



11 dead in Iraq attack blamed on IS group
 AFP | Baghdad

A blast and gunfire killed at least 11 civilians in eastern Iraq, two security officials said yesterday, an attack which the provincial governor blamed on Islamic State (IS) group.

The violence, in Diyala province, occurred on Thursday evening and targeted a minibus returning the civilians from an electoral meeting organised by a candidate from their tribe, an interior ministry official said.

Muthana al-Tamimi, the governor of Diyala which is just outside Baghdad, denounced "a cowardly operation" by the IS group.

Trump 'can be sued' for 2021 attack on US Capitol: Court
 AFP | Washington

A US federal appeals court ruled yesterday that former president Donald Trump can be sued over the January 6, 2021 attack on the US Capitol that saw his supporters attempt to thwart certification of his election loss to Joe Biden.

Trump could now face civil action over the violent clashes which saw a mob overrun law enforcement at the nerve center of American democracy. More than 1,200 people have been arrested over the melee.

600 civilians killed in South Sudan: UN
 AFP | Nairobi

Nearly 600 civilians were killed after clashes erupted in South Sudan between August and December last year, the United Nations said yesterday, accusing militias of sexual slavery and indiscriminate attacks.

Tens of thousands of people in Upper Nile state in the far north were forced to flee their homes and seek refuge in swamps along a river to escape the deluge of violence between armed groups.

The UN Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS) and the UN Human Rights Office said investigators had documented "indiscriminate attacks, abductions.

'Blueprint Bahrain'

HM King: We're committed to joining global actions for environmental and climate security



HM the King with world leaders at the event

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Bahrain has reaffirmed its commitment to addressing environmental challenges and contributing to global climate security.

This was emphasised by His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa as he delivered a speech yesterday at the World Climate Action Summit, part of the 28th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties To the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP28) held in Dubai, UAE.

In the speech, HM the King announced the National Action Plan, "Blueprint Bahrain", to achieve carbon neutrality.

"Blueprint Bahrain" focuses on achieving carbon neutrality through three key tracks: developing a low-carbon economy, adapting to climate change, and creating sustainable opportunities in the green economy.

"Within this framework, we have recently launched a na-

tional energy strategy, and a 750 million dollar climate technology fund, in addition to the establishment of the "Safa" carbon offsetting platform, the revenues of which will be directed to finance regional and international projects in this field," HM King Hamad noted.

Invitation

His Majesty extended an invitation to scientists and entrepreneurs to explore Bahrain's integrated infrastructure, responsive systems, and skilled human resources, encouraging them to innovate in energy solutions and their potential.

He highlighted the Kingdom's initiatives to enhance environmental security in the region and the world, and reiterated its dedication to the Paris Agreement and its efforts to reduce emissions by 30% by 2035, ultimately aiming for net-zero emissions by 2060.

The conference, meticulously

organised to the highest standards, aims to follow up on joint commitments and pledges to create a healthier and more sustainable future.

It emphasised the importance of international cooperation and the values of justice and shared determination in achieving environmental security.

"We therefore express our full support for the "COP28 Declaration on Climate, Relief, Recovery and Peace", which we hope will contribute to the establishment of a just and comprehensive peace in the Middle East region and the world, prioritising the urgent need for the Palestinian people to be guaranteed the most basic elements of a decent life while eliminating the reasons for conflict, ending the ongoing war in the Gaza Strip, and putting serious efforts into rebuilding Gaza in preparation for the establishment of their independent state in accordance with the two-state solution," His Majesty said.



Bahrain congratulates UAE leaders on National Day

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, yesterday sent cables of congratulations to the UAE President, His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al-Nahyan, on the UAE's 52nd National Day.

HM the King and HRH Prince Salman commended the development achieved by the UAE in various fields, and its advanced status in the international arena, wishing HH Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed and the people further progress, prosperity and prosperity under His Highness'

leadership.

His Majesty and HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister expressed pride in the deep-rooted relations and strategic ties between the two countries. They stated the keenness to further strengthen and develop these relations, which were established by forefathers, and to continue to develop cooperation and coordination to achieve common interests and goals.

They sent similar cables to His Highness Shaikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, UAE Vice President, Prime Minister and Ruler of Dubai, and His Highness Shaikh Mansour bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Minister of the Presidential Court of the UAE.

Bahrain commended the UAE for its pioneering efforts in supporting international commitments to achieve climate goals. It recognised the UAE's com-

mitment to inclusive policies that consider all regions and promote global cooperation in addressing environmental challenges.

Truce breaks down, Israel resumes deadly Gaza Strip bombardment

'Entry of aid trucks prohibited by Israel'

AFP | Jerusalem

Israel resumed its deadly bombardment of Gaza yesterday after a truce broke down, saying it struck more than 200 targets in the densely inhabited Palestinian territory despite international calls for a renewed pause.

Clouds of grey smoke from strikes shot up on the Gaza skyline and rock-



Family members mourn a baby girl killed in an Israeli strike in Rafah in the southern Gaza Strip, in the courtyard of the al-Najjar hospital, yesterday. (AFP)

Symbolic lights of friendship



Vital establishments and facilities across the Kingdom of Bahrain were lit with the UAE flag colours marking the 52nd National Day anniversary of the Emirates. The move is in line with Bahrain's keenness to share the national festivities with the UAE, which reflects the solid deep-rooted fraternal relations between the two countries and their peoples.

HM King, HRH Prince Salman condole with Saudi Monarch

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, yesterday sent cables of condolences to the Custodian of the Two



HM the King



HRH Prince Salman



King Salman

Holy Mosques King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud following the passing of His Royal Highness Prince Mamdouh bin Abdulaziz Al Saud.

and to bless the Saudi Royal Family with patience and consolation. HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister sent a similar cable to His Royal Highness Prince Mohammed bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister.

Key partners in progress

Bahraini women hailed for outstanding achievements and contributions in nation building

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Bahraini women have made significant strides in elevating the international standing of the Kingdom of Bahrain.

This was emphasised by Tourism Minister, Her Excellency Fatima bint Jaafar Al Sairafi, as the Kingdom celebrated the Bahraini Women's Day yesterday.

Al Sairafi said their success has been made possible through the unwavering support of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and the constant support of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister.

These accomplishments serve as a testament to the remarkable progress and empowerment of Bahraini women on the global



The Bahraini women play a key role in the progress, development and revitalisation of the tourism industry in the Kingdom of Bahrain, and implementing the objectives of the tourism strategy of the Kingdom of Bahrain for the years 2022-2026

HE FATIMA BINT JAAFAR AL SAIRAFI, TOURISM MINISTER

stage, she noted.

The Minister praised the efforts, plans and projects of the Supreme Council for Women, headed by Her Royal Highness Princess Sabeeka bint Ibrahim Al Khalifa, wife of Her Majesty the King and its SCW President, in supporting the progress of women and enshrining the principle of equal opportunities to boost their contributions to the comprehensive development process.

Success

Bahraini Women's Day is celebrated in honouring and celebrating women's achievements, progress and success in all economic, social, political, cultural and media fields as an active partner in the progress and prosperity of Bahraini society.

Her Excellency Amna bint

Ahmed Al Rumaihi, Minister of Housing and Urban Planning, affirmed the ability of Bahraini women to deliver achievements, which has enhanced their outstanding contributions at all levels and their role in supporting the comprehensive development process, with the continuous support they receive from HM the King and HRH Prince Salman.

She highlighted the leading role of the SCW) in supporting Bahraini women and promoting their progress in various sectors.

During a ceremony organised by the ministry to celebrate Bahraini Women's Day, the Minister commended this year's theme focusing on the role of women in comprehensive development, which reflects the key role played by Bahraini women in supporting the comprehensive development process.

For the benefit of Palestinians



In line with the directives of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, and with the patronage of His Highness Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, HM the King's Representative for Humanitarian Work and Youth Affairs, signed a series of development projects that would benefit the Palestinians in Gaza.

Female drivers honoured



The General Directorate of Traffic, in cooperation with Jahez Bahrain Company, honours committed female drivers on the occasion of Bahraini Women's Day, in appreciation of their commitment to traffic regulations and rules.

Indian Ambassador graces BCICAI's 15th Annual Conference opening ceremony



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The 15th Annual Conference organized by Bahrain Chapter of Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (BCICAI) themed "ABOVE & BEYOND" kicked off yesterday at The Diplomat Radisson BLU Hotel, Residence & Spa.

The inaugural session was a star-studded one with the August presence of His Excellency Shri Vinod K Jacob, Ambassador of India to the Kingdom of Bahrain, Mr. Hussain Rasool, Director of Communications at the Labour Market Regulatory Authority (LMRA), Mr. Abbas Radhi, Chairman Bahrain Accountant Association, Swami Nirbhayananda, Chinmaya Mission India, and Mr. Jassim Abdulaal, Managing Partner Grant Thornton Abdulaal.

The day commenced with a traditional Bharatanatyam dance by Ms. Yazhini Surendran, daughter of CA member Surendran Ramesh followed a Diya lighting session by all the distinguished dignitaries.

CA chairperson Sthanumurthy Viswanathan Meera delivered a welcome address, followed



by the keynote address by Indian Cabinet Minister Shri. CA Piyush Goyal, Minister of Commerce & Industry, Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, Textiles and Leader of the House, Rajya Sabha.

Other acclaimed speakers who graced the stage were, Dr. Ankit Shah, CA, CS, Mr. Nishith Saxena, Partner and Head of Technology Advisory Business, Grant Thornton Abdulaal, Mr. Dabeer Rasul, Partner PwC Middle East Risk Services, Mr. Zain Khalid, Director PwC Middle East Risk Services, CA Atul Kumar Gupta, Past President of ICAI (2020-21), Shri. Parameswaran Iyer, World Bank Executive Director, Ex Niti Ayog and Ms. Ami Ganatra, author of bestselling books on Itihasa: Mahabharata Unraveled & Ramayana Unraveled.

The entire inaugural session



HE Ambassador Vinod K Jacob and Indian Cabinet Minister Shri. Piyush Goyal with current and former BCICAI officials and members, along with guests, at the event

was presented by past chairperson CA Kapil Batra and over 200 plus audience attended the session including the members, sponsors, guest and speakers.

Two-day event

The conference is organized over a period of two days and today speakers include the Padma Bhushan Shri. Nambi



Narayanan, who will be talking about the topic Life under Public Scrutiny, Retired Air Marshal Shri. P V Iyer, who will be discussing the topic Health for Professionals – Age is not an excuse. Swami Nirbhayananda will be talking about Human Potential Unlimited and other notable speakers who will be tackling various interesting topics.

'Time-tested' India and Bahrain friendship hailed

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Hon. Minister of Commerce and Industry of India, HE Mr. Piyush Goyal, gave the keynote address to the 15th Annual Conference of the Bahrain Chapter of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India held in Bahrain yesterday.

He said that the theme of the conference, "ABOVE & BEYOND", demonstrates the self-confidence of Indians today. He remarked that the famed Bahraini pearls and Indian spices kept the connection between the two countries for thousands of years.

Mr. Goyal recalled his recent transit halt at Bahrain when HE Ambassador Vinod K Jacob briefed him about the Shrinathji temple in Manama, which stood as a testimony to the time tested friendship between India and Bahrain.

The visit of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to Bahrain in 2019 when His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa bestowed the Bahrain Order – First Class on him was a major milestone in bilateral ties. Subsequently, the Kingdom assisted India during the Cov-



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HE MR. PIYUSH GOYAL, HON. MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY OF INDIA

id pandemic by supplying liquid medical oxygen.

Mr. Goyal said that the data for Q2 (July to September 2023), which has been recently released, shows that Indian economy had grown by 7.6 percent.

He encouraged Bahrain to benefit by greater engagement with India in

areas like trade, commerce, investment, health, agriculture, food and food processing, supply chain and logistics, ICT and fintech, high-quality education and the like. Both countries can align their respective long-term economic plans, namely Bahrain's Vision 2030 and Viksit Bharat@2047.

He said that the relations between India and Bahrain are strong.

Bahraini Women's Day

In his remarks, Ambassador Jacob wished all Bahraini women a Happy Bahraini Women's Day and seeking their support for promotion of friendly relations between India and the Kingdom of Bahrain.

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HM King boosts Bahrain-Hungary ties and cooperation

Dubai

The Kingdom of Bahrain and Hungary affirmed the importance of developing cooperation frameworks and benefiting from the expertise and investment opportunities in both countries.

This came as His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa yesterday met with Katalin Novak, President of the Republic of Hungary, on the sidelines of the 28th session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP28), hosted

by the UAE.

HM the King reviewed the close bilateral ties with the Hungarian President and discussed cooperation in various vital sectors, especially in the economic, commercial, investment, educational, development, environmental and energy.

His Majesty commended the numerous successes and achievements of Hungary in all fields, especially in the field of sustainable development.

Bilateral relations

President Novak expressed her thanks and appreciation to



HM the King holds talks with Hungarian President Novak

HM the King for his keenness on strengthening bilateral relations with her country. She also commended His Majesty's leading global humanitarian initiatives aimed at promoting human values of coexistence, tolerance, cooperation and dialogue between different cultures.

The Hungarian leader also expressed her interest in further developing relations between the two countries.

During the meeting, they also exchanged views on regional and international developments and topics of common interest, in addition to reviewing the topics on

the agenda of COP 28.

Thanks and appreciation

HM King Hamad and President Novak expressed their thanks and appreciation to the UAE for its efforts in hosting this important global conference and supporting its success. They stressed the importance of strengthening international cooperation in order to find effective and sustainable solutions to common global challenges, particularly accelerating efforts for climate action, sustainable development and economic prosperity to build a better future for all humanity.

10-year jail term upheld for drug smuggling attempt

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The Court of Appeals upheld a 10-year prison sentence for a convicted individual involved in smuggling over 100 drug capsules inside his body upon arrival at Bahrain Airport.

The incident unfolded when the accused arrived at Bahrain Airport on a flight from his home country. A customs officer directed him to the red lane and questioned his condition and belongings.

The accused claimed not to possess any prohibited items, raising suspicion among the customs officer, who referred them to a doctor. The doctor noticed their distressed state and recommended transferring them to the hospital.

Through tests and radiography, foreign objects were discovered in the accused's intestines. Under pressure, the accused confessed to having drug tablets inside his body. The necessary medical procedures were carried out to extract the capsules, revealing over 100 compressed drug tablets.



Cannabis substance

The accused admitted to manufacturing the cannabis substance in their home country and placing it in capsules in an attempt to smuggle it into Bahrain.

Security investigations, however, revealed that the accused was involved in a drug smuggling network. They were subsequently referred to the Public Prosecution, which charged them with the intentional importation of cannabis and psychoactive substances within the jurisdiction of Bahrain Airport's security zone. Additionally, the accused was found to possess and acquire the cannabis substance and psychoactive substances for personal use.

Human traffickers receive lengthy prison sentences

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The High Appeals Court confirmed a 10-year prison sentence for one defendant and a three-year sentence for another, both involved in the trafficking of a 19-year-old girl.

The victim was lured and deceived into believing she would work as a fashion model. Additionally, the court ordered the defendants to cover the victim's repatriation expenses and fined each of them BD2,000. After serving their sentences, they will be deported from the country.

The incident came to light when an embassy in the Kingdom of Bahrain received a report stating that the victim was being held captive in a furnished apartment by the second defendant, a European woman.

The police promptly responded to the scene, rescued the victim, and apprehended the second defendant. It was revealed that the victim had been coerced through physical and psychological means into engaging in prostitution by the

two defendants, who profited from her exploitation.

Fashion model

The victim stated that she intended to travel to the Kingdom to work as a fashion model after seeing a job advertisement online. The first defendant accompanied her on the journey, but upon arrival in Bahrain, she informed her that her work would involve engaging in prostitution rather than modeling.

Subsequently, she was transported between apartments and subjected to requests for sexual services from clients frequenting those locations.

The second defendant, a European woman too, confessed to receiving direct orders from the first defendant. Additionally, the first defendant demanded a payment of \$2,500 to settle a debt in exchange for the victim's freedom, threatening to involve her in drug-related charges if she refused. However, the victim managed to contact her country's embassy one day, leading to her rescue.



Medical malpractice trial

Specialist testimony reveals GCC doctor's mistake led to patient's death

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The Lower Criminal Court heard the testimony of a specialist doctor in a case involving two accused doctors, including a GCC and an Arab, both of whom were charged with medical malpractice resulting in the death of a young man during a gastric bypass surgery.

The witness confirmed that the GCC doctor made a mistake by not sedating the victim, who had come to the hospital after experiencing pain following his initial surgery. Additionally, the victim was not prescribed antibiotics.

The witness emphasised that the error committed by the GCC doctor led to the death due to the lack of proper diagnosis or necessary measures, especially considering that the victim had made multiple visits. The



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court decided to adjourn the next session until December 6th to hear the closing arguments.

The Public Prosecution referred the two doctors to criminal trial for causing the death of a citizen due to their violation

of professional standards and their negligence in taking the necessary medical measures that could have prevented the fatality.

Gastric bypass surgery

The Prosecution received a

report from the deceased's father, stating that his son's death was caused by a medical mistake during a gastric bypass surgery. Immediate investigations were initiated upon receiving the report, and the deceased's body was examined.

The medical file was seized, and statements were taken from the deceased's father and the medical staff supervising his condition. The forensic doctor was appointed by the Public Prosecution to perform an autopsy on the deceased's body to determine the cause of death.

The National Health Regulatory Authority (NHRA) was tasked with reviewing the medical procedures followed with the deceased, as well as assessing the compliance with medical standards in his case and the medical error attributed to the doctor and its relationship to the death.

Food truck employee's embezzlement conviction affirmed

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The Court of Appeals affirmed the first-degree guilty verdict for a 23-year-old female employee of a renowned food truck, who embezzled over BD10,000.

The initial court had sentenced the accused to six months in prison for the charges brought against her and ordered her to repay the sum of BD10,120.10 to the victim. However, the court allowed her to substitute the prison sentence with community service for an equivalent duration.

Additionally, she was required to pay a bail of BD50 to suspend the execution of the sentence. The civil lawsuit was referred to the competent civil court without fees.

The Public Prosecution had charged the 20-year-old defend-

ant, who worked as a collector, with embezzling cash amounts from her employer during the month of June 2023, within the jurisdiction of the Northern Governorate Security Directorate, where she was employed.

Amounts

According to the court's findings, the accused, in her capacity as a collector, embezzled cash belonging to the well-known food truck establishment due to her employment. On June 23, 2023, she visited several commercial establishments and obtained BD2,837.650 from one store, BD3,792.260 from another, BD1,220.800 from a third, and BD2,269.300 from a fourth. Although these amounts were intended to be collected on behalf of her employer, she embezzled them for herself.



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She also handed over a portion of the embezzled funds to the second defendant for investment purposes, as confirmed by the first-degree court's acquittal of the second defendant.

The court, among its considerations, acquitted the second defendant, casting doubt on his involvement in the incident, particularly due to the absence of any evidence supporting his alleged theft.

Bahraini man and ex-wife sentenced to three years in prison

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The High Criminal Court has sentenced a Bahraini man and his ex-wife, who holds Arab nationality, to three years in prison.

This comes after the woman renewed her residency in the

kingdom for a period of four years, claiming that their marital relationship was still ongoing, despite having divorced several years ago and her subsequent marriage to another GCC national man.

The court also ordered the deportation of the accused after

serving the sentence.

The incident came to light after a report from a visa officer indicated that the accused had visited the administration and requested the cancellation of his wife's residency (the second accused).

It was then revealed that he

had divorced the woman in 2013, but she had remained under his sponsorship throughout that period.

He had been renewing her residency and requesting visa stickers on her passport multiple times, falsely claiming that she was still his wife.

HM King's COP28 speech 'roadmap' for fight against climate change

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Shura Council Chairman, His Excellency Ali bin Saleh Al Saleh, has praised the keynote speech delivered by His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa at the opening of the World Climate Action Summit, held as part of the 28th session of the Conference of the Parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP28), hosted by Dubai, UAE.

Al Saleh lauded HM the King's affirmation of the kingdom's

commitment to cooperation and partnership with other countries to achieve sustainable development and address climate change effects.

He hailed HM King Hamad's announcement, in his address to the World Climate Action Summit, of the "National Action Plan, "Blueprint Bahrain", to achieve carbon neutrality through three tracks: low-carbon economy, climate change adaptation, and creating sustainable opportunities in the new green economy."

The Shura Chairman under-

lined the commitment of the kingdom, under HM the King's leadership, to the provisions of international agreements and resolutions, including the Paris Agreement, citing the royal assertion of Bahrain's keenness on "continuing efforts to reduce emissions by 30% by 2035, and to reach net zero in 2060, as it had announced at the 'Glasgow Summit'".

Al Saleh indicated that HM the King's announcement of his "full support for the "COP28 Declaration on Climate, Relief, Recovery



Chairman Al Saleh

and Peace" represents a royal vision to achieve peace, security and stability, citing the King's call for the "establishment of a just and comprehensive peace in the Middle East region and the world, prioritising the urgent need for the Palestinian people to be guaranteed the most basic elements of a decent life while eliminating the reasons for conflict, ending the ongoing war in the Gaza Strip, and putting serious efforts into rebuilding Gaza in preparation for the establishment of their independ-

ent state, in accordance with the two-state solution". The Shura Council Chairman praised the government's practical steps and initiatives to enhance environmental life, ensure progress towards achieving the set goals, and support the green economy, commending the keenness of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, to implement development projects in accordance with the requirements of protection and preservation of the environment.

Charity organizations join forces to help needy ones this festive season

Toy drives, food donations and winter clothing assistance aim to spread love and cheer

Zahra Ayaz

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In the spirit of the upcoming festive season, several charity organisations have come together to extend a helping hand to those in need.

With celebrations like National Day, Christmas, and New Year's on the horizon, these organisations are working tirelessly to bring warmth, joy, and support to the underprivileged.

A Box Forward charity and A Box of Goodness have joined forces to launch a charity toy drive. Their primary objective is to collect new toys for underprivileged children between the ages of 2 and 12.

Local residents are encouraged to contribute by dropping off unwrapped new toys at designated locations in Saar, Juffair, Seef, and Amwaj Islands. The collection drive will run from December 1st to December 20th.

Lina Stahl, owner of A Box Forward charity, highlighted the increasing demand for winter clothing as the colder months approach. She emphasised the importance of donating second-hand winter clothing, heat-



ers, and additional blankets to aid those in need.

In collaboration with their sister charity, A Box of Goodness, they are also focusing on a toy drive specifically catering to special needs children and underprivileged families of all faiths.

Festive campaign

One Heart Bahrain, another charitable organisation, has launched a festive campaign seeking donations of essential food items such as rice, pulses, canned foods, spices, and cooking oil. They are also accepting second-hand toys or games in excellent condition for children

aged 0 to 18. Educational items like notebooks, pens, crayons, and learning materials are also welcomed.

One Heart Bahrain collects used digital devices (phones, tablets, PCs) to provide affordable learning options for students who cannot afford expensive school education.

On Saturday, December 9th, from 12 pm to 9 pm, individuals have the opportunity to make donations at stalls located at the Bahrain Rugby Club festival fair.

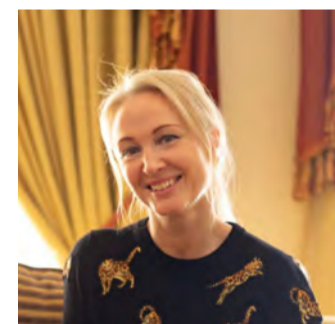
Hopes

Birthe, founder of One Heart Bahrain (OHB), expressed her hopes of making this festive season a celebration of unity, love, and generosity. Their aim is to ensure that everyone feels a part of one big compassionate family.

Speaking to The Daily Tribune, Amal, a volunteer of OHB said: "We often overlook the suffering of others in financial distress because we are not directly involved in their lives.



Birthe



Lina Stahl

"It is fortunate when we become aware of these families, as it gives us the chance to make a significant impact, big or small. Items that are no longer useful to us, such as games, toys, or old laptops, can find new purpose and bring joy to those who truly appreciate them, unlike ourselves."

As the festive season approaches, these charity organisations are working tirelessly to bring joy and relief to those who need it most.

Every road user must prioritize 'safety and responsible behavior'



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In accordance with the Traffic Law, the primary rule for road use emphasizes the need for safe and responsible behavior to ensure the well-being of all road users and prevent any disruption to traffic flow.

The executive regulations further emphasize the importance of exercising caution and avoiding actions that may harm or obstruct others on the road.

It is the responsibility of every driver and road user to prioritize safety and refrain from engaging in any form of reckless behavior that could lead to accidents and injuries. Adherence to traffic signals, such as traffic lights, is cru-

cial for maintaining order and preventing potentially fatal accidents.

Exceeding the speed limit or running a red light are considered serious violations that greatly increase the risk of collisions and severe injuries.

To promote road safety, authorities conduct awareness programs and campaigns to educate the public about traffic regulations and the consequences of violating them.

These efforts include emphasizing the importance of staying in designated lanes, refraining from using mobile phones while driving, maintaining a safe distance from other vehicles, and being mindful of pedestrians crossing the road.

Libraries book fair



Libraries and publishing houses continue their preparations for the launch of the local libraries book fair in the Kingdom of Bahrain.

Traffic congestion under control, long-term solutions underway: Interior Ministry

● Registered vehicles in Kingdom roads exceed 750,000 at end of October

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The Ministry of Interior has revealed that there are 750,341 registered vehicles in the Kingdom of Bahrain as of the end of October 2023.

It emphasized the continued coordination among various authorities to address traffic congestion on the kingdom's roads, especially during peak hours.

In response to a parliamentary question posed by Shura Council member Ijlaal Bubshait regarding traffic congestion in Bahrain, the ministry stated that it collaborates with relevant entities to develop solutions and policies that effectively address the issue.

"While these proposed solutions are being implemented, the General Directorate of Traffic seeks to implement quick and temporary measures to alleviate traffic congestion. These include adjusting peak hours to restrict the movement of trucks and undertaking urgent projects to enhance traffic flow on major road networks," the ministry pointed out.

On another note, the ministry affirmed that traffic congestion is not exclusive to Bahrain but is a global phenomenon experienced by many capital cities worldwide, particularly those undergoing significant economic development and growth.

Vehicle density

"Undoubtedly, Bahrain's comprehensive economic development across various sectors during the prosperous era of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa has led to increased use of private cars for transportation instead of other public means, resulting in high vehicle density on the roads beyond their capac-



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ity during certain times, commonly known as peak hours," the minister noted.

"Additionally, Bahrain is a global destination and center for various fields, including

business, finance, sports, entertainment, and tourism. This factor attracts a large number of visitors and tourists to the kingdom." Regarding the causes of traffic congestion in Bahrain, the ministry stated that they are multiple and diverse.

"Congestion may occur due to unforeseen incidents on the roads that disrupt traffic flow, such as traffic accidents, or adverse weather conditions like rainfall. Other factors include the concentration of vital service sectors within cities or a specific area, the continuous increase in the number of vehicles, and the limited capacity of certain roads," the ministry concluded.

Lulu Group, SirajPower forge green alliance

● SirajPower to install 10MWp solar rooftop systems across six Lulu Hypermarkets in Bahrain

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Lulu Group, a leading GCC retail chain, announced the expansion of its partnership with SirajPower to strengthen its commitment to environmental sustainability and green initiatives.

Following their successful partnership in the UAE, Lulu Group has entered into a long-term solar lease agreement with SirajPower, a leading distributed solar energy provider in GCC, facilitating the installation of cutting-edge 10MWp solar rooftop systems across six prominent locations of Lulu Hypermarkets in Bahrain.

The comprehensive solar capacity will be distributed among strategic locations, including Lulu Hypermarkets in Riffa and Hidd, the Ramli Mall at A'ali, the Lulu Dana Mall in Sanabis, and the Lulu Logistic warehouses



Lulu Group Director Juzer Rupawala, Laurent Longuet, Chief Executive of SirajPower, David Auriou, Director and Board Member of SirajPower, Jeeben Varghese Kurian, Executive Director of Al Namal Group and other senior officials from both entities during the signing ceremony

in Sitra.

Al Namal Group, a leading local partner in Construction and contracting, real estate, property development and management, health, and hospitality divisions, will provide valuable expertise and services for the installation of these solar systems.

These cutting-edge solar panels will generate about 17GWh of clean energy annually, reducing approximately 12,078

metric tons of CO2 emissions annually. This will help Lulu Group achieve its sustainability goals and support the Kingdom of Bahrain's clean energy vision.

The partnership was commemorated during a signing ceremony at Lulu Group's headquarters in Bahrain, graced by the presence of Lulu Group Director Juzer Rupawala; Laurent Longuet, Chief Executive of SirajPower; David Auriou,

Director and Board Member of SirajPower; Jeeben Varghese Kurian, Executive Director of Al Namal Group and other senior officials from both entities.

Juzer Rupawala, Lulu Group Director, said, "Lulu has always been at the forefront of adopting sustainable options, and our partnership with SirajPower to bring solar energy into our power mix is a conscious choice to

align ourselves with the Kingdom's ambitious environmental goals to reduce carbon emissions by 30% by 2035.

"This strategic step is part of a series of affirmative actions that we firmly believe will not only benefit the environment but also contribute to the well-being of our planet."

Laurent Longuet, CEO of SirajPower said: "Lulu Group has been an integral partner for Sir-

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JUZER RUPAWALA, LULU GROUP DIRECTOR

ajPower, and our initial collaboration resulted in the successful completion of the solar carport installation at Lulu Group's Dubai Silicon Central Hypermarket, UAE which continues to produce sustainable energy to this day."

Jeeben Varghese Kurian, Executive Director of Al Namal Group commented: "We as a group have always been keen in the renewable energy sector and were one of the very first to be approved as solar contractors here in the Kingdom of Bahrain. It has always been our goal as a group to contribute to the Kingdom's future vision and we are happy to play a part in its sustainable energy goals."

Mumtalakat launches voluntary carbon offsetting platform Safa

TDT | Manama

Bahrain Mumtalakat Holding Company (Mumtalakat), the sovereign wealth fund of the Kingdom of Bahrain, yesterday announced the launch of its voluntary carbon offsetting platform, Safa, helping businesses and individuals better understand and manage their carbon footprint by contributing to exemplary climate initiatives.

This coincides with the Kingdom of Bahrain's participation at COP28, currently being held in the United Arab Emirates.

Commenting on the occasion, Shaikh Abdulla bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, Chief Executive Officer of Mumtalakat, said, "Emphasising our commitment to sustainability across various fields, we firmly believe that true transformation occurs when we all come together to create a collective impact. With Safa, individuals and businesses have the ability to decrease their carbon footprint and actively participate in creating a more environmentally friendly future, supporting the Kingdom of Bahrain's goal of reaching net zero emissions by 2060."

Safa's offsetting service is not an alternative to decarbonization efforts; rather, by building awareness, educating communities, and empowering action at the individual and corporate levels, Safa aims to complement critical decarbonisation initiatives by providing a user-friendly offsetting function for hard-to-abate emissions from activities like travel, accommodation, and logistics. It also aims to bring this service to users' fingertips by integrating directly into their favorite everyday apps.

The newly introduced user-friendly platform is a testament to the Kingdom's utilisation of technology and innovation as key enablers of



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a faster, more affordable and more effective transition to net zero by 2060.

The platform is accessible to all individuals and businesses to facilitate the transaction of high-quality and globally certified carbon credits, allowing them to calculate and offset their carbon emissions.

These credits are allocated to international environmental projects aimed at the reduction or elimination of greenhouse gas emissions, with the aim of expanding to include local and regional projects in the near future.



Tamkeen's executive management visited Yousof Khalil Almoayyed and Sons Group to showcase the enhanced employment, career development and enterprise support programs. The meeting comes as part of a series of initiatives aimed at fostering partnerships with enterprises across various private sectors. The Group is regarded as one of the premier Bahraini businesses due to its expertise in the field of contracting and maintenance for more than 80 years. The Group is continuously working to elevate their human capital potential. This comes as part of Tamkeen's continuous efforts to proactively engage with key labour market players and keep them informed about the various support offerings which helps them in the employment and career progression prospects of local talent, thus positively impacting the local economy

Canada unemployment rate rises to 5.8pc in November

AFP | Ottawa

Canada's unemployment rate edged up 0.1 percentage points to 5.8 percent in November, continuing an upward trend observed since April, the national statistical agency said Friday.

The country eked out modest job gains, adding 25,000 net new jobs or +0.1 percent in the month -- nearly double what analysts forecast -- but it wasn't enough to offset population growth fuelled by record immigration, the agency said.

Employment increased in manufacturing (+28,000) and construction (+16,000), while declines were recorded in wholesale and retail trade (-27,000) and finance, insurance, real estate, rental and leasing (-18,000).

Unemployment has affected all age groups, but was more pronounced among younger workers aged 15 to 24.

US stocks mostly slide after big November gains

AFP | Washington

Wall Street stocks mostly slipped early Friday after major gains in November, as investors looked ahead to remarks by US Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell for hints on upcoming interest rate policy.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average was flat at 35,949.48, while the broad-based S&P 500 retreated 0.3 percent to 4,555.90.

The tech-focused Nasdaq



Traders work on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE)

Composite Index fell 0.5 percent to 14,159.88.

The market will be focused on Powell's comments on Friday -- a key event as he sets the stage ahead of the US central bank's next meeting in mid-December.

"Because they're going into the blackout period, this will be the last comment before the actual meeting," said Quincy Krosby of LPL Financial.

Powell is due to speak at 11:00 am (1600 GMT), and Briefing.com said in a note that there was likely "some hesitation in play" ahead of the remarks.

"Recent gains have been partially predicated on the idea that the Fed will cut rates sooner rather than later, so market participants will be keenly focused on Mr Powell's tone today," Briefing.com added.

Meanwhile, Krosby said the market is entering December from a strong position, and would need to "rest a bit before it climbs."

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The final day of November saw the Dow and the S&P 500 both up almost nine percent for the month, while the Nasdaq rose more than 10 percent



News in brief

Russia advancing on all fronts in Ukraine: defence minister
Russia yesterday said its troops were progressing in all areas of the Ukrainian front, despite observers seeing little movement more a year and a half after Moscow launched a full-scale assault on Ukraine. "Our servicemen are acting competently and decisively, occupying a more favourable position and expanding their zones of control in all directions," Russian Defence Minister Sergei Shoigu said, as his troops intensify assaults on the eastern front. Despite the frontlines having barely shifted in 2023, fighting has remained intense, with the nearly encircled industrial town of Avdiivka the latest major flashpoint.

Ukraine claimed yesterday to have orchestrated attacks on a Russian railway line in Siberia, thousands of kilometres from the frontline, in the latest reported sabotage incidents inside Russian territory. Russian authorities have reported a number of attacks on transport infrastructure since it launched full-scale hostilities in Ukraine in February last year, occasionally pointing the finger at Kyiv. "The Russians have fallen into the SBU's trap twice -- another fuel train has exploded on the Baikal-Amur railway," a source in Ukrainian law enforcement agencies told AFP, referring to the SBU security services. The source said the alleged attack yesterday was a follow-up to an initial explosion on Wednesday night involving a train transiting the remote region of Buryatia.

Kyiv claims railway sabotage attacks in Russia's Siberia
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CURIOSER & CURIOSER

S. Korea set to launch first spy satellite with SpaceX



SpaceX Falcon Heavy rocket launches from NASA's Kennedy Space Center

AFP | Seoul
South Korea will launch its first military spy satellite early Saturday on a SpaceX rocket, Seoul's defence ministry said, intensifying a space race on the peninsula after Pyongyang launched its first military eye in the sky last month. Seoul's reconnaissance satellite, carried by one of Elon Musk's SpaceX Falcon 9 rockets, will lift off from the Vandenberg US Space Force Base in California at 0319 Seoul time (GMT 1819), a defence ministry official told reporters yesterday. SpaceX released a photo of its Falcon 9 rocket erected vertically on the launch pad with the letters "KOREA" emblazoned across it. If it is successfully put into orbit, South Korea will have acquired its first domestically-built spy satellite to monitor nuclear-armed North Korea. Seoul plans to launch four additional spy satellites by the end of 2025 to bolster its reconnaissance capacity over the North. Set to orbit between 400 and 600 kilometres above the earth, Seoul's satellite is capable of detecting an object as small as "30 centimetres" (11.8 inches), according to the Yonhap news agency. "Considering resolution and its capacity for Earth observation... our satellite technology ranks in the top five globally," the defence ministry official said, as quoted by Yonhap. The launch comes less than two weeks after Pyongyang had successfully put its own spy satellite into orbit. "Until now, South Korea has relied heavily on US-run spy satellites" when it comes to monitoring the North, Choi Gi-il, professor of military studies at Sangji University said.

King Charles urges 'genuine' climate action at COP28

World leaders gather in Dubai as King Charles warns of a perilous climate experiment

AFP | Dubai

King Charles III told world leaders yesterday that the UN's COP28 talks in Dubai must be a turning point in the fight against climate change, as tough negotiations on fossil fuels began.

King Charles kicked off two days of speeches by heads of state and government in the oil-rich United Arab Emirates, with a stark warning. "We are carrying out a vast, frightening experiment... all at once, at a pace that far outstrips nature's ability to cope," said the king, a lifelong environmentalist.

The sense of urgency was heightened by a UN warning Thursday that COP28 is on track to become the hottest year on record, raising fears the world will not meet the goal of limiting warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius.

Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva hammered home the point, saying: "The planet is fed up with unfulfilled climate agreements."

More than 170 world leaders are due at COP28, but Chinese President Xi Jinping and US President Joe Biden -- whose countries are the world's biggest polluters -- are absent.

One by one, leaders acknowledged the threat posed by climate change, but most repeated existing pledges. Developing nations spoke of



(L-R) Bahrain's King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, Italy's Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni, India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi and COP28 president Sultan Ahmed Al Jaber arrive to pose with participating world leaders and delegates for a family photo

the disproportionate impact of global warming on their people and urged wealthier nations to honour unfulfilled promises to deliver climate funding.

"It's painful for the people of the small island developing states to see that COP28 may not be the milestone moment we had all been hoping for," said Tonga's King Tupou VI.

Chinese Vice Premier Ding Xuexiang said developed nations "should substantially scale up their support for developing countries in finance, technology and capacity-building."

The COP28 conference opened on Thursday with an early victory, the launch of a "loss and

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KING CHARLES III KING CHARLES III

More than 110 nations have also joined a call for tripling renewable energy and doubling energy efficiency by 2030, said European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen.

The Israel-Hamas war also cast a shadow over the conference, with the Iranian delegation walking out in protest over the presence of Israeli representatives.

Delegates face two weeks of tough negotiations on an array of issues that have long bedevilled climate talks, starting with the future of oil, gas and coal.

A first draft of a COP28 agreement being negotiated by nearly 200 countries includes language on a "phasedown/out" of fossil fuels, which account for the bulk

damage" fund for vulnerable countries devastated by natural disasters. Observers hailed another breakthrough yesterday as more than 130 countries agreed to prioritise food and agriculture -- a big contributor to emissions -- in their climate plans.



Participating world leaders and delegates arrive to pose for a family photo during the COP28

Gaza war worsening climate change threats, says Jordan's king

Jordan's king said Friday that war was making the threats from climate change even worse in the Gaza Strip, as hostilities resumed between Israel and Hamas after a week-long truce.

King Abdullah II told the UN's COP28 climate talks in Dubai that "we cannot talk about climate change in isolation from the humanitarian tragedies unfolding around us".

"In Gaza, over 1.7 million Palestinians have been displaced from their homes. Tens of thousands have been injured or killed

of greenhouse gas emissions. "The science is clear: the



King Abdullah II

in a region already on the front lines of climate change," he told a gathering of world leaders.

"The massive destruction of war makes the environmental threats of water scarcity and food insecurity even more severe.

1.5-degree limit is only possible if we ultimately stop burning all fossil fuels," UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres said.

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three-wheeler... when they were targeted by unknown gunmen with gunfire," one resident told AFP.

Gaza hospitals 'like a horror movie' even before fighting resumed: WHO

AFP | Geneva

Even before fighting resumed in Gaza yesterday after a week-long truce, its health system was on its knees, with hospitals resembling a "horror movie", the World Health Organization said. As Israeli bombs began raining down on the besieged Palestinian territory again, WHO officials inside Gaza warned that the health-care situation there was already "catastrophic".

"We are extremely concerned about the resumption of violence," Richard Peepkorn, WHO's representative in the Palestinian territories, told reporters in Geneva via video-link from Gaza.

Already, he said, "the health system in Gaza has been crippled by the ongoing hostilities".

"It cannot afford to lose more hospitals." Intense fighting erupted again early yesterday, immediately after the expiry of a week-long truce between Israel and Hamas.

The truce had paused fighting that began on October 7. Israel responded by vowing to

eliminate Hamas and unleashing a relentless air and ground offensive in Gaza.

'Awash with blood'

Currently, only 18 of Gaza's 36 hospitals are even minimally to partially functional, with the three main hospitals in the north barely operative, Peepkorn said. In the south of Gaza, 12 hospitals are partially functional but are "extremely overwhelmed", he said, pointing to several that currently have twice or three times as many patients as they have beds.

All the hospitals were suffering shortages of supplies, fuel, food and even water, he said, and there was an "urgent need" for a sustained flow of aid "to keep them functional".

Hospital bed capacity across Gaza has fallen from 3,500 to just 1,562 even as needs have skyrocketed, he said, adding that at least 5,000 beds were needed.

"The healthcare service is on its knees," said Rob Holden, a WHO senior emergency officer, also speaking from Gaza.

He said he and other WHO staff



Palestinians inspect the destruction following an Israeli strike in Rafah

had in recent days visited the Al Ahli Hospital in Gaza City -- a relatively small hospital which suddenly finds itself the only receiving centre for trauma patients in the north. "It is like a horror movie," he said via video-link, with the sound of explosions in the background.

He described patients covering the floor "with the most traumatic injuries that you can imagine".

"The health system in Gaza has been crippled by the ongoing hostilities. It cannot afford to lose more hospitals"
RICHARD PEEPKORN, WHO'S REPRESENTATIVE IN THE PALESTINIAN TERRITORIES

number of dead. "It is done with the best possible dignity but still the bodies are lined up in the car park outside," Holden said.

He said he woke yesterday morning as the bombs began falling again, and thought of the doctors he had spent the last couple of days with, "knowing full well what they will face".

Those medics, he said, would be grappling with "the most horrific scene, as casualties probably in their tens if not hundreds turn up at that hospital today, knowing that they will do everything they can, but knowing that it will not be enough".

At least seven killed in attack on clerics in Afghanistan's Herat

AFP | Kabul

At least seven people were killed yesterday when unidentified gunmen opened fire on a rickshaw carrying two Shiite clerics in western Afghanistan, an official and residents said.

The official from Herat's intelligence department told AFP the attack happened in the Kora Milli area of the city, adding seven people were killed and one wounded. Locals said four women were among the dead and that both clerics were killed.

"They were returning home in a



Taliban fighters block a road in Herat (file photo)

three-wheeler... when they were targeted by unknown gunmen with gunfire," one resident told AFP.

Pakistan gunmen kill policeman guarding polio vaccination team

AFP | Peshawar

A Pakistani policeman was killed when militants attacked a polio vaccination team yesterday, police said, the latest casualty in the country's long campaign against the crippling disease.

Pakistan and neighbouring Afghanistan are the only two countries where polio remains endemic and vaccination teams are frequently targeted by militants.

The latest incident occurred in Malik Din Khel, part of the former tribal border region that was once a haven for Taliban militants.

"Two gunmen riding a motor-



Pakistani policeman stand guard as a health worker administers polio drops to a child

bike opened fire on policemen guarding a two-member polio vaccination team," district police chief Saleem Khan Kulachi said.

"One policeman died at the scene while another sustained a minor injury," he said.

"The target of this shooting was probably two religious scholars who were Shiites," he said.

Shiites are a minority in Afghanistan and are drawn mostly from the Hazara community, a frequent target of attacks by militants from the Islamic State (IS) group, who consider them heretics.

Violence has reduced dramatically since the Taliban ended their insurgency after seizing power in August 2021, but a number of armed groups -- including the regional chapter of IS -- remain a threat.

One of the gunmen was shot dead by police.

Local police official Zahir Ahmed Afridi also confirmed the details, adding that the healthcare workers were unhurt.

Pakistan initiated a week-long nationwide polio vaccination campaign on Monday, with the goal of inoculating more than 44 million children across much of the country.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility for the attack but Islamist militants, including the Pakistani Taliban, have killed scores of polio vaccination workers and their security escorts in the past.



TOP 4 TWEETS

01



This COP28 is about ambition, targets and finance. Europe has consistently delivered on the \$100 billion climate finance target. And we help get the new Loss & Damage Fund up and running, with €25 million.

@vonderleyen

02



Thank you UAE for your generous \$200 million contribution to the IMF's resilience and sustainability trust to expand our support to vulnerable countries! With solidarity and cooperation, we can solve our global challenges.

@KGeorgieva

03



Today, as we mark #WorldAIDSday, we're standing in solidarity with people living with HIV and AIDS. We're remembering the Canadians we've lost. And we're recommitting to ending this epidemic and its stigma. My full statement:

@JustinTrudeau

04



We are extremely concerned about the resumption of fighting in #Gaza. The health system has been crippled by the ongoing hostilities. Gaza can't afford to lose any more hospitals or hospital beds. We need a ceasefire. A ceasefire that holds. A ceasefire that progress to peace.

@DrTedros

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celebs

Jennifer Lawrence hits back at plastic surgery rumours, says new look is due to makeup and aging

Celebretainment | Los Angeles

Jennifer Lawrence is speaking out about the plastic surgery claims she's been facing over the last few

months. Lawrence teamed up with Kylie Jenner for Interview's latest issue where the pair talked about plastic surgery. Lawrence explained that it's "incredible" what make-up can do while denying she's gone under the knife for cosmetic enhancements.

"I also think it's incredible what makeup can do because I work with Hung [Vanngo], who overlines the lip, and I call him a plastic surgeon, because everybody in the last few months since I've been working with him is convinced that I had eye surgery," Lawrence said. "I'm like, 'I didn't have eye surgery. I'm doing makeup.'"

Jenner defended Lawrence and said, "I've been seeing the pictures. It doesn't look like that."

"But yeah, it is amazing what makeup can do," Jennifer Lawrence

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JENNIFER LAWRENCE

ner added.

The actress added a joke, saying, "I feel sorry for men. They're kind of stuck with what they have."

Jenner told Lawrence about her experience with cosmetic enhancements and denied that she's had plastic surgery on her face. The "Keeping up with the Kardashians" star did admit to getting fillers in the past, as well as a breast augmentation.

"I did end up getting lip fillers, but it's also the same with me," Jenner explained. "I'll see before and after photos when I'm 12 years old versus 26 and my eyebrows are filled differently. I have contour on. I'm like, 'How can you compare my 12-year-old face and say I've gotten my jaw shaved and eyelids removed?' I'm like, 'What are we talking about?'"

Lawrence sympathized with Jenner and shared that she's faced

similar comparisons to what her face looks like as a 33-year-old compared to when she was younger.

"I have the same thing. I started at 19, so I get the before and after pictures from when I'm 19 to 30 and I'm like, 'I grew up. I lost baby weight in my face, and my face changed because I'm aging,'" Lawrence explained. "Everybody thought I had a nose job, and I'm like, 'I've had the exact same nose. My cheeks got smaller. Thank you for bringing it up.'"

This is not the first time the "Hunger Games" actress has denied plastic surgery rumors. In 2019, Lawrence told Paper magazine that she's "never" been under the knife because she's "terrified."



Natalie Portman discourages child actors

Celebretainment | Los Angeles

Natalie Portman wouldn't encourage young people to become child actors.

The 'Black Swan' star, 42, launched her career at age 12 when she starred in the action film 'Léon: The Professional' in 1994, and she admits it's only down to "luck" and having "overprotective parents" that she wasn't "harmed".

She told Variety: "I would not encourage young people to go into this."

"I don't mean ever; I mean as children." She continued: "I feel it was almost an accident of luck that I was not harmed, also combined with very overprotective, wonderful parents."

The 'Thor: Love and Thunder' star is hopeful that the industry is looking after young performers better these days. She said: "I've heard too many bad stories to think that any children should be part of it."

"Having said that, I know all the conversations that we've been having these past few years. It's made people more aware and careful."

However, she added: "But ultimately, I don't believe that

kids should work.

"I think kids should play and go to school."

Natalie - who has son Aleph, 12, and daughter Amalia, six, with husband Benjamin Millepied - didn't come away from being a child actor completely unscathed.

Her classmates used to tease her for her career path because they believed she thought she was "special".

Natalie was speaking to Drew Barrymore for the fellow actress' eponymously titled talk show, in 2020, when Drew - who was also a child actor and starred with Natalie in the 1996 movie 'Everyone Says I Love You' - said: "I read this thing about how you didn't have an easy time in school because you would go out to movies and then come back and just have an awkward time with the other kids at school."

Natalie Portman



Jennifer Lopez's new album is a 'musical experience'

Celebretainment | Los Angeles

Jennifer Lopez's new album will be a "musical experience".

The 'Jenny From The Block' star is due to release 'This Is Me ... Now' next year and she's revealed some more details about the record in a teaser video posted on her website which features a montage of clips including footage of Jennifer dancing in the rain and riding a motorcycle.

She captioned the clip: "This musical experience is a manifestation through

music, film, and reality, of life's journey on the search for truth about love."

'This Is Me ... Now' is a follow-up to her 2003 album 'This Is Me ... Then' which was inspired by and dedicated to her partner Ben Affleck. The pair ended their engagement a year after the record's release, but they got back together almost two decades later and married in 2022.

The second album is also dedicated to Affleck and explores their rekindled romance after they got back together.

Speaking to Zane Lowe on Apple Music 1 last year, she ex-

plained: "We captured me at this moment in time when I was reunited with the love of my life and we decided we were going to be together forever. The whole message of the album then is, 'This love exists. This is a real love.' Now I think what the message of the album is very much if you were wondering if you have, like me at times, lost hope, almost given up, don't, because true love does exist and some things do last forever and that's real."

Jennifer Lopez

Bradley Cooper would do another Hangover movie in 'an instant'

Celebretainment | Los Angeles

Bradley Cooper would do another 'Hangover' movie "in an instant".

The 'Maestro' actor had his breakthrough role as teacher and leader of the Wolfpack Phil in the first 'Hangover'

movie in 2009, and he would love to return for a fourth film.

Asked on 'The New Yorker Radio Hour' podcast "Are you done with fun?"

"In other words, if another kinda fun comic role came along, it was three months of your life, it's not Hangover 5,

but something of a similar spirit."

Cooper replied: "Well, I would do Hangover 5. It would be [Hangover] 4 first, but yeah."

The 48-year-old actor insists he would reprise the role "not just to pay the bills", adding: "I would do probably Hangover 4 in an instant, yeah,

just because I love Todd [Phillips], I love Zach [Galifianakis], I love Ed [Helms] so much. I probably would, yeah."

However, he doubts another flick in the comedy franchise would happen.

He said: "I don't think Todd's ever going to do that."

The first film follows a group of men on a bachelor party in Las Vegas, who lose the groom.

Bradley Cooper



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How to play

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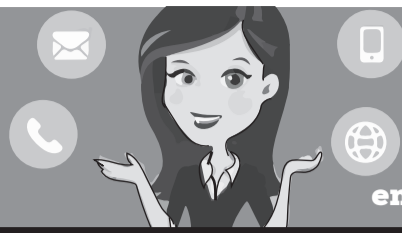
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Kyrgios thanks Murray for spotting signs of self-harm struggle

AFP | Sydney

Nick Kyrgios has revealed his gratitude to Andy Murray for spotting signs of self-harming as the Australian tennis star said he had an "addiction of pain" during a "dark" time in his life.

Kyrgios has opened up about the mental health struggles he suffered in recent years and revealed in a Netflix documentary he had spent time in a psychiatric hospital after losing at Wimbledon in 2019.

Three-time Grand Slam champion Murray has consistently been a supporter of Kyrgios, despite the latter being dogged by a series of on and off-court controversies.

Last year Kyrgios' mother revealed how Murray had spotted the signs of her son self-harming before she did.

"Andy was always a big supporter of me," Kyrgios told TalkTV in an interview with Piers Morgan.

"As soon as I came on the tour, he kind of saw a work in progress and took me un-



Britain's Andy Murray (L) shakes hands with Australia's Nick Kyrgios (file photo)

der his wing. Then he realised later in my career that I don't think I was coachable or I was on my own path, but he was always someone that was looking out for me.

"He saw it (the self-harm) and he said, 'What's that on your arm?' It was pretty bad at that stage. I'd be in the locker room and people would be able to see my self-harm. So I could only imagine what people would think when they were actually versing me on the tennis court. They're like, 'Wow, this guy's mentally in a storm at the moment and he's still trying to play'.

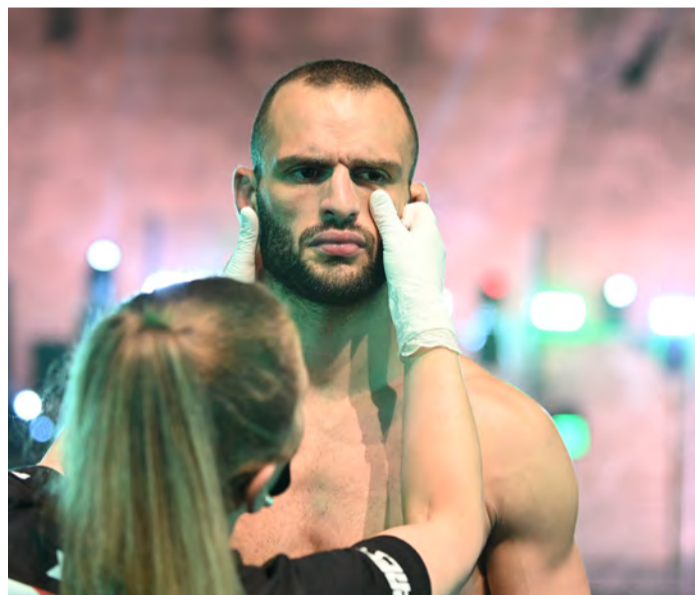
Fighting at historic BRAVE CF 80 simply a 'no-brainer' for former champion and Arab icon Jarrah Al-Silawi

TDT | Manama

From December 5, BRAVE CF will be hosting three blockbuster events in the Kingdom of Bahrain over a span of ten days, as part of the BRAVE International Combat Week, the largest combat sports festival on the planet. The third and final show will be BRAVE CF 80 on December 15.

The expectation has always been that we'd see some incredible bouts from top to bottom and the most global promotion in MMA has delivered on the promise, bringing a world-class fight card to finish the year. For Arab fans, two occasions will be unmissable and historic at BRAVE CF 80: the duel between Arab Legends and UK & Ireland, and the return of Jarrah Al-Silawi.

A two-time BRAVE CF Super Welterweight world champion, and widely regarded as the best Arab fighter of all time, "The Jordanian Lion" will return to his second home, and even though he won't be a part of the



Jarrah Al-Silawi

Arab Legends team, he still felt compelled to return to action in the Middle East at such an occasion.

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with BRAVE CF, putting together a formidable 9-1 record with the promotion, and his only loss coming via split decision, and avenged in an immediate rematch with a TKO victory for Jarrah.

It is this legendary run that he hopes to recreate for one night

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only, at the Khalifa Sports City Arena, which is the home of many of his biggest accomplishments, such as his wins over Erik Carlsson and Carl Booth. As an Arab legend, missing the opportunity to fight at such an impactful card for the region's fighters was simply not an option.

Hamza Kooheji hails Hussein Ayyad ahead of Arab Legends vs UK and Ireland at BRAVE CF 80: 'His confidence is back'

TDT | Manama

Bahraini hero Hamza Kooheji will be sidelined with injury and unable to represent his beloved country and the Arab world at the Arab Legends vs UK & Ireland duel that will take place during BRAVE CF 80, December 15, at the Khalifa Sports City Arena. But he has praised the other Bahraini fighters in action at the event, and has called on his fans, as well as sporting fans in

Bahrain to take over the Khalifa Sports City Arena to support the Bahrain fighters.

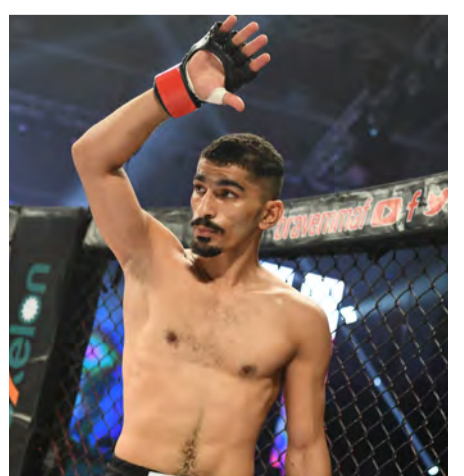
And Hamza has spoken specifically of an old friend of his, someone who came up with him, but suffered a terrible injury, breaking his leg. Hussein Ayyad is now back, healthy, and ready to compete and represent Bahrain on the international stage, as he did in the amateur scene, when he became the first Bahrain amateur fighter to win a

medal in IMMAF competition.

"Hussain is very relaxed, he doesn't care that much about the fight, he doesn't feel too much stress. Now he needs to take his training seriously, the most important fight of his life is going to take place on December 15. He needs to work on everything in his training, as a professional. After he came back from injury, his confidence took a hit. But he's over now, it happened in 2019, and he's ready to come back,

said Hamza during a recording of "The Hawk's Corner", which is BRAVE CF president Mohammed Shahid's podcast.

Hussain Ayyad will once again be a force to be reckoned with within the Arab Legends team as they look to beat UK & Ireland at BRAVE CF 80 - five fights will take place between both sides, with athletes from Bahrain, Jordan, Lebanon, and Egypt representing the Arab Legends.



Hamza Kooheji

Muharraq battle past Manama

Title-hopefuls claim all-important victory in 2023/2024 Nasser bin Hamad Bahrain Premier Football League

● **Firas Chawat, Abdulwahab Al Malood and Hassan Mohammed Abdo all on target for Muharraq**

● **Mamadou Lamine Diawara scores game's lone goal as last-placed Busaiteen claim first victory of season**

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Muharraq posted a well-deserved 3-1 victory over Manama last night to kick off the eighth week of action in the 2023/2024 Nasser bin Hamad Bahrain Premier Football League.

Firas Chawat, Abdulwahab Al Malood and Hassan Mohammed Abdo were all on target for the victors, while scoring the lone consolation for Manama was Elvis Marley Aparecido Bittencourt.

Muharraq opened their account in the 29th minute when



Muharraq's Waleed Al Hayyam and Manama's Ebrahim Al Khattal both make an aerial challenge for the ball during their match last night

Standings

	P	W	D	L	+/-	Pts
Al Khaldiya	7	3	4	0	9	13
East Riffa	7	4	1	2	2	13
Al Najma	8	3	3	2	4	12
Muharraq	8	3	3	2	2	12
Al Ahli	7	3	2	2	-2	11
Riffa	5	3	1	1	4	10
Al Hala	7	3	0	4	-6	9
Manama	8	2	2	4	-1	8
Al Shabab	6	2	1	3	-2	7
Hidd	7	2	1	4	-3	7
Sitra	6	1	3	2	-2	6
Busaiteen	8	1	3	4	-5	6

Chawat scored in the face of goal after Manama failed to clear a corner kick. Following a mad scramble in the box, an unmarked Chawat was able to tap the ball home despite falling to the ground.

Muharraq then doubled their advantage the very next minute, when Al Malood found the net in traffic with a low effort. That was enough to give his team the 2-0 advantage at the interval.

After the re-start, Manama tried valiantly to get back into the game and got a goal in 71st

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Muharraq claimed only their third win in eight matches following last night's result and they improved to 12 points on the league table. Manama suffered their fourth loss and stayed on eight markers in the bottom half of the standings

minute through Bittencourt, who received a fine through pass in the box and slotted home past Muharraq goalkeeper Sayed Mohammed Jaafar.

But Manama's hopes of equalising were shortlived as Muharraq regained their two-goal advantage when substitute Abdo scored with a header off a corner

kick in the 77th minute.

With the result, Muharraq claimed their third win in eight matches and improved to 12 points on the league table. Manama suffered their fourth loss and stayed on eight markers in the bottom half.

Also last night, Busaiteen claimed their first victory of the season when they upset Al Najma 1-0 in another match.

Mamadou Lamine Diawara scored the game's lone goal, firing home in the 67th minute with a fine volley. His strike was enough to separate the two sides and earn Busaiteen the full three points. They improved to sixth but stayed at the very bottom of the standings. Najma suffered their second loss and stayed on 12 points, remaining amongst the top four.

League action continues tonight and tomorrow with two more matches per evening. Tonight, Al Ahli take on Hidd while East Riffa face Al Hala; and then tomorrow, Sitra play Al Shabab while defending champions Al Khaldiya take on Riffa in a mammoth clash between top contenders.

Ahli outclass Hala in basketball league

● **American Unique McLean pours in game-high 37 points to lead Ahli past Hala**

● **Defending champions Manama enjoy 82-point annihilation of Bahrain Club**

AFP | London

Al Ahli powered past fellow title-contenders Al Hala 89-73 last night in week five action of the 2023/2024 Zain Bahrain Basketball League.

Ahli were in control for much of the contest and pulled away from their rivals in the final quarter.

They led 23-19 after the first and stayed ahead 43-37 at the half. They gradually added to their advantage and headed into the final canto up 65-56, and enjoyed their biggest lead of 16, which was also their final winning margin.

American import Unique McLean poured in a game-high 37 points for Ahli, while Jamaican Adrian Uter added 18 points and 10 rebounds. Subah Hussain



Manama's Ali Jaber goes for a lay-up during their massive 82-point win against Bahrain Club last night

chipped in with 13 and Ahmed Aldurazi came off the bench to score 11 for the winners.

For Hala, Alex Young and Tyrone Nash combined for 43 points. Young finished with 22 and Nash had 21 as their team's

only two players in double figures.

Ahli came away with their fourth win in five games, while Hala suffered only their second defeat to go with three victories. Meanwhile, also last night,

defending champions Manama posted a massive 82-point victory, 132-50, over Bahrain Club in a one-sided affair.

Manama scored more than 30 points in three quarters, coming up short by just two in the third.

After a 31-15 opening period, a massive 38-10 second saw them take a 69-25 lead into the break. They never wavered and the 82-point final margin was also their biggest lead of the game.

All 12 of Manama's players got onto the scoresheet, with Ali Jaber coming off the bench to lead the way with 21 points. Mohammed Ameer and Yusuf Almurbati each finished with 18, while Emran Hasan had 14, Hussain Shaker 12 and Travin Thibodeaux 10 points.

For Bahrain Club, who were playing without a foreign professional, Hasan Gerashi had 19 and Mansoor Jaber scored 18 points.

With the result, Manama improved to a 4-0 win-loss record while Bahrain Club dropped to a 2-2 mark.

League action continues tonight with Sitra facing Samahej at 5.30pm followed by Muharraq taking on Isa Town at 7.30pm. On Tuesday, Al Najma play Al Ettihad at 7.30pm.

Nadal set for Brisbane return ahead of Australian Open

AFP | London

Almost a year after his last match, former world number one Rafael Nadal will return to the courts in Brisbane next month ahead of the Australian Open for what is likely to be his final season.

"Hello everyone, after a year away from competition, it's time to come back. It will be in Brisbane the first week of January. I'll see you there," the 22-time Grand Slam winner said in a post on social media.

Nadal has not played since his defeat in the second round of the Australian Open last January as he struggled with a hip injury during the tournament he won in 2009 and 2022.

"I think I don't deserve to end like this," said Nadal, 37, of his Melbourne exit.

The Spaniard has undergone surgery twice since and having slumped to 663rd in the world declared in September that the 2024 season would probably be his last.

He has been overtaken in the



Rafael Nadal

number of Grand Slam tournaments won by Serbian world number one Novak Djokovic, who now has 24 major titles.

Nadal had already experienced a 2021 season undermined by a foot injury, and was eliminated by Djokovic in the semi-final of the French Open.

"I won't win more Grand Slams than Djokovic, but I will have the chance to enjoy myself again," Nadal said last month.

"I think that Novak lives it in a more intense way than I have lived it. For him, it would have been a greater frustration not to achieve it (Grand Slams) and maybe that's why he achieved."

Bangladesh leave New Zealand in deep trouble in 332-run chase

AFP | Sylhet

Left-arm spinner Taijul Islam claimed 4-40 to put Bangladesh within three wickets of a famous win over New Zealand in the first Test in Sylhet yesterday.

Set a target of 332 runs, New Zealand stuttered to reach 113-7 at stumps on the fourth day, still needing 219 runs for what looked like an improbable win.

Daryl Mitchell dragged the match into the fifth day with an unbeaten 44, remaining New Zealand's only hope to produce a miracle.

Ish Sodhi was with him on seven, but not before he was reprieved by the third umpire after initially being given out two overs before stumps.

Bangladesh will be looking



Taijul Islam celebrates with teammates

to wrap up the New Zealand innings quickly on the fifth and final day for what they hope will be their second Test win against New Zealand and their first at home.

Pacer Shoriful Islam and spinners Mehidy Hasan Miraz and Nayeem Hasan complemented Taijul with a wicket each to put them firmly on course.

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Ocean Star lifts BOC Cup

Al Afoo Racing's five-year-old mare wins feature event at Rashid Equestrian and Horseracing Club



HH Shaikh Isa bin Ali bin Khalifa presents the BOC Cup to Hussain Ebrahim Al Afoo

● **Rollajam, Endifaa, Mediterranean Moon, Social Distancing all win General Sports Authority Cups**

● **Victorious come away with impressive double, with Rollajam and Kuheilil Weld Umm Zorayr 1838**

TDI | Manama

Ocean Star lifted the Bahrain Olympic Committee (BOC) Cup yesterday in the feature event at Rashid Equestrian and Horseracing Club (REHC) in Sakhir.

The meeting took place in the presence of the His Highness Shaikh Isa bin Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Chairman of the REHC High Committee; His Highness Shaikh Faisal bin Rashid bin Isa Al Khalifa, Vice-President of the Supreme Council for Environment, REHC High Committee's Deputy Chairman and member of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports; His Highness Shaikh Salman bin Mohammed bin Isa Al Khalifa, Vice-President of the General Sports Authority (GSA);

and His Highness Shaikh Isa bin Ali bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, Cabinet Affairs Ministry's Undersecretary and BOC Vice-President.

Five-year-old Ocean Star triumphed in the six-furlong event for owners Al Afoo Racing and trainer Mohammed Hasan, while saddled by Soufiane Saadi. They took home the lion's share of the BD5,000 total prize.

Buffer Zone finished in second place for Victorious, Fawzi Nass and Stephane Ladjadj; and Amaan came third for Mohamed

Jasim Jaafar, Talal Al Alawi and Abdulla Faisal.

The BOC Cup headlined an eight-race card at REHC yesterday. Four of the other events offered General Sports Authority (GSA) Cups.

In the fourth race of the day, Rollajam triumphed to take the GSA Cup for Victorious and Fawzi Nass, while ridden Stephane Ladjadj. The four-year-old gelding won over nine furlongs to claim the biggest part of the BD3,000 prize.



One of the winning horses during yesterday's events



HH Shaikh Isa bin Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, right, with other officials at the meeting

Returnofthemac followed for Al Mohamediya Racing, Osama Hashim and Ali Husain; while Magical Wish completed the top three for Yousif Ahmed Alboainain, Yousif Alboainain and Salem Alajmi.

Endifaa won the GSA Cup in



The Al Afoo Racing-Mohammed Hasan-Soufiane Saadi connection won two races yesterday at REHC, lifting both the Bahrain Olympic Committee Cup with Ocean Star and the day's sixth race with Vanguard Star

race five, held over 10 furlongs with a BD2,000 prize. The five-year-old gelding won for Salman Al Alawi, Talal Alawi and Ahmed Maki; finishing narrowly ahead of runner-up Master Bambu, racing for M and E Racing, AM Smith and Lee Newman. Runaholic finished third for Redha Monfaredi Racing, Fawzi Nass and Stephane Ladjadj.

In the third race of the day, Mediterranean Moon won the GSA Cup after a nine-furlong challenge for a BD2,000 prize. Edinson Rodriguez saddled the five-year-old victor for M and E Racing and AM Smith.

December finished second for Al Mohamediya Racing, Fawzi Nass and Jason Watson; while Amwaj was third for Mohammed Khalid Abdulrahim, Haider Ebrahim and Gerald Mosse.

In the day's second race, Social Distancing won the GSA Cup for Al Adiyat Racing, AM Smith and Gerald Mosse. The five-year-old mare triumphed over eight furlongs with a BD2,000 total prize.

Aquila came second for Abdulla Fawzi Nass, Fawzi Nass and Husain Maki; while Graham followed in third for HH Shaikh Hamad bin Abdulla bin Isa Al Khalifa, Haider Ebrahim and Abdulrahim Jasim.

Elsewhere yesterday, Lathaa won in race seven for imported horses, held over seven furlongs with a BD3,000 prize. The four-year-old colt triumphed for HH Shaikh Hamad bin Abdulla bin Isa Al Khalifa.

Vanguard Star triumphed in race six, also for imported horses, held over five furlongs with a BD2,000 prize. The three-year-old gelding won for Al Afoo Racing, Mohammed Hasan and Soufiane Saadi.

In race one, a WAHO event over six furlongs with a BD1,500 total prize, Kuheilil Weld Umm Zorayr 1838 won for Victorious, Yousif Taher and Abdulrahim Jasim.

Another race meeting is scheduled to be held today at REHC.

Rinku, spinners help India down Australia to clinch T20 series

AFP | Raipur

Rinku Singh's quickfire 46 and a spin attack led by Axar Patel helped India to a series-clinching 20-run win over Australia in the fourth Twenty20 international yesterday.

India posted 174-9 thanks to Rinku's 29-ball blitz, despite late strikes by the Australian fast bowlers after the tourists elected to field first in Raipur.

Axar then returned figures of 3-16 with his left-arm spin as the hosts kept down Australia to 154-7 to take an unassailable 3-1 lead in the five-match series.

"Other than (the) toss, everything went our way," India's Suryakumar Yadav said of the victory in his first series as captain.



Rinku Singh plays a shot

"Winning was the big boost, especially the way the boys showed character. Everyone expressed themselves irrespec-

tive of the situation, and that's what I told them: be fearless, play your game and we'll see what happens."

Scorecard

India 174 for 9 (Rinku 46, Jitesh 35, Dwarshuis 3-40) beat Australia 154 for 7 (Wade 36*, Head 31, Axar 3-16, Chahar 2-44) by 20 runs

Leg-spinner Ravi Bishnoi struck on his first delivery as he bowled Josh Philippe, for eight, and finished with figures of 1-17.

Axar struck in his first over to claim opener Travis Head's wicket, after his 16-ball 31 had given the tourists a quick start.

After derailing the opposition's chase, the Indian spinner kept up his strikes and sent Ben McDermott and Aaron Hardie back to the pavilion.

Tim David attempted to hit back but fast bowler Deepak Chahar took the batsman down,

getting him caught in the deep on 19.

Chahar claimed another victim in Matthew Short on 22 as the wheels came off the chase, before skipper Matthew Wade hit a valiant 36 not out.

"We want to continue to learn about the players under the established players since the (T20) World Cup is around the corner, so depth around the squad will be key," said Wade.

Earlier, the left-handed Rinku put on key partnerships including a 56-run fifth-wicket stand with Jitesh Sharma, who hit a 19-ball 35.

Ben Dwarshuis took two wickets in the 19th over and fellow left-arm quick Jason Behrendorff also struck twice in the next over to deny Rinku his fifty

and check India's surge.

Hardie began with a maiden over and in his second over cut short Yashasvi Jaiswal's brisk knock of 37 off 28 balls, after the left-hander mistimed a pull to get caught at mid-on.

Leg-spinner Tanveer Sangha sent back Shreyas Iyer for eight and Dwarshuis made the hosts slip to 63-3 when he got Suryakumar caught behind for one.

Ruturaj Gaikwad, who made 32 after his unbeaten 123 in the previous match, and Rinku put on a quick 48-run stand, which was eventually broken by Sangha.

Australia were without their ODI World Cup stars, including Glenn Maxwell, who hit a match-winning 104 not out in match three, and Marcus Stoinis.