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**US launches fresh sanctions targeting Iranian Guard**

AFP | Washington

The United States announced new sanctions yesterday aimed at the Iranian Revolutionary Guard, as Washington prepares retaliation after a strike killing three Americans in Jordan that was blamed on Iran-backed militias.

The US Treasury Department said it was imposing sanctions on six officials in the cyber-electronic command of the Iranian Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC), over activities targeting critical infrastructure.

In a separate notice, the Treasury added that it was also hitting a network of suppliers providing "materials and sensitive technology for Iran's ballistic missile and Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) programs."

**London corrosive substance attack suspect on the run**

AFP | London

UK police urged a man wanted for attacking a woman and her two daughters with a corrosive substance in London to turn himself, as he spent a third day on the run yesterday.

Officers have warned the public not to approach 35-year-old Abdul Ezedi, who was given asylum in Britain despite a sex offences conviction, according to media reports.

The 31-year-old woman and her children, aged eight and three, were taken to hospital with three members of the public who went to their aid following the attack in Clapham, south London, on Wednesday night.

**French farmers lift roadblocks**

AFP | Paris

French authorities said yesterday the worst of a crisis that saw farmers block roads for days was over, as protesters began lifting barricades, but demonstrations persisted elsewhere in Europe including Spain, Italy and Greece.

**'Ukraine case over Russia invasion can proceed'**

AFP | The Hague

The United Nations' top court said yesterday a case brought by Ukraine against Russia over the brutal 2022 invasion could go ahead after ruling it had jurisdiction over most of the points made by Kyiv.

Ukraine dragged Russia before the International Court of Justice only a few days after the invasion, seeking to battle its neighbour on all fronts, legal as well as diplomatic and military.

When Russian President Vladimir Putin ordered the invasion on February 24, 2022,

part of his argument was that pro-Russian people in eastern Ukraine had been "subjected to bullying and genocide by the Kyiv regime".

Ukraine filed a suit at the ICJ, "emphatically denying" this and arguing that Russia's use of "genocide" as a pretext for

invasion went against the 1948 UN Genocide Convention.

In a preliminary ruling in March 2022, the ICJ sided with Ukraine and ordered Russia to halt its invasion immediately.

But Russia objected to this judgement, saying the ICJ, which decides on disputes be-

tween states, had no legal right to decide in this case.

The ICJ yesterday tossed out Moscow's argument, saying it did indeed have jurisdiction to rule on Ukraine's argument that "there is no credible evidence that Ukraine is responsible for committing genocide."

**From bad to worse**

UN sounds alarm as southern Gaza's Rafah becomes 'pressure cooker of despair'

AFP | Geneva

The UN voiced fears yesterday about worsening conditions in southern Gaza, saying a surge in people seeking safety in Rafah had made the town a "pressure cooker of despair".

The United Nations' humanitarian agency OCHA said it was deeply concerned about the escalation of hostilities in Khan Yunis, which had resulted in increased numbers heading further south to Rafah in recent days.

"Most are living in makeshift structures, tents or out in the open," OCHA spokesman Jens Laerke told a briefing in Geneva.

"Rafah is a pressure cooker of despair, and we fear for what comes next."

"Khan Yunis has also come increasingly under attack, and it's been shocking to hear about the heavy fighting in the vicinity of the hospitals, jeopardising the safety of medical staff, the



Palestinians in Rafah receive food rations at a donation point in a camp for internally displaced people. (AFP)

wounded and the sick, as well as thousands of internally displaced people seeking refuge

there."

Of the people rushing southwards, Laerke said: "Are they truly safe? No. There's no safe place in Gaza; also not in Rafah."

"Every week we think it can't get any worse. Well, go figure: it gets worse."

Richard Peepkorn, the World Health Organization's representative for the occupied Palestinian territories, said Rafah used to be a town of around 200,000 people but the area was now sheltering more than half of Gaza's two million-plus population.

"When you hear about potential attacks, it should not happen... Rafah should not be attacked," he said, via video-link from Jerusalem.

The war in Gaza was triggered by Hamas's October 7 attack on Israel, which resulted in the deaths of around 1,160 people, mostly civilians, according to an AFP tally based on official figures.

**Harmony at the Vatican**



Pope Francis during an audience with a delegation of the Italy-China Federation, in The Vatican. (AFP)

**'Make-or-break'**

**World needs 'torrents' of cash for green transition: UN climate chief**

AFP | Paris

The world needs to urgently start investing trillions of dollars in the green transition, the United Nations climate chief said yesterday, warning that finance was the "make-or-break" factor in the battle to curb global heating.

Countries at last year's COP28 UN climate negotiations in Dubai agreed to triple global renewables capacity this decade and "transition away" from polluting fossil fuels.

But the deal lacked important details, including on funding.

Now the world will need to come up with a clear plan to find "torrents - not trickles - of climate finance," UN climate chief Simon Stiell said in

a speech in Baku, Azerbaijan, which will host this year's climate summit (COP29) in November.

"Whether on slashing emissions or building climate resilience, it's already blazingly obvious that finance is the make-or-break factor in the world's climate fight - in quantity, quality, and innovation," said Stiell, who is executive secretary of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).

"In fact, without far more finance, 2023's climate wins will quickly fizzle away into more empty promises."

He said the changes over the coming decades would be "comparable in scope to the industrial revolution" or the growth of the digital economy.





# Collaboration in the air

Bahrain and UK explore partnership to boost youth skills and vocational training

London

Minister of Youth Affairs, Her Excellency Rawan bint Najeeb Tawfiqi, emphasised the strong historical ties and comprehensive strategic partnership between Bahrain and the United Kingdom.

She expressed the ministry's commitment to enhancing collaboration with the UK's Ministry of State for Skills and Vocational Training.

The aim is to foster joint youth programs, contributing to the development of youth skills and promoting training and professional growth.

Tawfiqi held a meeting with His Excellency Robert Halfon, Minister of State for Skills, Apprenticeships, and Higher Education, during her official visit to the UK.

The meeting delved into the friendly relations and broader strategic partnership, exploring potential cooperation opportunities across various sectors,



H.E. Rawan bint Najeeb Tawfiqi with Robert Halfon

with a particular focus on youth-related initiatives.

Discussions included joint training possibilities, strategies for increasing youth skills, and the framing of cooperative efforts aligned with shared youth objectives between both nations.

## Strategic relations

In response, Halfon commended the depth of historical and strategic relations between the two kingdoms.

He highlighted Bahrain's exemplary model in the youth sector and its innovative initiatives aimed at training and enhancing the skills and capabilities of young individuals.



The meeting discussed potential collaborations in training, approaches to enhance youth skills, and the formulation of cooperative initiatives in line with common youth goals for both nations.

The British minister expressed the UK's keen interest in further developing cooperation with Bahrain, with a focus on launching joint youth programs.

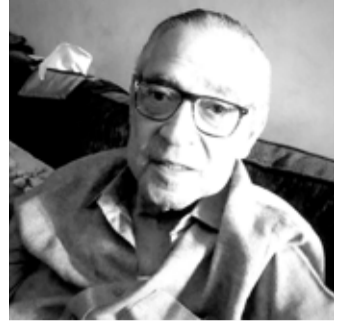
## Former Bahrain-based businessman passes away

TDT | Manama

Lebanese businessman Nadim Lababidi, known for his role as an agent for Cathay Pacific Airways in Bahrain, passed away yesterday in Beirut.

Having permanently resided in Bahrain since 1990, Nadim collaborated closely with businessmen Jamil Wafa and Akram Meknes, notably in the airline industry.

Nadim, the son of Salah Lababidi, who served as the Director General of Police in



Lebanon during President Camille Chamoun's tenure, leaves behind a legacy of contributions in the business community in the Kingdom.

## Digital transformation success



Her Excellency Noor bint Ali Alkhulaif, Minister of Sustainable Development, met with Paula Ingabire, Minister of Information and Communications Technology and Innovation of Rwanda, on the sidelines of the third General Assembly Meeting of the Digital Cooperation Organisation (DCO). The meeting highlighted Bahrain's accomplishments in digital transformation and means to make it sustainable. It also reviewed Rwanda's efforts towards digitising its economy, technological advancements, and digital transformation.

# Indian Embassy hosts first open house of 2024

TDT | Manama

The Embassy of India organised the first open house of the year 2024 yesterday chaired by the Ambassador, His Excellency Mr. Vinod Kurian Jacob.

The Embassy's consular team and panel of lawyers were also present. More than 60 Indian nationals participated in the Open House conducted in English, Hindi, Tamil and Malayalam languages.

Ambassador expressed happiness at the overwhelming participation of Indian community members at the Flag Hoisting Ceremony organized by the Embassy to celebrate the 75th Republic Day of India.

He also expressed happiness over enthusiastic participation of Indian Community members in the "India in Bahrain Festival"



H.E. Ambassador Vinod Kurian Jacob addresses issues concerning Indian expatriates

organized by Embassy on 12th January, 2024.

Ambassador Jacob thanked and commended the tireless efforts of Indian associations due to which, most of the cases pertaining to Consular and Labour matters were resolved last year and a large number of needy individuals were provided assistance.



The grievances/issues of the Indian community were successfully addressed; some resolved at the open house, while others will be taken up at the earliest possible.

The Ambassador thanked the local government authorities for their continued support and co-operation in taking care of its expat community. The co-operation between them and the Embassy has been invaluable, and will continue to further strengthen as we move forward. It was a fruitful interactive

session. The grievances/issues of the Indian community were successfully addressed; some resolved at the open house, while others will be taken up at the earliest possible.

Ambassador Jacob thanked all the Indian associations and community members for their active participation in the open house.

## Bahrain envoy visits Cairo global book fair



H.E. Ambassador Fawzia bint Abdullah Zainal at the event  
Cairo

Her Excellency Fawzia bint Abdullah Zainal, Ambassador of Bahrain to Egypt and the Permanent Representative of Bahrain to the Arab League, paid a visit to Bahrain's pavilion at the 55th edition of Cairo International Book Fair.

The ambassador noted that Bahrain's participation reflects the longstanding Bahrain-Egypt relations.

She noted the significance of Bahrain's participation in the book fair as a representation of the Kingdom's cultural movement and an opportunity to develop partnerships.

Ambassador Zainal commended the representatives of the Bahrain Authority for Culture and Antiquities (BACA) for their efforts in preparing Bahrain's pavilion.

She emphasised the importance of BACA's role in promoting Bahrain's cultural heritage.



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## Indian Fine Arts Society holds 50th year celebration honouring Thyagaraja



Indian Fine Arts Society officials and members at the event  
TDT | Manama

The Indian Fine Arts Society, the oldest and pioneer association promoting classical arts in the Kingdom of Bahrain, kickstarted its 50th year celebration by paying their homage to the great composer and vocalist of Carnatic music, Thyagaraja.

The 49th Thyagaraja Aradhana was held yesterday. Pancharatra kirthis and other



kirthis composed by the great musician were rendered by the music teachers in the island.

Mr. Ravi Kumar Jain, Second Secretary of the Embassy of India along with Mr. Mahesh Devji, Managing Director Devji Aarum and Mr. Unnikrishnan, Chairman Daily Tribune, released its new profile of IFAS. The evening was also marked by releasing the 50th year logo of Indian Fine Arts Society.



## Bahrain authorises use of 'Mounjaro' injection



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The National Health Regulatory Authority (NHRA) has authorised the use of the Mounjaro Tirzepatide Injection, which contributes to reducing the level of cumulative blood sugar, according to the licensing mechanisms in force in the Kingdom.

The move is within the framework of the Kingdom's keenness to provide all medications that contribute to the treatment of chronic diseases related to obesity and diabetes, the NHRA said.

The NHRA indicated that the Mounjaro needle is available in the kingdom's pharmacies, and should be used in accordance with medical prescriptions and after undergoing the necessary medical examinations, adding that Bahrain is among the first countries to provide this medicine in its markets.

The NHRA added that the Mounjaro needle has been licensed as it is one of the effective injections for treating type 2 diabetes, noting that it contributes to lowering A1C and losing weight.

The National Health Regulatory Authority underlined its keenness to conduct in-depth studies on all medicines and pharmaceuticals, as well as ensure their safe use, within the scope determined by the health authorities in the Kingdom.

# Verdict shake-up drama

### Appeals Court amends sentences for international drug trafficking network members

TDT | Manama

The High Criminal Court of Appeal amended sentences issued against 14 defendants who, along with others, formed a criminal drug trafficking network.

It included defendants from seven European and Gulf countries, an Arab girl, an Asian woman, and three Bahrainis.

The Court of First Instance penalised four defendants with life imprisonment, and the Court of Appeal reduced the penalty to 15 years in prison.

Meanwhile, four defendants were acquitted from trafficking charges, overriding their 10-year prison sentences to one year's imprisonment for the charge of drug abuse for assisting in the capture of other defendants, according to lawyers, Zuhair Abdul Latif and Abdul Aziz

Al-Mousa.

The case was launched through a confidential tip received by the Anti-Narcotics Directorate indicating the existence of a network including an Arab woman, an Asian woman, and three Europeans who possessed drugs for the purpose of selling and using. A permit was obtained from Prosecution for the arrest of the defendant and search of her home.

**Abuse**

Materials employed in the abuse and sale of

drugs were found. The Asian defendant was arrested, and he expressed complete readiness to turn in the other defendants.

He arranged for the sale of cocaine worth BD120 and agreed to meet in the Seef area.

The third defendant was found in possession of the narcotic substance.

Tools used in drug trafficking were found in his house as well as seeds used in its cultivation and an amount of approximately BD8,000, the proceeds of trafficking.

The other defendants were arrested



The network includes an Arab woman, an Asian woman, and three Europeans who possessed drugs for the purpose of selling and using them.

based on the necessary judicial authorisations and confessed to their guilt. Using their state-

ments, the Directorate prepared ambushes to capture the remaining defendants red-handed, until 17 were apprehended. The case was referred to the Public Prosecution.

**Smuggling**

Investigations revealed that the defendants formed a criminal network with the aim of smuggling and cultivating narcotic substances for trafficking, targeting a certain group of young people for illegal profit.

The smuggling process was carried out through Bahrain Airport by concealing drugs inside bags, clothes, and personal items to avoid detection. The third and fourth defendants began their activities, recruiting others and assigning them roles to transport, sell, receive and cultivate drugs.

## Court lowers sentence for drug possession informant

TDT | Manama

The High Appeals Court has granted exemption to a foreign national involved in drug trafficking, reducing his sentence to one year in prison for drug possession after applying the provision of exemption from the trafficking offense.

The court's decision was based on the defendant's cooperation, as he provided information about other individuals involved in drug distribution, which led to their arrest and the seizure of drugs.

The defense argued that their client met the conditions for exemption from punishment according to the relevant law. The law states that individuals who promptly report a committed crime to the au-



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thorities before their knowledge of it are exempt from the penalties specified for the offense.

**Arrest**

If the report is made after the authorities become aware of the crime, it is required that the re-



The defendant was initially sentenced to 10 years in prison by the first-degree court for charges related to drug trafficking and use. However, the defendant appealed the verdict, contending that he shared information about a suspect at the time of his arrest.

port leads to the arrest of the remaining criminals or the disclosure of individuals involved in the crime.

The defendant was initially convicted in the first-degree court on charges of trafficking and drug use, resulting in a 10-year prison sentence. The defendant appealed the verdict before the Appeals Court, arguing that he provided immediate information about one of the suspects upon his arrest.

It was revealed that the suspect identified by the defendant was a source of the narcotics, and he was apprehended with drugs in their possession, leading to a criminal judgment against him based on the defendant's information.

## Jail term for drug trafficker reduced from 15 to 10 years

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The High Appeals Court has modified the sentence of a defendant convicted of involvement in a drug trafficking gang that smuggled narcotics into Bahrain.

The original sentence of 15 years in prison has been reduced to 10 years, and the court has upheld a fine of BD5,000 along with deportation upon completion of the sentence.

According to reports, the defendant was found guilty along with four others of smuggling drugs concealed inside cricket and tennis balls. Customs authorities at the air entry points intercepted a parcel containing hidden drugs, which was being shipped from an Asian country and bore the name of one of the suspects.

Investigations revealed that the confiscated drugs included marijuana and methamphetamine, expertly concealed within specially prepared balls used in tennis and cricket. Two suc-



Image used for illustrative purposes successful operations were carried out, resulting in the arrest of the suspects.

**Investigation**

Further investigation exposed an organised network involved in smuggling drugs into Bahrain, led by an individual outside the country.

The investigations uncovered a criminal network engaged in the sale and distribution of drugs, with a head and his assistants, who employed Asian nationals as dealers and distributors in exchange for monetary compensation.

The network employed sophisticated methods to smuggle



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and introduce the drugs into Bahrain. The primary suspect, who was the head of the network, had already left Bahrain before the arrival of the shipment.

The second and third defendants were found in possession of the smuggled drugs, while the other defendants were accused of concealing the narcotics.

## Four Bahrain teams to take part in UAE SWAT Challenge today



Bahrain team members

87 teams from 48 countries vying for honours, prize money

Dubai

The Kingdom of Bahrain will participate in the fifth edition of the UAE SWAT Challenge today at the Training City in Al Ruwayyah.

The Organising Committee has said that 87 teams from 48 countries will be participating in the event, up from 55 last year, including five female and two mixed teams.

Arab representation in the competition is significant, with 11 teams from the UAE, four from Bahrain, and two each from the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, the State of Kuwait, and the Republic of Iraq, along

with a single team from the Kingdom of Morocco.

All participating Arab teams have affirmed their preparedness for the challenge, showcasing early readiness and a high level of physical and tactical readiness.

The challenge encompasses five competitions: Tactical, Obstacle Course, Officer Rescue, Tower Challenge, and Assault. The prize money has been increased to \$260,000.



# Mesmerising performance

Bahraini Maestro Waheed Al Khan captivates audience in "Return to Life" concert at Bahrain National Theater

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Bahraini Maestro Waheed Al Khan has presented his exceptional concert titled "Return to Life" at the Bahrain National Theater.

The event featured the participation of the Saint Petersburg Classical Orchestra and the Bahraini Liquid Band, with contributions from the Bahrain Music Ensemble and technical support from the Ministry of Interior police band and the Bahrain Institute of Music.

The grand ceremony attracted a large audience eager to indulge in distinctive cultural experiences as part of the 18th Spring of Culture Festival.

Maestro Al Khan took the audience on a captivating musical journey, showcasing a selection of his notable compositions that have left a lasting impact on both local and international scenes.



Maestro Waheed Al Khan's performance leaves the audience spellbound

Featured pieces included "Shakshaka," "The Return," "The Return to Life," "Saada," "Asrar," "Darbak Khidr," "Shadows," and many others.

## Master's degree

A composer born in Muhar-

raq, Maestro Al Khan holds a master's degree in folk music from the Cairo Conservatory. He is renowned for composing musical plays, arranging orchestral music for operettas, and founding the Classical Institute of Music — the first accredited music



institute in Bahrain.

Maestro Al Khan has received numerous local and international awards for his outstanding contributions to the world of music.

The Spring of Culture Festival, continuing until March, offers a

rich array of events. Stay updated on the latest developments, event dates, and workshops by following the official account @springofculture on Instagram, Facebook, YouTube, TikTok, and Snapchat. For comprehensive details and workshop registra-



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## Spring First Aid Training Camp concludes successfully

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The Spring First Aid Training Camp concluded its third edition for 2024.

It was held under the patronage of His Excellency Ali bin Shaikh Abdul Hussein Al-Asfour, Governor of the Northern Governorate, and in collaboration with the Ministry of Interior.



H.E. Ali bin Shaikh Abdul Hussein Al-Asfour with event organisers and participants

The event attracted 135 participants and 15 trainers from Bahrain, Oman, Kuwait, and

Saudi Arabia.

Governor Al-Asfour observed a mock exercise in Salman City, emphasising the importance of disaster response preparedness.

The program aligns with the Northern Governorate's priorities and aims to enhance emergency response capabilities, earning praise for its impact on creating a well-prepared society.

## Research on anxiety in pregnancy



Dr. Abrar Al-Nasheet discusses the importance of mental health

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Dr. Abrar Al-Nasheet, a trainee doctor at Salmaniya Medical Complex, presented a study on anxiety prevalence among pregnant women at the Integrated Mental Health Conference in Abu Dhabi.

The research, conducted with Dr. Nada Abdel Fattah and supervised by Dr. Nahid Bou Kamal, aimed to assess anxiety levels and associated risk factors.

The study earned fourth place among 90 papers, showcasing collaborative efforts, support from department head Dr. Maryam Mahmoud, and the participation of pregnant women.

Dr. Al-Nasheet expressed optimism for future research contributions.

## Symposium on 'Identity Disorder in Children'

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The Abdul Rahman Kanoo Cultural Center organised a symposium addressing "Identity Disorder in Children."

Dr. Rana Al-Sayrafi and Professor Intisar Abdul Karim provided insights into the psychological and social aspects of gender identity disorder in children.

The symposium explored causes, early detection, and parental roles in addressing the disorder. Discussions covered the impact of family dynamics, societal influences, and preventive measures.

Dr. Al-Sayrafi emphasised the importance of recognising symptoms and creating supportive environments to prevent and address gender identity disorder in children.

## Mediation program graduation ceremony



The Institute of Judicial and Legal Studies marked the graduation of the first and second batches from the "Professional Certificate in Civil and Commercial Mediation" program. His Excellency Ms. Dana Khamis Al-Zayani, Undersecretary of Courts, Family Reconciliation, and Alimony, attended the event. The program, aimed at promoting alternative dispute resolution, included 110 participants over five days, covering conduct rules, mediation skills, negotiation approaches, and more.

## Law enforcement campaign to address maritime violations

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The Coast Guard Command recently organised a comprehensive law enforcement campaign across various maritime areas in a proactive move to address maritime violations.

The primary objectives of the campaign were to ensure sailors' compliance with fishing regulations, validate the marine fishing licenses for small vessels, and confirm the presence of essential marine safety tools on board ships.

Emphasising the significance of adherence to marine fishing laws and regulations in the Kingdom, the Coast Guard leadership underscored the contin-



The Coast Guard ensures that sailors comply with fishing regulations

uation of such campaigns on a regular basis. These efforts aim to apprehend violators, contributing to the preservation of Bahrain's marine, environmental, and wildlife wealth.

According to Coast Guard Command statistics for the year

2023, the campaign resulted in the identification of 2,365 violations. These infractions encompassed violations related to fishing laws, registration and licensing issues, maritime bans, the use of prohibited fishing nets, and more.



## Blood donation camp

Bahrain Special Technical Services (STS) Co., a pioneer in oil field construction, organised a blood donation camp yesterday at King Hamad Hospital. Eighty-seven STS employees enthusiastically came forward and donated blood voluntarily. STS organisation is aiming to serve the community with more corporate social responsibility initiatives.



# Dollar dazzles after hot US jobs data

● Oil prices fell amid concerns about demand

● European equities ended mixed

● US unemployment rate held steady at 3.7%

AFP | London, United Kingdom

Red-hot US jobs data sent the dollar and bond yields higher on Friday as chances of an early interest rate cut faded.

Wall Street nevertheless mostly moved higher, buoyed by tech stocks and the silver lining of the jobs data pointing to the US economy avoiding a recession.

The US labour market smashed expectations last month in a surprise hiring pick-up, adding 353,000 jobs in January and the Department of Labor revising December's figure sharply higher.

The unemployment rate held steady at 3.7% for a third straight month.

"If March wasn't off the table as far as rate cuts were concerned before today's payroll numbers, it's not even in the same room now," said CMC Markets analyst Michael Hewson.

US Federal Reserve boss Jerome Powell earlier this week dampened expectations of an early cut to interest rates, but

## Key figures around 1630 GMT

New York - Dow:	▲ at 38,531.83 points
New York - S&P 500:	▲ P 0.8% at 4,945.80
Nasdaq Composite:	▲ 1.3% 15,567.03
London - FTSE 100:	▼ less than 0.1% at 7,615.54 (close)
Paris - CAC 40:	▲ less than 0.1% at 7,592.26 (close)
Frankfurt - DAX:	▲ 0.4% at 16,918.21 (close)
EURO STOXX 50:	▲ 0.3% at 4,654.55 (close)
Tokyo - Nikkei 225:	▲ 0.4% at 36,158.02 (close)
Hang Seng Index:	▼ 0.2% at 15,533.56 (close)
Shanghai - Composite:	▼ N 1.5% at 2,730.15 (close)
Euro/dollar:	▼ at \$1.0797 from \$1.0874 on Thursday
Dollar/yen:	▲ at 148.34 yen from 146.42 yen
Pound/dollar:	▼ at \$1.2640 from \$1.2746
Euro/pound:	▲ at 85.39 pence from 85.29 pence
West Texas Intermediate:	▼ 1% at \$72. per barrel
Brent North Sea Crude:	▼ 1% at \$77. per barrel

the strong job creation figures and wage gains are likely to give policymakers additional pause before proceeding.

"The data exemplifies the concerns about inflation that we heard from the Fed," said Kathleen Brooks, research director at XTB.

"This data is too strong for the Fed, and it could lead to a further recalibration of market-based interest rate expectations," she added.

The prospect of higher interest rates for longer sent US bond yields and dollar climbing, with the greenback rising by more than one percent against the yen.

The strong jobs data was positive in another sense.

"That said this wasn't bad news for US markets given that the prospect of a recession looks even further away than ever, but also means that on an economic basis a resilient US economy should mean company earnings hold up," added CMC Markets's Hewson.

The blue-chip Dow spent most of the morning modestly lower but gradually poked into positive territory. Meanwhile, the broader S&P 500 added 0.8 percent.

## Meta and Amazon shine

The Nasdaq index climbed 1.3 percent, boosted by Meta and Amazon blowing through ex-

pectations in their latest quarterly results.

Shares in Meta jumped more than 20 percent after the tech titan behind Facebook and Instagram reported a profit of \$14 billion in the final three months of last year, beating analyst forecasts as revenue climbed to \$40.1 billion in the quarter.

Amazon also impressed investors with sales up to a more-than-expected \$170 billion in the last quarter of 2023, after a record-beating holiday season. Its shares rose more than 7%.

Apple, maker of iPhone, meanwhile reported sales rose slightly in the final three months of 2023 but worries surrounding China cast a pall on the news. Its shares fell 3.7% before cutting losses.

European equities ended mixed after spending most of the day higher rose, with Frankfurt's DAX setting a new intraday record of 17,004.55 points.

On the downside in Asia, Shanghai and Hong Kong fell, with traders still worrying about the state of China's economy and the lack of strong measures to provide stimulus.

The property sector is of particular concern, especially after the liquidation by a Hong Kong court this week of troubled developer Evergrande, which is wallowing in more than \$300 billion of debt.

Analysts also pointed to traders selling before the Lunar New Year break.

## EU states greenlight landmark new AI rules

AFP | Brussels, Belgium

The European Union's 27 member states yesterday approved landmark rules on reining in artificial intelligence, passing a key last hurdle after tough negotiations to the very end.

Brussels first proposed an AI law in 2021 but spent most of last year racing to greenlight the draft text after chatbot ChatGPT exploded onto the scene.

EU states and lawmakers had agreed on a set of draft rules back in December, billed as the world's first comprehensive laws to regulate AI, and their approval after that should have been a formality. But some countries, including France and Germany, flagged concerns that raised fears the AI law would fail in the final stretch.

## US Apple fans get hands on pricey Vision Pro headset

San Francisco, United States

US Apple stores yesterday began selling the Vision Pro, the tech giant's \$3,499 headset and its first major release since the Apple Watch nine years ago.

Vision Pro's arrival from the world's most iconic device maker is a major milestone for the lovers of virtual or augmented reality, who see the technology as the next chapter in online life after the smartphone.

But with a high sticker price, and the middling success of similar and cheaper releases from Facebook owner Meta, early reviews expressed doubt that the Vision Pro will be a game-changer, at least for now.

The Vision Pro is an "astonishing" product, wrote tech website The Verge, but "also represents a series of really big trade-offs" that are "impossible to ignore."

It is "an impressive product, one that has been many years and billions of dollars in the making," but "even after trying



Customers try on the Apple Vision Pro headset

it, I still have no idea whom or what this thing is supposed to be for," wrote The New York Times.

Critics acknowledge a definite "wow" factor, noting its state-of-the-art image quality and the joy of opening and closing apps floating in space using only your eyes and fingers.

However, the headset is heavy, messes up the user's hair

and requires a clunky battery pack, they add.

Apple CEO Cook appeared Friday at Apple's Fifth Avenue store in New York to greet the first customers under the applause of staff.

Cook had appeared earlier this week on the cover of Vanity Fair wearing the Vision Pro.

He drew criticism at a conference in June when he revealed the device without ever trying it on.



Apple says 600 specifically designed apps and games are available for the Vision Pro, alongside one million compatible apps.

## Red Sea crisis strands thousands of sheep, cows

AFP | Sydney

Australian welfare groups are demanding the release of thousands of sheep and cattle stuck aboard a ship after their trip to the Middle East was diverted by Yemen's Houthi rebel attacks in the Red Sea.

The livestock -- reportedly more than 15,000 animals, mostly sheep -- have spent about four weeks aboard the MV Bahijah since setting sail from Fremantle, Perth in Western Australia on January 5.

The ship abandoned its plan to voyage through the Red Sea because of the "worsening security situation" there and was directed to return to Australia, the Department of Agriculture said in a statement.

It docked back in Fremantle on Thursday after reaching the Western Australian coast earlier in the week.

Two veterinarians this week reported "no significant animal health or welfare issues" aboard the ship, the government department said.

But the animals have been exposed to "cumulative stress" during their long trip, said RSPCA Australia chief science officer Suzanne Fowler.

She cited the movement of the ship, the risk of disease, and conditions aboard including the heat, with temperatures in Fremantle reaching about 38

degrees Celsius (100 degrees Fahrenheit) on Thursday.

Sheep in particular would be standing in their own faeces because of the challenge of cleaning out their pens, Fowler told AFP on Friday.

"We would not support them being re-exported in any way," she said, after the government said it was considering an application to do so by the exporter, identified in Australian media as Israeli-based Bassem Dabbah.

It is a "horrific, terrible plan", Fowler said.

"They have already suffered enough. It is not fair on the animals. They are sentient beings, they can suffer from pain and distress."

The livestock should be taken off the ship assuming they do not pose a biosecurity risk, she said. "We would like a decision to be taken as soon as practically possible."

Animal rights activists Peta Australia published an open letter to Prime Minister Anthony Albanese on Thursday, saying it was "disgusted and ashamed" by the stranding of the livestock. It said there were 16,500 cows and sheep on the vessel.

Both the RSPCA and Peta Australia oppose live animal exports, a major industry with more than 670,000 sheep and 590,000 cows sent abroad by sea last year.

Australia's centre-left Labor government has promised to phase out live exports without setting a date.



## Did Australian invent bitcoin? UK court examines claim

AFP | London, United Kingdom

A court case starting in London on Monday will seek to determine whether Australian computer scientist Craig Wright invented bitcoin, the world's first and biggest cryptocurrency.

Wright says he is Satoshi Nakamoto, the pseudonym of bitcoin's creator and author of a white paper that introduced the cryptocurrency to the world in 2008.

Crypto Open Patent Alliance (COPA), a non-profit organisation set up to keep cryptocurrency technology free from patents, is suing Wright over his claims first made in 2016 -- resulting in the trial at London's High Court set to last six weeks.



Craig Wright

The enigmatic programmer describes himself on X as "Creator of Bitcoin".

"I conceived bitcoin, and I unveiled it to the world," he last month wrote in a posting on the platform, formerly known as Twitter.

Wright, who on his website describes himself also as a businessman, has been involved in a number of lawsuits brought by himself but this time around is being asked to defend himself.

## China says ex-head of state-run oil giant being probed

AFP | Beijing

The former head of one of China's largest oil companies is under investigation for "serious violations" of the law, Beijing said Friday, making him the latest executive to fall foul of a sweeping anti-graft crackdown.

Wang Yilin served as chairman of the China National Petroleum Corporation (CNPC), a vast energy group based in Beijing, from 2015 until 2018.

He is suspected of "serious



Wang Yilin

violations of discipline and the law", the ruling Communist

Party's anti-graft agency said in a statement, using a formulation that often refers to alleged corruption.

Wang is "currently undergoing disciplinary review and supervisory investigation", the agency said.

News of the probe comes just weeks after another CNPC executive -- former deputy general manager Xu Wenrong -- was arrested for suspected bribery.

Xu was concurrently kicked out of the Communist Party for "accepting huge sums of mon-

ey", the anti-graft agency said.

CNPC was ranked fifth on last year's Fortune Global 500 list of the world's biggest corporations by revenue.

President Xi Jinping has waged a sweeping campaign against deep-seated official corruption since coming to power and the campaign has recently targeted some of the country's top financiers and businessmen.

Proponents say the policy promotes clean governance but critics complain that it helps Xi purge political rivals.

## Indian navy rescues 19 crew after Somali pirate hijack

AFP | New Delhi, India

India's navy said yesterday it had rescued 19 crew members aboard a fishing vessel hijacked off Somalia, the third such operation this week after a spate of attacks on shipping in the region. A distress call from the Iranian-flagged FV Omari was received on Wednesday and the Indian patrol boat INS

Sharda intercepted the vessel in the "early hours" of Friday, a navy statement said.

"The ship has ensured successful release of the crew... along with the boat," it said.

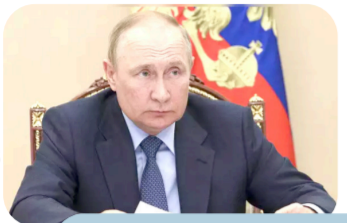
"The ship also undertook confirmatory boarding on FV Omari to sanitise and check on the well-being of the crew who had been held captive by the Somali pirates."





News in brief

Russia has created more than half a million new jobs in its defence sector to meet soaring demand on the battlefield, President Vladimir Putin said on Friday. The Kremlin has thrown massive resources at its full-scale assault on Ukraine, with the defence sector accounting for much of the sanction-hit economy's growth. "In the last year and a half alone, 520,000 new jobs have been created in defence," Putin told a political forum with defence workers in the western city of Tula. "In order to be successful on the battlefield today, it is necessary to react quickly and adequately to what is happening there," Putin said. "So whoever does it all faster, wins," he said.



Russia has created 520,000 new defence jobs, Putin says

Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi issued a stern warning yesterday against any possible attack by the United States in retaliation for a strike that killed three American troops in Jordan. "We have said many times that we will not be the initiator of any war, but if a country, a cruel force wants to bully, the Islamic Republic of Iran will respond firmly," Raisi said during a visit to a Gulf naval base operated by the Revolutionary Guards. Iran's "military power in the region was not and is not a threat to any country," but a source of security that countries in the region can rely on and trust, he said as he toured the base in Bandar Abbas. "Today, the enemy has no ability to do anything against us; because they know that our forces are powerful and capable."

A boss from one of Italy's most violent mafias who escaped from a maximum security prison last year has been captured in France, authorities in both countries said yesterday. Marco Raduano, described as "dangerous" on Europol's list of Europe's most wanted criminals, was detained on the French island of Corsica. He had escaped from a heavily secured prison in Nuoro, Sardinia, in February 2023, using bedsheets to scale down the walls. Authorities in Italy also announced on Friday the detention of his close aide, Gianluigi Troiano, another fugitive who had been picked up near Granada in southern Spain.

Fugitive boss of 'most violent' Italian mafia arrested in Corsica

Malaysia's pardons board said yesterday it had halved the jail term for former prime minister Najib Razak, currently in prison for corruption, to six years. Najib was sentenced in 2022 to 12 years in jail for offences linked to the misuse of public money in the multi-billion-dollar 1MDB financial scandal. The board, which was chaired by Malaysia's former king Sultan Abdullah Sultan Ahmad Shah and also included the attorney general, met on Monday - two days before the king handed the rotational throne to a successor.

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CURIOSER & CURIOSER

Off their perch

A "spy pigeon" held by Indian police for eight months has finally been cleared of being a Chinese spy. The bird sparked suspicion when it turned up in Mumbai with "messages written in a Chinese-like script" on its wings. Officials suspected espionage and put it in solitary confinement.



An undated 1930's file photo shows US aviator Amelia Earhart at the controls of an aircraft in Essonne, France.

After protests from animal rights groups, the jailbird -- who appears to have been an entirely innocent racing pigeon from Taiwan -- has finally been released. It is far from the first time that pigeons have had Indian spy chiefs in a flap. One was intercepted close to the border with Pakistan in 2016 carrying a threatening message to Prime Minister Narendra Modi years after another turned up in the same area with a Pakistani phone number stamped on its body.

Amelia's big mistake: trusting a man

Amelia Earhart, the first woman to fly the Atlantic, mysteriously disappeared as she tried to become the first to fly around the world. And it was all a man's fault -- if divers who claim to have finally found her plane are right. Earhart's big mistake it appears was to trust a man with



A floating sauna nears sinking Tesla



Spy pigeon released the map.

The aviator vanished on one of the last legs of her epic journey in 1937 after taking off from Papua New Guinea for Howland Island, a tiny speck of a US territory between Australia and Hawaii.

Now deep sea divers claim to have found the wreck in the Pacific at a spot which appears to confirm a theory that navigator Fred Noonan miscalculated

Sweden probing foiled Israel embassy attack as 'terrorist crime': security service



Representative picture

AFP | Stockholm, Sweden

Sweden's intelligence service said yesterday that the investigation into a foiled attack on the Israeli embassy in Stockholm this week was being probed as a potential "terrorist crime." Police were called to the embassy on Wednesday after a "dangerous object" was discovered on its grounds, which the national bomb squad destroyed after determining it was "live". Police declined to comment on the precise nature of the object, but media have reported it was a hand grenade. "The preliminary investigation launched by the Swedish Police Authority on January 31, following the discovery of a dangerous object at the Israeli Embassy in Stockholm, has been taken over by the Swedish Security Service," the service said in a statement. "In connection with this, the criminal classification has been changed to a terrorist crime," it added.

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UN estimates at least 17,000 Gaza children separated from parents

AFP | Geneva, Switzerland

The United Nations said yesterday it estimates that at least 17,000 children in the Gaza Strip have been left unaccompanied or separated nearly four months into the war. "Each one has a heartbreaking story of loss and grief," said Jonathan Crickx, spokesman for the UN children's agency UNICEF in the Palestinian territories. "This figure corresponds to one percent of the overall displaced population -- 1.7 million people," he told a media briefing in Geneva, via video-link from Jerusalem. Each one "is a child who is coming to terms with a horrible new reality". Crickx said that tracing who the children were was proving "extremely difficult", as sometimes they were brought to a hospital where they may be wounded or in shock, and "they simply can't even say their names". He said that during conflicts, it was common for extended families to take care of children who lost their parents.



Palestinian children play in front of rubble at a makeshift camp housing displaced Palestinians in Rafah in the southern Gaza Strip

However, in Gaza, "due to the sheer lack of food, water or shelter, extended families are themselves distressed and face challenges to immediately take care of another child as they themselves are struggling to cater for their own children and family", said Crickx.

Broadly, UNICEF terms separated children as those who are without their parents, while unaccompanied children are those who are separated and also without other relatives.

A million children need mental help

He said the mental health of children in Gaza was being severely affected by the war. "They present symptoms like extremely high levels of persistent anxiety, loss of appetite, they can't sleep, they have emotional outbursts or panic every time they hear the bombings," he explained.

Before the conflict erupted, UNICEF estimated that more than 500,000 children in the Gaza Strip needed mental health and psycho-social support.

Now it believes that "almost all children are in need" of such help -- more than one million children, said Crickx.

"Children don't have anything to do with this conflict. Yet they are suffering like no child should ever suffer," said Crickx.



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"No child should ever be exposed to the level of violence seen on October 7 -- or to the level of violence that we have witnessed since then."

He called for a ceasefire so that UNICEF could conduct a proper count of children who are unaccompanied or separated, trace relatives, and deliver mental health support.

Hamas gives 'initial' support to Gaza truce plan as fighting rages

AFP | undefined

Fighting in Gaza raged yesterday with scores reported killed overnight, after mediator Qatar said Hamas had given its "initial" support to a hostage-prisoner exchange deal that would pause its war with Israel. The health ministry in the Hamas-run territory said 112 people had been killed over the previous 24 hours, while the Hamas press office reported Israeli air and artillery bombardment around Khan Yunis -- southern Gaza's main city and the focus of recent fighting. Gaza City resident Abir al-Mad-

hun said leaflets calling on civilians to leave had again been dropped by Israeli aircraft over the Al-Shifa Hospital compound where she has sought refuge.

After a truce proposal agreed with Israeli negotiators was presented to Hamas on Thursday, Qatar's foreign ministry spokesman Majed al-Ansari said there were hopes of "good news" about a fresh pause to the fighting "in the next couple of weeks".

Ansari said a truce plan thrashed out with Israeli negotiators by Egyptian, Qatari and US mediators in Paris earlier this week had received a "positive" initial response from Hamas.

But a source close to Hamas told AFP: "There is no agreement on the framework of the agreement yet -- the factions have important observations -- and the Qatari statement is rushed and not true."

A Hamas source said the group had been presented with a three-stage plan which would start with an initial six-week halt to the fighting that would see more aid deliveries into Gaza.

The pause would also see the release of "women, children and sick men over 60" among the Israeli hostages in exchange for Palestinian prisoners in Israel, the source said, requesting anonymity.

UK judge dismisses Greta Thunberg protest case

AFP | London, United Kingdom

A n English court yesterday threw out a public order case against climate activist Greta Thunberg, the judge criticising "unlawful" conditions police had imposed on protesters.

District judge John Law dismissed the case against the 21-year-old Swedish campaigner and four other activists on the second day of their trial in London.

He ruled police had attempted to impose "unlawful" conditions during an environment protest in the British capital last October when they were arrested.

Thunberg, a global figure in the fight against climate change, was one of dozens of activists arrested for disrupting access to a major oil



Swedish environmental activist Greta Thunberg (C) and fellow defendant Christofer 'Chris' Kebbon (L)

order law, alongside two protesters from the Fossil Free London (FFL) campaign group and two Greenpeace activists.

Pakistan military says it killed 24 militants

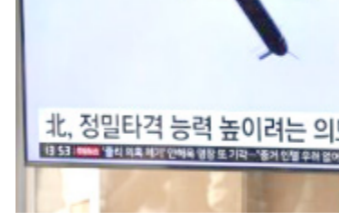
AFP | Quetta, Pakistan

At least 24 militants were killed this week since Baloch separatists launched raids in a remote part of Pakistan's southwest, the military said yesterday.

The group launched an attack on a compound of government facilities in Mach, about 200 kilometres from the Iran border in Balochistan province overnight on Monday.

"These terrorists were then hunted down in the ensuing sanitisation and clearance operations which have now been concluded after clearing and securing the area," a statement from the military's media wing said.

Four security personnel and two civilians were killed during the attack and subsequent raids. The Balochistan Liberation Army (BLA), a banned ethnic Baloch outfit, claimed responsibility for the attack in a statement on social media.



A news broadcast with file footage of a North Korean missile test

AFP | Seoul, South Korea

North Korea fired multiple cruise missiles yesterday, Seoul's military said, continuing a fresh streak of weapons testing as Kim Jong Un's regime ramps up what it calls "war preparations".

So far this year, Kim has declared South Korea his country's "principal enemy", jetti-

Small plane crashes into US mobile home park, several dead

AFP | Miami, United States



AFP | Miami, United States

A small plane crashed into a mobile home park in the southeastern US state of Florida on Thursday killing several people, local authorities said.

"I can confirm that we have several fatalities both from the aircraft and within the mobile homes," Scott Ehlers, fire chief for the coastal town of Clearwater, told a press conference.

The accident occurred at 7 pm (0000 GMT Friday), shortly after a nearby airport received an alert about a plane in trouble, Ehlers said.

Firefighters extinguished the fires at Bayside Waters mobile home park caused by the crashed aircraft.

At least three houses were damaged by fire and a fourth was directly hit by the plane, according to the fire chief. Residents of the other houses were unharmed, he added. The pilot of the plane, a single-engine Beechcraft Bonanza V35, had reported an engine failure prior to the accident, local media reported citing the Federal Aviation Administration.

Nikki Haley battles Trump, and the odds, on home turf



Republican presidential hopeful and former UN Ambassador Nikki Haley speaks during a campaign event at Forest Fire BBQ in Hilton Head, South Carolina

AFP | Columbia, United States

Nikki Haley tried to fire up the crowd at a South Carolina barbecue joint -- even though the polls say Donald Trump is set to smoke her in the Republican presidential primary in her home state.

"Head-to-head, Trump does not beat Joe Biden. I defeat Biden," the former South Carolina governor told supporters on Thursday, as steam rose from piles of fried chicken and pulled pork on a buffet nearby.

The former UN ambassador in Trump's presidency is now the sole challenger to her former boss, with Haley, 52, hoping a home advantage will help her in the Palmetto State's primary on February 24.

Her message is aimed at more moderate Republicans and wavering Democrats -- focusing on the "chaos" of Trump's first term, and bashing both the 77-year-old and 81-year-old Biden as too old for a second term.

She faces an uphill battle. A Washington Post/Monthly University poll released Thursday showed Trump leading Haley by 58 percent to 32 percent. Still, supporters at Doc's Barbecue restaurant in South Carolina state capital Columbia said she could win, describing the race as a choice between a "Republican and a fascist".

"I just love her moral fiber," said Sarah Rock, from Columbia, sporting a red, white and blue "I Pick Nikki" badge on her blouse. "She's not going to have criminal issues and I think she is what our country needs."

Jody Lowman, from Lexington, South Carolina said he loved Haley's stump speech.

"Trump, he's going to lead us in another world war, if Biden doesn't do it for us," he said.

'Country to save'

Her rival's shadow is never far away though. Outside the Haley rally, a pick-up truck flying pro-Trump flags drove up and down the road in a seemingly endless loop.

For weeks Trump has portrayed himself as the presumptive Republican nominee as he seeks an extraordinary comeback to the White House.

Trump steamrollerled the first two Republican votes in Iowa and in New Hampshire, where Haley had hoped to appeal to its more independent voters.

Unlike Florida governor Ron DeSantis, Haley has refused to bow out and let Trump focus on battling Biden. She points to a series of polls showing that she would be more likely than Trump to defeat him in a hypothetical match-up.

Trump has therefore been forced to keep fighting in South Carolina, using resources that he'd rather use on his national campaign -- and the multiple legal cases he faces.

"I wouldn't give Nikki water if she was thirsty," said caregiver Regina Sidik, 56, after local pro-Trump Republicans held a press conference on the steps of the South Carolina statehouse on Thursday.

Wearing a "Team Trump" T-shirt and carrying a red Trump banner, Sidik said she had voted Democrat for 20 years but switched to the tycoon and former reality TV star because she wanted to "make America great again."

"Haley's not the good one. She's didn't do anything for none of us," said Sidik.

Clashes between cattle herders in South Sudan kill 39

AFP | Juba, South Sudan

Thirty-nine people were killed and dozens of others were wounded when violence broke out between rival groups of cattle herders in South Sudan, officials told AFP yesterday.

The clashes on Wednesday resulted in 19 deaths among herders from northwest Warap, the state's information minister William Wol Mayom Bol told AFP, adding that 17 people were injured in the violence.

"When we learned of the

attack, the government of Warap state dispatched two committees" to the area to lower tensions and protect civilians, he added.

The casualty toll in neighbouring Lake State was "20 people killed, 36 wounded and one person is still missing," said police spokesman Major Elijah Mabor Makuac.

Makuac said the clashes had become a yearly occurrence, with rival cattle herding communities from the two states clashing for resources every dry season.



TOP 4 TWEETS

01



Only the two-State solution -- with Israel & Palestine living side-by-side -- can ensure the realization of the inalienable rights of the Palestinian people, and a just & lasting peace in the region. The international community must not waver in its commitment to that solution.

@antoniogetherres

02



UPI formally launched at the iconic Eiffel Tower at the huge Republic Day Reception. Implementing PM @narendramodi's announcement & the vision of taking UPI global.

@IndiambFrance

03



Yesterday, alongside @WHO Goodwill Ambassador Yohei Sasakawa, I launched the Global Appeal to End Stigma and Discrimination against Persons Affected by Leprosy. Although #leprosy has now been curable for more than 40 years, it still has the power to stigmatize.

@DrTedros

04



The need for bold action to tackle the climate crisis is more urgent than ever. I can think of no one better than John Podesta to make sure we keep meeting the gravity of this moment.

@SecBlinken

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# CELEBS

## celebs

# Arnold Schwarzenegger jokes grandchildren from Chris Pratt are 'a little spoiled'

Fox | Los Angeles

Arnold Schwarzenegger has relegated son-in-law Chris Pratt to the proverbial dog house after an incident with his granddaughters. Appearing on the "Tonight Show with Jimmy Fallon," Schwarzenegger was happy to speak about his grandchildren but lamented they were "spoiled." His two granddaughters are the children of his eldest child, Katherine, and her husband, Pratt. "Katherine and Chris, her husband, they come over to the house at least, I think, once a week. And then I play with the

animals with them," he told Fallon, referencing grandchildren Lyla, 3 and Eloise, 1. "We have a great time. I put them on the back of the miniature donkey ... And then, one time, one wanted to ride the pig. I said 'No, no. The pigs - you don't ride pigs.'" "So they play around with the animals. We really have a great, great time. The only thing is that they are a little spoiled," the former governor of California revealed. "Because when I took them to the stall and ask[ed] them to help me, you know, shovel the manure, they said no. "Chris right away said, 'No, no. They are not brought up to do that.'"



Chris Pratt and Arnold Schwarzenegger

Schwarzenegger has spoken in depth about his own tough parenting methods, likening himself to a "drill instructor." He knows his parenting impacted Katherine's relationship with her 3-year-old daughter, thanks to an incident at his house. "Katherine comes over with Lyla, and she says, 'Lyla, I told you already not to put the shoes there. Keep your shoes on, or you put them away. But you don't leave them there by the stand in front of the fireplace because you know what Daddy did? When I left my shoes there twice? The third time, he burned them in front of me and I cried,'" he said last year.

Even before the shoe incident, Schwarzenegger had been complimentary of his eldest child, noting how great a parent Katherine is. "It's nice to see your kids having kids themselves and to watch this new dimension," Schwarzenegger told People. "You see them growing up, and you see them going to school and getting smart and getting their degrees, getting their jobs and all this. But now seeing them be a parent? It's fantastic. It's really great. "I just love when she comes over to my house or when I go over there, but most of the time she comes to my house because I have all the animals," he said.

## Bryan Cranston recalls 'Malcolm in the Middle' stunt that made his body 'shut down'

Fox | Los Angeles

Bryan Cranston took a trip down memory lane to a moment when he was filming "Malcolm in the Middle" more than a decade ago. The "Breaking Bad" star was a guest on "The Graham Norton Show" where he revealed a terrifying incident while filming "Malcolm in the Middle." "One time, I did a thing where my character was in a depression, and he started painting, and I was completely covered in blue paint," Cranston told Norton on Friday, according to the New York Post. He added, "Completely, head to toe, in blue paint." Bryan was referring to a scene from the 2001 episode "Hal Quits." "As you shoot, you're moving around, and then there was a part of me, at one point, I was like starting to shut down the circuits," Cranston said. "And they went, 'Boom,' and they grabbed me, and they threw me in the shower and they just - it was weird." Bryce Dallas Howard joined Cranston on the talk show to promote their new film, "Argyle." "I was going to say, that's not safe, Bryan," Howard said. Cranston couldn't agree more. "It's not safe because your body can't regulate the heat if you're covering up all your pores," he added. Despite the dangerous encounter, Bryan revealed in 2023 that he would be excited for a "Malcolm in the Middle" reunion.



Bryan Cranston

## Demi Lovato 'very excited' about wedding planning

Celebretainment | Los Angeles

Demi Lovato is "very excited" about her upcoming wedding. The 31-year-old singer revealed in December she had got engaged to Jordan 'Jutes' Lutes, and she has already begun planning their big day, for which she has a "clear vision." She told People magazine: "I'm excited. I'm in the stages of planning and very excited about it." The 'Cool for the Summer' hitmaker has "definitely" started dress shopping too. She said: "I've been thinking

about it and saving them to my Pinterest profile. Doing all the things." Demi is using online moodboard Pinterest "for all of it" when it comes to planning because she thinks the platform is "great". After the couple's engagement was made public, Jutes, 32, declared he was the "luckiest man alive." He wrote on Instagram: "yesterday i asked my best friend



Demi Lovato

to marry me and she said yes. i can't imagine my life without you and thank god now i'll never have to. feeling like the luckiest man alive right now. i'm so in love with you." The couple met when Jutes worked on Demi's 2022 album 'HOLY FVCK' and the 'Confident' singer previously gushed about how "super happy" she is to have found love with a friend. Speaking on SiriusXM's 'The Morning Mash Up' last summer, she said: "We're so happy. We became friends first.

"We were friends for several months and then we decided to start dating and well, after we told each other how we felt." Asked who initiated the conversation, Demi said it was a "mutual thing". She added: "We were texting, and he said something, and I was like, 'OK, if you take it one way, then I know you like me. If you don't, then...' You know that kind of thing? And so, I took it that way and he was like, 'OK, got it.' Yeah, I'm super happy, and he's my best friend."

## Jason Momoa is 'fighting' for kids to care about the environment

Celebretainment | Los Angeles

Jason Momoa is "fighting" for the next generation to want to care about the environment. The 44-year-old actor - who has Lola, 16, and 15-year-old Nakoa-Wolf with estranged wife Lisa Bonet - explored the need for sustainable and eco-friendly farming in his documentary 'Common Ground' and after showing it at his kids' school is hoping that it has an impact for years to come.



Jason Momoa

He told People: "I feel like I'm doing it and I'm almost force-feeding my children too much. I took it at their school and we played it at their school, and it was fun to watch all their friends watching it, but I'm like, secretly, I wish they even took it more to the next level. "I mean, I want the next generation to take it even more. And they are, some people are, but you just got to deal with what feels good to you and it just fuels me. That's what I'm fighting for."

## Robert Downey Jr insists Margot Robbie 'doesn't get enough credit' for vital Barbie scene

Celebretainment | Los Angeles

Robert Downey Jr. doesn't think Margot Robbie gets "enough credit" for 'Barbie'. The 'Oppenheimer' actor - whose film is competing with 'Barbie' in award season after their simultaneous releases prompted the 'Barbieheimer' trend - has weighed in after



Robert Downey Jr

the 33-year-old star missed out on a best actress nomination for her role as Mattel's iconic doll. In a discussion with Sterling K. Brown and Willem Dafoe for the SAG-AFTRA Foundation, he said: "It never fails to impress and remind me how little you need to do to be effective. "Just the simplest version of expression, that's what the camera wants. The closer the camera gets, the more it wants it."

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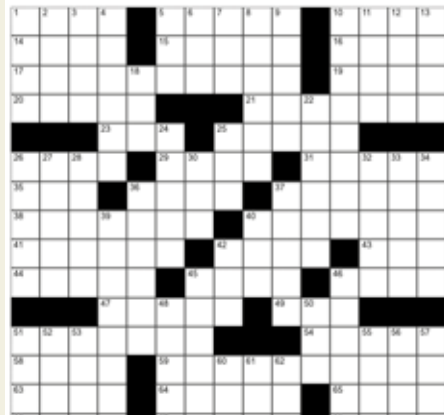
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### CROSSWORD



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1- Bring bad luck; 5- Facet; 10- One of the Three Bears; 14- On the main; 15- Sovereign; 16- Unsett; 17- Chili ingredient; 19- Inner drive; 20- Short literary composition; 21- Potassium (salt); 23- Yr.'s end; 25- Current location; 26- Queue after Q; 29- ... forgive our debtors; 31- New Hampshire's state flower; 35- Big galoot; 36- Tiger's choice; 37- Permanent-magnet alloy; 38- Sentimental songs; 40- Schedule of activities; 41- Foolish persons; 42- Agricultural implement; 43- First name in Notre Dame football; 44- Furnishings; 45- Apparatus for weaving; 46- Employ; 47- Brought into being; 49- Writer Rand; 51- European weasel; 54- Fuel transport; 58- Dagger of yore; 59- Anything unoriginal; 63- Desktop picture; 64- Brief; 65- ... saw Elba; 66- E-mail command; 67- Aggregate of qualities that make good character; 68- Witnessed;

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1- Fine; 2- Egyptian goddess of fertility; 3- Beatty and Rorem; 4- Place of contentment; 5- Be nosy; 6- Center of activity; 7- Bar order; 8- Medium setting; 9- Journalist Pyle; 10- Lamentation; 11- Pervasive quality; 12- High-ranking NCO; 13- To ... (perfectly); 18- CBS logo; 22- Fat used to make candles; 24- Parlor game; 25- Confess, with "up"; 26- Violently intense; 27- Club alternative; 28- Tending to a definite end; 30- Distress call; 32- Turkish money; 33- Without ... in the world; 34- Unconscious states; 36- Medical; 37- Bouquet; 39- Unfinished detail; 40- Arafat's org.; 42- Pea holder; 45- Mailed communique; 46- Combines; 48- Dreadlocks wearer; 50- ...-hoot; 51- Greek letters; 52- Some time ago; 53- Boxer Spinks; 55- Harp relative; 56- Pentathlon need; 57- Control; 60- Poetic conjunction; 61- Queue after Q; 62- Shoe width;

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## Jaiswal ton steers India to 336-6 in England Test



India's Yashasvi Jaiswal plays a shot

AFP | Visakhapatnam

Opener Yashasvi Jaiswal hit an unbeaten 179 as India took opening day honours in the second Test despite regular England strikes, including debutant Shoaib Bashir's two wickets, yesterday.

India, who trail the five-match series 1-0, reached 336-6 at stumps with the left-handed Jaiswal and Ravichandran Ashwin, on five, batting in Visakhapatnam.

Bashir and fellow spinner Rehan Ahmed took two wickets each.

Bashir, 20, got skipper Rohit Sharma as his first Test wicket and pace bowler James Anderson made it two down before Jaiswal hit back.

Jaiswal took on the England spinners to smash Tom Hartley for three successive boundaries and set the pace.

He reached his second Test ton with a six off Hartley and removed his helmet, raised his arms and blew a kiss to the cheering crowd.

It was India's first century in the series. England's Ollie Pope hit 196 in the opening Test.

Jaiswal kept up the attack and India dominated the final hour of play despite losing

Axar Patel and hometown hero K.S. Bharat.

The 22-year-old Jaiswal, playing his sixth Test, smashed 17 fours and five sixes to surpass his previous Test best of 171 on debut in the West Indies last year.

Bashir got Axar caught at backward point for his second wicket as he bowled disciplined spells to showcase his variety and guile in just his seventh first-class match.

The bowler was a late arrival in India after a visa delay -- the latest cricketer of Pakistani descent to have such troubles in India -- and missed the series opener.

Debutant Rajat Patidar made 32 before being bowled by Ahmed as the batsman's forward defensive stroke saw the ball, with backspin, roll onto the stumps.

Hartley, who returned figures of 7-62 in England's 28-run win in Hyderabad, had sent back Shreyas Iyer for 27 against the run of play in the second session.

Earlier, Jaiswal and Rohit started cautiously to drive the hosts to 40-0 in the first hour of play before Bashir broke through in the second over after the drinks break.

## Mayor of Ljubljana receives BRAVE CF president ahead of major announcement

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Brave Combat Federation will return to Slovenia for a huge spectacle on April 20. Ahead of the event's launch, which happens this week, Mohammed Shahid, Advisor to the President of the Bahrain Olympic Committee, CEO of KHK Sports, and president of BRAVE Combat Federation, was received by Zoran Jankovic, mayor of the country's capital, Ljubljana.

In a special meeting before tonight's press conference, Jankovic pledged the support of the city to BRAVE CF's events, which will take place on April 20 and October 19.

He also expressed his commitment to the growth of mixed martial arts and BRAVE Combat Federation in Ljubljana, as well as looking forward to the sports and MMA collaboration between Ljubljana and Bahrain through



Mohammed Shahid and Zoran Jankovic

BRAVE CF.

"It was a pleasure to meet Mayor Zoran Jankovic of Ljubljana, Slovenia, today to dis-

cuss the upcoming BRAVE CF / WFC event this year. BRAVE CF has traveled to 13 European countries and hosted 22

events in Europe to date. The Mayor has expressed his support to the MMA vision of His Highness Shaikh Khaled bin Hamad Al Khalifa and the sports values of BRAVE CF for the city of Ljubljana", said Mohammed Shahid, following the meeting.

Zlatko Mahic, president of WFC, BRAVE CF's partner in Slovenia, expressed his delight at the support of Jankovic and spoke of how MMA in Slovenia will thrive with BRAVE CF and WFC together.

"Today was an incredible day for the future of MMA in Ljubljana. We had the honor of meeting with Mayor Zoran Jankovic, who not only hosted us, but also showed his enthusiastic support for the sport. We were thrilled by the Mayor's genuine interest and commitment. With such strong backing, we look forward to more growth and success in the coming years."

## Al Nassr thrash Inter Miami as Ronaldo, Messi watch on

AFP | Riyadh

Al Nassr crushed Inter Miami 6-0 as injury ruled Cristiano Ronaldo out of a much-hyped showdown with Lionel Messi, who was limited to a late substitute appearance in Thursday's friendly in Riyadh.

Ronaldo's calf injury prompted Al Nassr to cancel their two-game China tour last week and it denied him what could have potentially been a last match against longtime rival Messi.

The pair have won a combined 13 Ballon d'Or awards, with Messi taking home the prize for a record eighth time last year. Their most recent meeting came in January 2023 when Ronaldo played in a Saudi



Lionel Messi waits to be substituted during the match

select team beaten 5-4 by Messi's PSG.

Instead, Brazilian Talisca upstaged the illustrious duo

with a hat-trick as the Saudi Pro League side demolished their Major League Soccer opponents, scoring three times in

the first 12 minutes.

Otavio drilled in the opener as Miami lost the ball trying to play out from the back, bringing Ronaldo to his feet to applaud from the stands.

A sliding Talisca turned in Al Nassr's second as the visitors again paid the price for conceding possession near their own box.

Aymeric Laporte scored the goal of the night, catching Miami goalkeeper Drake Callender off his line as he belted in a long-range free-kick from deep inside his own half.

Talisca got his second from the penalty spot minutes after half-time and Mohammed Maran looped in a header to compound Miami's misery.



# Three-way tie on top!

Jesper Svensson, Joel Girschbach and Dylan Frittelli share Bahrain Championship lead after day two

● **Jesper Svensson** cards "round of the day" of seven-under-par 65

● **Joel Girschbach** birdie-birdies last two holes to go for a two-under 70

● **Dylan Frittelli** birdies two of last three holes for a four-under 68

● **Alejandro Del Rey** sits alone in fourth, one shot behind leading trio

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Jesper Svensson, Joel Girschbach and Dylan Frittelli will take a one-stroke lead into round three of the Bahrain Championship presented by Bapco Energies, after reaching nine-under for the tournament as strong winds blew around the Royal Golf Club on day two yesterday.

Starting his round on the 10th hole, Challenge Tour graduate Svensson's six-under-par opening nine of 30 belied the difficult conditions as he carded four birdies and a spectacular eagle on the 14th after a 375-yard drive, followed by a 198-yard approach to six feet.

His second nine was a more conservative affair, bookended by birdies on holes one and nine with just one blemish on his card after a three-putt on the eighth as he signed for a "round of the day" seven-under-65.

"It was tough out there," said the Swede who admitted feeling under the weather for most of



Joel Girschbach of Switzerland celebrates a birdie putt on the 18th green during yesterday's second day of play

## Leaderboard After Day Two

POS	PLAYER	R2	TOTAL
T1	Dylan Frittelli (South Africa)	68	-9
T1	Jesper Svensson (Sweden)	65	-9
T1	Joel Girschbach (Switzerland)	70	-9
4	Alejandro Del Rey (Spain)	70	-8
T5	Ockie Strydom (South Africa)	71	-7
T5	Julien Guerrier (France)	67	-7
T5	Harrison Endycott (Australia)	68	-7
T5	Jamie Donaldson (Wales)	68	-7
T5	Tom Vaillant (France)	73	-7
T10	Scott Jamieson (Scotland)	71	-6
T10	Niklas Norgaard (Denmark)	69	-6
T10	Zander Lombard (South Africa)	73	-6

## BAHRAIN'S GOLFERS (Amateur)

130	Khalifa Al Meraisi	85	+21
131	Fahad Abdulla Sultan Mubarak	78	+22
132	Ahmed Al Zayed	93	+37

his time in Bahrain so far. "I decided from the beginning to play quite conservatively and play for the big targets. For the first part of the round, every time I had a putt it had a chance of going in.

"I hit it quite close on 14, so it was nice. It was a really bad bogey on eight, my 17th hole of the round, with a wedge in my hand after my tee shot, so it felt

good to make a birdie on the last.

"I've been sick most of the time this week so I'm just going to try and get some rest and hopefully get some energy back."

Girschbach got off to a slow start in the blustery conditions, dropping shots on the opening two holes before steadying the ship with birdies on holes four and six and reaching the turn level

“When I got out of bed this morning and checked outside it looked like horrendous wind out there so I wasn't too psyched up for the round but I knew that meant that if I played well I could move up the leaderboard and maybe push to the top

DYLAN FRITTELLI



Jesper Svensson plays his third shot from a bunker on the ninth hole yesterday

par for the day. He got to grips with the wind down the back nine and went birdie-birdie over the final two holes to end his round on a high, signing for a two under par 70.

## Happy

"I'm happy with it," said the Swiss Challenge Tour graduate who was playing on the Alps Tour just two years ago. "It was a brutal start with two bogeys in the wind. It was a tough one early in the morning but I stayed patient and I'm happy with that finish.

"The DP World Tour has been my goal for the past eight years so I just enjoy it now I'm here. I played well at the back end of last year on the Challenge Tour and I'm just enjoying it now I'm here. Trying to give my best.

"Let's see how tomorrow is going to be. I think it'll be a similar game plan to today. I think patience is the key. Try and hit the fairways and greens and give yourself chances. As simple as it sounds, that's the key."

South Africa's Frittelli finished his round in near darkness, carding two birdies in his last

three holes to move into a share of the lead with a four under par 68 while Spain's Alejandro Del Rey sits alone in fourth on eight under after signing for a two under par 70.

"I'm pretty excited," said two-time DP World Tour winner Frittelli. "When I got out of bed this morning and checked outside it looked like horrendous wind out there so I wasn't too psyched up for the round but I knew that meant that if I played well I could move up the leaderboard and maybe push to the top.

"I'm really proud of the way I played, I kept it in the fairways, kept it on the greens. I didn't putt too well today and hopefully I can rectify that but I'm super excited to be in contention again."

Fellow South African Ockie Strydom lies one shot further back at seven under after a 71 and is joined by Frenchman Julien Guerrier, the only bogey free player of the day with a 67, Australian Harrison Endycott (68), Welshman Jamie Donaldson (68) and round one leader Tom Vaillant of France who posted a

one over par round of 73.

## Entertainment

Away from course the Village Square was a hive of activity with plenty of activities and entertainment for the whole family.

A DJ provided the soundtrack to the day while the crowds enjoyed mini-golf, arts and crafts, kids' activities, face painting and glitter stations and free golf lessons while appetites were appeased by the wide range of food trucks on offer.

Seef Entertainment, a subsidiary of Seef Properties, generously donated 100 Play Vouchers which were being distributed to lucky recipients to be redeemed at Hawa, Magic Island or Yabee-la with thanks going to Essa Mohamed Najibi, Chairman of Seef Properties and Ahmed Yusuf, CEO of Seef Properties.

The curtain was brought down on another unforgettable day at Royal Golf Club by the dulcet sounds of live band Simple Soul on the big stage ahead of what promises to be a block-rocking round three in Bahrain.

## Smith, Green guide Australia to crushing win in 1st West Indies ODI

AFP | Melbourne

Skipper Steve Smith and Cameron Green eased Australia to a crushing eight-wicket victory over the West Indies with a dominant 149-run stand in the first one-day international in Melbourne yesterday.

Smith finished unbeaten on 79 off 79 balls and Green, batting at number three, was 77 not out from 104 balls as Australia cruised to the winning target of 232 with 11.3 overs to spare.

Opener Josh Inglis set up the platform with a pulsating 65 off 43 balls, including 10 fours and a six.

It was Australia's 10th consecutive ODI win, including their World Cup victory in India last year, and the pressure will be on the West Indies to prevent a series clean sweep.

It was all too easy for Australia, with Travis Head the only batting failure with four off five balls.

Debutant Australian pacer Xavier Bartlett was named the man of the match with 4-17 off nine overs, initiated by a wicket with only his third delivery.

"An amazing way to start, amazing to contribute to a win. Couldn't ask for much more,"



Australia's Steve Smith plays a shot

## Scorecard

**Australia 232 for 2 (Smith 79\*, Green 77\*, Inglis 65) beat West Indies 231 (Carty 88, Chase 59, Bartlett 4-17) by eight wickets**

Bartlett said.

"I've watched Steve Smith on TV for the last 10 years, to be out there now and be captained by him now is quite surreal."

Green raised his half-century off 62 balls, with Smith's 50 coming off 58 balls.

Inglis's fifty was powered off just 28 balls after he plundered

three boundaries off Matthew Forde's fourth over and swatted a huge six off Oshane Thomas over deep square leg.

But Inglis was out attempting to reverse-sweep Gudakesh Motie only to lob a catch to slip. When he departed, Australia were 83 for two and in the box seat in the 12th over.

Earlier, Keacy Carty was denied a century in the West Indies innings in a run out mix-up. He looked primed for his maiden ODI century before he was badly burnt by his batting partner Hayden Walsh and was run out for 88 off 108 balls.

“An amazing way to start, amazing to contribute to a win. Couldn't ask for much more. I've watched Steve Smith on TV for the last 10 years, to be out there now and be captained by him now is quite surreal

AUSTRALIAN PACEMAN XAVIER BARTLETT

Bartlett, playing in his first ODI along with fellow pacer Lance Morris (0-59), had a dream start, taking the top of Justin Greaves's off-stump with a big inswinger for one and picked up Alick Athanaze in his following over, caught behind for five.

Bartlett had the ball swinging appreciably and claimed the big wicket of skipper Shai Hope, caught at first slip by Matthew Short for 12, leaving him with 3-8 in five overs.

Leg-spinner Adam Zampa broke a flourishing 110-run partnership when Roston Chase attempted to sweep and was bowled for 59 off 67 balls.

## Rising Black Caps star Ravindra eager for South Africa Tests


AFP | Wellington

Rising Black Caps batting star Rachin Ravindra said yesterday he is relishing his next crack at Test cricket when New Zealand take on a weakened South Africa side this weekend.

The 24-year-old was voted emerging player of 2023 by the

International Cricket Council (ICC) after impressive displays at last year's 50-over World Cup.

World Cup centuries against eventual winners Australia, Pakistan and England earned Ravindra a recall to the Test side, two years after his last red-ball appearance.



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# Isle Of Jura takes Crown Prince's Cup

Victorious Racing's improving four-year-old graduates to pattern company in style at Rashid Equestrian and Horseracing Club

● **Michael Owen celebrates winner in Bahrain Turf Series as Roman Dragon scores with The Hawar Cup**

● **Locally trained Ecosystem holds on to lead late on to claim The Anchorman Cup sponsored by Howden**

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The rapidly improving Isle Of Jura made the transition from handicap company to pattern company look easy following an impressive win yesterday in the day's feature race at Rashid Equestrian and Horseracing Club (REHC), the Listed Crown Prince's Cup, sponsored by Cebarco.

The meeting was held under the patronage of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister. In attendance during yesterday's events were REHC honorary president His Highness Shaikh Abdulla bin Isa bin Salman Al Khalifa; His Majesty the King's humanitarian work and youth affairs representative and Supreme Council for Youth and Sports (SCYS) chairman His Highness Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa; SCYS first deputy chairman, General Sports Authority president and Bahrain Olympic Committee chief His Highness



HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa with Isle Of Jura in the winners' enclosure after taking the Crown Prince's Cup

Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa; Isa bin Salman Education Charitable Trust Board of Trustees chairman, the Labour Fund (Tamkeen) Board of Directors chairman and REHC High Committee chairman His Highness Shaikh Isa bin Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa; His Highness Shaikh Mohammed bin Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa; and other high-ranking officials.

Owned by HH Shaikh Nasser's Victorious Racing, trained by George Scott and ridden by Callum Shepherd, Isle Of Jura continued his rise through the ranks since arriving in Bahrain and winning a Bahrain Turf Series race to land his first pattern race, the US\$150,000 Crown

Prince's Cup.

Coming from the rear of the field in the 2,000m event to power home and win by three-and-three-quarter lengths, Isle Of Jura left a competitive nine-runner field trailing in his wake, with local runner American Flag, trained by Alan Smith and ridden by Gerald Mosse, finishing second; and fellow British raider Lucander trained by George Baker and ridden by Pat Cosgrave, in third.

Out of luck were the two Godolphin-owned horses, Local Dynasty in fifth and Passion And Glory in sixth.

Less than 12 months ago, Isle Of Jura was still a once-raced maiden heading to the horses-in-training sales. It was there he was picked out by Scott and bought to run in the red and

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My old boss, Sir Alex Ferguson, stood here not so long ago having won the big race, the Bahrain International Trophy, so it's clearly a lucky spot

MICHAEL OWEN

white colours of Victorious Racing.

A two-time winner in the UK last summer, both jockey and trainer said after yesterday's win that the time spent in Bahrain this winter has been making of the horse.

Shepherd said: "I just love the way he has grown up since he's been here, he now relaxes very well and he'll give himself every chance of getting further. Being over here, it's really made a man of him."

"This horse means a great deal to George and I. We have always taken this horse very seriously and for him to do that in front of his owners on home soil is really special, we're delighted."

Winning trainer Scott added: "He's a lovely horse and he's clearly improving. He's bred to be a good horse and the sky is the limit with him, although we will just enjoy today first."

"It's well documented that His Highness Shaikh Nasser has been a huge supporter of mine, and to repay him in this way is so exciting."

**Bahrain Turf Series**

Meanwhile, The Hawar Cup, run over 1,200m for the sprint division of the Bahrain Turf Series,



HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa being awarded by HH Shaikh Isa bin Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa

ies, produced a one-two for the international raiders.

First home was Roman Dragon for trainer Hugo Palmer and owners Michael Owen and Nick Hughes, providing a first Turf Series race win for local jockey Ebrahim Nader.

In second was the ultra-consistent Brazen Bolt, trained by John and Sean Quinn and ridden by Alberto Sanna, who maintains his lead at the top of the Bahrain Turf Series standings for the sprint division.

Former England striker and co-owner of Roman Dragon Owen said after the win: "We're absolutely delighted. He has got speed to burn but we often think he's better round a turning track than a straight track, so today is a lovely surprise."

"We thought beforehand Box To Box would be in the first three and this horse (Roman Dragon) would be in the last three, but it happened the other way round!"

"Me and Nick own the horse;

I bred him and we've owned him all his life. It's my first time here and I am really enjoying it. My old boss, Sir Alex Ferguson, stood here not so long ago having won the big race, the Bahrain International Trophy, so it's clearly a lucky spot."

The Anchorman Cup sponsored by Howden, which was round four in the middle-distance division of the Bahrain Turf Series, produced a fantastic finish in which the locally trained Ecosystem narrowly held off The Parent and Burglar by a head and a neck at the end of the 1,800m race.

Trained by Ebrahaim Haider, Ecosystem was running in the colours of Khalid Abdulrahim, Chairman of Cebarco and sponsors of the Crown Prince's Cup, and clearly improved for the step up in trip from a mile to record the biggest win of his career to date.

The two placed horses, both running for trainer Alan Smith and Al Adiyat Racing, come out of the race with a lot of credit.

The Parent, under Gerald Mosse made the running and fought back strongly when challenged by Ecosystem, while the lightly raced Burglar, under Bahrain Turf Club ambassador Tom Marquand, did best of those closing from the chasing pack, followed by the first of the international raiders, Parlando, for Ian Williams and Paddy Mathers, who finished fourth.



Michael Owen, centre, with fellow-winners after being presented their awards for The Hawar Cup



HH Shaikh Abdulla bin Isa bin Salman Al Khalifa awards winners

## Immortal, Obeyan 1777 win other cups honouring HRH the CP, PM

● **Hercules triumphs in Bahrain Derby race for owner Abdulla Fawzi Nass**

● **Galatia takes Bahrain Oaks for HH Shaikh Hamad bin Abdulla bin Isa Al Khalifa**

● **Panning for Gold clinches The Howden Cup for Al Mohamediya Racing**

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Immortal and Obeyan 1777 were triumphant yesterday to



HH Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa being awarded

take the other two cups dedicated to His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, both sponsored by Cebarco.

Immortal was the winner in the day's eighth and final race, held for local breeds over 10 furlongs with US\$40,000 in total winnings.

Immortal triumphed for own-

er Mohammed Khalid Abdulrahim, trainer Haider Ebrahim and jockey Alberto Sanna. Midhaal came second for Al Nuwayef Racing, Abdulla Kuwaiti and Abdulrahim Jasim; while Taaris was third for Abdulla Fawzi Nass, Fawzi Nass and Husain Makki.

Meanwhile, Obeyan 1777 claimed the win in the day's first race, a WAHO event held over seven furlongs with US\$14,000 in prize money.

Competing for owners Al Khaldiya and trainer Fawzi Nass, the seven-year-old was ridden by jockey Stephane Ladjadj. Kuheilal Al Adiyat 1782 came second for Victorious, Yousif Taher and Soufiane Saadi, while in third was Kuheilal Weld Umm Zorayr 1797, racing for Al Khaldiya, Fawzi Nass and Neil Callan.

Also yesterday, Hercules showed its might by winning the Bahrain Derby in the day's seventh and penultimate race, held over 10 furlongs with US\$32,500 in total winnings. The four-year-old gelding, owned by Abdulla Fawzi Nass and trained by Fawzi Nass, was ridden by Stephane Ladjadj. Haddar came second for Al Mohamediya Racing, Fawzi Nass and Neil Callan; while Scorpius made it a second Abdulla Fawzi Nass-Fawzi Nass horse in the event's top three, ridden by Husain Makki.

Galatia lifted the Bahrain Oaks, sponsored by Al Muzdaher Stud, trophy in race three, held for local breeds over nine furlongs with a US\$20,500 total prize. The four-year-old filly triumphed for owner HH Shaikh Hamad bin Abdulla bin Isa Al

Khalifa and trainer Haider Ebrahim while saddled by Alberto Sanna. Echo Through Time was second for Al Adiyat Racing, AM Smith and Gerald Mosse; while Carina was third for Fateel Brothers Syndicate, Basem Mahdi and Marcialis Jaures.

Elsewhere, Panning for Gold clinched The Howden Cup in race two, held over 12 furlongs for imported horses with US\$14,000 in prize money. The four-year-old gelding took first place for Al Mohamediya Racing, Fawzi Nass and Neil Callan. Young Ireland was the runner-up for Al Afoo Racing, Jaber Ramadhan and Soufiane Saadi; while in third was Illuminated, competing for Mohammed Khalid Abdulrahim, Haider Ebrahim and Alberto Sanna.