



HM the King

HM King offers condolences to Palestine leader

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa of Bahrain extended his condolences to Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas following the assassination of Hamas political leader Ismail Haniyeh.

In a cable sent to President Abbas, HM the King expressed his sincere sympathy to the Palestinian leader and the Palestinian people.

The Kingdom emphasised the importance of Palestinian unity and solidarity in pursuing their legitimate rights and establishing an independent national state based on the two-state solution.

HM King Hamad emphasised the continued diplomatic engagement between Bahrain and Palestine, as well as the broader Arab world's interest in the Palestinian cause.

175,000 people a year die from heat in Europe

AFP | Copenhagen

Heat kills over 175,000 people a year in Europe, where temperatures are rising quicker than the rest of the globe, the World Health Organization's (WHO) European branch said.

Of the roughly 489,000 heat-related deaths recorded each year by the WHO between 2000 and 2019, the European region accounts for 36 percent, or on average 176,040 deaths, the WHO said.

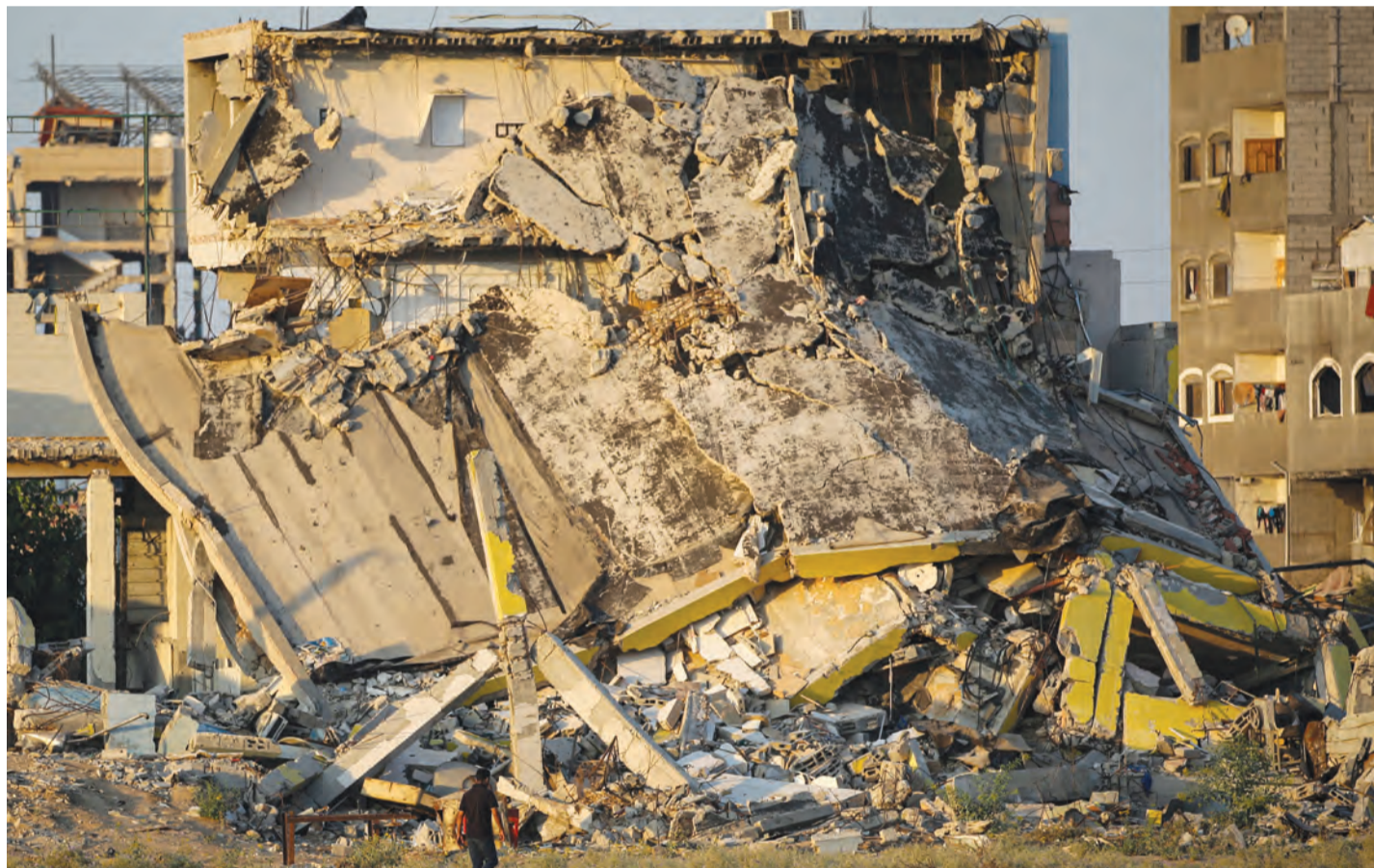
The health body noted that temperatures in the region are "rising at around twice the global average rate."

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World pushes for Gaza truce

Amid soaring tensions in Middle East, calls for urgent calm intensify



The rubble of buildings destroyed during Israeli bombardment, near the al-Maghazi Palestinian refugee camp, in the central Gaza Strip. (AFP)

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In the backdrop of increased tensions in the Mideast, following Israel's assassination of top resistance leaders in Iran and Lebanon and exchange of threats between countries, the international community is stressing on the need for focusing on securing a ceasefire in the Gaza Strip.

US President Joe Biden said he

was "very concerned" about the rising tensions in the region and added that the killing of Ismail Haniyeh, a top Hamas leader killed in Israeli airstrike while in Iran, had "not helped" the situation.

The White House said Biden spoke with Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu by phone on Thursday, promising to defend Israel's security "against all threats from Iran".

"We have the basis for a cease-

fire. He should move on it and they should move on it now," Biden told reporters after the call.

The US stressed the need for a ceasefire after Iran and its regional allies vowed retaliation for the deaths of Hamas and Hezbollah leaders.

A public funeral was held for Haniyeh in the Iranian capital on Wednesday and the body was then flown to Qatar, where he was laid to rest yesterday. (De-

tailed story on World pages)

Addressing the funeral, Hezbollah chief Hassan Nasrallah had threatened Israel of an "inevitable response" and was reported to have stated that Israel does not know what red lines it crossed.

Israel had defended its deadly strike in Lebanon, which killed a Hezbollah leader, as a response to a rocket fire last week on the annexed Golan Heights and had stated that its adversaries would



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"pay a very high price" for any "aggression".

"Israel is at a very high level of preparation for any scenario, both defensive and offensive," Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu had said in a statement. "Those who attack us, we will attack in return," the Israeli PM was quoted as saying by AFP.

It was also reported by AFP, citing an anonymous source close to Hezbollah, that a meeting was held in Tehran on Wednesday in which representatives of various groups resisting Israel participated.

Amal Saad, a Hezbollah researcher and lecturer at Britain's Cardiff University, told AFP that the resistance groups are likely to avoid a wider conflagration while also taking steps to deter Israel from continuing with its targeted attacks.

Qatar, which had been involved in talks for a Gaza ceasefire, had said Haniyeh's assassination could potentially impact the mediation process.

Prime Minister H.E. Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman Al-Thani had asked on social media site X how mediation can succeed when one party assassinates the other side's negotiator.

Ensuring health and safety

Industry Ministry inspectors step up swimming pool checks

Mohammed Darwish
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The Ministry of Industry's Inspection Directorate has intensified its oversight of swimming pools in response to the seasonal surge in their usage. Daily field visits are being conducted to ensure adherence to health, safety, and licensing standards.

The Ministry has confirmed

through its online platforms that these inspections span all provinces of the Kingdom, coordinated with various governmental agencies.

Maryam Al-Hayki, a judicial officer at the Ministry, noted that the Ministry collaborates with multiple governmental bodies on these efforts.

Pools found non-compliant face closure if issues are not rectified, with cases referred to the



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Public Prosecution.

Al-Hayki emphasised that obtaining licences involves specific procedures that ensure thorough compliance.

The Inspection Directorate provides pools with time to address any deficiencies before taking closure actions.

She encouraged citizens to report non-compliant pools via online channels for prompt action.

Unmasking 'modern slavery'

Bahrain employs tough, multifaceted strategy to aggressively combat human trafficking in all its forms

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Human trafficking is considered a crime that constitutes a violation of human rights and fundamental freedoms.

According to the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons Supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organised Crime, human trafficking is defined as: "the recruitment, transportation, transfer, harbouring or receipt of persons, by means of the threat or use of force or other forms of coercion, of abduction, of fraud, of deception, of the abuse of power or of a position of vulnerability, or of the giving or receiving of payments or benefits to achieve the consent of a person having control over another person, for the purpose of exploitation".

This exploitation includes, at a minimum, the exploitation of the prostitution of others or other forms of sexual exploitation, forced labour or services,



slavery or practices similar to slavery, servitude or the removal of organs.

According to Bahraini law, human trafficking is considered a criminal offence punishable by imprisonment for terms ranging from five to ten years, in addition to a financial fine not less than BD2,000 and not exceeding BD10,000, and this fine cannot be waived by the victim.

The Directorate of Combating Human Trafficking and Protecting Public Morals within the General Directo-

rate of Criminal Investigation and Forensic Evidence undertakes significant efforts in confronting such crimes through continuous co-operation and co-ordination with relevant authorities in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Labour and Social Development, the Labour Market Regulatory Authority (LMRA), Nationality, Passports and Residence Affairs (NPRA), and other relevant bodies regarding receiving reports and exchanging necessary information to combat human traf-

ficking.

Prostitution

In addition, investigation and search personnel are intensively present in places where there is information about the presence of victims

who have been forced into prostitution, which is a form of human trafficking.

The Directorate also works to train and develop the skills and capabilities of its employees in proactive methods for detecting victims, such as observing the victim's appearance, signs of fear or depression, and scars or bruises on their bodies.

Moreover, the Directorate also maintains continuous co-operation with international organisations through active



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participation in meetings, conferences, and seminars.

It strives to raise public awareness of the dangers of this crime through launching campaigns using various media outlets and distributing multilingual educational brochures.

Full protection

Regarding victims of trafficking, the Directorate extends to them full protection against those who attempt to threaten their security by providing them with a safe haven.

It also gives them with health and psychological care, in addition to guaranteeing their right to access legal advice by providing them with lawyers and legal advisors.

They also have the right to receive fair compensation for the harm they have suffered as a result of their exploitation and the violation of their rights during the trafficking process.

The Directorate also facilitates their procedures for returning to their home countries upon request.

Emotions beyond words through art

Bahraini artist Zainab Al Sabba gives voice to everyday objects at exhibition

Mohammed Darwish
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Words, as vessels of emotion, transcend their mere definition, a truth evident in the work of guest artist, Zainab Al Sabba, twice honoured with the audience award at the Bahrain Annual Fine Arts Exhibition.

An architect by day, she devotes her evenings to the arts. Her artistic journey began with a penchant for the abstract shapes of Arabic letters. She refined her calligraphy skills through persistent practice, ultimately developing a unique style of her own.

"Driven by a passion for innovation, I was drawn to freestyle calligraphy — a domain offering a broad canvas for my ideas and their integration with conceptual art," she remarked to The Daily Tribune.

This personal style has transformed into a recognisable brand, with her pieces becoming sought-after collectibles available on her website.

Significant figure

Al Sabba's foray into conceptual art was fuelled by a vivid imagination and extensive exploration of early 20th-century revolutionary art movements, establishing her as a significant figure in this field.

Her monochromatic works often feature everyday objects



reimagined in thought-provoking ways. One notable piece, which depicts cloth hangers cascading down a wall, symbolises "psychological unrest and perturbation," earning her both the Audience Award and third place at the Bahrain Annual Fine Arts Exhibition.

In 2022, Al Sabba's solo exhibition in Sharjah, titled "Lines", presented black text on black lines against transparent acrylics, commenting on the elusiveness of meaning. This approach echoes Jacques Derrida's assertion that "There is nothing outside the text," inviting viewers to seek meaning both within and beyond the visible.

Conceptual work

"My experience in conceptual work extends my literary journey in prose, as I believe conceptual and experimental art can embody the sentiments in my work and provide it with additional dimensions, never allowing my medium to constrain me," Al Sabba stated.

"Creating an artistic identity is a journey of maturation, akin not to a linear path but to a rollercoaster of life's vicissitudes, marked by overcoming conflicting feelings of cynicism, coming of age, and loneliness," she noted.

"Emotions, vast and profound, defy complete

representation through material art forms. Yet, I strive to convey at least a fragment of these feelings through varied means, aiming to ensure that emotions are duly acknowledged by examining the concept from multiple angles," she added.

Diverse interpretations

Al Sabba observes that Bahraini society has a deep and nuanced understanding of conceptual art and finds joy in observing the diverse interpretations viewers bring to her work.

In conclusion, she affirmed, "My

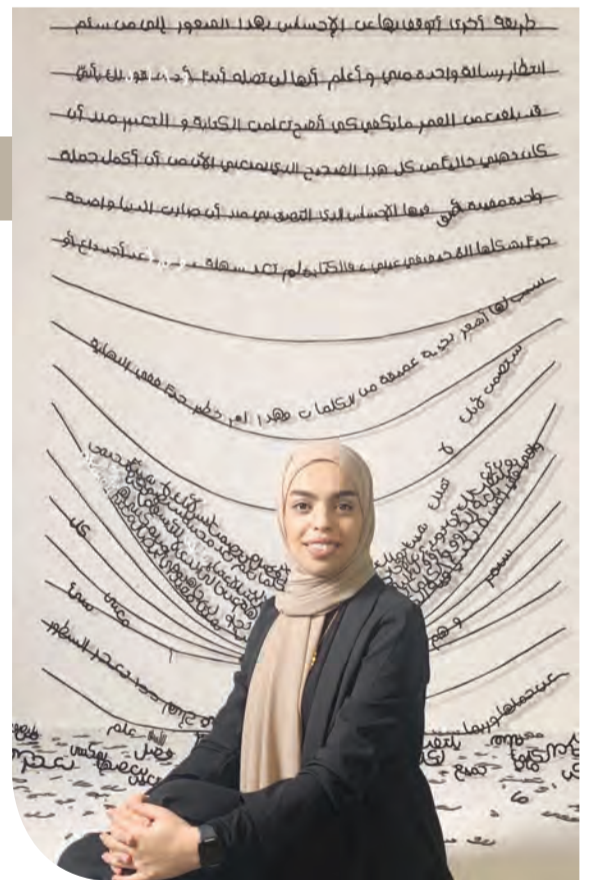
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ZAINAB AL SABBA, ARTIST



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Later this week, Al Sabba will be engaging in an artistic project for The Media Majlis at Northwestern University in Qatar.



Zainab Al Sabba shows her unique artworks



Compensating trauma

Court orders man to pay BD18,000 in damages for sexual assault

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The High Civil Court has ordered a 40-year-old man convicted of sexual assault to pay BD18,000 in damages to his victim.

The court ruled that the man must pay BD15,000 to the victim for both material and emotional damages, and BD3,000 to her mother for emotional distress.

The case stemmed from an incident where the man falsely claimed to possess a private video of the victim and threatened to release it.

As the victim recounted, "He used this leverage to extort me and ultimately sexually assault-



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ed me."

The man was initially convicted in a criminal court for sexual assault, harassment, and misuse

of communication devices.

Therapy

The victim, who was diag-

nosed with depression, anxiety, and social phobia, continues to undergo therapy.

As she stated, "The psychological harm inflicted upon me has been immense. I am still struggling to recover."

The victim's mother also suffered from post-traumatic stress disorder and anxiety, as she explained, "This ordeal has taken a tremendous toll on our family."

The court acknowledged the psychological harm inflicted upon the victim and her mother, ordering him to pay BD15,000 to the former, and BD3,000 to the latter.

Denied access, granted justice



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The Shariah Court has ruled in favour of a mother who sued her ex-husband for emotional distress caused by his refusal to allow her access to their children.

The mother, who had been separated from her sons for over a year, had filed multiple lawsuits against her ex-husband, alleging abuse and his refusal to comply with custody and visitation orders.

The court found that the ex-husband's actions had caused significant emotional distress to the mother.

The court ordered the ex-husband to pay the mother BD5,500 in compensation for the emotional distress she suffered.

The mother's lawyer stated that the mother had filed an initial lawsuit against her ex-husband due to his abusive behavior.

Urgent order

The court granted her an urgent order requiring the ex-husband to return the youngest son to his mother, who was designated as the primary custodian.

The court also ordered the ex-husband to allow the mother to visit and spend time with the elder son weekly.

Despite the court orders, the ex-husband refused to comply, leading to the mother filing a separate lawsuit seeking compensation for the emotional distress caused by his actions.

The court found that the ex-husband's refusal to comply with the court orders, including custody and visitation rights, was a direct cause of the mother's emotional distress.

Evidence

The court's decision was based on evidence presented by the mother, including reports from social workers and family counselors.

These reports documented the ex-husband's refusal to cooperate with the court orders and his attempts to prevent the children from maintaining contact with their mother.

The court also considered testimonies from witnesses who described the ex-husband's abusive behavior towards the mother and his attempts to isolate the children from her.

Rooted in history, growing for future

Agriculture Minister highlights importance of palm cultivation at festival

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The Minister of Municipalities Affairs and Agriculture, His Excellency Eng. Wael bin Nasser Al Mubarak, has emphasised the significance of palm cultivation in Bahrain, not only as a historical legacy but also as a key factor in promoting environmental sustainability and sustainable agricultural development.

Speaking at the inauguration of the fifth edition of the "Palm Tree Bounty" Festival, Eng. Al Mubarak highlighted the industry's role in enhancing national agricultural products, diversifying income sources, and contributing to food security.

The event, held at the permanent farmers' market in Hawrat Aali, will run until today and features a wide range of palm-related products, including dates and traditional handicrafts.

The festival was attended by notable figures such as H.E. Shaikha Maram bint Isa Al



H.E. Eng. Wael bin Nasser Al Mubarak tours the venue

Khalifa, Secretary-General of the National Initiative for Agricultural Development, Ms. Dalal Al Ghais, CEO of Bahrain Development Bank Group, and the CEO of the Labour Fund, Tamkeen.

Eng. Al Mubarak underscored the Ministry's dedication to preserving Bahrain's agricultural heritage by developing the palm sector through genetic complexes for local varieties and the application

of modern agricultural technologies. An atlas of the most important date palm varieties in the Arab Gulf countries is also being prepared.

Royal support

Shaikha Maram praised the unwavering support from His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and the leadership, emphasising the cultural importance of palm trees.

She expressed gratitude

to the Bahrain Development Bank for the festival's organization and lauded the variety and quality of the products displayed.

Al Ghais acknowledged the collaborative efforts of various organisations, noting that the festival provides an ideal platform for farmers and productive families to showcase their products.

She emphasised the bank's commitment to supporting the agricultural sector and enhancing its contribution to the local economy.

The festival, organised by the Farmers Market Management of the Bahrain Development Bank Group, in collaboration with the National Initiative for Agricultural Development and the Ministry of Municipalities Affairs and Agriculture, aims to encourage local palm product production and celebrate Bahraini agricultural identity.

It also supports local farmers by offering them opportunities to promote their products.

Multi-vehicle collision



Heavy traffic congestion occurred on Shaikh Khalifa bin Salman Street towards Hamad Town following a collision involving several vehicles and a motorcycle. The accident led to significant delays as the competent authorities responded promptly to the scene.

Hit-and-run tragedy



A vehicle struck two pedestrians, resulting in one fatality and injuring another, in a tragic hit-and-run incident in Hooraa. The Ministry of Interior announced via the X platform that the General Traffic Department swiftly responded to the incident. The driver reportedly fled the scene immediately after the collision. Authorities have launched a thorough investigation to identify and apprehend the perpetrator. The Ministry emphasised that necessary legal actions will be taken against the individual responsible for the incident.

Bahrain and China prosecutions solidify AI partnership

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In pursuit of advancing the Memorandum of Understanding between the Public Prosecution and its counterpart in the People's Republic of China, a virtual meeting was convened with specialists in technology and artificial intelligence from the Chinese Public Prosecution.

The principal objective was to share expertise and examine

the integration of these technologies into prosecutorial work in China.

The Bahraini delegation included Counselor Abdullah Al-Dosari, Head of the International Cooperation and Human Rights Office, Chief Prosecutor Mohammed Al-Zubari, Head of the Artificial Intelligence Applications Team, and their associates.

During the session, they scrutinised the regulatory frame-



Members of the Public Prosecution hold a virtual meeting with Chinese counterparts

works and operational systems of the Chinese Public Prosecution.

Electronic systems

Discussions also encompassed Bahrain's current electronic systems for managing judicial and administrative criminal cases, as well as future plans to enhance technological capabilities.

Counselor Abdullah Al-Dosari praised the collaboration in training and capacity building.

Fair trial boost

Lawmakers propose stricter rules for judge recusals in civil and commercial cases

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A proposal to amend Bahrain's Civil and Commercial Procedures Law is currently being reviewed by the Legislative and Legal Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives.

The proposed amendment aims to strengthen the rules surrounding judge recusals, particularly in cases where a judge may have a conflict of interest.

The proposed amendment would replace Article 183 of the current law, outlining five specific scenarios where a judge would be deemed ineligible to preside over a case, even if not challenged by the parties involved.

The proposal states that a judge would be ineligible to preside over a case if they are related to a party in the case up to the fourth degree of kinship, or if the judge is an agent, guardian, or trustee for a party, or if any of these legal roles are held by someone related to the judge up to the fourth degree of kinship.

Ineligible

Additionally, a judge would be ineligible if they or their relatives up to the fourth degree, or anyone they represent as an



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A judge recusal is when a judge steps down from a case due to potential bias or conflict of interest.

agent, guardian, or trustee, has a personal interest in the case.

The proposal also states that a judge would be ineligible if they have previously provided legal advice or represented a party in the case, even if this occurred before their judicial appointment, or if the judge has previously acted as a judge, arbitrator, witness, or expert in the case.

Further, a judge would be ineligible if they have previously

ruled on the admissibility of a counterclaim in the case.

Finally, a judge would be ineligible if they have formed an opinion on the case due to prior involvement as a judge, arbitrator, witness, or expert.

Clarity and transparency

The proposal, submitted by MPs Khalid Buanaq, Ahmed Al Salloom, Abdulla Al Romaihi, Ali Al Doseri, and Maryam Al Dhaen, emphasises the need

for clarity and transparency in determining a judge's eligibility.

It specifically defines the degree of kinship that would constitute a conflict of interest, limiting it to the fourth degree.

The proposal also adds the new criterion of prior involvement, ensuring that judges who have previously been involved in a case, even in a non-judicial capacity, would be ineligible to preside over it.

The proposed amendment aims to strengthen the integrity and impartiality of Bahrain's judicial system by addressing potential conflicts of interest and ensuring fair and just outcomes for all parties involved.

Lawyers welcome proposed updates to legal profession law



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Bahrain's legal community has expressed positive feedback on the Ministry of Justice, Islamic Affairs and Endowments' initiative to modernise the legal framework governing the legal profession.

Lawyers have welcomed the preliminary draft of the new Law on Lawyers, praising its proposed amendments and additions to the existing law.

In statements to local media, lawyers have highlighted the draft's inclusion of new provisions aimed at regulating and improving the practice of law more effectively.

They have particularly welcomed the introduction of a mandatory bar exam for entry into the legal profession, the requirement for lawyers to wear legal robes in court, the creation of a new "Appeals Lawyer" designation, and the establishment of a mandatory code of conduct for lawyers.

The draft also proposes the removal of the requirement for foreign-trained lawyers to pass an Islamic law exam, criminalises impersonating a lawyer, as well as criminalises verbal or physical assault against lawyers while performing their duties.

Consultation meeting

Bahrain Bar Society President Salah Al Madfa'a confirmed that a comprehensive

consultation meeting will be held on Saturday, where lawyers will discuss the draft law in detail.

"The meeting is open to all lawyers in the Kingdom, as this matter concerns all lawyers, not just the society," he stated.

Al Madfa'a expressed his initial positive impression of the draft, noting that it addressed several key issues previously raised by the Bar Association, such as the need for a bar exam and the mandatory wearing of legal robes.

However, he also voiced reservations about certain aspects of the draft, particularly the proposal to allow non-lawyers to establish law firms.

"We believe that the legal profession should be respected and that only lawyers should be allowed to open law firms," he argued.

Concerns

Al Madfa'a also expressed concerns about the proposed use of fines as a disciplinary measure, considering them to be a criminal penalty.

He emphasised that the Bar Society has already conveyed its position on this matter.

"We will discuss these issues as a Bar Society and as individual lawyers and will present a unified response," Al Madfa'a stated.

"We have promised the Minister of Justice that we will provide him with a comprehensive opinion."

Quitevis takes Knights of Rizal key regional position

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Sir Dr. Elpidio (Elpie) Ramos Quitevis, a CPA by profession, has been appointed as the new Regional Commander (RC) of the Knights of Rizal Middle East & Africa Region by its Supreme Council based in Manila headed by Supreme Commander Sir Raymundo A. Del Rosario, Knight Grand Cross of Rizal (KGCR).

Quitevis took over the region's highest position from Sir Dr. Zane Thirlwall, KGCR, who held the position for 12 years.

The Knights of Rizal is an organization focused on promoting the teachings and ideals of



Sir Dr. Elpidio Ramos Quitevis with Philippine Ambassador to Bahrain, Her Excellency Anne Jalando-on Louis, along with the Knights of Rizal officials

Dr. Jose P. Rizal, the national hero of the Philippines. The group's mission is to encourage

people of all backgrounds to follow Rizal's example for the betterment of humanity.

The Order was granted a legislative charter by President Elpidio Quirino.

ILA launches first newsletter print edition

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The Indian Ladies Association (ILA) launched its first Newsletter 'ILA Connect' on 1st August 2024 at 5:30 p.m. at ILA Premises.

Dr Maryam Al Dhain, Member of Parliament Southern Governorate and Vice Chairwoman of the Foreign Affairs, Defence and National Security Committee, and Mr Yusuf Lori, the Director of Information and Follow-ups, Central Governorate, both inaugurated the print version of the newsletter, along with Mr Boban Thomas, the Chairman and Managing Director of BOBSCO, who inaugurated the digital version along with the President, Ms Kiran Mangle.

The President of ILA, Ms Kiran Mangle, shared her valuable in-



MP Dr Maryam Al Dhain and Mr Yusuf Lori, along with BOBSCO and ILA officials, show the newsletter

sights and also set a powerful and promising vision for the future of ILA connect newsletter and ILA as a whole.

She appreciated the efforts

put in by editors of ILA Connect Ms Anjali Gupta, Ms Anupam Kingler and Ms Amrit Lamba

ILA Connect will serve as a multifaceted platform, offer-

ing valuable content in areas such as finance, craft, art, and culture.

It will promote our sponsors and acknowledge the accom-

plishments of members and their children, featuring sections that highlight the work of past committees.

Additionally, the newsletter will provide information about upcoming events, advertisements, educational resources, skill development opportunities aimed at empowering women and social outreach engagements.

To share and publish your articles please contact ILA Connect team ilacconnect2024@gmail.com.

Please visit ilabahrain.com website or follow link to access the digital newsletter <https://www.ilabahrain.com/ila-connect/ila-connect-august>

The editors of ILA connect- Ms Anupam Kingler and Ms An-

jali Gupta shared an inspiring story in their interactive speech.

Program

The event was followed by the ILA new members' orientation program wherein new members were informed about ILA, executive members and their roles, its subcommittees and about the past events conducted and the upcoming events.

Indian Ladies Association is registered under the Ministry of Social Development since 1984 as a charitable organisation

With the motto 'Service before Self', today the ILA is one of the most renowned high-profile formal ladies' groups in Bahrain. ILA shall be hosting the iconic Dandiya on 20th Sept 2024 at Crowne Plaza.

US extends hiring cooldown while unemployment highest since 2021



A "Now Hiring" sign is seen at a FedEx location on Broadway

AFP | Washington

The US jobs market cooled much more than expected in July with the unemployment rate reaching its highest since late 2021, government data showed yesterday, paving the way towards post-pandemic interest rate cuts.

The world's biggest economy added 114,000 jobs last month, down from June's revised 179,000 figure, said the Department of Labor.

The jobless rate rose to 4.3 percent, the highest level since October 2021, according to government data.

The report brings the Federal Reserve a step closer to its first rate cut after the Covid-19 pandemic -- with the economy cooling and inflation moving towards officials' two percent target.

While analysts have raised concern of the US economy triggering an early recession indicator, Oxford Economics chief US economist Ryan Sweet believes that "this cycle is unique."

In recent times, unemploy-

ment has edged up as more people entered the labor force. This marks less of a risk that a vicious cycle of rising jobless rates leads to income loss -- and further employment losses, he previously told AFP.

In July, average hourly earnings rose less than analysts expected by 0.2 percent to \$35.07, the Labor Department report said.

On a year-on-year basis, wage growth slowed to a rate last seen in 2020.

"Employment continued to trend up in health care, in construction, and in transportation and warehousing, while information lost jobs," said the Labor Department.

It added that government employment, which slowed in recent months, was little changed in July.

"There are signs that momentum is waning," said KPMG chief economist Diane Swonk about public sector hiring in a recent note.

"Revenues at the state and local levels have fallen short of budgets this fiscal year, while COVID-era subsidies have lapsed," she added.

Stocks sink over US recession fears

● Weaker US job data and global economic concerns trigger massive sell-off in stocks

AFP | London

Stock markets tanked yesterday over fears the United States could be heading towards recession after data showed the US jobs market cooled much more than expected in July.

Wall Street deepened losses from the previous day, with the tech-heavy Nasdaq briefly dropping by as much as three percent in late morning deals while chip-maker Intel nosedived more than 25 percent after announcing job cuts.

European stock markets closed sharply in the red: Amsterdam retreated by more than three percent, Frankfurt 2.3 percent, Paris 1.6 percent and London 1.3 percent.

The Tokyo stock market finished almost six percent lower due to a stronger yen and the prospect of interest rate hikes in Japan.

The dollar weakened against other major currencies and oil prices fell more than three percent.

While a weaker labour mar-



A man walks past an electronic board displaying stock prices of Nikkei 255 listed on the Tokyo Stock Exchange along a street in Tokyo

ket raises the chances the US Federal Reserve will cut interest rates in September, it follows other data this week that fuelled concerns about the health of the world's biggest economy.

"And just like that, the market is worried about the US economy suffering a hard landing," said Briefing.com analyst Patrick O'Hare.

"A sober market didn't need any more cold water poured on it, but that is exactly what it got with the July employment report, which was filled with ample headline disappointment," he said.

The Fed held its key lending rate at a 23-year high on

Wednesday but chairman Jerome Powell indicated that it could make its first cut as soon as September.

The Fed has for months been looking for confirmation that inflation is well on the way down and that the labour market is softening before cutting rates.

It has largely been confident it could achieve a "soft landing" -- slowing the economy down without tipping it into recession.

"The situation now shifts from 'if' the Fed will cut to 'by how much' will they cut," said Bret Kenwell, US investment analyst at trading platform eToro. "The labour market is the life-

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blood to the US economy and the Fed needs to ensure that they don't risk weakening it too much solely in an effort to bring down inflation," he said.

The United States added 114,000 jobs last month, down from June's revised figure of 179,000, while the unemployment rate rose to 4.3 percent, according to government figures.

It followed news on Thursday that the US factory sector shrunk faster than forecast in July -- and for the fourth consecutive month.

That came as another report showed the private sector created far fewer jobs than expected in July and many fewer than in June.

Investors are also dealing with a disappointing earnings season from Big Tech, a key driver of the global rally that has helped push many markets to multiple record highs this year.

ExxonMobil profits up after Pioneer deal, Chevron earnings dip

AFP | New York

US oil and gas giant ExxonMobil reported higher profits yesterday as it pointed to the benefits of its acquisition of Pioneer Natural Resources, while earnings at rival Chevron dipped on lower refining results.

ExxonMobil rode the contribution from Pioneer, a big player in the Permian Basin in Texas and New Mexico, to record oil and gas output during the quarter.

Profits at ExxonMobil jumped 17 percent to \$9.2 billion on a 12 percent increase in revenues to \$93.1 billion, topping analyst estimates on both counts.

The petroleum heavyweight



A view of the ExxonMobil refinery in Notre-Dame-de-Gravenchon, northwestern France

pointed to a lift in output from the Permian Basin following the Pioneer deal, which has also put the company on track for higher

capital spending this year.

Another bright spot is ExxonMobil's venture in Guyana, where the company during the

second quarter filed an application for a seventh development with Guyanese officials, with anticipated startup in 2029.

These upstream highlights made up for a sharp drop in energy products due to excess supply of petroleum products that weakened profit margins.

Meanwhile, Chevron reported profits of \$4.4 billion, down 26 percent from the year-ago period on revenues of \$51.2 billion, up five percent.

Upstream profits fell somewhat compared to the year-ago period, with Chevron citing downtime in Australia and an exit from Myanmar, offsetting higher volumes in the United States.

Snapchat gains users but continues to lose money



The logo of US online messenger Snapchat is seen on a smartphone screen

AFP | Los Angeles

Snap shares plunged more than 16 percent on Thursday when a disappointing financial outlook eclipsed a rise in users of the image-centric social network Snapchat.

California-based Snap said its loss in the recently-ended quarter shrank to \$249 million from \$377 million in the same period a year earlier, while revenue grew to \$1.2 billion from \$1 billion.

Snap touted hitting a milestone of more than 850 million monthly users in the quarter.

"We continued to scale our advertising platform with active advertisers more than doubling year-over-year," Snap chief executive Evan Spiegel said in an earnings release.

Investors appeared to focus

on Snap's forecast that revenue would grow 12 percent to 16 percent in the current quarter, expecting more from the social network's ad platform.

Snap shares were down more than 16 percent to \$10.73 in after-market trades.

In recent years, the company has been challenged to compete for ad revenue against Meta's Instagram, Google-owned YouTube and TikTok.

After its launch in 2011, Snapchat became a hit, particularly with young smartphone users, by letting people share photos or videos in messages that self-destruct after being viewed. It also innovated with the use of filters for shared content, but an expansion into hardware such as drones and eyeglasses failed to gain traction.

Intel says it will slash workforce to cut costs

AFP | Santa Clara

US chip maker Intel said Thursday it will slash more than 15 percent of its workforce as it streamlines operations.

The plan to cut approximately \$20 billion in expenses this year came as Intel reported a loss of \$1.6 billion in the recently ended quarter.

"Our Q2 financial performance was disappointing, even as we hit key product and process technology milestones," Intel chief executive Pat Gelsinger said in an earnings release.

"Second-half trends are more challenging than we previously

expected."

Second quarter earnings were negatively affected by "headwinds" to the ramp-up of Intel's artificial intelligence PC product and unused capacity at its facilities, according to chief financial officer David Zinsner.

"By implementing our spending reductions, we are taking proactive steps to improve our profits and strengthen our balance sheet," Zinsner said.

Intel reported having 124,800 employees at the end of last year, meaning the layoffs could hit about 18,000 positions.

In June, Intel announced it



A sign is posted in front of Intel headquarters in Santa Clara, California

was halting the expansion of a major factory project in Israel, which was going to pump an extra \$15 billion towards a chip plant.

Intel said at the time that "managing large-scale projects, especially in our industry, often involves adapting to changing timelines."

"Decisions are based on business conditions, market dynamics and responsible capital management," the US-based company added.

The belt-tightening came just a month after Intel struck a defiant tone in the face of strong challenges from rivals Nvidia, AMD and Qualcomm, unveiling technologies it said would lead the artificial intelligence revolution.

QUOTE OF THE DAY
A SINGLE SUNBEAM IS ENOUGH TO DRIVE AWAY MANY SHADOWS
FRANCIS OF ASSISI

TODAY IN HISTORY
1493
Christopher Columbus with Juan de la Cosa second-in-command sets sail on his first voyage with three ships, Santa Maria, Pinta and Niña from Palos de la Frontera, Spain for the "Indies"



1596
German astronomer and priest David Fabricius discovers the light variation of Mira (1st variable star)

1914
Germany invades Belgium and declares war on France, beginning World War I

1934
Adolf Hitler merges the offices of German Chancellor and President, declaring himself "Führer" (leader)

News in brief

Japan sees hottest July since records began
Japan sweltered through its hottest July since records began 126 years ago, the weather agency said, as extreme heatwaves fuelled by climate change engulfed many parts of the globe. Temperatures in the country were 2.16 degrees Celsius higher than average, breaking last year's record for July of 1.91 degrees Celsius above average. "It was the highest since statistics began in 1898," the Japan Meteorological Agency (JMA) said Thursday, noting that the figures were "considerably higher" nationwide. Of 153 observation posts across Japan, 62 broke their average temperature record in July.

Demonstrations in Bangladesh after Friday prayers demanded justice for victims of nationwide unrest and police crackdown, after the release of protest leaders failed to quell Bangladesh protests
Student leader release fails to quell Bangladesh protests
The European Union on Thursday demanded Hungary respond to fears that a decision by Budapest to relax visa rules for Russian and Belarusian nationals heightens the risk of spying in the bloc. Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orban -- the only EU leader to have maintained close ties with the Kremlin since Russia launched its full-scale invasion of Ukraine in 2022 -- signed a decree earlier this month to extend its fast-track visa scheme to eight countries, including Russia and Belarus. The immigration programme allows citizens from these countries to apply for so-called "national cards" to be able to work in Hungary. Previously, these cards were only available to Ukrainian and Serbian citizens.

EU quizzes Hungary over risks of visa rules for Russians
Turkey's interior minister said yesterday that 99 suspected members of ISIS had been detained in recent raids across the country. The arrests were made mainly in Ankara and in Izmir in the west, as well as in the center, east and south, Interior Minister Ali Yerlikaya posted on X. "99 suspects have been arrested in the GURZ-4 operations over the past three days," Yerlikaya said. "We will not tolerate any terrorist," he added.

Turkey arrests 99 suspected Islamic State members

Indian army teams scour landslide site as toll crosses 300



A rescue worker walks past a damaged house after the landslides in Wayanad

there is nobody left to be rescued," a statement issued late Thursday by the Kerala state government said. Around 8,000 people were sheltering at emergency camps around the disaster site in Wayanad district. State health minister Veena George said relief workers in the camps were counseling traumatised survivors and cremating dead animals to prevent disease outbreaks. George said yesterday that 199 bodies had been recovered. But the final toll is certain to be higher, with rescuers reporting the gruesome discovery of more than 100 body parts in flood waters or buried in the muddy earth. Wayanad is famed for the tea estates that crisscross its hilly countryside and which rely on a large pool of laborers for planting and harvest.

Thousands in Qatar bid farewell to slain Hamas chief

Ismail Haniyeh's assassination in Tehran fuels regional tensions and calls for revenge

- Thousands gather in Doha for Haniyeh's funeral
- Casket draped in a Palestinian flag
- Killing threatens Gaza peace talks

AFP | Doha



People gather outside Qatar's Imam Muhammad bin Abdul Wahhab Mosque to bid farewell to Hamas leader Ismail Haniyeh

His killing triggered calls for revenge and raised questions about the continued viability of such negotiations. Mourners lined up for funeral prayers inside Imam Muhammad bin Abdul Wahhab Mosque, while others prayed on mats outside in temperatures that reached 44 degrees Celsius (111 degrees Fahrenheit). "He was a symbol, a resistance leader... people are angry," said Taher Adel, 25, a Jordanian student residing in the Qatari capital. "Ismail Haniyeh is a symbol for all Muslims," Qatari Ahmed Mahmoud, 48, told AFP at the ceremony. Anwar Gargash, diplomatic advisor to the president of the United Arab Emirates, said his country -- which in 2020 normalised ties with Israel -- rejects "violence and political assassination in all its forms". Many Doha mourners wore scarves that combined the Palestinian flag with a checkered keffiyeh pattern and the message in English: "Free Palestine".

YOU KNOW WHAT
Haniyeh's assassination occurred just after he attended the Iranian president's swearing-in ceremony, intensifying suspicions and regional backlash against Israel

Kremlin admits at least three Russian agents freed in deal

AFP | Moscow



Russia's President Vladimir Putin welcomes Vadim Krasikov

The Kremlin yesterday said that at least three Russians freed in a landmark prisoner exchange were undercover Russian agents, a rare public admission into the work of Moscow's top-secret security services. Moscow said Vadim Krasikov -- who was serving life in prison in Germany for the 2019 brazen murder of a former Chechen separatist commander in broad daylight in a Berlin park -- was an elite operative with Russia's FSB security agency. Krasikov was one of the central figures in Thursday's historic multi-country exchange, with Putin having publicly lobbied for his release in a bid to get the deal over the line in the face of hesitation from Berlin. The Kremlin almost never reveals details about its sprawling intelligence agencies, but it confirmed yesterday that at least two others freed in the deal were also long-term undercover agents stationed in the European Union. Russian President Vladimir Putin has portrayed them as returning heroes, personally thanking them for their service to the "Motherland" and promising to shower them with state awards. "Krasikov is an FSB employee," Kremlin spokesman Dmitry

In total 10 Russians, including two minors, were exchanged for 16 Westerners and Russians imprisoned in Russia in a dramatic exchange on the airport tarmac in Turkey's capital Ankara

who went on to be Putin's personal bodyguards. German Chancellor Olaf Scholz admitted Thursday that releasing Krasikov -- who German judges said had carried out the assassination on orders from Moscow -- was "not easy." In return, Berlin secured the release of five German nationals -- including some with dual Russian citizenship. Russia also released three US citizens -- journalists Evan Gershkovich and Alsu Kurmasheva, as well as ex-marine Paul Whelan -- and some of the country's most prominent domestic dissidents in a deal heralded by US President Joe Biden as an historic "feat of diplomacy." Peskov also confirmed that a Russian couple released from Slovenia were also spies.

SPOTLIGHT

Climate activists block VIP entrance to Taylor Swift concert in Poland



Polish police officers carry away an environmental activist (C) AFP | Warsaw

die because of the unbridled debauchery of the richest 1 per cent, including Taylor Swift," the activists said on Instagram. According to the group, whose members have blocked roads in the Polish capital in the past, "the choice of Taylor is obvious: She is the symbol of the detachment of the rich" from environmental reality, particularly because of her use of her private jet. "There can be no feminism without action to prevent climate collapse," the activists said. In June, two Just Stop Oil protesters entered London's Stansted Airport and sprayed private jets with orange paint, claiming that Swift's jet landed there "hours earlier". Police later said her plane was not at the airport at the time.

France tells nationals visiting Iran to leave 'as soon as possible'

AFP | Paris

France yesterday urged its nationals visiting Iran to leave immediately, after Tehran accused Israel of killing a leader of Palestinian militant group Hamas on its soil, sparking regional tensions. "Due to the increased risk of a military escalation in the region, visiting French nationals still in Iran are invited to leave as soon as possible," the foreign ministry said. The killing of Hamas political chief Ismail Haniyeh in a pre-dawn attack on Wednesday in Tehran has deepened fears of a regional war. Tehran, as well as the Iran-backed Hamas and Lebanese Hezbollah movements, have



Iranians drive next to a billboard of Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian (R) and late Hamas leader Ismail Haniyeh at the Valise square in Tehran

blamed Israel, which has not commented. It has however claimed responsibility for the killing just hours earlier of senior Hezbollah military commander Fuad Shukur in Beirut's southern suburbs. Hundreds of people gathered at a mosque in Qatar yesterday to bid farewell to the slain leader.

At least 13 dead in Nigeria hardship protests: Rights group



Protestors hold a placard as they gather behind barbed wire

AFP | Abuja

At least 13 people died during protests in Nigeria on Thursday, according to rights group Amnesty International, which accused security forces of killing peaceful protesters. Conflicting accounts emerged on the number of deaths, a day after protesters took to the streets in cities across Nigeria to demonstrate against economic hardship. In a statement on X yesterday, Amnesty International said six people were killed in Suleja near the capital Abuja, four in the northeastern city Maiduguri and three in Kaduna in the northwest on Thursday. "Our findings, so far, show that security personnel at the locations where lives were lost deliberately used tactics designed to kill while dealing with gatherings of people protesting hunger and deep poverty," Amnesty said. Police in Maiduguri said four people died in explosions, without providing details. On Thursday, the national police chief rejected claims that officers had attacked peaceful protesters.

Starmer announces new measures after unrest as teen in court over UK stabbings

AFP | London

A teenager appeared in court Thursday (Aug 1) charged with murdering three girls in a stabbing attack, as Prime Minister Keir Starmer announced a new "national capability" to tackle disorder that broke out after the incident. The new measures will allow the sharing of intelligence, wider deployment of facial recognition technology and criminal behaviour orders to restrict troublemakers from travelling, said the prime minister. "These thugs are mobile, they move from community to community. We must have a policing response that can do the same," he added.



Residents look at floral tributes for the victims of a deadly knife attack at the Atkinson in Southport, northwest England

Starmer earlier met with the violence that erupted in the police chiefs from across the nights following Monday's killings. The mass stabbing has shocked the country.

Australia says lethal Israeli strike on aid convoy result of 'serious failures'

AFP | Sydney

An Israeli strike that killed seven charity workers travelling in a Gaza aid convoy was the result of "serious failures" such as "mistaken identification", an Australian government probe released yesterday found. Australian national Lalzawmi "Zomi" Frankom was among a group of seven World Central Kitchen staff killed in April when their aid convoy was mistakenly hit by an Israeli air strike. The deaths -- of an Australian, three Britons, a North American, a Palestinian and a Pole -- triggered global outrage and a renewed push to ensure the safety of aid workers in Gaza. Former Australian air force chief Mark Binskin was tasked with monitoring Israel's response to the strike. His declassified report, released yesterday, found that three vehicles in the aid convoy



A view of the destroyed roof of a vehicle where employees from the World Central Kitchen (WCK), including foreigners, were killed

were "struck in relatively quick succession" after they were tagged as suspicious. An Israeli surveillance drone flagged the vehicles after determining some of the charity's security personnel were carrying guns, Binskin found. The strike was the result of a "significant breakdown in situational awareness," he added. Founded by celebrity chef Jose Andres, US-based charity World Central Kitchen provides food to areas ravaged by humanitarian crises and natural disasters. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu previously admitted that the military had "unintentionally" killed the volunteers.

13 killed in India floods, stranded pilgrims airlifted



NDRF personnel deployed to evacuate stranded pilgrims of Kedarnath, after landslides

Monsoon downpours caused flash floods that killed 13 people in India's Himalayan foothills, officials said yesterday, with helicopters rescuing hundreds stranded near a renowned Hindu shrine. Flooding and landslides are common and cause widespread devastation during India's treacherous monsoon season, but experts say climate change is increasing their frequency and severity. Thirteen deaths have been reported across the northern state of Uttarakhand so far, disaster official Vinod Kumar Suman told AFP. District officials said around 700 people were rescued by airlift while travelling to Kedarnath temple, a popular pilgrimage destination dedicated to the Hindu deity Shiva. "We are flying multiple choppers to bring down the pilgrims who were on their way," Suman said.

TOP 4 TWEETS
01
Friday marks 80 years since the last surviving Roma and Sinti in Auschwitz-Birkenau were killed by the Nazis. We honour the memory of all those murdered and pay tribute to the survivors. @antonioGuterres

02
On this day 80 years ago, over 4,200 Roma were murdered at Auschwitz-Birkenau. Today, we honor them and call on governments to work for the fullest possible documentation of the Roma genocide and to protect Roma rights. @SecBlinken

03
Tonight is about reuniting families. Welcome home, Paul, Evan, and Alsu. You're right where you belong. @POTUS

04
Attended the Conference of Governors this morning. This is an important forum in which we discussed how Governors can foster development and serve society. @narendramodi

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celebs

Carrie Underwood replaces Katy Perry on American Idol

Bang Showbiz | Los Angeles

Carrie Underwood has joined the 'American Idol' judging panel.

The 41-year-old singer has been confirmed as Katy Perry's replacement on the hit TV show, meaning she'll join Lionel Richie and Luke Bryan on the panel for season 23.

In an announcement video, Carrie - who won the fourth season of

'American Idol' back in 2005 - said: "I went from nobody knowing my name to tens of million of people watching the show."

"I'm proud of everything that I was able to accomplish on the show and I'm so proud of everything I've accomplished since."

The award-winning star has returned to 'American Idol' multiple times over the years, including when she appeared as a mentor

during season 16 of the show.

Katy, 39, announced her exit from 'American Idol' earlier this year.

The pop star revealed that she planned to quit the show in order to focus on other projects, including her new album.

Katy said on 'Jimmy Kimmel Live!': "I think this probably will be my last show, my last season for 'Idol'.

"I mean, I love 'Idol' so much. It's connected me with, like, the heart of America, but I feel like I need to go out and feel that pulse to my own beat, you know what I'm saying?"

Prior to that, Katy argued that a female star should replace her on the 'American Idol' judging panel.

The singer believes there should always be a female voice on the show's panel.

Asked about the possibility of Jelly Roll joining the judging panel, Katy - who joined 'American Idol' back in 2018 - told E! News: "That would be too many men, let's be honest."

"But we love Jelly Roll, and I'd love for him to be on this show whenever it's appropriate."

Carrie Underwood



Paris Hilton reveals her son's first word

Bang Showbiz | Los Angeles

Paris Hilton is "obsessed" with her son.

The 43-year-old star has taken to social media to reveal that her 18-month-old son Phoenix recently spoke his first word, and Paris has admitted that she loves spending time with her baby boy.

The reality TV star - who also has an eight-month-old daughter called London with her husband, Carter



Paris Hilton

Reum - wrote on Instagram: "Baby P's First Word "Sanasa" [star emojis] Iconic [heart and laughter emojis] I am so obsessed and in love with my little angel baby, he's my best friend [heart and baby emojis] And I'm so excited to give him and his sister

London the most beautiful and magical life ever! [star emojis] Love my #Cutesie-Crew [heart emojis] #SlivingMom #sanasa (sic)"

Paris' Instagram post also features a video of the heiress sharing a hammock with her baby boy.

Britney Spears biopic in works as Universal buys memoir rights

AFP | Los Angeles

A Britney Spears biopic is in development after Universal Pictures bought movie rights to the pop star's best-selling memoir, the Hollywood studio announced Thursday.

"Crazy Rich Asians" director Jon Chu is attached to develop and direct the film, based on Spears's recent autobiographical book "The Woman In Me," the company said in a statement to AFP.

Universal won a "highly competitive auction" for the film adaptation rights, with "La La Land" producer Marc Platt due to oversee the project, it said.

"Excited to share with my fans that I've been working on a secret project with #MarcPlatt. He's always made my favorite movies," Spears herself posted

on social media Thursday.

"Stay tuned," she told fans. "The Woman In Me" laid bare the troubled singer's journey from child star to global pop phenomenon, as well as her subsequent high-profile public breakdown and legal battles with her father.

Full of criticism of her controlling family and an industry that mercilessly devours its talent, the book sold over 2.5 million copies in the United States alone following its publication last October.

Spears's phenomenal early music success with late 1990s hits like "...Baby One More Time" coincided with an aggressive paparazzi culture that delighted in capturing her partying alongside hell-raisers like Paris Hilton and Lindsay Lohan.

In the book, Spears revealed that Justin Timberlake urged her to have an abortion after she became pregnant during their relationship.

And she shared details of her brief but intense affair with Irish actor and Oscar nominee Colin Farrell, which she called "a two-week brawl."

Following Spears's public breakdown, she was placed under the conservatorship of her father Jamie Spears,



Britney Spears

who controlled her money and her personal life, even as she continued to perform high-profile concerts.

The conservatorship was dissolved by a Los Angeles court in 2021, after a groundswell of public support to "Free Britney."

Her father has always insisted that he had the best interests of his daughter at heart and was seeking to protect her from exploitation.

No release date has been set for the Britney film.

Ryan Reynolds 'embraces the chaos' of family life

Bang Showbiz | Los Angeles

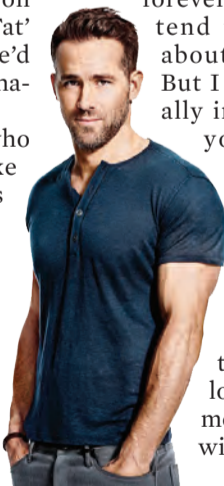
Ryan Reynolds has learned to embrace the "chaos" as a father-of-four.

The 47-year-old actor - who has James, nine, Inez, seven, Betty, four, and Olin, 15 months, with his wife Blake Lively - has revealed that he loves the challenges of parenthood.

During an appearance on the 'Not Skinny But Not Fat' podcast, Ryan said that he'd decided to "embrace the chaos".

The Hollywood star - who has been married to Blake since 2012 - also accepts that "nothing's going to be tidy ever again" after having four children.

According to Ryan, his wife "always says, 'They're all under our roof right now. The whole family's under our roof right now. We have them all.' And



Ryan Reynolds

that is a fleeting thing. Not an infinite resource, you know?"

Meanwhile, Ryan recently revealed that he's received some good parenting advice from Shawn Levy, the director of 'Deadpool and Wolverine'.

The actor - who plays Deadpool in the money-spinning film franchise - told PEOPLE: "Shawn Levy actually told me something that stuck with me

forever, that people tend to only talk about their wins. But I think it's really important for your kids in particular to know that you lose."

Ryan wants his kids to understand that "you lose so much more than you win" in life.

Lady Gaga 'is on cloud nine after getting engaged'

Bang Showbiz | Los Angeles

Lady Gaga is "happier than ever" after getting engaged to Michael Polansky.

The 38-year-old pop star and the entrepreneur are currently in Paris to watch the Olympic Games, and an insider

has revealed that Gaga is "on cloud nine" after getting engaged earlier this year.

The source told The Sun newspaper's Bizarre column: "It sounds cheesy to say she is happier than ever, but she really is."

"She was in a dark space before she met him but he has been a steady, reliable and loving presence in her life, something she hasn't had for a long time."

"He isn't in showbiz and isn't fussed about all the glitz and glamour and that's been monumental for Stefani."

Gaga played a central role in the Olympics opening ceremony, singing 'Mon Truc En Plumes' on a set of stairs along the Seine River.

And the chart-topping star subsequently took to social media to express her sense of pride.

Gaga wrote on Instagram: "I feel so com-

pletely grateful to have been asked to open the Paris @Olympics 2024 this year. I am also humbled to be asked by the Olympics organizing committee to sing such a special French song—a song to honor the French people and their tremendous history of art, music, and theatre. (sic)"

Gaga was determined to "celebrate French art and music" with her performance.

She said: "Although I am not a French artist, I have always felt a very special connection with French people and singing French music—I wanted nothing more than to create a performance that would warm the heart of France, celebrate French art and music, and on such a momentous occasion remind everyone of one of the most magical cities on earth—Paris. (sic)"



Lady Gaga

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Yesterday's solution

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How to play

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

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Down

1- Ceremonial act; 2- Second hand, took advantage of; 3- Singer k.d.; 4- Went in; 5- Ancient Greek divinity; 6- "Snowy" bird; 7- James of "The Godfather"; 8- Quick on the uptake; 9- Snappy comebacks; 10- Mid-month times; 11- Catcher's glove; 12- French summers; 15- Most strange; 23- Western Hemisphere org; 25- Washington's bill; 26- Actor Lorenzo; 27- Stare angrily; 28- Sri ___; 29- Sap tree; 30- Alternate; 31- Noise; 32- Galley propellers; 33- Londoner, e.g.; 34- Eats to a plan; 37- Most tidy; 40- Suffocate; 42- Resistance unit; 43- Explorer; 45- AWOL chasers; 46- Aztec god of rain; 48- Related on the mother's side; 49- "Chicken of the sea"; 50- Word on a red sign; 51- Comfortable state; 52- Reading rooms; 54- ___ want for Christmas...; 55- Driving aids; 56- Large bag; 59- Get the ___ nunnery;

Yesterday's solution

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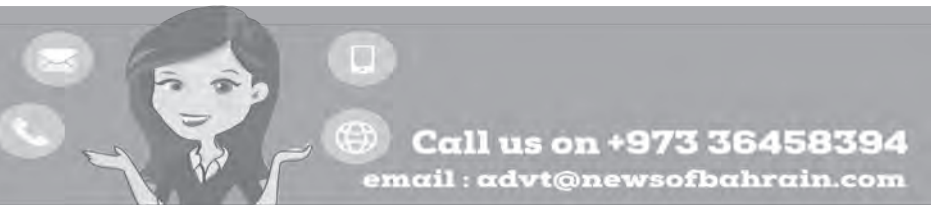
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Bahrain's hopes dashed by Iran

Iran dominates Bahrain 3-0; faces Japan in semi-finals of Asian U-18 Volleyball Championship

● **India wins 3-0 against Kazakhstan in placement rounds**

● **China crushes Thailand 3-0 in quarter-finals**

● **Australia defeats Philippines 3-1**

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Iran defeated Bahrain in straight sets (25-12, 25-20, 25-14) in the second round of the Asian U-18 Volleyball Championship, advancing to the semi-finals where they will face defending champions Japan.

The match took place at the Game Federation Hall in Riffa, with Iran displaying dominance throughout.

Bahrain struggled with ball stability and offensive effectiveness, while Iran excelled in serving and blocking. This allowed Iran to win the first set comfortably.

Despite making strategic line-up changes to rest key players for the upcoming semi-final, Iran maintained control. Bahrain showed a spark of competitiveness in the second set, taking the initiative briefly, but Iran quickly regained control and secured victory.

The third set saw Iran firmly in control, as Bahrain's perfor-



Action from Bahrain's game against Iran

mance declined further, particularly in securing the first ball.

Jassim Mohamed Madan was Bahrain's top scorer with 15 points. Iran's victory sets the stage for a highly anticipated semi-final match against Japan.

India secured a swift victory over Kazakhstan, winning 3-0 with set scores of 25-16, 25-19, and 25-19. The match was part of the tournament's battles for placements, as both teams aim to secure positions 9 to 12 in the standings.

India's performance was marked by strong serves and effective net play, which kept Kazakhstan on the back foot throughout the match. The Indian team showcased their strategic plays, maintaining control in all three sets and preventing Kazakhstan from finding a foothold in the game.

China's under-18 volleyball team delivered a masterclass performance, crushing Thailand 3-0 (25-10, 25-13, 25-20) in the Asian Championship quarter-finals at the Volleyball Association Hall. Led by standout players Li Zenyang and Ding, the Chinese team showcased powerful serves and formidable blocking to dismantle their opponents.

From the outset, China controlled the game, utilizing aggressive serves and effective blocking. Thailand struggled offensively, often falling victim to China's relentless defense. Despite efforts to adapt, Thailand's numerous errors widened the point gap in favor of China, with playmaker Haokin's strategic serves playing a crucial role.

Australia's under-18 volleyball team defeated the Philippines 3-1 (25-21, 25-20, 17-25, 25-15) in

the Asian Championship ranking rounds. Australian player Vi-matahio led the charge, scoring 20 points to secure the victory.

Australia started strong, winning the first two sets with effective offensive strategies. The Philippines claimed the third set, but Australia's consistent play and strategic serves helped them clinch the final set and the match.

The match was attended by Philippine Ambassador Ann Lewis, who has been supporting her team throughout the tournament.

Japan's under-18 volleyball team claimed the top spot in their group after defeating Pakistan 3-1 (22-25, 28-26, 25-18, 25-15) in the Asian Championship's second round. With this win, Japan advances to the semi-finals.

Pakistan initially took the lead, benefiting from Mohamed Yahya's strong offensive play. However, Japan rebounded in the subsequent sets, with players Maeda Sui and Yuki showcasing improved coordination and skill. Japan's defense tightened, and they capitalized on Pakistan's decline in focus to secure victory.

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India's performance was marked by strong serves and effective net play, which kept Kazakhstan on the back foot throughout the match



India's players try to block a shot from a Kazakhstan player

vantage, Japan's superior play ensured a decisive win, setting the stage for their semi-final clash.

Hong Kong's under-18 volleyball team triumphed over Lebanon 3-1 (23-25, 25-22, 25-15, 25-21) in the Asian Championship ranking rounds. Ko Shing stood out as the best player, scoring 20 points and leading his team to victory.

After dropping the first set, Hong Kong adjusted their strategy, dominating the subsequent sets with effective serves and strong defense. Lebanon struggled to keep pace, allowing Hong Kong to secure the win.

Saudi Arabia celebrated its first victory in the Asian Volleyball Championship after four consecutive defeats, overcoming Kuwait with a convincing 3-0 win.

The match scores were 25-14, 25-19, and 29-27. Saudi Arabia's player, Azzam Al-Subaie, was instrumental in the win, scoring 20 points over the three sets.

South Korea delivered a strong performance against Chinese Taipei, winning 3-0 in the final match of the second round of the Asian Volleyball Championship.

The set scores were 25-20, 25-16, and 25-19. Both teams are now set to compete for positions 5 to 8, following the confirmation of Japan and Pakistan advancing to the semi-finals. Bader Al-Kous, a member of the Asian U-18 Volleyball Championship technical committee, praised the high level of competition and talent showcased by participating teams. He emphasized the importance of age-group competitions in developing future volleyball talent.

'Proud' Murray bows out of tennis with Paris Olympics defeat

AFP | Paris

Andy Murray said he was retiring "on my terms" as his trophy-filled career came to an emotional end at the Paris Olympics on Thursday, closing another chapter on tennis's golden generation.

The former world number one and three-time Grand Slam title winner slipped into retirement aged 37 when he and Dan Evans lost in the men's doubles quarter-finals at Roland Garros.

American pair Taylor Fritz and Tommy Paul delivered the knockout blow with a 6-2, 6-4 victory on a packed Court Suzanne Lenglen.

Britain's Murray had already



Andy Murray with Dan Evans after the match

announced that the Olympics would be his last event.

"I'm proud of my career, my achievements and what I put into the sport," said Murray.

"Obviously it was emotional because it's the last time I will play a competitive match. But I am genuinely happy just now. I'm happy with how it finished."

He added: "I'm glad I got to go out here at the Olympics and finish on my terms because at times in the last few years that wasn't a certainty."

Just a few hours after Murray had made his exit, he cheekily wrote on X: "Never even liked tennis anyway."

Career-long rival Novak Djokovic described Murray as "an incredible competitor".

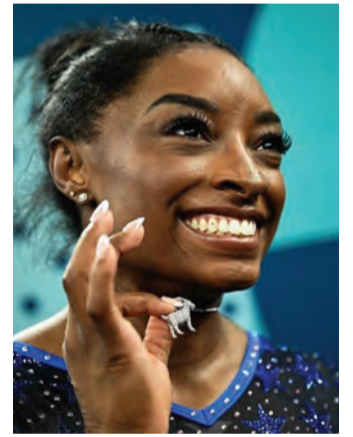
'Just Simone' celebrates GOAT status with Paris all-around gold

AFP | Paris

Simone Biles's sixth Olympic gold medal hung around her neck, and so did a twinkling little goat -- just a reminder to the gymnast hailed as the greatest of all time that she does indeed belong in the pantheon of sports greats.

"I was like, OK, if it goes well we'll wear the goat necklace," Biles said after winning a tense all-around final for her second gold medal of the Paris Games.

"I know that people will go crazy over it, but at the end of the day it is crazy that I am in the conversation of greatest of all athletes, because I just still think I'm Simone Biles



Simone Biles poses with her goat necklace after winning the women's gymnastics all-around title

from Spring, Texas, that loves to flip."

Asalanka takes two in two as Sri Lanka-India ODI ends in tie

AFP | London

Sri Lanka skipper Charith Asalanka took two successive wickets to force a tie in the opening one-day international after India's total ended level with the hosts on Friday.

Asalanka, an off-spinner, bowled the 48th over with India, chasing 231 for victory and needing five from 18 balls at Colombo's R. Premadasa Stadium.

Asalanka trapped a fighting Shivam Dube lbw for 25 as the ninth wicket and then dismissed Arshdeep Singh to bowl out India for 230 in response to the hosts' 230-8.

With no Super Over on offer, the match ended in a tie -- the



Sri Lanka's Dunith Wellalage plays a shot

second such result between the two teams in 50-over format -- and the teams go into the second

of the three matches 0-0.

Dunith Wellalage stood out with his unbeaten 67 in Sri Lanka's innings and then took two wickets including skipper Rohit Sharma for 58 with his left-arm spin.

Wanindu Hasaranga, a leg-spinner, and Asalanka took three wickets each to rattle the Indian batting with regular strikes.

KL Rahul, who made 31, and Axar Patel, who scored 33, attempted to put the chase on track in their sixth-wicket partnership of 57 but after they departed India slipped.

Dube, a left-hand batsman, attempted to hit back with his two sixes in his 24-ball knock

but failed to take the team over the line.

Rohit and Virat Kohli, who made 24, joined the ODI team after the tourists swept a T20 series 3-0 under Suryakumar Yadav.

Rohit and Kohli retired from T20 internationals after India's World Cup triumph in Barbados in June. They are both part of the ODI and Test set-up with Rohit as leader.

Batting collapses made Sri Lanka suffer in the T20 matches and another scare was on the cards when the home team lost half their side in the 27th over after in-form opener Pathum Nissanka departed for 56.

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Boxing row hits Paris Olympics

Controversy around gender eligibility in boxing casts a shadow on Olympic Games as Richardson cruises

- Questions raised about Algerian and Taiwanese boxers' eligibility
- IOC facing pressure as celebrities and leaders weigh in
- Sha'Carri Richardson impresses in 100m heat
- Alcaraz advances to tennis final, eyeing gold medal

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A sensitive row over gender eligibility in boxing rocked the Paris Olympics yesterday, threatening to distract from day one of the athletics as flamboyant American sprinter Sha'Carri Richardson cruised through her 100m heat.

On the field of play, Spanish star Carlos Alcaraz stormed into the men's tennis final and US swim legend Katie Ledecky launched her bid for a fourth straight Olympic 800m freestyle gold.

But International Olympic Committee officials were peppered with questions about a boxing scandal that has spread far beyond Paris, with celebrities and world leaders weighing in on the issue.

Doubts have been raised over Algeria's Imane Khelif and Taiwan's Lin Yu Ting after the International Boxing Association (IBA) disqualified both last year for failing gender "eligibility tests."

Khelif's brutal 46-second victory over Italy's Angela Carini on Thursday reignited the row and Lin also won yesterday, meaning the row is likely to rumble on for some time.



US' Sha'Carri Richardson celebrates after winning the women's 100m heat of the athletics

“To be an athlete here, competing with the energy, with a great appreciation for the track and field, it gives great support to be a track and field athlete”

SHA'CARRI RICHARDSON

The IOC has taken over the organisation of Olympic boxing, stripping the IBA after financial and ethical irregularities.

The IBA said in a statement the athletes "did not undergo a testosterone examination but were subject to a separate and recognised test".

However the "specifics" of this test "remain confidential", the IBA said.

Khelif fights next on Saturday with Lin boxing the day after.

As the controversy refuses to go away, the likes of "Harry Potter" author J.K.Rowling and former US President Donald Trump have weighed in.

'Great support'

At the Stade de France,

the 24-year-old Richardson launched her campaign to become the first American woman since Gail Devers in 1996 to win Olympic 100m gold.

She burst out of the blocks smoothly and was quickly into her stride before pulling away early on, easing down to cross the line in 10.94sec.

"To be at the Olympics is a phenomenal feeling," Richardson told US broadcaster NBC after her impressive debut.

"To be an athlete here, competing with the energy, with a great appreciation for the track and field, it gives great support to be a track and field athlete," she added.

In the hotly awaited men's 1,500m, reigning Olympic gold medallist Jakob Ingebrigtsen and world champion Josh Kerr stayed on track to resume their rivalry, sailing into Sunday's semi-finals.

'Fine now'

In the pool, Ledecky beat her rival Ariarne Titmus from Australia in the heats during a morning session marred by Slovakia's Tamara Potocka collapsing poolside.

Canadian prodigy Summer McIntosh cruised home in the 200m medley but Potocka, swimming in the same race, required medical attention and was carried out on a stretcher with an oxygen mask on.

Her health "has improved significantly after oxygen therapy and... medication. The swimmer is fine now," the Slovak delegation told AFP.

US swimmer Caeleb Dressel is

YOU KNOW WHAT
Belarus athlete Viyaleta Bardzilouskaya won silver in trampoline, marking the first medal for a neutral athlete from Russia or Belarus in these Olympics

hoping to double his gold medal haul when he goes in the 50m freestyle final later yesterday, after capturing gold in the 4x100m freestyle relay.

But all eyes will be on home favourite Leon Marchand, rapidly becoming the pin-up of the Games, who is swimming for his fourth gold medal in the 200m medley.

'One match left'

On the iconic red clay of Roland Garros, Spain's Alcaraz swept aside Felix Auger-Aliassime 6-1, 6-1 in just 75 minutes, with rival Novak Djokovic potentially standing in his path to gold.

"It has been an objective since the start of the year to try and win the gold medal and now we have one match left to try and get it done," said Alcaraz.

But the 37-year-old Serb admitted before his own semi-final he was "concerned" about his right knee after aggravating an injury which required surgery in June.

Djokovic is desperate to add an Olympic gold to his 24 Grand Slam titles and this could be his last chance -- he will be 41 by the time of the 2028 Los Angeles Games.

In an action-packed day in Paris, trampolinist Viyaleta Bardzilouskaya from Belarus won silver, the first medal by an athlete from Russia or Belarus, who are competing as neutrals.

And China won the first badminton gold when mixed doubles top seeds Zheng Siwei and Huang Yaqiong thrashed their South Korean opponents in just 41 minutes.

The Chinese currently sit top of the medal table with 13 golds, ahead of the United States, Britain and France on nine.



An underwater view shows US' Katie Ledecky competing in a heat of the women's 800m freestyle swimming event



US' Harrison Williams (C) competes in the men's decathlon 100m of the athletics event



Josh Green of Australia falls onto a photographer during a basketball match against Greece



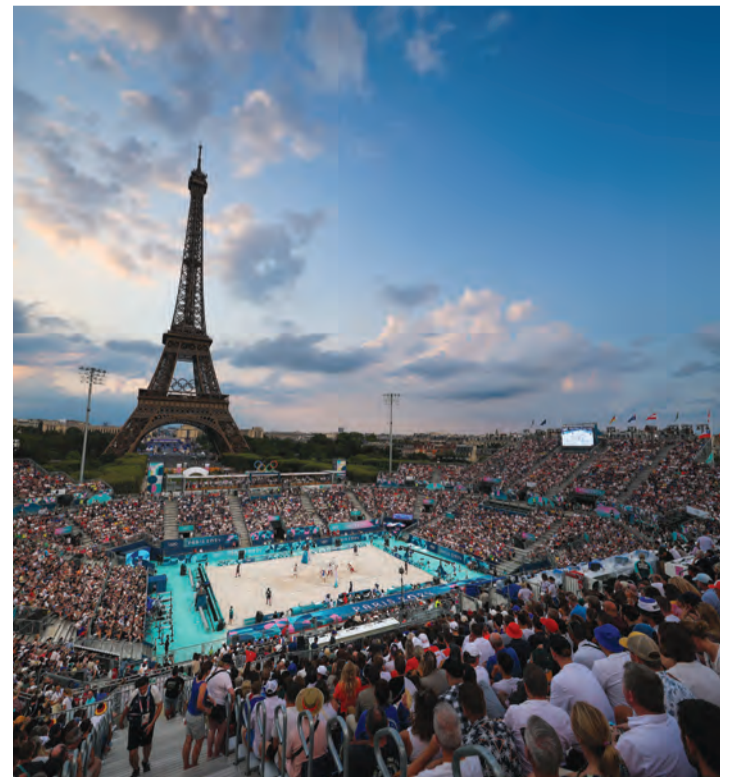
Lasha Guruli (right) of Georgia hammers Bazarbay Uulu Mukhammetsabyr of Kazakhstan during the men's 63.5kg boxing quarter-final



China's Long Daoyi and Wang Zongyuan compete in the men's synchronised 3m springboard diving final



Jessica Stevens of Team USA competes during the trampolining at the Bercy Arena



Spectators watch the men's pool F beach volleyball match at the Eiffel Tower Stadium