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Circular on Hijri New Year holiday



HRH Prince Salman
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His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, yesterday issued a circular regarding the 1446 AH Hijri New Year holiday. According to the circular, the Kingdom's ministries and public institutions will be closed on the 1st of Muharram, corresponding to Sunday, 7 July 2024.

Stampede at religious event in India kills 116

AFP | Lucknow, India

At least 116 people were crushed to death at an overcrowded Hindu religious gathering in northern India yesterday, government officials said, the worst such tragedy in more than a decade. A large crowd had gathered for a sermon by a popular preacher near the northern Indian city of Hathras, but as they were leaving, a fierce dust storm sparked panic. Many were crushed or trampled, falling on top of each other, with some collapsing into a roadside drain in the chaos. *(Detailed report on World Page)*

Judge postpones verdict on Trump

AFP | New York

A judge postponed yesterday Donald Trump's sentencing for covering up hush money payments until September 18, the first fallout of a Supreme Court ruling on presidential immunity, pushing it to after the Republican convention. The top court ruled Monday that Trump enjoys immunity from prosecution as a former president, a decision also set to delay trial for conspiring to overturn the 2020 election.

Rush Hour Blues: Roadworks Bite

Summer heat and infrastructure projects across Kingdom drive road congestion

Shopping frenzy triggers traffic jams around malls following payday

Mohammed Darwish
TDT | Manama

Bahrain is currently experiencing heightened traffic congestion in the early evening, caused by several factors shaping urban dynamics. As temperatures rise, many residents delay errands until cooler evening hours, flooding roads with vehicles. Simultaneously, ongoing infrastructure projects lead to road closures and diversions, disrupting traffic flow. Following payday, there is typically a surge in shopping and leisure activities, leading to heightened traffic around malls, shops, and entertainment venues.

Residents can manage traffic by running errands in the morning to avoid evening rush, and staying informed about road closures for smoother travel.

Residents are advised to prioritize morning errands to avoid the evening rush and stay informed about ongoing road closures and diversions. This helps in choosing alternative routes



Representative image

and minimizing delays.

Additionally, scheduling shopping and leisure activities dur-

ing off-peak hours can alleviate traffic congestion and enhance overall travel experiences.

Implementing these strategies enables Bahrain's residents to efficiently manage their

schedules and navigate prevailing traffic conditions more effectively.

Tensions escalate

Turkey detains hundreds after anti-Syrian riots

AFP | Istanbul

Turkish authorities said yesterday they had detained over 470 people after anti-Syrian riots in several cities sparked by accusations that a Syrian man had harassed a child. Tensions escalated from Sunday following violence in a central Anatolian city after a mob went on the rampage, damaging businesses and properties belonging to the Syrians. "474 people were detained after the provocative actions" carried out against Syrians in



A protestor stands in front a burning Turkish truck during protests against Turkey in al-Bab, in the northern Syrian opposition held region of Aleppo. (AFP)

Turkey, Interior Minister Ali Yerlikaya said on X. A group of men targeted Syrian businesses and properties in Kayseri on Sunday, with videos on social media showing a grocery store being set on fire. In one of the videos a Turkish man was heard shouting: "We don't want any more Syrians! We don't want any more foreigners." A court in Kayseri ordered the Syrian man's arrest late on Monday, Justice Minister Yilmaz Tunc said, adding: "The child and her family are under our state's protection".

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From earth to space

Bahrain hosts first-ever International Space Forum; IAF President pledges support for Kingdom's space ambitions

● - Emirati astronaut shares breathtaking perspective from Space Station

● - UAE prioritises collaboration for space exploration

● - Saudi Arabia unveils plans for lunar space station

Ashen Tharaka
TDT | Manama

History was made yesterday as Bahrain hosted the 6th International Space Forum at Ministerial Level, titled "Space as a Game-Changer for Diplomacy and Economic Development in the Region."

The event, held at the Gulf Convention Centre, marked a significant milestone for the region's growing space industry.

Inspiration from an Emirati Astronaut

Emirati astronaut Sultan Al Neyadi, a true pioneer, shared a breathtaking perspective.

Gazing down at Earth from the International Space Station, he described it as "a breathtaking marble, both magnificent and fragile."

This stark realisation under-



Participants at the 6th International Space Forum (Pictures by Ashen Tharaka)

scored the importance of space exploration and the development of technologies to sustain life on our precious planet.

In an interview with The Daily Tribune, he urged young minds across the region to reach for the stars and pursue careers in this burgeoning field.

International collaboration

Clay Mowry, President of the International Astronautical Federation (IAF), beamed with optimism about the forum's potential to translate space dreams into concrete realities.

"Space," he declared, "is the new frontier, and it's becoming increasingly accessible."

He spoke of the tireless efforts of companies and science agencies worldwide pushing the boundaries of space research and implementation.

His enthusiasm was contagious, even hinting at the IAF's interest in bringing the prestigious International Astronaut-



Dr. Sultan Al Neyadi in an interview with The Daily Tribune

cal Congress to Bahrain in the future.

Focus on education and regional cooperation

The forum marked the first time the GCC Secretary General participated in a space-related event.

Dr. Mohamed Ebrahim Al-Aseeri, CEO of Bahrain's National Space Science Agency (NSSA), emphasised the importance of education, particularly for the region's youth. He envisioned a



MUGSHOT - "Young minds, look up! See Earth as I did, a breathtaking marble. It's our challenge to protect it. Pursue careers in space exploration, the future depends on it."

- SULTAN AL NEYADI, EMIRATI ASTRO-NAUT

future where Bahrain establishes a center dedicated to analysing space data.

UAE and Saudi Arabia's ambitious space plans

The forum also provided a platform for showcasing ambitious regional space programs.

Salem Al Marri, Director General of the Mohammed bin Rashid Space Centre, outlined the UAE's focus on international collaboration, particularly with



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the US, in their pursuit of space exploration as a gateway to the Universe.

Additionally, news emerged about Saudi Arabia's plans to launch the world's first space station orbiting the Moon.

The forum was inaugurated by H.E. Mohamed bin Thamer AlKaabi, Bahrain's Minister of Transportation and Telecommunications and Chairman of the National Space Science Agency (NSSA).

H.E. Jasem Mohamed Al-Budaiwi, Secretary General of the

Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC), also addressed the gathering. This first-ever GCC-focused space forum brought together regional ministers, astronauts, and industry experts for a stimulating exchange of ideas.

The 6th International Space Forum at Ministerial Level marked a pivotal moment for the Gulf region's space industry.

The event fostered collaboration, highlighted the importance of space exploration, and ignited the imaginations of young minds who may one day reach for the stars.

Bahrain Unveils Dilmun Hills Museum: A Cultural Gemstone in the Making

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History buffs and pottery enthusiasts rejoice! Bahrain is about to add a dazzling new attraction to its crown: The Dilmun Hills Museum.

This ambitious project promises an immersive journey into the ancient Dilmun civilization, all while fostering local crafts, tourism, and a realty boom in the region.

Spearheaded by MP Dr. Maryam Al-Dhaen, the museum will showcase the iconic Aali Burial Mounds and Royal Burial Mounds, acting as a vibrant hub for artisans, residents, and visitors alike. Imagine learning about ancient pottery traditions alongside local experts, or strolling through the enhanced Royal Burial Mounds on a dedicated walking trail!

But that's not all. The museum also plans to house a dedicated Pottery Centre, aiming to transform Aali pottery into a globally recognized brand. This exciting initiative celebrates Bahrain's rich heritage while fostering local entrepreneurship.

"This museum will be a gateway to the past," said Dr. Al-Dhaen, hinting at a potential cultural studies and research center within the museum walls. "Visitors can expect an unparalleled exploration



MP Dr. Maryam Al-Dhaen

through time, developed in collaboration with UNESCO."

The Dilmun Hills Museum perfectly complements Bahrain's existing cultural gems, like the UNESCO-listed Bahrain Fort and the Pearling Path.

Capital of Gulf tourism

This project aligns with Manama's recent designation as the capital of Gulf tourism, highlighting Dr. Al-Dhaen's commitment to revitalize the sector.

She applauded the collaborative efforts of Her Excellency Fatima bint Jaffer Al Sairafi, Minister of Tourism; Bahrain Tourism and Exhibitions Authority; and the Bahrain Authority for Culture and Antiquities, emphasizing their dedication to diversifying Bahrain's offerings and solidifying its position as a must-visit destination.

Golden circle tickets sold out for American singer SZA show

Zahra Ayaz
TDT | Manama

Al Dana Amphitheater last week announced the famous female pop singer SZA is coming to Bahrain to perform. However, golden circle tickets sold out within five minutes of being made available online.

SZA's performance is scheduled for November 20th, and anticipation among her younger fans is high for her live performance in Bahrain.

Her songs have consistently been popular choices on TikTok and Instagram Reels, and she has collaborated with renowned artists such as Travis Scott and Drake.

The online response was marked by disappointment as many fans were unable to se-



American singer SZA

cure golden circle tickets. Al Dana's official account received numerous frustrated comments questioning how tickets could sell out so quickly. Al Dana also announced two ticket phases:

Phase 1 tickets, available from July 1st to July 31st, include

golden circle tickets at BD30 and general admission (Sections B-F) also at BD30.

Phase 2 tickets, available from August 1st to November 20th, feature golden circle tickets at BD30 and general admission at BD40.

Ministry, GFG sign golden sponsorship deal for BIAS 2024

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The Ministry of Transportation and Telecommunications and Gulf Air Group Holding Company (GFG), signed a golden sponsorship agreement for the Bahrain International Airshow (BIAS) 2024, which will be held under the patronage of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, during November 13-15 at the Sakhr Air Base.

The Bahrain International Airshow (BIAS) 2024 is organised in collaboration between the Bahrain Ministry of Transportation and Telecommunications, the Royal Bahraini Air Force, and Farnborough International.

Bharatanatyam Arangetram: Rich tradition of Bharat

● Classical dancers shine

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Bharatanatyam is an Indian Classical Dance which originated in the temples of the Indian state of Tamil Nadu.

Bharatanatyam Arangetram is a significant milestone in the journey of a classical dancer as it marks their debut performance as a solo artist after several years of rigorous training under a Guru.

Six disciples of renowned Bharatanatyam Guru Smt. Hansul Gani of Bahrain recently marked their debut as solo

Bharatanatyam dancers with a mesmerizing Arangetram in Bahrain's prestigious Cultural Hall on May 24, 2024.

The six disciples are Ms. Charvi Sai Kommineni, Ms. Kanishka Saravanan, Ms. Rishikha Shree Rajasekar, Ms. Samadrita Chakraborty, Ms. Shreshtha Pooven Chathoth & Ms. Shreya Nayani. It was a captivating

display of skill, dedication and devotion to this ancient classical dance form by the dancers.

The event was attended by over 750 enthusiastic spectators, including distinguished guests such as Shri Amar Nath Sharma, Dr. Arun Kumar Sharma, Mr. Ebrahim Mohamed Saad Eid, Ms. Molly Mammen and Ms. Monica Sethi.

Man punished for forcing friend's wife into prostitution

● Cassation Court upholds 10-year prison sentence

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The Cassation Court, Bahrain's highest court, has upheld a sentence of 10 years in prison for a man who forced his friend's wife into prostitution with the help of her husband (his friend).

The court also ordered the deportation of both men after serving their sentences.

The victim, a woman from an Arab country, was lured to Bahrain by her husband under the pretense of a honeymoon.

Upon arrival, she was held captive by her husband and his friend, a Bahraini national, and forced into prostitution.

Death

The court heard that the husband and his friend, a man in his 50s, had beaten the woman and threatened her with death until she succumbed to their demands.

She was forced to engage in



prostitution until she managed to escape and report the incident to the police.

The court also acquitted the friend's 20-year-old son of any involvement in the crime, stating that police investigations alone were insufficient evidence to convict him.

Confinement

The court highlighted that the prosecution had failed to provide any proof of the son's involvement in the victim's confinement.

The prosecution had accused the three men of human trafficking, forced confinement, assault, and inciting the victim to engage in prostitution.

The court found that the husband and his friend had conspired to exploit the woman for financial gain.

Dispute turns violent

Customer service gone wrong, market worker arrested for attempted murder

● Brutal knife attack leaves victim with serious injuries

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A customer service dispute at the Central Market in Bahrain took a dire turn when a worker was arrested for attempted murder following a violent altercation with another worker.

The incident, which resulted in the victim sustaining a permanent disability, reportedly began over a disagreement regarding a customer.

According to the victim, an Asian national, the altercation began when he and the suspect, a 44-year-old Asian man, argued over a customer while both were working at the market.

The suspect then reportedly pulled out a knife and repeatedly stabbed the victim, causing serious injuries to his back, shoulder, arm, and face.

The victim managed to escape and seek help from passersby,



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who alerted authorities.

The suspect fled the scene but was later apprehended by police.

During questioning, the suspect admitted to stabbing the victim but claimed he was acting in self-defense, stating that the victim had initially attacked him.

However, medical reports confirmed that the victim suffered multiple stab wounds and sustained a 10% permanent disability as a result of the attack.



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The Public Prosecution has presented evidence including witness testimonies, medical reports, and the suspect's confession, supporting the charge of attempted murder.

The prosecution has expressed its strong condemnation of the act, calling it "alien to Bahraini society," and has requested the court to impose the maximum penalty.

The court has scheduled a hearing for July 9th to further consider the case. The suspect remains in custody.

Traffic advisory for road works

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The Ministry of Works, in collaboration with the General Traffic Department of the Ministry of Interior, has issued a notice regarding upcoming road maintenance and development activities that will impact traffic flow in several areas.

Paving works on Zallaq Street, specifically between the Rashid Equestrian Club intersection and Zallaq Bridge, necessitate the closure of one and two lanes in stages heading west towards Zallaq.

These closures will be in effect from tomorrow, at 11pm until Saturday, July 6, 2024, at noon.

Likewise, effective tomorrow at 11pm, the Ministry of Works has announced the closure of one lane on Janabiya Street, affecting southbound traffic between the intersection of Street 65 and Road 6123.

This closure will be implemented in stages and will be in place until Sunday, July 7, 2024, at 5am.

Motorists are advised of the closure of the left turn at the intersection of Road 4745 with Al Janabiya Street, starting from tomorrow at 11pm. This closure is expected to last for a duration of three weeks.

During these periods, citizens and residents are reminded to adhere strictly to traffic rules and regulations to ensure the safety and smooth flow of traffic.

MP hails royal directives to revitalise historic Manama Souq

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MP Mohammed Janahi, representative of the First Constituency of the Capital Governorate, has expressed his gratitude to His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, for the directives issued to revitalise the historical area of the Manama Souq during Monday's Cabinet session.

These directives call for a comprehensive plan to preserve Manama Souq's historical and cultural identity while addressing the region's infrastructure needs.

Janahi regards these direc-

“The directives reflect the government's determination to develop market infrastructure in a way that showcases Bahrain's cultural heritage and enhances its status as a distinguished tourist destination that the country can be proud of.”

- MP MOHAMMED JANAH, REPRESENTATIVE OF THE FIRST CONSTITUENCY OF THE CAPITAL GOVERNORATE



tives as indicative of the government's resolve to fulfil the royal order of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa to preserve the historical and cultural identity of Bahrain's buildings

and cities.

“The directives demonstrate His Highness's concern for issues affecting the Kingdom and its citizens,” Janahi said. “They also reflect the government's

determination to develop market infrastructure in a way that showcases Bahrain's cultural heritage and enhances its status as a distinguished tourist destination that the country can be

proud of.”

Janahi also praised the broader development efforts across Bahrain's governorates, noting the urban expansion and major projects witnessed in recent decades.

He emphasised that the continuation of these visions and plans is a source of pride, coinciding with Bahrain's celebration of the 25th anniversary of HM King Hamad's accession to the throne.

“Over the past two decades, the Kingdom of Bahrain has witnessed significant growth across various levels and fields,” Janahi said, illustrating the government's sustained drive for development.

BD10,000 embezzlement

Ex-food truck employee ordered to repay funds

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The Cassation Court has upheld a ruling ordering a former employee of a popular food truck to repay over BD10,000, the amount she embezzled from the business.

The 23-year-old employee, who was initially sentenced to six months in prison by the lower court, was also ordered to pay BD10,120.10 to the food truck owner.

The court allowed her to substitute the prison sentence with community service for an equivalent duration and set bail at BD50 for the suspen-

sion of the sentence.

The civil claim was referred to the competent civil court with-

out costs.

The Public Prosecution accused the employee of embezzling cash belonging to the food truck during June 2023.

The employee, who was responsible for

collecting payments, allegedly collected money from several businesses, totaling BD2,837,650, BD3,792,260, BD1,220,800, and BD2,269,300.

However, instead of depositing these funds, she allegedly embezzled them and gave a portion to a second defendant, who was later acquitted by the lower court.

Guilty

The court found the employee guilty of embezzlement, stating that the evidence presented clearly indicated her actions.

The court, however, acquitted the second defendant, finding insufficient evidence to support the charges against him.

The court noted that the prosecution relied solely on the testimony of the first defendant, which was considered unreliable and lacked supporting evidence.



Council reviews Ashura season preparations

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The Jaafari Endowments Council held its annual meeting with the heads of the maatem (community centres) and those in charge of them, as well as representatives of the authorities responsible for organising the Ashoora commemoration and Hussein procession.

Yousif bin Saleh Al Saleh, Chairman of the Jaafari Endowments Council, commended the directives of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, and His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, for their support of religious rituals, particularly during the Ashoora, and the support of national entities and institutions to seamlessly conduct the commemoration of this occasion annually.

Digital transformation

H.E. Minister Al Mubarak unveils new enhancements to Benayat building permit portal

Mohammed Darwish
TDT | Manama

H.E. Eng. Wael bin Nasser Al Mubarak, the Minister of Municipalities Affairs and Agriculture, has announced the introduction of two novel e-services within the “Benayat” building permit portal: the “big addition service” and the “small addition service.”

The Minister articulated that the big addition service will initially cater to investment projects designated for non-residential purposes, whilst the small addition service will be accessible across all classifications as part of the ongoing enhancement of the “Benayat”



“Efforts are continuously being made to refine and advance the procedures associated with the “Benayat” system.”

- H.E. ENG. WAEL BIN NASSER AL MUBARAK, THE MINISTER OF MUNICIPALITIES AFFAIRS AND AGRICULTURE



The new upgraded online system elevates the construction standards

investment opportunities within the Kingdom.

This transformation has been achieved through the introduc-

tion of a unified guide for building requirements, the re-engineering of procedures, and the development of a dedicated electronic system that facilitates and accelerates the issuance of building permits.

Minister Al Mubarak stated that efforts are continuously being made to refine and advance the procedures associated with the “Benayat” system.

The objective is to ensure that the portal remains on a par with all stages of the building licensing service, from monitoring and management to evaluation, thereby enhancing the Kingdom’s competitiveness in urban development both regionally and globally.

Tender Board opens bids for diverse projects and services

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The Tender Board opened bids for eight new projects and services on Monday. A total of 44 bids were submitted.

The Board opened a tender for consulting services related to the Dilmun Burial Mounds Museum and the preservation of the Royal Burial Mounds and the Pottery Hub. Ten bids were received, with the lowest bid of BD79,600 submitted by Al Aali Engineering Consultants.

A tender was opened for the maintenance of air conditioning and mechanical equipment in the Royal Terminal at Bahrain International Airport. Eight bids were received, with Dalkia US Chillers Services LLC submitting the lowest bid of BD86,124.

Leak locations

In an effort to reduce water network losses, the Electricity and Water Authority (EWA) opened a tender to identify leak locations. Two bids were received, with the lowest from B10 Consulting LLC at a value of BD617,833.

The Bahrain Tourism and Exhibitions Authority (BTEA) opened two tenders: one for implementing outdoor advertisements for the 2024 Bahrain Festive season in GCC countries, with the lowest bid of BD291,929 from Vallay Media International, and another to provide support and development services for the Microsoft Dynamics 365 system, with the lowest bid of BD71,412 from Tech Bay IT Solutions.

The Board opened a tender for Gulf Air to allocate hotels for its premium passengers’ layovers in Bahrain. Four bids were received, with the lowest from Downtown Rotana Hotel LLC at a value of BD28.

Former EWA employee accused of forgery

Defendant’s lawyer denies charges, claims accuser’s retaliation

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A former employee of the Electricity and Water Authority (EWA) is facing charges of forgery after allegedly using fake disconnection notices to pressure a tenant into paying rent.

The defendant, who was convicted in the first instance court and sentenced to one year in prison, is now appealing the verdict.

The defendant’s lawyer, Jawad Al Salman, vehemently denied the charges, claiming that his client was wrongfully accused and that the tenant was attempting to retaliate against the defendant for filing a criminal complaint against him for illegal electricity and water connections.

“My client had already ob-



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tained a court order to terminate the lease agreement and evict the tenant due to serious violations of the lease,” Al Salman explained. “The tenant’s actions,

including the illegal connections, were a major factor in the termination of the lease.”

Al Salman further argued that the tenant had no reason to file a complaint against his client, as the electricity account was registered under the defendant’s name.

Disconnection notices

He also emphasised that the defendant worked in the accounts department at EWA and had no involvement in the disconnection notices or the viola-

tions department.

“It is illogical for my client to forge a disconnection notice and send it to himself,” Al Salman stated. “The tenant’s accusation is purely malicious and aimed at harming my client for exposing his illegal activities.”

The prosecution alleges that the defendant, while working at EWA, forged two official disconnection notices from the customer services department. The notices were allegedly used to coerce the tenant into paying rent.

Summer camp for youth



The Chief of Public Security, Lt-General Tariq Al Hassan, paid an inspection visit to the Royal Academy of Police (RAP) summer camp, which is organised in cooperation with Tamkeen and aims to invest youth’s time and energies in building their capabilities and knowledge and reinforcing national values. The camp’s primary objectives are to promote national values, foster a sense of belonging, enhance capabilities, and unearth talents.



Coast Guard inspection campaigns

The Coast Guard conducts inspection campaigns to address maritime violations and ensure sailors’ and fishermen’s compliance with fishing regulatory rules. Its patrols have implemented land and sea campaigns in the Northern coastal areas, including checking maritime licenses and the availability of safety equipment for small ships.

Alumni Club Library in Adliya inaugurated



H.E. Dr. Mohammed bin Mubarak Juma tours the library

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The Minister of Education, His Excellency Dr. Mohammed bin Mubarak Juma, inaugurated the Alumni Club Library at its headquarters in Adliya.

The ceremony was attended by H.E. Shaikh Rashid bin Abdulrahman Al Khalifa, Governor of the Capital Governorate, and Abdulrahman Mohammed Jamsheer, Member of the Shura Council and Honorary Member of the Club, alongside various officials and club members.

Mr. Abdul Latif Ahmed Al Zayani, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Alumni Club, delivered an address expressing gratitude for the ongo-

ing support from the Ministry of Education and other public and private sector entities.

Al Zayani emphasised the significance of the Alumni Club Library as a pivotal hub for fostering an engaged intellectual community among graduates.

He highlighted its role in providing extensive and diverse information resources, fostering a conducive environment for research activities, professional development, and community engagement.

The Chairman elaborated on the library’s transformation from a conventional paper-based facility to a modern educational platform featuring an extensive electronic research database.

Alba scoops top safety honours

● Wins British Safety Council Award 2024 with merit

TDT | Manama

Aluminium Bahrain (Alba), the world's largest single-site smelter, continues to demonstrate its Safety leadership, cementing its position as one of safety industry leaders. This achievement is underscored by the recent win of the prestigious British Safety Council (BSC)'s International Safety Award 2024 with Merit.

Recognising Alba's exceptional Safety record over the past year, the award was presented during the BSC's International



The award ceremony

al Safety Awards Gala Dinner that was held on Friday 07 June 2024 at the InterContinental London Park Lane Hotel, United Kingdom. Nezar Hameed, Alba's Senior Safety and Health Manager proudly received the

recognition from Michael Robinson, CEO of the British Safety Council in the presence of Zainab Hassan, Alba's Head of Medical Administration.

On this occasion, Alba's Chief Executive Officer, Ali Al Baqali,

commented: "At Alba, Safety isn't just a priority, it's a shared responsibility. A strong Safety culture, where teamwork and prioritising Safety are fundamental, is embedded throughout our organisation. By empowering our employees to prioritise Safety in all aspects of their work, we've built a strong foundation for a zero-accident environment. This award from the British Safety Council is a proud testament to our entire team's dedication."

Since 2014, Alba has received a total of 11 awards by the British Safety Council. In November 2023, Alba was the first smelter in the GCC to achieve the coveted 4-star audit rating, following a successful Five Star Occupational Health and Safety Audit conducted by the British Safety Council.

BisB launches "BisB Live" interactive event

● Features Various Sessions and Prizes

TDT | Manama

Bahrain Islamic Bank (BisB), the leading provider of innovative Islamic financial solutions for simplifying money matters in the Kingdom of Bahrain, has announced the launch of 'BisB Live', an interactive virtual event designed to reward its valued customers and promote the Bank's diverse offerings.

From 2nd July to 4th July 2024, 'BisB Live' promises various live sessions filled with exciting prizes and engaging activities streamed on both Instagram and YouTube. The extensive prize pool boasts up to BD10,000 in total, with over 40 winners standing a chance to secure cash prizes starting from BD50 and up to BD1,000. Furthermore, ten iPhone 15 devices will be given out during the event.

Ms. Fatema AlAlawi, Chief Retail Banking Officer at BisB said, "By leveraging the power of social media and interactive content, we aim to strengthen our relationships with our valued clients and reinforce our position as a pioneering financial institution that rewards their loyalty."



Fatema AlAlawi, Chief Retail Banking Officer at BisB

Additionally, Bahrain Islamic Bank (BisB) will collaborate with several prominent social media influencers to enhance efforts to expand reach and engagement across the community. A special session of the live streaming will feature specific prizes dedicated to the youth.

Customers can increase their chances of winning by partaking in a range of activities throughout the event. These include topping up their Tejuori Al Islami account balance by at least BD50, utilising their BisB VISA Credit Card during the live sessions, and making transactions with the Vevo Youth Accounts or BisB Arcade Cards.

The Bank invites customers to join the BisB Live experience, participate in engaging activities and enjoy opportunities to win instant prizes.

Batelco and Grnata partners to bring cutting-edge technology to Golden Gate Residential Towers

TDT | Manama

Batelco, part of the Beyon Group, signed an agreement with Grnata, a real estate group, to provide smart solutions for the Golden Gate residential towers project located in Bahrain Bay. The agreement was signed by Hassan Al Mushaima, Chairman of Grnata Real Estate Group, and Maitham Abdulla, Chief Executive Officer of Batelco at Beyon's headquarters, in the presence of representatives from both companies.

Through this partnership, Batelco will implement the latest technology solutions for the Golden Gate towers, which are amongst the highest residential towers in Bahrain, to provide a high-end smart living experience for residents.

Key among the deliverables is the installation of a customized In-Building Solution (IBS) by Batelco, designed to strengthen wireless signal quality and cov-



Officials following the deal signing

erage on even the highest floors. This cutting-edge connectivity solution ensures superior connectivity throughout the towers. Additionally, advanced video surveillance (CCTV) systems will be deployed to heighten security measures, granting residents enhanced peace of mind.

Moreover, The Golden Gate towers will also be equipped with the latest technology systems to provide residents with remote control over their

apartment. This includes lighting, air conditioning, windows, curtains, and main door access. The system will be designed to be compatible with future advancements in home automation, ensuring the residents can benefit from any emerging smart home capabilities.

Hassan Al Mushaima, Chairman of Grnata Real Estate Group said: "We are excited to leverage Batelco's innovative capabilities to create a sophisticated and fu-

ture-ready smart infrastructure for the Golden Gate Towers and provide our customers with the very best modern apartments in the market."

Maitham Abdulla, Batelco CEO, stated: "By integrating the latest smart home features and connectivity throughout the towers, we can provide residents with a lifestyle that is not only luxurious, but also highly convenient, efficient, and secure."

Trump Organization announces deal for Saudi tower

AFP | Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

The Trump Organization on Monday announced a deal to partner with a Saudi developer on a high-rise tower in the coastal city of Jeddah, its latest project in the oil-rich Gulf.

Trump Tower Jeddah will target "the luxury Saudi Arabian market and international investors," real estate developer Dar Global said in a press release.

Dar Global is the international subsidiary of Saudi developer Dar Al Arkan.

"We are thrilled to expand our footprint in the Middle East and bring the Trump standard of luxury to the region through our long-standing relationship with Dar Global," Eric Trump, the former president's son and executive vice president of the Trump Organization, said in a statement announcing Trump Tower Jeddah on Monday.

Bahrain Tourism & Exhibitions Authority joins hands with NBB for Bahrain toy festival

TDT | Manama

Bahrain Tourism and Exhibitions Authority (BTEA) has formed a strategic partnership agreement with the National Bank of Bahrain (NBB) to host the Bahrain Toy Festival, the first and largest of its kind. As part of Bahrain Summer 2024, the event will take place for a month at Exhibition World Bahrain, alongside prominent toy brands and a line-up of activities and entertainment.

Sarah Buheji, CEO of Bahrain Tourism and Exhibitions Au-

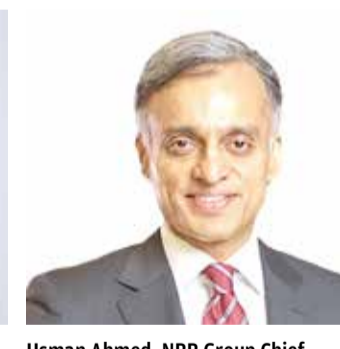


thority, commended NBB's sponsorship for this unique event, as well as its support towards national efforts to devel-



Sarah Buheji, CEO of Bahrain Tourism and Exhibitions Authority

op the national economy and diversify sources of income by increasing the tourism sector's



Usman Ahmed, NBB Group Chief Executive Officer

contribution to the Kingdom's GDP. Furthermore, Ms Sarah Buheji emphasised that the Bank

has remained at the forefront of contributing to the festival, with many other local companies expected to follow suit for the opportunity to promote their products and services on a wider scale during the event.

Ms Buheji also stated that the Bahrain Toy Festival will be attended by members of the public who will enjoy the various activities, events and entertainment programs held during the festival for visitors of all ages. Furthermore, the Authority anticipates more support from various organisations, alongside

contributions towards positioning the Kingdom as a favoured destination and attracting more tourists to Bahrain.

On his end, Usman Ahmed, NBB Group Chief Executive Officer, expressed the Bank's pride in showcasing its support for the Bahrain Toy Festival, the first and largest event of its kind. This contribution underscores NBB's strategy to embed CSR initiatives across all community segments, in addition to bolstering its national role towards supporting the Kingdom's ongoing development journey.



Bahrain Chamber's Commercial Market Committee, in collaboration with Export Bahrain, recently hosted a awareness raising workshop on the subject "Even if you do not Export, Export Bahrain can help you increase your sales through export" at the chamber's headquarters. Presented by Mrs. Fatima Mahdi, Business Development Manager at Export Bahrain, the workshop provided attendees with a comprehensive overview of Export Bahrain's solutions designed to support Bahraini exporters in identifying and seizing global market opportunities. Key solutions discussed included Export Credit Insurance, Export Shipping & Logistics, International Retail Buyer Initiative, E-commerce Facilitation, Export Financing, Export Market Intelligence, Export Facilitation & Deal Support, Internationalization & Export Advisory Support, and Exporters Directory. Mrs. Mahdi also addressed attendees' questions during the session.



CAMPUS

RCSI Medical University of Bahrain celebrates contribution of nine academics to medical textbooks

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The President of the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland (RCSI) - Medical University of Bahrain, Professor Sameer Ootom, congratulated several senior University academics who have contributed to medical textbooks issued by reputable international publishers. Nine senior academics presented signed copies of five books for donation to the University's Library & Learning Resource Centre.

Intending to reduce common paediatric clinical errors and delayed diagnoses, "Safe Care in Paediatrics", whose authors include Professor Alfred Nicholson, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Head of School of Medicine, and Professor Kevin Dunne, Professor and Head of Department of Paediatrics, promotes the quality and safe care of children through shared firsthand experiences.

"Essential Paediatric Surgery", a practical textbook encompassing the full range of



clinical conditions within paediatric surgery, was co-authored by Professor Martin Corbally, Professor and Head of Department of Surgery. While "The Biology of Disease" which provides a comprehensive overview of the principles of the disease process was co-edited by Professor Paul Murray, Professor and Head of Department of Pathology.

The publication titled "Healthcare in the Arabian Gulf and Greater Middle East" whose

contributors include Professor Alexandra Butler, Professor in Pathology; Dr Eman Tawash, Deputy Head of School of Nursing and Midwifery; Professor Ghufan Jassim, Associate Professor and Head of Department of Family Medicine; Professor Stephen Atkin, Head of School of Postgraduate Studies and Research; and Dr Wendy Madison, Head of Student Development & Well-being, provides a comprehensive overview of healthcare in the Middle East

region. "Foundations of Health Professions Education Research", whose contributors include Professor Ghufan Jassim, Associate Professor and Head of Department of Family Medicine, provides a broad-based and accessible introduction to the foundations of Health Professions Education Research (HPER). Professor David Misselbrook, former Associate Professor of Family Medicine, who authored "Thinking about Medicine", an

introduction to the philosophy of medicine, was acknowledged in absentia.

Professor Sameer Ootom congratulated the academics and commented: "RCSI Medical University of Bahrain extends its gratitude for your outstanding scholarly contributions. As a leading medical and health sciences University in the region, our community of professional colleagues and faculty achievements undoubtedly reflect the leadership, knowledge

and guidance our students receive to help transform them into future healthcare leaders. Your dedication to supporting global healthcare education and services is exemplary and inspiring."

As a University, we are committed to advancing healthcare in Bahrain and beyond, and our deep professional responsibility to fulfil society's need to advance the health and well-being of communities is embedded in all that we do.

NMS Bahrain hosts Farhan Memorial Basketball Tournament

The New Millennium School, Bahrain hosted the Farhan Memorial Basketball Tournament on 26th June. The tournament was initiated in the year 2018 in memory of their alumnus Mohammed Farhan who had left for his heavenly abode after a bike accident. The match was played between two teams comprising of students from Grades IX to XII. The team in white jersey named 'Michael Jordan' emerged as 'Winners'. The Guest of Honour Nikhat Nihan, Farhan's Mother, felicitated the winners. Principal Dr Arun Kumar Sharma revived the fond memories of Farhan as an enthusiastic student of the school.



The Indian School staff honoured for their dedicated service



The Indian School Bahrain (ISB) hosted an award ceremony to recognize and applaud the exemplary service of its teaching and non-teaching staff. A total of 53 teachers were honored with medals, certificates, and cash awards in acknowledgment of their outstanding contributions to the school during their long service. The ceremony was held on Wednesday in the school auditorium at the Isa Town campus. ISB Chairman Binu Mannil Varughese, Secretary V. Rajapandian, Assistant Secretary Ranjini Mohan, Executive Committee Members, Principal VR Palaniswamy, Junior Wing Principal Pamela Xavier, Staff Representative Parvathi Devadas, Senior School & Academic Administration Vice-Principal G Sathesh, Middle Section Vice-Principal Jose Thomas and Junior Wing Vice-Principal Priya Laji attended. They expressed their appreciation for the teachers' unwavering dedication and service. The entire staff from both campuses attended the event.

Alhasan leads Praga team to top performance in Europe

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Bahrain's karting star Mohammed Alhasan delivered a remarkable performance, securing a second-place finish in the Senior MAX class during the sixth round of the Rotax MAX Challenge Italia (RMCI) 2024, held at the Kartodromo Cremona Circuit.

Competing alongside his Praga teammates Gracie Rose Grantham and Yousif Alaali, Alhasan proved his talent in a challenging race.



Mohammed Alhasan

Alhasan only just missed out on 1st place, finishing just 1.477 seconds behind Swiss driver Tino Sidler. Italy's Alberto Kiko Fracassi completed the podium, trailing Sidler by 2.371 seconds.

Among the 30 competitors, Gracie secured 15th place, while Yousif finished 23rd. "A huge congratulations to Mohammed for securing a strong second place at senior," the Praga ME team shared on social media.

Nasser Nass, last season's Mini MAX champion in Bahrain, made his debut in the Junior MAX class, putting on

impressive speed throughout the event. Following the RMCI, the Praga team heads back to Franciacorta Karting Track for the third round of the Rotax MAX Challenge Euro Trophy (RMCE) 2024.

Despite overcoming illness, Gracie, the team's only female driver, expressed her excitement for the upcoming competition. "We have some rest now for two days and we need it—it's been eat, sleep, repeat," she said. "I will need all my strength because it's going to be full on this weekend."

Yavi seeks comeback in Paris



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Kenyan-born Bahraini athlete Winfred Yavi is gearing up for a strong performance at the Diamond League Meeting in Paris on July 7. The reigning world 3000m Steeplechase champion aims to rebound after a challenging start to the season.

Yavi began her season at the Prefontaine Classic in Eugene, where she finished ninth with a time of 9:21.62. The race was dominated by Uganda's Peruth Chemutai, who clocked a personal best of 8:55.09. World 3000m steeplechase silver medalist Beatrice Chepkoech and Faith Cherotich completed the podium with times of 8:56.51 and 9:04.45, respectively.

Despite not securing a victory this season, Yavi remains undeterred. She competed in two events, including the

Meeting International d'Athlétisme de la Province de Liège in Belgium, where she finished second in the 5000m with a time of 14:41.99.

Last season, Yavi had an outstanding performance, winning the world title and the Diamond League Meeting final at the Prefontaine Classic in Eugene. Now, she is focused on reclaiming her winning form in Paris.

In Paris, Yavi will face fierce competition, including world record holder Beatrice Chepkoech, who has shown impressive form this season. Chepkoech started her season with a win at the African Games and continued her success at the Diamond League Meetings in Xiamen and Suzhou. She finished second at both the Prefontaine Classic and the National Trials for the XXXIII Olympic Games and claimed a bronze medal at the World Indoor Championships.

Historic achievements for Bahrain tennis players at Ten-Pro Tournament in Budapest

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Bahrain's tennis players delivered outstanding performances at the Ten-Pro International Junior Tennis Tournament in Budapest, which concluded last Sunday.

Ahmed Al Sayed secured second place in the Under-16 category and third in the Under-15 category, while Abdulrahman Al Dossari finished fourth in the same category. Hashim Al Toubli claimed third place in the Under-14 category.

This participation marked a significant milestone with 16 Bahraini players competing in



Bahraini's tennis players after the event

various age groups: Under-10, Under-12, Under-14, Under-15, and Under-16.

Shaikh Abdulaziz bin Mubarak Al Khalifa, President of the Bahrain Tennis Federation, expressed pride in the players'

achievements, highlighting their high skills and determination. He credited the success to the support from the Kingdom's leadership, particularly HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa and HH Shaikh Khalid

bin Hamad Al Khalifa.

Following the tournament, Bahraini players will attend training camps in Serbia and Turkey to further enhance their skills for upcoming competitions.

Costa penalty heroics rescue Ronaldo as Portugal edge past Slovenia at Euros

Goalkeeper's heroics secure quarter-final spot after Ronaldo's redemption in penalty drama

● Portugal beats Slovenia 3-0 in shootout

● Ronaldo missed extra-time penalty, scores in shootout

● Costa saves three penalties, Portugal advances

AFP | Frankfurt

Portugal goalkeeper Diogo Costa saved three Slovenia penalties to earn his side a 3-0 shoot-out victory after Cristiano Ronaldo redeemed himself

from the spot in a dramatic Euro 2024 last 16 clash on Monday. Portugal forward Ronaldo broke down in tears after missing a penalty in the first period of extra-time in the goalless tie in Frankfurt.

But he recovered to convert in the shoot-out as Portugal scraped through to set up a blockbuster clash with France

in the quarter-finals.

Slovenia battled valiantly to keep Portugal at bay, with Jan Oblak making a stunning save to keep out Ronaldo's penalty after Diogo Jota was fouled.

However, Ronaldo, Bruno Fernandes and Bernardo Silva all scored in the shoot-out and Slovenia's trio missed, sending the Selecao through in heart-stopping fashion.

"First it was sadness and then it was joy, that's what football gives you, inexplicable moments, a bit of everything," said Ronaldo.

"I didn't make a single mistake this year and when I needed something the most, Oblak saved it.

"Slovenia spent the whole game defending and when that happens, it all becomes difficult."

Ronaldo, 39, is still without a goal at the tournament in four appearances, having scored in the five previous editions of the Euro

ros.

The Euro 2016 winners dominated the ball and created their first chance after 12 minutes when Silva's inviting cross just evaded Ronaldo and Fernandes could not turn home at the far post.

Slovenia, playing in their first ever knock-out match at a major competition, maintained their defensive shape well and limited Portugal's opportunities.

Former Real Madrid striker Ronaldo directed a soft header at his old nemesis, Atletico Madrid keeper Oblak, under vital pressure from Vanja Drkusic.

The Slovenian defender was booked moments later for bringing down the surging Rafael Leao as he charged towards Oblak's goal.

Ronaldo smashed the free-kick narrowly over the bar with the goalkeeper at full stretch.

Slovenia produced their first effort on target just before half-time when RB Leipzig striker Benjamin Sesko fired at Costa from the edge of the box.

Portugal's holding midfielder Joao Palhinha hit the outside of the post with a low

drive, the final kick of the first half, after more good work by the menacing Leao. Ronaldo forced a solid stop by Oblak with another venomous free-kick early in the second half as the Al-Nassr forward tried in vain to break down Slovenia's defensive wall. Matjaz Kek's side had a golden chance to take the lead on a rare burst forward, but Sesko dragged wide after beating the oldest player in the competition's history, 41-year-old Pepe, for pace.

Portugal captain Ronaldo thumped yet another free-kick over the crossbar with 20 minutes remaining and Oblak denied him with two minutes to go when he was through on the left.

Oblak thwarts Ronaldo

The pace dipped in extra-time and the first period was uneventful, until the 103rd minute when Jota barged into the area and went down over Drkusic's leg for a penalty.

Ronaldo fired it hard to Oblak's left but the goalkeeper produced a stunning save to deny him, tipping his effort against the post and out.

In half-time of extra-time, Ronaldo was in tears after his miss, and Portugal fans sang his name to try to raise his shattered morale.

Slovenia missed another huge opening of their own when Pepe gave the ball away with a loose pass and Sesko stole it to race through on goal.

The forward fired too close to Costa who produced an excellent save with his leg, forcing a penalty shoot-out -- Slovenia's first ever.

Slovenia went first and substitute Josip Ilicic's effort was brilliantly saved by Costa.

Ronaldo buried his kick and asked

BETTER YOU KNOW

At 39 years old, Cristiano Ronaldo has scored in five previous editions of the Euros but is yet to find the net in this tournament after four appearances



Diogo Costa saves a penalty shot



Cristiano Ronaldo reacts after failing to score a penalty

for forgiveness from the fans behind the goal for his extra-time miss, before Costa saved Slovenia's second from Jure Balkovec. The brilliant Costa made a third consecutive penalty save from Benjamin Verbic after Fernandes converted and Silva won it as he sent Oblak the wrong way.

Wimbledon champ Vondrousova crashes in first round, Murray loses fitness race

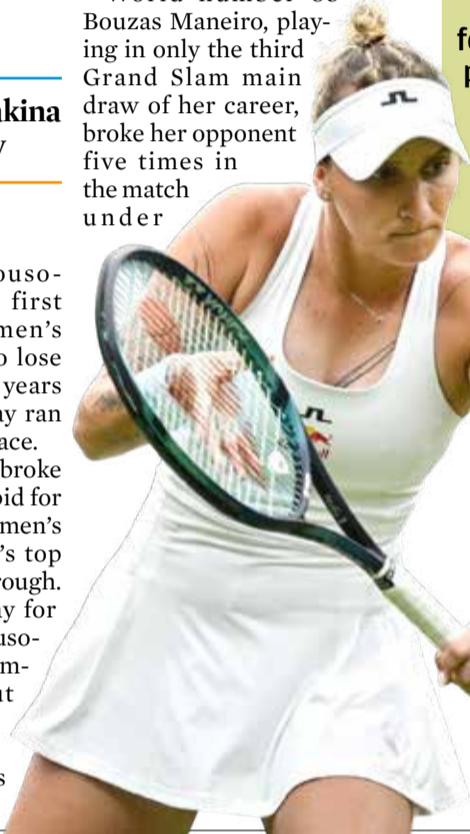
Defending champion ousted in first round as injuries sideline British favorite at Wimbledon

- **Vondrousova loses to unseeded Bouzas Maneiro**
- **Murray pulls out of singles due to injury**
- **Djokovic cruises through first round**
- **Swiatek and Rybakina advance comfortably**

AFP | London

Marketa Vondrousova became the first defending women's Wimbledon champion to lose in the first round for 30 years yesterday as Andy Murray ran out of time in his fitness race. Novak Djokovic barely broke sweat as he launched his bid for a record-equalling eighth men's singles title and women's top seed Iga Swiatek eased through. But it was a painful day for Czech sixth seed Vondrousova, whose time in the Wimbledon spotlight was cut short as she went down 6-4, 6-2 to Spain's unheralded Jessica Bouzas

Maneiro in 66 minutes. Vondrousova is only the second defending champion to lose in the first round at the All England Club in the Open Era. The only other time it has happened was 30 years ago, when Lori McNeil defeated three-time defending champion Steffi Graf. World number 83 Bouzas Maneiro, playing in only the third Grand Slam main draw of her career, broke her opponent five times in the match under



YOU KNOW WHAT

Marketa Vondrousova is only the second defending women's champion to lose in the first round at Wimbledon in the Open Era. The last occurrence was Steffi Graf's defeat 30 years ago

the roof on Centre Court. Vondrousova, who said she was wary in her first match since she hurt her hip at last month's Berlin grass-court tournament, struggled with her serve and racked up 28 unforced errors. "Practice was fine and everything," said the Czech. "Today I was a bit scared because of my leg too. But I don't think that was

the reason. I felt nervous from the start." She added: "It's tough to go out defending the title." It was a different story for women's world number one and five-time Grand Slam winner Swiatek, who beat former Australian Open champion Sofia Kenin 6-3, 6-4 with a minimum of fuss. Elena Rybakina, the 2022 champion, cantered past Romania's Elena-Gabriela Ruse 6-3, 6-1 while fifth seed Jessica Pegula lost just two games against US compatriot Ashlyn Krueger in a 6-2, 6-0 demolition job.

Murray pulls out

Murray confirmed the worst fears of his loyal army of British fans, deciding he was unable to compete in the singles at his final Wimbledon because he has not recovered sufficiently from recent back surgery.



Novak Djokovic in action

The withdrawal of two-time champion Murray means Djokovic is the only member of the fabled "Big Four" remaining in the men's draw at the All England Club. Roger Federer has retired and Rafael Nadal opted to skip Wimbledon to prepare for a shot at another Olympic title. Murray, 37, is hoping to end his stellar career at the upcoming Paris Games but desperately wanted to make a final singles appearance at Wimbledon, where he was champion in 2013 and 2016. The Scot, who has been ravaged by injuries in recent years, will still play doubles with his brother Jamie, with whom he practised yesterday afternoon.

"I'm disappointed, I wanted to play in the tournament," he said. "I wanted to have a chance to go out there and walk out on my own on the Centre Court again and give it another go. "But I also was only going to do that if I felt like I could be competitive and I didn't feel like

that today. I'm sorry for everyone that came and wanted to support and watch again." Djokovic, born a week apart from Murray in May 1987, had a knee operation after pulling out before his French Open quarter-final -- sparking fears he would not be fit in time for Wimbledon. **Djokovic eases through** But the Serbian world number two, who was beaten by Carlos Alcaraz in last year's final, dismissed Czech player Vit Koprieva 6-1, 6-2, 6-2 without facing a single break point. He knows time is not on his side as he bids to equal Federer's Wimbledon title record and become the first player -- man or woman -- to win 25 Grand Slam singles titles. "I tried to really focus on the game and not think about the knee too much," said Djokovic, bidding for a record 25th major. "Everything that I could do, I have done over the last three weeks along with my team to be able to play here for you today. "I think if it was for any other tournament I probably would not have risked it, would not have rushed as much but I just love Wimbledon, love coming back here."

Sane says Kroos control can help Germany 'hurt' Spain at Euros

AFP | Herzogenaurach,

Germany winger Leroy Sane said his side could "hurt" Spain in Friday's Euro 2024 quarter final, thanks to the impressive return of midfielder Toni Kroos. Sane started from the bench in all three of Germany's pool games but returned to the starting line-up at the expense of Florian Wirtz in Saturday's last 16 win over Denmark. With pre-tournament favourites England and France struggling despite reaching the quarter finals, Spain have emerged

alongside hosts Germany as favourites for the tournament. The only side to win all four of their games, Spain are the form team of the tournament, having scored nine goals and conceded just one. Sane said Germany and Spain had "played the best football" of the tournament. "We need to keep control of our game, then we



Toni Kroos

can hurt the Spaniards." Both Spain and Germany each have three Euros titles -- more than any other team. Germany lost 6-0 to Spain in the Nations League in 2020, during a desperately poor period. After winning the 2014 World Cup and reaching the semi-finals of Euro 2016, Germany

were eliminated at the group stage of the past two World Cups and lost to England in the last 16 of the Euros in 2021. "The heavy defeat hurt a lot, but that's in the past," Sane, who started that match in Seville, told reporters. The 28-year-old Bayern Munich winger said 2014 World Cup winner Kroos, who returned to the national team in the lead up to Euro 2024 having retired from international football three years prior, had given Germany control again.

Malen doubles up as Dutch beat Romania to reach Euro quarters

AFP | Munich

The Netherlands swept into their first European Championship quarter-final since 2008 as Donyell Malen scored twice in a 3-0 win over Romania in the last 16 yesterday. Cody Gakpo gave the Dutch an early lead but they were unable to convert pressure into a crucial second goal until the Liverpool forward set up Malen with seven minutes remaining in Munich. Romania were gritty but outclassed, lacking the quality to punish their opponents' profligacy before Malen added his second on the counter in stoppage-time. The victory put the Oranje on course for a quarter-final clash



Netherlands forward Donyell Malen celebrates scoring

with Turkey or Austria, who Ronald Koeman's side will need to improve their effectiveness in front of goal should they

wish to emulate their manager, who was a player for the Dutch when they won the 1988 Euros on German soil. Prior to the game, Netherlands' captain Virgil van Dijk said his side lacked energy and the "will to win" in the loss to Austria. But the Dutch were still strangely flat in the early stages despite Van Dijk's rallying cry. Group E winners Romania, whose 3-0 victory over Ukraine in their opening game, was just their second ever win in the Euros, pinned the Dutch back early. Romania went close when Dennis Man latched onto a superb diagonal ball from Nicolae Stanciu, but the Parma winger blasted over.

Pogacar wins stage four to reclaim Tour de France lead

AFP | Valloire

Two-time former champion Tadej Pogacar won stage four of the Tour de France yesterday to reclaim the overall leader's yellow jersey on the first major mountain challenge in the Alps. Slovenian superstar Pogacar's triumph was built by his UAE Team on the ascent of the Galibier mountain with three teammates still with their leader when all their rivals had seen their sherpas dropped. Belgian Quick Step rider Remco Evenepoel finished second 35 seconds off the pace with two-time defending champion Jonas Vingegaard of Denmark finishing fifth at 37sec. Vingegaard's Visma team appeared visibly weaker than during their dominant 2023 showcase second triumph on the Tour. Overnight leader, Education First's Richard Carapaz, was the big loser of the day as the Ecuadorian



I wanted to hit hard today. I've been training here for several weeks already and everything went according to the plan we set

TADEJ POGACAR



Tadej Pogacar

gave up over five minutes. Pogacar, winner in 2020 and 2021, is attempting to become the first rider since 1998 to win both the Giro d'Italia and Tour in the same year. The short 134km run from Pinerolo marked the end of an entertaining and picturesque race start in Italy. The first four stages took in Florence, the Adriatic coast, Bologna and the Piedmont region on the French border beside Turin. Pogacar's Team UAE hogged the front of the 25km final ascent taking it in turns on the front as their rivals wilted.