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# Protest over Israel justice reform bill

**Bahrain condoles with Greece over victims of two train collision**  
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Bahrain expressed sympathy and solidarity with Greece over the collision of two trains in the city of Larissa.

The collision resulted in the death and injury of dozens of people.

Foreign Affairs Ministry expressed its sincere condolences to the families of the victims, the government and to the Greek people, wishing speedy recovery for all the injured.

**Houthis 'plunder' oil, taxes revenues**  
 Al Mukalla

Houthi leaders' families have amassed vast fortunes by diverting billions of Yemeni riyals from oil, taxes, and other levies into their own wallets and also profiting from the creation of oil black markets, the UN Panel of Experts has said.

This finding by UN experts has validated Yemeni activists' and authorities' long-held suspicions that militia members are using the conflict to enrich themselves.

Covering the period from early December 2021 to Nov. 30, 2022, the UN experts stated in their annual report to the UN Security Council that from the start of the UN-brokered truce on April 2 to Nov. 30, 69 fuel ships delivered 1,810,498 tons of oil derivatives to the Houthi-controlled Hodeidah port, generating 271.935 billion Yemeni rials (approximately \$271 million) for the Houthis.

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AFP | Tel Aviv

Israeli police clashed yesterday with protesters rallying against the government's judicial reform programme which critics say threatens democracy, as lawmakers held a preliminary vote on the latest controversial bill.

Demonstrators in Tel Aviv blocked some streets, and police employed stun grenades, water cannon and officers on horseback in a rare use of force in the coastal city.

Some 39 people were arrested for "allegedly rioting and not obeying instructions by police officials", police said in a statement.

Eleven wounded protesters arrived at Tel Aviv's Ichilov hospital, a spokesman for the facility said.

"The right to demonstrate is not the right to block the country," Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said in a televised statement, accusing demonstrators of crossing "a red line".

"A sovereign country cannot tolerate anarchy," added Netanyahu, who returned to power late last year at the head of a



Israeli security forces detain a protester during a demonstration yesterday. (AFP)

coalition with ultra-Orthodox Jewish and extreme-right allies.

The premier earlier stressed his support for the police, who "are acting against lawbreakers who are disrupting Israeli citizens' daily lives".

The rally in Tel Aviv came as lawmakers in Jerusalem passed

in preliminary reading a bill limiting the chances of a prime minister being impeached.

Opponents say the measure is aimed at protecting Netanyahu, who is on trial for corruption charges he denies.

MPs voted 62 to 20 in favour of the legislation, which proposes

a three-quarter parliamentary majority to impeach a premier due to physical or mental incapacity.

Following the initial vote, the bill will pass to a parliamentary committee to consider whether it should be scrapped or returned to the chamber to contin-

ue the legislative process.

The broader judicial reform, announced in January, includes measures that critics argue are intended to hand politicians more power at the expense of the judiciary.

## Rampage

Meanwhile, in Ramallah, Israeli police have arrested six people — four adults and two youths — in connection with a rampage by settlers in the occupied West Bank this week, which an Israeli general described as a "pogrom."

Shops in the Palestinian town of Huwara remained closed, by order of the army, yesterday amid a heavy Israeli military presence. A Palestinian gunman killed two Israeli brothers there on Sunday, prompting retaliatory assaults by settlers on homes and cars, during which one Palestinian was killed.

Israeli police said they expect to make further arrests as their investigations in and around Huwara continue. During a visit to the town, Palestinian Prime Minister Mohammad Shtayyeh said the arrests are not enough.

## Off-track thrills

# The Beast and Haunted House to entertain F1 fans

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Bahrain International Circuit's (BIC) incredible line-up of off-track family entertainment at this weekend's Formula 1 Gulf Air Bahrain Grand Prix 2023 will be raising emotions of different kinds with two exciting attractions that will surely be favourites amongst race-goers.

For the first time at the Kingdom's F1 spectacle, BIC has brought in The Beast, the world's biggest inflatable structure featuring all kinds of obstacles to be enjoyed by people of all ages.

To add to that, BIC is bringing

back its bone-tingling Haunted House — a widely popular lure at past F1 weekends.

Both attractions will be on hand at BIC's public vending area, located right behind the Main Grandstand, and will be open for all throughout the day from tomorrow to Sunday, 5 March.

The Beast is a widely popular inflatable obstacle course that has featured in events held all over the world. Its unique designs keep youngsters busy and fully engaged while also bringing out the child in the older generations.

Meanwhile, the Haunted



The Beast is for all ages

House will be putting in a scare to anyone brave enough to step in. They will be met by all kinds

of frightening creatures, who will tickle their senses with fear or maybe even bring about some

laughs.

These attractions plus so much more kids' entertainment await all those attending this weekend's F1 spectacle. Young children will also be charmed by the roaming acts coming from all corners of the globe, fantastic stage shows featuring classical kids' tales, carnival rides and games, and all kinds of other engaging activities.

BIC is looking forward to welcoming all to the region's biggest sporting and entertainment extravaganza this weekend.

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# Airport passenger traffic soars to 6.9m in last year

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Almost seven million passengers passed through Bahrain International Airport (BIA) in 2022.

This was confirmed during a meeting held by Bahrain Airport Company's (BAC) Airport Facilitation Committee.

BIA welcomed 6.9 million passengers, a 127.5% jump from three million in 2021, and only 29% less than pre-pandemic figures of 9.6 million in 2019.

The committee, which convened for its sixth meeting, is tasked with reviewing the operational facilitation of passengers, crew, and baggage at BIA.

They discussed a range of topics, including BIA's performance figures for the year, which saw aircraft traffic movements surge from 51,000, in 2021 to 82,000, just 15% short of 2019, and cargo tonnage increase from 324,000



The BAC Airport Facilitation Committee officers and members

in 2021, to 379,000, a 30% spike compared to 2019.

The committee also discussed BIA's impressive achievements, including receiving a Skytrax 5-star rating for second consecutive year, and taking another important step towards becoming a completely carbon-neutral facility by reaching Level 4 of Airports Council International's (ACI) Airport Carbon Accreditation program.

"We can all be proud of how well our airport performed last year as we came closer to reaching pre-pandemic figures. This data points to an even stronger recovery in 2023 and, with passenger traffic on the rise, we are fully prepared to meet the needs of BIA's guests," BAC Chief Executive Officer Mohamed Yousif Al Binfalah said.

"Delivering an exceptional passenger experience is central to our vision and strategies, and the Airport Facilitation Committee plays a key role in achieving this objective. I extend my sincere thanks to everyone for their continued efforts and support to exceed our high standards. This commitment to excellence has been recognized with a range of awards, further demonstrating

BIA's ability to stand alongside the world's leading airports."

The meeting also included presentations on aviation security, fire prevention, and the upcoming Full Scale Emergency Exercise, which will put the Airport Emergency Plan to the test and access the capabilities, readiness, and effectiveness of BIA's emergency and rescue services in dealing with potential incidents.

## 76 students graduate from Tamkeen tech training programs

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The Labour Fund, Tamkeen, has announced the graduation of 76 students from the immersive training programs in partnership with General Assembly, a leading provider of tech training.

The programs covered software engineering and user experience design and helped a number of graduates secure job opportunities only a few weeks after completing the programs in a number of local and international companies such as BNET, Al Baraka Bank, and Parcel.

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On this occasion, Maha Mofeez, Chief Executive of Tamkeen, emphasised the far-reaching benefits of upskilling in technology for jobseekers, entrepreneurs looking to start tech businesses, those pursuing career progression and development, as well as supporting freelance and project-based work opportunities for individuals.

This is evident through the remarkable results of these programs, as over 40% of graduates benefited from the programs to secure job opportunities, get promoted within their organisations or develop their entrepreneurial ventures within 2 months of graduating. This percentage is expected to increase over the next six months.

## HRH Princess Sabeeka Productive Families Award winners honoured

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A ceremony was held yesterday to distribute the 12th edition of the HRH Princess Sabeeka bint Ibrahim Al Khalifa Award for Productive Families 2023 at Sharifa Alawadhi Youth and Children Club.

HRH Princess Sabeeka bint Ibrahim Al Khalifa, Wife of His Majesty the King and Supreme Council for Women (SCW) President, deputises Injaz Bahrain Chairperson HH Shaikha Hessa bint Khalifa Al Khalifa to attend the prize distribution ceremony.



HH Shaikha Hessa with the top three winners

HH Shaikha Hessa handed over the prizes to the top three winners: the family of Wafa Dawood Salman (Best Produc-

tive Family), Majida Mahdi Ahmed (Best Product), and Al Baraha Suq board (best project sponsor).

An accompanying exhibition is being held on the sidelines of the ceremony themed "Incense Industry in Bahrain", with the

participation of 41 productive families, to market their products.

The three-day exhibition, which will run until tomorrow, will be open from 9 am until 9 pm, at the Sharifa Alawadhi Youth and Children Club in East Riffa.

HH Shaikha Hessa commended the important role being played by the Ministry of Social Development in promoting the major award as an incentive for Bahraini productive families to support local economy and preserve Bahrain's heritage.

## Engineering Majors Expo for high school students inaugurated

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The 9th edition of the Bahrain 9th Engineering Majors Expo for high school students opened yesterday.

Education Minister Dr Mohammed bin Mubarak Juma inaugurated the exhibition, being organised by the Bahrain Society of Engineers, at its headquarters in Juffair.

The two-day exhibition, which concludes today, will open from 9 am until 12.30 pm



Dr Juma with school representatives, students and event organisers

and then from 4 pm until 7 pm. Dr Juma toured the pavil-

ions in the exhibition, which is expected to receive more than

5,000 students from secondary public and private schools as

well as parents to learn about engineering majors in six local universities.

These are the University of Bahrain, the University of Technology (Bahrain), the University of Applied Sciences, the Gulf University, Al Ahlia University, and the Royal University for Women, in addition to the Bahrain Society of Engineers, the Council for Regulating the Practice of Engineering Professions, and the Survey and Land

Registration Authority.

The exhibition highlights a range of engineering disciplines, including civil engineering, architecture, mechanical engineering, electrical engineering, electronic engineering, chemical engineering, petroleum engineering, environmental engineering.

It also includes precision machinery and control systems, computer engineering and aeronautical engineering.

## Two Al Noor International School students top Cambridge examinations

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Al Noor International School made history when two of its students topped the world in their Cambridge examinations.

Maryam Mahmoud Fouad Ahmed Mansour gained the highest marks in the IGCSE Arabic First Language and IGCSE Information and Communications Technology, while Alaa Ashraf Helmy Mohamed Abdelwahab earned the highest marks in the AS Level English.

Maryam and Alaa achieved this after competing with thou-

sands of other students in over 10,000 schools and learning centres in 160 countries around the world who attended the examinations.

When asked how they felt about their successes, both students wished to express their sincere gratitude to their families and all of the teachers that supported them on the way.

"I cannot thank, my family, my school and my teachers enough for their continuous encouragement and guidance," a delighted Maryam said, a sentiment matched by Alaa who added, "It



Alaa



Maryam

was hard work but my success is also a success for my school, my teachers and my family."

Alaa completed his studies at Al Noor International School with a remarkable examination record of 8 A\* at IGCSE, 4 a's at AS Level and 3 A\* at A Level and is currently studying Computer Sciences at German International University in Egypt.

Mariam received her certificate in person whereas Alaa is currently studying abroad. In his absence, Alaa's certificate was received by his father Mr. Ashraf Helmy Mohamed Abdelwahab.

The students' proud and supportive parents expressed their joy in their children's achievements along with their appreciation for the opportunities their children received while studying at the school.

### Delight

The school founder and Chairman Mr. Ali Hassan was delighted to hear the news.

"This achievement is history in the making. Expectations at Al Noor are high, and in this we make no exceptions," Mr. Hassan said.



## Two distressed Filipinos repatriated

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The Philippine Embassy, under its Repatriation Program for 2023, has facilitated the repatriation of two distressed Filipinos to the Philippines.

The repatriates are a 67-year-old undocumented female worker from Bulacan, Philippines, who had been in Bahrain for 38 years before she was repatriated on 22 February 2023, and a 56-year-old male medical patient from Zamboanga City who had been in Bahrain for 31 years before his repatriation on 23 February.

The latter was accompanied by two medical escorts on board the flight, as arranged by the Embassy.

The Embassy also arranged all the documents and clearances of the repatriates, and shouldered the costs of their airfare, immigration penalties, and other repatriation expenses through the Assistance-to-Nationals (ATN) Fund of the Philippine Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA).

The Embassy has coordinated with the DFA and other relevant Philippine government agencies.

# Five-star hotel occupancy is high for F1 Bahrain GP

Zahra Ayaz  
TDT | Manama

For years the Formula 1 Gulf Air Bahrain Grand Prix has lured tens of thousands of motorsport fans to the Kingdom, and boosted the occupancy in many five-star hotels, according to hoteliers.

Hotels usually run at 100 per cent occupancy during grand prix week, with a useful synergy having developed with Gulf Air, national carriers and title sponsor of the Bahrain race, with a significant number of the guests arrive through Bahrain International Airport.

Charbel Hanna, General Manager of Crowne Plaza Bahrain, told The Daily Tribune that F1 has put Bahrain on the international sporting map, and the Kingdom is now a leading destination as the home of the motorsports in the Middle East.

Bahrain has also showcased to the world that it is one of the most reputed countries to host many other sporting and motor-



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- CHARBEL HANNA, GENERAL MANAGER OF CROWNE PLAZA BAHRAIN



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- NICOLAS GARDIER, GENERAL MANAGER OF DOWNTOWN ROTANA

tant part in our revenue strategies,” said Mr. Hanna. “This is much-needed especially after

the substantial losses over the last two years due to the pandemic-induced lockdowns.

“We regard the Bahrain Grand Prix as not only the opportunity to welcome the arrival of tourists, but also our chance to showcase our signature hospitality and give them a memorable experience.

“Hence, it not only brings a positive economic impact but also the opportunity to increase our guest loyalty to our hotel.”

In addition to the extravagant events hosted by Bahrain International Circuit, Mr. Hanna added: “We have also put together some exciting and memorable experiences in our outlets for our guests, such as our Theme Nights in our all-day dining, and an after party in our Harvester Lounge.”

Speaking to The Daily Tribune, Nicolas Gardier, General Manager of Downtown Rotana, said: “The hotel has been very busy from pre-season testing until the race day. We had good occupancy with the Formula 1 teams and also with the fans

coming to enjoy the show.

“The race has brought tourists from different parts of the world and hotels have majorly benefited from the influx of F1 teams, media, FIA etc.

“The impact is major as the occupancy of the market was high for almost three weeks. We can see that all hotels have taken advantage of that.”

Mr. Gardier added: “To accommodate the new wave of guests visiting the city, we are currently running different activities in the hotel that cut across all areas. In our dining outlets, we have introduced new offers such as Seafood Night and themed daily lunches at Flavours on 2 sets to satisfy all cravings.

“To those staying with us, we have personalised F1 amenities in all rooms. Art lovers were also not left out as the hotel is supporting local artists by displaying their art at the hotel lobby throughout this F1 season, where anyone can take home a piece of the local Bahrain culture.”

## Is the world ready for ‘war of influence’?

Julia Cassano  
TDT | Manama

University of Paris Cite Political Science Professor Frederic Charillon has explained the meaning of influence to the world and the shift it has seen from the use of hard power to soft power and influence in the modern era.

The discussion was held yesterday at the International Peace Institute, Middle East, and North Africa.

In his opening remarks, Prof Charillon questioned the true meaning of influence and speculated if the world is ready for the “war of influence”.

He discussed the ways in which the most powerful countries throughout the world use influence to achieve an objective, such as “using incentive, conviction, and money.”

The professor also spoke how countries previously gained influence throughout the world, which would be through the use of force.

He, however, said: “Influence does not coincide with the use of force. In fact, influence is the social or financial capital and



From left, Professor Charillon, Nejb Friji and the French Ambassador



Professor Charillon

“Influence is the art of not using force ... Influence is an interaction between someone who is influenced and someone who is influential.”

- PROFESSOR FREDERIC CHARILLON, UNIVERSITY OF PARIS CITE POLITICAL SCIENCE

they did to do so, instead of implementing the use of influence to gain its objective, which has been very successful on a global level.”

He highlighted the strength of influence in today’s modern era saying, “We have seen a change in how the world operates with each other. The key strategy in international relations is the strategy of influence, despite what the world is witnessing regarding the war in Ukraine. Again, influence does not equate to hard power.”

Underlining the key objective and strategy of influence he voiced that, the solution is not to showcase yourself as a country with predominant amounts of power and influence to others, however, the key strategy of influence is to encourage those in democracies to adapt to the country’s models, or to instill doubt amongst a society to achieve objectives.

“There are various types of approaches when it comes to influence, but what we have to keep in mind is today, the war of influence has already begun, containing different causes and objectives.”

trusted networks a country uses to assert its power and influence.”

Elaborating, he stated that influence is not about the national branding of a country, but about retaining the vote. “Influence is the art of not using force,” he said.

He also said that a country gaining influence, requires an immense amount of money to its achieve global power. “Influence is an interaction between someone who is influenced and someone who is influential.”

He stated the US is an example as it has spent mass amounts of money on information, and to

gather information, which is a prime example on how the US uses information in regards to power and influence across the world.

“Europe has experienced a wake-up call of influence, and many people in Europe have suddenly realised that external influences were at work in the European Union such as the Chinese and the Russian influence,” he said.

Pertaining to Russia, he discussed his personal opinion of the invasion in Ukraine pertaining to influence and power. “I was surprised that Russia invaded Ukraine and used the force

## Dream to become fashion model turns into ‘nightmare’

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The High Criminal Court began the trial of two defendants accused of trafficking a 19-year-old girl after promising her work as a fashion model.

The court postponed the next session to March 5, 2023, for the defence plea.

An embassy in the Kingdom of Bahrain received a report stating that the victim was detained in an apartment furnished by the second defendant.

Police freed the victim and arrested the second defendant.

It was revealed that the victim had been lured with a false job opportunity as a model but was coerced into prostitution by the two defendants who earned profits from her work.

The victim had seen an advertisement for a modelling

job online and intended to move for the job.

The first defendant accompanied her travel to the intended country but redirected her to the Kingdom of Bahrain, where she claimed the job would take place.

The second defendant received the victim at the Bahrain International Airport and moved her to an apartment, after which she was informed that she would be prostituted. The victim was transferred between apartments and offered to clients seeking intercourse.

The second defendant admitted receiving direct orders from the first defendant whom she owed \$2,500 in exchange for her freedom. She was threatened that if she refused to work she would be implicated in drug cases. One day, however, she was able to contact her country’s embassy.

## Joint inspection campaigns



The Labour Market Regulatory Authority (LMRA) and the Ministry of Interior continue joint efforts to intensify inspection campaigns against illegal practices in the labour market, in order to preserve a competitive, fair and stable labour market. LMRA conducted three joint inspection campaigns, the first was in the Muharraq Governorate in coordination with the Nationality, Passports and Residence Affairs (NPRA) and the Governorate’s respective Police Directorate. The other campaigns were undertaken in the Muharraq and Southern Governorates in coordination with the General Directorate of Crime Detection and Forensic Evidence of the Ministry of Interior.



The most powerful countries use influence to achieve an objective, such as “using incentive, conviction, and money.”



# Ex-employees made redundant and not paid 'promised payout'

Julia Cassano  
TDT | Manama

For many people, migrating to a different country for the hope of a prosperous life and career is a want.

In a sorrowful admission, three people here relayed to The Daily Tribune, that they are owed a hefty amount of money after being made redundant from a big company in the Kingdom causing them financial distress.

"We were promised the world," they told The Daily Tribune.

One of them (names withheld) said he was paid a monthly salary; however, started to see 'red flags' when in December 2021, all staff were paid 15 days late.

The second victim relayed the "red flags" he noticed, saying: "I noticed various red flags; however, I felt comforted as the company held a strong backing since 2020. Despite the hopeful thoughts I used to ease my mind, the backing of the company had started to become a big question mark as the months went on."

He claims he was offered the job by a friend who had joined the company and became excited for the future after successfully receiving the job. However, quickly, employees at the company noticed that everything was not as it seemed.

"After joining in March 2022, I had only received a couple of paychecks, and I have not been paid since August 2022. They owe me the payroll from September to January along with the final settlement that has not been paid."

The first victim noted that after the first late paid salary, all salaries following were also paid late. "This is where I started noticing the worrying signs that something wasn't right, and shortly after from September 2022, the company stopped paying our salaries fully."

Luckily, the first victim in this story said that he had already left the country, as he was worried of what was to come, signing a final settlement slip by the CEO, assuring him he will be paid the sum of money he is owed by the company. However,



The employees beg their employers for their hard-earned money, but they have not received it yet until now (Image used for illustrative purposes only)

this sum of money has not been paid yet.

Another person spoke to The Daily Tribune, a third victim, accounting his stressful experience in all of this and relaying his desperate wishes to get the money he was promised back so he could leave the country.

"The last time I received my full salary was at the end of September 2022. Around the end of November, I received a partial salary for the month."

Although many were hopeful that these issues were tem-

porary, and they would receive their full salaries soon, they were met with more concerning news.

"I was called for a group meeting where the company explained to us that they are going to retrench us as soon as they receive approval from the LMRA," explained one of the victims.

"In December, I received my notice and the week after, I went for my exit interview where I received some documents, including my final settlement letter, where they stated my last working day, and I would be paid

the full amount owed by them."

Despite the false promises they were told, after being made redundant, no money has been paid to them since, the victims claim.

"There have been multiple times we have pleaded with the company to pay our hard-earned money; however, these honest demands fall to deaf ears."

Not only have the victims not received their money; however, many were trapped in Bahrain, not containing the funds to leave, hence no payout was given, they allege.

"There have been numerous times where I have demanded my money, and many times, I do not even receive a response. I even asked the company to book me a flight back to my home country where I can begin my life again," the second victim claimed.

"Thankfully, I was able to send my family back to our home country, but I have been battling to survive here on my own," he said.

"I have not been able to find work here or in my home coun-

try, and I stayed here as I was hopeful to one day receive my money back."

The second victim who came forth to The Daily Tribune relayed that many are living off their savings from their previous job.

"I am living off of my savings, only spending money on basic necessities to get by," he said.

Unfortunately, he faced further disparity as he has not been able to find a job after being made redundant, only receiving one interview in the past three months. "I am also owed a large sum of money, and have not received any of it after I left the company."

The Daily Tribune tried contacting the unnamed company; however, they did not want to comment on the story.

The victims allege there are approximately 30 employees affected, as they claim the company had rid of around 75 per cent of the workforce. The ex-employees are still waiting to receive their promised money; however, their requests have not been granted.

## ILA holds free medical camp for women workers



Event organisers and supporters with women workers at the event



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The Indian Ladies Association (ILA) has expressed its love and concern for the low-income group women workers' segment of society by organising a free medical camp for them.

It included Blood Sugar, Cholesterol, URIC ACID, SGPT (liver test), Blood pressure, BMI, free Doctor Consultation, Dental Screening, and Loyalty Card.

The free medical camp was held at Dar Al Shifa Medical Center, Hoor. It was supported by MegaMart, which sponsored refreshments for 50 house helps, and for others the hospital provided breakfast.

In the end, Loyalty Cards giv-

ing various discounts to them were distributed and the correct use of them was explained to all attendees.

The free medical camp was attended by 120 female house helps, receptionists, cashiers, cleaners, cleaning staff from various nationalities like in the Philippines, Egypt, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Bahrain, India, Bangladesh and Ethiopia

ILA extended thanks to MegaMart for supplying the refreshments for all, and to Radio Mirchi 104.2 FM for spreading the word for this initiative extensively in the past two days and 973 Show for media coverage.

This wouldn't have been possible without the extensive support from Dar Al Shifa Medical

Centre.

A memento was presented to the Hon. President and Executive Committee by the Dar Al Shifa Medical centre as their Token of Appreciation. The happiness and contentment on the faces of all the attendees was a real gift for ILA Excom 2022.

ILA is proud to create and pass on the legacy of this beautiful initiatives of giving love not only in the month of February, but throughout the year by conducting workshops and free medical checkups for this section of society that is often taken for granted.

For a full one year, ILA focuses on getting the much-required attention and support for low income group female workers in the society.

## FilCreatives teams up with FilWrite in cultural exhibition



Filipino artists and writers  
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The Filipino Creatives Bahrain art group teams up with the Filipino Writers Circle for this year's art and cultural exhibition.

It will be held at the Sentro Rizal of the Philippine Embassy this month.

The exhibition will highlight the life and works of the Philippines' national hero, Dr Jose

Rizal, to the Filipino people and the country.

Rizal's works as a doctor, novelist, artist, linguist, and his many other expertise, will be presented. Most especially, how his novels became the instrument of Philippine independence.

Artworks and literature in the exhibition will also feature the rich and vibrant culture of the Philippines. This aims to showcase the talent of the Fili-

pino artists and writers who are living in the Kingdom of Bahrain. This is a wonderful opportunity to share internationally the beauty of the Philippines.

FilCreatives artists will present this theme through artworks, painting and sculpture. Filwriters will present their poems about Rizal and the Philippines. Filipino communities, and other nationalities are also invited to visit this event.

## Students get a feel of Bahrain TV studios



The students being briefed about live-broadcasting

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Bahrain School video communication students had their wish come true after they took an exciting guided tour in Bahrain Television studios,

gained insights into preparations for a live program and watched parts of it.

The 14 students from Josh Dinkler's Video Communications 2 and Video Communications 3 courses walked through the BTV sets, observed the con-

rol room in operation as a live show was being recorded, and visited the archives.

"At Bahrain School, students can earn a special seal on their diploma when they take three years of Video Communications classes," Dinkler said.



## LIC reports 2022 results

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LIC (International) reported investment income of the company as on 31st December, 2022 of USD 82.58 million compared to USD 102.85m in the previous year.

The company showed net loss of USD 63.69m and underwritten new Business premium of USD 61.63m.

LIC said it settled claims to the tune of USD 304.23m during 2022.

The results were announced during the 132nd Meeting of the Board of Directors of LIC (International) on 27th February, 2023 at Bahrain. MR Kumar, Chairman and other Directors of the Board attended the meeting through video-conferencing.

Detailed review of New Business Performance, Financials and Investments for the year 2022 was made in the meeting.

During the year 2022, 18 Consultants have qualified for MDRT and one has qualified for COT.

LIC said it launched a new ULIP Product, Single Premium Wealth Creator-plan no 270 on 18th January 2023 in Bahrain.

## BisB wins "Most Innovative Islamic Bank" award



Ali Duaij, Head of Corporate Communications & Brand at BisB, participated in the 10th edition of the International Finance Awards, held at Jumeirah Emirates Towers Hotel, UAE. On behalf of the Bank, Duaij accepted the "Most Innovative Islamic Bank - Bahrain" Award 2022 from the International Finance magazine, a renowned British publication covering business and finance. BisB announced its achievement in September of last year



Tatweer Petroleum participated in the MEOS/GEO 2023 Conference and Exhibition, which was held at the Exhibition World Bahrain in Sakhir under the patronage of HRH Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, from February 19-21, 2023. The exhibition was inaugurated by Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Infrastructure, Shaikh Khalid bin Abdulla Al Khalifa, who visited Tatweer Petroleum's pavilion. The company showcased core samples from different layers of the earth's oil and gas reservoirs found in the Bahrain Field

# NBB, Batelco Al Dana Club join hands

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The National Bank of Bahrain (NBB) and Batelco, a part of the Beyon Group, signed a partnership agreement to provide exclusive offers to NBB's Prestige Banking clients on February 22, 2023.

The signing took place at the Beyon Campus in the presence of Subah Abdullatif Al Zayani, Chief Executive Retail Banking at NBB, Aseel Mattar, General Manager Consumer at Batelco, and other top officials.



Subah Abdullatif Al Zayani, Chief Executive Retail Banking at NBB, and Aseel Mattar, General Manager Consumer at Batelco during the signing ceremony

As part of the agreement, Batelco will offer NBB's eligible customers a dedicated relationship manager, priority treatment at all Batelco retail stores, express delivery, device after-care maintenance services, and access to exclusive partner offers and events.

In return, NBB will provide Al Dana Club's eligible members with a dedicated relationship manager, priority services across NBB branches and Contact Centre, a special Platinum Prestige Debit Master Card with exclusive offers, access to international airport lounges, and competitive interest rates. Subah Abdullatif Al Zayani expressed excitement about future strategic initiatives between NBB and Batelco. Aseel Mattar sees the partnership as an opportunity to strengthen their relationship with NBB and provide great benefits for both NBB Prestige Banking and Batelco Al Dana clients. Al Dana Club is Batelco's exclusive customer relationship program for residential customers who meet a number of set requirements.

## BFC Payments, Dadabhai Travel partner for international travel, shopping



Left to right: Roger Menezes, Head of Business Development & Strategic Partnerships, Davis D Parakal, General Manager, BFC Payments, Adnan Gilitwala, Director, Dadabhai Travel and Dhanvi Shirwaikar, Growth Marketer, BFC Payments

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BFC Payments and Dadabhai Travel have announced a strategic partnership to offer travellers with enhanced digital services for international travel and worldwide shopping.

This partnership enables cus-

tomers to get a free BFC Pay Travel Buddy Card (ZERO annual fees for the 1st year) whenever they book any services from Dadabhai Travel (flight, hotel booking, etc). Download the BFC Pay app, click on Travel Buddy and apply for their free Card. BFC said its Pay Travel Buddy

Card allows fast top-ups anywhere, instant currency conversion, worldwide shopping and dining in multiple currencies at any of Visa's 80-plus million merchant partners worldwide, and provides cardholders access to Visa Platinum loyalty programs.

## Ila Bank celebrates first A Kanz millionaire

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Ila Bank, the Kingdom's digital banking pioneer, has awarded its first-ever Al Kanz millionaire grand prize of \$1 million to Abbas Ghuloom Awadh Salmeen, who was the lucky winner of the December 2022 draw.

A special prize handover ceremony was held at Bank ABC's head office on February 28, 2023, in the presence of Bank ABC's dignitaries, Ila Bank's CEO Mohamed Al Maraj, Acting Group CEO, Sael Al Waary and other senior officials.

Salmeen, a 58-year-old Bahraini working in real estate, expressed his happiness on winning the prize. Al Maraj expressed Ila Bank's commitment to promoting financial inclusion through its mobile-only



Mohamed Al Maraj and Abbas Salmeen at the handover ceremony

services, and ultimately driving financial prosperity in the country.

The 2023 prize schedule will have four grand prizes in the course of the year: two prizes each of \$250,000, one mid-year prize of \$500,000, and the grand year-end prize of \$1 million.

## Bahrain Chamber deliberates about business opportunities with Sri Lankan Ambassador

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Enhancing trade and investments and exchanging business delegations were the highlights of a meeting between the Chairman of the Bahrain Chamber Sameer Nass and Sri Lankan Ambassador-Designate to Bahrain Reethisri Wijeratne Mendis, held at the Chamber's premises on Tuesday 28th February 2023.

The meeting named food security, tourism, IT, and renewable energy, as promising areas of business cooperation between Bahrain and Sri Lanka.

The meeting also discussed means to invigorate trade and investment between both friendly countries and underlined the importance of exchanging business delega-



Chairman of the Bahrain Chamber Sameer Nass (R) and Sri Lankan Ambassador-Designate to Bahrain Reethisri Wijeratne Mendis

tions and enhancing liaison between the Bahrain Chamber and its counterpart in Sri Lanka.

Present at the meeting were also Bahrain Chamber's First deputy chairman Khalid Najibi, Treasurer Waleed Kanoo, board member Yaqoob Al Awadhi, and CEO Dr Abdulla Al Sada.



The Bahrain Chapter of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (BCICAI) recently conducted a seminar on "Where to Invest in 2023" at the Crowne Plaza, Bahrain. The session was taken by Sanjay Guglani, founder Silverdale Group, who delved into why 2023 shall be "The Year of the Bonds" and how to capitalise on it. The Chief Guest for the event was past president of ICAI CA Atul Gupta. The seminar concluded with a Q & A session by the members of the fraternity who attended the seminar



News in brief

Belarus leader hails China ties ahead of Xi meeting

◆ Belarusian President Alexander Lukashenko yesterday



hailed his country's ties with Beijing ahead of a closely watched meeting with his Chinese counterpart Xi Jinping. The state visit to the Chinese capital by Lukashenko -- a staunch ally of Russian President Vladimir Putin -- comes after Beijing laid out a position of ostensible neutrality on the year-long war in Ukraine. China has been criticised by Western countries for failing to condemn Moscow's invasion of its European neighbour, and has reacted furiously to recent claims by the United States and NATO that it may be contemplating arms transfers to Russia.

◆ UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres was in Iraq yesterday for talks with senior officials in a show of "solidarity" after a drawn-out political crisis. The UN chief's visit, his first to Iraq in six years, comes as the war-torn country prepares to mark the 20th anniversary of the toppling of longtime dictator Saddam Hussein in a US-led invasion. Guterres said he wanted to demonstrate "solidarity with the people and the democratic institutions of Iraq and a solidarity that means that the United Nations is totally committed to support the consolidation of the institutions in this country".

UN chief on 'solidarity' visit to Iraq



Mexican troops probed over killing of five civilians

◆ The Mexican attorney general's office has opened an investigation into the deaths



of five men, including a US citizen, who were allegedly killed by soldiers near the US border, authorities said. The defence ministry said in a statement it was working with investigators to clarify the events that occurred early Sunday in the border city of Nuevo Laredo. According to a complaint from the National Human Rights Commission (CNDH), the young men were traveling in a van after leaving a nightclub when they were shot by soldiers. For its part, the defence ministry said the soldiers were carrying out a routine patrol when they heard gunshots. The van accelerated as the soldiers approached, the army statement added.

CURIOSER & CURIOSER

Airline websites swamped as Hong Kong ticket giveaway takes off



Cathay Pacific airplanes are pictured at the Hong Kong International Airport  
AFP | Hong Kong

People hoping to take advantage of a Hong Kong scheme to give away half a million free airline tickets faced hours-long online queues yesterday, as the Asian financial hub bids to woo tourists back.

The city last month launched a campaign to reboot its reputation as "Asia's world city", after years of strict pandemic-related travel restrictions and a crackdown on sometimes violent pro-democracy protests.

Yesterday, Hong Kong became one of the last places in the world to drop its outdoor mask mandate, which city leader John Lee said was a sign that it was "resuming normalcy".

Tourism once comprised nearly five percent of the city's economy, but visitor figures plunged last year to 600,000 -- less than one percent of 2018 levels.

Hong Kong-based carriers Cathay Pacific and Hong Kong Airlines were the first companies to launch the government-backed "Hello,



Hong Kong once had one of the globe's busiest and best-connected airports, but travel came to a virtual standstill when the city imposed strict travel restrictions and quarantine requirements as part of China's zero-Covid doctrine

Hong Kong" ticket giveaway, which will roll out over several months.

Social media users complained of long online queues to register, and an AFP reporter encountered wait times of more than two hours on the Cathay Pacific website. More than 55,000 users were waiting to access the offer, according to the reporter.

US's Blinken says no plans to meet Russia, China at G20

AFP | New Delhi

Top US diplomat Antony Blinken said yesterday he had no plans to meet his Russian or Chinese counterparts at a G20 foreign ministers' meeting, as Ukraine and China tensions overshadow attempts by host India to forge unity among the world's biggest economies.

The gathering in New Delhi on Thursday will be the first time US Secretary of State Blinken and Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov have been in the same room since a G20 meeting in Bali last July.

"If Russia... were genuinely prepared to engage in meaningful diplomacy necessary to end the aggression, of course we'd be the first to work to engage, but there's zero evidence of that," Blinken told reporters ahead of his arrival yesterday in Delhi.

A meeting of G20 finance ministers in Bengaluru last week failed to agree on a common statement after Beijing and Moscow sought to water down language on Russia's war with Ukraine.

But Washington was optimistic this week's summit would produce a declaration reflecting "the majority, if not the overwhelming majority of the G20 continuing to stand against Russia's war", a senior State Department official said.

Lavrov arrived late Tuesday in India -- which has not condemned the war -- and will use



US Secretary of State Antony Blinken speaks during a press conference

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ANTONY BLINKEN

his G20 attendance to lay into Western countries, according to the Russian foreign ministry.

The West wants to "take revenge for the inevitable disappearance of the levers of dominance from its hands", the ministry's English-language statement said.

"The destructive policy of the US and its allies has already put the world on the brink of a disaster," it added.

The US secretary of state also

said he had no plans to meet Chinese foreign minister Qin Gang on the sidelines of the two-day G20 gathering.

Blinken had a fiery encounter with top Chinese diplomat Wang Yi last month in Germany after the United States shot down a suspected Chinese spy balloon over its east coast on February 4.

The incident led Blinken to nix a rare trip to China, slamming the "unacceptable violation of US sovereignty and international law" which "must never again occur", the State Department said.

Beijing, which has also been angered by Washington's stance on Taiwan, denies it uses spy balloons and says the craft was for weather research.

Wang "urged the US side to change course, acknowledge and repair the damage that its excessive use of force caused to China-US relations", state news agency Xinhua reported.

China says 'lab leak' claims hurt US credibility

AFP | Beijing

Beijing accused Washington yesterday of harming its own credibility after a top US intelligence official said his agency believed the pandemic "most likely" caused by a laboratory incident in Wuhan, China.

FBI Director Christopher Wray told Fox News on Tuesday that the Bureau has now assessed the source of Covid-19 was "most likely a potential lab incident in Wuhan."

Chinese officials have angrily denied the claim, calling it a

smear campaign against Beijing.

"The United States once again stirs up the laboratory leak theory, which will not discredit China, which will further lower its own credibility," foreign ministry spokesperson Mao Ning told a regular briefing yesterday.

Wray's comments come after a report earlier this week said the US Department of Energy had determined that a leak from a Chinese lab was the most likely cause of the Covid-19 outbreak.



A laboratory technician processes samples from people to be tested for coronavirus in Wuhan, China (file photo)

Pope scraps free flats for cardinals

AFP | Vatican City

Catholic cardinals will no longer enjoy free Vatican apartments under a rule change ordered by Pope Francis to save money, Vatican News reported on Wednesday.

The pontiff said the current economic climate required "sacrifice" as he also ordered an end to discounted rents enjoyed by top Vatican officials.

The decision was taken "to meet the growing commitments" of the Catholic Church "in an economic context of particular gravity, such as the current one", according to a papal note cited by the Vatican's official news outlet.



Pope Francis waves from the window of the apostolic palace

Francis urged the need "for everyone to make an extraordinary sacrifice to allocate more resources to the mission of the Holy See, also by increasing revenue from the management

of the real estate patrimony".

The Vatican did not publish the note, nor did it respond to AFP requests for confirmation.

Existing rental contracts will be honoured but from then on the Church institutions that own the properties must apply the same rates as those charged to people with no connection to the Vatican, Vatican News said.

It did not say when the measure would come into effect, only that it was agreed after a meeting the pope had with the head of the Vatican's economy department on February 13.

The Vatican's real estate empire is vast, including buildings from Rome to Paris, London and Geneva.

Head-on

Greek transport minister

● Rescue effort under way after passenger train carrying 350 people collided with a cargo train

● Station master arrested

AFP | Athens

A head-on collision between two trains in Greece killed 36 people, with many more still missing yesterday after the accident on a route plagued by years of safety warnings.

In Greece's worst train tragedy in decades, two carriages were crushed and a third engulfed in fire when a passenger train and freight train collided in the central city of Larissa.

At least 85 people were injured in the accident, which left a tangled mess of metal and shattered glass in a field. Six of them are in intensive care.

"I've never seen anything like this in my entire life," said one rescue worker, emerging from the wreckage. "It's tragic. Five hours later, we are finding bodies."

In some cases, passengers are being identified from body parts, volunteer fireman Vassilis Iliopoulos told Skai TV, warning that the death toll would rise.

Erdogan says elections May 14 despite T



Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan stands with other officials in the hard-hit southeastern province of Hatay (file photo)  
AFP | Istanbul

President Recep Tayyip Erdogan yesterday ruled out any delay in elections after the devastating quake that killed tens of thousands in Turkey, saying the vote would push ahead on May 14 as planned.

After the massive 7.8-magnitude quake that killed more than 45,000 people in Turkey, speculation mounted on whether the polls -- which could keep Erdogan's Islamic-rooted government in power until 2028 -- would be able to proceed.

Last month, Erdogan declared a three-month state of emergency across 11 quake-hit provinces, and the region is still suffering from strong tremors that make the likelihood of campaigning in the area extremely unlikely.

But Erdogan told his ruling party lawmakers in the Ankara parliament that "(Turkish) people will



1791

Long-distance communication speeds up with the unveiling of a semaphore machine in Paris

1796

Napoléon Bonaparte is appointed Commander-in-Chief of the French Army in Italy



1888

The Convention of Constantinople signed, guaranteeing free maritime passage through the Suez Canal during war and peace

1946

Ho Chi Minh elected President of North Vietnam

1970

White government of Rhodesia declares itself a republic

# Train crash kills dozens in Greece

Transport minister resigns after train crash kills at least 36 near central city of Larissa



Police and emergency crews search the debris of a crushed wagon after a train accident in the Tempi Valley near Larissa, Greece

"It was the train of terror," Pavlos Aslanidis, whose son is missing along with a friend, told reporters. Greece's transport minister submitted his resignation just hours after the accident. "When something so tragic happens, we cannot continue as if nothing had happened," Kostas Karamanlis said in a public statement.

## Years of safety concerns

The passenger train, carrying over 350 people, had been travelling from the capital Athens to the northern city of Thessaloniki.

The 59-year-old station master of Larissa was arrested several hours after the accident and charged with negligent homicide. Government spokesman Yiannis Economou said the two trains were left running on the same track for "several kilometres."

But train unionists said the station master was likely a scapegoat as the safety shortcomings of the Athens-Thessaloniki railway line had been known for years.

In an open letter in February, train staff said track safety systems were incomplete and poorly maintained. A safety supervisor had re-

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KOSTAS KARAMANLIS, MINISTER OF INFRASTRUCTURE AND TRANSPORT

signed last year, warning that infrastructure upgrades pending since 2016 were incomplete and that train speeds of up to 200 kilometres an hour were unsafe.

"We will do whatever we can so that nothing like this ever happens again," Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis, who was expected to announce an early election date next week, said at the scene.

## 'Complete panic'

Health Minister Thanos Plevris said most passengers were "young people", with the train carrying many students returning to Thessaloniki after a long holiday weekend.

"It was a nightmare... I'm still shaking," 22-year-old passenger Angelos said.

"Fortunately we were in the penultimate car and we got out alive. There was a fire in the first cars and complete panic."

"The collision was like a huge earthquake."

"I was stained with blood from

**YOU KNOW WHAT**

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other people who were injured near me," a passenger named Lazos told the newspaper Proto Thema.

Some 150 firefighters and 40 ambulances were mobilised for the response, according to Greek emergency services.

Crews were still struggling to lift one of the smashed carriages, lying on its side, to enable a search inside, Iliopoulos said.

"My thoughts are with the people in Greece this morning," tweeted the head of the European

Council, Charles Michel.

"Shocked by the news and images of the collision of the two trains," he added.

Neighbouring Albania, Italy, Serbia and Turkey were among states to send condolences, as did France, Russia, Ukraine, Germany, and the Vatican.

Nicosia said two Cypriots were among the missing.

## 'Windows exploded'

On the local media site Onlarissa, a young woman said that the train "was stopped for a few minutes when we heard a deafening noise".

Another passenger told Skai TV that "the windows suddenly exploded. People were screaming."

"Fortunately, we were able to open the doors and escape fairly quickly. In other wagons, they did not manage to get out, and one wagon even caught fire," he added.

The president of the train drivers' union Kostas Genidounias told AFP from the scene that the accident "would have been avoided if the safety systems were working".

An emergency government meeting was organised after the crash and military hospitals in Thessaloniki and Athens have been put on standby.

Authorities have declared three days of national mourning.

## Rescue operations to be held in Turkey after earthquake



Rescue workers with rescue workers as he visits the site (file photo)

**There were shortcomings, disruptions and delays but we... rushed to help earthquake survivors with all our might. We are not hiding behind excuses**

RECEP TAYYIP ERDOGAN

do what is necessary on May 14."

A delegation from Turkey's Higher Election Board started a mission on Monday to the quake zone to report on the voters' situation and election security.

Erdogan's government has come under fire for failing to deploy sufficient humanitarian aid and relief teams in several locations in the days following the earthquake.

Survivors in several provinces told AFP they had to pull out people with their bare hands, and complained of the absence of help in initial days.

## Nigeria ruling party candidate Tinubu wins presidency in disputed election

AFP | Lagos

Ruling party candidate Bola Tinubu won Nigeria's highly disputed weekend election yesterday, securing the former Lagos governor his lifelong ambition of the presidency of Africa's most populous democracy.

With President Muhammadu Buhari stepping down after two terms, many Nigerians hoped Saturday's vote would usher in a leader capable of tackling the country's widening insecurity, economic malaise and growing poverty.

Tinubu, candidate for All Pro-



All Progressives Congress presidential candidate Bola Tinubu (C-L) and his wife Oluremi Tinubu (C-R) arrive to vote at a polling station in Lagos (file photo)

gressives Congress (APC) party, won 8.8 million votes against 6.9 million for opposition Peoples

**This is a serious mandate -- I hereby accept it. To serve you... To work with you and make Nigeria great**

BOLA TINUBU

Obi, according to final results.

The Independent National Electoral Commission, or INEC, confirmed Tinubu as president-elect after he also secured the required 25 percent of votes in two-thirds of Nigeria's 36 states and capital.

## Britain's Prince Harry loses home on royal estate: reports

AFP | London

Prince Harry and his wife Meghan are being evicted from their home on the British royal family's Windsor estate, leaving them without a UK base, reports said yesterday.

Frogmore Cottage, which they refurbished at a reported cost of £2.4 million (\$2.9 million), had been a wedding present from the late Queen Elizabeth II in 2018.

It has now been offered to Prince Andrew, King Charles III's disgraced brother, reports in the The Sun and Daily Telegraph said.

Harry and Meghan, also known as the Duke and Duchess of Sussex, were reportedly told to vacate the property in January just days after the pub-



Britain's Prince Harry, Duke of Sussex and Meghan, Duchess of Sussex arrive to attend a roundtable discussion at Windsor Castle (file photo)

lication of the prince's tell-all memoir "Spare".

Charles, who has long favoured a slimmed down monarchy, is currently undertaking an overhaul of funding.

A possible axing of Andrew's £250,000-a-year grant could see

him forced out of his current residence, the 30-room Royal Lodge, also on the Windsor estate, due to its massive upkeep costs.

Harry and Meghan moved to California in 2020 after dramatically quitting royal life.

**YOU KNOW WHAT**

Harry and Meghan were reportedly told to vacate the property in January just days after the publication of the prince's tell-all memoir "Spare"

Since then, they have taken part in a string of projects -- from an interview with Oprah Winfrey to a Netflix documentary -- airing grievances about their experiences as members of the British royal family.



TOP  
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TWEETS

01



Just concluded a very productive meeting with @mohamedshia, Prime Minister of Iraq. As I told him, I am here to underscore the commitment of the @UN to support Iraq in advancing peace, human rights, and sustainable development for all Iraqis.

@antonioгутerres

02



My thoughts are with the people of Greece after the terrible train accident that claimed so many lives last night near Larissa. The whole of Europe is mourning with you. I also wish for a speedy recovery for all the injured.

@vonderleyen

03



We've spurred the most equitable recovery in history, with Black unemployment near record lows. Now we're building an economy that's stronger, more resilient, and benefits all Americans.

@POTUS

04



Periodic reminder to try using Twitter Lists. Will greatly improve your experience.

@elonmusk

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# CAMPUS

## RCSI Bahrain certified as “Healthy University” by WHO EMRO

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Professor Sameer Ootom, President of the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland – Medical University of Bahrain (RCSI Bahrain) was honoured to receive the World Health Organization for the Eastern Mediterranean Regional Office (WHO EMRO) “Healthy University” certification from Dr Ahmed Salim Al-Mandhari, WHO Regional Director for the Eastern Mediterranean, at an event held yesterday in the presence of Dr Jaleela bint ALSayed Jawad Hasan, Minister of Health, Dr Shaikha Rana Bint Isa Bin Duaij Al Khalifa, Secretary General of the Higher Education Council and Deputy Chairperson of the Higher Education Council Board of Trustees, and senior executive members of RCSI Bahrain.

Professor Sameer Ootom, President of RCSI Bahrain, commented on the announcement: “We are very pleased with the “Healthy University” certification from WHO EMRO, which



Professor Sameer Ootom, President of RCSI Bahrain receives the certification from Dr Ahmed Salim Al-Mandhari in the presence of other dignitaries

is a testament to our continuing efforts to positively impact the health and wellbeing of our students and staff and our commitment to supporting Bahrain’s 2030 Vision through various sustainable initiatives for the benefit of the people of Bahrain.

“RCSI Bahrain extends its gratitude to Her Excellency Dr Jaleela bint ALSayed Jawad Hasan, Minister of Health, Her Excellency Dr Shaikha Rana Bint Isa Bin Duaij Al Khalifa, Secretary General of the Higher Education Council and Deputy

Chairperson of the Higher Education Council Board of Trustees and Dr Tasnim Atarah, WHO Representative and Head of Bahrain Office, for their support of developing healthy academic institutions in Bahrain.”

In a statement, the university said that they are proud to be continually working towards a more environmentally sustainable campus and promoting good health and well-being, by implementing solar farm project and various health-related com-

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SAMEER OTOOM, PRESIDENT OF RCSI BAHRAIN

munity engagement activities, such as educating the children of Bahrain on healthy eating and its correlation to diabetes prevention through our Diabetes Mobile Unit.



### Quality Education School student wins top honours in Cambridge IGCSE in the world

Quality Education School Student, Masooma Ebrahim Mohamed Abedali Khair of Grade 11, achieves highest mark in the world for Cambridge IGCSE Mathematics under Outstanding Cambridge Learner Awards. This prestigious award is given in recognition of their outstanding performance in the June / 2022 Cambridge examination series. School Principal, Dr. Ravi Warriar, said that the award recognized the talent, dedication and commitment of both learners and staff. ‘This is a proud moment for Quality Education School as well as for the Kingdom of Bahrain,’ he said. ‘It is extremely rewarding to congratulate Masooma and her teachers at Quality Education School, who have worked so hard to achieve tremendous success in Cambridge examinations’



### Al Noor students triumph in Cambridge examinations



Al Noor International School made history when two of their students topped the world in their Cambridge examinations. Maryam Mahmoud Fouad Ahmed Mansour from Al Noor International School gained the highest marks in the world for Cambridge IGCSE Arabic First Language and Cambridge IGCSE Information and Communications Technology. Alaa Ashraf Helmy Mohamed Abdelwahab also from Al Noor International School gained the highest marks in the world for Cambridge AS Level English. While this isn’t the first time that Al Noor International School students have scored the highest marks in the world, it is the first time that two students in the same academic year have achieved this remarkable outcome and the first time that one student has achieved it in two subjects. The school founder and Chairman Ali Hassan congratulated the students and their teachers on the occasion

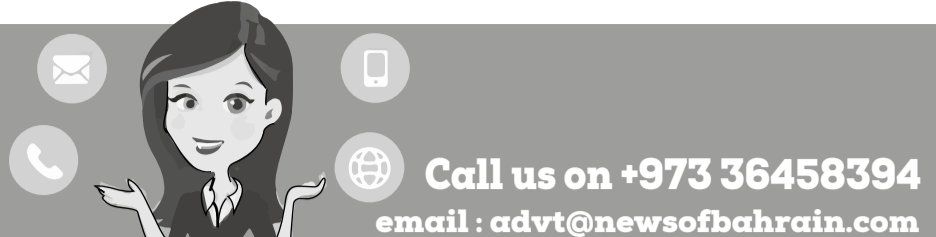


### BSB International Family Fair 2023

The British School of Bahrain (BSB) celebrated its largest International Family Fair (IFF) ever. The annual event was another opportunity to showcase and celebrate the different cultures that make up the communities within Bahrain. The fair was a fun-filled day for families, with activities including cultural experiences organised by BSB parents, games, raffle prizes, live cultural performances, local market stalls, and food trucks. Almost 4000 people came from across the country to join in celebrations of culture and community and in doing so raise funds for the Syria and Turkey Earthquake appeals. Over 30 countries took a stall at the fair, which allowed them to showcase their cultures, cuisines and heritage to all of the visitors



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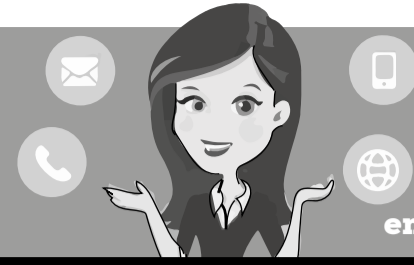
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## Courteney Cox reunites with 'Friends' co-stars Jennifer Aniston, Lisa Kudrow

IAN S | Los Angeles

There was a special 'Friends' reunion recently as Courteney Cox was honoured with a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame, which was unveiled by her co-stars.

Jennifer Aniston and Lisa Kudrow were among the speakers at the ceremony as they came together to pay tribute to 58-year-old Courteney, reports Mirror.co.uk.

The actress was hailed as a "really good human and an extraordinary friend" and credited with creating "one of the closest, most loving and supportive casts in the history of television" during her time on 'Friends'.

Speaking at the ceremony, Jennifer, 54, said, quoted by Mirror.co.uk: "We're very honoured to be here today to speak on your behalf as your co-workers, your friends, your family, your sisters."

She added: "To be friends with Courteney is to be family



Jennifer Aniston, Courteney Cox, and Lisa Kudrow pose for a photo with Cox's newly unveiled Hollywood Walk of Fame star

with Courteney and she is responsible for all of that."

"(Courteney) instilled into all of us, into our DNA, to support each other and to love one another, and that actors need to support and love one another,

not compete with one another. Those wise, wise words have stayed with me - I learned them as a young 20-something-year-old actor and that really set me on my path as a young woman and being able to create rela-

**"I have some pretty loyal friends... Yes, it is a horribly rainy day, but I'm lucky to have great friends and I'm not surprised they all showed up, but it just is very sweet to see them. [This star] just means that, you know, I made it. It just means that... I'll be here forever and that feels really good and sad at the same time**

COURTENEY COX

tionships that I cherish to this very day," Jennifer added.

59-year-old Lisa then said: "I really believe that it was that, and Courteney doing that, that really set us up to become one of the closest, most loving and supportive casts in, I'll say it, the history of television."

## I feel like a lioness, says Shakira

Celebretainment | Los Angeles

Shakira has "more confidence" in herself since splitting from Gerard Pique.

The 46-year-old singer split from the former soccer star in 2022, and Shakira admits that their break-up has changed her outlook entirely.

The chart-topping star told Canal Estrellas in Mexico: "I bought that story, that a woman needed a man to complete herself. I also had that dream of a family where the children had a mom and dad under the same roof.

"You don't achieve all your dreams in life but life has a way of compensating you and I think life has cer-

tainly done it with me with the marvellous two children I have who fill me with love every day.

"I've always been emotionally quite dependant on men, I've fallen in love with love, and I think I've been able to understand that story from another perspective and today I am sufficient on my own."

The 'Hips Don't Lie' hitmaker feels "stronger than a lioness" since her split from Gerard, 36.

Shakira - who has Sasha, eight, and Milan, ten, with the retired soccer star - said: "Paradoxically, I feel complete because I depend on myself and I have two children who depend on me and that means I have to be stronger than a lioness.

Shakira



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**Yesterday's solution**

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**Yesterday's solution**

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# Loeb sends out title warning

Sebastien Loeb keeps Bahrain Raid Xtreme in championship hunt as stage ends in drama

● **Loeb finishes second in the third stage**

TDI | Manama

Sebastien Loeb delivered a powerful reminder yesterday that he will battle Nasser Al Attiyah all the way in the World Rally-Raid Championship as the Qatari's bid for a fourth victory in the Abu Dhabi Desert Challenge was threatened by a dramatic crash.

Loeb and co-driver Fabian Lurquin in the Bahrain Raid Xtreme Prodrive Hunter were second fastest on the day to Al Attiyah, who finished the 266 km third stage with the rear bodywork, roof and windscreen



Sebastien Loeb and Fabian Lurquin in their Bahrain Raid Xtreme Prodrive Hunter



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ripped off his Toyota. At that point, the defending

champion held a 27 mins 3 secs overall lead from Saudi Arabia's Yazeed Al Rajhi in another Toyota, but his mechanics faced a major task to get his car to the start of tomorrow's penultimate stage.

Just 48 hours earlier, Loeb's BRX technicians had kept the nine-time World Rally Champion in the Desert Challenge by fitting a new engine to the BRX Prodrive Hunter in record time.

After he bounced back with the second fastest time on Tuesday, Loeb later suffered a 15 minute penalty for missing a waypoint through a digital road book failure.

Quickly shrugging off that setback, he kept up the hunt for world championship points yesterday, clocking a time within

48 seconds of Al Attiyah, who recovered to complete the stage after his accident in the last few kilometres.

Martin Prokop lies third overall in his Ford Raptor, with Denis Krotov in a Mini, Seth Quintero in a CAN-AM Maverick X3 and the Toyota of Argentinian Juan Yacopini completing the top six.

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Yesterday brought another reminder, although the Frenchman is certainly due a trouble-free run through the last two days, based on his misfortunes of the first two long desert stages.

## Sitra claim crucial win over Hidd in football league

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Sitra posted a crucial 2-0 victory over Hidd last night to kick off week 15 in the 2022/2023 Nasser bin Hamad Bahrain Premier Football League.

Meanwhile, current league leaders Manama were held to a 1-1 stalemate by defending champions in last night's other fixture.

The two matches were played simultaneously at separate venues.

In Sitra's win, Barfo Ernest and Seydina Laye Dabo were on target for the victors.

Ernest opened the scoring in the third minute of play with a header from close range. Sitra held on to their single-goal advantage for the remainder of regular time until they were awarded a penalty in the first minute of second-half stoppage time, when Osama Yahya was brought down in the box by Hidd's Sayed Mohammed Adnan. Dabo stepped up to take



Manama's Mohammed Nabeel looks to keep possession of the ball against Riffa's Mohammed Al Rumaihi

the spot kick and he made no mistake with his effort. With the result, Sitra claimed

their seventh win as they improved to 27 points to go second on the league table. Hidd suf-

### Standings

Team	P	W	D	L	+/-	Pts
Manama	15	8	4	3	14	28
Sitra	15	7	6	2	8	27
Al Khaldiya	14	7	3	4	9	24
Muharraq	14	6	6	2	9	24
Riffa	15	7	4	4	7	25
Al Ahli	14	5	5	4	0	20
Hidd	15	5	4	6	-8	19
Al Hala	14	4	6	4	0	18
East Riffa	14	3	6	5	-4	15
Al Shabab	14	4	2	8	-4	14
Bahrain Club	14	3	4	7	-5	13
Budaiya	14	1	2	11	-26	5

fered their sixth loss and stayed on 19 points.

Meanwhile, Mohammed Kamel and Sayed Hashem Issa were on target for their respective sides in Manama's draw with Riffa.

Kamel opened the scoring in the 34th minute for Manama, but then Issa was able to net a late equaliser in the 88th minute for Riffa.

Manama stayed in solo first

place after rising to 28 points, while Riffa improved to 25 markers on the standings.

League action continues tonight and tomorrow. This evening, Budaiya take on Al Shabab while Al Khaldiya face off with Al Ahli, both at 6.30pm.

Tomorrow, East Riffa play Bahrain Club and Muharraq lock horns with Al Hala. Each match is also scheduled for 6.30pm kick-offs.

## World Cup finals record goal-scorer Just Fontaine dies



Just Fontaine

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Just Fontaine, the all-time top scorer in a single World Cup finals with 13 goals, has died aged 89, his family told AFP on Wednesday.

Fontaine achieved the record in the 1958 finals in Sweden where France reached the semi-finals for the first time in their history, losing to Pele's Brazil.

## ISB wins overall championship in Bahrain Athletic Meet



The Indian School Bahrain (ISB) has bagged the Overall Championship in the Athletic Meet organized by Bahrain School and Collegiate Athletic Association by winning 16 medals. The Indian School athletic team emerged victorious in the meet organized by the Association on 24 and 25 February at the National Stadium. The ISB performed remarkably well in the intermediate level bagging a total of 16 medals and winning the overall championship in the Intermediate Category. ISB Chairman Prince S Natarajan, Secretary Saji Antony, EC Member-Sports Rajesh MN and Principal VR Palaniswamy highly praised the students, Head of the Department Saikat Sarkar, Athletic M.O Benny and all the Physical Education teachers for making the institution proud and appreciated them for keeping up the school's commitment to excellence



# A truly global event

Formula 1 Gulf Air Bahrain Grand Prix 2023 weekend to feature drivers flying the flags of 33 nations

● Competitors coming from five continents including Europe, North America, South America, Australia and Asia

● Bahrain flag to be flown this weekend by Shaikh Salman bin Rashid Al Khalifa in Porsche Sprint Challenge ME

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The elite of international motorsport have descended upon the Kingdom of Bahrain for the sold-out Formula 1 Gulf Air Bahrain Grand Prix 2023, with drivers flying the flags of no less than 33 nations from across five continents.

This weekend's F1 spectacle is set to be a truly global event as nearly 90 racers are set to hit the track at "The Home of Motorsport in the Middle East" from Friday to Sunday.

F1 boasts 20 of the world's biggest motor racing superstars, while there will be 22 competing in the FIA Formula 2 Championship, 29 in the FIA Formula 3



The BIC stage is set for this weekend's events

Championship, and another 18 in the Porsche Sprint Challenge Middle East.

The majority of the drivers are coming from Europe, representing countries including Great Britain, Finland, the Netherlands, France, Spain, Monaco, Denmark, Germany, Norway, Belgium, the Czech Republic, Switzerland, Estonia, Sweden, Italy, Bulgaria and Poland.

North America boasts drivers

from the US, Canada, Mexico and Barbados, while South America sees competitors from Brazil, Argentina and Colombia.

There are also drivers from Australia, while Asia is being represented by contenders from Japan, Thailand, China, India, Israel, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Bahrain.

The host nation is being represented on track by its very own Shaikh Salman bin Rashid Al



The elite of international motorsport have descended upon the Kingdom of Bahrain with nearly 90 drivers from across the globe competing in F1, F2, F3 and the Porsche Sprint Challenge Middle East

Khalifa, a talented racer with many years of experience, who will be competing in the Porsche Sprint Challenge Middle East. Shaikh Salman excelled in the



Shaikh Salman bin Rashid Al Khalifa

British Formula Three Championship earlier in his career and was the 2010/2011 champion of the one-make, BIC-based Porsche series, when it was known as the Porsche GT3 Cup Challenge Middle East.

This season marks Shaikh Salman's return to competitive circuit racing after being away for over eight years.

The F1 Gulf Air Bahrain Grand Prix 2023 opens the new FIA F1 World Championship this weekend and it will be the 19th edition of the world's famous desert F1 race.

Tickets for the race weekend have completely sold out, and fans are in for a treat with three days of top-class motorsport being complemented by plenty of entertaining attractions that include roaming acts, stage shows, carnival rides, kids' activities, and back-to-back concerts featuring A-list artists DJ Snake and Craig David.

For all information, including the weekend timetable and gate opening times, visit bahraingp.com or follow BIC's official social media channels.

## Alpine, Haas looking to continue rise in F1 pecking order

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The 2023 FIA Formula 1 World Championship enters a new campaign this weekend, and teams who exceeded expectations last season have been buoyed by their performances and are ready to go one step further.

Bahrain International Circuit (BIC) hosts the season-opening F1 Gulf Air Bahrain Grand Prix from Friday to Sunday and all eyes will be set on Sakhir for a hugely exciting weekend.

The Alpine pair of Pierre Gasly and Esteban Ocon will hope that their all-French connection can spearhead the team to a top-three finish in the constructors' championship, following an impressive fourth place in 2022. And it all starts with a positive showing at BIC.

"I am very excited to race for the first time with Alpine this weekend in Bahrain," said Gasly, who is in his first year with the French outfit after transferring from AlphaTauri. "Since my first test in December with the team in Abu Dhabi, I've been looking forward to this moment, and now it's almost here.

"All my focus is on preparing well for the race weekend and I'm already eager for my

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KEVIN MAGNUSSEN



Pierre Gasly in his Alpine contender during F1 pre-season testing at BIC last week

I'm definitely confident that we can have a strong race here in Bahrain and the target is to come away with some points in the bag and begin the season in the best way possible

PIERRE GASLY

first qualifying laps in the A523 before we battle on Sunday in the race.

"I know it will take a bit of time to get totally comfortable with the team and the car, but right now, I'm definitely confident that we can have a strong race here in Bahrain and the target is to come away with



Nico Hulkenberg in the Haas garage at the Bahrain tests ahead of the new championship

some points in the bag and begin the season in the best way possible."

Ocon added: "It was a long and busy winter, and we are all keen to get back into racing mode and see what the A523 can achieve on track. We've had the last few days to relax and prepare here in Bahrain following the test, so I feel fresh and ready to begin the 2023 season on a positive note."

Meanwhile, Haas are also looking to continue their steady rise and they too boast a new driver partnership for 2023 with Kevin Magnussen and the returning Nico Hulkenberg.

They will be aiming to build on their eighth-place finish in 2022 and challenge the other squads in the midfield.

"It's the usual suspects at the front but after that there is a big group of teams where it's very difficult to see where you are," said Magnussen. "We know we're in the mix and it's a long season ahead, it's a development race that's going to happen."

Hulkenberg commented: "The midfield has always been tight, and small things make a difference to whether you're at the top end or bottom end and even a good day or bad day can have a huge impact. We just need to make sure we do our homework and here onwards develop our car efficiently and maximize what we have."

## BIC set for F1 Pit Walk tonight, valuable prizes on offer in '10 Every 10' Race Day raffle

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The fan activities at the highly anticipated Formula 1 Gulf Air Bahrain Grand Prix 2023 get underway this evening with the F1 Pit Lane Walk, open to all ticket holders at Bahrain International Circuit (BIC) in Sakhir.

The popular activity gives fans the incredible opportunity to see the top flight's teams and their cars up close while in the F1 pit lane, as they get ready for the biggest weekend of the year from Friday to Sunday at "The Home of Motorsport in the Middle East".

BIC will open its gates for today's pit lane walk at 6pm and close them at 9.30pm. The pit walk will be held from 7pm to 8.30pm. Those interested in attending are advised to get to the circuit early with the large crowd expected.

All those taking part will be able to see the F1 team members hard at work in their garages as they prepare for all the action of the grand prix, which starts Friday morning. Fans will be able to take pictures and, if lucky, spot one of their favourite F1 drivers in their garage, working with their engineers and mechanics.

The pit lane walk is one of the most popular activities of the race weekend each year,



The F1 pit lane at BIC

with thousands turning up to take part.

It is only the first of many exciting fan-engagement activities all weekend long at BIC. Another is an incredible raffle where race-goers will have a chance to win valuable prizes on Race Day Sunday.

All those seated along the 10,500-capacity Main Grandstand will be included in a draw and may come away as one of many lucky winners in BIC's "10 Every 10" raffle.

All they have to do is be in their allotted seats from 4.45pm until the 57-lap night race starts at 6pm. Ten random winners will be announced every 10 minutes during this period, making for plenty of addition-

al excitement amongst those in attendance.

Prizes include high-end mobile phones, tablets, smart watches, headsets, ear buds, gaming consoles, and so much more.

Fans are advised to be in their seats on time as winners will be identified by their seat numbers. They will be announced and located by BIC staff, so they must be in their seat in order to claim their prize.

Race-goers should not miss out on this wonderful opportunity so they must make sure that they are in their Main Grandstand seat for the duration of the raffle. Only those with Main Grandstand tickets can be part of the draw.