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## 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.

## Houthi '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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# Protest over Israel justice reform bill

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.

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