



HRH Prince Salman

HRH Prince Salman condoles with **Montenegro over** mass shooting

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Tis Royal Highness HPrince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, yesterday sent a cable of condolences to Montenegro Prime Minister Milojko Spajic, following a mass shooting in Cetinje that resulted in several casualties.

HRH Prince Salman extended his heartfelt condolences and sympathies to the families of the victims, as well as to the leadership and people of Montenegro.

Labour Ministry plan underway to employ 20,000 **Bahrainis annually**

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The Ministry of Labour has revealed that Bahrain's unemployment rate is 6.3% and announced its aim to employ 20,000 Bahrainis and train 10,000 job seekers annually.

This announcement was made in response to an in-

Threats to Bahrain's marine ecosystem

Oil and Environment Ministry cracks down on shrimp smuggling and illegal fishing practices

healthy seafood enter Bahrain.

The Ministry is also working

"We are leaving no stone un-

Raising awareness among

Regular meetings have been

turned to protect Bahrain's wa-

ters," Dr Bin Daina said.

with the Cybercrime Directo-

rate to stamp out online sales of

Online sales

Dr Bin Daina pushes for cooperation with Shura Council to strictly enforce rules

Protection of marine resources a 'shared responsibility' for future generations

Mohammed Darwish TDT | Manama

Ahrimp smuggling, unlicensed trawling and othhave triggered a clampdown by decisive steps to confront them,' the Oil and Environment Ministry, according to a letter from the Minister, His Excellency Dr Mohamed bin Mubarak Bin Daina, structures, with the Supreme prohibited fishing equipment. addressed to the Shura Council. Council for Environment cov-

Dr Bin Daina detailed a raft of violations, including the illegal and the use of banned tools such as bottom trawling nets.



"These practices threaten the only lawful fishing tools and delicate balance of our marine er illegal fishing practices ecosystem, and we are taking the Minister wrote.

The crackdown includes the removal of unauthorised fishing ering the costs.

Electronic monitoring, introsale of shrimp during the closed duced in collaboration with Cusseason, fishing without permits, toms Affairs, has strengthened fishermen has been central to control over marine resource the Ministry's efforts. imports and exports, ensuring

These practices

threaten the delicate balance of our marine ecosystem, and we are taking decisive steps to confront them

H.E. DR MOHAMED BIN MUBARAK BIN DAINA, OIL AND ENVIRONMENT MINISTER

held to explain existing laws and encourage sustainable practices.

Penalties

posts on social media have been future generations," he said.

used to warn against illegal fishing methods and educate people on the penalties they face if caught breaking the rules.

Joint enforcement campaigns, involving the Coast Guard, Customs Affairs, and other government directorates, have targeted a range of violations, including breaches of temporary fishing bans

The Ministry is revising penalties for offenders and preparing new rules to regulate the capture of large predators, aiming to prevent any exploitation

Smart monitoring room

It also plans to establish a smart monitoring room equipped with advanced systems, in partnership with the Survey and Land Registration Bureau.

Dr Bin Daina concluded his letter with a call for cooperation with the Shura Council.

"Protecting Bahrain's marine resources is a shared responsibility, and we are committed to Notices in public spaces and ensuring their preservation for

Gulf Air supports Bahrain team in Gulf Cup final

Disconnection warning

quiry from MP Abdulwahed Qarata.

The Ministry cited the National Plan for Labour Market Regulation (2023-2026) as the driving force behind these efforts.

This plan aims to align education with market demands, strengthen partnerships with the private sector, attract domestic and foreign investment to create more high-quality job opportunities, and enhance oversight, regulation, and labor laws.

To support job seekers, the Ministry encourages registration and offers unemployment benefits: BD150 per month for non-university graduates and BD200 for university graduates for nine months (for first-time job seekers or those with less than 12 months of work experience).

220 fils (includes VAT)



EWA offers options to allow customers maintain service while managing finances responsibly

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ing overdue Households have 53 days payments, to pay overdue electricity the authorbills before facing disconnec- ity emphation, the Electricity and Water sised its Authority (EWA) has revealed. structured

The authority, responding to approach. a parliamentary question, outlined that the countdown begins bills clearly from the bill's issue date and show outincludes reminders via text and standing balances, email before power is finally cut off.

EWA also disclosed plans to en. Disconnection comes only restructure the electricity and after extensive warnings over water sector with a proposed the 53-day grace period. law separating operational and maintenance tasks from regula- cially, the EWA offers options, ability to measure energy use tion and monitoring.

This move, inspired by suc- ment plans and instalments cessful examples across the for overdue amounts, ensuring meeting global performance tal - a far cry from the previ-Gulf Cooperation Council, is customers can maintain service standards, provide exact read- ous system requiring forms and intended to sharpen oversight, while managing their finances ings that help consumers mon- physical visits.

53 days to clear your bills or lose electricity!

strengthen financial accountability, and protect service quality while ensuring customers' interests. Structured

approach

Address-

Monthly



Monthly bills clearly show outstanding balances, and customers receive reminders before further steps are taken.

responsibly. itor usage and better manage The autheir bills.

With remote reading capabilthority ities, the meters eliminate the stressed that these need for manual checks, reducmeasures ing the risk of errors and cutting and changes costs for site visits.

EWA added that smart me-

ters include built-in protections.

such as automatic power cut-

prevent damage to household

or deactivating electricity ac-

counts remarkably quick, al-

lowing power to be switched

on or off in mere minutes via

They also make activating

appliances and systems.

are part of its Protections broader effort

to improve services and ensure consum-

and customers receive remind- ers benefit from dependable. off during overloading, which ers before further steps are tak- high-quality utilities.

Smart meters

On the subject of smart me-For those struggling finan- ters, the authority praised their including fixed monthly pay- with precision.

These advanced devices, the government e-services por-

International Airport to transport fans for the Gulf Cup (Khaleeji Zain 26) final against Oman on January 4, 2025, at Jaber Al Ahmad

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International Stadium. Return flights are scheduled for January 5.

¬ ulf Air, Bahrain's na-

Gtional carrier, an-

nounced it will operate nine

round-trip flights to Kuwait

The initiative, coordinated with the Bahrain Olympic Committee (BOC), is supported by Gulf Air and private sponsors. Free registration was facilitated through the committee, and additional flights were arranged to meet increased demand.

Gulf Air has enhanced its capacity for these flights, improving services including cabin crew, ground staff, and airport handling to ensure smooth travel for fans.

The airline expressed appreciation to all contributors and wished Bahrain team success in securing the Gulf Cup title.

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'Redundant, impractical'

Shura Council Committee rejects stricter expat hiring conditions for public sector

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proposal to impose stricter conditions on hiring expat public sector employees - including a master's degree requirement and mandatory training of Bahraini replacement - was rejected by the Shura Council's Legislative and Legal Affairs Committee, despite being approved by Parliament last October.

The proposal, scheduled for debate and vote on Sunday, aimed to prioritise Bahrainis in government jobs, called for for- hired if no qualified Bahraini is eign employees to hold a mas- available. ter's degree and have at least 10 vears' experience.

newal allowed, contingent on approval by the Civil Service on specific needs. Bureau, and required that Bahthe contract term.

the measures were both redundant and impractical.

Foreigners

ensure foreigners can only be tion strategy.



Shura Council in session

The regulations, enshrined in Article 6 of the Executive It also sought to cap contracts Regulations, also require ap- still employed in essential roles at two years, with a single re- propriate qualifications for each in health and education. role, allowing flexibility based

committee noted, would not nationals. While Parliament endorsed only increase costs but could the plan as a way to address also limit the pool of candidates unemployment and strengthen for specialised technical posithe local workforce, the Shura tions, such as those in cyberse-Council committee argued that curity or artificial intelligence.

Concerns

The Civil Service Bureau shared similar concerns during The committee report point- discussions, highlighting the ed out that current laws already success of its current localisa-

Since 2019, the number of foreign public sector employees has dropped by 23 per cent, from 7,582 to 5,800, with most

Moreover, all heads of human resources departments in gov-Imposing a blanket require- ernment entities under the buraini workers be trained during ment for a master's degree, the reau's remit are now Bahraini

Existing framework

these achievements show the existing framework is working more problems than they solve. as intended, prioritising Bahraini talent while addressing current approach aligns with the limited cases where foreign expertise is necessary.

with the draft law's rigid struc- tion and rely on flexible regulature, which it said would hinder tions to govern the process.

the Civil Service Bureau's ability to adapt to labour market needs.

Current laws delegate procedural specifics to executive regulations, which provide the flexibility required to ensure public services run smoothly.

Unnecessary constraints

The proposed changes, by contrast, would place unnecessary constraints on hiring practices, creating inefficiencies and increasing costs.

The government also weighed in, arguing that employment conditions are best managed through executive regulations rather than fixed legislation.

It cautioned that imposing additional restrictions could result in staffing shortages in vital sectors and disrupt service delivery, particularly in healthcare and education.

Draft law

Although the committee found the draft law to be constitutionally sound, it concluded The bureau emphasised that that its provisions duplicated existing policies and would create

Members noted that Bahrain's employment practices in neighbouring countries, which also The committee also took issue treat foreign hiring as an excepBahrainis make up entire Tourism Ministry workforce on permanent contracts





MP Basma Mubarak H Naser TDT | Manama

he Ministry of Tourism **L** has confirmed that its entire workforce consists of Bahraini nationals employed on permanent contracts.

This statement, made by Tourism Minister, Her Excellency Fatima Al Sairafi, in response to a parliamentary question from MP Basma Mubarak, highlights the ministry's commitment to Bahraini talent.

Al Sairafi emphasised the ministry's pride in and support for Bahraini capabilities. underscoring its active role in supporting national plans and initiatives aimed at developing the skills and abilities of Bahraini citizens.

The absence of any foreign belief in the competence of the Civil Service Law. Bahraini professionals and a commitment to providing in at least 40 hours of annual them with opportunities to training, encompassing theo-

The absence of any foreign employees within the Ministry reflects a strong belief in the competence of Bahraini professionals and a commitment to providing them with opportunities to take on various roles and responsibilities

H.E. FATIMA AL SAIRAFI, TOURISM MINISTER

sponsibilities.

The Minister further noted that all employees are engaged on permanent contracts.

Training She also highlighted the

employees within the Minis- ministry's focus on employee try, she stated, reflects a strong training, in accordance with

"All employees participate take on various roles and re- retical and practical training.



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King Hamad Leadership for Peaceful **Coexistence Programme opens registration**

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Registration has opened for the King Hamad Leaderand cognitive skills to promote Trustees of the King Hamad respect, coexistence, and human fraternity.

participating can apply via the the vision of His Majesty King bassadors of peace, capable centre's website (khgc.org.bh) Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa. between January 2-31, where further details and admission tiative reflects Bahrain's com- through peaceful means, he requirements are available.

mutual respect.

His Excellency Dr. Shaikh ship for Peaceful Coexistence Abdulla bin Ahmed Al Khal-Programme, an initiative de- ifa, Minister of Transporta- Memorandum of Understandsigned to empower Bahraini tion and Telecommunications ing signed last August in Lonyouth with global leadership and Chairman of the Board of don. Global Centre for Peaceful Coexistence, highlighted the academic training and pro-Bahraini youth interested in programme's alignment with fessional tools to become am-

mitment to being a model for added.

ted to peaceful coexistence and mented in collaboration with Faith in Leadership and the 1928 Institute, affiliated with Oxford University, following a

The programme also aims to provide participants with of addressing religious hate He emphasised that the ini- speech, racism, and disputes

4th Floor Juffair Mall - Beside Mukta Cinema (S) 12PM to 12AM

The programme, led by the dialogue and mutual under-King Hamad Global Centre for standing among religions and Ahmed emphasised the pro-Peaceful Coexistence, is part of cultures. efforts to prepare a new gener- The chairman noted that leadership skills and enhancing

ation of young leaders commit- the programme is being imple- global understanding.

Dr. Shaikh Abdulla bin gramme's role in fostering



The Ministry of Interior is participating in the Bahrain Tourism and Exhibitions Authority's (BTEA) Manama Retro event to highlight the history of police work in Bahrain, as part of enhancing community partnership, national belonging, and effective communication with various segments of society. The ministry's participation included a show by the Bahrain Police Parade presented by the Guard of Honour and the Police Band, which played national musical pieces. The Capital Governorate Police Directorate reviewed the stages of development of the police uniform, which emphasised the long history of the Bahraini police and its effective role in maintaining security and order over the past decades.



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Bahrain Bay's Deep-Sea Detective: The Man Who Finds What's Lost

Ashen Tharaka (Exclusive) **TDT** | Manama

bdulaziz Al Hamad, a 40-year-old PADI-certified scuba diving instructor and first aid trainer. undertakes an unusual but vital task retrieving lost devices from the Bahrain Bay seabed.

His work combines a passion for diving, environmental stewardship, and helping others, creating a unique role that's as rewarding as it is challenging.

For Al Hamad, the motivation to retrieve lost devices goes bevond the thrill of the dive.

"It's about blending my love for diving with the joy of helping others," he explains. "Restoring valuable items and cherished memories to their owners is incredibly fulfilling. At the same time, it's an opportunity to keep scuba gear, Al Hamad's retrievmarine environment."

Patterns

Over time, Al Hamad has novices are lost in the Bahrain Bay for locating metallic devices. area.

movements or accidents cause ronment. items to fall into the water," he says.

Even simple actions like takor balancing devices on unstable essential," he says. "I follow losses

advocate for better precautions, tions.' such as using waterproof cases or securing devices with lanyards.



a successful dive in Bahrain Bav

the ocean clean and protect the al operations are a blend of skill and technology.

His kit includes a dive computer for precise depth tracking, underwater torches for visibility, ticed clear patterns in how de- and waterproof metal detectors

A compass guides his navi-"Most occur during recrea- gation, while mesh bags ensure tional activities like kayaking, jet items are safely recovered withskiing, or boating, where sudden out harming the marine envi-

> His training as a PADI instructor is invaluable.

ing photos near the water's edge trol, and search techniques are still persists. surfaces can lead to unintended methodical search patterns and stay calm under pressure, which This insight has led him to is crucial in challenging condi-

Carelessness

While there's growing aware-Equipped with specialized ness of the risks of losing elec- retrieving devices is far from



Al Hamad's thrilling underwater dive adventure (Pictures by Ashen Tharaka)

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ABDULAZIZ AL HAMAD

tronic devices in water, Al Ham- straightforward. "Navigation, buoyancy con- ad observes that carelessness

like kayaking or jet skiing often tematic underwater search using

overrides caution," he notes. Education and awareness are improving, but there's still room tors such as strong currents, to encourage better habits to poor visibility, and the presprevent such losses.

The process of finding and daunting.

It begins with gathering de-"Excitement during activities item was lost, followed by a sysgrid or circular patterns.

However, environmental facence of boats can make the task

"Timing is critical," Al Ham- making its recovery urgent.





Recovered diamond wedding ring

ad emphasizes. "Devices have limited durability underwater, and delays can lead to further damage. Quick thinking and adaptability are essential."

Memorable retrievals

Among his many rescues, Al Hamad recalls two particularly memorable cases.

One involved recovering a diamond wedding ring worth tails about where and how an \$3,000 from murky waters, covered around 40 to 50 devices. bringing immense relief to the devastated owner.

longing to a Malaysian traveler on a tight transit schedule.

The wallet contained crucial documents and credit cards, to make a difference, one lost





Few of recovered phones

"The gratitude and relief on their faces made it all worthwhile," he reflects.

Devices

By the end of 2024, Al Hamad estimates he has successfully re-Each retrieval represents not only a technical achievement In another instance, he re- but also a testament to his deditrieved a wallet and phone be- cation to helping others and protecting the marine environment. For Al Hamad, diving is more

than a profession – it's a mission device at a time.

SIU succeeds in upholding justice

Man jailed and fined BD2,000 for forced labour

Court rejects foreign khul' divorce decree

From complaints to action, the body stands against violations

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The Special Investigation Unit (SIU) of the Bahrain Public Prosecution Office reported on its activities during the final three months of 2024.

The report, released by Mohammed Khalid Al Hazza, Acting Attorney-General and Special Investigation Unit achievements in upholding the rule of law and promoting human rights.

As per the report, the SIU rerisdiction.

prompt investigation.



Mohammed Khalid Al Hazza

ment," the report revealed.

Progress

(SIU) Chief, details significant gress was made in several cases. plaint received via social me- in collaboration with the Unitdia, led to the conviction of a ed Nations Development Promember of the public security ceived 12 complaints during forces. The individual received this period; all alleging viola- a six-month prison sentence Rights in the Bahraini Criminal tions within its specialised ju- from the Lower Criminal Court Justice System - Achievements, on November 13, 2024, a sen-Each complaint triggered a tence upheld by the Appeals look+. This session, attended Court," the report stated, add- by 60 participants from various These investigations involved ing: "In two separate cases, the national institutions, law eninterviewing 25 complainants SIU concluded investigations forcement agencies, and civil and witnesses, and question- and referred two members of society organisations, focused ing 20 suspects and individuals the public security forces to the on Bahrain's commitment to from the public security forces. Ministry of Interior's Military upholding international human "Seven complainants were Courts for disciplinary action. rights standards, the evolution referred to the forensic medi- This followed findings that of national legislation, and cine and psychological support substantiated the allegations strategies for future improvedepartment for further assess- against them. Furthermore, dis- ments."

ciplinary actions were issued against two other members of public security forces in cases previously referred to the Military Courts."

The SIU's commitment to human rights was further demonstrated through its active participation in a significant event. "On December 10, 2024, co-

inciding with International Hu-Moreover, significant pro- man Rights Day and the 40th anniversary of the UN Conven-"One case, initiated by a com- tion against Torture, the SIU, gramme (UNDP), hosted a discussion session titled +Human Experiences, and Future Out-

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An Asian man has been sentenced to a year behind bars and fined BD2,000 for exploiting workers under harsh conditions in a forced labour case.

The Publication Prosecution revealed that the First High Criminal Court handed down the sentence, also ordering the defendant to cover the costs of returning the victim to their home country. The charges involved forcing the victim to work without pay and under gruelling conditions. The case came to light

when the Labour Market Regulatory Authority (LMRA) reported the defendant for exploiting two workers.

They endured long hours without wages, with conditions falling far below acceptable standards outlined by the law. Prosecutors interviewed the victim and a LMRA inspector.

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citing the lack of necessary Bahrain.

The woman sought to have nal case. the divorce decree recognised, aiming to establish her legal separation from her husband es and legal fees.

She presented documentato provide sufficient evidence lic order or morality. demonstrating the judgment's peals.

Documentation

Despite being given ample time to comply with the court's mentation, she did not do so.

judgments in Bahrain requires case.

specific conditions.

These include ensuring Bahraini courts lack jurisdic-

The Bahrain High Admin-tion over the matter, while istrative Court rejected the foreign court that issued a woman's application to en- the judgment must have had force a khul' divorce decree proper jurisdiction according issued by a Gulf state court, to international judicial rules. All parties involved must finality for enforcement within have been properly notified and represented in the origi-

Finality

Moreover, the judgment and secure payment of expens- must have achieved finality under the laws of the issuing court and cannot conflict with tion of the divorce granted in any prior Bahraini court judga Gulf state court, but failed ments or violate Bahraini pub-

The court emphasised the finality and the absence of ap- absence of proof in the woman's application that the Gulf state court's judgment had reached finality under its own legal system.

Her failure to provide the request for this crucial docu- requested evidence of finality, despite being given suf-The court's decision clar- ficient time to do so, directly ified that enforcing foreign resulted in the dismissal of her

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Pushing arts and culture forward

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ahrain has stepped up efforts to champion its arts and literature, with the Ministry of Information unveiling a range of projects and initiatives designed to place local creativity in the spotlight.

Working closely with the Bahrain Authority for Culture and Antiquities (BACA), the ministry is pulling out all the stops to celebrate the kingdom's rich heritartistic expressions.

In its response to Deputy the ministry revealed plans for local and global audiences. regular television and radio writers, artists, and thinkers a sive exposure. platform to share their stories.

grammes aim to connect the every two years, has become public with the island's creative a focal point for media and arvoices, giving a glimpse into tistic talents across the region. their journeys and achievements.

agenda.

Media coverage

Festivals, exhibitions, and artistic gatherings such as "Mu-



H.E. Ramzan Al Nuaimi. Information Minister

age while encouraging modern harraq Nights", the "Spring rain Cultural Days has helped of Culture" Festival, and the spread awareness of the king-"Music Festival" are given wide dom's artistic heritage. Speaker MP Abdulla Salman, media coverage to reach both

Events spearheaded by the ries and television features that broadcasts that offer Bahraini BACA also receive comprehen- delve into Bahrain's literary

Adding to this, the Gulf Radio These interactive pro- and Television Festival, held Organised in collaboration

with the Gulf Radio and Tele- 2023. Cultural events remain a vision Organisation, the festival cornerstone of the ministry's offers a stage for showcasing new works and exchanging ideas

Beyond the borders, Bah-

Award made waves as the first Arab prize recognising drama productions from Bahraini and Gulf creators, attracting widespread attention across the region. Homegrown productions

are further supported by the Creative Content Competition, which backs drama, cinema, songs, and plays.

Short stories

MP Abdulla Salman, Deputy Speaker

The ministry has backed

these efforts with documenta-

tural treasures.

Public speaking

to acting.

Meanwhile, the "We Write in Arabic" scheme, run in partnership with the Ministry of Education, Bahrain Islamic Bank, and the Bahrain Writers and Authors Association, encourages schoolchildren to craft short stories in Arabic, promoting a love for their native language.

The ministry has also joined ing them for future generations forces with organisations such as the Bahrain Theatrical Society, Bahrain Cinema Club, and Bahrain Writers Association port talent includes the Me- to keep Bahrain's artistic pulse dia Talent Award, launched in alive.

Campaigns to promote the kingdom's cultural landmarks, from Bahrain Fort and the Bah-The first year focused on rain National Museum to the public speaking, with the fol- UNESCO-listed Pearling Path. lowing year turning attention have been launched, ensuring these treasures are celebrated In 2024, Al Dana Drama both locally and abroad.

Northern Municipal Council approves new park

🗕 Al Budaiya **Park development** plan deferred

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m Council \, held \, its \, last \, session}^{
m he \, Northern \, Municipal}$ in 2024, addressing several key proposals concerning the de-



third constituency, regarding the development of Al Budaiya Park in Block 555, Al Budaiya area.

However, this proposal faced opposition from the Deputy Chairperson, Zaina Jasim, and Zainab Al Derazi, representative of the 12th constituency.

They cited a previous letter indicating the park's inclusion in the 2025 budget, arguing that a new proposal was unneces-

Majority of private sector workforce aged 30 to 39

• Employment and wage growth trends Continue

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recent statistical report Ahas revealed that the majority of employees in Bahrain's private sector are aged between 30 and 39 years, with tion of women in the private approximately 216,000 indi- sector has increased by 2.5%, viduals falling within this age group.

This figure represents a significant portion of the to- number of registered Bahraini tal workforce, which exceeds 560,000 workers.

on the "Employment Skills" platform, there are over 3,000 employees under the age of 20 in the private sector, alongside more than 9,700 workers in ing this period. their sixties.

Age

ees by age is as follows: among then the accommodation and those under 20, there are 2,712 males and 337 females.

For the 20-29 age bracket, the numbers rise to 109,617 males and 24,272 females.

The 30-39 age group conwith 182,329 male employees and 33,603 female employees.

Females

Additionally, the report indicates that there are 126,920 levels and the highest average male employees aged 40-49 and 16,566 females in the same age range.

For the 50-59 age group, there are 48,574 males and 5,561 females.

ployees.

According to a report by Labour Fund, Tamkeen, Bahrain's private sector experienced a 2% annual growth in the total number of employees in the third quarter of 2023, bringing the total to 567,411. This marks a continuous up-

ward trend since the second quarter of 2020.

Women

Additionally, the representacompared to a 1.5% increase for men.

For the first time, the total workers in the private sector has surpassed 100,000, reach-According to data published ing 101,321 in the third quarter of 2023.

The average wages for Bahrainis in the private sector also rose by 4% year-on-year dur-

The manufacturing sector recorded the highest wage growth, followed by the min-The breakdown of employ- ing and quarrying sectors, and food services sector.

Economy

The financial and insurance activities sector plays a crucial role in Bahrain's economy, stitutes the largest segment, contributing 18% to the real GDP, while the manufacturing sector accounts for 14% in the third quarter of 2023.

> These sectors are characterized by high productivity wages for Bahraini workers.

This comprehensive demographic analysis of Bahrain's private sector workforce underscores the ongoing trends in employment, wage growth, Notably, among those over and the increasing participa-60 years, there are 8,875 male tion of women, reflecting a employees and 924 female em- dynamic labour market that continues to evolve.

Shakhura Park set to reopen in 30 days after renovation



and artistic traditions, preservwhile shining a light on its cul-The ministry's drive to sup-

velopment of green spaces and public facilities.

The council approved the hamed Hejris, representative of lighting the current shortage of the eighth constituency.

The council meeting in progress

posal championed by Jasim Mo- children and the elderly, high- nicipality. such amenities.

construction of a new park in need for additional green spac- ignated for the park is already Block 1204, Hamad Town, a pro- es in the area, particularly for owned by the Northern Mu-

The council also addressed a proposal from Mohamed Al Hejris emphasised the critical He noted that the land des- Doseri, representative of the

Instead, they requested a letter be sent to the Undersecretary of Municipalities confirming the project's inclusion in the 2025 plans, referencing a previous letter from 2021 estimating

the project cost at BD12,000.



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total of 146 participants Aattended a gala night and oath-taking ceremony for the newly elected officers of the Philippine Bahrain Caregiver Society (PBCS), recently held at The Diplomat Radisson Blu Hotel in Manama.

The momentous occasion marked the notable transition the invaluable contributions of Filipino caregivers in Bahrain.

The event was honored by the presence of Her Excellen-



to the organization's new lead-

ership while paying tribute to Kingdom of Bahrain, as the ficers during the event kicking ident, Mary Rose Rodriguez; guest of honor.

Dedication

Ambassador Louis officiatcy Anne Jalando-on Louis, the ed the oath-taking ceremony PBCS who took their oath: Pres- are Jacqueline Natinga and Jes-Philippine Ambassador to the for the newly appointed of- ident, Maria F. Perez; Vice Pres- sie John C. Roscain.

off their term and reinforcing Secretary, Joy Sacabon; Treastheir dedication to promoting urer, Fleur Dubouzet; Assistant the mission and values of PBCS. Treasurer, Mary Joy Remoroza.

The new set of officers of Public Relations Officers (PRO)

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Chakhura Park, located in ing hours. This is part of our Block 481 of the Shakhura ongoing efforts to provide play area, is scheduled to reopen spaces for all children in the to the public within 30 days. district, encouraging a culture according to Northern Munic- of physical activity and particiipal Council representative for pation in various sports." the fifth constituency in the Al Farsani.

that renovation work is pro- able energy. gressing rapidly to meet this deadline.

The upgrades, which benefit all residents of the fifth conrefurbishment of the existing trality." sports facilities.

ball, basketball, and volleyball courts.

Improvements

ditional improvements, stat- the Northern Municipality, ing, "We will also be installing Eng. Lamia Al Fadala, for their shade structures over the chil- support.

dren's playgrounds to protect them from the sun and allow them to play during the morn-

Furthermore, the park's Northern Governorate, Tariq lighting will be powered by solar energy, reflecting Bah-

He told The Daily Tribune rain's commitment to renew-

Renewable energy

Al Farsani explained, "We have prioritised this approach stituency, include a complete in line with the Kingdom's efrepainting of the park, replace- forts to adopt renewable enment of restrooms, and a full ergy and achieve carbon neu-

He thanked the Minister of This encompasses the foot- Municipalities Affairs, H.E. Eng. Wael Mubarak; the Undersecretary of Municipalities Affairs, Eng. Shaikh Mohammed bin Ahmed Al Khalifa; Al Farsani highlighted ad- and the Director General of

Wall Street lifts spirits after Asia starts year in red

Oil prices jumped on hopes of rebounding demand.

AFP | London, United Kingdom

all Street made a positive start to the year Monday, shrugging off falls in Asia as investors await planned tariffs from US president-elect Donald Trump, adding to China's economic struggles.

Midway through 2025's first session, while the Dow was just 0.2% in the green the techheavy Nasdaq Composite Index had added around 0.6%.

That was despite EV maker Tesla, facing rising electric vehicle competition in China and other major markets, slipping around 5% after posting its first annual drop in electric vehicle Frankfurt deliveries.

"The stock market ended 2024 with a whimper, but it is poised to begin 2025 with a Shanghai bang," Briefing.com's Patrick



The New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) is over 230 years old. having been founded in 1792 under a buttonwood tree on Wall Street. The agreement that started it all, the Buttonwood Agreement, was signed by 24 stockbrokers and merchants. They agreed to trade securities on a commission basis laying the groundwork for what would become the largest stock exchange in the world.



Pedestrians walk past an electronic board showing the closing numbers on the Tokyo Stock Exchange, along a street in central Tokyo

Key figures around 1650 GMT

New York - Dow:	▲ 0.2% at 42,617.28 points
New York - S&P 500:	▲ 0.4% at 5,902.14
Nasdaq Composite:	▲ 0.6% at 19,406.76
London - FTSE 100:	▲ 1.0% at 8,260.09 (close)
Paris - CAC 40:	🔺 0.2% at 7,393.76 (close)
Frankfurt - DAX:	🔺 0.6% at 20,024.66 (close)
Tokyo - Nikkei 225: closed	
Hang Seng Index:	▼ 2.2% at 19,623.32 (close)
Shanghai - Composite:	▼ 2.7% at 3,262.56 (close)
Euro/dollar:	▼ at \$1.0247 from \$1.0360 on Tuesday
Pound/dollar:	▼ at \$1.2368 from \$1.2520
Dollar/yen:	🔺 at 157.63 yen from 157.32 yen
Euro/pound:	🔺 at 82.87 at 82.74 pence
Brent North Sea Crude:	▲ 2.4% at \$76.40 per barrel
West Texas Intermediate:	▲ 2.6% at \$73.58 per barrel

O'Hare wrote in a note before markets opened on Wall Street. level against the dollar since

with IG, saw European indices lost similar ground to an eight- around 13%, while the S&P 500 as "being dragged higher by their US counterparts", helping lift Paris, currently mired in political uncertainty, to a positive rebounding demand. finnish.

London, bolstered by rising for markets and that's already commodity shares to offset proved the case as investors 20%, as did Japan's Nikkei. The banks going in the opposite di- fret about the impact of Donald rection, closed with a 1% gain, Trump's trade policies," said but France's CAC 40 was the while Frankfurt ended 0.6 up.

The euro fell to its lowest Axel Rudolph, senior analyst November 2022 while sterling Dow index ended the year up month low on weak UK factory data

Oil prices jumped on hopes of

"January can be a testing time Russ Mould, investment direc- outlier with a drop of 2.2%.

"Technology and industrial stocks were among the areas

tor at AJ Bell.

worst hit, dragged down by weak Chinese manufacturing data and the fact Trump will be back in power in just over a fortnight.

"Tariffs are expected to be at the top of the new president's agenda and China is expected to be the biggest loser," Mould added.

The Hong Kong and Shanghai stock markets had set a negative tone earlier, slumping more than 2% by day end.

Tokyo was closed.

While the US Federal Reserve is seen cutting interest rates less than forecast this year, the European Central Bank is expected to keep reducing amid weakness for Europe's biggest economy

"Optimism about the strength of the mighty US economy remains buoyant for 2025," Susannah Streeter, head of money and markets at Hargreaves Lansdown, said Thursday.

"Already growth has kept outpacing forecasts as consumers and companies have shrugged off the impact of high interest rates."

Following a largely successful 2024 for equity markets, as inflation reduced further and investors scooped up technology stocks, sentiment soured towards the end of the year.

Nevertheless, Wall Street's and the Nasdaq -- which have more tech stocks -- climbed more than 23% and around 29% respectively on the artificial intelligence boom.

Frankfurt's DAX added almost FTSE 100 gained nearly six%,

Tesla reports lower 2024 auto deliveries, missing forecast



AFP | New York, United States

L year auto sales Thursday, er major markets.

Elon Musk's EV company reported 495,570 fourth-quarter products. deliveries, taking the full-year total to just under 1.8 million vehicles.

less than the 2023 sales, even out other new vehicles. as Tesla said in October that it

Musk dove full-on into US views. electoral politics.

plification of anti-immigrant BYD. and other Trump rhetoric on Musk's X platform, the former sales earlier Thursday. Twitter.

crease was not enough to pre- November US election.

vent a full-year decline from 2023.

Tesla has called the cur-Nesla reported a dip in full- rent period of moderating sales reflective of its position missing a company forecast in "between two major growth a sign of rising electric vehicle waves," with the next period competition in China and oth- of volume increases due to advances in autonomy and the introduction of new vehicle

While 2024 saw an increase in road presence of Tesla's futuristic Cybertruck, the com-This was about 1.1 percent pany has faced pressure to roll

A heavily-touted October expected a "slight growth" in launch event in Los Angeles vehicle deliveries for the year. showing off Tesla's autono-The figure caps a mixed mous robotaxi vehicles re-2024 for Tesla, a year in which ceived mostly lackluster re-

Tesla has also faced in-He helped to deliver the creased competitive pressure presidency to Republican from other auto producers, Donald Trump through mas- especially in China, which is sive contributions and the am- home to electric car marker

BYD reported a surge in 2024

Shares of Tesla fell 4.3 per-Tesla's fourth-quarter cent in early trading. But the sales rose from those in the electric vehicle maker is up prior-year period, but the in- more than 55 percent since the

Oil spill from Russian tankers spreads



Moscow, Kyiv end Russian gas transit to Europe via Ukraine

AFP | Kyiv, Ukraine



Germany.

Russia's gas transit to Europe via Ukraine stopped on Wednesday, Moscow and Kyiv said, ending a decades-long arrangement and marking the latest casualty of the war between the neighbours.

Russian gas has been supplied to Europe via pipelines crossing Ukraine since the end of the Soviet Union in 1991 in an arrangement that earned revenues for Moscow from the gas and for Kyiv from the transit fees.

The latest transit contract expired on Wednesday with Ukraine opting not to extend the deal following Russia's 2022 invasion.

Russian gas accounted for less than 10 percent of the European Union's gas imports in 2023 he added -- down from more than 40 percent before the war.

But some EU members, mostly on Russian gas for geographical and political reasons.

"We have stopped the transit of Russian gas," Ukraine's Energy Minister German Galushchenko said in a statement, calling it "a historical event."

A view of pipelines at the Bilche-Volytsko-Uherske underground gas storage facility, the largest in Europe, not far from the village of Bilche village, in the Lviv region of western Ukraine

Russia's Gazprom energy giant said in a separate statement gary and Slovakia have main- Ukraine by running via Turkey that "Russian gas has not been tained close ties with the Krem- and up through the Balkans. in the east, still depend heavily supplied for transit via Ukraine since 8:00 am (0500 GMT)".

nical and legal right" to ship its some countries to dip deeper gas across Ukraine to Europe. climbed above 50 euros (\$51.78) gas (LNG).

per megawatt hour for the first "Russia is losing its markets, time in over a year on Tuesday ly unaffected by the move, as it transiting via Ukraine," it told it will suffer financial losses," as buyers in Eastern Europe receives most of its Russian gas AFP on Tuesday.

braced for the halt in supplies. EU and NATO members Hun- alternative route that bypasses lin despite the invasion.

The halt in Russian gas tran-It said it had lost the "tech- sit through Ukraine will force into their reserves and seek to European natural gas prices import more liquefied natural working for more than a year

via the Black Sea pipeline, an

Brussels has downplayed the impact the loss of Russian gas supply will have on the 27-member bloc.

"The Commission has been specifically on preparing for a But Hungary is set to be large- scenario without Russian gas

Representative picture AFP | Moscow, Russia

Russian coast has been detect- lake. ed on more beaches on the anation.

Two ageing Russian tankers month by a storm in the Kerch have said. Strait, which links the Azov southern Krasnodar region.

spilled into the sea, in what called an "ecological disaster."

Crimea," Russia's emergency right equipment.

situations ministry said Thursday.

They were near the beach in il that leaked from two the city of Kerch and further stricken tankers off the south near the Tobechytske

Almost 73,000 tonnes of nexed peninsula of Crimea, contaminated sand has been Russian authorities said, as removed from dozens of kilovolunteers mount a massive metres of beaches on the Rusenvironmental cleanup oper- sian coast since the spill, the ministry said Thursday.

Some 200,000 tonnes of -- the Volgoneft-212 and the sand and soil could have been Volgoneft-239 -- were hit last contaminated in total, officials

The regional headquarters and Black Seas between Mos- overseeing the cleanup pubcow-annexed Crimea and the lished images of volunteers in white suits scooping con-They were carrying 9,200 taminated sand off beaches tonnes of heavy fuel oil, around with shovels, including in the 40 percent of which may have popular resort city of Anapa.

It said Thursday that 2,100 President Vladimir Putin birds had been rescued so far. Russian scientists last month "Two sites of oil product criticised the cleanup, saying pollution were detected in volunteers did not have the



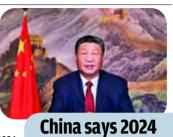
KEEP SMILING, BECAUSE LIFE IS A BEAUTIFUL THING AND THERE'S SO MUCH TO SMILE ABOUT. MARILYN MONROE

News in brief

♦ Last year was China's hottest on record and the past four years were its warmest ever, its weather agency said this week. China is the leading emitter, in total volume, of the greenhouse gases driving global heating. It aims to ensure carbon dioxide (CO2) emissions peak by 2030 and be brought to net zero by 2060. The average national temperature for 2024

-- 1.03C. It was "the warmest year since

the start of full records in 1961", the China Meteorological Administration said on its



was its hottest year was 10.92 degrees Celsius (51.66 Fahrenheit) on record

news site late on Wednesday. "The top four warmest years ever were the past four years, with all top 10 warmest years since 1961 occurring in the 21st century," it added. In 2024, China logged its hottest month in the history of observation in July, as well as the hottest August and the warmest autumn on record. The United Nations said in a year-end message on Monday that 2024 was set to be the hottest year ever recorded worldwide. Other countries also recorded temperature records in 2024.

China slaps sanctions on **US firms over** Taiwan arms sales

yesterday over arms sales to Taiwan, its second round of measures against American companies over the issue in less than a week. Subsidiaries of Lockheed Martin, General Dynamics, and Raytheon that had "participated in selling arms to Taiwan" were added to China's "Unreliable Entities List", the country's Ministry

China sanctioned 10 US defence firms

of Commerce announced Thursday. They will be prohibited from import and export activities or making new investments in China, while their senior managers will be banned from entering the country, the ministry said. Last Friday China announced sanctions on seven US military-industrial companies, including Boeing subsidiary Insitu, also over US military assistance to Taiwan.

 Syria's education minister yesterday sought to minimise curriculum changes announced this week by the new Islamist-led authorities. after activists denounced them as "extremist" and potentially harmful to religious minorities. The amendments were announced Wednesday on the Facebook page of the interim leadership's education ministry, a little under a month since forces led by Islamist group Hayat Tahrir al-Sham toppled longtime 🎆 ruler Bashar al-Assad. he changes include scrapping poetry relating to women and love and references to "Gods" in ancient history courses, and interpreting a Quranic verse about those who had angered God



Syria minister

and strayed as referring to "Jews and Nasara", a derogatory term for Christians. The national anthem has also been removed from textbooks, with the ministry describing it as "the (Assad) regime's anthem".

SPOTLIGHT

Secret lab developing UK's first quantum clock: defence ministry



AFP | London, United Kingdom

gence and reconnaissance op- National Institute of Standards erations, the defence ministry and Technology. said yesterday.

will lose less than one second statement said, adding it could over billions of years, "allowing be deployed by the military "in scientists to measure time at the next five years". an unprecedented scale," the A quantum clock uses quan-

try, bolster our science sector atoms. ment Maria Eagle said.

nology by the Defence Science applications, and may open and Technology Laboratory new frontiers in research fields will reduce reliance on GPS such as quantum science.

technology, which "can be dis-

saries," the ministry added. A top-secret lab in the UK is It is not a world first, as developing the country's the University of Colorado at first quantum clock to help the Boulder developed a quantum British military boost intelli- clock 15 years ago with the US

rupted and blocked by adver-

But it is "the first device of its The clock is so precise that it kind to be built in the UK," the

ministry said in a statement. tum mechanics -- the physics "The trialling of this emerg- of matter and energy at the ing, groundbreaking technol- atomic and subatomic scale ogy could not only strengthen -- to keep time with unprecour operational capability, but edented accuracy by measuralso drive progress in indus- ing energy fluctuations within

and support high-skilled jobs," Accurate timekeeping is Minister for Defence Procure- crucial for satellite navigation systems, mobile telephones ment Maria Eagle said. systems, mobile telephones The groundbreaking tech- and digital TV, among other

Gaza rescuers say Israeli strikes kill police chief, two dozen others

AFP | Palestinian Territories

T srael struck a declared humanitarian zone in southern Gaza overnight, which rescuers yesterday said killed the head of the Palestinian territory's Hamas-run police force, his deputy and nine others.

Gaza's civil defence agency said two other Israeli strikes elsewhere in the territory later on Thursday killed 14 Palestinians.

The Israeli military confirmed it had carried out the overnight strike on the area of Khan Yunis, in the southern Gaza Strip, which it said targeted deputy police chief Hussam Shahwan over his alleged role in planning attacks against Israeli troops.

The civil defence agency said Shahwan was among 11 people killed in the strike, which according to the rescuers and authorities in Gaza also left the commander of the police force, Mahmud Salah, dead

"Eleven people were martyred, including three children and two bombed a tent housing displaced dead.

defence statement.



A man mourns the death of displaced Palestinians killed in an overnight Israeli strike on a makeshift displacement camp in Mawasi Khan Yunis in the southern Gaza Strip. in the vard of the Nasser hospital.

women, and 15 were injured after the agency, said the two senior dination with... Hamas's military safe in Gaza. the (Israeli) occupation aircraft police officers were among the wing" in attacks on Israeli forces "Another remainder that there el, have devastated the besieged in Gaza.

west of Khan Yunis city in the not commented on Salah's death, UN agency for Palestinian refu- on X. southern Gaza Strip," said a civil said his deputy Shahwan "was gees, said that the strike on the "Enough misleading and killing cial order. responsible for developing in- Al-Mawasi humanitarian area of civilians."

people in the Al-Mawasi area, The Israeli military, which has Philippe Lazzarini, chief of the a 'safe zone'," Lazzarini posted institutions, with aid agencies

Tesla Cybertruck explodes outside Trump hotel in Las Vegas, killing one

AFP | Los Angeles, United States

A Tesla Cybertruck exploded outside a hotel belonging to US President-elect Donald Trump in Las Vegas, killing at least one person and wounding seven, police said Wednesday. US President Joe Biden said

authorities were investigating any links between the Las Vegas explosion and an attack earlier Wednesday in New Orleans, where a truck plowed into a crowd of New Year's revelers, killing at least 15.

However, Biden cautioned that no such links had yet been found. The FBI and local law enforcement said they believed the Tesla blast was an isolated incident, but they were investigating whether it was an "act of terrorism."

The electric vehicle -- made by the company owned by pulled up to the Trump Inter- deceased individual inside the limited the damage... because report on that score," he said. national Hotel's glass entrance Cybertruck," while seven people it had most of the blast go up FBI agent Jeremy Schwartz before a "large explosion," Las received "minor" injuries. He through the truck and out," described the Las Vegas blast as Vegas Sheriff Kevin McMahill said the hotel had been evac- noting that the glass doors of "an isolated incident." told reporters.

stainless steel truck parked ence that the back of the truck blast." at the hotel entrance before contained gasoline and camping Biden said authorities were main goals -- to confirm the by smaller explosions that ap- firework mortars." peared similar to fireworks. McMahill also said the fact Orleans."

McMahill said there was "one that it was a Cybertruck "really "Thus far, there's nothing to of terrorism or not."



Trump backer Elon Musk -- Investigators photograph a Tesla Cybertruck that exploded outside the lobby of President-elect Donald Trump's hotel

uated.

bursting into flames, followed fuel canisters, as well as "large probing "any possible connec- identity of the "subject involved

the hotel, just a few feet away, He said that an FBI joint ter-

tion with the attack in New in this incident" and to deter-

Video footage shows the He told a later news confer- "were not even broken by that rorism task force was conducting the investigation with two mine "whether this was an act strike he said.

people".

civilians"

TODAY IN HISTORY

Leonardo da Vinci unsuccessfully tests a flying machine

Martin Luther is excommunicated by Pope

Leo X from the Roman Catholic Church for

failing to recant parts of his Ninety-five The-

ses which started the Protestant Reformation



General George Washington's revolutionary army defeats British forces at Battle of Princeton, New Jersev

Benito Mussolini dissolves the Italian parliament and proclaims himself dictator of Italy, taking the title "Il Duce" (the Leader)

Subha said rescuers "found the injured lying on the ground, most of them children, as well as two female martyrs" at the site of the

"About 10 tents were damaged, and scattered fires were visible,"

The territory's Hamas-run interior ministry condemned in a statement the killing of the two top officers, saying "they were performing their humanitarian and national duty in serving our

It accused Israel of spreading "chaos" and deepening "the human suffering" in Gaza with the deadly strike.

"The police force is a civil protection force that works to provide services to citizens," the ministry statement said.

Hamas meanwhile stated that the strike was a continuation of what it described as Israel's "genocidal war against defenceless

Nearly 15 months of war, triggered by Hamas's unprecedented October 7, 2023 attack on Israis no humanitarian zone let alone Gaza Strip's infrastructure and warning of the breakdown of so-

The interior ministry said Salah

Palestinian Authority suspends Al Jazeera broadcasts

Ramallah, Palestinian Territories

The Palestinian Authority has ordered the suspension of broadcasts by Al Jazeera in a move the Qatar-based television network condemned on Thursday as reminiscent of Israeli practices.

Al Jazeera is already banned Prime Minister Benjamin Net-in the occupied-West Bank city of anyahu's government.

On Thursday, the PA insistcoverage.

plied until Al Jazeera chooses discord". The syndicate, which repre- cy Wafa reported.

Mahmud Bassal, spokesman for telligence assessments in coor- showed that there was no place Ambulance driver Saleem Abu spent 30 years in the force and was appointed police chief six years ago.



from broadcasting from Israel A man photographs the closed door of amid a long-running feud with the Doha-based Al-Jazeera TV channel Ramallah

ed its own suspension order sents about 3,000 Palestinian was "temporary", adding its journalists, said several had decision followed a complaint filed complaints against Al Jafrom the Palestinian Journalists zeera for "biased media cover-Syndicate about the network's age on its platforms, including incitement, misleading reports "These measures shall be ap- and content that stirs internal

to act in accordance with basic The suspension order inmedia ethics, including its duty volves "temporarily freezing to prevent deliberate disinfor- the work of all journalists, emmation, ban the glorification of ployees, crews and affiliated violence and end the incitement channels until their legal status to armed mutiny," the PA said. is rectified," official news agen-



FBI probes 'terrorist' links in New Orleans truck-ramming that killed 15



Members of the National Guard monitor a blocked off section of the French Quarter, after at least 15 people were killed during an attack early in the morning

"It was just scary, I cried

US President Joe Biden, de-

for the Islamic State jihadist New Orleans, United States group

TS authorities were investi- my eyes out honestly," tourist Ugating Thursday after an Ethan Ayersman, 20, told AFP army veteran with an Islamic in New Orleans. State flag who was "hellbent" He was among the masses on carnage steered a pickup visiting the colorful southern truck into a crowd of New US city for New Year's cele-Year's revelers in New Orleans. brations and said he had enkilling at least 15 people and joyed popular Bourbon Street -- where the deadly assault wounding dozens.

The FBI identified the at- later unfolded -- into the early tacker as Shamsud-Din Jab- hours. bar, a 42-year-old US citizen Later on, Ayersman said from Texas. He appeared to his brother woke him up afhave been a real estate agent ter hearing gunshots and a car working in Houston and had speeding. served as an IT specialist in From the window of their the military. nearby rental, they could see

Officials said they were "some of the bodies that were searching for accomplices but being lined up," Aversman said. gave few details.

Police Superintendent Anne scribing the attack as "despic-Kirkpatrick described Jabbar able," said Jabbar had posted as a "terrorist," and the FBI said videos online hours before "in-"an ISIS flag was located in the dicating that he was inspired vehicle," using another name by ISIS."

India clears toxic waste 40 years after Bhopal gas disaster



Some 3,500 people were killed in the immediate aftermath of the chemical leak in 1984

New Delhi, India

than 40 years after the world's reported. deadliest industrial disaster "The convoy has been forti-

sicknesses on contamination relief and rehabilitation deleak from the Union Carbide India reported. factory in December 1984.

killed in the immediate after- al" through incineration. math of the chemical leak on In 1984, 27 tonnes of meto have died overall.

gan carrying the 337 tonnes of of the tanks storing the deadly waste -- sealed inside contain- chemical shattered its coners and with a police escort--- crete casing.

in a slow convoy to the disposal site some 225 kilometres (140 Indian authorities moved miles) away at Pithampur late Lhundreds of tonnes of haz- Wednesday night, the Press ardous waste remaining more Trust of India news agency

struck the city of Bhopal, me- fied with the highest security dia reported Thursday. protocol ever witnessed in the Communities have for dec- movement of industrial waste ades blamed a high level of in the country," said state gas of the groundwater in the partment director Swatantra wake of the highly toxic gas Kumar Singh, the Times of

Singh said that the waste Some 3,500 people were will "undergo scientific dispos-

the night of December 2, 1984, thyl isocyanate (MIC), used in and up to 25,000 are estimated the production of pesticides, swept through the city of over Around a dozen trucks be- two million people after one



Nogether, we can ▲ make 2025 a new beginning. Not as a world divided. But as nations united.

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W^e strongly con-demn the cowardlv terrorist attack in New Orleans. Our thoughts and prayers are with the victims and their families. May they find strength and solace as they heal from this trag-





n the UK, serious crime Lsuch as rape require the Crown Prosecution Service's approval for the police to charge suspects Who was the head of the CPS when rape gangs were allowed to exploit young girls without facing justice? Keir Starmer, 2008 - 2013

@elonmusk



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Members of the 'Ekum Baba' light up the streets of Banjul ahead of the annual hunting festival in Banjul, Gambia. Rooted in tradition, this vibrant celebration marks the New Year with music, dancing, and a fierce yet friendly competition between hunting societies for the title of the best display of animal heads, masks and costumes.



Tara Fitzgerald would love Game of Thrones return



Tara Fitzgerald Bang Showbiz | Los Angeles

Tara Fitzgerald would love to return to 'Game of Thrones'.

The 57-year-old actress feels "blessed" to have portraved Selvse Baratheon in the HBO fantasy drama which ran for eight series until 2019 - but is disappointed that the suicide of her alter ego in season five would likely mean no possibility of a comeback if the show ever returned.

Asked if she'd like to return to the 'Game of Thrones' world, she exclusively told BANG Showbiz: "Oh god, of course yeah! That was something that I was really blessed to have been a part of that show.

"I love that show. I really love the show. So, of course. I'm sure any of the other actors would say 'yes'.

Britney Spears teases huge business plans for 2025

Bang Showbiz | Los Angeles

Britney Spears is set to launch her jewellery collection in 2025

The 43-year-old pop superstar announced plans earlier this year to create the B Tiny brand, and on Saturday morning, she took to Instagram once again to tease what she has planned for next year.

She wrote on Instagram: "Obviously I have been showing spin offs of the collection B Tiny !!!! My collection is set to come sometime next year !!! "We added belly rings to it yesterday !!! Ideas and inspiration !!!" Тhе 'Toxic' hitmak-

from some

er has taken too expensive for what they inspiration actually were.

She said: "These tiny exquibracelets site bracelets were found in a that she deep hidden treasure spot in Mexico !!! So freaking cool !!! found Psss I had to share because they n Mexi- inspired me but GEEZ they were co but like 400 dollars for each one !!! joked I was like It's a string."

Britney - who regained conthat those trol of her multimillion-dollar fortune and various aspects of ones her life when a conservatorwere ship that had been governed

by her family was terminated in 2021 - shot to fame in the late 1990s with '...Baby One More Time' and went on to release a further nine albums but hasn't released a new record since 'Glory' in 2016 and recently admitted thwarted rumours of a musical comeback.

She wrote on Instagram: "Just so we're clear most of the news is trash !!! They keep saying I'm turning to random people to do a new album ... I will never return to the music industry !!! **Britney Spears**

Gwen Stefani 'celebrates' being a mom

Bang Showbiz | Los Angeles

Gwen Stefani loves to "celebrate" being a mom at Christmas.

The No Doubt frontwoman - who has Kingston, 18, Zuma, 16, and 10-year-old Apollo with ex-husband Gavin Rossdale and is now married to Blake Shelton admitted her brood adore the festive season and they all enjoy being at home together.

She recently told Britain's HELLO! magazine: "Having a family and being a mom is something I always dreamed of, and Christmas is all part of celebrating that.

"My kids are so nostalgic and excited about Christmas, it's our favourite time of year.' The 'Don't Speak' hit-

maker's household particularly love to craft some sweet treats. Gwen Stefani

She explained: "We're always trying to create traditions, just as my parents did for us when I was a kid. One of them is making Christmas marshmallow wreaths. Blake really loves those - they're

> addictive." The 55-yearold star recently reflected on how her life was in "complete turmoil" before she started dating Blake, who she met when they both worked on 'The Voice'.

She told People magazine: "We had just met, and it was chaos. Both of our lives were in complete turmoil, all over the ground. Nothing could save us at that point.

"There was a point

Ariana Grande would have ended up 'in an insane asylum' without Wicked prep

Bang Showbiz | Los Angeles

riana Grande thinks she'd Ahave "ended up in an insane asylum" if she hadn't done so much preparation for 'Wicked'.

The 'Thank U, Next' hitmaker portrays Glinda in the twopart adaptation of the beloved musical and she was determined to win the role on merit by pushing herself to the limit.

She recently told



"What- and paused everything else – I really wanted it. ever was

"I do think, though, if it wanted hadn't happened I might have to be able ended up in an insane asylum. to drop in It's a very different experience and really than anything else, for sure."

The 31-year-old star felt an "immediate safety" when she "I gave my met co-star Cynthia Erivo, who everything plays Elphaba, for the first time and their bond helped them to it

both throughout filming. Recalling their first meeting, she said: "We were at her house. We talked about everything

Beyoncé 'paid her dancers huge bonus for working Christmas Day'

Bang Showbiz | Los Angeles

Beyoncé reportedly paid her dancers a huge bonus for working Christmas Day.

The singer, 43, performed for Netflix and produced by 13 minutes on the field at NRG the singer's Parkwood Stadium in her hometown of Entertainment Houston on 25 December at company. the halfway point of the Ravens clash against the Texans, sport a white alongside guests Shaboozey, cowboy hat Post Malone and her 12-year- and chaps old daughter Blue Ivy.

And The Sun has reported hits from

into the mix for her next tour."

The show was dubbed the 'Beyoncé Bowl' and was streamed live on

It saw her and sing

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paid \$20 million for her half-time performance during Netflix's NFL Christmas Day NFL broadcast.

DailyMail.com said the figure came partly from social me-

dia deals, with "several people" claiming the huge sum was also part of a larger contract between Beyoncé and Netflix. The Mail added it has been reported the singer inked a three-project deal with the streaming giant in 2019, which is now two-thirds done. Bevonce

Britain's HELLO! Magazine: "There were so many reasons why I wanted to do this but I wanted to earn it.

"Vocally it's very different to what I usually sing, so I started training every single day with my vocal coach and my acting coach.



and giggled.

"I felt an immediate safety. And we made a pact to take care of each other.

"I was s***** my pants. "But she's the warmest human being.

"That promise that we made to each other and how we kept it is one of the things we're proudest of.

We have a lot of strange, similar, traumas and pains that we've been through. Ariana Grande

the performer forked out "dou- her country ble" rates on her dancers as a album 'Cowthank you for working with her boy Carter', on Netflix's NFL Christmas Day which inbroadcast. cluded her

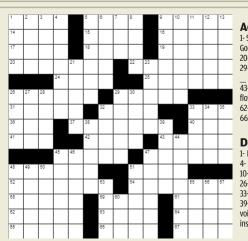
A source said: "Beyoncé paid number one her staff bonuses for working song 'Texas on Christmas Day. "The show Hold 'Em'. was a big business deal and had Bevoncé – to happen on Christmas Day so who has an she paid her staff and dancers estimated double pay to make it happen. net worth of "She is also planning to bring \$600 million -

some of her old dancers back was reportedly

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1- Summer shirts; 5- Base times height; 9- Parlor game; 14- Seniors' org.: 15- James of "The Godfather"; 16- Skip __; 17- Bruins' sch.; 18- Moreno of "West Side Story"; 19- Vixen's master 20- Vacuum bottle: 22- Tornado: 24- Red flower: 25- Actually existing: 26- Conductors' rods 29 Windows predecessor; 31 _____ there yet?; 32 First and you have a strain 20 of the strain of t flow; 52- Peeved; 54- Whenever; 58- Grocery, e.g.; 59- He loved Lucy; 61- Novelist Bagnold; 62- City on the Rhone; 63- Traditional prayer ending; 64- Punjabi princess; 65- Minin 66- Days of _; 67- Bad mood;

Down

1- Lacking play; 2- "From ______ according to his abilities..."; 3- Author ____ Stanley Gardner; Songbird, S. Beyond, 6. Elevate; 7. Chow down; 8- Med school subj.; 9- Gambing house; 10- Humbles; 11- Leases; 12- Palm fruits; 13- Blank look; 21- Medium of exchange; 23- Broaden; 6- Boxer Max; 27- Sills solo; 28- Sawbucks; 29- Tooth; 30- Quick cut; 32- Tropical plant; 33- Archer of myth; 34- Opera set in Egypt; 35- Laugh heartily; 38- First name in cosmetics; 39- Sauce; 44- Radiators; 45- Idolizes; 46- Most cunning: 47- Like a dog: 48- Twangy, as a voice; 49- __ nous; 50- Name on a bomber; 51- Modern surgical tool; 53- WWII event; 55- __ instant; 56- Short skirt; 57- Prepare for publication; 60- Funnyman Philips

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Nkosi Ndebele's new year resolution has only one item: Regain the BRAVE CF Bantamweight title

TDT | Manama

 $\mathbf{N}^{\mathrm{kosi}}_{\mathrm{into}}$ 2025 with one goal: regaining the BRAVE Combat Federation Bantamweight title.

Nkosi, the first fully homegrown World Champion in BRAVE Combat Federation, lost his title in the main event of BRAVE CF 91 in Bahrain, where he was outclassed by fellow African Nicholas Hwende. Hwende claimed a decision victory after five gruelling rounds, and Ndebele is now looking for revenge.

Interestingly, this is not Nkosi's first high-profile title rivalry in BRAVE Combat Federation. Before facing Hwende, he engaged in a trilogy with Jose



Nkosi Ndebele celebrates his win

continents. 'Shorty' Torres, which featured CF 73 in Colombia, Nkosi suf- BRAVE CF 80 in Bahrain and sucthree title fights across three fered a decision loss. However, cessfully defending it at BRAVE 2025.

the South African rebounded In the first fight at BRAVE strongly, capturing the title at a bold statement when he re-

CF 82 in Mauritius.

No stranger to overcoming setbacks, Nkosi is now focused on doing the same against Nicholas Hwende as he prepares for a strong year in 2025. Training out of SOMA Fight Club in Bali, Nkosi has spent his entire professional MMA career in BRAVE Combat Federation and is a product of the visionary IMMAF-BRAVE CF Amateur pathway.

To date, Nkosi has competed 11 times in the organization, earning eight wins, with five coming by stoppage. The loss to Hwende snapped a twofight winning streak, but with renewed motivation to reclaim the title, Nkosi plans to make turns to the BRAVE CF cage in

Australia axe Marsh, call-up Webster for fifth India Test

AFP | Sydney

Out-of-form all-rounder Mitch Marsh was axed yesterday from Australia's team for the series-deciding fifth Test against India in Sydney with Beau Webster to make his debut.

Fast bowler Mitchell Starc retained his place for Friday's match despite carrying a rib niggle and will line up in the attack alongside Pat Cummins, Scott Boland and Nathan Lyon.

"Mitchy obviously hasn't quite got the great. runs or wickets he would have liked this series and felt like it was time for a freshen know how much he brings to the team, but up," said skipper Cummins.

"Beau's been with the squad and been get a chance."



Australian bowler Scott Boland (C), Mitch Marsh (L) and Marnus Labuschagne (R) celebrate a wicket

'It's a shame for Mitchy because we we feel like now is a good time for Beau to

Marsh's position had been under intense scrutiny after a poor series with bat and ball and his axing could potentially herald the end of the 33-year-old's Test career.

After making his debut in 2014, he struggled to cement his place in the team and with the emergence of Cameron Green had been on the red-ball sidelines in recent years. He returned to the Test side when Green was ruled out of the series following surgery on his spine.

Cummins said Marsh, who remains a key figure for Australia in the white-ball game, took the news well.

"He was totally understanding. I think his words were, 'I'm not necessarily blindsided.

lion) in legal costs during the

2023/24 season as it attempted

to uphold its rules amid chal-

And there will have been ad-

lenges from clubs.

City is still ongoing.

Perera's 46-ball ton gives Sri Lanka consolation T20 win over New Zealand



Sri Lanka's Kusal Perera plays a shot

AFP | Nelson

Kusal Perera cracked a ca-reer-best 101 off just 46 balls as Sri Lanka secured a consolation seven-run victory Foulkes which was edged toin the third and final Twenty20 wards third man. match against New Zealand in Nelson yesterday.

their 20 overs and New Zealand replied with 211-7.

winning the first two games by eight and 45 runs respectively order failed to fire.

to show there was fight in the two losses. visitors as he plundered four

dropped on 15 and 60 before he the penultimate over.

first ball he faced from Zak sixes and one four.

Kusal Perera became the first Sri Lanka batter to cross 2000 T20I runs

"It was a wake-up call so I had to back myself and try to Sri Lanka posted 218-5 in execute my normal game," Perera said.

"The coach had said 'once New Zealand had already you get a start you have to finwrapped up the series after ish the game', so that's why I was trying to do my best."

Sri Lanka captain Charith when the Sri Lankan middle Asalanka said he always felt his side were capable of beating But Perera was determined New Zealand despite the first

"It's a good win for us. sixes and 13 fours to register Throughout the series we the fastest century by a Sri have played good cricket but Lankan in T20 internationals. couldn't manage to get a win He was helped by being and finally we got it," he said.

Perera featured in partnerwas caught at point by Rachin ships of 41 with Avishka Fer-Ravindra off Daryl Mitchell in nando (17) and then 100 with Asalanka, who hammered 46

He was also shaken by the off just 24 deliveries with five

Club World Cup sparks EPL concerns

Premier League chief fears Club World Cup's impact on Manchester City and Chelsea

Club World Cup final on July 13, EPL starts August 16–4 weeks apart



The leagues and the plavers' unions are not happy with the ecisions that are being taken at a global level. We've seen the Club World Cup come in, and obviously that is going to have an impact on the **Premier League RICHARD MASTERS**



demand 3-week rest period; conflict arises

Leagues and unions are unhappy with **FIFA's decisions**

AFP | London

remier League chief executive Richard Masters fears this year's Club World Cup could create "great difficulty" for Manchester City and Chelsea ahead of next season's English top-flight campaign.

The two clubs will be England's representatives in FIFA's expanded 32-team event in the ions threatening legal action on Sky Sports. welfare grounds and national leagues unhappy about the po- Cup come in, and obviously that own competitions.

The Club World Cup final is season starting on August 16.

decisions that are being taken the contractual commitment.

Chelsea's Enzo Fernandez (L) fights for the ball with Manchester City's Rico Lewis (R) (file photo)

United States, with players' un- at a global level," Masters told

"We've seen the Club World tential knock-on effects on their is going to have an impact on the **pension fund'** Premier League.

"If either Manchester City English football is "not on a fi- ditional and significant legal due to be played on July 13, with or Chelsea get to the final of nancial precipice" as he reiter-fees this season for the Premier the 2025/26 Premier League that competition, the Premier ated the Premier League's con- League given their major disci-League starts four weeks later, cerns about the potential impact plinary case against Manchester "The leagues and the players' and all players are supposed to of an independent regulator on unions are not happy with the have three weeks off as part of the game.

"So how does that work? With more than £45 million (\$56 milgreat difficulty I would say."

'Premier League is not a

Masters, meanwhile, insisted

The Premier League spent charged in 2023 with more than have that constant fizz of com- I'm talking about."

100 alleged breaches of the Premier League's financial rules.

An independent commission heard the case between Sepoutcome now pending.

legality of the league's associated party transaction (APT) regulations, which seek to ensure deals done with organisations linked to a club's ownership are at a fair market value.

Both the current and former British government's aim in supporting an independent regula- risk. There is no certainty of outtor is to safeguard the financial come -- that is one of the things sustainability of clubs in the top five tiers of English football.

many regulations could damage averse and might inhibit clubs' the excitement on which the ability to invest. And the ability Premier League thrives.

The reigning champions were

If either Manchester **City or Chelsea reach** the Club World Cup final, their players will have significantly less than the contractually obligated three weeks off before the Premier League season starts

tember and December, with an pelling entertainment," he said.

"There are many different rea-City have also challenged the sons (for the Premier League's global popularity) but that, I think, is what separates us from others."

He added: "We have always been pro investment within measured risks. The Premier League is not a pension fund. it is a place where capital is put at that makes it interesting.

"We do worry that a new reg-Masters, however, insisted too ulatory function might be riskto invest is key to competitive "We have that jeopardy, we balance, and that jeopardy that

Strong field set to compete in Bahrain Turf Series 2025 opener

TDT | Manama

 $E_{\rm Equestrian}$ and Horseracing Club (REHC) hosts the second round of the 2025 Bahrain Turf Series today.

The event, held as part of the Club's 11th race of the season, features top horses, owners, and trainers from around the world.

The Bahrain Turf Series has elevated the Kingdom of Bahrain's profile in global equestrian sports, attracting high-ranked international horses, trainers, and jockeys.

It also enhances the development of local racing organised by the REHC.

The Series features 12 rounds held across separate racing evenings, with Action from a previous event

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racing season.

The first round of the Series took and Soldier's Empire. place on Friday, 20 December 2024, horse Snellen claimed victory in the second round.

the final round in March 2025.

rounds of the Series.

The third round, competing for Al Dragon. Dana Cup over 2,000 metres, includes 16 strong entries from local and inter- to solidify the Kingdom of Bahrain's national stables: Locander, Bond's Boy, position on the global horseracing map Merlin's Beard, Majestic, Bleak, Gul- while enhancing the local equestrian marg, Killybeg's Warrior, Lion of War, season.

two rounds per evening during the Signalman, Snellen, Mr Alan, Elwasme, Box to Box, West Suffolk, Vegas Jack,

The fourth round, Al Riffa Cup during which the Bahraini horse Swift (sponsored by BBK), is a 1,200-metre Asset won the first round, and the Irish sprint for Handicap (Imported) horses, featuring 18 contenders: Get It, Deep Intrigue, Jubilee Walk, Salvuccio, The Series rounds will continue until Mehmento, Thunder Moor, Inveigle, Jehangeer, The Parent, Nomadic Em-The 11th race will feature eight pire, Rocket Rodney, Spangled Mac, rounds, including the third and fourth Grand City Hall, Wallbank, Squealer, Desert Cop, Kiwano, and Roman

The Bahrain Turf Series continues

Jesus hopes his goals can help

Swiatek battles back to take Poland into United Cup semis

AFP | Perth

Battling Iga Swiatek took Poland into a United Cup semi-final against Kazakhstan as last year's runners-up beat Britain in the mixedteams tournament yesterday. Тh e

five-time Grand Slam

champion and world number two Swiatek fought back to beat Katie Boulter 6-7 (4/7), 6-1, 6-4 and give Poland an unassailable 2-0 lead in the quarter-final in Sydney

With the Australian Open just over a week away, Swiatek has now won all three of her singles matches at the United Cup to

launch her season. "I am just exhaust-

ciding set and had strapping on one thigh, said after prevailing ed," Swiatek, who in just under three hours. required a med-

"This match was crazy, so ical timeout in many changes in momentum." A relieved Swiatek added: "I the took four pain killers, a lot hurt, debut happy we won."

between Swiatek and Boulter, who is ranked together before the United Cup. Swiatek, at

> late November violation,

roared back in the sec-Iga Swiatek

I took four pain killers, a lot hurt. but happy we won

IGA SWIATEK

It was a first-ever meeting ond set after Boulter won a tight first. The former number one Swi-

24 in the world, but atek took a medical timeout at they did practise 2-1 down in the final set as the duo went toe-to-toe in a tense encounter.

Swiatek, 23, finally wrapped her first event it up on first match point when since news Boulter fired into the net, before broke in running over to the rest of the Poland team courtside.

Before that, the 16th-ranked that she Hubert Hurkacz, who has not served a been at his best to start the seaone-month son and has a new coach, defeatban for a ed Billy Harris 7-6 (7/3), 7-5 in doping the men's singles.

The victory against a player ranked 109 places below him gave Poland one foot in the last four.

end Arsenal title drought AFP | London

20-year wait for a Premier League title.

Jesus was on target again during a 3-1 comeback win away to Brentford on Wednesday, the Brazil striker scoring his sixth goal in four games.

It was all a far cry from a previously woeful run of just one goal in 33 appearances for the 27-year-old Brazilian, a four-time Premier League winner with now struggling

champions Manchester City. Arsenal, who last won the ♥ abriel Jesus is determined English title in 2004, will have G to keep scoring as Arsenal the chance to cut table-toppers look to end their more than Liverpool's lead to just three points when they travel

to Brighton on Saturday -- the day before Arne Slot's side face Manchester United at Anfield. Liverpool also have a game in hand on the

Gunners. "I just want to keep winning and scoring and helping the team, the club, to be there always fighting for the

title," Jesus

told TNT

Sports. **Gabriel Jesus**

Djokovic, Sabalenka advance in Brisbane

Djokovic cruises past Monfils, notching 20th straight win over the Frenchman

We've been playing a long time, I've known Gael since I was 15 and he was 16. I've had a good score against him over the years but we've had some incredible battles on different surfaces. Hopefully we can play some more before we both retire NOVAK DJOKOVIC row Kazakh-Diokovic and Monfils played

Novak Djokovic

an entertaining the Frenchman. match, but the control as he notched his 20th time, I've known Gael since I

Former world number one Mpetshi Perricard downed 37-year-old Serb Djokovic plays giant American fourth-seeded American Franc- ricard, 21, who beat Australian was always in Reilly Opelka in the last eight. es Tiafoe 6-4, 7-6 (7/4) to reach Nick Kyrgios in an entertaining "We've been playing a long the quarter-finals.

A year after losing to the same superbly to defeat US Open

6-0 in the women's draw while Martinez.

mirates

The towering Mpetshi Perround-one clash, again served

Sabalenka beats Putintseva, eyes third consecutive Australian Open title

Rising star Mirra Andreeva dismantles Noskova in straight sets

AFP | Brisbane

ovak Djokovic and Arvna Sabalenka were in ominous form ahead of the Australian Open as both powered into the Brisbane International quarter-finals yesterday. an Open On a day when rising stars for the

Mirra Andreeva and Giovanni third Mpetshi Perricard underlined time in their potential, Djokovic cruised a past fellow veteran Gael Monfils -- beat 6-3, 6-3 in 72 minutes.

In the women's draw, world stan's Yulia number one Sabalenka -- who Putintseva 7-6 (7/2), 6-4. is aiming to win the Australistraight win over was 15 and he was 16," said Djok- player at the season-opening semi-finalist Tiafoe.

the Australian January 12.

some incredible surfaces.

tire."

ovic, who is pursu- event, Andreeva displayed her ing a record 25th improvement over 2024 with a three-set win over Kyrgios, the Grand Slam sin- 63-minute romp over the Czech Frenchman sent down another gles title when Republic's Noskova.

The teenager faces Ons Open begins on Jabeur of Tunisia next. "Last year she (Nosk-

"I've had ova) almost killed me a good score in the quarter-finals so against him I was thinking it's time over the years to take my revenge, but we've had Andreeva said. The Russian started battles on different the year ranked 16th in the "Hopefully we world and is can play some more tipped by many before we both re- to challenge for a Grand Slam in

> The 17-year- 2025. old Russian "My number Andreeva one goal for the d e m o l - 2025 season is to ished crack the top 10," Linda said Andreeva, Nosk- who is coached o v a by former Wim-6-3, bledon champion Conchita

After serving 36 aces in his

20 against the more experienced Tiafoe. Mpetshi Perricard plays the 19-yearold Czech Jakub Mensik.

> "It was a good match, not very easy to play against Francis," Mpetshi Perricard said.

'The first set w a s very tight on s e r v e but I managed to put some pressure on his second serve and it worked." Aryna Sabalenka

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