

Winfred bags gold for Bahrain

Kingdom's elite athletes win two more medals on day three of athletics events at 19th Asian Games in Hangzhou, China | P12

Royal Order for Parliament to open second legislative session

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa issued Royal Order (44) of 2023 calling the Shura and Representatives' councils to convene for opening the second session of the sixth legislative term on Sunday, October 8, 2023.

Bahrain condemns terrorist attack in Turkey ministry

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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Bahrain condemned and denounced the terrorist attack that targeted the Ministry of Interior in the Turkish capital of Ankara, which resulted in the injury of two policemen.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs affirmed the solidarity of the Kingdom with Turkey and its support for the efforts aimed at combating violence, extremism and terrorism, wishing a speedy recovery to the injured, and further security and stability to the country.

13 left dead in Spanish nightclub fire

AFP | Murcia, Spain

At least 13 people were killed in a fire in a Spanish nightclub yesterday morning, authorities said, with fears the toll could still rise as rescue workers sift through the debris.

The fire appears to have broken out in a building housing the "Teatre" and "Fonda Milagros" clubs in the city of Murcia in south-eastern Spain in the early morning hours.

"The fire spread from the upper parts of the two clubs, the Teatra disco and the Fonda Milagros disco... which originally were in the same building," said Diego Seral, spokesman for the national police.

(Full report on World Page)

HM King commends robust Bahrain-UK relations

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa affirmed the depth of the robust Bahrain-UK relations that span more than two centuries. He praised the steady progress of bilateral cooperation and joint action across the financial, banking, economic and investment fields, given the fact that the two kingdoms enjoy a distinguished status among global financial, economic and trade circles.

HM the King was speaking as he received at Al Safriya Palace yesterday Lord Mayor of the City of London, Nicholas Lyons, who is on a visit to the kingdom.

His Majesty hailed the important role played by the private sector in bolstering financial and economic cooperation, benefiting from investment opportuni-



HM the King receives the Lord Mayor of London

ties, and establishing joint projects in vital sectors to achieve mutual benefits.

In this regard, HM the King referred to the agreements and memoranda of understanding signed during the visit of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the

Crown Prince and Prime Minister, to the United Kingdom recently, which contributed to broadening the tracks of the Bahraini-British cooperation.

HM King Hamad affirmed the Kingdom's continued support for the investment atmosphere by ensuring all facilities and

capabilities to investors and financial institutions operating in the country, as well as providing the necessary legislation and advanced infrastructure to ensure the success of investments, thus strengthening Bahrain's position as major centre on the global financial and economic map.

The Lord Mayor of the City of London expressed thanks and appreciation to HM the King for HM's interest in enhancing financial and economic cooperation with his country, in a way that would further consolidate the solid partnership between the two kingdoms.

'Terrorists will fail'

Erdogan defiant as Kurdistan Workers' Party claims responsibility for blast near Ankara parliament

Two police officers hurt in powerful explosion

Turkey strikes Kurdish rebels after Ankara blast

AFP | Ankara

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan said yesterday that "terrorists" will never achieve their aims, hours after a blast near the parliament in Ankara injured two police officers.

Late last night, Turkey conducted airstrikes on Kurdish rebels in northern Iraq, hours

after the blast in Ankara.

The powerful explosion outside the interior ministry, which was followed by large flames, was heard several kilometres from the site of the attack.

The Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK), listed as a terror group by Turkey and its Western allies that has been waging a deadly insurgency against Ankara for four decades, claimed responsibility for the blast.

The targeted district is home to several other ministries and the Turkish parliament, which reopened as planned in the afternoon with an address from Erdogan.

"The villains who threaten the peace and security of citizens have not achieved their objectives and will never achieve them," Er-



Members of Turkish Police Special Forces secure the area near the Interior Ministry following a bomb attack in Ankara yesterday. (AFP)

dogan told the parliament.

The interior ministry said two attackers arrived in a commercial vehicle around 9:30 am (0630 GMT) in front of "the entrance gate of the General Directorate of Security of our Ministry of the Interior, and carried

out a bomb attack."

"One of the terrorists blew himself up. The other was killed by a bullet to the head before he had a chance to blow himself up," Interior Minister Ali Yerlikaya said in a press statement outside the ministry.

"The villains who threaten the peace and security of citizens have not achieved their objectives and will never achieve them."

- RECEP TAYYIP ERDOGAN, TURKISH PRESIDENT

"Two of our police officers were lightly injured" in the exchange of fire, but their lives were not in danger, he added.

In a statement to the ANF news agency, which is close to the Kurdish movement, the PKK said that "a sacrificial action was carried out against the Turkish Interior Ministry".

'Sema' ritual



Whirling dervishes perform a "Sema" ritual in front of the Blue Mosque as hundreds of whirling dervishes from different countries attend a ceremony in the historic Sultan Ahmet district to mark the 750th anniversary of the death of Mevlana Jalaluddin al-Rumi, in Istanbul. The year 2023 was accepted as the year of Mevlana by the President of Turkey Recep Tayyip Erdogan in Turkey. (AFP)

Ukraine left out in cold by US shutdown deal

AFP | Washington

The future of US aid for Ukraine hangs in the balance after a last-gasp deal to avoid a government shutdown, despite President Joe Biden's attempts to reassure Kyiv it will get what it needs to fight Russia.

Barely a week after President Volodymyr Zelensky was in Washington appealing for more funds, the compromise struck in Congress late Sunday dropped new funding for Ukraine amid opposition from hardline Republicans.

Biden and his Democratic party say America has a duty

to help Ukraine stand up to Russian President Vladimir Putin's brutal invasion, warning that a failure to do so could embolden other autocrats in the future.

But the issue has become so politicized in Washington that the fate of vital military aid is now in jeopardy, just as Kyiv tries to make progress in its sluggish counteroffensive before winter sets in.

Biden urged Republican House Speaker Kevin McCarthy to secure passage of a separate bill for Ukraine funding soon.

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Bahrain to boost UK partnership

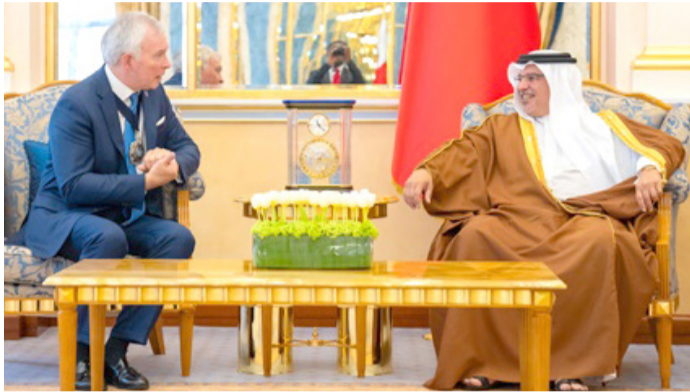
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His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, noted the importance of strengthening the Bahrain-UK partnership, in line with the visions of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa.

He highlighted the depth of longstanding relations between the two Kingdoms, which continue to advance based on mutual aspirations.

HRH Prince Salman was speaking as he met yesterday with the Lord Mayor of the City of London, the Rt. Hon Alderman Nicholas Lyons, at Gudaibya Palace.

His Royal Highness welcomed Lord Mayor Lyons and the accompanying delegation's visit to the Kingdom of Bahrain, which showcased a mutual commitment to existing partnerships between Bahrain and the United Kingdom. His Royal Highness also noted that this mutual commitment will further Bahrain-UK economic,



HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister meets with the Lord Mayor of London

investment, and financial cooperation.

HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister emphasised the role of the private sector and bolstering promising investment opportunities between both countries to support bilateral economic, investment, and financial cooperation.

During the meeting, issues of common interest and regional and international developments were also discussed.

HRH Prince Salman held a luncheon in honour of the visit

of the Lord Mayor of London and the accompanying delegation.

The Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Isa bin Salman Education Charitable Trust, His Highness Shaikh Isa bin Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, His Highness Shaikh Mohammed bin Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Minister of Finance and National Economy, HE Shaikh Salman bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, and a number of senior officials also attended the meeting.

HM King receives cables of thanks

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa received a cable of thanks from Brazil President Luiz Inácio Lula da

Silva in reply to HM the King's congratulations on his country's Independence Day.

HM the King received a cable of thanks from Alassane Ouattara, President of Cote D'Ivoire,

in reply to His Majesty's congratulations on his country's Independence Day.

HM King Hamad received a cable of thanks from President Patrice Talon of Benin.

BDF officers' sacrifices a 'source of pride for Kingdom'



HRH Prince Salman with the family of First Lieutenant Al Kubaisi, in the presence of senior government officials

HRH Prince Salman offers condolences to the family of fallen serviceman

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His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces and Prime Minister, emphasised that the honourable sacrifices of the from the Bahrain Defence Force (BDF) officers are a source of pride for the Kingdom of Bahrain.

HRH Prince Salman highlighted the sacrifices of the Kingdom's fallen servicemen, whose honour, loyalty, and commitment to justice will be forever etched in the Kingdom's history.

His Royal Highness was speaking as he offered yesterday his condolences to the fam-



ily of BDF fallen serviceman, First Lieutenant Hamad Khalifa Al Kubaisi.

First Lieutenant Al Kubaisi passed away following injuries he sustained during his honourable and loyal participation in Operation Restoring Hope, as part of the Saudi-led Arab Coalition Forces at the southern border of Saudi Arabia.

His family expressed their gratitude to HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister for

the condolences, and expressed their pride in First Lieutenant Al Kubaisi's sacrifices in fulfilling his duties in safeguarding Bahrain and the region.

HRH Prince Salman was accompanied by the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Isa bin Salman Education Charitable Trust, His Highness Shaikh Isa bin Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, and His Highness Shaikh Mohammed bin Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa.

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Kingdom keen to boost Egypt ties

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His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, highlighted the longstanding relations between the Kingdom of Bahrain and Egypt.

He noted the commitment of both His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and the President of Egypt, His Excellency Abdel Fattah El-Sisi, in bolstering bilateral relations and cross-sector cooperation to benefit all.

HRH Prince Salman made the statements as he received yesterday the outgoing Ambassador of Egypt, HE Yasser Mohammed Shaban, at Gudaibya Palace, to mark the end of his tenure in the Kingdom.

His Highness Shaikh Mohammed bin Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, and the Minister of



HRH Prince Salman with the outgoing Egyptian ambassador

Finance and National Economy, HE Shaikh Salman bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, also attended the meeting.

HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister highlighted the Ambassador's efforts in advancing the strategic partnership to achieve joint aspirations.

HRH Prince Salman bin Hamad extended best wishes to Ambassador Shaban in his future endeavours.

During the meeting, regional and global developments and issues of common interest were discussed.

Ambassador Shaban expressed his gratitude for the opportunity to meet with His Royal Highness, noting HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister's commitment to furthering Bahrain-Egypt relations.

He wished Bahrain further progress and prosperity.



Bahrain-Kuwait ties

Advisor to HM the King for Media Affairs, Nabeel bin Yacoub Al Hamer, received Kuwait's Ambassador to Bahrain Shaikh Thamer Jaber Al Ahmed Al Sabah. The advisor praised the historic bilateral relations, reviewing ways to support media cooperation. He hailed the ambassador's efforts in promoting Bahraini-Kuwaiti relations, wishing him success. Ambassador Al Sabah stressed his pride in the depth of the bilateral relations.



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HM King receives annual reports of Shura, Representatives councils

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa yesterday received the annual report of the Shura and Representatives councils for the first session of the sixth Legislative Term.

The report was presented by Speaker of the Council of Representatives, Ahmed bin Salman Al Musallam, and First Deputy Chairman of Shura Council, Jamal Mohammed Fakhro, at Al Sakhir Palace today.

The Speaker and the Shura's First Deputy extended their condolences and those of the members of the two councils to HM the King over the loss of BDF servicemen as a result of the act of aggression while they were valiantly performing their duty defending the southern borders of Saudi Arabia, within the Arab Coalition to Support Legitimacy

in Yemen, as part of the Operation Decisive Storm and Operation Restoring Hope.

They hailed the heroic sacrifices of the BDF servicemen, which will always be remembered by the nation.

HM King Hamad expressed his thanks for their sentiments, affirming pride in the national efforts, achievements and stances of the legislative branch.

HM the King praised the Speakers' sincere patriotic positions and the aspirations of citizens, enhancing Bahrain's position and reputation in international parliamentary forums.

HM King commended the advanced cooperation between executive and legislative branches that aims at serving Bahrain's development.

The initiatives and proposals included in the annual report were also commended by HM



HM the King with the Council of Representatives Speaker and the Shura's First Deputy

the King.

HM the King said that development will always be prioritised, to meet the interests of

citizens and create opportunities for them. HM added that the people of Bahrain have demonstrated in many occasions their

dedication and loyalty to their nation, standing together to serve Bahrain.

HM the King said he took pride

in the efforts of Bahraini men and women in all sectors.

HM the King noted that Bahrain has ties and close cooperation with the world, which it is keen to strengthen and develop to serve its interest and growth.

The Speaker and the First Deputy expressed gratitude to HM the King for his directives and support for the legislative branch, which reflects in its achievements and contribution to further driving development.

Al Musallam expressed pride in presenting the annual report on the HM the King.

He highlighted that the royal directives by HM the King are top priorities for parliamentary and national action, providing incentives for to deliver more achievements to serve the nation and citizens within the framework of the comprehensive development process.

The priest who just wouldn't die

Mahir Haneef
TDT | Manama

Have you ever felt that twinge on your spine as you go through a near-death experience? A Christian priest met death face to face twice and is now traveling the world to tell about God's intervention in his life.

Alexander J Kurien, hailing from a remote rural village in Southern India called Pallipad, had moved to the United States in his teens and had later joined a Christian monastery in a remote part of Greece at Mount Athos a few years later. While there, a tree fell on him, causing several discs on his spine to get damaged. Being bedridden for nine months and having lost hope of a natural recovery, the doctors finally decided to do a surgical resection of his four discs, to be replaced by metal parts, in the hope of making him stand upright again. But this meant he could lose mobility forever.

Remembering the night before the surgery when he was 20-21

years old, Kurien said, "My pillow was soaked wet from crying while praying. I hadn't harmed anyone or spoken ill against anyone until then, so why am I being punished, I kept asking during the prayers. I dreamt of Mother Mary and a saint appearing in my room. The Mother caressed me from top to bottom. They took me up from the bed. I bowed to the Mother and they placed me back in the bed.

Faith reaffirmed

"At 7am, two doctors and the orderlies came to take me for surgery on a stretcher. The doctor was consoling me by holding my toes when he sensed a movement in the toe. They helped me get up from the bed and I found that I can stand again, after being bedridden for nine months. By 3pm that day, I could check out of the hospital and go back to the monastery. It was after this incident that my faith got reaffirmed and strengthened."

Many years passed by and Kurien had by then joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the US as a



Father Alexander J Kurien

senior advisor after doing an MBA from the University of Tampa. He had also passed the course from India to become a priest. As part of his government job to go to different countries and set up embassies there, Kurien went to Iraq.

While traveling in a red zone in Iraq as part of a convoy for security reasons, the rebels attacked the entourage, which consisted of two army vehicles, a dummy car with a driver, and the car carrying Kurien, two bodyguards, a translator, and a driver. A missile hit below the car in

which Kurien was in, throwing the car ten feet up in the air. When it landed, the rebels shot his bodyguards sitting on his two sides in the rear seat as well as the translator and the driver.

Pretending to be dead

A shard of glass had pierced Kurien's forehead into the skull and blood was gushing. The rebels began checking each car to kill those remaining alive and setting the vehicles on fire. He pretended to be dead, just like the two bodyguards, now dead,



"Sitting in the car, I had thought, where is God, I'm about to die. When I look back, the presence of my God was felt there in downtown Baghdad when the attackers opened the rear door of my vehicle and they got distracted by the sound of the approaching helicopter. God was right there. I can now say that it is only because of God being there with me in Greece and Iraq that I'm now alive."

- FATHER ALEXANDER J KURIEN

sons had died in the attack and only Kurien walked out alive. The injury to the forehead left him deaf on the right ear and he has not been able to chew food ever since but can only swallow.

'God is with me'

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Father Kurien, a senior priest of the Syrian Orthodox Church, was in Bahrain to attend an ecumenical conference at St. Mary's Indian Orthodox Cathedral in Manama.

(To be continued: Priest who defied death talks about super-human abilities)

BDF Chief of Staff visits five injured servicemen in Saudi

Riyadh

Lieutenant General Theyab bin Saqr Al Nuaimi, Chief of Staff of the Bahrain Defence Force (BDF), visited the five injured servicemen, who were admitted at a Saudi hospital.

This came as the BDF Chief of Staff met with Lieutenant-General Fayyadh bin Hamed Al Ruwaili, Saudi Arabia's Chief of General Staff.

The meeting highlighted the historic military cooperation between BDF and Saudi Arabia's Armed Forces, reviewing joint military efforts and defence cooperation areas.

Lieutenant General Al Nuaimi valued the efforts of Saudi Arabia's health sector and services, and extended appreciation to King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, and Prince Mohammed bin Salman bin Abdul-



Lieutenant General Al Nuaimi holds talks with Saudi Arabia's Chief of General Staff

laziz Al Saud, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister of Saudi Arabia, for their sincere support and standing by Bahrain.

The BDF Chief of Staff conveyed the greetings of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, the Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces; His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Com-

mander of the Armed Forces and Prime Minister; and Field Marshal Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, Commander-in-Chief of the BDF, expressing their appreciation for their valor and dedication in performing their national duty alongside fellow BDF servicemen within the Arab Coalition to Support Legitimacy in Yemen, as part of Operation Decisive Storm and Operation



The meeting highlighted the historic military cooperation between BDF and Saudi Arabia's Armed Forces.

Restoring Hope.

He prayed to Allah the Almighty to rest the soul of the fallen serviceman in eternal peace and to give their relatives patience and fortitude, wishing the injured a speedy recovery.

Bahrain keen to bolster UK trade cooperation



Shaikh Salman holds a meeting the Lord Mayor of London

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The minister highlighted the Kingdom of Bahrain's commitment to strengthening the long-standing bilateral partnership towards common aspirations and goals.

During the meeting, issues of common interest, and the latest regional and international developments, were reviewed.

The meeting was also attended by the CEO of Mumtalakat, Shaikh Abdulla bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, and the Chief Executive of the Bahrain Economic Development Board, Khalid Humaidan, and other officials.

Students take IELTS training programme

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The Ministry of Education has commenced the widespread implementation of a training programme focused on assessing English language proficiency through the International English Language Testing System (IELTS).

Building on the successful pilot phase conducted last year, which exclusively targeted third-year secondary school students, this programme now encompasses all students across different grades, totaling approximately 40,000 male and female students.

Over the course of the next five days, starting yesterday, students will undertake a pre-test to gauge their listening, reading, writing, and speaking abilities in English. Following the assessment, a six-month training programme will be introduced



Gauging the students' listening, reading, writing, and speaking abilities in English to enhance their skills.

In May 2024, students will undergo a post-test to evaluate their progress, and comprehensive reports will be provided based on their performance in both tests.

To ensure effective implementation, the Ministry is conducting intensive training for secondary school teachers in collaboration with renowned

partners such as the National Geographic Learning Publishing House, the British Council, and the Regional Office for the English Language at the US Embassy. The training will equip educators with the necessary strategies to enhance students' English language acquisition.

Additionally, comprehensive guidelines and practical book-

lets will be distributed to students, containing valuable information about the IELTS test and a range of practical activities designed to improve their ability to manage time, handle questions effectively, avoid common mistakes, and attain the desired proficiency levels. This holistic approach aims to empower students and foster their success in the IELTS examination.

Inspection campaigns uncover labour violations



Expats' legal status is being checked by the joint inspection teams

Arrests, legal measures taken against violators

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In an effort to combat irregular residency and ensure adherence to labour laws in the Kingdom of Bahrain, joint inspection campaigns were carried out by the Nationality, Passports, and Residence Affairs (NPRA), the Capital Governorate Police Directorate, and the Labour Market Regulatory Authority (LMRA).

The campaigns resulted in the identification of several

violations, leading to the arrest of violators and the implementation of legal measures against them.

The Capital Governorate Police Directorate secured the areas where workers were present and verified the validity of their residency and work permits with relevant authorities.

Similar campaigns were also carried out in other governorates of the Kingdom. The Nationality, Passports, and Residence Affairs urge community members to report any complaints related to irregular labor violations. They can do so by contacting the call center at 17077077 or via email at info@npra.gov.bh.

Bahrain calls for strong GCC cooperation in health sector



Dr. Jaleela with participants at the event

Muscat

Health Minister Dr. Jaleela Hibint Al Sayed Jawad Hassan emphasised the importance of strengthening GCC health cooperation and developing its systems and producers to provide the best health services in the region.

Dr. Jaleela was speaking as she headed the Kingdom of Bahrain's delegation at the Ninth Meeting of the Committee of the Ministers of Health of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC), and the 86th General Conference of the GCC Health Ministers Council in Muscat, Oman.

The meeting reviewed the GCC Health Ministers Council

2023 performance report, projected and budget for 2024.

They discussed several joint projects and initiatives such as the joint GCC Health Minister Action Plan, the implementation of the international health regulations, healthy cities projects, and organise registration and classification of health specialties in the GCC states.

NIHR delegation pays visit to Hidd Rehabilitation Centre for Special Needs



NIHR delegation at the Centre

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A delegation from the National Institution for Human Rights (NIHR) visited Hidd Rehabilitation Centre for Special Needs, which is affiliated with UCO Elderly Care.

The delegation was briefed on the centre's educational and

rehabilitative services for people with mental disabilities and Down Syndrome.

They were informed about issues related to equipping educational facilities and classes to encourage people with disabilities to respond effectively, thus contributing to achieving the desired goals towards their

integration into society.

The visit is within the framework of the NIHR's keenness to inspect the care and rehabilitation services and programmes provided by these centres, and to examine their commitment to implementing standards related to the protection and promotion of human rights.



Condolences

Foreign Affairs Minister Dr. Abdullatif bin Rashid Al Zayani paid a visit to the Italian Embassy to offer condolences on the death of Giorgio Napolitano, former President of Italy. The minister expressed his sincere condolences to the government and people of Italy, as well as the ambassador, recalling the late president's efforts and role in promoting bilateral relations with Bahrain.



Bahrain-France relations

Abdullah bin Adel Fakhro, Minister of Industry and Commerce, received Eric Giraud-Telme, the newly appointed French Ambassador to Bahrain. The two sides discussed joint bilateral relations between Bahrain and France, and ways to strengthen and develop them to achieve common goals, especially in trade and economy. The French ambassador expressed his keenness to strengthen bilateral ties to serve the best interests of both countries and their people.



Arab Interior Ministries Council meeting

The Ministry of Interior participated in the 38th coordinative meeting for Arab Interior Ministries Council and the third meeting for the council Communication Representatives in the member countries in Tunis. The meeting discussed subjects related to the report of the legal committee for Criminal Prosecution for the year 2023, the proposals of the various council bodies. A number of topics were also presented to be discussed at the 91st session of the International Criminal Police Organization (Interpol).

Health services cooperation



The Government Hospitals received a delegation from King Hussein Cancer Foundation in Jordan, within the framework of its to enhance cooperation and exchange expertise in the health sector. They paid an inspection visit to the Abdullah Khalil Kanoo Pediatric Oncology Unit at Salmaniya Medical Complex to learn about the latest services and treatment provided by the government. They discussed ways to enhance health services through many initiatives, as well as developing health and medical cooperation and exchanging expertise with the centre.

Indonesia to launch China-funded high-speed rail, first in S.E. Asia

AFP | Jakarta, Indonesia

Indonesia is set to launch Southeast Asia's first high-speed railway on Monday, a delayed multibillion-dollar project backed by China that will cut travel between capital Jakarta and another major city by hours.

The Chinese-made bullet train named "Whoosh" is built to take more than 600 people to and from Jakarta and the Javan city of Bandung in 45 minutes and is part of China's Belt and Road infrastructure initiative. President Joko Widodo has lauded the project for the fast ride it will provide between the two cities on Indonesia's most populous island Java, and he will inaugurate it on Monday, according to local media reports, citing officials.

"We will launch it on October 2, because on October 1, the president is busy," Transport Minister Budi Karya Sumadi told reporters on Friday. The train can reach speeds up to 350 kilometres per hour (220 miles per hour) and has cost a joint Chinese-Indonesian venture more than \$7 billion to build.

Saudi revises budget, projects \$21bn deficit

● Saudi Arabia in December announced it had recorded its first annual budget surplus in nearly a decade

AFP | Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

Saudi Arabia has revised down its budget projections and now expects to record a deficit this year, the finance ministry said late Saturday, reflecting rising expenditures and falling oil revenue.

The kingdom, the world's biggest crude exporter, had planned for a surplus of 16 billion Saudi riyals (\$4.27 billion) in 2023 but now predicts a deficit of 82 bn Saudi riyals (\$21.86 bn), or two percent of GDP, according to the ministry's pre-budget statement.

A deficit of 79 bn riyals, or 1.9% of GDP, is expected next year, the statement said.

Saudi Arabia in December announced it had recorded its first annual budget surplus in nearly a decade, benefiting from oil



Saudi Aramco, Saudi Arabia's state-owned oil and gas company, shows its rigs in HSBH field north of Dhahran in the eastern province of Saudi Arabia



Saudi Arabia is also pursuing an ambitious and expensive Vision 2030 reform programme spearheaded by Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman that intends to shift the economy away from fossil fuels.

price hikes that resulted from Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

Oil revenue this year has fallen by 17% as prices have dipped and Riyadh has cut production in a bid to boost them.

Daily output is currently nine million barrels per day, down two million barrels from this time last year. Saturday's statement touted growth in non-oil sectors, whose revenue jumped by 11% in the first half of the

year. Saudi Finance Minister Mohammed al-Jadaan said the government "will continue implementing fiscal and economic structural reforms to help develop and diversify the Saudi economy, and to increase economic growth while maintaining fiscal sustainability".

The ministry currently expects budget deficits to last through 2026, the statement said.

Last-gasp deal averts US government shutdown

Washington, United States

The US Congress passed an 11th-hour funding bill Saturday to keep federal agencies running for another 45 days and avert a costly government shutdown -- although the deal left out aid to war-torn Ukraine.

Three hours before the midnight deadline, the Senate voted to keep the lights on through mid-November with a resolution that had advanced earlier from the House of Representatives in a day of high-stakes brinkmanship on Capitol Hill.

The last-ditch "continuing resolution" was pitched by House Speaker Kevin McCarthy as millions of public workers looked set to be sent home unpaid, upending government functions from military operations to food aid to federal policymaking. "Tonight, bipartisan majorities in the House and Senate voted to keep the government open, preventing an unnecessary crisis that would have inflicted needless pain on millions of hardworking Americans," Biden said.

Benefit platinum sponsor of Bahrain International eGovernment Forum 2023



Hanan Hasan Lulwa Sami
TDT | Manama

Bahrain's Electronic Network for Financial Transactions (Benefit) is a platinum sponsor of the 10th Bahrain International eGovernment Forum, the event's Organizing Committee announced. Held under the patronage of Gen. Rashid bin Abdullah Al Khalifa, the Minister of Interior and Chairman of the Ministerial Committee for Information and Communication Technology (MCICT), the forum will take place from 9th to 11th October 2023 at Exhibition World Bahrain in Sakhir.

Organizing Committee Chair and Information & eGovernment Authority (iGA) Director of Communications and Marketing, Lulwa Sami highlighting the significance of having Benefit as a partner for this major ICT event taking place in the Kingdom of Bahrain in its 10th Edition: "The company's participation underscores its commitment to the advancement of the technology market."

"Benefit PR & Corporate Communications Manager, Hanan Hasan said: "Benefit will be showcasing its latest projects to enhance electronic payments and fund transfers, as well as key new features of Benefit-Pay app and other essential services." The forum's central theme, 'AI: Reshaping Industries', will explore how artificial intelligence stands at the forefront of advanced technologies. To register, email to registration@iga.gov.bh. For enquiries, call the Government Services Contact Center on 80008001.

NBB wins 'Best Bank for ESG in Bahrain'



Officials during the award ceremony
TDT | Manama

The National Bank of Bahrain (NBB) has been awarded the Best Bank for ESG in Bahrain award at the Euromoney Awards for Excellence 2023, for the second consecutive year. This prestigious award recognizes NBB's significant achievements in Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) practices.

Since the introduction of its 3-year sustainability roadmap in 2020, NBB has continuously integrated ESG considerations across its business conduct and operations. The bank has also enhanced its disclosure practices through aligning with a number of International ESG reporting frameworks.

Some noteworthy ESG initiatives within NBB operations include the launch of NBB's ESG Academy in 2022 in partnership with the Supreme Council for

Environment (SCE), establishing a national benchmark for internship programs through 'Evolve' and 'Thrive', the improvement of performance indicators around environmental issues, such as the continued reduction in energy consumption, water consumption, and greenhouse gas emissions, and the maintained level of waste management.

NBB's business conduct has also been acknowledged for its ESG initiatives. These include the development of innovative financing structures provided to the retail sector, where products with environmentally or socially positive impacts are offered at preferential rates.

The other key initiatives were the revamp of NBB's Tamweel Alwatani financing scheme to widen the scope of eligibility to benefit from the scheme and the offering of a more customized approach

to corporate and institutional banking clients, that aligns with the level of sophistication required.

In 2022, NBB was appointed as a Sustainability Coordinator on a US\$ 1.3 billion syndicated loan transaction for one of the key strategic assets of the Kingdom of Bahrain.

Responding to the news of the award, Boris Dechev, Senior Research Analyst at Euromoney, stated, "NBB led the way in sustainability with a 13% reduction in energy, emissions and water usage, while enabling customers to make eco-conscious choices with innovative products."

Usman Ahmed, Group Chief Executive Officer at NBB, said, "We are honoured to have been recognised for a second year at the 2023 Euromoney Awards for Excellence, for our accomplishments in the Sustainability space."

monthly draws, providing more opportunities for the Bank's customers to win cash prizes from USD 10,000 up to USD 1,000,000.

Each deposit of BHD 50 into NBB's SaveWave, Express Saver or Al Mumayaz accounts, will give customers one chance to

win.

This December NBB will give away USD 2,000,000 in the final Al Watani Savings Scheme prize draw of the year. Two winners will be selected from participating NBB customers, and each will be awarded the grand prize of USD 1,000,000.

Gulf Hotel Bahrain names two Bahrainis to executive management

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The Gulf Hotel Bahrain announced promoting Hameed Ali as General Manager where he would lead the 5-star property to new heights of excellence in hospitality.

Hameed has played a pivotal role in the success and reputation of the hotel. As the former Deputy General Manager, he demonstrated exceptional leadership qualities and a profound understanding of the hospitality industry. In his new role as the General Manager, Hameed will continue to uphold the hotel's legacy of delivering exceptional guest



Hameed Ali and Mahmood Mukhtar

experiences and fostering a culture of excellence.

Additionally, Mahmood Mukhtar has been appointed as the Deputy General Manager. This appointment reflects the hotel and its Board's vision to provide opportunities for local professionals to grow and excel within the industry.

UTB hosts AACSB training workshop



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University of Technology Bahrain (UTB) hosted a training workshop facilitated by Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB), an internationally recognized nonprofit organization that independently reviews business institutions across the globe, for UTB College of Administrative and Financial Sciences (CAFS) faculty members prior to the onset of the new academic year.

As the largest business education network that connects educators, students, and

businesses to create the next generation of great business leaders, AACSB approved UTB as a member. With this membership, UTB has access to wider benefits and resources to uphold the highest standard of quality through more engagement opportunities, quality assurance resources, business education intelligence, and diverse opportunities for professional development in its business programme offerings, namely: Bachelor of Science in Accounting and Finance, Bachelor of Science in Business Informatics, Bachelor of Science in International Business, and Master of Business Adminis-

tration.

With the expertise of Prof. Ihsan Thabit Zakri, Regional Head of AACSB Middle East and Africa (MEA) from Amsterdam, Netherlands, the two-day training workshop proactively involved faculty participants to think up for the continuous improvement of engagement, innovation and impact of the business programmes being offered, particularly in the areas of assessment and review processes towards the delivery of high-quality business education and the attainment of the programme outcomes foremost the overall academic strategic goals.

Hasan A. Hussain Hasan winner of NBB Al Watani August prize

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The National Bank of Bahrain (NBB) has announced Hasan A. Hussain Hasan as the winner of USD 100,000 in the Al Watani Savings Scheme August draw. NBB has increased the number of winners for the

News in brief

◆ **Jimmy Carter, the longest-living US president**, turned 99 yesterday, defying the odds seven months after entering hospice care to notch another birthday. World leaders, celebrities and everyday people sent wishes to the almost-centenarian, while the White House displayed a giant wooden cake on its lawn with 39 candles for the 39th president. "I admire you because you have such incredible integrity, character and determination," US President Joe Biden said in a video message posted on X, formerly Twitter. "God love you, happy birthday pal."



Former US president Jimmy Carter turns 99

Carter, who already beat brain cancer in his 90s, was thought to be on his last legs in February when his nonprofit foundation, the Carter Center, announced he would spend his "remaining time" at home with his family in the small town of Plains, Georgia in hospice care. Since the announcement, Carter, a Nobel peace laureate and former peanut farmer, has been reported to be sleeping a lot but also still watching baseball and eating his beloved peanut butter ice cream. Last weekend he even made an appearance at the Plains Peanut Festival, riding in the parade next to his 96-year-old wife, Rosalynn.

UN mission arrives in Karabakh, first visit in 30 years



◆ **A United Nations mission** arrived in Nagorno-Karabakh yesterday, Azerbaijan said, after almost the entire ethnic-Armenian population fled since Baku recaptured the breakaway enclave. An Azerbaijani presidency spokesman told AFP that a "UN mission arrived in Karabakh on Sunday morning" -- mainly to assess humanitarian needs. It marks the first time in about 30 years that the international body has gained access to the region. Armenian separatists, who had controlled the region for three decades, agreed to disarm, dissolve their

government and reintegrate with Baku following a one-day Azerbaijani offensive last week.

Hardline leader says will move to oust US Speaker

◆ **A leading hardline Republican** said yesterday he would move to oust House Speaker Kevin McCarthy for striking a deal with Democrats to avert a US government shutdown without the spending cuts demanded by the right-wing caucus. "I do intend to file a motion to vacate Speaker McCarthy this week," Congressman Matt Gaetz told CNN. "I think we need to rip off the Band-Aid." Gaetz is a leading figure within the House Freedom Caucus - a small group of hardline Republican legislators who had brought the government to the brink of shutdown with their refusal to adopt fresh federal funding without deep spending cuts. The group was furious when McCarthy struck a stopgap deal with Democrats late Saturday to keep the government open for a further 45 days at current spending levels.



CURIOSER & CURIOSER

Crossing glaciers and fjords: Norwegian reindeer migrate for winter



Several hundred reindeer swim across Jokelfjord, on route to their winter pastures in Northern Norway

Tromso, Norway

A herd of reindeer with white, brown or grey coats climb mountains and swim between glaciers on their great migration to their winter pasture in Norway's far north.

37-year-old Sami herder, whistles towards the herd to show them the path to take. But the herder, accompanied by his barking dogs, says mostly they are driven by their instinct to follow the right route.

Over fourteen days, an AFP photographer followed the Kautokeino reindeer on their way back from their summer pasture in Seglvik to the Kautokeino lands near the Finnish border.

"If they don't want to walk, they don't walk -- they do it little by little as they want, when they decide," said Gaup.

The reindeer -- bred by the indigenous Sami reindeer herders that span northern Europe -- are semi-nomadic and travel across vast expanses as they move between their winter and summer grazing grounds. To make their journey home, the reindeer bypass two glaciers before arriving at the foot of the Jokelfjord glacier -- the only one in Europe which drains into the ocean.

When they reach obstacles such as a steep wall or crossing a fjord, the reindeer stop and wait for a signal from the herders. A Sami herder in a small motorboat in the middle of the fjord rings a bell to show them the way to the opposite bank.

The Sami follow their animals on quad bikes, on foot, or by boat. Ante Niillas Gaup, a

When they are ready to swim, the reindeer form themselves into a single file, preparing to dive in.

Hundreds of the animals then launch into the water, grunting as they head for the other shore in a synchronised swim. Once they reach land again, they are on the final leg of their journey to Kautokeino, where they will spend the winter.

Afghan embassy in India suspends operations

New Delhi, India

Afghanistan's embassy in India yesterday suspended operations, more than two years after the ouster of the former Western-backed government.

While New Delhi does not recognise the Taliban government that returned to power in 2021, it had allowed the Afghan embassy to continue operations under the ambassador and mission staff appointed by former president Ashraf Ghani, who fled Kabul as US troops pulled out.

"It is with profound sadness, regret, and disappointment that the Embassy of Afghanistan in New Delhi announces this decision to cease its operations," the statement read, posted on X.

The suspension comes into immediate effect.

'Negligent' Iraq officials sacked for wedding fire

Baghdad, Iraq

A mayor and his fire chief are among five Iraqi officials sacked for "grave negligence" after a blaze that killed 107 people at a wedding hall last week, authorities said yesterday.

The tragedy struck the northern Iraqi town of Qaraqosh, a centre of Iraq's small Christian community near Mosul, in a wedding hall with a capacity of "no more than 400 people", Interior Minister Abdel Amir al-Shammari told a press conference.

That night, it held in excess of 900 people, he said, confirming the blaze on the night of September 26 was an accident.

Public anger has flared over the high death toll, which General Saad Faleh, head of the commission investigating the tragedy, said currently stands at 107.

Ukraine says working US after Congress drops

The 11th-hour funding bill passed by Congress on Saturday will keep US federal agencies running for another 45 days

AFP | Kyiv, Ukraine

Ukraine said yesterday it was working with Washington to ensure new wartime aid, after US lawmakers dropped additional funding for Kyiv in a last-minute deal to avoid a government shutdown.

The 11th-hour funding bill passed by Congress on Saturday will keep US federal agencies running for another 45 days, but left out new aid to Ukraine amid opposition from some hardline Republicans.

"The Ukrainian government is now actively working with its American partners to ensure that the new US budget decision, which will be developed over the next 45 days, includes new funds



Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy (L) holds a flag of the Ukrainian armed forces as a Ukrainian serviceman pays his respects for Ukraine during a ceremony marking Defenders Day of Ukraine in Kyiv.

to help Ukraine," Ukrainian foreign ministry spokesman Oleg Nikolenko said.

"The situation with the US temporary budget will not stop the flow of aid to Ukraine, which was announced earlier," he said.

Kyiv has relied heavily on West-

ern support since Russia invaded last year.

The United States has been the country's biggest financial backer, providing it with over \$40 billion in military assistance.

But the issue of funding for Ukraine has become increasingly

At least 13 dead in Spanish nightclub

AFP | Madrid, Spain

At least 13 people were killed in a fire in a Spanish nightclub yesterday morning, authorities said, with fears the toll could still rise as rescue workers sift through the debris.

The fire broke out in the two-storey "Teatre" nightclub, also called "Fonda Milagros", in the city of Murcia in southeastern Spain in early hours of the morning. Emergency services said on X, the platform formerly known as Twitter, that firefighters were continuing to work at the scene and had not ruled out "the possibility of finding more victims."

Jose Ballesta, mayor of Murcia, said the fire had broken out at around 6:00 am local time (0400 GMT) and was "extremely seri-



Firefighters getting ready near the Teatre nightclub

ous". Ballesta told press at the scene that "there are still bodies to be pulled out" from the rubble, which he said was a complicated task given the "risk of collapse". Firefighters dispatched to the

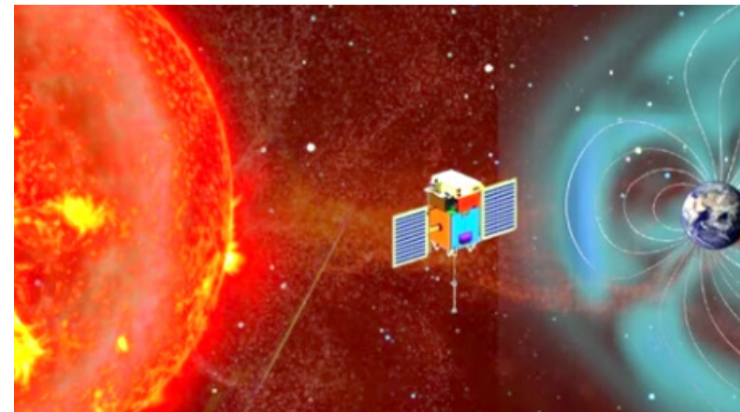
Indian spacecraft heads towards centre of solar system

The Aditya-L1 mission started its four-month journey towards the centre of the solar system on September 2

AFP | New Delhi, India

India's Sun-monitoring spacecraft has crossed a landmark point on its journey to escape "the sphere of Earth's influence", its space agency said, days after the disappointment of its Moon rover failing to awaken.

The Aditya-L1 mission, which started its four-month journey towards the centre of the solar system on September 2, carries instruments to observe the Sun's



Representative picture

outermost layers. "The spacecraft has escaped the sphere of Earth's influence," the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) said in a statement late Saturday. Aditya, named after the Hindu Sun deity,

mission to remain in a stable halo orbit around our nearest star.

"This is the second time in succession that ISRO could send a spacecraft outside the sphere of influence of the Earth, the first time being the Mars Orbiter Mission", the agency added.

In August, India became the first country to land a craft near the largely unexplored lunar south pole, and just the fourth nation to land on the Moon.

Rover Pragyan surveyed the vicinity of its landing site but was powered down before the start of lunar night, which lasts roughly two weeks on Earth.

India had hoped to prolong the mission by reactivating the solar-powered vehicle once daylight returned to the lunar surface, but so far has been greeted by radio

has travelled 920,000 kilometres (570,000 miles), just over half the journey's total distance.

At that point, the gravitational forces of both astronomical bodies cancel out, allowing the



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politicised in Washington, where some Republican lawmakers have pushed for deep spending cuts. Ukraine held a weapons forum this week to attract more manufacturers to build arms in Ukraine, amid concerns arms support from its Western allies may waver.

Biden says US 'will not walk away' from Ukraine

Washington, United States

President Joe Biden yesterday vowed the United States would not abandon Ukraine despite aid being dropped from a deal to avoid a government shutdown, urging Republicans to "stop the games" on funding. "I want to assure our American allies, the American people and the people in Ukraine that you can count on our support. We will not walk away," Biden said in an address from the White House.

Club fire

scene at 7:00 am were able to extinguish the fire by 8:00 am, he said. Photos released by the emergency services show water hoses from fire trucks spraying the blackened facade of the club. Thick smoke could be seen billowing from the roof of the building. Authorities said four people were injured, two women aged 22 and 25 years old and two men in their forties, all suffering with smoke inhalation. A police spokesperson said that a birthday party was being held at the club on Saturday night. "According to initial information, the fire broke out on the first floor of the nightclub, which has a ground floor and a first floor," Diego Seral, the national police spokesman told radio Onda Regional de Murcia.

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silence. "It is OK if it does not wake up because the rover has done what it was expected to do," ISRO chief S. Somanath said Wednesday. In 2014, India became the first Asian nation to put a craft into orbit around Mars, and it is slated to launch a three-day crewed mission into Earth orbit by next year. The United States and the European Space Agency have sent numerous probes to the centre of the solar system, beginning with NASA's Pioneer programme in the 1960s. Japan and China have both launched their own solar observatory missions into Earth orbit. But if successful, ISRO's latest mission will be the first by any Asian nation to be placed in orbit around the Sun.

Stopped train left hundreds of migrants stranded in Mexican desert



Migrant people, mostly from Venezuela, remain stranded after the goods train they were travelling on to Ciudad Juarez stopped in the desert in the municipality of Ahumada, Chihuahua state

AFP | Ciudad Juarez, Mexico

Migrants were stranded in northern Mexico's harsh desert after the freight train they were riding on halted for 24 hours, though they were trundling toward the border again on Saturday.

Around 1,800 people, mostly Venezuelans and Central Americans, became stuck overnight in the northern state of Chihuahua when the freight train they had hitched a ride on stopped without explanation in the Ahumada municipality Friday.

"All night, the cold didn't let up, and during the day, (there was no relief) from the sun," Venezuelan Jose Mar-

tin told AFP. These migrants are among many who ride on freight trains as a means of heading north, where they hope to cross into the United States after fleeing poverty and violence in their home countries.

"Not bus or car, nothing, nobody will take us, so we hopped on a train, because supposedly they (trains) don't stop," said Maria Fernanda Molina, also from Venezuela.

"But look what happened to us," she said.

In Mexico, where most railroads are more than 100 years old, freight trains often move slowly or stop altogether -- sometimes for the very purpose of discouraging migrants.

Whalers say 24 fin whales killed as season ends

AFP | Reykjavik, Iceland

Iceland's controversial whaling season has come to an end with a total of 24 fin whales killed this year, whalers said, as the practice faces an uncertain future under heavy criticism.

Kristjan Loftsson, the head

of Hvalur, the only company still hunting whales in Iceland, told newspaper Morgunblaðid that his whalers had wrapped up a shortened 2023 season.

This year the season lasted only three weeks in September, Loftsson told the newspaper late Saturday.



Iceland is one of just three countries that allow commercial whaling -- along with Norway and Japan -- in the face of fierce criticism from environmentalists and animal rights' defenders.

Senegal navy intercepts more than 600 migrants in three days

AFP | Dakar, Senegal

The Senegalese navy intercepted more than 600 Europe-bound migrants off the country's coast in three days, according to information published by the organisation yesterday.

The navy said on social media that one of its patrol boats had on Saturday boarded two canoes carrying 262 passengers, including 26 women and 13 minors.

Saturday's figure brings the total number of people intercepted to 605 in three days, after the navy stopped a boat with 272 passengers on Friday and 71 a day earlier.

The Senegalese navy has in recent weeks stepped up its

boarding and rescue operations targeting illegal migrants.

It has intercepted 1,955 would-be migrants since July 1, according to information published on its social media.

At the end of July, Senegal's government presented a 10-year plan to combat irregular migration from the West African nation with domestic and external financing, amid heightened attention on migrants following several tragedies.

The five-pillar plan involves strengthening border management and law enforcement measures against smugglers, and helping to repatriate and reintegrate migrants in Senegal.



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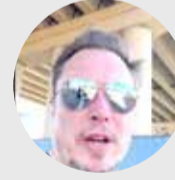
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Between 1867 and 1998, more than 150,000 First Nations, Inuit, and Métis children were taken from their families and forced to attend residential schools. Today in Lac La Ronge, Saskatchewan, we came together to honour these children. #EveryChildMatters

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Went to the Eagle Pass border crossing to see what's really going on

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@POTUS signed the Presidential Determination on Refugee Admissions, setting the target of up to 125K refugee admissions for FY24. This action reflects long-standing U.S. leadership on refugee protection and solidarity with refugee-hosting countries.

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WIDE ANGLE

Copyrights protection



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Copyrights, almost everywhere, are protected and recognized by certain legislations particularly "The Copyrights Law". Also, most countries and jurisdictions are following the "Berne Convention" and "WIPO" copyrights principles. The Berne Convention, is almost the base for modern national copyright laws.

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CAMPUS

Bhavans-Bahrain Indian School celebrates Gandhi Jayanti



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In accordance with the significance of Gandhi Jayanti, Bhavans-Bahrain Indian School celebrated the day with a number of activities with the goal to encourage students to follow the path of truth and non-violence. History was relived and biography of Mahatma Gandhi was reiterated as students were

engaged in various activities like crafting the famous "Three Wise monkeys" figurines, writing famous quotes on Mahatma Gandhi, narrating stories about his life along with conducting quiz on his life and lessons as taught by him.

Students of Grade VI presented a special assembly which was a value addition. Students sang the famous bhajan- 'Raghuapati

Raghav Raja Ram' and showcased a skit on three principles as guided by him for a peaceful living.

Kindergarteners presented a special assembly wherein the students sang a medley based on Gandhiji's famous songs. The students were shown a presentation on the motivational quotes as propagated by Gandhiji followed by a skit performance on



Swachh Bharat Abhiyan (Clean Indian Campaign).

The activities yielded great learning for the students and added to their knowledge base.

Directors Himanshu Verma and Ritu Verma and Principal Saji Jacob applauded and appreciated the efforts of the students and guided the students to follow the principles of Gandhiji for a successful life ahead.



New Millennium School commemorates Gandhi Jayanti



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To commemorate the 154th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, a series of activities were organised for the students of New Millennium School, Bahrain.

Special assembly was conducted to give a deep insight into the life and ideas of Mahatma Gandhi.

The skit and the speeches presented by the students filled the ambience with a feeling of patriotism.

The assembly was concluded by Principal Arun Kumar Sharma, who enlightened the students with his speech on the morals and values given by Mahatma Gandhi, emphasizing on the practically inculcating Gandhiji's teach-



ings in one's behaviour and actions.

Chairman Dr Ravi Pillai and Managing Director Geetha Pillai extended their warmest wishes to the students, staff and parents on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti.



New Horizon School marks Gandhi Jayanti

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The New Horizon School celebrated Gandhi Jayanti, commemorating the 154th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, the Father of India, in both the Zinj and Segayya campuses.

A special assembly was organised by the Social Studies department, where School Chairman, Joy Mathews, and Principal, Vandana Sateesh, along with the students and teachers paid homage to Mahatma Gandhi.

The school premises were decorated with quotes of Mahatma Gandhi and posters framed by the students under the theme "Gandhian Ideals - A Timeless Legacy", emphasizing his principles of truth and non-violence.

A series of events were organised to mark the occasion including a skit portraying Gandhian philosophy.

The Chairman addressed the gathering by highlighting the significant events from the life of Gandhi and the value of peace and harmony in life.

The Principal, in her felicitation, reminded the students about the values of truth, non-violence, and simplicity that were dear to Mahatma Gandhi and urged the students to incorporate these values in



their lives.

The program was followed by the prize distribution ceremony for the students who secured prominent positions in

the Poster-Making competition, held on September 18th, 2023. The certificates and trophies were awarded to the winners by all the dignitaries.

Indian School pays tribute to Mahatma Gandhi

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The Indian School Bahrain (ISB) celebrated Social Science Day yesterday.

Indian Embassy Second Secretary Ravi Shanker Shukla inaugurated the programme which was organised by the Social Science department by lighting the lamp in the presence of Principal VR Palaniswamy, Vice-Principals and staff, students and parents.

The main event of the day was an inter school quiz competition on Mahatma Gandhi and India's Freedom Movement.

The ISB team won the first prize in the quiz contest conducted by quiz master Rajesh Nair.

The winners were awarded prizes by Chief Guest Ravi Shanker Shukla who also gave the inaugural address.

Head Teacher Jose Thomas



spoke about Gandhiji and his ideologies.

The event featured a series of cultural performances that showcased the rich and diverse heritage of India.

ISB Chairman Prince S Natarajan in his message said the Social Science Day celebrations helps to raise awareness about the importance of Social Sci-

ence and to inspire students to learn more about the subject.

Secretary Saji Antony said it provided a platform for the students to showcase their talents and creativity.

Principal VR Palaniswamy congratulated the students for their active participation and teachers for their meticulous organisation of the event.

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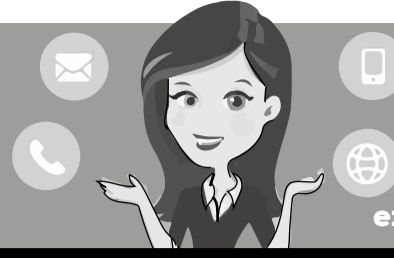
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Alcaraz, Sabalenka sail through at China Open



Spain's Carlos Alcaraz hits a return against Italy's Lorenzo Musetti

AFP | Beijing

Top seeds Carlos Alcaraz and Aryna Sabalenka both breezed into the next round of the China Open with routine victories yesterday.

Alcaraz sealed a place in the men's quarter-finals with a smooth 6-2, 6-2 victory over Italy's Lorenzo Musetti in Beijing.

The world number two overpowered his opponent and seized the first set when Musetti whacked a baseline backhand into the net.

The Spaniard then broke serve twice in the second set and saw out a comfortable match with an unreturned serve.

He will next face Casper Ruud after the world number nine came back to beat Argentina's Tomas Etcheverry 1-6, 7-5, 7-6 (9-7).

"I feel great, honestly. It was a good performance against a really tough opponent," Alcaraz said at a post-match

news briefing.

"(My level) didn't (go) up and down. I stayed at a high level, high quality, during the whole match," the 20-year-old said.

The match balls have been a sticking point in the tournament's early rounds, with Alcaraz's main challenger Daniil Medvedev describing them on Saturday as "like a grapefruit".

Alcaraz said yesterday he had also felt the distinct quality of the balls, which Medvedev said were also quick to fluff up, "since day one".

"It's something tough, but tennis players have to get used to the balls in every tournament," he said in response to a question from AFP.

"Here, in just one or two games, the balls become really different from (when they're) new. It's a kind of different (style of) play," he said.

Also yesterday, world number seven Jannik Sinner obliterated Japan's Yoshihito Nishio 6-2, 6-0.

Martin three points off Bagnaia with wet Japan MotoGP win

● Jorge Martin wins rain-suspended Japan MotoGP, Bagnaia second

AFP | Motegi

Jorge Martin narrowed the gap on championship leader Francesco Bagnaia to just three points with six races left yesterday after winning a Japan MotoGP cut short by rain.

Starting from pole, the Spaniard had already cut the difference to Italy's Bagnaia to only eight points on Saturday with his third straight sprint victory and fifth of the season.

Ducati's Bagnaia came second in the race, giving the defending world champion 319 points compared to 316 for Martin from Ducati satellite team Pramac. Marc Marquez took third.

The 24-lap race began under overcast skies and light rain quickly intensified once the race started in mountainous Motegi.

This made for treacherous conditions with slippery turns and a sea of spray, and most riders came into the pits early on to change tyres.

Martin and Bagnaia worked their way back to the top of the field before organisers suspended the race with 12 laps to go.

They attempted a restart



Prima Pramac Racing rider Jorge Martin of Spain (C) leads Ducati Lenovo Team rider Francesco Bagnaia of Italy (R) and Repsol Honda Team rider Marc Marquez of Spain (L) during rain fallen MotoGP Japanese Grand Prix

but the red flags quickly came out again and the riders were awarded full points according to their positions at the stoppage.

"I was committed to do a great result today," Martin said afterwards.

"I felt really good with the rear grip and I was able to overtake all of them (after the pit stop) and make this gap to win today," he added.

"I'm so so happy. Luckily everybody's away but it was too dangerous to keep going," he added.

Bagnaia said he was happy with the result but said he thought he could have overtaken Martin.

"I was hoping to do more laps

to catch Jorge because I was trying to gain (on him) lap by lap without pushing too much," he said.

"Unluckily, we didn't have time to finish the race... I think, with the time management, I was quite competitive in the last part of the race," he said.

Looking ahead, Bagnaia said competition was turning more "difficult" and "intense" as he duelled with Martin for the championship.

"I think it will be interesting. Could be a great fight. For sure, it's more intense right now. It's more difficult," he said.

Six-time world champion Marquez on Honda made his first podium finish of the year at

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the home circuit of the Japanese brand.

He started from the third row, but as rain caused other riders to go wide or even into gravel, the Spaniard saw an opening to race to the podium.

"I enjoyed (it). In the beginning of the race I was very calm, just tried to understand the tyres," Marquez said.

"When I saw that there was water on the track, I started to attack and I was increasing the speed step by step," he said.

South African Brad Binder on KTM crashed out early in the race. He set a lap record on Friday, before Martin renewed it on Saturday.

Johann Zarco also crashed and was not allowed to return to the race after he took a shortcut to get back into the pit lane.

'Team with best bowlers' will win World Cup, says Pakistan's Shadab

AFP | Hyderabad

Pakistan's spin bowling all-rounder Shadab Khan yesterday said the team with the strongest bowling unit, capable of stemming the runs on India's batting-friendly pitches will win the World Cup.

The 24-year-old is leading Pakistan's spin attack that has come under severe criticism for not taking wickets in the middle overs.

Shadab himself managed just six wickets in five Asia Cup games last month with four coming against outsiders Nepal in a tournament where Pakistan crashed out in Super Four stage.

But Shadab hoped Pakistan's

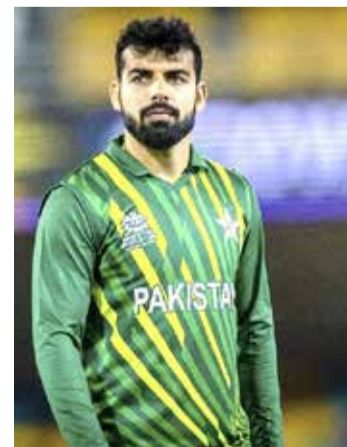
"I think the team that has the best bowling will win the World Cup because the pitches will produce high totals

SHADAB KHAN

bowling can stage a comeback at the World Cup which gets underway on Thursday.

"I think the team that has the best bowling will win the World Cup because the pitches will produce high totals," Shadab told a news conference.

Pakistan suffered a five-wicket loss to New Zealand in their



Shadab Khan

first warm-up match of the tournament on Friday.

They face Australia in their

second warm-up game -- also in Hyderabad -- on Tuesday before opening their World Cup campaign against the Netherlands at the same venue three days later.

Despite losing frontline pacer Naseem Shah to a shoulder injury, Shadab insists Pakistan still boast a world class attack.

"Of course Naseem will be missed, but our bowlers are world class so if we perform well in bowling then we can achieve the best results."

Leg-break bowler Shadab, who has 88 wickets from 64 ODI matches, vowed to lift his own game in the seven-week World Cup.

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Karla's Way triumphs at Newmarket

Unstoppable Bahraini filly, owned by Shaikh Duaij bin Salman Al Khalifa, wins Dubai Rockefeller Stakes

● **Karla's Way triumphant in 1,400m Group 2 race**

● **Shaikh Duaij bin Salman expresses delight in win**

TDI | Manama

Unstoppable Bahraini filly Karla's Way, owned by Horse Care Affairs Authority chairman Shaikh Duaij bin Salman bin Mubarak Al Khalifa, has achieved a re-

markable accomplishment at the famous Newmarket racecourse, securing a well-deserved first place in the Dubai Rockefeller Stakes (Group 2-2yr). Sponsored by Al Basti Equiworld, the race covered 1,400m.

Karla's Way put in an impressive performance, saddled by the veteran jockey James Doyle, and trained by Aidan O'Brien and Simon Christopher.

She showcased outstanding form, capturing first place with merit, further adding to the achievements of the Kingdom of Bahrain on British racetracks and marking another milestone for Bahrain's participation in



Karla's Way, trained by Aidan O'Brien and Simon Christopher, claimed the impressive win in the Dubai Rockefeller Stakes, saddled by the veteran jockey James Doyle

international competitions.

Commenting on this victory, Shaikh Duaij bin Salman expressed his utmost delight in Karla's Way's triumph, emphasising that this achievement confirms Bahrain's strong presence in international competitions, especially since the Newmarket racecourse always features significant global participation and fierce competition for top positions.

Shaikh Duaij bin Salman noted that Karla's Way possesses great potential and has a promising future in upcoming races. He wished all the best to Bahraini participants in international competitions and continued success in achieving remarkable accomplishments.

Karla's Way on the way to victory



KHK Racing's Vandeeek wins fourth straight race

KHK Racing team-owned colt Vandeeek, ridden by jockey James Doyle and co-trained by Simon and Ed Crisford, raced to a fine victory yesterday to lift the Juddmonte Middle Park Stakes (Class 1) title.

The 1,200-metre race, which is reserved for two-year-old colts, was held at Newmarket Racecourse in the UK.

Vandeeek achieved a classic victory, maintaining an unbeaten record during its four previous appearances.



Vandeeek with jockey James Doyle and trainers Simon and Ed Crisford

Batelco Fitness on Track season launches at BIC

● **First of 20 events kicks off tomorrow for runners and cyclists of all abilities in new season**

● **All-new Season Pass now available, offering major savings for regular participants**

TDI | Manama

Bahrain International Circuit (BIC) is set to host the first Batelco Fitness on Track activity of the 2023/2024 season tomorrow night, as the fan experiences continue to ramp up in the new campaign.

Batelco Fitness on Track offers fitness enthusiasts of all ages and abilities the chance to work out within the unique and world-class setting at "The Home of Motorsport in the Middle East". The activity can be



Batelco Fitness on Track participants

done either on foot or on a bicycle in BIC's safe and controlled environment.

Tomorrow's Batelco Fitness on Track is scheduled from 6pm to 10pm under the brilliance of BIC's state-of-the-art floodlights. The running and cycling will take place on separate track layouts. Runners and walkers will be utilising BIC's 2.550-kilometre Inner Track, while cy-

clists will be able to ride their bikes along the 3.543-kilometre Outer Circuit, with another dedicated area for children's cycling.

Batelco Fitness on Track generates tremendous interest from the local community and the turnout has been great from individual participants and large groups. Those looking to take part are therefore advised to

book in advance online on BIC's official website bahraingp.com or by calling the BIC Hotline on +973-17450000.

All who register must pay upon booking. The cost to take part is BD2 for cyclists and BD1 for runners. Those under the age of 12 can participate for free if accompanied by a paying adult.

As a first for this year, BIC has also launched its Batelco Fitness on Track Season Pass. At just BD15, this allows regular participants access to all 20 events throughout the season, with the choice of either running or cycling for each event.

The pass is a great way for regulars to save money over the course of the season. Season Passes can be purchased by contacting the BIC Hotline.

For more information on Batelco Fitness on Track or other BIC events and activities, visit bahraingp.com or call the BIC Hotline.

Royal Team's Mahmoud triumphs at Hungarian festival



Raed Mahmoud with the winner's trophy

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The Royal Team, represented by jockey Raed Mahmoud, triumphed at the annual Hungarian International Equestrian Festival, held in Hungary under the patronage of the Hungarian representative of HM the King for Humanitarian Works and Youth Affairs, who is keen on providing full support to the team.

The Royal Team continued to make history through their consistent achievements abroad, as Mahmoud, a member of Victorious, wrote a new success story by winning first place at the festival.

The Bahraini jockey showcased an exceptional performance at the event, which included various equestrian competitions for amateurs, acrobatic shows on horseback, and speed races on a 300-metre track. Participants crossed the finish line after completing the four-and-a-half laps around the track, catering to different age groups.

Mahmoud shone from the initial qualifiers to the final round. Following his win, he expressed his utmost delight, noting that this victory reflects the continuous support and follow-up from His Highness Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Representative of HM the King for Humanitarian Works and Youth Affairs, who is keen on providing full support to the team.

It is worth noting that one jockey is selected from the qualified participants of each group to compete in the final day's competitions. On that last day, an international speed competition is organised, with invited countries being presented with horses to take part based on a draw conducted by the hosting country.

Royal Team manager Dr Khaled Ahmed Hassan headed the Bahraini delegation at the festival.

Shooters sign off from Asian Games

● **Kingdom's senior men's national team to face South Korea in basketball play-offs**

TDI | Manama

Bahrain's shooters wrapped up their participation yesterday at the 19th Asian Games in Hangzhou, China.

Marwa Buarki and Saeed Kadhem missed out on qualifying for their respective trap finals to sign off from the shooting ranges at Fuyang Yinhu Sports Centre.

Marwa completed her five-round qualification campaign in 14th place amongst the 25 competitors with a 108 total. Kadhem was 37th from 41 athletes in his event, finishing with a 107 total from his five rounds. Only the top six in each con-

test advanced to the medal stage.

Meanwhile, Bahrain's senior national team will be in action today against South Korea in the men's basketball play-off round in Hangzhou. The game is scheduled for a 3pm start, Bahrain time, and it will be played at Zhejiang University Zijingang Gymnasium.

The Bahrainis will be looking to defeat their heavily favoured rivals and book a place in the quarter-finals, where they

would face China, who booked a direct berth.

Jordan, Japan and Iran are also awaiting their opponents in the round of eight. The Jordanians will face the winners of the play-off between Saudi Arabia and Hong; the Japanese will play the play-off winners between Chinese-Taipei and Kazakhstan; and the Iranians will take on the winners of the play-off between the Philippines and Qatar.

Winfred bags gold for Bahrain

Kingdom's elite athletes win two more medals on day three of athletics events at 19th Asian Games in Hangzhou, China

● Winfred Yavi to go for golden double today in 3,000m steeplechase final

● Salwa Eid Naser, Edidiong Odiong, Saeed Alkhalidi advance to medal races

● Abdelrahman Mahmoud, Zouhair Aouad narrowly miss out on podiums

TDT | Manama

Bahrain's Winfred Yavi added another major achievement yesterday to her already spectacular outdoor athletics season.

Winfred bagged the gold medal in the women's 1,500 metres at the 19th Asian Games in Hangzhou, China, adding to her maiden world title and first-ever Diamond League champion's trophy—both in the women's 3,000m steeplechase—won just several weeks prior.

Her triumph earned the Kingdom's delegation their



HH Shaikh Isa bin Ali bin Khalifa Al Khalifa with the women's 1,500m podium placers

fourth gold so far at the Hangzhou Asiad.

Fellow-Bahraini Marta Yota came away with the bronze medal from the same race. Their podium appearances brought Bahrain's medal tally to eight yesterday, all of which have been won after only three days of competition and four still to go in track and field.

Awarding Winfred and Marta their medals in their podium ceremony yesterday was the Kingdom's delegation head in Hangzhou and Bahrain Olympic Committee vice-president His

Highness Shaikh Isa bin Ali

Khalifa Al Khalifa.

Along with the four gold, Bahrain's total haul to date includes one silver and three bronze. Bahrain are now ranked 11th on the official medal standings based on gold, and are 18th based on total.

The athletics events continue today at Hangzhou Olympic Sports Centre Stadium, with the national team's elite athletes vying for up to six gold medals.

In yesterday's women's 1,500m final, Winfred was the pre-race favourite, despite it not being her primary event. The 23-year-old showed why she is dubbed as one of global athletics' brightest stars, leading from early on in the 17-runner race and never wavering.

She led a trio of Marta and Harmilan Bains from India at the bell, with Bains putting in a tense challenge over the last lap. But Winfred maintained her strong pace throughout and finished with a comfortable gap ahead of Bains, who was able to overtake Marta along the inside straight.

Winfred captured her gold medal with a finishing time of four minutes 11.65 seconds, while Bains followed as the silver-medallist in 4:12.74. Marta took her bronze in 4:15.97.

With the result, Winfred secured the second Asian Games gold medal of her career. She had previously won the 3,000m

Bahrain's Hangzhou Asiad medallists so far

Gold	
Violah Jepchumba	Women's 10,000m
Kemi Adekoya	Women's 400m
Birhanu Balew	Men's 10,000m
Winfred Yavi	Women's 1,500m
Silver	
Salwa Eid Naser	Women's 400m
Bronze	
Abbas Yusuf Abbas	Men's 400m
Hajar Alkhalidi	Women's 100m
Marta Yota	Women's 1,500m



Bahrain's Saeed Alkhalidi competes in his men's 200m semi-final yesterday

steeplechase title at the previous Asiad in 2018 in Jakarta. Winfred will be aiming to repeat that success and complete a golden double when she races in her main discipline's today.

The women's 3,000m steeplechase final is scheduled for a 2.20pm start, Bahrain time, and Winfred will be competing alongside fellow-Bahraini Tigest Mekonen.

Coming up short

Also yesterday, Bahrain's Abdelrahman Mahmoud came narrowly short from stepping onto the podium in the men's shot put. He was classified fourth overall from 13 contestants, finishing with a best throw of 19.74 metres.

His top mark came on the sixth and final attempt, with his other efforts being 19.67m, 19.28m, 19.70m and 19.58m. His fifth was not counted.

Tajinderpal Singh Toor of India won gold in 20.36m, while Mohamed Tolo of Saudi Arabia claimed silver at 20.18m. Yang Liu finished just ahead of Mahmoud for bronze at 19.97m.

Another Bahraini to come close to medalling was Zouhair Aouad, who was leading at the start of the final lap in the men's 1,500m final but was unable to maintain his pace to the finish.

Aouad was classified fifth overall in 3:40.69. Mohamad Algarni of Qatar won in 3:38.36, followed by the Indian pair of

Ajay Kumar Saroj in 3:38.94 and Jinson Johnson in 3:39.74.

In yesterday's men's 3,000m steeplechase final, Bahrain's John Koech finished 10th from 13 runners in 9:03.75.

Also in action were sprinters Salwa Eid Naser, Edidiong Odiong and Saeed Alkhalidi, who each made it through to their respective medal rounds.

Salwa and Edidiong both advanced to the women's 200m final, to be held today at 2.45pm, Bahrain time.

Salwa qualified after winning yesterday's second of three first-round heats in 23.74 seconds.

Edidiong followed suit, taking second place in heat three with a season's best time of 23.35s.

Salwa was

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Bahrain's Winfred Yavi continued her sensational 2023 athletics season by winning the second Asian Games gold medal of her career yesterday in the women's 1,500m. She triumphed just weeks after claiming her maiden world title and first-ever Diamond League champion's trophy in the 3,000m steeplechase

the seventh-fastest in the opening stage while Edidiong was second from top.

Alkhalidi advanced to the men's 200m final, also happening today at 2.55pm, Bahrain time. He finished second in the first of two semi-final races yesterday, clocking a personal best time of 20.61s. Earlier in the day, he was third in his first-round heat.

The other Bahrainis hoping to medal in today's athletics events are Fatima Mubarak in the women's long jump final starting at 2.10pm, Marwan Medany in the men's discus throw final starting at 2.40pm, and the 4x400m mixed relay team starting their final at 3.40pm, all Bahrain time.

Bahrainis Kemi Adekoya and Aminat Jamal will also be in action in the women's 400m hurdles heats.



Winfred Yavi celebrates with her gold medal



Winfred Yavi and Marta Yota lead the field

Bahrainis stay unbeaten in Asiad handball

● Kingdom's senior men defeat Kuwait to claim top spot in Group One

● Nationals to play Japan in semi-final tomorrow at 11am, Bahrain time

TDT | Manama

Bahrain outclassed Kuwait 34-25 yesterday to maintain their undefeated record as they march into the semi-finals of the men's handball tournament at the 19th Asian Games in Hangzhou, China.

The Kingdom's senior men's national team finished as Group One winners with their third straight victory in the competition's main round. They also kept their perfect record after five games overall.

The Bahrainis are now set to take on Group Two runners-up Japan in their final four assignment tomorrow, scheduled for an 11am start, Bahrain time.

The Japanese bowed to defending champions Qatar 29-32 in their divisional clash yesterday, thus setting up the semis match-ups. Kuwait and Qatar face off in tomorrow's other fixture in the last four.

The winners will move on to the gold medal contest on Thursday, while the losers will lock

GROUP ONE STANDINGS

	P	W	D	L	+/-	Pts
Bahrain	3	3	0	0	21	6
Kuwait	3	2	0	1	-6	4
South Korea	3	1	0	2	-3	2
Iran	3	0	0	3	-12	0

horns for the bronze medals.

Bahrain are aiming for their first-ever Asiad gold in men's handball and third medals overall. They had previously won bronze at the 2014 edition in Incheon, South Korea, before clinching silver in 2018 in Jakarta, Indonesia.

The Bahrainis faced Qatar in the final of the previous Asian Games, where they lost 27-32 in overtime.

In their victory over Kuwait

yesterday, the nationals fell behind 2-5 early on but then scored seven unanswered goals, sparked and capped by six-metre efforts from Mohammed Habib Nasser, for a 9-5 advantage. They continued to stretch their lead and an Ahmed Fadhel goal on a fast-break gave them a double-digit advantage, 21-11, heading into the half.

They never looked back from there, powering ahead by as many as 15, 28-13, en route to the final whistle.

Nasser finished as Bahrain's leading scorer with eight points, while Ali Mirza added five and Ali Eid had four. Three players finished with three goals each in the game, including skipper Hussain Al Sayyad, Mohammed

Habib Ahmed and Mohammed Rabea, while Fadhel, Qassim Qambar and Hassan Mirza had two goals apiece. Hassan Al Sama-heeji and Mahdi Saad rounded out the Bahraini scorers with a conversion each.

Abdulaziz Alshammari and Mishaal Alharbi finished with seven goals apiece to pace Kuwait.

In yesterday's other Group One fixture, South Korea edged past Iran 25-24.



Bahrain's Ali Mirza and Qassim Qambar look to defend against Kuwait's Abdulaziz Salmeen