-armed North Korea declared the South its principal enemy earlier this year and tensions between the two countries are at one of their highest points

But after South Korea won bronze and North Korea silver in the mixed doubles behind China, South Korea's Lim Jonghoon took a group photo after the medal ceremony.



South Korea's Lim Jonghoon takes a selfie with his teammate and Chinese and North Korean mixed table tennis team medallists

Yu-bin and the victorious Chi- an-made Samsung. nese team Wang Chuqin and

North Korea's Ri Jong Sik and Sun Yingsha all beamed into Kim Kum Yong, the South's Shin Lim's phone, a South Kore-

"A selfie with both Koreas"

national flags and a Samsung phone," said the widely read daily JongAng Ilbo.

It was the first time North Korea had been on an Olympic podium since 2016, as they did not send athletes to the Tokyo Olympics because of the Covid pandemic.

"I congratulated them when they were introduced as Silver medallists," Lim told Korean media after the award ceremo-

South Korean broadcasters have repeatedly run videos of the selfie, with many commentators reflecting on the significance of a rare moment of unity.

"This is the true spirit of the due to a shoulder injury. Olympics," one commentator my shoulder today," she said. step up my level."



France, Britain win triathlon golds after Seine suspense

Cassandre Beaugrand and Alex Yee shine in Olympic triathlon after Seine pollution delays

Cassandre Beaugrand wins women's gold for France

Alex Yee claims dramatic victory in men's race

AFP | Paris

rance and Britain dominated the podiums in the Olympics triathlon yesterday, which finally began in the Seine after days of suspense over whether the river would be clean enough for racing.

Cassandre Beaugrand took the women's gold ahead of Switzerland's Julie Derron and Britain's third-placed Beth Potter.

In the men's competition, which had to be delayed by 24 hours after the Seine failed water tests, Alex Yee stormed to a dramatic victory by passing rival and friend Hayden Wilde from New Zealand in the final stretch.

Frenchman Leo Bergere finished third.

"I started to find my legs with myself 'I'll give myself one last crosses the finish line chance to make this happen'," Yee told reporters of his late surge, adding that British legend Alistair Brownlee had shouted him on during the last lap.

All the attention during the build-up had been on the Seine, which was the centrepriece of a spectacular course that included a biking and running route through the historic heart of the French capital.

The Seine has been too dirty for swimming all week after Paris was deluged by rain during the opening ceremony of the Games on Friday, with the equivalent of a month's rain falling over 36 hours.

The storms overwhelmed the city's sewerage system despite a recent 1.4 billion euros (\$1.5 levels spiking. billion) upgrade, leading to



about 3k to go and I said to Triathlon - women: Gold medal winner Cassandre Beaugrand celebrates as she



Cassandre Beaugrand, who grew up near Paris but moved to Britain in 2023, vomited before the race start and was comforted by fellow competitor Georgia Taylor-Brown from Britain

discharges of untreated waste doubted" that the swimming many competitors reported be- in the sport in Paris so far. water that sent E.Coli bacteria would go ahead despite warn- ing surprised by the strength of

ings that it might be cancelled, which would have turned the triathlon into a duathlon of only cycling and running.

"It would have been shameful for our sport... it would have been a disgrace," she told reporters afterwards.

Strong currents

After the competition was given the go-ahead at around 4am (0200 GMT), thousands of fans turned out to line the streets which were slippery and haz- win here at the Olympics," said ardous during the women's race Moregard, the world number 26. after overnight showers.

fending Olympic champion Flo- Korea and Britain. Beaugrand said she "never ra Duffy during the swim when China have won all three golds



I started to find my legs with about 3k to go and I said to myself 'I'll give myself one last chance to make this happen

ALEX YEE

the river currents.

The UK-based 27-year-old had vomited before the start, finding comfort in words from fellow competitor Georgia Taylor-Brown from Britain, the silver medallist at Tokyo 2020, who helped settle her nerves.

"She told me 'It's just a race, you can do it'," Beaugrand, who grew up near Paris but moved to Britain in 2023, told French television.

After so much public debate about the water quality, Hayden said the currents were the biggest concern.

"I watched the women's race beforehand and was like 'wow'," he told a press conference.

Table tennis stunner

In other early action on day five, China's table tennis world number one Wang Chuqin suffered a shock defeat, a day after having his bat broken.

gold on Tuesday but his elation in action turned to anger after a photographer accidentally snapped his bat while jostling to take a pic-

Less than 24 hours later, Wang went out in the singles after a 4-2 defeat to Truls Moregard of Sweden.

"I've almost never taken a set against Wang so it's crazy to

China ramped up their bid for Beaugrand was in contention a clean sweep in diving, prevailfrom the start, remaining in inginthe women's synchronised touch with front-runner and de- 10m platform ahead of North



Triathlon - men: Gold medal winner Alex Yee in action



Wang won mixed doubles
Cycling - Women's BMX Freestyle Park: Gold medal winner China's Deng Yawen



Diving - Women's Synchronised 10m Platform: Gold medal winners Chen Yuxi and Quan Hongchan of Team China compete



Cycling - Women's BMX Freestyle Park: US' Hannah Roberts (L) and Czech Republic's Iveta Miculycova fall a ramp after colliding during a warm-up



Sailing - women's 49erFX skiff: Spain's duo Tamara Echegoyen Dominguez and Paula Barcelo Martin compete in race 10



Table tennis - men's singles: China's Wang Chuqin plays a return to Sweden's