

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.

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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 UK 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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