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Bahrain condemned in strongest terms yesterday the terrorist attack, claimed by Islamic State, targeting Egyptian police east of Cairo.

The attack on an Egyptian security checkpoint in a city east of Cairo had left two policemen and a civilian dead.

Two other policemen were wounded at the checkpoint in the city of Ismailia, reports citing the interior ministry and the city's security directorate said.

One of the gunmen was killed, while the second escaped with the help of others, Reuters quoting sources said.

Bahrain said it strongly condemns the terrorist attack and reiterated solidarity with Egypt in combating the scourge of terrorism, backing all measures to maintain security, stability and the safety of its citizens. In a statement, Foreign Ministry extended condolences to the Egyptian Government, people and martyrs' families, wishing the injured quick recovery.

163 inmates participate in Holy Quran competition
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The qualification stage of the Al-Ghufran section of the 27th Bahrain Holy Quran Grand Prix this year had the participation of 163 inmates.

Of the 163 inmates, 154 were men and nine were women, said Assistant Undersecretary for Islamic Affairs, Dr Mohammed Taher Al-Qattan.

Patronised by His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, the Grand Prix is organised annually by the Ministry of Justice, Islamic Affairs and Endowments and the Supreme Council for Islamic Affairs.

The contest, in cooperation with the Ministry of Interior, forms part of efforts to correct inmates and provide them with an opportunity to learn and memorise the holy Quran.

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LOEB makes intentions clear in Dakar

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The nine-time World Rally Champion Sebastien Loeb shines for Bahrain Raid Xtreme by taking the second position following the 367-km opening special stage, just 23 seconds away from stage winner Carlos Sainz. The rally continues today with a 430km stage from Sea Camp to Alula. (Full story on page 12)

No nuke for Iran

Israeli Defence Minister pledges to deny Iran nuclear weapons

● Gallant was named defence minister on Wednesday

● Iran is "pushing hard toward a nuclear weapon"

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Iran was given a stark warning yesterday by Yoav Gallant of Israel soon after taking charge as the country's new Defence Minister.

In a statement to Jerusalem Post, Gallant said that Iran is striving to acquire nuclear weapons and pledge to fight what he described as "terrorism".

"The nuclear efforts, which Iran is leading, the rockets fired from the Gaza Strip, and all of the firings on IDF forces in Jenin have one common goal: to weaken us, to infect us with fear and to witness our destruction. They



Yoav Gallant



Iran recently started the construction of a new nuclear power plant in the country's southwest. The new 300-megawatt plant, known as Karoon, will take eight years to build and cost around \$2 billion. Iran has one nuclear power plant at its southern port of Bushehr that went online in 2011 with help from Russia, but also several underground nuclear facilities.

will not succeed in this purpose!" said Gallant.

He noted that Iran is "pushing hard toward a nuclear weapon alongside repeated declarations of its aspirations to destroy the State of Israel."

"Iran, its proxies and all anti-Israel terror groups would fail in their mission to destroy

Israel.

We would "prevent Iran from acquiring nuclear weapons," he said in a ceremony at IDF headquarters.

Gallant replaces Benny Gantz as the new Defence minister.

He also warned that strict measures will follow to prevent rockets from firing towards Israel from the Gaza Strip.

Members of Netanyahu's new government have pledged to bolster settlements with development plans, budgets and authorisation of dozens of outposts built without permits. Netanyahu, however, has given no indication of any imminent steps to annex the settlements.

Gallant was named defence minister on Wednesday by Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

The 64-year-old former commander of the southern front is a loyal supporter of Netanyahu.

Gallant also held several ministerial positions in the previous governments.

Blast outside Kabul's military airport, multiple casualties



Taliban fighters stand guard at the site of an explosion
 Reuters | Kabul

An explosion outside the military airport in Kabul yesterday has caused multiple casualties, a spokesman for the Taliban-run interior ministry said.

"Today morning an explosion took place outside Kabul military airport, due to which a number of our citizens were martyred and injured," spokesman Abdul Nafi Takor told Reuters, adding that investigations are underway.

He did not specify the nature or target of the explosion.

Local residents said a loud explosion was heard before 8 am in the vicinity of the military side of the heavily fortified airport.

They said the area had been sealed off by security forces, and all roads had been closed.

Iran police detain top-tier football players

Reuters | Dubai

Iranian police briefly detained several unidentified top-tier football players in a raid on a party on New Year's Eve where alcohol was served in violation of an Islamic ban, Iranian media reported.

The semi-official news agency Tasnim said several current players and former members of an unidentified top Tehran soccer club had been detained at the party east of the capital.

"Some of the players were in an abnormal state due to alcohol consumption," Tasnim reported, without giving further details.

The YJC news agency said the gathering was a birthday party, and added that all those detained had been released except one person, who is not a soccer player. Fars news agency cited a prosecutor as saying a case had been filed against those who had been detained, and details would be released later.

Mingling between sexes outside marriage and drinking alcohol are banned under Iran's Islamic laws.

New year glitch

Philippines restores Air Traffic control after power outage

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The Philippines restored air traffic control operations after hundreds of flights were cancelled or diverted following technical issues that forced authorities to close the country's airspace.

The Air Traffic Management Centre at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport resumed normal operations yesterday following a power outage, the Department of Transportation said in a Facebook post. A problem with the power supply earlier in the day led to a "loss of communication, radio, radar, and internet," Philippine Trans-



Stranded passengers wait for information about their flights at terminal 3 of Ninoy International Airport in Pasay, Metro Manila

port Secretary Jaime Bautista said.

More than 280 local flights were either delayed, cancelled or diverted to other regional airports affecting around 56,000 passengers at the Ninoy Aquino

International Airport in Manila as of 4 pm local time. Normal operations resumed as of 5:50 p.m., while equipment restoration is still ongoing, according to the Department of Transportation.

The ATMC controls all inbound and outbound flights and overflights within the Philippine airspace. Without their direction, pilots would be flying blind against other aircraft. There were no commercial flights in the Philippines earlier on Sunday, according to a tweet by Flightradar24, which tracks air traffic.

There were no immediate figures on the total number of affected flights that would have used the Philippine airspace, but a passenger on board a United Airlines Holdings Inc. plane to Singapore from San Francisco said it was diverted to Honolulu.

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