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New Orleans, United States

man "hellbent" on 'carnage" slammed a pickup truck into a crowd of New Year revelers in New Orleans yesterday, killing at least 10 people and injuring more than 35. (full story on page 6)



A fireworks display lights up the backdrop of Bahrain's landmark building as part of the celebrations welcoming 2025. Picture courtesy of AlAyam

Ministries and institutions to close on Sunday for Gulf **Cup final support**

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Ministries, government bodies and institutions will remain closed on Sunday to support the national football team in its final match in the 26th Gulf Cup (Khaleeji Zain 26) in Kuwait.

HRH Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, ordered the closure as directed by His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa.

Bahrain qualified for the final with a 1-0 victory over Kuwait in the semi-finals. National team will face Oman in the finals.

The decision takes into account fans attending the historic match in Kuwait and the logistical challenges they face, as they would be unable to return from Kuwait before the start of regular working hours.

Domestic workers, not our servants

MPs propose replacing the term 'servants' and BD500 fine for seizing identification documents

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rvants: The term is outdated and inappropriate in a modern society.

Hence, it should no longer be used for its fails to align with contemporary values of equality, respect, and dignity for all individuals.

Instead, individuals in

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should be referred to as "domes- approval from MPs tic employees".



such professions in the Kingdom bled before parliament receives

Their approval will pave the This will be the way for replacing the terms case if a "household servants" and proposal "household servant" in all exta- isting laws and regulations in the Kingdom. Most importantly, MPs are

> stricter penalties against uments without terminology. their consent. The proposed What is needed?

law aims to im-



There are an estimated 67 million domestic workers worldwide, with the majority being women, many of whom work in households as cleaners, cooks, nannies, or caregivers.

also planning to introduce this violation.

the seizure of workers' labour legislation, ensure workidentification doc- ers' rights, and update outdated

pose a fine of employers issue receipts for any the Private Sector (Law No. ships and provide a framework BD500 on anyone documents, certificates, or tools found guilty of deposited by workers.

These items must be returned The move seeks to modernize upon the worker's request. Failure to comply will result in fines cooks, and others in similar ranging from BD200 to BD500, roles, the Cabinet is expected as outlined in Article 12 of the to issue new regulations based draft law.

The draft law mandates that 2 and 12 of the Labour Law in govern employment relationernment employees and those these role

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governed by civil or military service regulations from its provisions.

Similarly, family members financially dependent on the employer-including spouses, parents, and children-are exempt from most of the law's requirements.

For domestic workers, including nannies, drivers, guards, on recommendations from the The law also amends Articles Minister. These regulations will 36 of 2012). It excludes gov-tailored to the specific nature of

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news of bahrain

Manama welcomes 2025 with dazzling drone show and spectacular fireworks display

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s the clock struck midnight on New Year's Eve, the skies over Manama came alive with a stunning blend of light and innovation. In a dazzling display that embodied Bahrain's vibrant spirit, 2,000 drones took to the skies, transforming the night with a

The night felt alive, as fireworks cascaded through the sky, adding a final touch of grandeur to a night that perfectly blended tradition and modernity.

breathtaking array of colours and intricate patterns.

The sky became a canvas, with national symbols and messages celebrating Bahrain's holidays lighting up the atmosphere, beautifully reflecting the heart of the Kingdom's identity.

Adding to the spectacle, a brilliant fireworks display lit up the night, infusing even more excitement into the celebrations. As fireworks cascaded across the sky, they delivered the perfect finishing touch, a majestic fusion of tradition and modernity, making the night unforgettable.







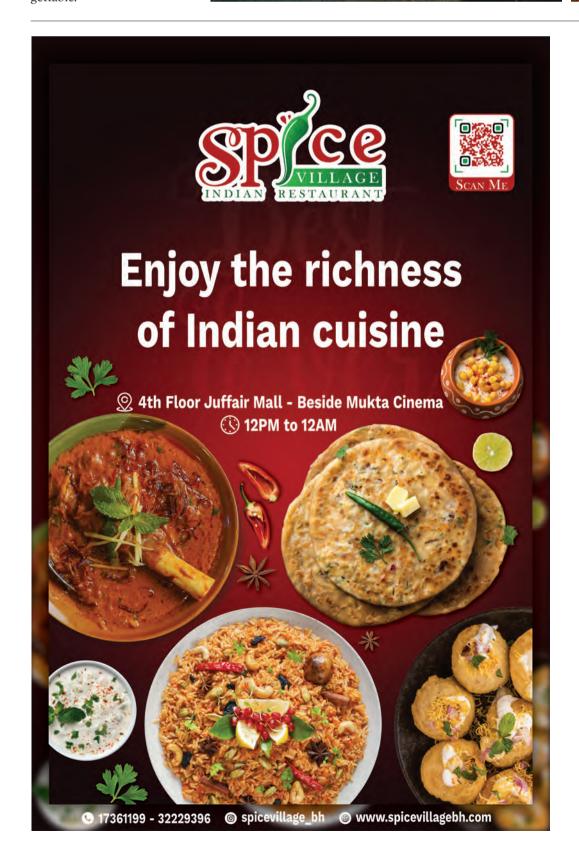
Bahrain deports 13,000 workers in three years

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m over~13,000~illegal~for-}$ eign workers in the past three years. However, the number of irregular workers still stands at 30,000, according to the latest data released by the Labour Market Regulatory Authority (LMRA).

During a session in Parliament, LMRA's Chief Executive and Chairman of the National Committee to Combat Trafficking in Persons, Nibras Talib, highlighted that inspection teams have been making repeated visits to combat illegal employment, leading to a 120% increase in visits since 2022.

Talib reported that approximately 3,000 foreign workers were apprehended in 2024 alone. He also noted that 98% of employers were compliant. Furthermore, Talib revealed a 48% decrease in violations within commercial establishments between 2023 and 2024, and a 54% drop in the number of authorised workers found in breach of regulations during the same period. Additionally, 45,000 workers were registered over the period, with many either deported or transferred to new employers.



Honoured for digging out Bahrain's past

Professor Insoll awarded OBE by King Charles III for pioneering archaeological work in Bahrain



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earned Professor Timothy Charles III.

Year Honours List, recognises to exploring Bahrain's rich region. archaeological heritage and between Bahrain and the UK.

Culture and Antiquities. One first physical evidence of the of his major achievements is Nestorian Church in Bahrain," Years spent unearth- leading the discovery of one of emphasising its importance in Ing Bahrain's past have the oldest Christian structures revealing the region's diverse in the Arabian Gulf, unearthed Insoll the prestigious title of in Samahij, Muharraq. This site, century and provides invalua-

has collaborated extensively trade with India. Professor Minister.

with the Bahrain Authority for Insoll hailed the find as "the historical tapestry.

In addition to his archaeo-Officer of the Order of the Brit-believed to be the residence of logical work, Professor Insoll ish Empire (OBE) from King a bishop, dates back to the 4th has inspired countless young people-both Bahrainis and The honour, part of the New ble insight into the lives of the others—to pursue careers in Nestorian Christian community archaeology. Through his lechis significant contributions before the rise of Islam in the tures and mentorship, he has shared Bahrain's remarkable The excavation revealed a history with a global audience. strengthening the cultural ties stone building adorned with He also serves as the Honorplaster crosses, Christian carv- ary Archaeological Advisor Professor Insoll, who teaches ings, and artefacts that shed to His Royal Highness Prince African and Islamic Archaeol- light on daily life, including Salman bin Hamad Al Khalogy at the University of Exeter, tools, coins, and evidence of ifa, Crown Prince and Prime

Brotherly trademark tiff

High Civil Court dismisses decades-old Abaya logo dispute

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decades-long partnership between two ∟brothers in Bahrain's abaya business has ended in a legal battle, with the High Civil Court dismissing a trademark infringement lawsuit over alleged logo similarities.

The plaintiff, represented by lawyer Abdulatheem Hubail, accused his older brother, the first defendant, of using a logo almost identical to his registered trademark. This, the plaintiff claimed, caused customer confusion and financial losses. court compel his brother to argued that the lawsuit lacked cerns, as confirmed by an expert cease using the logo, destroy all abayas bearing the contested trademark, and provide tempofor alleged damages.

The lawsuit also named the Ministry of Industry and Commerce (MOIC) as a co-defendant, imitation of the plaintiff's logo. digital tweaks rather than genrequesting the cancellation of the older brother's business re- of fault and damage were abgistration due to the similarity sent. between the two businesses' names and logos.



Defense Arguments

standing and merit. It con-report. tended that:

The first derary compensation of BD1,200 fendant had acquired ownership of the trademark through longterm use.

There was no

both brothers had operated in Law, which mandates public goods in his inventory.

the same industry for nearly 40 years and that the first defen- concluded that the first defen-The defense, also presented dant had already modified his by lawyer Abdulatheem Hubail logo, signage, and invoices in The plaintiff demanded the on behalf of the first defendant, response to the plaintiff's con-

Plaintiff's Counter-Claims

The plaintiff argued that the changes made by the first defendant were insufficient, alleging the alterations were superficial

notification of name changes in local newspapers.

Court Findings

The court ordered an investigation to determine whether the first defendant's logo was deceptively similar to the plaintiff's and if damages had occurred. However, the plaintiff failed to provide witness testimony proving that customers mistakenly patronised the first defendant's shop, believing it to be a branch of his business.

The expert report ultimately dant was not using the plaintiff's registered trademark or business name.

Verdict

The court dismissed the case due to the plaintiff's inability to substantiate claims of damages. The plaintiff was ordered to pay court costs, legal fees, and expert fees.

The court also rejected the plaintiff's final attempt to ad-The elements uine rebranding. Furthermore, minister a decisive oath to his the plaintiff claimed the first brother, which would have redefendant failed to comply with quired the first defendant to The defense highlighted that Article 15 of the Trade Names swear there were no infringing

Contractor fined over BD12,000 for villa delays and substandard work

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The High Civil Court has ordered a contractor to compensate a client BD12,580.31, from proceedings and providplus interest and legal fees, ing no defense, the court ruled over delays and defects in constructing a two-story villa.

pleted within six months for made. BD46,300, with an additional BD3,500 for extra work extending the deadline by two months, according to the lawyer representing the client, Mohammed Al Mahdi. However, eight months later, construction remained incomplete, and defects were reported.

A structural engineer's report valued the completed work at BD42,640, significantly less than the BD54,720.31 paid by the client. The report also identified BD520 in repair costs for faulty electrical and plumbing systems.

The court, citing the engineer's findings, upheld a

penalty clause in the contract imposing a BD50 daily fine for delays, capped at 10% of the contract value.

With the contractor absent in favor of the client, awarding compensation, penalties, and The villa was to be com- interest until full payment is



An interesting fact about villas is that the term "villa" originally referred to luxurious Roman country estates built for the elite during the Roman Empire. These estates often included vineyards, gardens, and even private baths, serving as retreats for relaxation and entertainment. Today, the concept of a villa has evolved globally to signify high-end, standalone homes often associated with opulence and privacy.

Fraud, sorcery, and a 5-Year sentence

High Criminal Court hands down 5-year sentence for money laundering and sorcery fraud

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A³⁰-year-old man has been sentenced to five years in prison and fined 50,000 Bahraini dinars by the High Criminal Court after being convicted serving a three-year sentence to over 100,000 Bahraini dito sorcery and fraud.

offenses were also seized. The possessions. civil case related to the matter petent court.

The defendant, who is already of land, and cash, amounting asset confiscation.

The charges stemmed from his fraudulent activities targeting a Bahraini couple, where he posed as a cleric and performed Quranic healing to cheat them out of valuable possessions.

of money laundering connected for a prior fraud conviction, re- nars. His deception included ecution presented evidence sources and the review of the In addition to the prison sen- being notified while incarcer- the wife's ailments through sold the fraudulently obtained ulent acquisition of the land. defendant convinced him the tence, the court ordered the ated. The charges stemmed "charmed" substances such as land for 96,000 Bahraini dinars Despite the defendant's claims land was cursed and needed to confiscation of 96,000 Bahraini from his fraudulent activities honey and water, ultimately and transferred one of the sto- of having paid 83,000 Bahraini be transferred to the defenddinars, along with 41,000 Bah- targeting a Bahraini couple, leaving the victims in a deteri- len vehicles to his brother. In- dinars for the land, no such sum ant's name in order to break the raini dinars in assets identified where he posed as a cleric and orated state of mind. as proceeds from crime. Two performed Quranic healing

fused to appear in court despite the claim that he could cure showing that the defendant initial case, traced the fraud-

vehicles linked to the original to cheat them out of valuable Ali, pushed for the seizure of the vehicle and 41,700 Bahraini di- had sold the land to two individ- erced into paying over 19,000 defendant's assets, citing Article nars, all proceeds of his criminal uals for 65,000 Bahraini dinars Bahraini dinars for alleged The defendant allegedly 3 of the Money Laundering Law, activities. has been referred to the com- convinced the couple to give which safeguards the rights of up jewellery, two cars, a plot good-faith third parties from ficer from the Ministry of Inte- ownership of four vehicles, in- 7,000 Bahraini dinars in value,

A financial investigations ofrior testified that an investiga- cluding two originally belonging along with two cars.

During the trial, the prostion, bolstered by confidential vestigations also revealed the was found in his bank accounts. supposed curse. The victim's lawyer, Zahra defendant possessed another It was further revealed that he in cheques.

to the victims, was confirmed during the investigation.

Sorcery

The victim testified that the defendant's sorcery worsened his mental and physical health, making him vulnerable to the

He also explained that the

The victim was further cotreatments and relinquishing Additionally, the defendant's his wife's jewellery, totaling

Kochi Dialogue 2025 to strengthen India-GCC relations

Jasem Mohamed Al-Budaiwi, Secretary General of the Gulf Cooperation Council, to Attend

P. Unnikrishnan Kochi, Kerala

The Centre for Public Policy Research (CPPR), in collaboration with the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), Government of India, announced the highly anticipated Kochi Dialogue 2025, scheduled for January 16-17, 2025, in Kochi, Kerala, India.

This flagship Track 1.5 diplomacy dialogue will focus on "India's Look West Policy in Action: People, Prosperity, and Progress."



Ahlan Janahi



Jasem Mohamed Al-Budaiwi

Aimed at deepening India-GCC Discussions will centre on six expanding energy partnerships ter sustainable partnerships and Gulf Cooperation Council, will with the Gulf region.

trade, and security challenges. cine, and medical tourism; and www.kochidialogue.in.

relations, the event seeks to fos- critical themes: enhancing bilateral investments and addressing and solar energy. explore collaborative opportu- maritime challenges under trade nities. Jasem Mohamed Al-Bu- and economy; strengthening se- speakers, including Amb. T P daiwi, Secretary General of the curity cooperation in the Indian Seetharam, Amb. Talmiz Ah-Ocean Region through maritime mad, Admiral Sunil Lanba, Dr. grace the occasion, marking a strategic partnerships; advanc- Ebtesam Al-Ketbi, Dr. Ashraf significant milestone in advanc- ing innovation in artificial intel- Mohamed Keshk, and Ahlam ing India's strategic engagement ligence, cybersecurity, and smart Yusuf Janahi from Bahrain. cities within education and tech- Kochi Dialogue 2025 aspires to Kochi Dialogue 2025 will nology; highlighting the Indian establish Kochi as a hub for inexplore synergies between In- diaspora's contributions to eco- tellectual discourse and policy dia and GCC nations to address nomic growth while addressing innovation, promoting actioncontemporary geopolitics, gov- migrant challenges; fostering able solutions for a sustainable ernance, economy, international ties in healthcare IT, telemedi- future. For more details, visit

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The dialogue will feature

When hospitals tell patients, buy medicines only from us

BPS Chairperson blasts hospital policies restricting patient pharmacy choice

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🔪 ahrain Pharmacists Society's (BPS) chairperson, Rehab Al Noaimi, has voiced strong opposition to practices employed by some private hospitals and clinics that restrict patients' choice of pharmacy.

She stated to The Daily Tribune that these practices, which often involve withholding prescriptions unless patients use the hospital's own pharmacy, violate patients' rights.

Her statements come as several private hospitals and clinics in Bahrain are directing patients to their on-site pharmacies for medication, rather than issuing prescriptions.

Commenting on this, Al Noaimi stressed the need for stricter oversight to ensure compliance



These practices, which often involve withholding prescriptions unless patients use the hospital's own pharmacy, violate patients' rights.

BAHRAIN PHARMACISTS SOCIETY'S (BPS) CHAIRPERSON, REHAB AL NOAIMI



Representative picture

with laws protecting patient that selecting a pharmacy is a highlighted the importance of differences between innovative

significant recent advance- the same active ingredient and ments, necessitating adapta- concentration but are produced pharmacists providing expert Furthermore, Al Noaimi disadvice, oncology pharmacists cussed recent amendments to specialising in cancer treatment, pharmacogenomics pharmacists tailoring treatments based on genetic factors, and economic pharmacists analysing cost-effectiveness of medications and healthcare services.

She also highlighted the importance of digital pharmacy, leveraging technologies like artificial intelligence and data analytics to optimise medication dispensing.

Al Noaimi also clarified the rights and choices, emphasising fundamental patient right. She adhering to regulations to pre- and generic drugs. Innovative

pharmacists, including clinical without compromising efficacy.



Bahrain has a total of 225 hospitals, comprising both public and private institutions

vent monopolies and ensure fair drugs, she explained, are orig-the pharmacists' law aimed at competition, ultimately improvinal medications developed improving sector regulation and ing the quality of patient care. through extensive research efficiency. A key change involves The healthcare sector, par- and clinical trials, protected by removing restrictions on the ticularly pharmacy, has seen patents. Generic drugs contain number of pharmacies allowed, facilitating wider access to medications. The amendments also tion. Al Noaimi underscored the after the patent expires, offering strengthen pharmacists' roles in growing need for specialised a more affordable alternative providing advanced consulting services and integrating new specialisations.

Finally, Al Noaimi addressed the licensing of retired pharmacists. "The Supreme Council of Health, in collaboration with the National Health Regulatory Authority (NHRA), has approved licensing retired pharmacists to participate in scientific conferences, provide training, and offer consulting services, leveraging their extensive experience to benefit the profession. This step will facilitate the transfer of valuable expertise and knowledge to younger pharmacists and contribute to the overall growth of the profession," she said.

Two-year deadline for expropriations

Under the proposal, the government would be required to complete expropriation within two years.

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new proposal by MP Has-Asan Ebrahim aims to address the ongoing uncertainty surrounding government expropriations by introducing a two-year deadline for the process, with compensation for any delays beyond this limit.

day's parliamentary session, ports significant financial Ebrahim's plan is designed to strain from evicting tenants resolve years of frustration in properties marked for excaused by stalled decisions propriation or facing rising from the Ministry of Munic- repair costs to maintain propipalities Affairs and Agricul- erty conditions. "Without clear ture. "The lack of a clear time-deadlines, expropriation casframe has left properties to de- es have been left unresolved teriorate and burdened owners for years, resulting in detefinancially," Ebrahim said.

Under the proposal, the government would be required to explained. complete expropriation within two years. If authorities fail forced to invest in repairs to to meet this deadline, they maintain their properties' valwould be mandated to compensate landowners. "Families choice but to let buildings fall shouldn't have to watch their into disrepair. "This is a cruel assets crumble due to government inefficiency," he added.

principles in support of the ment to take responsibility and proposal, referencing Article end this cycle of neglect." 4, which promotes justice, equality, and opportunity, and debated in upcoming parlia-Article 5(c), which obliges the mentary sessions, with MPs state to protect citizens from discussing its potential impact unnecessary hardship.

plaints from landowners propriation.



Presented during Tues- continue to grow. Many reriorating properties and devalued real estate," Ebrahim

Property owners are often ue, while some are left with no situation where investments turn into liabilities," Ebrahim Ebrahim cited constitutional said. "It's time for the govern-

The proposal will be further on property owners and the The move comes as com- government's approach to ex-

Bite Back: Tough new law targets dangerous animal ownership

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new proposal to regulate Athe ownership of dangerous animals, including giraffes, sea mammals such as dolphins, and pit bulls, has been introduced by a group of MPs, aiming to impose stringent measures and penalties for those who fail to comply.

Dangerous Animals

MPs Ahmed Al Salloom, Deputy and Khalid Buanaq, seeks to tackle unregulated ownership of potentially hazardous animals and ensure greater oversight.

the ownership, trade, and breeding of animals considered dangerous—ranging from predatory species and hybrids to those that become aggressive in certain environments—would be heavily controlled. These animals include primates, sea mammals, various carnivorous species such as wolves, wild cats, and bears, as well as all spiders and scorpions. Certain dog breeds, like pit bulls and Dobermans, are also classified as dangerous.

Registration

For pet owners, the proposal mandates the use of electronic chips for tracking animals and aims to address the growing issue of stray dogs in Bahrain. Owners will also be required to maintain detailed records of their pets, including vaccinations, and provide secure enclosures and proper veterinary



Khalid Bu Anaq, MP





Deputy Speaker Ahmed Jalal Kadhem, MP





Maryam Al Saiegh, MP Ahmed Al Salloom, MP

possession, trade, or breeding owners must document vacci- ing injury or death-range from of dangerous animals only by nations and attach electronic 10,000 to 70,000 Bahraini dilicensed individuals or facili- identification chips. Dangerous nars. Lesser violations, such as ties, such as zoos and research breeds will face restrictions, in-unlicensed trading, could result The proposal, spearheaded by centres, which will face even cluding bans on breeding and in fines up to 50,000 dinars or stricter regulations. Domestic trading, and all dogs must be imprisonment for up to a year. Speaker Ahmed Qarata, Jalal animals like hamsters and cap- leashed in public spaces. Kadhem, Maryam Al Saiegh, tive-bred geckos will be permitted under specific conditions.

Licensing for dog owners

The legislation allows for the sis on dangerous breeds. Dog serious offenses-such as caus-

Severe penalties

Under the draft legislation, cludes mandatory licensing for or harm others could face life all dog owners, with an empha- imprisonment, while fines for

Seizure of animals Under the new proposal, all Penalties for violations are dangerous animals must be regsevere. Individuals found using istered with the competent au-The proposed law also in- dangerous animals to intimidate thority within 30 days of implementation. Animals that remain unregistered will be confiscated, and owners will be required to pay associated costs. If fees

are not paid within 10 days, the

animals will be permanently

Stray dog crisis

seized.

The explanatory note accompanying the proposal highlights the dangers posed by irresponsible breeding and ownership, citing the issue of young people breeding dogs for leisure or profit, which exacerbates the stray dog problem. The law aims to ensure better protection for both humans and wildlife.

Transition

A six-month transition period will allow current owners of dangerous animals to comply with the new regulations, and amendments to the list of regulated species will be made by ministerial decision.



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Gulf nations forecast public debt to drop to 28% of GDP

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 $m I^{n}$ 2025, Gulf nations expect public debt to settle at 28 per cent of GDP, marking a turning point after years of borrowing and financial strain. The forecast, shared by the GCC Statistical Centre, comes as the region takes strides to balance growth and public spending through careful reforms and increasing revenues from non-oil ventures. Over the past decade, debt levels have surged, doubling from \$144 billion in 2014 to \$628 bn

The debt-to-GDP ratio, which reached a peak of 40.3% in 2020, has since fallen to 29.8%. This decline reflects a determined effort to rein in borrowing while maintaining stability. Fiscal adjustments, aimed at improving spending efficiency and expanding non-oil sectors, have played a key role in this





Global public debt reached a record \$92 trillion in 2022, with advanced economies accounting for 70% of the total. In comparison, emerging markets and low-income developing countries carried about 30% of the debt burden.

Gulf region endured a series est of which occurred in 2015, opportunity to manage debt Between 2014 and 2021, the of budget shortfalls, the larg- with a deficit of \$158 bn, equal more effectively.

to 11.1% of GDP. Another hefty shortfall came in 2020, amounting to \$128 bn, or 8.8% of GDP. However, a turnaround came in 2022, when the region recorded a surplus of \$134 bn, equating to 6.1% of GDP. A smaller surplus of \$2 bn followed in 2023, further demonstrating the effectiveness of ongoing fiscal

Government revenues have shown marked growth, climbing to \$641 bn in 2023, with 62% coming from oil. This marks a shift from 2022, when oil revenues made up 67% of the \$723 bn total, suggesting that nonoil sources are steadily gaining ground. Meanwhile, government spending reached a peak of \$639 bn in 2023, with 85% channelled towards day-to-day expenses and 15% allocated to long-term investments.

As interest rates remain stable or decline locally and globally, Gulf countries are seizing the

Labour Fund law change to boost Bahraini jobs and skills

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Job opportunities for Bahrainis are set to expand after His Majesty King Hamad ratified changes to the Labour Fund Law, aimed at improving training and sharpening the skills of local workers, MP Dr Maryam Al Dhaen said.

Dr Al Dhaen described the amendment to Article (4) as a crucial step towards boosting employment for Bahrainis and term jobs.' increasing their ability to compete in both local and interna- importance of developing Bahtional markets. She explained raini talent through advanced that the updated law focuses training and education proon supporting and training grammes, alongside backing Bahraini workers to enhance their productivity.

She added that the changes nities for citizens, in line with lasting growth,' she added. Bahrain's Economic Vision fit of all sections of society. Ac-Bahraini labour market and ing the economy.

'These amendments are ex- women in society. pected to create a more weland help generate stable, long-come.



Maryam Al Dhaen, MP

Dr Al Dhaen pointed to the small and medium businesses involving Bahrainis. 'These efforts will bring greater diversiwould open up more opportu- ty to the economy and support

She also emphasised the spe-2030 and advancing sustaina- cial focus on Bahraini women, ble development for the bene- noting that the amendments aim to empower women and cording to Dr Al Dhaen, these increase their presence in both updates have been designed to public and private workplacmeet the changing needs of the es. Dr Al Dhaen said this approach would promote fairwill contribute to strengthen- ness between men and women while enhancing the role of

The amendments, she excoming economic climate for plained, address the imme-Bahraini private enterprises diate challenges of today's by supporting homegrown job market while building a projects,' she said. 'This will foundation for sustained ecoencourage economic activity nomic progress in the years to

Global markets rode AI, interest rate roller coaster in 2024

AFP | Paris, France

espite political upheavals, stock markets and bitcoin smashed records in 2024, fuelled by investor enthusiasm for Artificial Intelligence (AI), falling interest rates, and hopes of tax cuts.

Here are four of the most remarkable aspects of 2024 for financial markets:

Stock records fall like dominoes

Wall Street's three main stock indices blew past record highs to set new peaks in 2024, with the Dow Jones Industrial Average climbing above 45,000 points, the S&P 500 above 6,000 and the Nasdaq Composite above 20,000.

"It was an exceptional year, driven by the performance of tech shares thanks to artificial intelligence," said Christopher Dembik, senior investment advisor at Pictet Asset Manage-

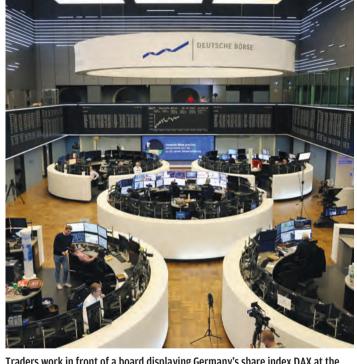
The Dow ended the year up by around 13%, while the S&P 500 and the Nasdag, which have more tech stocks, notched annual gains of over 23% and around 29% respectively.

makes processors particular-ChatGPT, rose more than 170 percent in 2024.

"It's now been about two years that ChatGPT was launched and it's been two years that the AI buzz pushed some US Big Tech before Japan's asset bubble dragged down luxury stocks. companies to the sky," said Ipek burst in the 1990s. Ozkardeskaya, senior analyst at Swissquote Bank.

"Nvidia, which has become almost 1,000 percent since then, Wall Street even more of a boost many in February. the Magnificent Seven nearly on hopes he will follow through 100 percent since last Novem- on pledges of deregulation and

ber," she added. The Magnificent Seven are



Traders work in front of a board displaying Germany's share index DAX at the stock exchange in Frankfurt am Main, western Germany, on the last day of trade of the year 2024

(Google), Amazon, Apple, Meta agement. (Facebook), Microsoft, Nvidia and Tesla.

ly adept at running AI models, business software developer backfired with no clear winner, likelihood to cut rates. including applications such as SAP (+70 percent) broke the and the Paris CAC 40, which had the year with a gain of 18.9%.

> gained almost 20% in 2024, fi-cent. nally surpassing the high seen

A very political year

tax cuts.

seven companies widely rec- will mean more growth and for ognized for their technological longer," said Pierre Bismuth, banks were anxious about the and consumer impact: Alphabet director at Myria Asset Man-

Political developments did not always aid investors, how-In Europe, records also fell, ever. Look at France: President volatile as investors interpret-Shares in Nvidia, which but the gains were less marked. Emmanuel Macron's calling of ed economic data through the Frankfurt's DAX, driven by early parliamentary elections 20,000-point level and finished been up more than six percent fright from disappointing US ahead of the election, ended Tokyo's Nikkei 225 index 2024 down more than two per-

Weakness in China further

In 2025, investors are keep-Trump implements threatened

Bitcoin, gold and commodities

break the \$100,000 level and rose more than 120 percent. Ethereum rose more than 40 percent, even if it did not set a new all-time record.

Gold also set a new record as it benefitted from its safe-haven appeal during times of geopolitical tensions.

Commodities such as coffee and cocoa set new records as poor weather caused supply

Monetary policy roller coast-

The central banks of the United States and some European countries finally began to cut interest rates they had hiked to tame an inflation spike triggered by the post-pandemic recovery and the Russian invasion of Ukraine.

Switzerland got the ball rolling in March, followed by the European Central Bank in June and the Bank of England and the US Federal Reserve in September.

Investors as well as central pace of interest rate cuts: not too fast to reignite inflation but not so slow that activity falls.

Trading sometimes turned prism of its impact on the Fed's

In August, investors took jobs figures, causing a nearly three-percent slump on Wall Street as they feared the economy might be on the brink of a recession.

However, the US economy ing a wary eye to see if Donald proved resilient and investors and the Fed have been paring Donald Trump's victory in the tariff hikes, as well as the out-back expectations of further the icon of the AI rally, gained US presidential election gave come of early elections in Ger- rate cuts, especially as Trump's tariffs could spark fresh inflationary pressures.

Given stagnant growth in the Bitcoin rode expectations of eurozone, the ECB is expected to "The market considered that deregulation under Trump to continue cutting rates.

Tintin, Popeye, Hemingway among US copyrights expiring in 2025

New York, United States

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m F}^{
m rom~"A~Farewell}$ to Arms" to the cartoon character Popeye the Sailor, thousands of artistic works will enter the public domain in the United States on Wednesday.

US copyright law expires after 95 years for books, films and other works of art, while sound recordings from 1924 will also be copyright-free.

By entering the public domain, the pieces can be copied, shared, reproduced or adapted by anyone without paying the rights owner.

This year's crop includes internationally recognized figures such as the comic character Tintin, who made his debut in a Belgian newspaper in 1929, and Popeye the Sailor, created by cartoonist Elzie Crisler Segar.

Every December, the Center for the Study of the Public Domain publishes a list of the cultural works that lose their copyright in the new year.

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Eats & Treats BAHRAIN

to your heart's content



Prepare for a Nutritious New Year

truggling to decide what to cook daily can feel overwhelming, leaving you drained before stepping into the kitchen. Sounds familiar? If you often reach for a delivery app instead of a spatula, this article is here

I have watched several meal preparation videos, and while I find these quite helpful, one thing I cannot overlook is the fact that these meals must be reheated before consumption. This ruins flavour and texture, not to mention the loss of freshness. We also need to understand that freshly cooked food is at its prime quality and nutritional value. What if you could reap the benefits of freshly cooked, nourishing meals without breaking a sweat?

to start afresh and commit to healthier eating habits. One of through mindful preparation. With some planning and organizing, you can enjoy wholesome, home-cooked meals throughout the week. Believe me when I tell you that you can get a delicious home-cooked meal within the same time it would take to order and receive food from a restaurant.

A well-thought-out plan is the key to effective meal prep. While trying to create a new lifestyle, it is important to stay consistent for at least one month to make it a regular practice or habit.

Start by setting a weekly menu that balances proteins, whole grains, and plenty of vegetables. Incorporate variety to keep things interesting and account for leftovers to save time and reduce waste.

A well-stocked pantry and The New Year is a great time refrigerator will make the process easier. Keep staples like beans, lentils, rice, pasta, and the best ways to stay on track is canned tomatoes on hand. These



items form the foundation of many healthy recipes. Frozen vegetables are lifesavers for quick meals, while pre-made broths, sauces, curry pastes and marinades add flavor

extra effort. Versatile dishes are especially helpful-roasted chicken, for example, can be used in salads, wraps, or grain

Save time during the week by prepping ingredients in advance. Wash and chop vegetables, portion proteins like chicken and minced meat, and store them in ziplock bags or glass containers. Marinating proteins or preparing spice blends and salad dressings ahead of time can also make weekday cooking a breeze. On the day, simply thaw your proteins or use fresh fish/meat/chicken and remove portions of prepped ingredients such as onions, tomatoes, garlic, ginger, etc. Now prepare the dish according to the recipe. Opt for simple recipes during weekdays and try out more elaborate recipes over the weekend. Eating out during the weekend will give vou a good break.

Investing in multi-purpose kitchen tools can significantly streamline your meal prep process. Appliances like an Instant Pot or slow cooker are perfect for hands-free cooking, while sheet pans allow you to roast vegetables and proteins simultaneously. Glass jars are excellent for storing salads, overnight oats, or smoothies, ensuring your meals are both portable and organized.

When deciding on meals, aim for balance by including a mix of proteins, carbs, and healthy fats. Do not forget to prep healthy snacks like nuts, fruits, or yogurt to curb mid-day cravings. Be ready to swap ingredients based on availability or preferences. Keep the process enjoyable. Experiment with new recipes or cuisines to keep things fresh, and involve family or friends to turn meal prep into a fun activity. Treat yourself to a favorite dish occasionally to stay motivated and excited about your meals. I love to try a variety of cuisines, and simple recipes can make the experience enjoyable. What are some tips that you follow to make cooking easy during weekdays?

Beyond Meat: Vegan Recipes You Will Love

This Veganuary, try delicious vegan recipes even meat lovers will crave!

egan food is not as scary as it sounds. You do not have to give up your love for flavour just because there is no meat on the plate. Many vegan recipes are surprisingly satisfying; you might not miss the meat. Thanks to the creativity of many recipe creators, there are vegan options for almost anything edible. While I am not mainly a fan of watermelon 'tuna', or seitan, some recipes are good enough to receive my approval. Spices, marinades, and cooking techniques help create tasty recipes. For example, I love the idea of cashew cheese and aquafaba whipping cream.

The Portobello mushroom burger is a treat! I remember trying it for the first time at a restaurant. It was

meaty, juicy, and tasty. I could picture myself having it again. The additional ingredients and sauces used mask the vegetarian identity of the burger, creating a unique and pleasing dish.

As a kid, I often got fooled, as I assumed that cauliflower Manchurian was chicken Manchurian. This Indo-Chinese dish is lip-smacking, and you will not miss the meat. If you are a die-hard meat lover, do not shy away from trying vegan meals. Start with dishes that mimic your favourites, and you might find a new love. Try these two recipes and embrace a delightful moment of veganism.

Portobello Mushroom **Burger**



Ingredients:

- 2 extra-large portobello mushrooms, stems removed
- 1–2 teaspoons olive oil (or use spray olive oil)
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 1 red onion (either make pickled red onions or roast sliced onions with the mushrooms)
- Optional cheese: provolone, cambozola, sharp cheddar, smoked mozzarella, or vegan cheese
- 1 avocado, sliced
- 1tomato, sliced
- A handful of arugula or other greens or microgreens
- 2 brioche buns or whole wheat buns

Chipotle Mayo

- 3 tablespoons mayo (or vegan mayo)
- 1/2 teaspoon red wine vinegar
- (or apple cider)
- 1/2 teaspoon smoked paprika
- 1/8 teaspoon chipotle powder
- (or red chili powder) A pinch of salt

Instructions:

- Preheat oven to 400F
- Brush mushrooms clean (do not wet or wash) with a brush or dry sponge and carefully remove stems. Brush or spray with olive oil and generously season with salt and fresh black pepper on both sides. Place on a sheet pan, gill-side down. Bake for 10 minutes (if they are extra-large, add a few more minutes) then turn them over. Cook 5-7 minutes, and add cheese to the gill side if using, letting it melt for the final few minutes.
- Make the quick pickled onions and Chipotle Mayo- whisking everything in a small bowl.
- When ready to assemble- toast the buns. You can do this in a toaster, or on a skillet with a little olive oil.
- Assemble the burgers: Spread the buns (top and bottom) with the Chipotle Mayo, place the portobello mushroom on the buns, add sliced tomato and avocado, season with salt and pepper. Top with arugula and pickled onions. Add the top bun and serve.

Cauliflower Manchurian

Ingredients:

- 1 medium cauliflower
- 1 cup all-purpose flour 4 tablespoons corn starch or corn flour
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper powder
- 1/4 to 1/2 teaspoon Kashmiri red chili powder 1 teaspoon soy sauce
- 5 to 6 tablespoons of oil for pan frying
- 3/4 cup chopped spring onion (scallion whites) reserve the greens for garnish
- 1/2 cup finely chopped capsicum (green bell pepper)
- 3 teaspoons finely chopped ginger
- 3 teaspoons finely chopped garlic
- 1 teaspoon finely chopped green chilies 1.5 tablespoons light soy sauce
- 1 tablespoon tomato ketchup or as required
- 1/2 teaspoon white vinegar or apple cider vinegar
- 1/4 to 1/2 teaspoon black pepper powder
- Salt to taste

Instructions:

- Cut the cauliflower into medium-sized florets. In a pot, bring water to a boil and add salt. Rinse the cauliflower florets and blanch them in the hot water for 15 to 20 minutes. Drain the florets and set them aside.
- In a bowl, combine all-purpose flour, corn starch, soy sauce, black pepper powder, Kashmiri red chili powder, and salt. Mix well to form a smooth batter. Dip each cauliflower floret into the batter, ensuring it is evenly coated.
- Heat oil in a pan for frying and fry the batter-coated cauliflower florets in the hot oil, flipping them to ensure even frying until they turn light golden.

· In the same pan, sauté the finely chopped ginger, garlic, and green chilies for a minute or two.

- Remove the florets from the pan and drain them on a kitchen paper towel. Repeat for the remaining florets, frying them in batches.
- · Add the chopped spring onions and capsicum to the pan. Stir-fry until the capsicum is half cooked
- or almost cooked.
- Stir in the light soy sauce, tomato ketchup, black pepper powder, and salt. Mix well. Add the pan-fried cauliflower florets to the pan and coat them thoroughly with the spiced sauce.
- Finally, add the white vinegar and stir well. Turn off the heat.
- Garnish the Dry Gobi Manchurian with spring onion greens before serving.





It was a delight to see local brands that have been around for decades! The loyalty of the locals and long-term residents to these home-grown brands is appreciable. anama Retro at the Manama Souq, Bahrain, celebrates the country's rich history and vibrant culture. It offers a nostalgic journey through time in the heart of the kingdom's bustling capital. This unique event brings the allure of bygone eras to life, featuring vintage aesthetics, traditional Bahraini handicrafts, vintage cars, jewellery, confectionery, antiques, and games of the past.

I was delighted to take a walk through time at the Manama Soug, laden with beautiful artefacts, traditional clothing and souvenirs. Manama Retro truly captures the essence of the past. Although it was a cool evening, everyone present could experience the warm Bahraini community spirit. Scores of people defining various age groups queued up at their favourite food stalls to relive memories of the past. Manama Retro is not just about reliving the past; it is about appreciating the timeless stories, flavours, and

artistry that define Bahrain's identity. The charm of the event encourages everyone to pause and enjoy the slow-paced life of the yesteryears, making it an unmissable occasion for locals, residents and tourists.

Seeing local culinary brands that have been around for decades was a delight! The loyalty of the locals and long-term residents to these homegrown brands is appreciable. Each brand speaks of a journey representing consistency in flavour and quality, magnetically drawing patrons to cherish these timeless classics. The familiar aroma of grilled corn, grilled meats, and karak chai is a treat!

Here are some of the food vendors you will find at Manama Retro. Other stalls to check out include grilled corn, mango juice, karak chai, Pizza Abu Waleed(Founded in 1981), Shawarma Salah (Founded in 1963), Secco Pizza, Mattai, and Palm Café. Savour every moment with delicious flavours and relive the magic of the past.



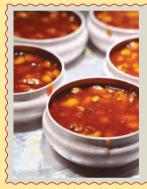
Al-Abraaj Restaurant (Located at the Oriental Palace Hotel)

This Middle Eastern restaurant, founded in 1987, is home to some of the most delicious kebabs, mixed mezza and traditional Arabic dishes. The restaurant is retrofitted to mimic the 80s with chequered table linen and antiques.



Al Barada

This shop is retro candy heaven. They sell eyeglass candy, fan wafers, sour candy dip and Super Sours, fruit candy, Gandour chewing gum, jelly cups, Baloona bubble gum, and many more childhood favourites.



Al Showaiter

This sweet shop has been famous since 1850 for its glossy Bahraini halwa, loaded with nuts and the irresistible flavour of cardamom and rose water. Visit their stall to see how this mouthwatering halwa is prepared. You can also enjoy a crepe filled with cream cheese and the rich red halwa.



Al Jazeera Roastery

Established in 1983, this shop is known for their delightful selection of nuts; however, you will also find a wide range of coffee, lip-smacking pickles and daqoos.



Eastern Bakery

A division of Hasan & Habib Sons of Mahmood Co, this popular bakery has been one of the go-to spots for soft and creamy cakes, and delicious baked snacks such as cookies, pizzas and pastries since 1982.



Jan Burger

Founded in 1983, Jan Burger is one of those places where you can enjoy a good classic burger. Unlike fast food restaurants, Jan Burger uses fresh, locally sourced ingredients for their burgers. The burgers are chargrilled to order and served in soft sesame buns with simple toppings such as lettuce, tomato and cheese. Try the JANapeno Cheese Bites at their Manama Retro stall. They are light, crunchy, breaded balls filled with cream cheese and a spicy kick from jalapenos.



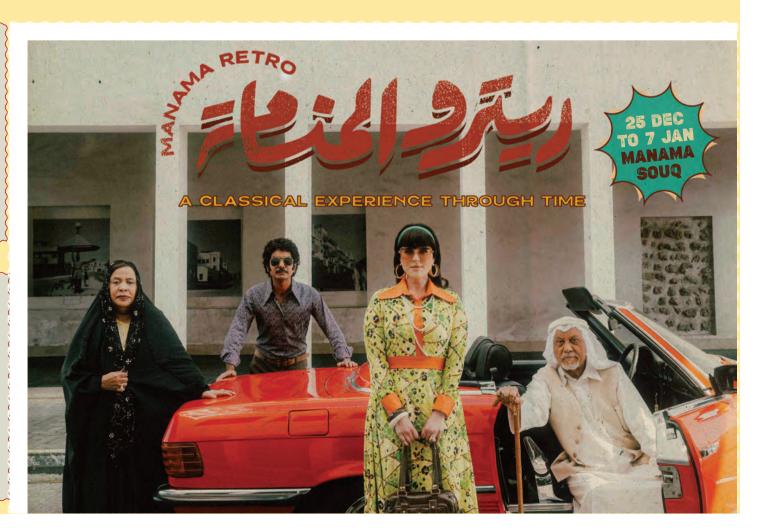
Kazerooni Spices

Founded in 1987, Kazerooni Spices is a spice haven. At their stall, you will find a wide selection of commonly used spices and spice mixes to prepare several Arabic recipes. I loved the Al-Ameer spice box set, which is perfect for gifting. Other great finds include chicken stock powder, chicken nuggets seasoning and burger spice blends.



Saloomi Grills

Wind up your evening at Manama Retro with steaming hot grills prepared to order at Saloomi Grills. Founded in 1997, they serve juicy chicken tikka, Iranian meat tikka, juicy lamb chops and kebabs, with salad and freshly prepared tanoor bread. Charcoal grilled meat fills your senses with a satisfying aroma.



RAINER MARIA RILKE

News in brief

South Korea investigators vow to execute Yoon arrest warrant

investigators said yesterday they would execute an arrest warrant for Yoon Suk Yeol over his declaration of martial law by the deadline of January 6, as the impeached leader's supporters rallied outside his residence. Supporters and opponents of Yoon, who was suspended from office by lawmakers over his attempt to subvert civilian rule last month, have

South Korean

been camped outside the compound where he has been holed up for weeks, fending off investigators' efforts to question him.

South Korean South Korea to send Jeju investigators probing a Jeju Air crash black box to US Air crash which killed 179 people in the worst aviation disaster on its soil said yesterday they will send one of the retrieved black boxes to the United States for analysis. The Boeing 737-800 was carrying 181 people from Thailand to South Korea Sunday when it issued a mayday call and belly-landed before hitting a barrier and

bursting into flames, killing everyone aboard

except two flight attendants pulled from the burning wreckage. South Korean and US investigators, including from Boeing, have been combing the crash site in southwestern Muan since the disaster.

Syria's de facto leader meets minority Christians



 Syria's de facto leader Ahmed al-Sharaa met with senior Christian clerics, amid calls on the Islamist chief to guarantee minority rights after seizing power earlier this month. "The leader of the new Syrian administration, Ahmed al-Sharaa, meets a delegation from the Christian community in Damascus," Syria's General Command said in a

statement on Telegram. The statement included pictures of the meeting with Catholic, Orthodox and Anglican clerics.

SPOTLIGHT

Moscow, Kyiv end Russian gas transit to Europe via Ukraine



A view shows the Russian oil producer Gazprom Neft's Moscow oil refinery on the south-eastern outskirts of Moscow

AFP | Moscow

Russia's gas transit to Eubut it has been welcomed by others inside the EU, including vesterday, Moscow and Kviv said, ending a decades-long arrangement and marking the less than 10 percent of the Eulatest casualty of the war between the neighbours.

Russian gas has been supplied to Europe via pipelines crossing Ukraine since the end ern members are still heavily of the Soviet Union in 1991 in an arrangement that earned revenues for Moscow from of Russian gas," Ukraine's Enthe gas and for Kyiv from the ergy Minister German Galushtransit fees.

The latest transit contract expired yesterday, with event." Ukraine opting not to extend the deal following Russia's 2022 invasion.

Kyiv hailed the end of Russian gas transit as a "historic giant said in a separate stateevent," and said it would deal a blow to Russia's finances and its war machine.

But Moscow casts it as GMT)". Ukraine shooting itself in the foot and frustrating its partrely on Russian supplies.

Slovakia, one of those countries, has slammed the move. Poland.

Russian gas accounted for ropean Union's gas imports in 2023 -- down from more than 40 percent before the war.

But some of the bloc's eastreliant on Russian imports.

"We have stopped the transit chenko said in a statement yesterday, calling it "a historical

"Russia is losing its markets, it will suffer financial losses," he added.

Russia's Gazprom energy ment that "Russian gas has not been supplied for transit via Ukraine since 8:00 am (0500

It said it had lost the "technical and legal right" to ship ners in eastern Europe that its gas across Ukraine to Europe.

New Orleans truck attack kills 10

Pickup truck crashes into New Year crowd in possible terrorist attack

Driver died after exchanging gunfire with police

AFP | New Orleans

vehicle collision involving a pickup truck and a crowd of New Year's Eve attendees in New Orleans yesterday caused at least 10 deaths and more than 35 injuries.

Law enforcement is investigating the incident as a possible terrorist attack.

The individual driving the truck, who initially left the scene after an exchange of gunconfirmed.

The event took place at approximately 3:15 am (0915 GMT) in the French Quarter.

"This man was trying to run over as many people as he possibly could," Police Superintendent Anne Kirkpatrick told reporters.

"He was hell bent on creating the carnage and the damage that he did," Kirkpatrick said.

The attacker shot at police, who fired back. Two officers were wounded but were stable, Kirkpatrick said.

No motive was given for the attack, but the FBI said it is "working with our partners to investigate this as an act of

terrorism was not suspected, but went on to say the truck had been driven at "very high speed" and in a "very intentional" manner.



The French Quarter, famous for its jazz heritage and vibrant nightlife, was packed with revelers when the tragedy struck, highlighting the city's cultural significance during festive events

The New Orleans attack came 10 days after a similar car-ramming assault at a Christmas market in the eastern German city of Magdeburg that killed five and wounded more than 200. In that case police arrest-Earlier, Kirkpatrick had said ed a Saudi man and said he ap-

President Joe Biden called New Orleans Mayor LaToya support following the horrific off the road onto the sidewalk crowds.

Biden will be briefed throughout the day, it said.

Louisiana Governor Jeff Landry described the incident as a authorities announced a rallying point for family members flocking to check on loved ones at the University Medical Center.

Carnage in iconic neighborhood

In the wee hours of the year's first day the area would have been packed with revelers celebrating in the French Quarter, a district renowned for its bars, restaurants and jazz history.

A white truck crashed through a barricade "at a very peared to be mentally disturbed. high rate of speed," witness Jim Mowrer told CBS News.

"We were in the middle of

news," the White House said. and into the doorway of a building for cover. We did hear gunfire, saw police running," he

"Once the gunfire stopped, "horrific act of violence." City we stayed in the alcove until the gunfire stopped, came out into the street, and came across a lot of -- several people who had been hit, (we) wanted to see what we could do to help,' he said.

> "People we came across were unfortunately deceased."

New Orleans is one of the most heavily visited destinations in the United States and the incident came shortly before the city hosts a major football game, known as the Sugar Bowl, featuring teams from the University of Georgia and Notre Dame. Policing was heavy over the New Year's, according to the Cantrell "to offer full federal the road and managed to run city as authorities braced for big

Syria's new information minister promises free press



Members of a media crew set up their camera as people walk past shops in the old part of Damascus (file photo)

AFP | Damascus

Cyria's minister of information in the country's transitional government told AFP he is working towards a free press ders, a freedom of informaand committed to "freedom of tion watchdog, ranked Syrexpression", after decades of ia second-last on its 2024 tight control under the coun- World Press Freedom Intry's former rulers.

"We are working to consolidate freedoms of the press and Afghanistan. expression that were severely by the Assad clan.

and the Assad family dynasty said during an interview with heavily curtailed all aspects AFP on Tuesday.

of daily life, including freedom of the press and expression with the media a tool of those in power.

Reporters Without Bordex, ahead only of Eritrea and behind Taliban-ruled

"There was a heavy rerestricted" in areas controlled striction on freedom of the by the former government of press and expression under Bashar al-Assad, said the min- the regime which practised ister, Mohamed al-Omar, after censorship. In the period to rebels on December 8 ended come we are working on the more than five decades of rule reconstruction of a media landscape that is free, objec-Syria's ruling Baath party tive and professional," Omar

Gaza rescuers say 15 killed in Israeli New Year strike



Palestinian children inspect the damage at the site of an Israeli strike

AFP | Gaza

aza's civil defence agency Usaid yesterday that an Israeli air strike in the territory's north killed at least 15 peo- major land and air offenple, marking what the rescu-sive in northern Gaza, parers called the New Year's first ticularly targeting Jabadeadly attack.

"The world welcomed the camp. New Year with celebrations and festivities, while we witnessed 2025 begin with the itants from regrouping there first Israeli massacre in the and it has killed hundreds of town of Jabalia just after mid-fighters, while rescuers in the night," civil defence agency area say thousands of civilians spokesman Mahmud Bassal

tyred and more than 20 were appears to be part of an effort injured" in the strike on a "to permanently displace the house where displaced people local population as a precursor were living, he said.

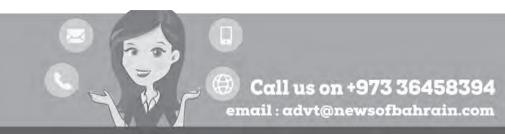
The Israeli military, when contacted, said it was looking into the reported strike.

Since October 6, the military has been conducting a lia and its adjacent refugee

The military says it is an effort to prevent Hamas milhave died.

On Monday United Nations "Fifteen people were mar-rights experts said the "siege" to Gaza's annexation".

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Championship side Stoke appoint Robins as new manager



Mark Robins AFP | London

Ctoke have appointed Mark Robins as their new manager, the English Championship side announced vesterday.

Robins, previously in charge of second-tier rivals Coventry, will take over following yesterday's trip to Burnley, where interim manager Ryan Shawcross will remain in charge of

Robins, who has signed a three-and-a-half year contract, is Stoke's third fulltime manager of the season after both Steven Schumacher and Narcis Pelach were sacked.

Former Manchester United forward Robins led Coventry to the FA Cup semi-finals last season and oversaw two promotions during his nearly eight years in charge.

But he was dismissed by the Midlands club in November, with Coventry having won just four of their opening 14 league games this season.

Zverev injured as holders Germany crash at United Cup

Rybakina leads Kazakhstan to semi-finals; Swiatek guides Poland to quarters

Kazakhstan defeated defending champions Germany

Britain also progressed to the quarter-finals

AFP | Perth

Elena Rybakina's Kazakhstan defending champions Germany out of the United Cup yesterday with world number two Alexander Zverev sidelined by an arm injury barely a week away from the Australian

The upset in Perth sent the Kazakhs into the semi-finals of the 18-nation tournament.

In Sydney women's world French Open final against the Czech Republic's Karolina Mu-

tory over Australia's Olivia Ga- face him. decki enough to guarantee they won their group.



Germany's Alexander Zverey reacts during a match

winning a rematch of her 2023 bledon champion hammering about difficulty breathing. Laura Siegemund 6-3, 6-1.

his clash against Alexander number 78, who upset Stefanos Britain also progressed to Shevchenko at the last minute Tsitsipas in group play on Monthe quarter-finals with Katie with a bicep strain, leaving the day. Boulter's dominant 6-2, 6-1 vic- 254th-ranked Daniel Masur to

> He put up a brave fight but to win this one. Shevchenko was too strong,

Sixth-ranked Rybakina powering home 6-7 (5/7), 6-2, knew I had to shorten the rallies number two Iga Swiatek led earned the first point for Ka- 6-2 despite a medical timeout and play aggressively, tee off on Poland into the last eight by zakhstan, with the 2022 Wim- in the second set, complaining

> "I was struggling in this heat, Zverev then withdrew from it was so rough," said the world

> > "I had a headache and my head was spinning. But I wanted

"After (losing) the first set I Hurkacz and outlast Mucho- Swiatek said.

the ball. I just kept pushing after the first set and I'm really happy about it."

Five-time Grand Slam winner Swiatek scored a battling victory over Muchova, coming out on top 6-3, 6-4 after teammate Hubert Hurkacz was upset in three sets by Tomas Machac.



Alexander Zverev withdrew from his match against Alexander Shevchenko due to a bicep strain just days before the Australian Open

va and Machac in the deciding mixed doubles 7-6 (7/3), 6-3 to keep their tournament alive.

Playing her first event since news broke in late November that she served a one-month ban for a doping violation, Swiatek dropped serve to go 2-1 behind in the first set against Muchova.

But she won the next three games to reassert control and wrapped up the contest comfortably.

"Honestly, I love playing against Karolina because she always brings precision and intensity and a little bit of a differ-Swiatek returned to partner ent game than most of the girls,"

Rain break helps Osaka overcome nerves to reach Auckland quarters

AFP | Auckland

our-time major champion Four-time major come in Naomi Osaka used a rain break to her advantage to power to a straight-sets win in the second round of the Auckland Classic yesterday.

The Japanese star shook off some early mistakes to beat unseeded Austrian Julia Grabher 7-5, 6-3 and book a place in Friday's quarter-finals at the Australian Open warm-up tour-

The first set went with serve to 5-5 before rain forced the players off court for just over an hour, allowing Osaka a chance Naomi Osaka in action to address a "nervous" start.

She consulted coach Patrick



tor of Serena Williams.

"I got some great advice from Mouratoglou, the former men- a great coach," Osaka, a former bullet points and go out swing- to be as nervous as I felt."

world number one, said.

"I just tried to focus on my

The 27-year-old emerged to

break late in the first set and early in the second to take control of the match in cool, windy conditions.

ing if I had to go out, but thankfully I'm here to play another

Osaka's serving was her strength, landing five aces and winning more than 80 percent of her points on second serve.

While the world number 57 wasn't broken, she struggled with her return of serve against Grabher, particularly in the first

"She was a really tough opponent to play against," Osaka said.

"I just felt I had to concentrate on myself a lot and try not

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Navarro stunned by wildcard as Djokovic-Kyrgios doubles run ends



Emma Navarro reacts during the match

AFP | Brisbane

Novak Diokovic and Nick Kvr- a nerveless display. gios came to a shuddering halt

defending men's champion embraced the role of under-Grigor Dimitrov, who pow- dog. ered into the quarter-finals in straight sets.

Rafter Arena, Birrell matched to go for it," she said. world number eight Navarro stroke-for-stroke to put a dent tude I had going into today in the American's Australian -- I think that really benefited Open preparations.

Navarro had a stellar 2024, going deep in all four Grand here." Slams including a run to the semi-finals of the US Open.

aside the challenge of 26-year-card, Aleksandar Vukic, 6-2, old Birrell, who has never bro- 7-6 (7/5). ken into the top 100 in her 10 The Bulgarian world num-

years on the WTA Tour.

But the Australian, who ustralian wildcard Kim- trains at the Oueensland Ten-Aberly Birrell stunned sec- nis Centre and is ranked 113, ond seed Emma Navarro yes- was not intimidated and deterday while the doubles act of lighted her home crowd with

Birrell, who will face 35that the Brisbane International. ranked Russian Anastasia Po-But it was all smiles from tapova in the last 16, said she

"I guess it's kind of like one of those situations where you In the opening match on Pat have no choice, you just have

> That was kind of the attime, along with having played a lot of hours on this court

Dimitrov continued his love affair with Brisbane by easing She was expected to brush past another Australian wild-

Ex-India coach Shastri wants two-tier Test system after MCG blockbuster

AFP | New Delhi

Former India coach Ravi Shastri called yesterday for a two-tier structure in Test cricket with relegation and promotion to ensure the survival of the red-ball game.

His comments follow the blockbuster fourth Test between India and Australia that drew a record 373,691 spectators to the Melbourne Cricket Ground over five enthralling days.

That beat the previous record of 350,534 at the same ground during the 1936-37 Ashes series against England, when Donald Bradman ruled the sport and

bigger advertisement for Test cricket.



Indian bowler Jasprit Bumrah (C) celebrates with teammates after a wicket

cricket" and said it proved Tests were played over six days. the five-day game continued reinforced his view that for Test toughest and best format of the Shastri, now a commentator, to hold its own in the face of cricket to survive, the biggest said he could not remember "a ever-increasing T20 franchise teams needed to be playing each

But the 62-year-old said it also other more often.

still alive and thriving RAVI SHASTRI "To break crowd records that

have stood for nearly a century... is testimony to the fact that when the best teams play, the game is still alive and thriving," he said in a column for The Australian newspaper.

Rashford slams 'ridiculous' claim over potential Man United exit

Manchester United forward dismisses reports of seeking new representation to force a transfer

Reports claimed Rashford sought a new agent

Rashford denied meeting with any agencies

Denies rumors of plans to leave **Manchester United**

AFP | London

arcus Rashford has blasted "ridiculous" claims that the unsettled Manchester United star wants a new agent to fulfil his desire to quit Old Trafford.

A report this week said England forward Rashford had met



with a leading sports agency in Manchester United's English striker #10 Marcus Rashford (C) warms up ahead of a match

a bid to engineer a move.

The 27-year-old hinted he would be prepared to leave United in an interview last month.

Rashford said he was ready "for a new challenge" after falling out of favour under new boss Ruben Amorim.

The United youth academy graduate was omitted from four successive matchday squads last month, starting with the derby against Manchester City, before being an unused substitute for Monday's defeat by Newcastle.

He has struggled badly over the last two seasons, netting just four times in the Premier League this term

Paris Saint-Germain and Chelagent. sea are among the club linked with Rashford recently.

ly represented by his brother lous - never met with any agency Dwaine Maynard, responded to and don't have any plans to..." he the latest claims about his future wrote on Instagram.



Rashford has scored just four Premier League goals this season, sparking speculation about his future at Manchester United

by insisting he had not changed

"Been a lot of false stories written over the past few weeks, But Rashford, who is current- but guys this is getting ridicu-











