

**Birthday boy Sainz fastest in second Monza practice**

Ferrari's Carlos Sainz shines on his 29th birthday, while Hamilton struggles in practice | P12

Russian airport attacked from own territory, Ukraine says

Britney Spears is 'focusing on herself' after break-up

US manufacturing slump continues into 10th month

**Putin, Erdogan to 'restore' grain deal**

AFP | Moscow

Russian President Vladimir Putin will host his Turkish counterpart Recep Tayyip Erdogan on Monday, the Kremlin said, amid hopes the two can restore a deal ensuring safe passage for grain shipments.

Russia pulled out from the UN-backed grain agreement that Turkey helped broker in July, effectively revoking safe navigation for civilian ships sailing through the Black Sea.

**Palestinian killed by Israeli forces**

AFP | Al Aqaba

Israeli forces yesterday killed a Palestinian in the West Bank, the Palestinian health ministry said, as a surge of deadly violence in the occupied territory shows no signs of abating.

The ministry said Abdul Rahim Fayez Ghannam, 36, was "shot by live occupation (Israeli) fire in the head" in the village of Al-Aqaba in the northern West Bank.

**Singapore ex-deputy PM elected president**

AFP | Singapore

Singapore's former deputy prime minister Tharman Shanmugaratnam was elected president yesterday, comfortably securing victory in the city-state's first contested vote for the largely ceremonial position in more than a decade.

Singaporeans headed to the polls that were closely watched as an indication of support for the ruling party after a rare spate of scandals, but the longtime stalwart of the party won more than two-thirds of the vote over two rivals.

**Proud Boys leaders jailed for 17 years**

Washington

Two former Proud Boys leaders who had been convicted of seditious conspiracy for their actions during the Jan. 6 assault on the US Capitol were sentenced to 17 years in prison.

# Ban on 'nuisance'

Parisians bid farewell to rentable electric scooters as prohibition takes effect

**Paris becomes first European capital to outlaw e-scooters**

AFP | Paris

Parisians woke up yesterday to a world without free-floating rented electric scooters, loathed as a pedestrian-bothering nuisance by some but mourned by others.

The French capital is the first in Europe to completely ban the hire scooters from its streets, after voters overwhelmingly elected to remove them in an April referendum - albeit on a tiny turnout of 7.5 percent.

Yesterday puts an end to five years of seeing users zip through crowds of pedestrians or park awkwardly on pavements and at intersections, as well as a string of accidents.

Paris mayor Anne Hidalgo had herself campaigned against scooters, saying removing them would reduce "nuisance".

"It makes me sad, because I liked so much to be able to get around like that, go wherever



An employee loads electric scooters in a van in Paris. (AFP)

without the stress of using a car, getting stuck in traffic jams," scooter user Valerie Rinckel said a few days before the ban came into force.

But another customer, Anass Eloula, said that "it's safer to stop now and get back to bikes, or for people to take the bus or public transport".

David Belliard, deputy Paris mayor in charge of urban mobil-

ity, told reporters on Thursday that the case against the rental scooters was overwhelming despite efforts by operators to address problems.

"There was some progress, but the bottom line is still negative," he said. "The anarchy was quite unbearable."

Operators Lime, Tier and Dott have been gradually removing their 15,000 machines

from public streets, planning to send them off to other cities in Europe and beyond after repair and maintenance work.

Some will even remain in the wider Ile-de-France region around Paris, with Tier offering service in suburbs like Marne-la-Vallée and Saint-Germain-en-Laye.

"We've turned the page on scooters" for the whole Paris

region, said Xavier Mirailles, Lime's public affairs director.

The Californian firm will send its scooters to Lille in northern France, London, Copenhagen and several German cities, while Dott's will go to Belgium and Tel Aviv.

Instead of scooters, the firms hope customers will switch to floating hire bicycles, which all of them already have on offer.



In a referendum in April, the Parisians voted to ban the battery-powered scooters, confirming that many regarded them as an unbearable nuisance.

# Ukraine offensive makes 'notable progress'

AFP | Washington

Ukraine's forces in recent days have made "notable progress" against Russian troops in their southern offensive, the White House said yesterday.

Asked about criticism that Kyiv's southern campaign against

occupying Russian forces has not advanced much in three months, White House national security spokesman John Kirby conceded that the fight has gone slower than Ukraine itself had hoped.

"That said, we have noted

over the last 72 hours or so some notable progress by Ukrainian armed forces on that southern line," Kirby told reporters.

"They have achieved some success against that second line of Russian defenses," he said.

In recent days, Western bat-

tlefield analyses have shown Ukrainian forces penetrating Russian lines for several kilometers (miles) between Robotyne and Verbove in the Zaporizhzhia region.

Kyiv's aim is to advance directly south to the Sea of Azov,

cutting off Russian land access to occupied Crimea.

But Russian forces have established long and deep barriers across the terrain, including tank traps, minefields and other defenses, to slow Ukraine's advance.

**Five Asians die in car-truck collision**



Five Asians were killed yesterday evening as a result of a collision between their car and a cleaning company's truck near the Aali area on Shaikh Khalifa bin Salman Street. An Asian man driving a Nissan with four passengers collided with the truck from behind.

**A brewing debate**



A young woman, centre, wears an Abaya as she stands on a street in Nantes, western France. The French government's decision to ban schoolgirls wearing abayas - long, flowing dresses of Middle Eastern origin - has opened a fresh debate about the country's secular laws and the treatment of Muslim minorities. (AFP)



## HM King, HRH Prince Salman greet Vietnam



HM the King

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, yesterday sent cables of congratulations to the President of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam,

HRH Prince Salman

Vo Van Thuong, on his country's Independence Day.

HM the King and HRH Prince Salman wished President Thuong abundant health and happiness and the friendly Vietnamese people further progress and prosperity.

His Royal Highness sent a similar cable to Prime Minister Pham Minh Chinh.

## Gulf talks on future of economic and development fields

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Dr. Khaled Fahad Al Alawi, Assistant Undersecretary for Industry Development at the Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Tourism, participated in the fourth seminar of the Future Foresight in the Economic and Development Fields, held in Riyadh from August 29-31.

Present were Jassim Al Budaiwi, GCC General Secretariat Secretary-General, and 85 par-



Dr. Al Alawi speaks at the event

ticipants from 32 ministries, institutions, government agencies, research centers, universities, private sector, and chambers of commerce in the region.

In the working paper, Dr. Al Alawi affirmed the determination of the government of the Kingdom of Bahrain to develop the promising sectors, one of which is the industrial sector, in addition to promoting Gulf products in regional and global platforms.

The fourth panel discussion to explore future prospects for the joint Gulf economic and development integration reviewed 18 working papers specialised in foreseeing the future submitted by the participating entities.



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## Royal visions to develop media sector

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The new private radio stations building at the Ministry of Information is an exceptional addition that reflects the visions of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and implements the directives of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, to launch creative media projects.

Radio Bahrain Director Younis Salman Al Ghais expressed his

gratitude to HRH Prince Salman for his visit to the Ministry of Information and inauguration of the main studio at the News Centre and the private radio stations building, coinciding with the 50th anniversary of the beginning of television broadcasting.

He praised HRH's support for the national media, given the fact that it is as an active partner in backing the government's development efforts.

According to the director, the new studios are designed to provide an

integrated broadcasting system, including high-quality broadcasting studios, high-tech equipment and services as well as administrative offices.

The new building is over 1000 square metres and is equipped with the latest electric power systems that provide sustainable power supply. It has six radio studios and a control room that is linked to the main control room of the ministry. The building also includes 18 offices and a conference room.

# Financial sector key to achieving SDGs

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A roundtable discussion was held focusing on the financial sector's involvement in exploring innovative financial tools to accelerate the attainment of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The Central Bank of Bahrain (CBB), in cooperation with the Ministry of Social Development, organised the panel discussion for the financial sector and listed companies.

The session stressed the importance of implementing national plans and programmes aimed at reaching zero neutrality by 2060, within targeted Financial Services Sector Development Strategy (2022-2026), and the 2030 Bahrain Economic Vision.

"We are pleased to cooperate with the Ministry of Sustainable Development to host this discussion session, which aims to highlight Bahrain's efforts and programmes towards achieving carbon neutrality by 2060," said CBB Governor Rasheed Mohammed Al Maraj, welcoming chief executives of listed companies, insurance firms, banks and investment companies.

This roundtable is part of a series of discussions with the financial sector to explore solutions that meet environmental, social, and governance (ESG) standards.

It is also one of the CBB initiatives aimed at enhancing the sector's resilience and efforts to provide financing that is com-



Sustainable Development Minister Noor bint Ali Al Khulaif speaks at the event



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- NOOR BINT ALI AL KHULAIF, SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT MINISTER

patible with green requirements in accordance with relevant international best practices.

### Challenges

Addressing the session, Sustainable Development Minister Noor bint Ali Al Khulaif stressed the importance of tackling social, environmental and other challenges to support efforts to achieve sustainable development.

She noted the need to stimulate the financial sector to innovate in designing instruments, which will contribute to strengthening financial sector in order to continue playing a leading role in the region, and bolster Bahrain's standing as an incubator destination for various fields of financial technology.

The ministry stressed the importance of enhancing the sector's flexibility and response to

any challenges, commending its pivotal role, within the economic recovery plan.

The minister indicated that the roundtable discussion is Bahrain's preparations to participate in the summit on sustainable development goals, which will be held at the United Nations in New York this September, on the sidelines of the UN General Assembly meetings.

### International practices

International Monetary Fund (IMF) Executive Director for the Arab Group and the Maldives, UN Special Envoy for Financing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development Dr. Mahmoud Mohieldin highlighted the best international practices and trends towards environmental, social and corporate governance (ESG) standards.

"The drivers of climate action and transformation require the availability of fair and appropriate financing, the implementation of technological solutions, and changing ideas and policies among all actors", he said in a presentation.

"These tools are key to achieving the sustainable development goals as a whole, including the goal of confronting climate change", he pointed out

Bank ABC Group Chief Executive ael Al Waary, Alba CEO Ali Albaqali, BEYON Chief Communication and Sustainability Officer Shaikh Bader bin Rashid Al Khalifa also took part in the roundtable sessions.

## Bahrain attends Tatarstan oil and gas forum

Kazan

Delegated by His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, Oil and Environment Minister, Special Envoy for Climate Affairs Dr. Mohammed bin Mubarak bin Daina attended the Tatarstan Oil and Gas Conference.

The conference, which was held under the patronage of President of the Russian Republic of Tatarstan Rustam Minnikhanov, was attended by presidents and senior officials to discuss the latest developments in the field of oil and gas and innovative solutions.

Addressing the conference, Dr. bin Daina conveyed greetings from HM the King and His



Dr. bin Daina at the event

Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, and their wishes of success to the event to achieve its goals.

He valued the invitation

which was extended by the Tatarstan president for the Kingdom of Bahrain to take part in the conference which brought together senior officials, leading business and economic

stakeholders to build political, economic, cultural and social bridges between the Russian Federation and the Arab and Islamic Worlds.

The Minister toured the exhibition, which featured major companies that showcased studies, modern technologies and innovative solutions to various global challenges and ways to invest these technologies in various projects.

Dr. bin Daina also met a number of senior officials from oil and environmental companies and discussed investment and cooperation opportunities in the energy sector, stressing the importance of enhancing joint cooperation in this vital field.

### Leadership programme

Dr. Shaikha Rana Bint Isa bin Duaij Al Khalifa, Director General of Bahrain Institute for Public Administration (BIPA), attended the opening of the 32nd edition of Kawader leadership programme. The programme serves jobseekers, businesses, and various organisations, providing a set of advanced methodologies and practices for managing teams, clients, partners, and effective communication to enable participants to maximise their creativity and productivity at work.





# UN-Habitat vows to support Bahrain's tree-planting plan

World organisation commits to helping Kingdom in doubling number of trees by 2035

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The UN-Habitat is committed to supporting the Kingdom of Bahrain's plan to double the number of trees by 2035.

This was affirmed by Dr. Fernanda Lonardoni, Head of Country Programme in the Kingdom of Bahrain for UN-Habitat, in an interview with The Daily Tribune.

UN-Habitat, the United Nations Human Settlements Programme, is mandated by the UN General Assembly to promote socially and environmentally sustainable towns and cities.

"One of our key projects here in Bahrain is to support the government with this National Plan. We believe that trees are essential for creating sustainable cities, and we are committed to helping the government achieve its ambitious goals," said Dr. Lonardoni.

The tree planting plan is part of the government's broader efforts to tackle climate change and enhance the quality of life for its citizens. Trees play a vital role in reducing air pollution, combating heat stress, and providing recreational spaces.

UN-Habitat is providing technical support to the government in various aspects of the plan,



such as data collection and analysis, awareness campaigns, and the implementation of tree planting projects.

"We are confident that this project will make a significant contribution to the sustainability of Bahrain's cities, and we are committed to working with the government to ensure that this plan will succeed," said Dr. Lonardoni.

## Major undertaking

The tree planting plan is a major undertaking, and it is essential for the future of Bahrain. With UN-Habitat's support, the government is well on its way to creating a more sustainable and livable country.

Dr. Lonardoni also stressed the importance of public awareness about the benefits of trees.

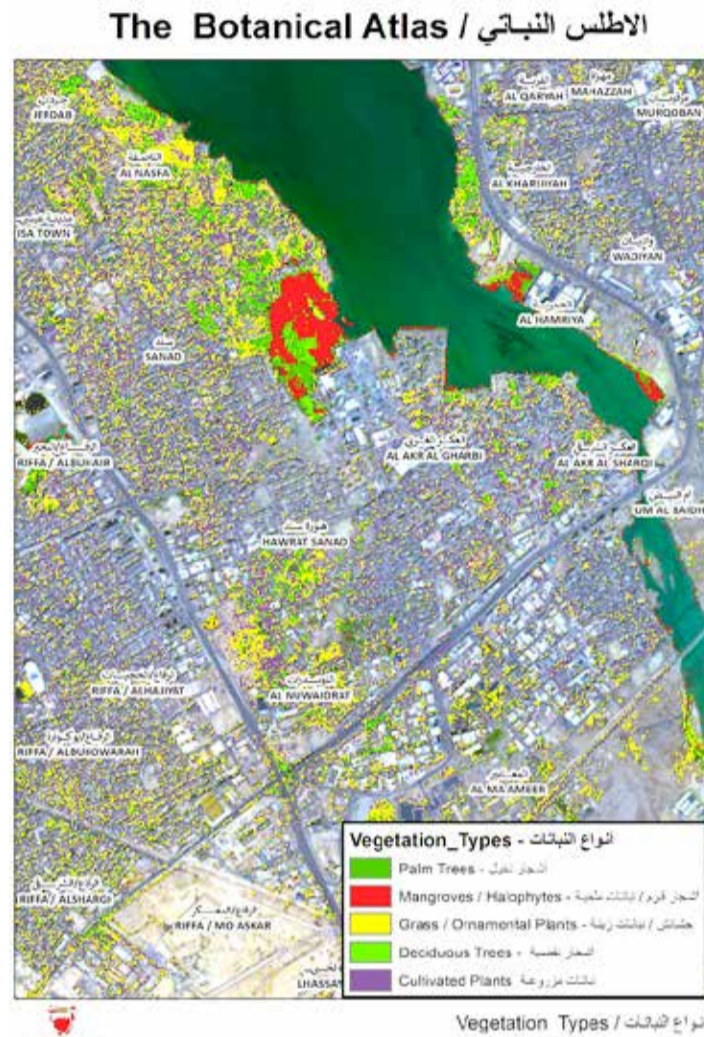


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The tree planting plan is a positive step forward for Bahrain, and it is clear that UN-Habitat is playing a key role in its success. With the support of the government and the public, Bahrain can achieve its ambitious goals and create a more sustainable future for its citizens.



Remote sensing and Geographic Information Systems (Source - Information & Government Authority)

## Man convicted of using forged passport entering Bahrain airport

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The High Criminal Court has convicted an Asian individual for possessing and using a forged passport, sentencing him to three years in prison and deportation from the country upon completion of the sentence, along with the confiscation of the forged passport.

The 38-year-old suspect arrived at Bahrain International Airport and presented the forged passport to a passport control officer. The officer grew suspicious of the suspect's behaviour while handing over his passport.

The officer, who served as a witness, stated during the investigations that when the suspect approached him to finalise his passport procedures at Bahrain International Airport, he appeared nervous and looked around in all directions.

"It became evident that the presented passport contained data and photos of another person, indicating that it was forged. The passport was subsequently entered into the Nationality, Passports, and Residence Affairs (NPRA) system, revealing a discrepancy between the photo in the passport and the one stored in the system. Furthermore, the photo did not match the appearance of the suspect.

He was nabbed and charged with forgery.

# 60-year-old Asian woman held for smuggling 5.3kg of drugs

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A 60-year-old Asian woman has been apprehended on charges of smuggling 5.3 kilograms of illegal substances into Bahrain.

According to investigations conducted by the Anti-Narcotics Department, the accused took advantage of her age and the use of a wheelchair, as she employed clever techniques to evade thorough inspection.

She chose to arrive in Bahrain via the air route, aiming to

avoid meticulous scrutiny. Her intention was to smuggle the illegal substances and deliver them to unknown individuals in exchange for financial compensation.

The High Criminal Court initiated the trial proceedings against the Asian woman accused of trafficking 5.3 kilograms of psychotropic substances within Bahrain. The court has scheduled September 6 for further examination and the presentation of arguments.

During the first court hear-

ing of her case, the defendant, who denied the charges brought against her, claimed that she had purchased the bags in her home country as ordinary luggage and was unaware of the presence of the confiscated drugs.

Meanwhile, her lawyers requested access to a copy of the case files and requested an adjournment for review and the presentation of arguments.

The Public Prosecution has charged the 68-year-old accused, a housewife, with im-

porting and possessing methamphetamine for the purpose of trafficking, in violation of the applicable laws, specifically on June 22, 2023, at the Bahrain International Airport Security Circle.

Regarding the details of the case, a customs officer at Bahrain International Airport testified that on June 22, 2023, while he was on duty at the red channel, the defendant was redirected for suspicion surrounding her bags.

Upon questioning, she claimed

ownership of the bags. When asked if she possessed any prohibited items, she denied it.

However, upon inspecting the bags, a substance believed to be the illicit drug "methamphetamine" was discovered concealed inside two plastic bags of non-transparent colour, wrapped with black adhesive tape, artistically hidden in the bottom of the bags. The confiscated items were subsequently seized and handed over to the Anti-Narcotics Department.

Another customs officer at

Bahrain International Airport testified, confirming the aforementioned account. He added that while operating the external X-ray machine (L3) at the airport, he grew suspicious of two travel bags arriving from the defendant's home country.

Consequently, he marked the bags with the agreed-upon symbol (X) and informed the first witness accordingly. He then proceeded to closely monitor and search the bags, leading to the discovery and confiscation of the illicit substances.

## Three jailed for kidnapping and assault over unpaid debts

● Six months in prison

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The High Criminal Court has handed down a six-month prison sentence to three Asian individuals, aged 34, 40, and 18, who were accused of kidnapping and assaulting another individual over unpaid debts.

The public prosecution charged the defendants with kidnapping the victim along with an unidentified accomplice, taking him from the Hamad Town area to Manama. The incident involved the

use of force and was motivated by financial gain. The defendants also unlawfully restrained the victim's freedom through the use of force for the purpose of monetary gain.

The victim stated that while he was at his workplace, the defendants, accompanied by another person, approached him, demanding a sum of money.

The victim explained his financial difficulties and requested some time, but the defendants proceeded to assault him. They then forced him into their car, continued to assault him, and transported him to the residence of the first defendant in the Manama area.

## Man arrested for stealing BD5,000

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The Criminal Investigation Directorate of the General Directorate of Criminal Investigation and Forensic Science has arrested a man, 45, for stealing around BD5,000 from a house in the Northern Governorate.

An investigation into the received case led to identifying and arresting the suspect. Legal proceedings were taken to refer the case to the Public Prosecution.

## From traditional to digital libraries



The US Embassy in the Kingdom of Bahrain, in cooperation between the General Secretariat of the House of Representatives, presented a lecture entitled "Mechanism of Transformation from Traditional to Digital Libraries", which was given by Mr. John Herber, an expert in library science and the owner of modern and innovative concepts in library science. The lecture aims to expand the circle of knowledge among a number of employees of the General Secretariat about applying digital transformation mechanisms to manual operations in offices.



# Strong Bahrain-UAE strategic ties hailed

Abu Dhabi

The Kingdom of Bahrain and the UAE are keen to further strengthen long-standing fraternal relations and cooperation across various fields.

This was emphasised by Foreign Ministry Undersecretary for Political Affairs Dr. Shaikh Abdulla bin Ahmed Al Khalifa as he praised the two countries' bilateral and strategic ties.

He noted the advanced level of diplomatic cooperation under the wise leadership of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and UAE President His Highness Shaikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan.

Dr. Shaikh Abdulla bin Ahmed was speaking while meeting a UAE State Minister at the UAE Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation in Abu Dhabi Khalifa bin Shaheen Al Marar.

Undersecretary for Consular and Administrative Affairs Dr. Mohammed Ali Behzad and Bahrain Ambassador to the UAE



Dr. Shaikh Abdulla bin Ahmed speaks at the event

Shaikh Khalid bin Abdulla Al Khalifa also attended the event.

Dr. Shaikh Abdulla bin Ahmed praised the leaders of the two countries' governments, chaired by His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, and the UAE Vice President, Prime Minister and Dubai Ruler, HH Shaikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum to further bolster strategic

partnership and adopt sound policies that support GCC, Arab and Islamic causes as well as international solidarity, global peace, security, tolerance and sustainable development.

Addressed the session, Dr. Shaikh Abdulla bin Ahmed stressed his confidence that the UAE would succeed in hosting the upcoming 28th Conference of the Parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate

Change (COP28).

UAE State Minister Khalifa bin Shaheen Al Marar also hailed strong bilateral ties based on mutual respect, steadily-growing ties and joint commitment to supporting security, stability and the settlement of regional and international conflicts through dialogue and diplomacy for peace and prosperity to reign in the region and the world.

## Golden Jubilee celebration marks a 'milestone' in BTV history, says Al Dosari

● attributed BTV's success attributed to royal directives and constant support

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The 50th anniversary celebrations of television broadcasting represent a significant milestone in the history of Bahrain Television (BTV), Qais Al Dosari, Director of Bahrain Television said.

Bahrain Television remained committed to its role as a national media platform, which continues to adhere to professional values and keep abreast of developments while succeeding in maintaining its national identity, he added.

Al Dosari attributed BTV's success to the directives of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, who believes in the role of media as a key partner in the national development process, as well as to the support of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and



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Prime Minister.

He expressed his gratitude to HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister for HRH's visit to the Ministry of Information and inauguration of the main studio at the News Centre and the private radio stations building, praising HRH's keenness to further develop the media sector in Bahrain.

Al Dosari expressed his pride, and that of all BTV employees, in the support they receive, affirming that these new facilities represent a significant advancement in the kingdom's media sector.

# UN commends Bahrain's afforestation programmes

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Municipalities Affairs and Agriculture Minister Wael bin Nasser Al Mubarak highlighted Bahrain's sustainable development plans and programmes, citing the afforestation campaign entitled "Green Forever".

This came as Al Mubarak received Eleni Lenio Myrivili, Global Chief Heat Officer to UN Habitat.

Myrivili commended Bah-

rain's efforts to combat climate change through the "Greenest and Sustainable Cities" project, which is one of the results of cooperation between the UN Habitat, the UN FAO and the ministry.

She praised Bahrain's afforestation achievements and plans to double the number of trees, in line with the UN program aimed to protect the environment and combat climate change.

Myrivili is in Bahrain to attend a workshop on Nature-based



Al Mubarak with Myrivili, Shaikh Mohammed bin Ahmed and Dr. Lonardoni

solutions for climate, environment and global warming in urban areas. The workshop is being organised by the UN Human Habitat in cooperation with the Municipalities Affairs and Agriculture Ministry and UN FAO.

Present were Municipalities Affairs and Agriculture Ministry Undersecretary Shaikh Mohammed bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, UN-Habitat Bahrain's Head of Country Programme Dr. Fernanda Lonardoni.

### Cooperation



Ambassador Fatima Abdullah Al Dhaen, Head of the Asian and Pacific Affairs Sector at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, met with Dr. Betty Srisangnam, CEO of the ASEAN Foundation, on the sidelines of her participation in the Association of Southeast Asia (ASEAN) Business and Investment Summit (BAC) and the ASEAN Indo-Pacific Forum. and the Pacific (AIPF) and their accompanying events, which are held in Jakarta, Indonesia. They discussed aspects of cooperation between the Kingdom of Bahrain and ASEAN.



### Traffic signal

The Ministry of Works, in coordination with the General Traffic Department of the Ministry of Interior, has announced that as a first stage to complete the development work on Janabiyah Street, it will restart the traffic signal located at the intersection of Janabiyah Street and Street 77 in the Janabiyah area in the Northern Governorate. The new traffic signal will be restarted starting today. The citizens and residents are requested to adhere to the traffic rules for everyone's safety.



### Youth summer programs closing ceremony

The Sharifa Al Awadhi Club for Children and Youth organised the closing ceremony of this year's annual summer programs for children and youth clubs under the patronage of Social Development Minister Osama bin Ahmed Khalaf Al Asfour, in the presence of Enas Al Majed, Assistant Undersecretary for Community Development at the Ministry. More than 2,700 children and young people of all ages participated in the event. Over the last three months, 140 social and educational development initiatives have been implemented in collaboration with 14 governmental and business sectors, with the involvement of numerous authorities, supporters, club members, and their parents.



## China, US lift wind turbine sales: study



Wind turbines operate at a wind farm, a key power source for the Coachella Valley (file photo)

AFP | Paris

Orders for wind turbines were up in the first half of the year compared to 2022, after a rebound in purchases in North America and strong volumes in China, said a study published yesterday.

Between January and June turbine orders for capacity reached 69.5 gigawatts, a 12 percent rise over in the first six months of 2022, according to research firm Wood Mackenzie.

That figure sets a first half record although it is down on

second half 2022 results.

Total first half volume by value came in at \$40.5 billion with a 47 percent rise in Chinese demand one of the key factors behind the push, the report said, consolidating the nation's top rank status.

US demand also was a factor, with volume of electrical power (7.7 GW) quadrupling compared to the first half of 2022.

The study credited President Joe Biden's Inflation Reduction Act in the United States, which is designed to underpin a vast energy transition and social reform programme.

# US manufacturing slump continues into 10th month

AFP | Washington

The slump in US manufacturing activity continued for a 10th consecutive month in August amid ongoing softness in new orders, survey data showed yesterday, with some signs pointing to an improving situation.

The Institute for Supply Management's (ISM) manufacturing index came in higher than expected at 47.6 percent in August, up from 46.4 percent a month earlier.

The continued slowness in new manufacturing orders aligns with recent inflation figures, which showed a contraction in the prices of goods, while those of services continued to rise.

The Federal Reserve has been on an aggressive campaign since March last year to bring down high inflation through interest rate hikes, which hits consumer



Workers put engines on the frame at a Ford Truck Plant in Michigan (file photo)

demand.

"The August composite index reading reflects companies managing outputs appropriately as order softness continues, but the month-over-month increase is a sign of improvement," ISM survey chief Timothy Fiore said in a statement.

The figure was 1.0 percentage points higher than the median expectation of economists surveyed by MarketWatch.

While it marked a sharp improvement, the August figure was still firmly below the 50-percent threshold indicating growth in the sector.



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ISM SURVEY CHIEF TIMOTHY FIORE

"The manufacturing ISM index improved more than expected in August, to the highest level since February," Rubeela Farooqi, High Frequency Economics's chief US economist wrote in a note to clients.

But she added that "higher borrowing costs and a further tightening in credit conditions could be headwinds going forward."

## UK mulls fossil-friendly energy treaty pull-out

AFP | London

The UK will review its membership of a 1990s-era energy treaty that shored up use of fossil fuels and could pull out if "vital modernisation" is not agreed, a minister said yesterday.

The British government's warning comes after the European Commission in July announced its plan for a "coordinated withdrawal" from the Energy Charter Treaty.

A deal aimed at maintaining the accord's current benefits while supporting the transition to cleaner energy was reached last year.

The modernised treaty -- with a stronger focus on promoting clean, affordable energy -- had been due to be adopted in November 2022.

But there has been stalemate among members over whether to move forward with the new terms.

"Rather than being stuck indefinitely with an outdated treaty, the UK wants to see an agreement on a modernised



Climate activists from the Extinction Rebellion (XR) group hold a banner hung on Tower Bridge, in London (file photo)

treaty as quickly as possible," Energy Security and Net Zero Minister Graham Stuart said in a statement.

"Countries around the world will be looking to boost their home-grown energy sources, including with new clean technologies -- the Energy Charter Treaty therefore must be modernised.

"That's why we will be re-

viewing our membership, and considering withdrawal if that vital modernisation is not agreed," he added.

The European Commission said in July it was proposing the whole EU pull out of the treaty.

The Energy Charter Treaty "is no longer compatible" with the European Union's goals on striving for a greener, carbon-neutral

future, the commission said in a statement.

The treaty, which the EU and Euratom, the European atomic energy community, signed on to in 1994 came into effect in 1998 and currently has some 50 signatories.

Initially it sought to bring post-Soviet eastern European energy sectors into a cooperative framework with western European ones.

To do that, it allowed energy companies -- many of them using coal and other fossil fuels -- to sue governments over policies putting their investments at risk.



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ENERGY SECURITY AND NET ZERO MINISTER GRAHAM STUART

## NZ dairy giant Fonterra eyes massive cost cuts



A general view of Fonterra's Hautapu dairy factory located near the rural town of Cambridge

AFP | Wellington

New Zealand farming giant Fonterra said yesterday that it plans to slash around US\$598 million in costs over the next seven years following a fall in global dairy prices.

Chief executive Miles Hurrell foreshadowed future job cuts, saying the "focus on efficiencies will have implications for staff numbers".

But he gave no further details about how many of Fonterra's 20,000-strong workforce may be cut.

With around 9,000 farmer-shareholders, Fonterra is one of the world's largest dairy exporters, producing 16 billion litres of milk per year, exporting to more than 140 countries.

Dairy was New Zealand's biggest export commodity last year with milk powder, butter and cheese accounting for 28 percent of total exports, worth US\$12.3 billion, according to Stats NZ.

However, dairy prices fell sharply last month, led by a 10.9 per cent drop in the cost of whole milk powder.

Fonterra has twice cut its forecast for milk pricing in recent weeks, increasing pressure on its farmers, which Hurrell said "made the outlook for the year even more challenging".

The Fonterra boss said a re-

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**Dairy was New Zealand's biggest export commodity last year with milk powder, butter and cheese accounting for 28 percent of total exports, worth US\$12.3 billion, according to Stats NZ**

duction in demand for imported whole milk powder from China, one of the dairy producer's three regional markets, has been a key driver of falling prices.

"Strong domestic milk supply growth in China has been propelled by high raw milk prices over the past few years," Hurrell said.

"More recently, China's extended Covid-19 lockdown has reduced consumer demand for fresh milk products and this demand has not yet recovered to the previously forecast levels."

There are signs that China's domestic milk production is balancing out, he said.

## Shell to offload UK, German household energy units

AFP | London

Energy group Shell yesterday said it had agreed to sell its UK and German units providing gas, electricity and broadband for an undisclosed amount to British company Octopus Energy.

"To drive performance, discipline and simplification, we are prioritising countries, projects, and routes to market where we can deliver the most value," Steve Hill, executive vice-president, Shell Energy, said in a statement.

It comes as British group Shell winds down its home energy retail business in the Netherlands but keeps similar operations in Australia and the United States.

Shell's sale will make Octopus Britain's second-largest domes-



Shell logo is pictured on a sign outside a petrol station

tic energy supplier behind British Gas.

The deal is still subject to regulatory approval and is expected to be finalised in the last three

months of 2023.

Octopus said it would provide energy for an additional 1.4 million homes and broadband to 500,000 customers, mainly in

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the UK.

"Octopus has proven that it delivers game-changing service whilst innovating and investing relentlessly towards a cheaper cleaner energy system," its chief executive Greg Jackson said in a separate statement.



News in brief

Spanish police snatch 2.7 tonnes of cocaine off yacht



Spanish police seized nearly three tonnes of cocaine from a yacht near the Canary islands and arrested six suspects believed to be involved in a Balkan-based trafficking gang, Europol said yesterday. Heavily-armed officers swooped on a sailing boat eight days ago, while various police agencies arrested suspects at various locations in the Serbian-led operation. Belgrade police in January last year kicked off a probe into the cartel, which was suspected of large-scale cocaine smuggling across the Atlantic Ocean. "The targeted organisation was... suspected of organising multi-tonne cocaine shipments from Brazil to the EU," the Hague-based Europol said in a statement.

Four Armenian servicemen were killed and three Azerbaijani soldiers wounded yesterday, the two countries said, as they accused each other of engaging in a new round of clashes.

Four Armenian troops killed in clash with Azerbaijan



Tensions between Baku and Yerevan have escalated sharply in recent months, as both sides accuse the other of cross-border attacks. "As a result of an Azerbaijani provocation, four servicemen were killed and one wounded on the Armenian side," Armenia's defence ministry said, after earlier reporting two were killed. The ministry said earlier that Azerbaijan had fired at Armenian positions near the town of Sotk, less than ten kilometres (six miles) from the Azeri border.

Kazakh leader calls for rare vote on nuclear plant



Kazakhstan's leader yesterday called for a referendum on the construction of a nuclear power plant in the Central Asian country marked by the legacy of devastating Soviet nuclear tests. Authorities carried out hundreds of nuclear tests on Kazakhstan's steppes during the USSR era, overlooking the environmental and health impact. Many in Kazakhstan -- also the world's leading uranium producer -- are sceptical of introducing nuclear into the country's energy mix. "Whether or not to build a nuclear power station is an extremely important question and impacts the future of our country," President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev said.

CURIOSER & CURIOSER

Sri Lanka policeman sacked for playing piano while president fled



A man plays a piano inside the Sri Lanka's presidential palace, in Colombo on July 10, 2022, a day after it was overrun by anti-government protestors

Sri Lanka's police force said yesterday it had sacked an officer who entertained protesters with an impromptu piano performance after they stormed the island nation's presidential compound last year.

Constable R. M. D. Dayaratne was deployed to help protect the colonial-era residence on the day it was taken over by protesters who forced then-president Gotabaya Rajapaksa to flee the country.

Instead, he sat at a grand piano in the compound and played a song to the crowd streaming through its rooms.

"Dayaratne was on social media playing the piano while the building was being vandalised," a senior officer, speaking on condition of anonymity, told AFP.

"He was our Nero," the officer added, referring to the ancient Roman emperor said to have played the fiddle while the city burned in a weeklong fire.

Police authorities concluded that the constable had breached discipline after a lengthy investigation.

Before the compound was stormed in July 2022, protesters had been camped outside Rajapaksa's office for months demanding he step down over the island nation's unprecedented economic crisis.

Protesters seized the residence and were later seen frolicking in the presidential pool and jumping on Rajapaksa's four-poster bed.

Rajapaksa was accused of precipitating corruption and mismanagement that triggered the downturn, which led to severe shortages of food, fuel and medicines.

He was forced to seek temporary exile in Singapore, from where he issued his resignation, though he has since returned to Sri Lanka.

His successor, Ranil Wickremesinghe, has offered an amnesty to those returning historic artefacts stolen from the building.

Muslim Scholars begins visit to Afghanistan



Muslim Scholars attend a meeting in Afghanistan

A delegation of Muslim Ummah scholars and thinkers arrived in the Afghan capital, Kabul on Thursday morning, for meetings with Afghan scholars, along with ministers and officials in the government of the de facto authority in Afghanistan.

The delegation's visit comes within the framework of the follow-up of the OIC General Secretariat to the resolutions of the Executive Committee and the Council of Foreign Ministers, which called on the Secretary-General of the OIC to dispatch a delegation of ulemas and religious scholars led by the International Islamic Fiqh Academy and other relevant religious institutions in the Muslim world to engage with Afghanistan on issues of utmost importance, such as tolerance and moderation in Islam, girls' education and women's work.

Russian airport attacks own territory, Ukraine says

Kremlin working to prevent future drone attacks but avoids commenting on Ukrainian claims

AFP | Kyiv

Ukraine's military intelligence said yesterday that a recent drone attack on an airport in northwestern Russia which damaged several transport planes was carried out from within Russian territory.

The claim, falling on the first day of the school year, came as President Vladimir Putin told Russian students that their country was "invincible" and police in Kyiv scrambled to respond to bomb threats in schools.

The attack this week on Pskov airport some 700 kilometres (more than 400 miles) from Ukraine marked the latest strike to rock Russian territory since Kyiv vowed to "return" the conflict to Moscow in July.

"The drones used to attack the



Pupils attend a class on the first day of the new school year, known as 'Day of Knowledge' in Irpin, northwest of Kyiv

'Kresty' air base in Pskov were launched from Russia," Ukraine's intelligence chief Kyrylo Budanov said on social media yesterday.

"Four Russian IL-76 military transport planes were hit as a result of the attack. Two were destroyed and two were seriously damaged," he added.

Budanov said the aircraft had been used by the defence ministry to transport troops and cargo.

The Kremlin said this week that

military experts were working to find out which routes the drones were taking in order "to prevent such situations in the future".

Asked about Ukrainian claims yesterday, Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov declined to comment and instead deferred questions to the defence ministry.

The region of Pskov, which was also targeted by drones in late May, is surrounded by NATO members Estonia and Latvia to

Joburg fire toll rises as South Africa debates 'hijacked' buildings

AFP | Johannesburg

The death toll from a fire that engulfed a Johannesburg building rose to 76, authorities said yesterday as relatives of the victims waited outside a mortuary to identify their loved ones.

Health Minister Joe Phaahla said two people died in hospital a day after flames ripped through the five-storey building forcing South Africa to confront an illegal housing "crisis".

"We've got 76 fatalities," Phaahla told reporters, after visiting some of the more than 60 people who were injured and receiving treatment at health-care facilities in the city.

Authorities were at work to identify the victims, whose bodies were brought to a morgue in Soweto.



South African Police Service (SAPS) K-9 Unit arrive at the entrance of a burned apartment block in Johannesburg

Thembaletu Mpahlaza, the head of forensics services in Johannesburg's Gauteng province, said the process would require DNA tests as most were "burnt beyond recognition".

There were only "12 bodies

that are identifiable, that can be viewed," he told reporters outside the mortuary.

Earlier in the day, search dogs combed the charred building while charity workers brought blankets, clothing and other

Many of these abandoned buildings are controlled by gangs who rent out the space

MERVYN CIROTA, PROVINCIAL COUNCILLOR

goods to more than 100 survivors accommodated at a Johannesburg shelter.

The fire has reopened a debate about so-called hijacked buildings -- old disused blocks that have fallen under the control of criminal syndicates who collect rent from squatters.

President Cyril Ramaphosa said it was "a wake-up call for us to begin to address the situation of housing in the inner cities" as he visited the site late on Thursday.

Super Typhoon Saola sweeps towards southern China cities

AFP | Hong Kong

Tens of millions of people in Hong Kong, Shenzhen and other southern Chinese megacities sheltered indoors yesterday as Super Typhoon Saola threatened to become the strongest storm to hit the region in decades.

Hundreds of flights were cancelled across the region, the start of the school year was delayed in Hong Kong, and the rain-drenched finance hub's streets were deserted.

China's national weather office had predicted Saola "may become the strongest typhoon to make landfall in the Pearl River Delta since 1949", referring to a low-lying region that



Sand bags are placed to stop flooding by the waterfront at Tseung Kwan O in Hong Kong

includes Hong Kong, Macau and Guangdong province.

With a direct hit possible, authorities in Hong Kong raised

the warning level yesterday evening to the city's highest -- "T10" -- which had only been issued 16 times since World War

II before Saola. "Do not go outside and stay away from exposed windows and doors. Make sure you have a safe place to shelter and be prepared for the change in wind directions," the Hong Kong Observatory warned in a bulletin issued at 8:15 pm (12:15 GMT).

Packing sustained winds of 210 km (130 miles) per hour, Saola's impact poses "a high threat to Hong Kong", and is expected to skirt the city in the next few hours.

"Members of the public should stay on high alert. You are advised to remain where you are if protected and be prepared for destructive winds," the observatory said.



Battle of Actium: decisive naval battle that effectively ends the Roman Republic. Octavian's forces defeat those under Mark Antony and Cleopatra off the western coast of Greece



Sultan Saladin and King Richard the Lionheart of England sign treaty over Jerusalem, at end of the Third Crusade

Great Fire of London begins at 2am in Pudding Lane, 80% of London is destroyed

V-J Day, formal Surrender of Japan aboard USS Missouri marks the end of World War II (Japanese date, 1st September in US)

# Attacked from Ukraine says



The drones used to attack the 'Kresty' air base in Pskov were launched from Russia. Four Russian IL-76 military transport planes were hit as a result of the attack. Two were destroyed and two were seriously damaged

UKRAINE'S INTELLIGENCE CHIEF KYRYLO BUDANOV

ripped holes in commercial buildings and even struck the Kremlin but officials have dismissed the increase in attacks.

The reports of bomb threats in Ukraine's capital coincided with the start of the country's academic year, as the education ministry said nearly four million students were returning to school, both online and in person.

Ukrainian officials said Russian attacks since the beginning of the invasion in February 2022 had damaged or destroyed thousands of schools.

Andriy Sadovy, the mayor of the western city of Lviv, said pupils will be learning to fly drones, releasing a picture of students behind computers.

"This is our new reality," he wrote on social media alongside images of children holding controllers and sitting in front of monitors simulating drone flights.

Putin meanwhile congratulated Russian students on the beginning of the new school year, telling them it was impossible to defeat Russia as Moscow's offensive in Ukraine grinds through its nineteenth month.

its west and Belarus to its south.

## 'Calm' urged after bomb scare

Budanov's comments came hours after Russian air defences destroyed a drone approaching Moscow, the city's mayor said, a day after a similar attack on the capital.

Russian media reported that air traffic at Moscow's Domodedovo and Vnukovo airports had been temporarily halted.

An uptick in aerial assaults have hit the capital's financial district,

## Putin, Erdogan to meet Monday amid grain deal hopes



Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan (L) meets Russian President Vladimir Putin on the sidelines of the Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia (CICA) in Astana (file photo)

AFP | Moscow

Russian President Vladimir Putin will host his Turkish counterpart Recep Tayyip Erdogan on Monday, the Kremlin said, amid hopes the two can restore a deal ensuring safe passage for grain shipments.

Russia pulled out from the UN-backed grain agreement that Turkey helped broker in July, effectively revoking safe navigation for civilian ships sailing through the Black Sea.

"Negotiations will indeed take place in Sochi on Monday," Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov told reporters yesterday.

Moscow's announcement came shortly after Ukraine said two more ships were sailing through a temporary corridor Kyiv had set up to ensure safe navigation.

"Two vessels are sailing through a temporary corridor from

Ukraine's Black Sea ports to the Bosphorus," Infrastructure Minister Oleksandr Kubrakov said on social media.

Kyiv announced the new maritime corridor in August after Moscow warned ships leaving Ukraine's ports could be considered military targets.

Turkey's foreign minister Hakan Fidan said on a visit to Moscow on Thursday that reviving the deal to ship Ukrainian grain across the Black Sea was "critical" for food security.

Turkey wants the warring sides to return to the agreement and use it as a basis for broader peace talks.

Moscow says the previous agreement imposed indirect restrictions on its grain and fertiliser exports by limiting Russia's access to global payment systems and insurance.

It has repeatedly said it could return to the deal if its demands are met.

## Israeli forces kill Palestinian in West Bank raid: ministry

AFP | Jerusalem

Israeli forces yesterday killed a Palestinian in the West Bank, the Palestinian health ministry said, as a surge of deadly violence in the occupied territory shows no signs of abating.

The ministry said Abdul Rahim Fayez Ghannam, 36, was "shot by live occupation (Israeli) fire in the head" in the village of Al-Aqaba in the northern West Bank.

An AFP photographer saw black smoke billowing from a building during the military raid.

The Israeli army said in a statement a firefight broke out between militants and soldiers and "a hit was identified on one of the gunmen."

Troops also "used shoulder-fired missiles and grenades" in the violence, and subsequently found improvised explosive devices and other weapons in the building, the statement said.

After Israeli forces withdrew, Palestinian residents inspected bullet marks and a gaping hole



Palestinians inspect the damage following an Israel military raid in the occupied West Bank village of Al-Aqaba

left in the wall of a house.

Mourners gathered for the funeral of Ghannam, whose head was wrapped in a keffiyeh while his body was shrouded in a Palestinian flag.

The number of Palestinians killed by Israeli forces in the West Bank and Israel this year is the highest since 2005, according to the United Nations' humanitarian agency OCHA.

The soaring violence has also involved a rise in Palestinian attacks on Israelis.

On Thursday, a Palestinian

man rammed into Israeli soldiers near a West Bank checkpoint, killing one, before being shot dead.

A day earlier, Israeli forces killed a 14-year-old Palestinian boy in Jerusalem after he stabbed a passenger on a tram.

So far this year, at least 225 Palestinians, 32 Israelis, a Ukrainian and an Italian have been killed in violence linked to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, according to an AFP tally based on official sources on both sides.

## Singapore ex-deputy PM Shanmugaratnam elected president: official results

AFP | London

Former Singapore deputy prime minister Tharman Shanmugaratnam was elected president yesterday, according to official results, in the city-state's first contested vote for the largely ceremonial position in more than a decade.

The Elections Department declared the 66-year-old economist as the winner over two rival candidates after securing 70.4 percent of ballots cast.

"I declare Mr. Tharman Shanmugaratnam as the candidate duly elected as the president of Singapore," said election returning officer Tan Meng Dui.

Shanmugaratnam replaces incumbent Halimah Yacob who ran unopposed for her six-year term in 2017.

"I believe that it's a vote of confidence in Singapore. It's a



Tharman Shanmugaratnam

vote of optimism for a future in which we can progress together," Shanmugaratnam said in a speech before the results were announced.

There are stringent requirements for the position, which formally oversees the city's accumulated financial reserves and holds the power to veto certain measures and approve anti-graft probes.

Observers said Shanmugaratnam's win is a boost for the ruling People's Action Party (PAP), which is widely perceived to favour his candidacy.

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THARMAN SHANMUGARATNAM

The party that has ruled Singapore continuously since 1959 has been hurt by a rare spate of political scandals ahead of the presidential vote.

Shanmugaratnam, also a former finance minister, was a long-time PAP stalwart before he resigned to run for the non-partisan position of president.

His independence had been questioned during the campaign because of his previous ties with the government.

## Proud Boys leader jailed for 17 years over US Capitol attack

AFP | London

Two senior members of the Proud Boys militia were handed hefty prison sentences Thursday for their role in the 2021 assault on the US Capitol by supporters of Donald Trump.

Joe Biggs, the Florida leader of the self-styled paramilitary group, was sentenced to 17 years in prison for seditious conspiracy and other charges, one year shy of the longest sentence given a participant in the January 6, 2021 riot.

Zachary Rehl, leader of the Philadelphia Proud Boys arm, got 15 years in prison on the same charges.

Prosecutors called them key figures in the attack by thousands seeking to forcibly overturn Joe Biden's November 2020 election victory, after Trump repeatedly claimed without any basis that there was massive fraud in the vote.



Trump supporters clash with police and security forces as they storm the US Capitol in Washington, DC

The attack, which followed a rally at the White House in which Trump urged supporters to march to the Capitol to protest against certification of the election, "broke our tradition of the peaceful transfer of power, which is one of the most precious things that we had as Americans," Judge Timothy

Kelly said Thursday.

Kelly rejected prosecutors' call for up to 33 years in prison, saying the attack was hardly a terrorist-like mass casualty event, and neither Biggs nor Rehl killed anybody.

Nevertheless, Kelly said, "There is a need for deterrence."



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Thanks to #Greece's Health Ministry, @OKANA\_GR and the City of Athens for their efforts to fight the opioid crisis. @WHO will continue to support.

@DrTedros

02



I'm proud of the support I put in place as Chancellor during Covid. From the furlough scheme to the Culture Recovery Fund, we protected millions of jobs and got the economy growing again. Now, we need to halve inflation and stick to our plan.

@RishiSunak

03



It was a pleasure meeting with China Vice Premier He Lifeng. We exchanged views on the outlook for the world economy and China. Great to hear the plans for securing high-quality growth in China today and in the future.

@KGeorgieva

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Today, as we mark 1 year of @IAEAorg presence at #Zaporizhzhya Nuclear Power Plant in Ukraine, I personally thanked our staff. Their expertise, commitment & resilience in the face of an extremely challenging situation are key in our mission. Our work to protect the NPP continues.

@rafaelgrossi

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# celebs

## Britney Spears is 'focusing on herself' after break-up

Celebretainment | Los Angeles

Britney Spears is "focusing on herself" as she prepares to release her memoir.

The 41-year-old pop star - who recently split from Sam Asghari - is set to release her eagerly-awaited memoir, 'The Woman in Me', in October and she's also been working on new music over recent weeks.

A source told Us Weekly: "The songs will be about freeing herself from negativity and unhealthy people."

Britney began dating Sam in late 2016 and the blonde beauty is now entering a "new chapter" in her life, following their recent break-up.

The insider said: "This is a new chapter for Britney in more ways than one."

By contrast, a second source has expressed concern for Britney's welfare.

The insider explained: "Some people are of the opinion that Britney's on a dangerous downward spiral, and the stuff she's been [doing] hasn't done much to dampen that worry. The con-



Britney Spears

cern for Britney's welfare right now is off the charts."

Sam previously cited "irreconcilable differences" as the reason for their split.

However, Britney subsequently confessed that she was "a little shocked" by their break-up.

She said on Instagram: "As everyone knows, Hesam and I are no longer together ... six years is a long time to be with someone so, I'm a little shocked but ... I'm not here to explain why because it's honestly nobody's business. But, I couldn't take the pain any more, honest-

ly." Britney also thanked her fans for their support.

She said: "In some sort of telepathic way, I have been receiving so many messages that melt my heart from friends and I thank you.

"I've been playing it strong for way too long and my Instagram may seem perfect but it's far from reality and I think we all know that. I would love to show my emotions and tears on how I really feel but for some reason I've always had to hide my weaknesses."

## Dua Lipa has 'personal and professional modes'

Celebretainment | Los Angeles

Dua Lipa has learned to keep "certain aspects" of her life private.

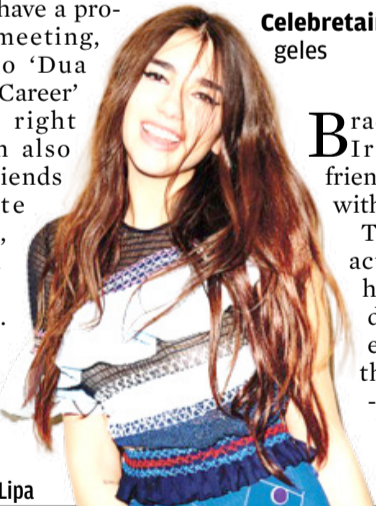
The chart-topping pop star admits that the outside world sees an "exaggerated version" of her real-life self.

Dua, 28, told Vogue France: "In the beginning, I wanted to believe that I had to be the same person at home and on stage. Now, I've learned to keep certain aspects of myself for my inner circle.

"There's the Dua who is chill at home, then in the media, there's this exaggerated version of myself who is also called Dua, and who gives it her all on stage."

Asked which version she prefers, Dua replied: "A mix of both! Because this doubleness allows me to maintain a normal life.

"When I have a professional meeting, I switch to 'Dua Lipa Music Career' mode, but right after I can also meet my friends in 'Private Dua' mode, and put all the rest to the side. These two sides help me stay grounded."



Dua Lipa

## Taylor Swift announces film of massive 'Eras' tour

AFP | New York

Didn't score tickets for Taylor Swift's "Eras" tour?

Never fear -- the cultural-defining juggernaut will hit movie theaters with a concert film released on October 13.

"The Eras Tour has been the most meaningful, electric experience of my life so far and I'm overjoyed to tell you that it'll be coming to the big screen soon," Swift said on social media Thursday.

"Eras attire, friendship bracelets, singing and dancing encouraged."

The giant AMC movie chain is vowing that each of its theaters across the United States will play the film at least four times

a day on Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays.

Tickets are on sale now.

The company said it had upgraded its website and ticketing services to "handle more than five times the largest influx of ticket-buying traffic the Company has ever experienced before."

"But AMC is also aware that no ticketing system in history seems to have been able to accommodate the soaring demand from Taylor Swift fans," the statement

added, warning that customers may experience delays and outages.

Earlier this year Swift's wildly popular tour wreaked havoc, prompting a congressional hearing over Ticketmaster's purported anti-competitive practices.

And while "Eras" tickets reached thousands of dollars, fans will be able to nab movie viewings at \$19.89 for adults, \$13.13 for children and seniors, plus tax.



Taylor Swift

## Bradley Cooper and Irina Shayk 'remain friendly despite break-up'

Celebretainment | Los Angeles

Bradley Cooper and Irina Shayk "are friendly and get along" with each other.

The 48-year-old actor and Irina, 37, have a six-year-old daughter together called Lea, and the former couple - who have recently been spotted in Italy - are de-



Bradley Cooper and Irina Shayk

termined to do whatever they can to make their daughter happy.

A source told PEOPLE: "The Italy trip with her daughter is fun for everyone. Lea wants them all to travel together. And Irina and Bradley are friendly and get along. They both want to make Lea happy."

Bradley and Irina were together from 2015 until 2019, and they've managed to maintain a healthy relationship since their break-up.

## Anne Hathaway taking inspiration from Gen Z as she embraces variety in fashion

Celebretainment | Los Angeles

Anne Hathaway is inspired by Gen Z after learning to take more risks with her style.

The 40-year-old star has started to embrace more variety in her fashion, and a big part of that has been taking influence from Gen Z, the generation born between the late 1990s and early 2000s.

Speaking to Vogue magazine, she said: "I know this sounds like I'm super-pandering, but I'm really switched on by Gen Z.

"It's a fun generation when it comes to fashion.

"They really hit it just right where they have a great time with it, but they define themselves by themselves."

The 'Devil Wears Prada' actress is also embracing the idea of "having a lot of fun" with style, and she admitted she finally feels "ability to enjoy it" now.

She added: "I feel like designers are having a lot of fun. I feel like people are enjoying it.

"Maybe it was always the case, and maybe I was the only person in the corner watching everybody else have fun.

"But just the ability to enjoy it feels like it's more available to me now than it ever was

Anne Hathaway



"It's a fun generation when it comes to fashion. They really hit it just right where they have a great time with it, but they define themselves by themselves"

ANNE HATHAWAY

before." It took a long time for Anne to realise she didn't have to stick to "one" style, whereas now "something clicked" and she is willing to be more of a chameleon.

She explained: "I thought that I could only have one. I felt really lost because I didn't know what that was until I realised I have so many styles.

"Once I realised that, then I felt like something clicked. But that's just me. It's different. Some people are like, 'Nope, black turtleneck every day.'"

When it comes to putting her newfound confidence into practice, her stylist Erin Walsh has helped the 'Princess Diaries' star get out of her comfort zone.

### SUDOKU

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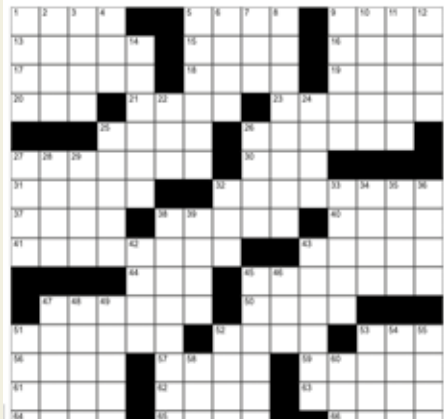
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How to play

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### CROSSWORD



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## VACANCIES AVAILABLE

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**LONDON STATION SALON** has a vacancy for the occupation of BARBER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 36655269 or NEDHALY974@GMAIL.COM

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**MOHAMMED ALBARWANI PETROLEUM SERVICES CO.** has a vacancy for the occupation of WELL PULLER (OIL AND GAS WELLS), suitably qualified applicants can contact 17564715 or ali.hussain@mbpetroleum.com

**SARAH MANPOWER** has a vacancy for the occupation of SECRETARY, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39332936 or SARAHMANPOWER2013@GMAIL.COM

**Al Helli Supermarket B.S.C Closed** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17877209 or hanan@ALHELLI.COM

**DRAW TO GIVE W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of TEACHER(FINE ARTS), suitably qualified applicants can contact 33696949 or PAULCULAS@GMAIL.COM

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**RAZA SONS FOR TRADING COMPANY W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of SALESMAN, suitably qualified applicants can contact 33151214 or INFO@RAZASONS.WLL.COM

**TOUCH 99 FOR WROUGHT IRON** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 66964646 or A.F.3LI@HOTMAIL.COM

**Multani Express Services** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17612011 or QOLBASERVICES@GMAIL.COM

**MAIDAN AMIN RESTAURANT** has a vacancy for the occupation of COOK(ASSISTANT), suitably qualified applicants can contact 33465437 or TAXIBURGER7@GMAIL.COM

**INTERNATIONAL 360 SECURITY SERVICES W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of SECURITY GUARD, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39411673 or FISHERMANSENSE@GMAIL.COM

**AMINASONS TRADING W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of SALESMAN, suitably qualified applicants can contact 36864446 or APOLLOGOLDBH@GMAIL.COM

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**WASHCO CAR WASH AND LUBRICANTS** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 66966616 or YAMDIAUTOPARTS2020@GMAIL.COM

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qualified applicants can contact 33645871 or RAKHAB13@GMAIL.COM

**BARONESS BEAUTY SALON** has a vacancy for the occupation of BEAUTICIAN, suitably qualified applicants can contact 36223322 or BARONESSBEAUTYSALON@GMAIL.COM

**BURGER ZOOM W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of FOOD SERVICE WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17000435 or BURGERZOOMBH@GMAIL.COM

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**BU SHAHEEN IRONING CLOTHES** has a vacancy for the occupation of LAUNDERER/PRESSER(GENERAL), suitably qualified applicants can contact 33165886 or MOOSAABDULLA361@GMAIL.COM

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**AL FAIHA FOOD TRADING W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of SALESMAN, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39256685 or BASHEERM691@GMAIL.COM

**AYRA BEAUTY HAIR SALON W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of BARBER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 13112471 or FLYEZEETVL.BH@GMAIL.COM

**DESI CHATKHARA W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 34509910 or IMFAISAL1987@GMAIL.COM

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**Sayed Kadhem aldurazi & sons B.S.C. close** has a vacancy for the occupation of HEAVY DRIVER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39334023 or sayedshubbar@skaldurazi.com

**ALMATALA CONTRACTING ESTABLISHMENT** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39458212 or ABDULAZIZJABER4455@HOTMAIL.COM

**ALKAWTHAR JUICE & ICE CREAM** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER(JUICE & SANDWICHES), suitably qualified applicants can contact 39828050 or ABDULMAJEEDBH@YAHOO.COM

**D C C CONTRACTING W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of CLEANER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 38034082 or SIWAWIN@HOTMAIL.COM

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**DEEKO BAHRAIN W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of MACHINE OPERATOR, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39464157 or hr.recruitment@deekobahrain.com

**BABYLON CONSTRUCTION** has a vacancy for the occupation of LABOURER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 36021011 or binu@unitcogroup.com

**ALNASER TRAVEL & TOURISM B.S.C CLOSED** has a vacancy for the occupation of OFFICE BOY / FARRASH, suitably qualified applicants can contact 33493388 or acc.alnaser@hotmail.com

**MANILA GARAGE** has a vacancy for the occupation of AUTOMOBILE PAINTER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17786327 or MANILABH@BATELCO.COM.BH

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**UNITED PAPER INDUSTRIES** has a vacancy for the occupation of MACHINE OPERATOR, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17732626 or BAHRAINPACK@BATELCO.COM.BH

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**ALEBRAH CONTRACTING EST.** has a vacancy for the occupation of LABOURER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39466600 or MONTANA@ALEBRAH.COM

**Sayed Kadhem aldurazi & sons B.S.C. close** has a vacancy for the occupation of HEAVY DRIVER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39334023 or sayedshubbar@skaldurazi.com

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**SILVER SAFARI WHEELS CAR ACCESSORIES AND PARTS CO.W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39571164 or silversafari.carcare@gmail.com

**LAST STAGE AUTO SERVICES** has a vacancy for the occupation of LABOURER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 36444873 or MOHD90016@HOTMAIL.COM

**CREATIVE STYLE W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of UPHOLSTERER(FURNITURE), suitably qualified applicants can contact 17464443 or HR2@CREATIVESTYLE.COM.BH

**ARENA CONTRACTOR GROUP CO. W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of TECHNICIAN, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17245222 or ALANSARI@ARENAGROUP.COM

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**DANISH CONTRACTING** has a vacancy for the occupation of ELECTRICIAN, suitably qualified applicants can contact 36767636 or DANNISHCONTRACTING@GMAIL.COM

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**INTERNATIONAL 360 SECURITY SERVICES W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of SECURITY GUARD, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39411673 or FISHERMANSENSE@GMAIL.COM

**BLUE LINE FACTORY W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of MACHINE OPERATOR, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39666439 or INFO@BLUELINEBH.COM

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**YOUSIF MOHAMMED ABDULKADER** has a vacancy for the occupation of BAKER(GENERAL), suitably qualified applicants can contact 39081101 or RICO\_MUHARRAQ@HOTMAIL.COM

**FLORA CONTRACTING MAINTENANCE SERVICES W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17623882 or accounts@florabh.com

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**CAFE LILOU W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of WAITER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17710271 or hrvp@alghalia.com

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**ALKOOHEJI TECHNICAL SERVICES** has a vacancy for the occupation of PLUMBER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 66332100 or ABDULLA@KOOHEJITECHNICAL.COM

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**AL KARAMA SANDWICHES CO WLL** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39929669 or HHASSANALASSY@GMAIL.COM

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**KPMG ADVISORY W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of AUDITOR, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17224807 or ebrahimahmed@kpmg.com

**Rivoli** has a vacancy for the occupation of SUPERVISOR SALES, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17561500 or BABU.RAJ@RIVOLIGROUP.COM

**RIVOLI EYEZONE W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of STORE MANAGER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17561500 or BHARATJ@JASHANMALCONSULT.COM

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**KOOHEJI ENGINEERING CONSULTANCY CO. W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of ACCOUNTING ASSISTANT, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17826668 or INFO@KECONSULTANCY.COM

**FANTASIA SALON** has a vacancy for the occupation of BEAUTICIAN, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39099335 or MAHNAZ.11@HOTMAIL.COM

**BATSCO CO. W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of SECURITY GUARD, suitably qualified applicants can contact 33644886 or hr@batso.net

**INTERNATIONAL 360 SECURITY SERVICES W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of SECURITY GUARD, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39411673 or FISHERMANSENSE@GMAIL.COM

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**Nice & New Fashions** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 33937884 or NIDHAMI.BH@GMAIL.COM

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**SHAHLA LADIES SALOON & BEAUTY** has a vacancy for the occupation of BEAUTICIAN, suitably qualified applicants can contact 32332010 or reem.hakeem.7@hotmail.com

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**MOHAMMED JALAL CATERING** has a vacancy for the occupation of WAITER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17536956 or RASHID\_BUALI@JALAL.COM

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**JUST ASK 101 SERVICES W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of SUPERVISOR, suitably qualified applicants can contact 35401081 or DC.ADYANIC@GMAIL.COM

**SWAP WAY OF SERVICES W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39923170 or SWAPWAY77@GMAIL.COM

**ABRAJ AL HUDA BUILDING COSTRUCTION** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 37331877 or BNT.HAJAIRI@HOTMAIL.COM

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**ARMADA RETAIL CONCEPT STORES W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of LABOURER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 32111352 or shadi@ARMADAGROUPCO.COM

**Sayed Kadhem aldurazi & sons B.S.C. close** has a vacancy for the occupation of HEAVY DRIVER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39334023 or sayedshubbar@skaldurazi.com

**Arabian Pearl Gulf School** has a vacancy for the occupation of CLEANER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17403666 or malaali@batelco.com.bh

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**Uranus gents saloon** has a vacancy for the occupation of BARBER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17471118 or E-URANUS@HOTMAIL.COM

**Lea spa** has a vacancy for the occupation of BEAUTICIAN, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39681555 or leaspa.bah@gmail.com

**LOOK OUT BROSTED** has a vacancy for the occupation of FOOD SERVICE WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 35620808 or MAH1466@YAHOO.COM

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**COMSIP - AL A'ALI COMPANY W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of LABOURER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17773006 or AURELIEN.CHAUSSY@VINCI-ENERGIES.COM

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**Danway Electrical & Mechanical Engineering L.L.C** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17297600 or danbahrain@danwayeme.com

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**WAHAB ELECTRONICS** has a vacancy for the occupation of SUPERVISOR, suitably qualified applicants can contact 33774849 or RIZWAN-ARSHAD@HOTMAIL.COM

**TITANIC GENTS SALON** has a vacancy for the occupation of BARBER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39919930 or YASINGHULAM.97@GMAIL.COM

**Dream World Construction Co. W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39252020 or sharef.works@gmail.com

**HEALTHY STOP CAFETERIA** has a vacancy for the occupation of COOK(GENERAL), suitably qualified applicants can contact 36363988 or HAMADALSAEED@YAHOO.COM

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**Burj Al Hashim furnitures** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 34438588 or BURJMUHAMMAD786@GMAIL.COM

**ALRAYAN RIVER CONTRACTING** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 33063053 or BHNASER12@GMAIL.COM

**AL JALIP CONTRACTING** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 33352576 or rajaarif9123@gmail.com

**Mahonia Restaurant** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 66666730 or info@mycafebh.com

**SUPER GLOBAL CONTRACTING** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 32118800 or samialmajedbh@gmail.com

**A C K Supermarket WLL** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 33337184 or ANASCHETTIANKANDI@GMAIL.COM

**UNITED SHARP TOWER CONTRACTING** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39553866 or BOLANBH@GMAIL.COM

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**DR. GHASSANA SADEK MEDICAL CENTER W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of SPECIALISED DOCTOR, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17273527 or dr.ghassanacenter@gmail.com

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**MUDASSIR KHAN VEHICLE PARTS AND ACCESSORIES** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 33267413 or ABDULREHMANB54@GMAIL.COM

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**LULU BAHRAIN HYPERMARKET W.L.L** has a vacancy for the occupation of **BUTCHER (ANIMALS)**, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17558558 or careers@bh.lulumea.com

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**EVER FINE TRADING W.L.L** has a vacancy for the occupation of **WORKER**, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39151200 or GEEPASBAHRAIN@GMAIL.COM

**LULU BAHRAIN HYPERMARKET W.L.L** has a vacancy for the occupation of **RETAIL TRADE SALESMAN**, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17558558 or careers@bh.lulumea.com

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**Crystal Light Auto Shine** has a vacancy for the occupation of **CAR WASHER/CLEANER**, suitably qualified applicants can contact 38886585 or CRYSTALLIGHT.BH@GMAIL.COM

**Burj Mushraf Contracting Co. W.L.L** has a vacancy for the occupation of **WORKER**, suitably qualified applicants can contact 36162711 or bmc.bahrain111@gmail.com

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**ALABDULLA FOODSTUFF CENTRE W.L.L** has a vacancy for the occupation of **SALESMAN**, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39690995 or YASER.SA767@GMAIL.COM

**HEALTH & SAFETY CONTRACTING TECHNOLOGY W.L.L** has a vacancy for the occupation of **WORKER**, suitably qualified applicants can contact 36618898 or PLATINUM.ASC@GMAIL.COM

**RABEYA BOUTIQUE AND TAILORING CO-BAHRAIN PARTNERSHIP CO** has a vacancy for the occupation of **TAILOR**, suitably qualified applicants can contact 33034405 or GOLAM.JILANY405@GMAIL.COM

**SEPCOIII BAHRAIN CONSTRUCTION COMPANY W.L.L** has a vacancy for the occupation of **WIREMAN (BUILDINGS)**, suitably qualified applicants can contact 66331128 or fatima@sepcoc3.com

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## Learned a lot from India's Kohli, says Pakistan skipper Azam



Pakistan's captain Babar Azam (C) inspects the pitch during a training session on the eve of their Asia Cup cricket match against Nepal at the Multan Cricket Stadium in Multan (file photo)

AFP | Kandy

Pakistan skipper Babar Azam yesterday said a pep talk by India's cricket superstar Virat Kohli at the start of his career helped him a lot. The titans clash in Pallekele on Saturday in the 50-over Asia Cup tournament, a prelude to the upcoming ODI World Cup in India. Both Azam, who remains top of the ODI batting chart, and Kohli have praised each other on various occasions despite the bitter rivalry between the two nations. Asked about comparisons between the two batsmen, the 28-year-old Azam said: "I can't comment on the debate. Let's

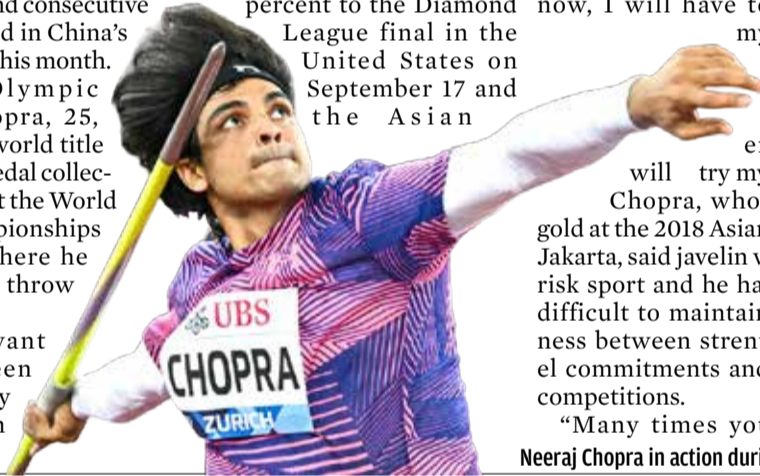
leave that to (the fans)." "There should be mutual respect. He is older than me and I respect him. I have learned a lot from him," he said. "I have said earlier that when I started (international cricket) I spoke to him and it helped me a lot." Azam did not reveal the details of the chat. Kohli, 34, was seen mingling with the Pakistan players and hugged pace bowler Haris Rauf as the teams trained under the lights on the eve of the big group clash. Meanwhile Pakistan announced their XI, keeping the same team which hammered Asia Cup debutants Nepal in the opener.

## India's Chopra focused on Asian Games after world javelin gold

AFP | New Delhi

India's newly crowned javelin world champion Neeraj Chopra said yesterday he was focused on staying injury-free in pursuit of a second consecutive Asian Games gold in China's Hangzhou later this month. Reigning Olympic champion Chopra, 25, added a javelin world title to his sizeable medal collection on Sunday at the World Athletics Championships in Budapest, where he recorded a best throw of 88.17 m. The flamboyant athlete has been troubled by shoulder pain

along with a groin injury from training in May, which led to him missing several competitions. He told reporters yesterday that he still hoped to give 100 percent to the Diamond League final in the United States on September 17 and the Asian



Games starting the week after. "There will be a lot of travelling... I want to play both the competitions well and without any injury," he said. "There's not much time left now, I will have to prepare myself well. There is a big time difference and I will try my best." Chopra, who also took gold at the 2018 Asian Games in Jakarta, said javelin was a high-risk sport and he had found it difficult to maintain peak fitness between strenuous travel commitments and frequent competitions. "Many times you have to

understand your body and see which competition is more important," he added. "There will be a lot of travelling... I want to play both the competitions well and without any injury. There's not much time left now, I will have to prepare myself well. There is a big time difference and I will try my best" NEERAJ CHOPRA

## Howe urges Newcastle to 'believe' after tough Champions League draw

AFP | London

Eddie Howe urged Newcastle players to believe they can progress in the Champions League after they were drawn in a daunting group with Paris Saint Germain, AC Milan and Borussia Dortmund. Newcastle have been thrown in at the deep end on their return to the Champions League for the first time in 20 years. French champions PSG, seven-time winners AC Milan and Dortmund all have far greater European pedigree than a Newcastle team only recently re-



talised by Howe's astute management and the influx of cash provided by their Saudi owners. Asked yesterday if Newcastle's players should back themselves against Europe's elite,

game, I thought we were really, really good and you can still lose the game against high-quality opposition if you switch off for a couple of moments like we did, so we're going to be feeling those effects again against elite teams," he said. "We're going to have to be concentrated and at our best right through the game to win." Howe and his staff were left with a mix of excitement and trepidation after watching Thursday's Champions League draw, which handed close-season signing Sandro Tonali a return to his former club Milan.

## Liverpool get kind Europa League draw, Brighton to face Ajax and Marseille

AFP | Monaco

Liverpool were handed a kind draw yesterday for this season's Europa League group stage while their Premier League rivals Brighton and Hove Albion can look forward to meeting European giants Ajax and Marseille in their first ever foray into continental competition. Jurgen Klopp's Reds will play LASK of Austria, Union Saint-Gilloise of Belgium and French Cup holders Toulouse in Group E. The Anfield club are appearing in the Europa League for the first time since 2015/16, when



A screen displays the fixtures for the group stages of the UEFA Europa League after the draw they lost the final to Sevilla, after finishing fifth in last season's Premier League. Liverpool have faced Toulouse

**Liverpool are appearing in the Europa League for the first time since 2015/16, when they lost the final to Sevilla**

in Europe before, beating the French side in the Champions League qualifying rounds in 2007. Brighton finished sixth domestically last season to qualify for Europe for the first time in their history and have been rewarded with a glamour draw in Group B.

The Seagulls will play Ajax, the four-time former European champions and UEFA Cup winners in 1992, as well as 1993 Champions League winners Marseille and Greek champions AEK Athens. Last season's Europa Conference League winners West Ham United will also go to Greece to play Olympiakos in Group A, which will also contain German Bundesliga side Freiburg and TSC Backa Topola of Serbia. TSC are making a rare foray into Europe after coming second in the Serbian league last season. Following their defeat to PSV

Eindhoven in the Champions League play-offs, 2022 Europa League runners-up Rangers were drawn in Group C with Real Betis, Czech champions Sparta Prague and Aris Limassol, the Cypriot title-holders. Jose Mourinho's Roma, who lost last season's final on penalties to Sevilla, will play Slavia Prague, Sheriff Tiraspol of Moldova and Servette of Geneva in Group G. The first round of group-stage matches will be played on September 21, with this season's Europa League final being held in Dublin on May 22, 2024.



# Alcaraz through at US Open as Sabalenka, Vondrousova advance

Carlos Alcaraz's impressive win sets up a potential quarter-final rematch with Jannik Sinner

● **Medvedev muscles into US Open third round**

● **Andy Murray lose to Grigor Dimitrov**

AFP | New York

World number one Carlos Alcaraz edged closer to a US Open rematch with Italy's Jannik Sinner on Thursday as Grand Slam winners Aryna Sabalenka and Marketa Vondrousova booked their places in the third round.

Defending champion Alcaraz eased into a last 32 meeting with Britain's Dan Evans after dispatching South Africa's Lloyd Harris 6-3, 6-1, 7-6 (7/4) in 2hr 28min on the Arthur Ashe Stadium showcourt.

It means Alcaraz is just two wins away from a potential quarter-final collision with Italian sixth seed Sinner, who continued his serene progress through the draw with a 6-4, 6-2, 6-4 defeat of compatriot Lorenzo Sonego.

Last year, Alcaraz and Sinner produced an epic five-set quarter-final classic that was not completed until 2.50am local time -- the latest ever finish in US Open history.

After their performances on



**Last year, Alcaraz and Sinner's quarter-final match at the US Open had the latest-ever finish in tournament history, concluding at 2:50 am local time**

Thursday, few would bet against a repeat of last year's heavy-weight slugfest in this year's quarter-finals.

"I think I played a great match from the beginning to the last ball," said Alcaraz, who is bidding to become the first man to defend the US Open since 2008, when Roger Federer hoisted

the trophy for a fifth straight year.

The 22-year-old Sinner meanwhile looks to be firing on all cylinders on the evidence of his second round performance.

The Italian conceded just 10 points on serve without giving Sonego a single break point throughout the 2hr 5min encounter.

Sinner will play 2016 US Open champion Stan Wawrinka in the third round on Saturday. Wawrinka, 38, rolled back the years to eliminate Argentine No.30 seed Tomas Martin Etcheverry 7-6 (8/6), 6-7 (7/9), 6-3, 6-2.

Germany's 12th seed Alexander Zverev is also potentially lurking in Sinner's path before a quarter-final with Alcaraz.

Zverev booked his place in the third round with a 7-6 (7/1), 3-6, 6-4, 6-3 defeat of compatriot Daniel Altmaier.

Also in Alcaraz's side of the draw is 2021 champion Daniil Medvedev, who reached the third round with a 6-2, 6-2, 6-7 (6/8), 6-2 defeat of Australia's 69th-ranked Christopher O'Connell in a late night match. Medvedev looked to be heading for a comfortable straight sets win before a wobble -- double-faulting on match point and set point -- took it to a fourth set.

"Tough match," Medvedev said. "I don't know why but one moment in the match he decided to play much better. I don't know why was the reason, but it became much tougher for me."

Medvedev will play Argentina's Sebastian Baez for a last 16 berth on Saturday.

**Champions advance**

Elsewhere Thursday, Britain's 2012 US Open champion

Andy Murray slumped to a 6-3, 6-4, 6-1 loss to Bulgarian 19th seed Grigor Dimitrov.

Former world number three Dimitrov, who saved three match points in the opening round, meets 2020 runner-up Zverev in the last 32.

While Murray tumbled out, fellow Briton Jack Draper advanced to the third round, upsetting Polish 17th seed Hubert Hurkacz 6-2, 6-4, 7-5 to set up a third round meeting with American wild card Michael Mmoh, who defeated John Isner 3-6, 4-6, 7-6 (7/3), 6-4, 7-6 (10/7) in what was the final game of the big-serving veteran's career.

In the women's draw, another Briton, Jodie Burrage, saw her tournament come to an end after a one-sided defeat to second seed Sabalenka of Belarus, the reigning Australian Open champion. Sabalenka prevailed 6-3, 6-2 in 1hr 14min.

Sabalenka, 25, has reached

the semi-finals or better at the past four Grand Slams and can replace Iga Swiatek as world number one if she matches the Pole's result in New York.

Another of 2023's Grand Slam winners, Wimbledon champion Vondrousova of the Czech Republic, could meet Sabalenka in the semi-finals.

Vondrousova, who made history by becoming the first unseeded woman to win Wimbledon in July, had too much firepower for Italy's Martina Trevisan, winning 6-2, 6-2 in 1hr 20min.

The ninth seed said afterwards she is adjusting to being the hunted rather than the hunter in the wake of her unexpected Wimbledon triumph.

"It's a tough position," Vondrousova said. "I feel like everybody wants to beat me. I'm just happy to be here and play good tennis."

One of the players likely targeting Vondrousova is third seed Jessica Pegula, who was barely troubled on her way to a 6-3, 6-1 win over Patricia Maria Tig of Romania. US hope Pegula, who is seeded to meet Vondrousova in the last eight, faces Ukraine's Elina Svitolina in the next round.

Meanwhile Tunisia's fifth seed Ons Jabeur, struggling with a bout of flu, was put through the grinder in a 7-6 (9/7), 4-6, 6-3 defeat of Czech teenager Linda Noskova.



Carlos Alcaraz of Spain returns a ball to Lloyd Harris of South Africa

## Rohit says India ready for Pakistan's pace test in Asia Cup

AFP | Kandy

India skipper Rohit Sharma yesterday said his team's experienced batsmen were unfazed by the threat of Pakistan's fast bowlers, ahead of the arch-rivals' blockbuster Asia Cup clash.

Pakistan boast of one of the world's best pace attacks including Shaheen Shah Afridi, Naseem Shah and Haris Rauf.

All three made a good start in the opener of the 50-over tournament, a prelude to the upcoming ODI World Cup in India.

Rohit's side will play their opening match of the tournament against Pakistan on Saturday in Pallekele, the first of three potential clashes between the bitter rivals in Sri Lanka.

The captain praised the Pakistan quicks but said his team was ready for the challenge.

"We don't have Shaheen, Naseem and Rauf in the nets," Rohit joked.

"So we practise with the bowlers that we have. But these three are quality bowlers and have performed well in the last few years."

"Pakistan have always had quality bowlers," he added. "Their strength, where they bowl and not bowl, we have seen all that. We will use our years of experience to play against them, as simple as that."

India have a strong batting unit that includes Rohit, Virat



Rohit Sharma (L) and Rahul Dravid (R), of India, take part in a training session



**Pace ace Jasprit Bumrah has recently returned to the Indian attack after recovering from an injury and joins fellow quicks Mohammed Shami and Mohammed Siraj**

Kohli, Shubman Gill, Shreyas Iyer and Hardik Pandya.

Pace ace Jasprit Bumrah has recently returned to the Indian attack after recovering from an injury and joins fellow quicks Mohammed Shami and Moham-

med Siraj. Rohit played down the comparison between the quicks of the two teams.

"All those six bowlers (from India and Pakistan) are great bowlers. They have proved in world cricket how good they are," he said.

**'Game of intensity'**

Pakistan, who recently rose to the top of world ODI team rankings, crushed Asia Cup debutants Nepal in the opener in Multan.

Rohit acknowledged the opposition's quality and relished the challenge.

"It (Pakistan) is a good team, they have performed well since the past few years including the T20 World Cup or the 50-over format," said Rohit.

"It will be a good challenge for us to play against such a team and perform. We have prepared well and will execute what we

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ROHIT SHARMA

have worked on."

The two nuclear-armed neighbours play cricket against each other only in international tournaments, due to long-standing political tensions.

India have dominated the limited-overs rivalry in the past decade but Babar Azam's Pakistan has got a few T20 victories in the last two years.

"We are not focussing on the past, but looking to do good in the upcoming matches," said Azam, who remains fresh from his match-winning 151 against Nepal.

"We will try to give our best and carry forward the momentum (from the first win). You know India-Pakistan is always a game of intensity and fans wait for it, so we are also excited for it."

Rain threat looms large over the hotly anticipated clash, with weather agencies predicting moderate-to-heavy showers in Kandy at the weekend.

## Union Berlin sign Italy captain Bonucci from Juventus

AFP | Berlin

Union Berlin have signed Italy captain Leonardo Bonucci from Juventus, the Bundesliga club announced yesterday.

"At Union, I have the opportunity to continue playing at the highest level and to support the team on its way in three demanding competitions with my experience" Bonucci said in a statement released by the club.

"I am very much looking forward to this new station in my career."



Leonardo Bonucci

Arriving in the German capital on a free transfer reportedly on a one-year deal the centre-back will help Union as they prepare for their maiden Champions League campaign.

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# Birthday boy Sainz fastest in second Monza practice

Ferrari's Carlos Sainz shines on his 29th birthday, while Hamilton struggles in practice

● Sainz finished just 0.19sec ahead of Aston Martin driver Lance Stroll

● Red Bull's Max Verstappen finishes fifth

AFP | Monza

Carlos Sainz gave himself a nice birthday present yesterday by finishing fastest for Ferrari in the second practice session at the Formula One Italian Grand Prix.

Spaniard Sainz, who turned 29 yesterday, clocked the top time of one minute, 21.355 seconds at Monza in a session which was bookended by two red flags after incidents involving Sergio Perez and Lance Stroll.

Sainz finished just 0.19sec ahead of Aston Martin driver Lance Stroll to give the Scuderia hope of a good weekend on home turf after another troubled season which has left them miles behind dominant Red Bull. Sainz trails reigning cham-



Ferrari's Spanish driver Carlos Sainz Jr drives during the second practice session

pion and runaway leader Max Verstappen by a whopping 237 points in the drivers' championship and is yet to claim a podium finish this season.

His teammate Charles Leclerc is a further three points back and could only manage sixth position, 0.361sec off the pace.

Red Bull have won every one of this year's 13 races with Verstappen claiming 11, including the last nine, and Perez winning the other two.

Verstappen, who is bidding for a record 10th straight GP win and was fastest in yesterday's first practice, finished 0.276sec back in fifth.

The Dutchman equalled Sebastian Vettel's record for consecutive wins with victory at his home Dutch GP last weekend.

Perez clocked a better time than Verstappen, 0.185sec behind Sainz in third, but will have to deal with the wrath of Red Bull's engineers after sliding off



Hamilton, 183 points behind Verstappen in the driver's standings, complained to his team about the pace of his car during the session and finished six hundredths of a second behind ninth-placed George Russell

the track at the final Parabolica corner and bumping into the barriers.

That mistake effectively ensured that Sainz would finish the session the fastest driver as it left the field with little time to challenge the Ferrari man.

Lewis Hamilton finished 1.428sec back in 17th, a day after Mercedes announced that the seven-time F1 champion had

signed a new deal until 2025 which will extend his career beyond his 40th birthday.

Hamilton, 38, said he had "unfinished business" with the sport and that he is convinced he can win more GPs and world championships with the Silver Arrows.

Hamilton relinquished his position as the number one driver in F1 in 2021 when he was controversially beaten to the drivers' title by Verstappen on the final day of the season.

Last season Hamilton failed to win or claim pole position at any GP for the first time in his career, while this year he is yet to add to his record 103 race victories.

Hamilton, 183 points behind Verstappen in the driver's standings, complained to his team about the pace of his car during the session and finished six hundredths of a second behind ninth-placed George Russell who will also stay with Mercedes until 2025.

## Ten Hag says Hojlund, Reguilon could make Man Utd debuts at Arsenal

AFP | London

New recruits Rasmus Hojlund and Sergio Reguilon could make their Manchester United debuts at Arsenal this weekend, according to manager Erik ten Hag.

Denmark striker Hojlund arrived at Old Trafford from Atalanta for a reported fee of £64 million (\$82 million) in August, but the 20-year-old has yet to feature due to a back complaint.

Ten Hag, however, said Hojlund was fit to play at Arsenal on Sunday, when new goalkeeper Altay Bayindir and left-back

Reguilon, on loan from Tottenham, will also be available for selection.

"Yes (Hojlund will be available),"

Ten Hag said yesterday. "He had a good training week so tomorrow we have the final training. But he is doing well, responding well, so, yeah, he will be available for Sunday's



Rasmus Hojlund

## Man City swoop for Nunes, sell Palmer to Chelsea on deadline day

AFP | London

Manchester City signed Wolves midfielder Matheus Nunes in a £53 million (\$63 million) deal after selling Cole Palmer to Chelsea, while Liverpool reportedly turned down a £150 million offer from Saudi Arabia for Mohamed Salah in the hectic final hours before yesterday's transfer deadline.

The 2200 GMT deadline was expected to bring a last flurry of signings as Premier League teams fine-tune their squads for the season ahead.

English top-flight clubs have already



Matheus Nunes

set a new record for spending on new players during this window, with the total set to surpass £2 billion according to financial experts Deloitte.

Treble winners City led the way with a swoop for Portugal international Nunes to bolster their squad after the departure of Ilkay Gundogan and a long-term hamstring injury suffered by Kevin De Bruyne.

The 25-year-old agreed a five-year contract with City and admitted he can't wait to work with boss Pep Guardiola.

"I'm so happy to be joining Manchester City, the champions of Europe and a club I've admired for a long time," he said.

"The opportunity to work under Pep Guardiola, one of the greatest managers ever, and alongside some of

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The opportunity to work under Pep Guardiola, one of the greatest managers ever, and alongside some of the best players in the world was something I simply couldn't turn down

MATHEUS NUNES

the best players in the world was something I simply couldn't turn down."

Moving in the opposite direction was City midfielder Tommy Doyle, who joined Wolves on a season-long loan.

City also cashed in on Palmer for an initial £40 million that takes Chelsea's spending on new players in just over a year under

the club's American ownership beyond £1 billion.

Palmer agreed a seven-year contract with Chelsea, who could pay City an extra £2.5 million in add-on clauses.

The 21-year-old scored in both the Community Shield and UEFA Super Cup last month as Riyad Mahrez's exit looked to have opened the door to more first-team opportunities at City.

But Palmer, who helped England win the Under-21 European Championship this year, said he had been convinced by Chelsea's plan to invest heavily in young players.

"I'm excited to get started and it feels great to sign," Palmer said.

"I've joined Chelsea because the project here sounds good and because of the platform I will have to try to showcase my talents. It is a young and hungry squad and, hopefully, we can do

## BRAVE CF to become most global organization with campaign highlighting the organisation's international impact



TDT | Manama

BRAVE Combat Federation has become synonymous with upgrading the MMA landscape, redefining what is possible in sport, and breaking records. Almost seven years after the promotion's inception, BRAVE CF will once again become the most-traveled MMA organization when leading French organization Hexagone MMA.

In its short lifespan thus far, BRAVE Combat Federation has been to almost every corner of the globe, including Bahrain, Brazil, the UAE, India, Kazakhstan, Mexico, Jordan, Indonesia, Northern Ireland, Morocco, Colombia, Pakistan, South Africa, Saudi Arabia, the Philippines, England, Ro-

mania, Kyrgyzstan, Slovenia, Sweden, Russia, Belarus, Italy, Poland, Serbia, South Korea, Uzbekistan, and Germany.

2022 was a standout year for BRAVE Combat Federation, marking three new nations with the launching of BRAVE CF 58 (Incheon, South Korea), BRAVE CF 59 (Bukhara, Uzbekistan), and BRAVE CF 61 (Bonn, Germany). With BRAVE France around the corner, BRAVE CF started releasing a series of clips - from events across the globe - as a tribute to the brand's global success, achieved over the years.

Videos from Jordan, Indonesia, Northern Ireland, Morocco, and Colombia have since gone viral as BRAVE Combat Federation fans sharing their heartfelt memories, reliving those epic moments either in the comfort of their homes or in the sold-out arenas.

## Latvia stun Spain as Basketball World Cup second round begins

AFP | Manila

Latvia stunned defending champions Spain as the Basketball World Cup second round got under way yesterday, while the United States, Lithuania, Germany and Slovenia booked their places in the quarter-finals.

Italy, Brazil and Puerto Rico shook things up with upset wins over previously unbeaten Serbia, Canada and the Dominican Republic.



Spain's Alex Abrines (C) is blocked by Latvia's Andrejs Grazulis (R) and Davis Bertans

Tournament debutants Latvia pulled off an almighty shock when they beat Tokyo Olympic

silver-medallists France in the group stage.

They added world and European champions Spain to their giant-killing conquests after scrapping to a 74-69 win in Jakarta. Latvia head coach Luca Banchi said his team arrived at the tournament in the Philippines, Indonesia and Japan desperate to "prove that we belong at this level".

"Being an underdog in such a tough group, and suffering so many injuries before arriving

and during the competition, for sure put us in a position where we don't have anything to lose," he said.

"We arrive here with real desire to prove our style, good or bad. Without any credit, it makes an extra strength."

Latvia looked to be heading for defeat when Spain took a 58-47 lead into the fourth quarter but they outscored the previously unbeaten defending champions 27-11 in the final period.