



**Turkiye arrests 15 for 'assaulting' US servicemen**

AFP | Ankara

Turkiye has arrested 15 members of a radical nationalist youth movement accused of assaulting two US military personnel in the western city of Izmir, authorities said yesterday.

Those arrested were members of the vehemently anti-American Turkish Youth Union (TGB), whose members have previously committed attacks against US servicemen.

The sailors were part of the crew of the USS Wasp, an American amphibious assault ship docked in Izmir since September 1.

**Biden, Harris at joint campaign appearance**

AFP | Washington

President Joe Biden and Kamala Harris hit the campaign trail together for the first time yesterday, in a public display of unity after she replaced him as candidate and revived Democratic election hopes.

To mark the Labor Day holiday, the pair were set to attend an event with union members in the key battleground state of Pennsylvania.

Biden, 81, bowed out of the presidential race in late July under mounting pressure after his disastrous debate performance against Donald Trump.

**Rescue mission for oil tanker off Yemen to begin**

AFP | Dubai

A rescue mission for an oil tanker still ablaze after being attacked by Houthi rebels off the coast of Yemen last month, is about to begin, the European Union's Red Sea naval mission said yesterday.

The Greek-flagged oil tanker Sounion was hit by the Houthis off the coast of Hodeida on August 21 while carrying 150,000 metric tons of crude oil.

The Iran-backed rebels said they had booby-trapped and detonated charges on the ship.

**Summer work ban extended to three months**

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The Cabinet has approved an extension of the summer mid-day outdoor work ban period to three months starting next year, from June 15 to September 15.

The decision was made during a Cabinet meeting chaired yesterday by Deputy Prime Minister, His Excellency Shaikh Khalid bin Abdulla Al Khalifa, at Gudaibiya Palace.

It approved a memorandum submitted by the Ministerial

Committee for Social Services, which detailed the outcomes of implementing the mid-day outdoor work ban in July and August this year. The Cabinet praised the commitment of companies to this annual initiative, which aims to protect workers' health.

During the weekly session, the Cabinet highlighted the importance of the meeting between His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, and the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom of



H.E. Shaikh Khalid bin Abdulla Al Khalifa

Great Britain and Northern Ireland (UK), The Rt Hon Sir Keir Starmer MP. It noted the role

of the meeting in consolidating bilateral relations and bolstering cooperation.

The Cabinet followed up on implementing HRH Prince Salman's directive to hold an induction day for parents and guardians across public schools for the new academic year.

In this regard, the Cabinet wished students, teachers, and administrators a successful new academic year.

The Cabinet also extended its thanks to the companies, institutions, and shops that offered

promotions on school supplies for the 2024-2025 academic year, which is part of the private sector's contributions to society.

It followed up on the preparations made by the Ministry of Interior to manage traffic flow around educational areas and ensure safe transportation for students, parents, and educational staff.

The Cabinet also stressed the importance of the Ministry of Work's road development projects, completed ahead of the school year, which will improve traffic conditions.

**Workforce boom**

Bahrain's foreign worker population continues to rise in second quarter of 2024

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The number of active work permits for foreign workers in Bahrain reached 631,763 by the end of the second quarter of 2024, representing a 3.8% annual increase compared to 608,411 permits in the same period last year.

This growth indicates a continued reliance on foreign labour to support the Kingdom's economy.

While the overall number of active work permits saw an increase, the number of new employment work permits issued by the Labour Market Regulatory Authority (LMRA) during the second quarter of 2024 decreased by 5% year-on-year, reaching 33,740. This decline suggests a potential slowdown in new hiring.

Interestingly, 54% of these new employment work permits were issued to organisations employing less than 10 workers,



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highlighting the significant role small businesses play in the Bahraini economy and their continued reliance on foreign labour.

The LMRA data also reveals a 10.2% increase in work permit renewals during the second quarter, reaching 99,279. This indicates

that existing foreign workers are staying in Bahrain and contributing to the workforce.

Moreover, the number of work



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The wholesale and retail trade sector follows closely with 20%, followed by the accommodation and food service activities sector at 14%.

'Clear risk'

**UK announces partial ban on arms exports to Israel**

AFP | London

Britain said yesterday it would suspend some arms exports to Israel, citing a "clear risk" that they could be used in a serious breach of international humanitarian law.

Israel's defence minister Yoav Gallant said he was "deeply disheartened" to hear of the sanctions but rights groups said the suspensions did not go far enough.

Foreign Secretary David Lammy told parliament that the

UK would suspend 30 out of 350 arms exports licences following a review by his department into Israel's conduct of its war against Hamas fighters.

He said the partial ban covered items "which could be used in the current conflict in Gaza", including fighter aircraft, helicopters and drones.

The ban does not include parts for Israel's advanced F-35 stealth fighter jets, Lammy added.

Lammy announced a review looking at the arms sales shortly

after Labour swept to power in a landslide general election victory over the Conservatives in early July.

"It is with regret that... the assessment I have received leaves me unable to conclude anything other than that for certain UK arms exports to Israel, there does exist a clear risk that they might be used to commit or facilitate a serious violation of international humanitarian law," he told lawmakers. He stressed that the situation would be kept under review.

Powerful message



Children hold life-sized school kit props reading messages like "Re-Write our Future" as part of a "Back to School, Back to Parliament" rally organised by Mothers Rise Up outside of the Palace of Westminster, home to the Houses of Parliament, in central London. Members of Parliament returned to Westminster yesterday after the summer break. (AFP)



# HM King hails BDF for commitment to duty

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, the Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces, expressed his appreciation and pride in all the Bahrain Defence Force (BDF) members for their unwavering commitment to fulfilling their duties with sincerity, contributing to the security of the nation and its citizens, and the stability of the region.

HM the King highlighted their dedication to the national duties, which has been demonstrated

in numerous tasks entrusted to them.

The Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces was speaking as he received yesterday Field Marshal Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, Commander-in-Chief of the BDF, at Al Sakhir Palace.

His Highness Shaikh Abdullah bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Personal Representative of HM the King; Lieutenant General His Highness Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the National Security Advisor and Royal



HM the King receives Field Marshal Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa and BDF senior officers

Guard Commander; Colonel His Highness Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Royal Guard Special Force Commander; and His Highness Colonel Shaikh Ali bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, were present.

During the meeting, HM the King was briefed on the future

plans to develop all weaponry and units of the BDF.

His Majesty also commended the regional and international sports achievements of the BDF and noted that these accomplishments are part of the Kingdom's various sports accomplishments, within the framework of the comprehensive development process in all domains.

He instructed the senior officers to convey his greetings to all members of the BDF at their various positions within the kingdom and abroad.

# Upgrading digital services

iGA launches National Appointment System and Mawaeed App

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Information & eGovernment Authority (iGA) Chief Executive Mohammed Ali Al Qaed has announced the official launch of the National Appointment System and its associated mobile app, Mawaeed.

The Mawaeed app was one of the winning projects of the second edition of the Government Innovation Competition, Fikra. Mawaeed serves as a national

unified appointment booking app for services that requires in-person attendance at government service centers.

Al Qaed emphasised that this initiative aligns with the directives of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, supporting the government's vision for digital transformation and enhanced operations.



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- MOHAMMED ALI AL QAED, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF INFORMATION & EGOVERNMENT AUTHORITY (IGA)

It is part of the Government Plan 2023–2026, aiming to adopt new technologies and upgrade systems for increased efficiency.



Mohammed Ali Al Qaed



This step also implements the decisions of the Ministerial Committee for Information and Communication Technology chaired by His Excellency General Shaikh Rashid bin Abdullah Al Khalifa, Minister of Interior.

Al Qaed highlighted that Mawaeed, one of the winning ideas of the second Government Innovation Competition (Fikra), was developed by the Ministry of Interior and the iGA after being piloted as a beta version last November

through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Urban Planning and Development Authority.

Since then, Mawaeed was expanded to include 18 new government centers from six additional government entities, including the Ministry of Labour, the Ministry of Social Development, the Ministry of Housing and Urban Planning, the Ministry of Justice, Islamic Affairs and Waqf, the Ministry of Municipalities Affairs and Agriculture, the Public Prosecution, and the Royal Humanitarian

Foundation. This brings the total number of entities enrolled in the system and app to nine.

Key features of the Mawaeed app include support in both Arabic and English, the ability to access a list of government entities and services offered at the centers for seamless appointment booking and management from any location at any time, receiving notifications for appointment confirmations and reminders, and providing instant feedback for evaluation.

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## Housing application process expedited

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The Ministry of Housing and Urban Planning announced that while income thresholds for housing applications will remain unchanged, new procedures have been implemented to expedite the review process and enhance service delivery. Applicants are still required

to meet the existing income limits: BD900 at the time of application and BD1,200 upon allocation of a unit. These limits, set out in Ministerial Decision No. 909 from 2015, are still in effect.

Recent adjustments, as outlined in Decision No. 900 of 2024, aim to make the review process more efficient.

The main change is that ap-

plications will be fully assessed before nomination certificates are issued for housing units.

Once a certificate is secured, there will be no additional checks on income or other criteria before the applicant receives their home.

These changes are intended to cut down waiting times and reduce the need for applicants to resubmit documents.

## Workshop on IMF data framework

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In line with the directives of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, regarding the continual improvement in government data management, the National Taskforce for Information and Population convened a national workshop in collaboration with the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

The workshop focused on the IMF Data Standards Framework, emphasising the requirements for the Kingdom of Bahrain advancement into higher tiers within this framework,

which signifies the Kingdom's commitment to data transparency and international best practices.

Hosted at the Ministry of Finance and National Economy headquarters, the workshop was attended by approximately 80 representatives from various government entities involved in the compilation and dissemination of macroeconomic and financial data.

The workshop focused on the criteria for subscribing to the Special Data Dissemination Standard (SDDS) and adopting the latest data exchange technologies, like the Statistical

Data and Metadata Exchange (SDMX) system.

This timely workshop coincided with an official IMF mission to Bahrain, marking the launch of the Kingdom's National Summary Data Page (NSDP).

The NSDP serves as a "data portal", providing users access to data, metadata, and links to online datasets for all available categories.

It also facilitates the automated exchange and sharing of statistical data and metadata through the SDMX; a standard for machine-to-machine transmission.

# Critical cash crunch

Northern Governorate's coffers run dry as fires, floods and crises surge

● **Municipal Council member calls for separate and larger budget to meet needs of citizens**

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The Northern Governorate, the largest in Bahrain due to its vast area and recent urban development, is facing a budget shortfall due to the increasing number of fire incidents and the need for rainproofing for low-income citizens, according to Northern Municipal Council member Abdullah Al Qubaisi.

Al Qubaisi, representing the ninth constituency, highlighted to The Daily Tribune the challenges faced by the Northern Governorate, which encompasses 12 constituencies, making it the most populous of the four



governorates in Bahrain.

He explained that while the Ministry of Municipalities and Agriculture distributes an equal budget across all governorates, the Northern Governorate's needs are significantly higher due to its size and population.

"The Northern Governorate requires a larger budget to meet its needs," Al Qubaisi said. "The current equal distribution system doesn't account for the disparity in demands across differ-

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- ABDULLAH AL QUBAIS, NORTHERN MUNICIPAL COUNCIL MEMBER

ent governorates.”

He further emphasised the strain on the budget caused by the "Village Development Project," which has been burdened by the inclusion of critical cases and flood barrier requests.

This amalgamation of needs has led to a depletion of funds, leaving many requests unmet.

## Requests

"The council is unable to fulfil all the requests for the Village Development Project due to the inclusion of urgent cases and rainproofing requirements," Al Qubaisi pointed out. "This has exhausted the budget, leaving us unable to cover all the necessary needs."

Al Qubaisi urged the authorities to separate the budget for the Village Development Project from the funding allocated for critical cases and flood barriers.

He proposed allocating distinct budgets for each project to ensure sufficient funds for all essential needs.

"We need separate budgets for the Village Development Project, critical cases, and rainproofing," Al Qubaisi stressed. "This will ensure that all projects receive adequate funding and can effectively address the specific needs of the Northern Governorate."

## 'Crucial decision to ensure migrant workers' well-being'

TDI | Manama

The Migrant Workers Protection Society (MWPS) has warmly welcomed the government's decision to extend the summer work ban for an additional month.

This crucial step not only prioritises the health and safety of migrant workers but also reflects a commitment to uphold their well-being during extreme weather conditions.

The extension of the work ban, initially set to end last month, is a significant measure in protecting the rights and dignity of migrant workers, who often face harsh working environments during the peak summer months.

With temperatures soaring to dangerous levels, this decision will help prevent heat-related illnesses and safeguard the welfare of the thousands of workers who contribute immensely to our economy.

"We applaud the government for making this decision that rightfully puts the safety of our workers first," said Mona Almoayyed, Chairperson of the Migrant Workers



Mona Almoayyed

Protection Society.

"This extension will provide much-needed relief to migrant workers who face challenging and potentially hazardous working conditions during the summer heat. It is our collective responsibility to ensure their well-being, and this move is a step in the right direction."

MWPS is also thrilled with the success of its campaign, ExtendTheShade, which galvanised public support and drew attention to the urgent need for action regarding summer work conditions.

The campaign raised awareness about the dangers faced by workers during extreme heat and mobilised community members, advocates, and policymakers to call for the extension of the work ban.

# 'A positive step to generate revenue for national budget'

TDI | Manama

Members of Parliament have lauded the recent decree-law implementing a tax on large multinational corporations operating in the Kingdom.

The law, which comes into effect on January 1, 2025, targets companies with annual global revenue exceeding 750 million, aligning with the requirements of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) Pillar Two.

MPS emphasised that the new tax, outlined in Decree-Law No. (11) of 2024, is a positive step that will not impact local businesses or small and medium enterprises (SMEs). They also highlighted its potential to generate new revenue for the national budget.

## Commitments

MP Mohammed Al Ahmed, a member of the Financial and Economic Affairs Committee, praised the decree-law, stating that it fulfills Bahrain's inter-

national and regional commitments.

He underlined that the tax will be a new source of revenue for the state budget without affecting local companies, regardless of their size.

Al Ahmed explained that the inclusion of this tax will serve as a new revenue stream as these companies already pay taxes in their home countries, where they are not required to pay taxes in Bahrain.

"This will not hinder the attraction of global investments to the Kingdom, as they will be exempt from the same tax in their home countries. This measure stems from an international agreement signed by over 140 countries," he stated.

## Revenue

MP Mohsen Al Asaboul, Chairman of the Legislative and Legal Affairs Committee, stressed that the implementation of the tax on multinational corporations will bolster the state budget and its revenue.



"The tax will be a new source of revenue for the state budget without affecting local companies, regardless of their size."

- MP MOHAMMED AL AHMED

He described the law as a vital piece of legislation that will benefit the national economy, aligning with Bahrain's commitment to international tax standards and ensuring fair and equal



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- MP MOHSEN AL ASABOUL

opportunities for companies in this field.

"Companies falling under the law will be required to pay



"This decree-law reflects the cooperation and integration between the legislative and executive branches, as the tax on companies was a subject of agreement between the government and parliament."

- MP HAMAD AL DOY

a minimum tax rate of 15% on profits generated in Bahrain," he explained.

Al Asaboul expressed his appreciation for the vision of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and the efforts of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, in diversifying revenue sources, increasing state income, and achieving comprehensive development for the benefit of the nation and its citizens.

## Cooperation

MP Hamad Al Doy commended the Ministry of Finance and National Economy, represented by the National Revenue Agency, for implementing the tax on large multinational corporations operating in Bahrain.

He stressed that this decree-law reflects the cooperation and integration between the legislative and executive branches, as the tax on companies was a subject of agreement between the government and parliament.

Al Doy said the tax reflects the government's commitment to diversifying revenue sources.

## Thieves rob woman's home while she sleeps

● **Jewelry, cellphone and cash stolen**

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A woman's deep sleep turned into a nightmare when three thieves broke into her home and stole her jewelry, mobile phone, and cash.

The incident occurred after the victim fell asleep without securing her door, providing an opportunity for the criminals to exploit her vulnerability.

The three accused, who had conspired to rob the victim, targeted her residence, tak-

ing advantage of her slumber and the unlocked door. One of the thieves entered the house while the other two kept watch outside.

The thief inside searched the house and stole the victim's purse, containing her ID card, her sister's ID card, a transportation card, and BD30. He also took her mobile phone and gold jewelry, including rings and a necklace.

After completing the theft, the three thieves went to a jewelry store to sell the stolen jewelry. One of them entered the store and offered the jewelry to the seller, while the others waited outside.

## Boost for human rights and workers' safety

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The Bahrain Free Labour Unions Federation (BFLUF) has praised the Cabinet's decision to extend the afternoon work ban for three months, from June 15th to September 15th, starting next year.

The decision, which was announced yesterday, comes in response to a long-standing proposal by the BFLUF.

Yaqoub Yusuf Mohammed, President of the Federation, told The Daily Tribune that this decision has been a long-awaited demand by labour unions and workers in the Kingdom of Bahrain.

"The Federation has consistently advocated for its implementation in various forums and events, inspired by His



“The decision enhances the Kingdom's reputation regarding workers' rights and occupational safety at regional and international levels.”

- YAQOUB YUSUF MOHAMMED, PRESIDENT OF THE FEDERATION

Majesty the King's vision to strengthen human rights and protect workers from all hazards, particularly during periods of rising global temperatures," he said.

He highlighted that Bahrain has always been a pioneer and a model for humanitarian and hu-

man rights work in the region.

"The government, under the leadership of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, has proactively implemented the decision and swiftly responded to safeguard human health and

dignity," he pointed out.

Moreover, the BFLUF President emphasised that workers have received the decision with great happiness and appreciation. He stressed that this will positively impact work and workers in sectors affected by high temperatures during the summer months.

He also pointed out the decision's impact on enhancing the Kingdom's reputation regarding workers' rights and occupational safety at regional and international levels. The coming period will witness international praise for this decision, he said.

"The Federation will work to inform the international community about this decision and its impact on the human rights and labour landscape in the Kingdom," he said.

# Traffic jam relief on the horizon

Muharraq Council to discuss opening of ring road and key housing issues

Mohammed Darwish  
TDT | Manama

The upcoming sessions of the Muharraq Municipal Council are set to focus on the new ring road, which promises to ease the notorious traffic congestion on Rayya Highway.

For residents who have endured years of long delays, the road's completion feels like a long-awaited relief on the horizon.

Ahead of the council's return, The Daily Tribune spoke with several members to gauge their thoughts on the upcoming period.

Fadhel Al-Oud, representing the sixth district, reassured residents that the long-standing traffic congestion on Rayya Highway is being addressed.

"The soon-to-open ring road, expected in early 2025, will link Diyar Al Muharraq to Al Sayh and Samaheej, providing a much-needed alternative for regular drivers," he explained.

Al-Oud emphasised that the council had been monitoring the road's development from the start.

At their request, the Ministry of Works opened the first phase earlier this year.

He also praised the ministry for the swift construction and



Abdulqader Al Sayyed



Ahmed Almuqahwi



Fadhel Al-Oud



Work on the ring road is in progress

expressed his gratitude for their cooperation.

## Joint venture

The third phase of the project is currently underway, with The Tender Board awarding it to a joint venture involving Nass Contracting Company and Nasir Hazza Al-Subaie & Brothers.

Hassan Al Mulla, a teacher from the Estation area in Mu-

harraq, told TDT, "The traffic on Rayya Highway often forces me to leave home half an hour earlier just to make it to class on time. This new route will definitely address a pressing issue."

As for the council's first session, Al-Oud mentioned it would centre around assigning committee roles and responsibilities.

On another front, council member Ahmed Almuqahwi

highlighted progress on housing, stating, "The Muharraq Municipal Council has already rebuilt 52 dilapidated homes."

He added that recommendations had been submitted to the Ministry of Municipalities and the Council of Representatives for additional funding to address homes at risk of collapse.

Almuqahwi pledged that the council would keep pushing for



Dilapidated house in Muharraq

progress and keep the public in the loop through official channels.

## Restoration of traditional houses

Regarding the restoration of traditional "Firjan" houses, Almuqahwi confirmed that recommendations had been made to the Bahrain Authority for Culture and Antiquities (BACA), with the municipal council closely following up on the matter.

The Cultural Heritage Law mandates that any building over 50 years old is classified as heritage, giving BACA the authority to oversee its management.

Before any renovation or construction work can be undertaken on these properties, the necessary approvals must be secured from the relevant bodies, ensuring that Bahrain's cultural and architectural heritage is preserved according to legal guidelines.

Meanwhile, Abdulqader Al Sayyed, another council member, pointed out that the municipal council intends to prioritise improvements to the sewage network in Muharraq's fourth district, as well as in Arad's seventh district and Samaheej Block 243, which covers around 68 properties.

## Education Minister attends UNESCO award ceremony



H.E. Dr. Mohammed bin Mubarak Juma at the event

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Under the patronage of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, His Excellency Dr. Mohammed bin Mubarak Juma, Minister of Education, participated in the award ceremony for the UNESCO-King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa Prize for the Use of Information and Communication Technologies in Education.

The event was organised by the Ministry of Education and the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) at the organization's headquarters in



Paris.

The ceremony was attended by Ms. Stefania Giannini, UNESCO's Assistant Director-General for Education, senior officials from UNESCO and education ministries around the world, members of the diplomatic

corps, media representatives, researchers, specialists in information and communication technologies, and a number of Bahraini students studying in French universities.

Dr. Juma, along with the Assistant Director-General for Education at UNESCO, presented the award to the two winning projects in its fifteenth edition.

The winners were: the "Connecting the Dots: Data-Driven Carbon Literacy" project by the GoGo School Teachers' Association from the Republic of Korea, and the "EducoNetImpact" project by a group of researchers at the University of Mons.

## BRCS donates \$100,000 to Sudan flood victims

TDT | Manama

The Bahrain Red Crescent Society (BRCS) has announced a donation of \$100,000 to support the Sudanese people who are grappling with a severe humanitarian crisis caused by recent heavy rains and rising river levels.

These conditions have resulted in devastating floods

and torrential rains across several regions in Sudan, leading to widespread destruction, significant property and infrastructure losses, and leaving many families without shelter or essential living resources.

The donation, approved by the BRCS Board of Directors, underscores Bahrain's commitment to providing aid and

support to those in need both within the region and beyond, particularly in the wake of natural disasters that necessitate collective regional and international efforts to alleviate suffering.

This contribution is part of BRCS's ongoing humanitarian and relief initiatives, aimed at assisting communities affected by natural disasters and crises.

## Private hospital suspends operations

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A private hospital in Bahrain has abruptly halted most of its operational activities, leaving staff unpaid for two months and raising concerns about patient care, reported our sister newspaper Al Ayam.

The hospital has not provided any official explanation for the suspension, which has affected approximately 30 specialties, including general surgery, gynecology and obstetrics, IVF, pediatrics, and cosmetic surgery.

Doctors and nurses working at the hospital have expressed their distress over the situation, citing the lack of salary payments as a major hardship.

Several employees have reportedly filed complaints with the Ministry of Labour regarding the delayed payments.

The sudden closure of the hospital has left patients and staff in a state of uncertainty. The impact on patient care is particularly concerning, as many patients rely on the hospital's specialised services.

A hospital employee revealed that the Ministry of Labour sent a delegation yesterday to the hospital administration to investigate the reasons behind the delayed salary payments and find urgent solutions.

The hospital administration has promised to address the issues within a few weeks.

## Major sewerage project underway in Barbar

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The Northern Municipal Council has announced that the cost of the sewerage project in Block 522 in Barbar village has reached BD827,969.

The project, awarded to Al Door Excavation and Building Contracting, is currently 60% complete.

The Northern Municipal Council Chairman, Dr Shubir Al Widaei, told The Daily Tribune that 90% of the main lines and 65% of the sub-lines have been completed.

"13 out of 190 properties have been connected to the new network," he said.

The project, which began in October 2023, is expected to be completed by March 31, 2025, spanning 18 months.



Dr Shubir Al Widaei

It includes the construction of a 3.5 km main sewerage network, 114 main inspection chambers, 1.4 km of sub-lines, and 194 sub-inspection chambers.

The project also includes the rehabilitation of existing roads, which are being resurfaced with asphalt screenings. The project will serve 190 properties.

## 'Personal hygiene is paramount'

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As the new school year approaches, Dr Nadia Hajjar, a primary care physician, underscored the importance of taking proactive measures to protect children from seasonal illnesses.

Dr Hajjar highlighted a number of essential steps to safeguard children from seasonal influenza, other respiratory viruses, and emerging concerns like monkeypox.

"Personal hygiene is paramount," Dr Hajjar asserts.

She stressed the importance of frequent handwashing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially before



Dr Nadia Hajjar

eating and after using the restroom.

"This is a fundamental practice," she explained.

For situations where water is unavailable, Dr Hajjar recommended using hand sanitizer containing at least 60% alcohol.

## Tamkeen supports wage increment of 50 Bahraini employees at Junaid Perfumes

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The Labour Fund "Tamkeen" announced its support for the wage increment of 50 Bahraini employees at "Junaid Perfumes", a leading company in the fragrance manufacturing and trading sector in the Kingdom of Bahrain.

This Support comes in line with Tamkeen's continuous efforts to promote the professional development of national talent within private sector institutions, one of the three main support pillars at

Tamkeen, alongside employment support and institutional support.

Khalid AlBayat, the Chief Growth Officer at Tamkeen, emphasized that enhancing the growth of institutions in the manufacturing sector is part of Tamkeen's efforts to support economic growth and boost non-oil GDP. This is due to the importance of the manufacturing sector, which is the second largest contributor to the national economy among non-oil sectors and em-

ployes approximately 13,000 Bahrainis.

He added, "We aim to support the growth and career development of national talent in the private sector by offering various training and wage increment support, and we continuously work with institutions in the private sector that believe in investing in their national workforce and providing opportunities for career advancement in order to achieve economic growth".

Hamad Junaid, Managing

Director of Junaid Perfumes Said, "We have always been dedicated to fostering their career development of our team and continuously motivating them, which positively impacts their performance within the organization and helps enhance their productivity while maintaining a thriving work environment. With the support provided by "Tamkeen", we can further advance these efforts, expand our operations, and enhance our positive impact on the national economy."

## Murdoch looks to buy UK property website Rightmove



Rightmove web page is seen on a smart phone screen

AFP | London

REA Group, the Australian majority-owned by Rupert Murdoch's News Corp empire, said yesterday it is mulling a multi-billion-pound takeover of British peer Rightmove.

Shares in Rightmove soared by 22 percent in afternoon deals on London's top-tier FTSE 100 index, giving it a market value of around £5.4 billion (US\$7.1 billion).

In a statement published on the London Stock Exchange, REA Group did not reveal what it would be prepared to pay for Rightmove.

Following media speculation, it confirmed "that it is considering a possible cash and share offer" for all of the British company.

"REA has not approached, nor had any discussions with,

Rightmove regarding any potential offer."

The Australian company said "there are clear similarities between REA and Rightmove in terms of their leading market positions in the core residential business".

Rightmove had yet to comment on the news.

Russ Mould, investment analyst at AJ Bell, said that company shareholders would unlikely accept a first formal bid.

"Other companies are likely to be interested in Rightmove given its market-leading position," he added.

Other sector-watchers said REA could be attracted by the prospect of more interest-rate cuts in Britain which would lower mortgage costs for buyers, as well as by the new government's plans for mass housebuilding.

## ASRY to participate in leading maritime trade fairs held in September

TDT | Manama

ASRY, the leading ship and rig repair yard in the Arabian Gulf, has announced its participation in a number of upcoming maritime trade fairs planned for September 2024.

ASRY is scheduled to participate in the German Shipping Exhibition, SMM Hamburg, planned to take place from 3-6 September followed by FPSO World Congress 2024, that will be held in Singapore from September the 10th till the 13th.

Regarding ASRY's presence in the regional maritime hubs,



Dario Arcella, ASRY's Chief Operating Officer

it has been confirmed that the company will partake in the 5th

edition of the Saudi Maritime & Logistics Congress scheduled to take place between 18- 19 September 2024, Damam, KSA.

This showcase aims to solidify ASRY's commercial presence in the global maritime and shipping hubs, providing an opportunity to stay informed of the rapid progress witnessed by the maritime industry as well as shedding light on its latest developments and discussing topical issues and challenges facing this sector at the global level.

These events also provide ASRY with a good launch platform to start new relationships,

network, and close deals with both region-based and international clients.

"These events are the ideal platforms for ASRY to showcase its long-standing experience and expertise in the maritime sector as they bring together leading industry players from around the world, thus creating opportunities for active engagement with the clients to exchange experiences, discuss current and future business opportunities, and secure deals" commented Dario Arcella, ASRY's Chief Operating Officer.

## Volkswagen says considering factory closures in Germany



A VW employee presents the new model of the electric Volkswagen ID 3 car of German carmaker Volkswagen with the brand's new logo at the 'Transparent Factory' (Glaeserne Manufacturer) production site in Dresden, eastern Germany (file photo)

AFP | Berlin

German automotive giant Volkswagen said yesterday it could close production sites in Germany, as the auto industry struggles to manage rising costs.

"In the current situation, even plant closures at vehicle production and component sites can no longer be ruled out," Volkswagen said in an internal memo sent to employees and seen by AFP.

Europe's largest auto manufacturer remained committed to Germany as a "business location" but "headwinds have become significantly stronger", VW brand CEO Thomas Schaefer was quoted in the document as saying.

The challenging conditions meant "we must now step up our efforts" to secure the long-term success of the company, Schaefer said in the note sent to employees.

"We want to remain the leading volume manufacturer worldwide -- and do so on our own strength," Schaefer said.

Volkswagen last year announced plans for a 10-billion-euro (\$11-billion) savings programme and has flagged cuts to its workforce over the coming years to improve profitability.

But the group said further measures were now required after disappointing results published in August that showed a dip in profits.

Rising costs and cooling demand in China also meant the group had to lower its profit margin forecasts for the rest of the year.

The core of the Volkswagen group "now faces particularly significant challenges", the memo said.

Despite the cost-saving measures already announced, "the current developments in the automotive market and the German economy demand further action", it said.

The company's board had determined that "the brands within Volkswagen AG must undergo comprehensive restructuring".

# Stock markets mostly fall on China woes

Weak Chinese data dampens global sentiment despite anticipated US rate cut

- China's manufacturing PMI contracts for fourth straight month

- Fears grow over potential miss of China's 5% GDP target

AFP | London

Major stock markets mostly fell yesterday as more weak Chinese economic data offset optimism over an expected US interest-rate cut.

Investor sentiment was jolted by worries over China's economy after a report showed activity in the country's manufacturing sector contracted for a fourth consecutive month in August and more than expected.

The weekend data "rang alarm bells", noted Joshua Mahony, chief market analyst at trading group Scope Markets.

China's manufacturing "sector clearly remains in a troublesome position as the country attempts to navigate its way out of the recent real estate fuelled slowdown", he added.

In August, the Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) -- a key barometer of industrial output -- stood at 49.1 points, the Na-



People stand next to an entrance of the Shanghai Stock Exchange in the Pudong district in Shanghai

tional Bureau of Statistics announced.

This represents a stronger contraction than in July (49.4 points) for the index, which is based in part on company order books.

A figure above 50 indicates an expansion in manufacturing activity, while below that is a contraction.

The update came as leaders face calls to unveil fresh stimulus measures, particularly for the troubled property industry, with observers warning the government's 5.0 percent GDP growth target could be missed this year.

Following the Chinese figures, oil prices fell slightly and

the yuan dropped against the dollar yesterday.

The data added to concerns over weak Chinese demand, including for the luxury sector, with British fashion brand Burberry heading the losers board in London. Its shares were down 2.7 percent nearing midday, while in Paris Gucci-owner Kering shed 2.3 percent.

However, stock in British online real estate firm Rightmove soared 22 percent after Australian peer REA Group, majority-owned by Rupert Murdoch's News Corp empire, said yesterday it is mulling a multi-billion-pound takeover.

Elsewhere, focus remained fixed on by how much the Fed-

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The Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) for China's manufacturing sector dropped to 49.1 in August, signaling the strongest contraction in industrial output since the economic slowdown began

eral Reserve would cut US interest rates in September.

Figures on Friday showed the Fed's favoured gauge of inflation -- personal consumption expenditures index -- fell in line with forecasts in July, setting the bank up to ease monetary policy this month.

Focus is now on the release of the closely watched non-farm payrolls report, which will provide the latest snapshot of the world's top economy.

While a cut has been priced in, the data could determine how big it will be, with analysts saying another big miss to the downside could prompt officials to slash rates by 50 basis points, rather than the expected 25.



News in brief

One dead as storms hit Australia's southeast  
One woman has died, schools have been shuttered and tens of thousands of people were without power yesterday, as wild storms lashed Australia. Police said a 63-year-old woman died after a tree fell on a cabin in the country's southeast. "Destructive" winds of more than 110 kilometres (68 miles) per hour are lashing the region, leaving about 150,000 people without power. Victorian state premier Jacinta Allan warned power outages could take up to three days to fix.

Pope Francis, 87, flew to Indonesia yesterday on the first leg of an ambitious four-nation tour, with inter-faith ties set to dominate his visit to the world's most populous Muslim-majority country. The pontiff left Rome yesterday afternoon and will land in Jakarta on Tuesday morning (0430 GMT), the first stop in a 12-day voyage that will also take in Papua New Guinea, East Timor and Singapore. Covering some 32,000 kilometres (almost 20,000 miles), the tour -- the longest and farthest of his 11 years leading the worldwide Catholic Church -- will test Francis' increasingly fragile health. But in recent weeks the pontiff has appeared in good spirits, and he is often energised by being among his flock.

Authorities in Guyana seize cocaine worth \$200 mn  
Authorities in Guyana on the northern tip of South America seized \$200 million worth of cocaine buried near a clandestine airstrip for shipment to Europe, a customs official said. Around 4.4 metric tons of the drug were found in underground bunkers near the border with Venezuela to the west, said James Singh, the head of the anti-narcotics unit of Guyana's customs agency. Traffickers dug holes in the ground to hide the cocaine, and then covered them with wooden planks, Singh said. No arrests have been made so far.

CURIOSER & CURIOSER

No TV or screens for toddlers, Sweden tells parents



Representative image of a child watching a cartoon on a TV  
AFP | London

Toddlers should not be allowed to watch screens at all, Sweden told parents yesterday. Children under the age of two should be kept away from digital media and television completely, the country's Public Health Agency said. Kids between the ages of two and five should be limited to a maximum of one hour of screen time a day, it said in new recommendations, while those aged six to 12 should spend no more than an hour or two a day in front of a screen. Teenagers aged 13 to 18 should be limited to two to three hours per day, the agency said. "For too long, smartphones and other screens have been allowed to enter every aspect of our children's lives," Public Health Minister Jakob Forssmed told reporters. The minister said that Swed-

Sweden's government has previously said it is looking at a ban on smartphones in primary schools

# Pressure mounts on Netanyahu

Nationwide strike and Biden criticism increase pressure on Netanyahu amid hostage crisis

Major strike held in Israel demanding hostage release

Court orders end to strike, calling it "politically motivated"

Biden says Netanyahu not doing enough for hostages

AFP | Jerusalem

Pressure mounted yesterday on Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu as a major strike was held and US President Joe Biden said he was not doing enough to secure the release of Gaza hostages, following the killing of six captives. Israelis were gripped by grief and fury after the military said Sunday the bodies of six hostages, all captured alive during Hamas' October 7 attack on southern Israel that triggered the war, were recovered from a tunnel in southern Gaza.

A strike announced by the main trade union seeking a deal to se-



Israeli Police officers detain protesters during clashes following an anti-government rally calling for the release of hostages

cur the remaining captives' release had brought parts of the country to a standstill, although some cities were largely unaffected.

But an Israeli court yesterday

ordered an immediate end to the strike called by the Histadrut

of the remaining 97 hostages, in-

cluding 33 the military says are dead.

Tel Aviv and the northern coastal city of Haifa heeded the strike call.

However, Ben Gurion international airport near Tel Aviv was operating "as usual", a spokeswoman told AFP, despite takeoffs being halted for two hours.

In Jerusalem and some other cities, life appeared to go on as usual. Some private firms partly suspended operations in support of the strike.

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Only eight of the 251 hostages taken by Hamas on October 7 have been rescued alive by Israeli forces, with scores released during a brief truce in November

TOP 4 TWEETS

01



The more the people of Brazil learn from the @AlexandreFiles, the worse it will get for him. He violated the constitution of Brazil repeatedly and egregiously, after swearing an oath to protect it. Nothing worse than an oathbreaker.

@elonmusk

02



On Labor Day, we celebrate the generations of American workers and their families who keep our country going -- and the unions who fight for the rights and opportunities they deserve. We owe them our gratitude and support.

@BarackObama

03



The middle class doesn't just happen. It's built -- one fight at a time. And it's built by unions. #LabourDay

@JustinTrudeau

04



I'm committed to improving the chances of young people and delivering on my mission to break down the barriers to opportunity. We are driving up school standards by replacing the one-word Ofsted grade with new report cards to give parents a clearer picture of school performance.

@Keir\_Starmer

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## Bahrain Needs Fortified Water Resources



KOTA SRIRAJ

Natural water resources are one of the first casualties of climate change as harsh temperatures, erratic rainfall patterns and dwindling groundwater table contribute to a steep dive in potable water availability. This is a global problem as many nations are struggling to meet water needs of increasing population amid unpredictable climate conditions. But the problem of depleting water resources is more pronounced in regions such as Middle East where soaring temperatures amplify climate change conditions. In trying conditions such as these it is essential to think out of the box to augment the water resource availability. In this regard, Bahrain is an apt example of a nation that is constantly taking commendable initiatives in this direction.

One of such initiatives is the project to construct a cutting-edge seawater reverse osmosis (SWRO) desalination

plant on Hawar Island by The Electricity and Water Authority (EWA) of Bahrain. Named as the "New Hawar SWRO Desalination Plant," this facility will be strategically located on the southeastern coast of Bahrain. Designed to meet Bahrain's growing water needs, the plant will have the capacity to produce between one and two million gallons per day (MGD) of potable water. It will feature an advanced desalination system, two ground storage tanks each with a one-million-gallon capacity, and the necessary forwarding pumps to ensure efficient distribution.

The project will be executed under an EPC (Engineering, Procurement, and Construction) contract. The New Hawar SWRO Desalination Plant is set to significantly bolster Bahrain's water resources and support the Kingdom's sustainable growth. Going forward many more initiatives such as these will certainly change the narrative of Bahrain's fight against adverse impacts of climate change. However, it is also crucial for the island nation to apply lateral techniques and take unique steps to bring about a water resource surplus condition. This can truly address water resource related challenges brought about by worsening environmental conditions.

To add more momentum to the above efforts Bahrain can also implement advanced smart water management technologies, such as sensors, data analytics, and artificial intelligence, to optimise water use and reduce waste. Smart water management can help detect leaks, monitor water quality, forecast water demand, and provide real-time feedback to the water authorities. This can help enhance water conservation, reduce energy consumption, and increase resilience to water-related risks. In addition to this Bahrain can also utilise the concept of Blue Green Infrastructure to further strengthen its water resources.

Blue Green Infrastructure (BGI) refers to a network that provides the "ingredients" for solving urban and climatic challenges by building with nature. BGI uses natural and engineered systems to manage water, such as wetlands, rain gardens, and green roofs. BGI can capture and treat stormwater, reduce flooding and erosion, and enhance biodiversity and ecosystem services. BGI can also provide social and economic benefits, such as improving air quality, reducing urban heat island effects, and creating recreational spaces. Bahrain can effectively address water scarcity issues by combining desalination plants with smart water management technologies and Blue Green Infrastructure network.

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## Torrential floods kill 25 in southern India

AFP | New Delhi

Intense monsoon rains and floods in India's southern states have killed at least 25 people, with thousands rescued and taken to relief camps, disaster officials said on Sept 2. At least 16 people have been killed in Telangana state, and nine in neighbouring Andhra Pradesh in the past two days. "Lots of houses have been

damaged as well," Y. Nagi Reddy, director general of Telangana's disaster response and fire service, told AFP, noting there had 400 millimetres (15.7 inches) of rainfall within the past 24 hours. Around 3,800 people have been rescued in Telangana and moved to relief camps. India's air force said it had flown in more than 200 rescue officers and 30 tonnes of emergency aid to both states.



People ride a boat through a flooded street after heavy monsoon rains, in Vijayawada

## China rolls out the red carpet for African leaders

China hosts largest diplomatic event since the pandemic

AFP | Beijing

China yesterday rolled out the red carpet for leaders from across Africa, seeking to deepen ties with the resource-rich continent it has furnished with billions in loans for infrastructure and development. Beijing has said this week's China-Africa forum will be its largest diplomatic event since the Covid-19 pandemic, with more than a dozen leaders and delegations expected. China has sent hundreds of thousands of workers to Africa to build its megaprojects while tap-



An airplane carrying South African President Cyril Ramaphosa arrives in Beijing

ping the continent's vast natural resources including copper, gold, lithium and rare earth minerals. Its vast loans to the continent

have funded infrastructure but also stoked controversy by saddling countries with huge debts. China, the world's number two economy, is Africa's largest trading partner, with bilateral trade hitting \$167.8 billion in the first half of this year, according to Chinese state media. Security is tight across Beijing, with roads and bus stops bedecked with banners declaring China and the continent are "joining hands for a brighter future".

Among the leaders in the capital is South African President Cyril Ramaphosa, who arrived early Monday for a four-day visit during which he will also visit the southern tech powerhouse city of Shenzhen. Trade between China and South Africa soared to \$38.8 billion in 2023, according to the South African presidency.

## Tropical storm triggers landslides in Philippines, 11 dead

Storm Yagi slams into Luzon with heavy rain

Landslides and floods claim 11 lives, including a pregnant woman

AFP | Manila

Floods and landslides killed 11 people after a fierce tropical storm dumped heavy rain on the Philippines for a second day, officials said yesterday. Tropical Storm Yagi slammed into the main island of Luzon yesterday after brushing past the Bicol region southeast of Manila overnight Sunday, with more heavy rain forecast which the state weather service said could cause flooding and more landslides.

As a precaution, schools and government offices across the capital were shut for the day, ferry services in some areas were suspended and 29 domestic flights were cancelled due to the weather. Three people, including a pregnant woman, were killed in a landslide yesterday in Antipolo, near equally rain-soaked Manila, city information officer Rely Bonifacio told AFP.

He said the bodies of four other people, all drowning victims, were recovered yesterday in three other areas of the hilly community, hours after creeks overflowed overnight. The Bicol city of Naga was also hard-hit, with a man electrocuted as floodwaters rose and a baby girl drowning, res-



People walk past a fallen electrical post brought down by strong winds from weather due to Tropical Storm Yagi in Manila

Tropical Storm Yagi's impact led to the cancellation of 29 domestic flights and caused widespread disruption, with hundreds of residents rescued from severe flooding in hard-hit areas

cuers said. "The floods were above head height in some areas," Joshua Tuazon of the city's public safety office told AFP, adding that hundreds of residents had been rescued. More than 300 people were at evacuation camps yesterday, with local officials saying the floodwaters in the city of 210,000 people were slow to ebb.

Two landslides killed two people and damaged five houses in the central city of Cebu on Sunday, the local disaster office there told AFP.

# celebs

## Tom Hanks issues 'public service announcement' over AI 'fraudulent' adverts

Bang Showbiz | Los Angeles

Tom Hanks has hit out at "fraudulent" advertisements using an AI-created version of his likeness.

The 'Elvis' actor has issued a "public service announcement" to fans urging them not to be "swindled" into losing their cash by splurging on "miracle cures and wonder drugs" they believe he has endorsed as a result of the promotional images.

He wrote in a statement shared

to Instagram titled "Public service announcement from Tom Hanks": "There are multiple ads over the internet falsely using my name, likeness, and voice promoting miracle cures and wonder drugs.

"These ads have been created without my consent, fraudulently and through AI. I have nothing to do with these posts or the products and treatments, or the spokespeople touting these cures.

"I have type 2 diabetes, and I ONLY work with my board cer-

tified doctor regarding my treatment. DO NOT BE FOOLED. DO NOT BE SWINDLED. DO NOT LOSE YOUR HARD EARNED MONEY."

The 68-year-old actor shared a similar warning about an advert for a dental plan last October.

He wrote on Instagram alongside a screenshot from the ad: "BEWARE!! There's a video out there promoting some dental plan with an AI version of me. I have nothing to do with it."

The Oscar-win-

ning star previously expressed his concerns about the rise in AI and how there could be a series of movies fronted by him even after his death.

Speaking on the 'Adam Buxton Podcast', he said: "I can tell you that there is discussions going on in all of the guilds, all of the agencies, and all of the legal firms in order to come up with the legal ramifications of my face and my voice and everybody else's being our intellectual property.

"What is a bona fide possibil-

ity right now is, if I wanted to, I could get together and pitch a series of seven movies that would star me in them in which I would be 32 years old from now until kingdom come.

"Anybody can now recreate themselves at any age they are by way of AI or deep fake technology. I could be hit by a bus tomorrow and that's it, but performances can go on and on and on and on.

Tom Hanks



## Katy Perry: My family are my focus group

Bang Showbiz | Los Angeles

Katy Perry's family have become her "focus group".

The 39-year-old pop star - who has Daisy, four, with movie star Orlando Bloom - has revealed that she leaned on her family's advice while she was creating Baby You're a Firework Blue Raspberry, her newest ice cream flavor made in collaboration with Mc-



Connell's Fine Ice Creams.

Speaking to E! News, Katy explained: "My family were definitely my focus group.

"We went through three rounds of taste tests before landing on the final recipe!"

Despite this, Katy's biggest inspiration behind the flavor was actually her childhood in Santa Barbara, California.

She shared: "I love the sanctuary of Santa Barbara. I can bike Daisy to preschool, and my family is all within walking distance."

Katy Perry

## Armie Hammer selling truck because he 'can't afford gas'

Bang Showbiz | Los Angeles

Armie Hammer is selling his truck because he "can't afford the gas anymore".

The 38-year-old actor has revealed he bought himself the GMC pickup as a Christmas present and he "love it intensely" but he's now decided the time has come to swap it for a "tiny" hybrid because filling up was starting to cost too much money.

In a video posted on Instagram, he showed off his beloved vehicle and explained he's putting it up for sale. Armie said: "So, I've been back in L.A.

for a couple of weeks now, this is my truck.

"I bought this for myself in 2017 as a Christmas gift for myself.

"I have loved this truck intensely and taken it camping and across the country multiple times and on long road trips, and I

Armie Hammer



## Nicole Kidman explores vulnerability in Babygirl

AFP | Venice

Nicole Kidman said she felt "exposed and vulnerable" as erotic thriller "Babygirl" premiered at the Venice Film Festival Thursday, with the veteran actress pushing herself far from her comfort zone.

Kidman plays Romy, a high-powered New York CEO who embarks on a torrid, sado-masochistic affair with a new company intern, played by Harris Dickinson, risking her marriage to her husband (Antonio Banderas) and family life.

"This definitely leaves me exposed and vulnerable and frightened and all of those things when it's given to the world, but making it with these people here, it was delicate and intimate and very, very deep," Kidman told a press

Nicole Kidman



conference ahead of the premiere.

"Right now we're all a bit nervous."

One of 21 films in the main competition for the Golden Lion prize, "Babygirl" is the third film for Dutch director Halina Reijn, who also wrote the script. The study of one woman's sexual desire, it also explores power relationships -- and turns some of them on their head in surprising ways.

The film manages to subvert the seemingly dated erotic genre, whose heyday in the 1980s and 90s produced films such as "Fatal Attraction", "Basic Instinct" and "9 1/2 Weeks".

"I'm very delighted to be able to make a film about female desire but it's also a film about a woman in an existential crisis and it has many layers," said Reijn.

That was the interest for Kidman, who in 1999 delved into the genre with her then-husband Tom Cruise in Stanley Kubrick's final film, "Eyes Wide

Shut," similarly an in-depth look at sexuality and the human psyche.

"I want to examine human beings," Kidman said Friday.

"I want to examine women onscreen. I want to examine what it means to be human and in all facets of that and the labyrinth of that," she said.

Last year's Golden Lion award went to a film unabashedly exploring themes of self-identity and sexuality -- "Poor Creatures" from Greek director Yorgos Lanthimos.

In that feminist reworking of "Frankenstein," actress Emma Stone shattered the norms of Hollywood modesty in her portrayal of Bella, a sexually voracious reanimated corpse who lives unabashedly for pleasure.

Kidman said "Babygirl" also fit her agenda to "put my weight behind a lot of women now in terms of directors, to try to change the ratio".

## John Cena will never be 'ready' to have children

Bang Showbiz | Los Angeles

John Cena doesn't think he will ever be "personally ready" to be a dad.

The 'Blockers' actor - who is married to Shay Shariatzadeh - has a lot he wants to do with his own life and admitted he doesn't see having children in his future as a result.

Speaking on the 'Club Shay Shay' podcast, he said: "I have a certain curiosity about life, and I also know the investment

that it takes.

"As somebody who's driven, many times stubborn and selfish, I try to approach the world with kindness and curiosity ... but I don't think I'm personally ready, nor will I ever be, to invest the time [needed] to be a great parent.

"I want to live life for all it is. I still have a lot to do."

The 47-year-old star admitted he and Shay have had "open conversations" about raising a family but ultimately found themselves to be "on the same page".

John began the "uncomfortable" discussions very early in their relationship.

He said: "I opened with a few uncomfortable conversations.

"Those were first or second date questions with my now-wife. It's great because we both got to lean into these uncomfortable moments, address this stuff and build a foundation."

And as a result of the intense chats so early in their romance, "nothing is off the table" between the couple.

John Cena



John said: "Nothing is too uncomfortable to be unapproachable. Starting off with a conversation about ... what is the definition of our family ... helped us forge a path together as a team."

The WWE star admitted in 2022 he didn't feel "qualified" to be a parent and doesn't have the "passion" for fatherhood.

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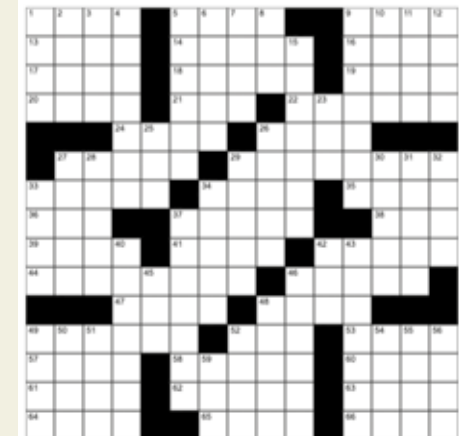
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### CROSSWORD



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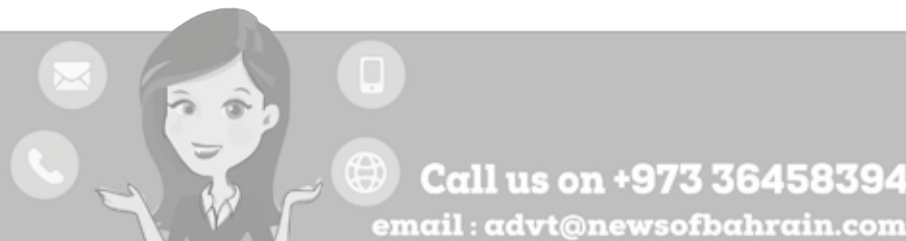
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**LOTUS HOTEL** has a vacancy for the occupation of **MASSEUR**, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17251444 or NAMALCO@BATELCO.COM.BH

**Secure Me W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of **SECURITY GUARD**, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17749697 or secure.me@live.com

**Stiller Agency for the Supply Workers w. I.** has a vacancy for the occupation of **COOK(GENERAL)**, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17177730 or rsuresh@alazzamgroup.com

**URBASER BAHRAIN CO W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of **CLEANER**, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17534342 or sajjinath@urbaser.com

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**DROPLESS ONLINE SERVICES** has a vacancy for the occupation of **CAR WASHER/CLEANER**, suitably qualified applicants can contact 32238892 or M.ALBASTEKI@GMAIL.COM

**BAHRAIN GOLD REFINERY W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of **WORKER(JEWELLERY & PRECIOUS METAL)**, suitably qualified applicants can contact 38889029 or admin@bahraingold.bh

**FAMILY DISCOUNT CENTER W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of **SALESMAN**, suitably qualified applicants can contact 38410016 or FAMILY2023CENTER@GMAIL.COM

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**Secure Me W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of **SECURITY GUARD**, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17749697 or secure.me@live.com

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**EFW SERVICES W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of **OFFICE HELPER**, suitably qualified applicants can contact 33178630 or MOON162476@GMAIL.COM

**JESOL BAZAR 88 SERVICES W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of **SALESMAN**, suitably qualified applicants can contact 36484758 or ATTAU3421@GMAIL.COM

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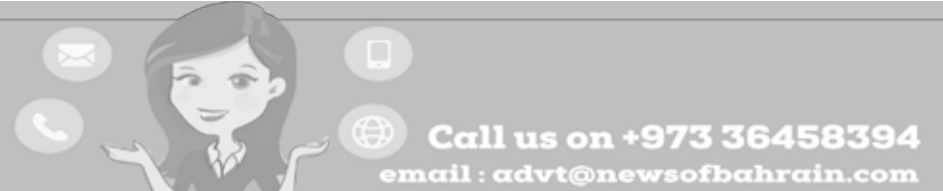
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**DAY AND NIGHT STUDIO** has a vacancy for the occupation of GRAPHIC DESIGNER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39025881 or HELPCLEARANCE2022@GMAIL.COM

**BAHRAIN SPECIAL TECHNICAL SERVICES STS CO. W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of RIGGER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 66741383 or info@BAHSTS.COM

**AHMED MANSOOR ALAALI** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER(CONSTRUCTION), suitably qualified applicants can contact 36881555 or adeel.hameed@al-aali.com

**LULU CONTRACTING CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of CLEANER (GENERAL), suitably qualified applicants can contact 17720648 or INFO@LCMWLL.COM

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**UNITED GULF CONTRACTING & ASPHALT CO.** has a vacancy for the occupation of MACHINE OPERATOR, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17700116 or hr.admin@hajihassan.com

**INTERLOCK MAINTENANCE CONSTRUCTION W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER(CONSTRUCTION), suitably qualified applicants can contact 36574800 or ramraj007@hotmail.com

**CEBARCO BAHRAIN W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER(CONSTRUCTION), suitably qualified applicants can contact 17823236 or KHALIDAR@KAR-GROUP.COM

**ALDOOR EXCAVATION & BUILDING CONTRACTING CO. W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of DRIVER/OPERATOR(EARTH MOVING MACHINES), suitably qualified applicants can contact 17877246 or zainabhr@aldoorbh.com

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**WADI ALSAIL GATE CONSTRUCTION** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER(CONSTRUCTION), suitably qualified applicants can contact 33367000 or info@wadialsailgate.com

**SILVER CITY CONTRACTING W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER/PACKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 38826888 or SILVERCITYCONTRACTING@GMAIL.COM

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**PEBBLES GATE SUPPORT ACTIVITIES** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER(MAINTENANCE).GENERAL, suitably qualified applicants can contact 33330363 or MAHMOODESAI151@YAHOO.COM

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**Relay Engineering Limited** has a vacancy for the occupation of WELDER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17213958 or ANDREW.WRANKMORE@RELAY-ENGINEERING.COM

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# Gauff joins exit of US Open superstars

Defending champion loses to Emma Navarro in fourth round, joins Novak Djokovic and Carlos Alcaraz in early exit

● **Gauff commits 19 double faults and 60 unforced errors**

● **Zheng into quarter-final after record 2:15 am finish**

● **Alexander Zverev and Taylor Fritz advance to quarter-finals**

● **Aryna Sabalenka eases into quarter-finals with 6-2, 6-4 win over Elise Mertens**

AFP | New York

Coco Gauff joined Novak Djokovic and Carlos Alcaraz on the US Open scrap-heap Sunday as the defending champion crashed out to Emma Navarro in a blizzard of mistakes as China's Zheng Qinwen won a record-setting 2:15 a.m. finish.

As Gauff exited, US chances were then rekindled when Frances Tiafoe and Taylor Fritz reached the men's last-eight, igniting hopes of a first homegrown male Grand Slam champion since Andy Roddick's win in New York in 2003.

Third-ranked Gauff slumped to a 6-3, 4-6, 6-3

fourth-round defeat to her fellow American on the back of 19 double faults and 60 unforced errors.

The 20-year-old's exit means Serena Williams remains the last woman to successfully defend the US Open title, in 2014.

"I lost in the first round the last two years and now to be making the quarter-finals is pretty insane," said Navarro, who will face Spain's Paula Badosa for a place in the semi-finals.

Gauff's loss was another body blow to the season's final Grand Slam.

Djokovic, the defending men's champion, was knocked out in the third round to suffer his earliest exit in 18 years.

Fellow crowd-pleaser Alcaraz, the 2022 winner in New York and reigning French Open and Wimbledon champion, was stunned in the second round.

"I gave it my all," said Gauff.

"Obviously there were things execution-wise, where I was like, I wish I could serve better. I think if I did that, it would have been a different story."

Navarro had defeated Gauff at Wimbledon in July and was dominant again on Sunday from the outset.

The 23-year-old broke for 4-2 in the first set and sealed the opener in the ninth game where one rally stretched to 27 shots.

Gauff recovered from a break down in the second to level the match, but it was a brief respite as she served up three more double faults to slip a crucial break down again in the decider.

2:15 am finish

Zheng reached the quarter-finals for a second time with victory over Donna Vekic in a record

late finish for a women's match.

Seventh-seed Zheng won 7-6 (7/2), 4-6, 6-2 against her 24th-ranked Croatian opponent who she also defeated in the Paris Olympics final four weeks ago.

The early yesterday morning finish was two minutes later than the old record of 2:13 a.m. from 2021, when Maria Sakkari beat Bianca Andreescu in a last-16 tie.

"I like to play in the night session. Here in New York it's my first time," said Zheng in front of a few hundred spectators in the 24,000-capacity Arthur Ashe Stadium.

The powerful 21-year-old is only the second Chinese woman to appear in two quarter-finals in New York after Li Na in 2009 and 2013.

Zheng will next face world number two Aryna Sabalenka who defeated her in the last-eight in 2023 as well as in the final of the Australian Open in January.

Sabalenka eased into a fourth

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I lost in the first round the last two years and now to be making the quarter-finals is pretty insane. This is the city I was born in and it feels so special to be playing here. Coco is an amazing player. I have a ton of respect for her and I know she's going to come back here and win this thing again

EMMA NAVARRO



Coco Gauff's loss means Serena Williams remains the last woman to successfully defend the US Open title, achieving this feat in 2014

successive quarter-final with a 6-2, 6-4 win over Belgium's Elise Mertens.

Tiafoe joined former champions Andre Agassi, Roddick and Pete Sampras as the only American men to reach at least three US Open quarter-finals since 2000.

The 20th-ranked Tiafoe notched a 6-4, 7-6 (7/3), 2-6, 6-3 victory over Alexei Popyrin, who shocked Djokovic in the previous round.

Tiafoe saved three set points in the second set and will face Bulgarian veteran Grigor Dimitrov for a place in the semi-finals.

The 26-year-old became the second American man to reach the

quarter-finals after Fritz defeated Casper Ruud earlier.

Tommy Paul can make it three, but he has to get past world number one Jannik Sinner yesterday.

"I used to hit the ball off a wall dreaming about playing on Arthur Ashe Stadium where the Williams sisters won and where (Roger) Federer won like a million times," said Tiafoe. "I want to be part of that."

Zverev in last eight

Dimitrov, the ninth seed, put out Russian sixth seed Andrey Rublev, 6-3, 7-6 (7/3), 1-6, 3-6, 6-3 to return to the quarter-finals for the first time since 2019 when he defeated Federer on the Swiss legend's final appearance in New York.

Alexander Zverev, who blew a two-set lead to lose the 2020 final to Dominic Thiem, made his fourth quarter-final by beating Brandon Nakashima of the United States, 3-6, 6-1, 6-2, 6-2.

Up next is a last-eight clash with 12th seed Fritz who knocked out 2022 runner-up and eighth-ranked Ruud 3-6, 6-4, 6-3, 6-2 to reach his third Grand Slam quarter-final this year.

Earlier, New York-born Badosa reached her first US Open quarter-final with a 6-1, 6-2 win over China's Wang Yafan.



Emma Navarro

Coco Gauff



Zheng Qinwen

## Yusuf Bin Ahmed Kanoo Group becomes Platinum Sponsor for Bahrain Turf Series



Officials after signing the agreement

Hussain Almaskati  
TDT | Manama

The Rashid Equestrian and Horseracing Club has signed a platinum sponsorship agreement with Yusuf Bin Ahmed Kanoo Group for the Bahrain Turf Series for the 2024/2025 season.

On this occasion, Yusuf Osama Buheji, CEO of the Rashid Equestrian and Horseracing Club, emphasized the importance of this agreement in supporting efforts to ensure the success of the interna-

tional racing programme. He also commanded the commitment and support of Yusuf Bin Ahmed Kanoo Group towards the sport of horse racing.

Nabeel Khalid Kanoo, Chairman of Kanoo Investment Projects, expressed his pride in supporting the Bahrain Turf Series, highlighting the significant success the series has achieved across all levels, which contributes to enhancing Bahrain's prestigious position on the international horse racing map.

## 'Great moment' for Mbappe as he scores first La Liga goals for Real Madrid

AFP | Madrid

Kylian Mbappe answered his critics in style as he netted his first La Liga goals to give Real Madrid a 2-0 win over Real Betis at the Santiago Bernabeu on Sunday which sends them second in the table.

Since scoring in the UEFA Super Cup against Atalanta, new signing Mbappe had failed to find the back of the net in Madrid's opening three games in La Liga, prompting criticism in the Spanish press.

Mbappe was made to wait for his goals as he squandered a series of chances, finally finding the back of the net in the 67th minute, sweeping the ball past the Betis goalkeeper with his left foot after a well-timed back-heel from Fede Valverde.

Eight min-

utes later the France captain added a second from the penalty spot and was cheered off the field when he was replaced by Luka Modric in the 84th minute.

"It's a great moment," Mbappe told Spanish television after the match.

"I was really hoping to score at the Bernabeu, in this mythical stadium, the best in the world. But the most important thing was to win.

"After the match against Las Palmas, we knew we had to win. And that's what we did today, in a difficult match. But we're Real, and in the end we win, and with style."

The smile on Mbappe's face was in contrast to the concern that had been shown since scoring his first goal and winning his first trophy in Warsaw on August 14.



Kylian Mbappe

## Salah belongs at highest level, says ex-Liverpool defender Carragher

AFP | London

Former Liverpool defender Jamie Carragher believes Mohamed Salah will want to play at the highest level until his late 30s and is targeting Premier League and club records despite uncertainty over his future.

The Egypt international put the ball firmly in the club's court after scoring and setting up two goals in Liverpool's 3-0 victory at Manchester United.

"Nobody in the club talked to me yet about contracts so I was just like, 'OK, I play my last season and see at the end of the season,'" he told Sky Sports.

Salah is 32 but Carragher does not believe that will be a barrier to the forward and therefore should not be for Liverpool.

"I'm not sure it will be his last year. I think Mo Salah is a little bit like (Cristiano) Ronaldo," he told The Gary Neville Podcast.

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## Golden sweep for Bahrain's table tennis team at West Asia Championship

Hussain Almaskati  
TDT | Manama

Bahrain's National Table Tennis Team delivered an outstanding performance at the West Asia Championship, capturing a remarkable seven gold medals across various categories.

The men's doubles team, consisting of Rashid Sanad and Mohammed Abbas, set the stage for Bahrain's remarkable run at the championship with a hard-fought 3-2 victory over Saudi Arabia, earning them the gold medal. Following their lead, the under-17 duo of Mohammed Nader and Majed Al A'ali beat



Bahrain's table tennis team celebrates with the trophy

Qatar 3-0 to secure their gold. In the under-11 category, Ahmed Faisal emerged as a rising star, achieving a flawless

3-0 win against Iraq's Mohammed Andia to claim gold. The young star is undoubtedly one to watch.

The success continued in the under-13 category, where Bahrain's team dominated Qatar with another 3-0 win to add to their gold medal tally. Adding to the celebration, Kinda Mahmoud won the under-11 singles gold, winning 3-0 over Iraq's Sareena Shaikh.

Bahrain's table tennis team has made the nation proud, bringing home a total of seven gold medals and affirming their place as champions on the regional stage.

## Heart-stopping win for Bahrain Over Qatar in Gulf Basketball



Action from the game

Hussain Almaskati  
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Bahrain secured a stunning 77-75 win over Qatar in the Gulf Basketball Championship yesterday. The game delivered an edge-of-your-seat finish that will be remembered for its dramatic conclusion.

Qatar initially set the pace with a strong first quarter, leading Bahrain 18-20. Their aggressive offense and solid defense gave them a slight advantage early on, but the Bahrainis were not to be deterred. Bahrain's refusal to capitulate was evident throughout the match.

As the game progressed, Bahrain's tactical adjustments began to pay off. They outscored Qatar in the second quarter 17-20, bringing the halftime score to 38-37 in favor of Qatar. The third quarter saw

Bahrain fall slightly behind with a 14-16 scoreline, giving Qatar a slim 54-51 lead going into the final period.

The final quarter was a spectacle of intense basketball, with Bahrain pulling ahead 26-17. The game reached a climax in the dying seconds, with Bahrain managing to pull off a crucial 77-75 victory. The drama unfolded as Bahrain scored with just 0.1 seconds left on the clock. Although 0.5 seconds were added, Qatar couldn't level the score, sealing Bahrain's hard-fought win.

Bahrain's win was helped by their superior free throw accuracy, converting 78.6% of their attempts compared to Qatar's 57.1%. Bahrain also made 11 free throws while Qatar only managed 4. The game saw Bahrain commit 4 fouls to Qatar's 6 and use 1 timeout, while Qatar had none.

## Saudi Arabia outclass Kuwait in Gulf basketball opener

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In a decisive clash at the 17th Gulf Basketball Championship, Saudi Arabia came out on top against Kuwait with a final score of 75-69. The game, which took place yesterday, was a tightly contested battle, showing a high level of competition between the two nations.

Kuwait came out strong in the first quarter, taking an early lead with a score of 23-15. Their aggressive play and effective execution set the pace, putting Saudi Arabia on the back foot



Action from the match

from the start. However, the early advantage would prove difficult to maintain.

Saudi Arabia responded in the second quarter with a strong push, outscoring Kuwait 22-

17. This effort allowed them to close the gap, bringing the score to 40-37 in favor of Kuwait at halftime.

The momentum shift indicated that Saudi Arabia was finding their rhythm and setting the stage for a more competitive second half.

The third quarter saw Saudi Arabia take control of the game, outscoring Kuwait 21-16. Their strategic plays and disciplined defense turned the tide, giving them a 58-56 lead by the end of the quarter. Kuwait struggled to regain their earlier dominance as Saudi Arabia capitalized on their opportunities.

# Rain halts Bangladesh victory bid after Hasan, Nahid demolish Pakistan

Hasan and Nahid's nine-wicket haul leaves Bangladesh 143 runs from series victory

● Hasan Mahmud takes 5-43, Nahid Rana 4-44

● Pakistan bowled out for 172 in 2nd innings

● Bangladesh needs 143 runs to win on final day

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Pacemen Hasan Mahmud and Nahid Rana shared nine wickets yesterday to set Bangladesh on course for victory over Pakistan before rain stopped play on the fourth day of the second Test.

Hasan took 5-43 while Nahid added 4-44 -- both career-best figures -- in dismissing Pakistan for 172 in their second innings and giving the visi-



Hasan Mahmud

tors a target of 185 to secure a 2-0 series win in Rawalpindi. Openers Zakir Hasan and Shadman Islam raced to 42 without loss -- with Zakir hitting two sixes and two boundaries -- before rain

clouds gathered and bad light suspended play one over after the tea break.

Bangladesh lead the two-match series 1-0 after a surprise win in Rawalpindi last month, their first in 14 tests against Pakistan.

They have only won two series away from home -- against the West Indies in 2009 and Zimbabwe in 2021 -- and need another 143 runs on the final day on Tuesday to secure victory.

Pakistan had been 117-6 at lunch, with Mohammad Rizwan and Salman Agha fighting to save the hosts' blushes before Hasan ended their 55-run stand.

He had Rizwan caught behind for 43 and had Mohammad Ali caught in the slips on the next ball for a golden duck to leave Pakistan teetering on 136-8.

Salman, who top-scored with 47, added 27 for the last wicket with Mir Hamza before Hasan wrapped up the innings with his fifth wicket, getting Hamza



Nahid Rana gets a hug from Shakib Al Hasan after taking a wicket

caught in the slip.

The morning session belonged to 21-year-old Nahid, who dismissed Shan Masood (28), Babar Azam (11) and Saud Shakeel (two) in a spell of express bowling.

The rain-affected Test saw Friday's first day's play washed out and then a remarkable fight-back by Bangladesh on Sunday.

The visitors were 26-6 in reply to Pakistan's first innings 274 be-

fore Liton Das (138) put together a seventh-wicket partnership of 165 with Mehidy Hasan Miraz (78) that enabled Bangladesh to reach 262.

Pakistan took their overnight score of 9-2 to 47-2 in 10 overs yesterday before Bangladesh broke through with a spell of three wickets for 18 runs.

Saim Ayub fell for 20 to a brilliant catch by Najmul Hossain at mid-off as the opener failed to

keep down a drive off fast bowler Taskin Ahmed.

Nahid then had Pakistan skipper Masood caught behind by Liton off a wild shot before getting the prized wicket of Azam, caught at slip off a sharp delivery in his next over.

Nahid grabbed his third by dismissing Shakeel and went to lunch with figures of 3-22 off five overs.



Bangladesh has only won two Test series away from home, against West Indies in 2009 and Zimbabwe in 2021. This victory would mark their first-ever series win against Pakistan