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Over 10,000 golden residency visas issued for beneficiaries from 99 countries

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The Nationality, Passports and Residence Affairs (NPRA) has issued more than 10,000 golden residency visas to beneficiaries from 99 countries.

The categories of beneficiaries include elite real estate owners, talented individuals such as artists and athletes, as well as long-serving employees and their families, all of whom met the necessary conditions and standards.

This announcement was made during the Gulf Gateway Forum 2024, hosted in Bahrain for its second edition, featuring participation from senior government officials, business leaders, and executives under the theme "Investing in a Prosperous Region."

The initiative aligns with the directives of the esteemed government, chaired by His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister.

It aims to develop residency systems within the Kingdom, enhance growth in the economic, investment, and service sectors, and attract skilled individuals, under the oversight of His Excellency Interior Minister Lieutenant-General Shaikh Rashid bin Abdullah Al Khalifa.

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Hazardous waste inventory declines

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A recent report released by the Supreme Council for the Environment reveals that hazardous waste inventory in Bahrain decreased at the beginning of last year, recording 559,819.21 tons, and ending the year at 556,759.86 tons.

This marks a reduction of 185,677 tons compared to the 288,963 tons reported in 2022.

In contrast, industrial waste saw a relative increase in 2023, reaching 86,476.18 tons, up from 83,409.22 tons in 2022.

HM King welcomes Tatarstan president



His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa received His Excellency President Rustam Minnikhanov of Tatarstan and Head of the Strategic Vision Group, at Sakhir Palace. His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, was in attendance. President Minnikhanov is visiting the Kingdom to participate in the 19th Annual Islamic Banking Conference, organised by the Accounting and Auditing Organisation for Islamic Financial Institutions (AAOIFI) and the Islamic Development Bank (ISDB). HM the King welcomed President Minnikhanov and his participation in this important conference. His Majesty extended best wishes to all attendees in their efforts to advance Islamic banking. He emphasised the vital role of Islamic banks and financial institutions in supporting economic and social development across Islamic nations. The meeting discussed the close bilateral relations between Bahrain and Tatarstan and opportunities to expand cooperation across various domains.

Green vision

HM King highlights Bahrain's commitment to supporting global environmental protection

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa emphasised Bahrain's commitment to environmental security and support for international efforts in this area.

HM the King was speaking as he received His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, yesterday at Sakhir Palace.

He commended the government, led by HRH Prince Salman, for its commitment to implementing national plans that enhance environmental security, ensure resource sustainability, and foster a supportive culture.

The national plans included the recently launched National Tree Week, which garnered broad engagement across official, community, and public



HM the King receives HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister



"The government is committed to implementing national plans that enhance environmental security, ensure resource sustainability, and foster a supportive culture."

- HIS MAJESTY KING HAMAD BIN ISA AL KHALIFA

sectors.

His Excellency Shaikh Khalid

bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, Minister of the Royal Court, and H.E.

continuous accomplishments of Bahraini nationals across various domains, underscoring their commitment to advancing the status of the Kingdom internationally.

He lauded the Kingdom's success in hosting major conferences and events, including international sports tournaments.

Regarding developments in the Middle East and related efforts, His Majesty stressed the importance of de-escalation and restoring stability in the region.

HM the King called for a comprehensive, fair, and lasting peace based on a two-state solution, which would ensure security and stability for all.

He reiterated Bahrain's support for diplomatic efforts to resolve global conflicts through dialogue, contributing to international peace and security.

General Shaikh Rashid bin Abdullah Al Khalifa, Minister of Interior, were present.

The meeting discussed topics aimed at further advancing Bahrain's development and bolstering achievements to sustain progress and prosperity for the benefit of the Kingdom's citizens.

HM King Hamad also expressed appreciation for the

Proposal 'unnecessary'

Government rejects bill restricting visa conversions

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The government has rejected a parliamentary bill that would prohibit the conversion of visitor visas to work permits for foreigners.

The government argues that the issuance of residency permits is a sovereign power vested in the executive branch and is not subject to legislative oversight, even judicial.

In a detailed memorandum, the government asserted that existing legal frameworks adequately address the issue, rendering the proposed legislation

unnecessary.

"The 1965 Foreigners (Immigration and Residence) Law already regulates the entry and residence of foreigners. Article 18 of this law allows for the granting of residency permits if a foreigner can support themselves and their dependents in Bahrain, or if they wish to work in the Kingdom. The article grants administrative authorities discretionary power to issue, determine the validity of, and renew residency permits as deemed appropriate, with regular reviews of the individual's legal status," the government stated.

Furthermore, the government



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- GOVERNMENT MEMORANDUM

without a valid passport and visa, and explicitly forbids issuing entry visas for work purposes unless a "no objection certificate" is obtained from the Immigration and Passports Directorate.

This certificate is only issued after obtaining a work permit or sponsorship from a government entity.

The decree also stipulates that visitor visas cannot be granted if the applicant intends to work in the country.

The government emphasised that the Ministry of Interior actively combats threats to national security, including monitoring

the legal status of all residents and visitors.

Moreover, the Directorate of Nationality, Passports, and Residence Affairs (NPRA) continuously strengthens oversight of all visas and residencies, including tourist visas and work permits, implementing strict controls on their issuance and conversion.

This includes requiring sponsors to guarantee against the conversion of visitor visas to work permits, as per Article 4 of Decree No. 25 of 1976, which allows immigration officials to require a Bahraini guarantor if deemed necessary.



Gateway to prosperity

HRH Prince Salman: Bahrain will strengthen its role as a hub for global investments

● His Royal Highness meets with senior participants at second Gateway Gulf Investment Forum 2024 edition

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HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister meets several senior participants at the event



Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance and National Economy attended

The Kingdom of Bahrain, under the leadership of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, remains committed to consolidating its position as a hub for attracting global investments, His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, said yesterday. Meeting senior participants at the second edition of the Gateway Gulf Investment Forum 2024, His Royal Highness noted the Kingdom's commitment to economic diversification through close cooperation and

coordination with GCC countries, emphasising that collaboration is the optimal path to achieving shared successes and effectively addressing various challenges. His Royal Highness stressed the importance of the Forum as a vital platform for exploring investment opportunities within the Kingdom of Bahrain and the broader GCC region, which is experiencing unprecedented development. HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister noted that the

Forum stands as one of the Kingdom's success stories in international cooperation, and extended his best wishes to the participants for success in achieving their goals to support regional sustainable development. During the meeting, His Royal Highness highlighted the importance of events that strengthen strategic and investment partnerships between the GCC and various countries, aligning with the far-reaching visions of their Majesties and leaders of the GCC. On behalf of HRH the Crown

Prince and Prime Minister, the Forum was launched at the Four Seasons Hotel Bahrain Bay by H.E. Shaikh Khalid bin Abdulla Al Khalifa, the Deputy Prime Minister. H.E. the Deputy Prime Minister pointed out that the Forum is an ideal and interactive platform and a bridge linking Bahrain and the GCC countries with the world. H.E. Shaikh Salman bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, Minister of Finance and National Economy, speaking at a dialogue session

as part of the Forum, said GCC nations enjoy clear economic and development visions based on long-term strategic plans that enhance their flexibility and competitiveness at all levels. During his address, H.E. Abdulla bin Touq Al Marri, the UAE's Minister of Economy, highlighted the UAE's Golden Visa program as a key initiative to attract global talent, and he hinted at a potential GCC-wide visa system. "Soon, we may issue a GCC visa, which will further enhance

our region's position as a trade hub," he said. Al Marri also highlighted new opportunities for expats with Emirati IDs, who can now travel to Azerbaijan and Georgia without additional visas, further enhancing the UAE's status as a regional gateway. Senior officials, experts, and business leaders from the Kingdom, from across the GCC, and from around the world, took part in the two-day event organised by Bahrain's Economic Development Board (EDB).

Alba Partners with ARRAY Innovation and Daiki Aluminium for Growth and Sustainability



Alba and ARRAY Innovation sign strategic partnership

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Aluminium Bahrain B.S.C. (Alba) has announced two pivotal strategic partnerships at the Gateway Gulf Investment Forum 2024, reinforcing its commitment to technological innovation and environmental sustainability. Alba unveiled a major collaboration with Bahrain-based ARRAY Innovation to advance its Industry 4.0 transformation. Through this partnership, ARRAY Innovation will implement

advanced artificial intelligence (AI), machine learning, and data analytics solutions to optimize Alba's manufacturing processes. Khalid Al Rumaihi, Chairman of Alba's Board of Directors, highlighted the collaboration's significance by stating, "This strategic partnership will accelerate Alba's Industry 4.0 journey, enhancing operational efficiency and aligning with Bahrain Economic Vision 2030 by investing in local talent. Together, we are committed to setting new benchmarks in production, safety, and sustainability."



Alba and Daiki Aluminium enter into cooperation agreement

ARRAY Innovation's CEO, Alaa Saeed, echoed this enthusiasm, emphasizing the shared mission to foster Bahrain's technological leadership while creating high-value jobs. "Our engagement with Alba amplifies our impact in the community and strengthens Alba's global position in the aluminium industry," Saeed said. In another groundbreaking announcement, Alba and Daiki Aluminium Industry Company Ltd. revealed plans to establish Alba-Daiki Sustainable Solutions (ADSS), a joint venture

dedicated to sustainable aluminium dross processing. The facility, set to launch operations by September 2026, will be a significant step toward environmental stewardship in the Gulf region. Alba will hold a 70% stake in this venture, with Daiki Aluminium owning the remaining 30%. H.E. Noor bint Ali Alkhulaif, Minister of Sustainable Development and Chief Executive of Bahrain EDB, praised the venture as a testament to Bahrain's appeal as a global investment hub.

Mumtalakat Boosts Food Security with Strategic Transfer



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At the Gateway Gulf Forum, Bahrain Mumtalakat Holding Company (Mumtalakat), the Kingdom's sovereign wealth fund, announced a strategic transfer of the Bahrain Agriculture Development Company (Gheras) to its subsidiary, Bahrain Food Holding Company (BFHC). This move is a key step toward reinforcing Bahrain's national food security and boosting innovation in the agri-food sector. The agreement, formalized in collaboration with the Ministry of Finance and National Economy, seeks to strengthen local agricultural production through advanced and sustain-

able farming techniques. Established by Royal Decree in 2021, Gheras has led the charge in modernizing Bahrain's agricultural landscape, introducing pioneering projects such as the Hoorat Aali hydroponics initiative, which has made significant strides in meeting local fresh produce demand. **Expansion** BFHC, formed earlier this year as a central hub for Mumtalakat's food-related investments, is now set to expand its holdings with the integration of Gheras. The company already manages strategic assets including Bahrain Flour Mills, General Poultry Company, and Delmon Poultry Company.

NBB Partners with ARRAY to Supercharge AI Integration



During the Gateway Gulf Investment Forum, The National Bank of Bahrain (NBB) announced a strategic collaboration with Bahrain-based ARRAY Innovation to elevate its technology infrastructure with cutting-edge Artificial Intelligence (AI) solutions, including Natural Language Processing (NLP) and Generative AI (GenAI). This partnership, established at the forum organized by the Bahrain Economic Development Board (EDB), represents a pivotal step in NBB's digital transformation journey.

Beyon signs development agreement with Edamah



Beyon BSC unveiled plans for its ambitious 380,000 square meter Digital City project, located in Hamala, through a key signing ceremony with Bahrain Real Estate Investment Company (Edamah), the real estate arm of Bahrain Mumtalakat Holding Company (Mumtalakat). The signing ceremony between the two entities took place during the opening day of the Gateway Gulf Investor Forum 2024 organized at the Four Seasons Hotel in Bahrain. Through the signing, Beyon named Edamah as the development manager for its signature project, for which construction is expected to begin in 2025.

Tamkeen and AWS to develop Bahraini AI skills



The Labour Fund (Tamkeen) has announced the launch of a national program in collaboration with Amazon Web Services (AWS) aimed at developing and upskilling Bahraini talent in Artificial Intelligence. This came as part of their participation in the second edition of the Gateway Gulf Investment Forum hosted by the Kingdom of Bahrain. Under the theme of "Investing in a Rapidly Transforming Region", the forum attracts international participation from top government officials, business leaders, and executives.

11 road projects in Southern Governorate in full swing

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The Ministry of Works has announced that it is currently undertaking 11 road maintenance projects in Southern Governorate.

A recent presentation to the Southern Governorate Municipal Council provided an update on the progress of these initiatives.

Among the most advanced projects is the rehabilitation of Block 929 in Riffa's Al Hajiyat area, which is now 99% complete.

This project involves road resurfacing, the installation of underground conduits for future utility services, and the implementation of essential traffic signage to enhance road safety.

Similarly, the rehabilitation of roads in Block 921 in Isa Town is also nearing completion, with 99% of the work finished and expected to be finalised by December 2024.

The rehabilitation of Damascus Street in Isa Town is progressing well, reaching 95% completion.

Additionally, the refurbishment of Block 914 in Riffa's Bukuwara area is currently 80% complete.

Digital safeguards

Tougher penalties for online personal privacy breaches near parliamentary approval

Mohammed Darwish
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Stiffer penalties for snapping unauthorised photos or eavesdropping on private conversations are close to becoming law in Bahrain, with the Shura Council rallying behind a move to clamp down on digital privacy breaches.

Approved in principle yesterday, the law aims to stop the reckless spread of personal images, recordings, and messages on social media, taking on actions that put reputations and family privacy at risk.

The proposed law not only targets unauthorised sharing but also addresses specific invasions like eavesdropping, secret photography, and sharing private messages or calls.

However, certain sections of the proposed law were deemed underdeveloped and have been sent back to the committee for further review.

"Lately, we've seen leaps in technology and artificial intelligence, especially deepfake technology, which can copy real images and voices without anyone taking a photo or tapping a call,"



H.E. Nawaf bin Mohammed Al Maawda



Hisham Al Qassab, Shura Council member



Dr Fatima Al Koohaji



Dr Ali Al Rumaihi



"We're ready to discuss any article, especially where tougher penalties or limits are proposed."

- H.E. NAWAF BIN MOHAMMED AL MAAWDA, MINISTER OF JUSTICE, ISLAMIC AFFAIRS, AND WAQF

noted Shura Council member Hisham Al Qassab, questioning whether the law will address these issues.

The committee's rapporteur explained that the changes aim to keep Bahrain's Penal Code in line with modern issues, given that old penalties may no longer match the harm of today's privacy breaches.

cy breaches.

The goal is to prevent violations before they happen, especially in a time when social media makes sharing private moments far too easy.

Concerns

Dr Fatima Al Koohaji raised concerns about young people, stressing the need for schools to teach students to respect privacy. She suggested that students be reminded that taking unauthorised photos could soon come with legal risks.

Second Deputy Chairperson Jihad Al Fadhel urged authorities to pair the law with a public awareness drive, saying that education would be the best line of

defence against future breaches.

She also asked whether simply blurring faces in shared images goes far enough, wondering, "Does this truly protect a person's privacy?"

Dr Ali Al Rumaihi, Chair of the Foreign Affairs, Defence, and National Security Committee, backed the changes, arguing they are needed to protect Bahraini families from intrusive digital practices. He assured the Council that the committee's proposals fit with constitutional standards and government aims.

Minister of Justice, Islamic Affairs, and Waqf, His Excellency Nawaf bin Mohammed Al Maawda, confirmed the government's readiness to work with the Shura Council, offering fur-

ther input if required.

Article

"We're ready to discuss any article, especially where tougher penalties or limits are proposed," he said.

Al Maawda also noted the need to adjust laws to counter digital privacy threats, adding that a team within the Public Prosecution is studying global trends in AI-related offences to set rules against such breaches.

He further informed the Council that workshops and training sessions are being run to prepare Public Prosecution staff to tackle these challenges, getting Bahrain ready to face the growing issue of AI-driven crimes that threaten personal privacy.



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MPs seek half-off fees for seniors

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MPs want a 50 per cent cut in state fees for Bahrain's seniors, arguing it's essential relief.

The proposal, up for further discussion tomorrow, faces pushback from the Shura Council and government, which suggest targeted discounts instead — setting up a debate over how far support for the elderly should go.

The proposal to amend the 2009 Elderly Rights Law would give holders of an Elderly Services Card a minimum 50 per cent reduction on all state fees, with the option to waive some charges entirely.

MPs in the Council of Representatives argue that an across-the-board discount would provide much-needed stability for seniors facing rising living costs and help ensure fair access to government services.

The Shura Council, however, has raised financial concerns, supporting a more limited approach that would apply discounts only to selected fees, with the final decision resting with the government.

The Ministry of Finance has warned that such widespread fee cuts could reduce government revenue, particularly from non-oil sources.

Balancing act

Tamkeen funding to favour Bahraini companies in new updated support plan

Mohammed Darwish
TDI | Manama

Tamkeen funding may soon tip the balance in favour of Bahraini-owned firms, as Parliament rethinks who should benefit from the Kingdom's main support programme — a shift that could impact the market and change business priorities at home.

During its weekly meeting tomorrow, the Council of Representatives is scheduled to hammer out an updated plan, which tilts Tamkeen's resources toward Bahraini-led businesses, offering help for projects, training, and financial support.

Unlike the initial plan, which would have blocked foreign-owned firms entirely, this new approach allows some access for them, aiming to boost local companies while keeping foreign investors in the loop.

The government, after calling for a rethink of the first plan, pointed out that Tamkeen's support already fits with its intended aims.

Concerns

It voiced concerns that fully blocking foreign firms — many of which pay into the labour market — might put off overseas investment and unfairly limit



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aid to enterprises that matter to Bahrain's economy.

Tamkeen itself stays focused on backing all private companies registered in Bahrain, no matter who owns them, as part of a broader drive to strengthen the nation's economy.

This open-handed approach backs Bahrain's Vision 2030, which looks to build a workforce that can hold its own.

Support

After going over the committee's new plan, Tamkeen, for the first time, voiced its support for this balanced move.

By putting Bahraini-owned companies first while still giving limited help to foreign-owned businesses, Tamkeen sees this version as one that will sup-

port local trade without turning away key outside investment.

As of October 2023, Bahrain had 75,931 active business licences for firms partly or fully owned by non-Bahrainis, showing the strong presence of foreign investment in the nation's economy.

Between 2018 and 2023, only 3% of Tamkeen's funds went to fully foreign-owned firms, with the bulk going to Bahraini-owned businesses.

Backing

In the past five years, Tamkeen's backing has helped around 7,000 Bahrainis working in foreign-owned firms, where pay is about 30% higher than in local companies.

One example is Tamkeen's



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backing of Citi Bank's tech hub, which led to 1,000 programming roles for Bahrainis with competitive pay — a clear result of Tamkeen's push to boost work chances and grow skills among locals.

By focusing support on Bahraini firms while extending some help to foreign companies, Tamkeen's plan is set to push Bahrain's economic aims forward while keeping foreign investment flowing into the local market.

50-year-old jailed for attempted arson and drug possession

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A 50-year-old man has been sentenced to one year in prison and fined BD1,000 for attempted arson and drug possession, with the execution of the sentences suspended for three years.

The High Appeals Court upheld the conviction despite the defendant's claim of being under the influence of drugs and suffering from mental health issues.

The incident occurred on March 30, 2024, when the defendant mistakenly set fire to a car, not his intended target.

Security camera footage from the victim's home, along with a glove found at the scene, led investigators to the suspect, who subsequently confessed during questioning.

The victim, noticing smoke emanating from his car, discovered the fire and contacted the police.

Approximately four hours later, the victim checked his neighbour's security cameras, identifying the perpetrator as a man driving a specific vehicle and wearing a glove matching the one recovered at the scene.

A second witness corroborated this, recalling an encounter with the defendant earlier that day where he inquired about a specific individual.

Housing hope

MPs push for creation of joint government and private sector funding to support dilapidated homes

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A proposal calling for the urgent establishment of a fund to support dilapidated homes is set to be debated in the Council of Representatives tomorrow.

The proposal, put forward by MPs Hassan Ebrahim, Mohammed Al Balushi, Eman Shuwaiteh, Khalid Buang, and Mohammed Al Aliwi, advocates for joint government and private sector funding through banks and insurance companies.

The proposal's explanatory memorandum emphasises its aim to bolster family stability and ensure safe housing for low-income families unable to afford home repairs or reconstruction.

Suitable housing

MP Ebrahim, a key proponent of the initiative, highlighted its alignment with the Bahraini Constitution's mandate for the state to provide suitable housing, particularly for low-income citizens.

He stressed the proposal aims to revive a previous successful programme for dilapidated homes that significantly improved the lives of many Bahraini families.

Ebrahim noted that existing social welfare programmes for home repairs often have limited budgets and are subject to



Funding support is needed for suitable housing for Bahraini families

intermittent funding freezes, proving insufficient to meet the needs of all affected families.

Resources

He argued that a dedicated fund would provide the necessary resources for rebuilding and renovating dilapidated homes, addressing cases left incomplete by municipal councils and the Ministry of Municipalities and Agriculture.

He emphasised the success of a previous programme, which completed over 2,000 homes across all governorates, demonstrating the government's commitment to supporting low-

come families.

This new initiative, he said, would further enhance their economic and psychological stability through secure housing.

Collaboration

The proposal also seeks to foster collaboration between the government and banks, encouraging the private sector's participation in corporate social responsibility programmes, showcasing a strong public-private partnership.

Ebrahim said this is a major step towards sustainable community development.

Stage set for Mara'ee 2024 seventh edition

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Under the patronage of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, Bahrain will host the seventh edition of the Bahrain Animal Production Show (Mara'ee 2024).

Mara'ee reflects the interest of the Kingdom in preserving livestock and consolidating food security, commensurate with the plans and programmes implemented by the government, led by His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, to enhance sustainable investment in this vital sector.



H.E. Wael bin Nasser Al Mubarak

On the occasion, His Excellency Wael bin Nasser Al Mubarak, Minister of Municipalities Affairs and Agriculture, announced that Mara'ee 2024 will run from November 27-December 1 at the Bahrain International Endurance Village.

This year's exhibition has been extended to five days, responding to the strong interest seen in previous editions.

He emphasised the importance of Mara'ee in increasing the contributions of the animal production sector to the Kingdom's food security, highlighting Bahrain's commitment to develop the sector through exchanging experiences, enhancing preventive primary care, supporting farmers, applying the best practices and technologies, as well as building capabilities in accordance with the data of the National Strategy for Sustainable Agricultural Development.

Talks on trafficking, labour rights and expatriate health successful



PLC Bahrain Chapter officials and members, along with LMRA and IOM representatives and participants

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The Pravasi Legal Cell (PLC) Bahrain Chapter, in collaboration with the Bahrain Labour Market Regulatory Authority (LMRA) and the International Organization for Migration (IOM), concluded a successful awareness session ti-

led "CONNECTING PEOPLE" on November 2, 2024, at the KIMS Health Hospital Auditorium in Umal Hassam.

The event, which marked the sixth session in the CONNECTING PEOPLE series, was a vital initiative aimed at fostering awareness around trafficking in persons, labor rights, and the

health and wellbeing of expatriates in Bahrain.

Held at 7:00 p.m., the session drew participation from a diverse expatriate community, providing valuable insights into Bahrain's labour regulations, expatriate rights, and the resources available for expatriates.



Lights, sweets, and joy

On behalf of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, His Highness Shaikh Mohammed bin Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa attended Diwali celebrations at the residence of Mukesh Kavalani, Managing Director of Kavalani & Sons. His Highness extended best wishes to the family members present, who expressed their gratitude for HRH's dedication to engaging Bahrain's vibrant community. Royal family members, officials, diplomats, and other prominent guests were also in attendance. Kavalani & Sons, a leading Bahrain-based supplier of industrial, construction, and marine products, was founded by Mr. Kavalimal Kavalani, whose legacy of trade has evolved since 1955 to represent over 150 global brands and offer 60,000+ products. Diwali, the Festival of Lights, symbolizes the triumph of light over darkness, celebrated with festive lights, sweets, and joy.



Zain Bahrain unveils new Green Solution with Ericsson Smart Hybrid Site

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Zain Bahrain, a leading telecommunications provider, has announced the launch of its Ericsson Hybrid Power Solution, designed to significantly reduce fuel consumption and enhance operational efficiency.

The Hybrid Power system combines a diesel generator with lithium batteries to optimize energy use.

When commercial grid power is unavailable, during different periods of the day, energy con-



Amar Buali, Zain Bahrain Director, Access Network, IP, Cyber Security & Building Services

sumption will be supplied by lithium batteries, reducing the need for the diesel engine to run continuously using the Ericsson Smart controller.

In contrast, traditional diesel generators operate at full capacity regardless of demand, resulting in excessive fuel consumption and increased emissions.

By implementing this hybrid solution, Zain Bahrain aims to reduce fuel usage, achieving a daily average of 25% reduction in fuel consumption, thereby lowering operational costs as-

sociated with diesel refilling and maintenance. The hybrid power system also promotes a cleaner environment by minimizing harmful CO2 emissions and contributing to a more sustainable future.

Amar Buali, Zain Bahrain Director, Access Network, IP, Cyber Security & Building Services Commented, "Zain Bahrain is excited to introduce Ericsson Hybrid Power enhancement as part of its ongoing efforts to innovate and lead in sustainable practices within the telecom sector."

Energy sector marks historic era with Bapco modernisation programme milestone



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Bapco Energies, the integrated energy company leading the energy transition in the Kingdom of Bahrain, announced during the Gateway Gulf 2024 forum organized by the Bahrain Economic Development Board from November 3 to 5, that it is set to launch a decisive phase of its Bapco Modernization Program (BMP).

The Bapco Modernization Programme, one of the largest capital investments in Bahrain's history, aims to increase Bapco Refining's capacity from 267,000 barrels per day to 400,000 barrels per day. This project aims to enhance the ability to refine a wider array of crudes and making it more competitive in the global market and aligned with

ever-evolving environmental regulations.

In the next 60 days, the Kingdom of Bahrain's energy sector will achieve a pivotal milestone as Bapco Refining, a subsidiary of Bapco Energies, embarks on an important phase of its refinery modernization startup journey.

Mark Thomas, Group Chief Executive Officer, Bapco Energies, said: "By modernizing our refinery, we are not only elevating Bahrain's energy infrastructure but also setting new benchmarks in the global energy landscape."

Scheduled for completion in 2025, this landmark project exemplifies Bahrain's forward-looking vision to meet future energy demands and lead the way in the sustainable transformation of the refining industry.

India's Adani slashes electricity to Bangladesh: power officials

Dhaka, Bangladesh

Indian conglomerate Adani has slashed cross-border electricity supply to Bangladesh by half due to some \$850 million in unpaid bills, power officials said Sunday, with Dhaka scrambling to boost production to stem blackouts.

"We are trying to meet the gap by running other plants," Rezaul Karim, chairman of the state-run Bangladesh Power Development Board (BPDB), told AFP on Sunday.

Adani's coal-fired Godda plant in India's Jharkhand state -- a \$2 billion project including transmission lines that opened last year -- usually supplies between seven to 10 percent of Bangladesh's baseload power demand of 13 GW.

But Adani had warned Dhaka in September to settle its bills, which had surged to around \$850 million.

At the time, Adani called it an "unsustainable situation, where we are meeting not only

our supply commitments but also those to our lenders and suppliers, despite rising receivables".

There was no immediate comment from Adani on Sunday.

Bangladesh, a nation of some 170 million people, is struggling to find dollars to make the payments.

"We are discussing the issue with them (Adani), and informed them that it is not possible to make the total payment in a single month," Karim added. "But we are trying to increase the payment size gradually".

Karim said Bangladesh paid \$97 million to Adani in October, which was "higher than the previous three months' payment".

On Friday, Adani's Godda plant supplied 724 megawatts, against the installed capacity of 1,496 MW, with Bangladesh facing around 1,680 MW of load shedding.

Bangladesh also imports 1,160 MW from Indian states of West Bengal and Tripura.

Tamkeen Partners with AI and Cloud Solutions Experts ARRAY



The Labour Fund (Tamkeen) announced a partnership agreement with ARRAY, a leading provider of Artificial Intelligence (AI), enterprise software engineering and cloud solutions, to utilize ARRAY's innovative solutions to enhance its services to customers, especially enterprises. This came as part of their participation in the second edition of the Gateway Gulf Investment Forum hosted by the Kingdom of Bahrain. Under the theme of "Investing in a Rapidly Transforming Region", the forum attracts international participation from top government officials, business leaders, and executives. As part of this partnership, ARRAY will design specialized digital solutions for Tamkeen to facilitate job matching through Artificial Intelligence. The digital solutions will enhance databases required for job matching, while also utilizing artificial intelligence to match skills with available job opportunities as per the labor market and private sector requirements.

Subscription open for BHD 185 Million Bond

TDT | Manama

Bahrain Bourse (BHB) announced that starting today, Bahraini and Non-Bahraini investors can directly subscribe through the primary market of BHB in the Government Development Bond Issue 37 (BHD 185 million). Investors will be able to trade the Bond on the secondary market at BHB once listed, which is expected to be on 24th November 2024.

Subscription period through the registered brokers is effective until Wednesday, 6th

November 2024. The subscription will be open from Monday to Tuesday from 9:30 am until 1:00 pm and on Wednesday from 9:30 am until 11:00 am. The minimum subscription size is 500 bond per subscriber. The Bond issued at a par value of BHD 1 each on the 10th of November 2024 for a period of 3 years maturing on the 10th of November 2027. The annual fixed return on these securities is 5.50%, and will be paid bi-annually on 10th of May and 10th of November every year throughout the period of this issue.

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1576

Eighty Years' War: In Flanders, Spanish defeat Walloon and capture Antwerp

1841

First wagon train arrives in California after a five and a half month and 1,730 mile journey over the Sierra Nevada from Missouri

1845

First nationally observed uniform election day in the United States, the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November



1922

Howard Carter rediscovered the intact tomb of the Pharaoh Tutankhamun in Egypt

News in brief

◆ **Furious locals pelted** Spain's royals and premier yesterday with mud and cries of "murderers!", forcing officials to cut short their visit to the town worst hit by the floods which have killed more than 200. The angry crowd in the town of Palporta focused most of its wrath on Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez and the head of the Valencia region, both of whom were whisked away by security. King Felipe VI and Queen Letizia were hit in the face and clothes with mud as they tried to calm the angry crowd, AFP journalists saw. Broadcast on Spanish television, the extraordinary scenes underscored the depth of the anger in the country over the response to the nation's worst such disaster in decades, with the toll ever rising and hopes for finding survivors ebbing five days on. The king and queen arrived just after midday at a crisis centre in Palporta, ground zero for a disaster Sanchez called the second deadliest flood in Europe this century.



Crowd huris mud, insults at Spanish royals, PM on visit to flood zone

◆ **American B-52 bombers** have arrived in the Middle East, the US military said Saturday, a day after Washington announced their deployment in a warning to Iran. "B-52 Stratofortress strategic bombers from Minot Air Force Base's 5th Bomb Wing arrived in the US Central Command area of responsibility," the military command for the Middle East and surrounding countries said in a post on social media. The United States announced on Friday evening that it was sending the bombers, fighter and tanker aircraft and ballistic missile defense destroyers to the Middle East. "Should Iran, its partners, or its proxies use this moment to target American personnel or interests in the region, the United States will take every measure necessary to defend our people," Pentagon spokesman Major General Pat Ryder said in a statement on the deployment.

◆ **B-52 bombers arrive in Middle East: US military**



◆ **WHO says strike on Gaza vaccination centre wounds four children**



◆ **The World Health Organization** said four children were among six people wounded Saturday in a strike on a polio vaccination centre in northern Gaza. The WHO only restarted the second round of vaccinations in northern Gaza on Saturday after being forced to suspend them earlier because of Israeli bombardments. WHO chief Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus said the health centre was "in an area where a humanitarian pause was agreed to allow vaccination to proceed" and the attack could off parents of children needing a second vaccine to be covered. He did not specify who carried out the strike but Israel rejected a claim by a Gaza source that one of its drones fired missiles at the centre.

SPOTLIGHT

Israel launches deadly strike on south Lebanon as war grinds on



An excavator clears rubble and debris at the site of an overnight Israeli air strike on town of Sarafand, between Sidon and Tyre in southern Lebanon

AFP | Beirut, Lebanon
"The Israeli enemy's raid on Haret Saida resulted in an initial death toll of three people killed and nine others injured," Lebanon's health ministry said, referring to a densely populated area near Sidon. Lebanon's health ministry said three people near the southern city of Sidon on Sunday as more bombs fell in the country's east after Israel warned it would again hit Hezbollah targets there.

New evacuation call
The Israeli military said it intercepted several projectiles fired from Lebanon into Israeli territory, while some fell in unpopulated areas. Israel and Iran-backed Hezbollah have been at war since September 23, when Israel escalated air raids over the border after a year of tit-for-tat exchanges of fire. One week later it sent ground troops into southern Lebanon on "targeted raids".

Hezbollah said it was acting in support of Palestinian militants Hamas, whose unprecedented attack against Israel on October 7 last year triggered the ongoing war in Gaza. The military said its forces continued to carry out "targeted raids" in southern Lebanon aimed at eliminating Hezbollah fighters.

Thousands take to London streets for cleaner water

AFP | London, United Kingdom

Thousands of people marched through central London yesterday demanding action on cleaning up Britain's rivers and seas. Environmental activist and singer Feargal Sharkey and adventurer Bear Grylls were among those planning to join The March for Clean Water, which was backed by groups including Greenpeace, the Wildlife Trusts and British Rowing.

Protesters are demanding reviews of water regulator Ofwat and the Environment Agency along with stricter enforcement for water companies who break existing pollution rules. River Action said that there were around 15,000 marchers, who were encouraged to wear blue and to bring a sample from a body of water close to their heart. Many wore elaborate costumes, while others held signs reading "rides not turds", "cut the crap" and "water for life".

The new Labour government last month set out legislation that will give regulators powers to



"March for Clean Water" in London

issue harsher penalties, including prison sentences, to polluting water companies and their executives. "We agree that the system is not working. It is too complicated, too slow and is not delivering for people or the environment," said a spokesperson for Water UK, the industry's trade association. "We cannot delay upgrading and expanding vital infrastructure any longer and need Ofwat to reconsider its approach," it added.



US election rivals race to photo finish

AFP | Detroit, United States

Kamala Harris and Donald Trump began a frantic last push across US swing states Sunday, with less than 48 hours of campaigning left to secure a decisive edge in a bitterly fought and historically close presidential election. Over 75 million people have cast early ballots ahead of Tuesday's climax and the race is down to the wire -- with more states functionally tied in polls at this point than in any comparable election.

The closeness of the race is all the more remarkable given its dramatic twists -- including an assassination bid and Harris's stunning late entrance -- and the fact that the candidates could hardly be further apart in their campaign styles and visions for the future. A final New York Times/Siena poll on Sunday flagged some incremental changes in the key battleground states, but the results from all seven remained firmly within the margin of error.

Harris -- desperate to shore up the Great Lakes states seen as essential to any Democratic ticket -- was to spend the day in Michigan, beginning in Detroit before a stop in Pontiac and an evening rally at Michigan State University. Trump's Sunday timetables take place in areas with large Hispanic populations but Pennsylvania is the swing state with the most Puerto Ricans, a community particularly angered by the bigotry at Trump's rally. But with reproductive rights emerging as a top voter concern, her campaign has taken some comfort from the large proportion of women turning out among the



Donald Trump dances at the end of a campaign rally at First Horizon Coliseum in Greensboro, North Carolina

now week-long scandal around his rally at New York's iconic Madison Square Garden in which warm-up speakers alienated Hispanics and women with racist and sexist language.

Trump flipped the state, a former Democratic stronghold, on his way to defeating Hillary Clinton in 2016. Joe Biden returned it to the Democratic column in 2020, buoyed by unionized workers and a large Black community. But this time, Harris risks losing the support of a 200,000-strong Arab-American community that has denounced Biden's handling of the Israel-Hamas war in Gaza. Pollsters have noted an erosion in Black support for the Democratic ticket and Harris's aides acknowledge that they still have work to do to turn out enough African American men to match Biden's winning coalition in 2020. But with reproductive rights emerging as a top voter concern, her campaign has taken some comfort from the large proportion of women turning out among the



Kamala Harris (R) and US actress Maya Rudolph

early voters. In a bid to reach out beyond her traditional support bases, Harris wrapped a day on the campaign trail Saturday with a surprise appearance on "Saturday Night Live," mocking her presidential election rival Donald Trump on the iconic sketch show.

"Keep Kamala and carry on!" the vice president said in a well-received appearance alongside Maya Rudolph, the comedienne who has been playing her as "America's fun aunt" on the show. Keen on as much TV exposure as possible, the Harris campaign has booked a two-minute spot to air during Sunday's NFL football game, including the matchup between the Green Bay Packers and Detroit Lions, both from crucial swing states. In the ad, Harris pledges to be "a president for all Americans" and promises to "build a brighter future for our nation". Her campaign said its own research shows the "last week has proven decisive in cementing the choice in this election with both undecided and lower-propensity voters," particularly the contrast of two candidates' closing argument rallies. Harris, 60, got a boost Saturday as the final Des Moines Register poll before Election Day -- seen as a highly credible test of wider public sentiment -- showed a stunning turnaround, with Harris ahead in a state won easily by Trump in 2016 and 2020. She leads by three points in a poll that showed her trailing Trump by four points in September.

LEGAL VIEWPOINT Liability of the board of directors

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By year end, the shareholders of companies meet to oversee the performance of the company. The main duties of the shareholders include, inter alia, issuing an important decision absolving the Board from any legal responsibility in relation to what they have done during the year.

This decision is very important as it absolves the Board from all legal liabilities whatsoever. In fact, the decision works as a "Certificate of Good Conduct", issued by the owners of the company (shareholders). However, such decision shall not give the Board full freedom and complete immunity in cases of gross negligence or criminal offences.

In relation to this, we have to distinguish, between the civil liability of the Board and their criminal responsibility.

In relation to civil liability, the decision absolves the Board from the responsibility in relation to acts exercised during their work, except acts of gross negligence. Legally, this decision gives partial release not full release.

Tort-feasors shall not rejoice and assume that they are not questionable for their tortuous wrongdoing and malpractice.

In connection to what we are saying here regarding the responsibility of the Board, a question arises, that is to say for how long this responsibility chases (the wrongdoing)?

In other words, can a shareholder or a third-party lodge a claim of negligence after five years? We need to mention, the civil right to sue in cases of gross negligence is time-barred after one year from the date of the decision absolving the Board from liability.

This is a privilege from being constantly under the dreadful impression that they can be sued at any time. No body would like to be under such an impression, and I believe this is why the Legislature closes the civil right liability after one year from the date of that decision.

For the criminal responsibility, the "absolving" decision for the Board cannot be taken as absolving them from criminal responsibility, if any. Having stated this basic rule, question arises? Are they (the criminal responsibilities) time-barred like the civil rights?

Due to public interest and other reasons, the concept of time limitation is not applicable in criminal cases. Member of the Board could be prosecuted, at any time, for any offence(s) committed by him during his membership. Offences to be committed by members of the Board are unlimited and uncountable. However, the most common offences could be criminal breach of trust, criminal fraud, criminal negligence, counterfeit, forgery, false information etc.

The criminal offences against members of the Board are not barred unless the "Public Proceedings" lapse or fall or becomes of no existence. This means, as long as, the public proceedings are maintained, the criminal responsibility continues endlessly. It would be interesting to mention that one of the ways and means of waving or ending the criminal responsibility could be through the process of what is called (The Nolle Prosequi) principle. This point has been raised in certain instances regarding Board members representing the Government in Public companies. Legally speaking and according to this rule, The Prosecutor General or The Attorney General, could ask the concerned Court to stop any or all criminal proceedings against any person on the basis of public interest.

The law gives this authority to The Prosecutor General or The Attorney General, who should exercise such authority only when public interest demands. This discretion should not be used to cover-up the mistakes of certain individuals and to give them a room or opportunity to escape the law. There should be certain balance between public interest and private interest and public interest shall always prevail when applying this golden rule.

From above, we conclude that, civil or criminal proceedings could be taken at certain instances against the Board. They need to be aware of this and to alert members from such consequences.

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TOP 4 TWEETS

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Developing countries urgently need support to accelerate the transition to clean energy & deal with the violent weather they are already facing. #COP29 must agree to a new finance goal that unlocks the trillions of dollars they need. The price of climate inaction is too high.

@antonioguterres

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I'm asking for your vote because as president, I will get up every day and fight for the American people.

@SecBlinken

03



The decline in TB incidence in India's dedicated and innovative efforts. Through a collective spirit, we will keep working towards a TB-free India.

@narendramodi

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Three beautiful MAGA RALLIES today in Gastonia, North Carolina, followed by Salem, Virginia -- and this evening in Greensboro, North Carolina! On Tuesday, you have to stand up, and you have to tell Kamala that you've had enough, you can't take anymore, "Kamala Harris, You're Fired!"

@realDonaldTrump

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BY INVITATION

Climate Change: The Necessity of Cooperation for Sustainable Development and Protection of our Planet



SHAHIN ABDULLAYEV, AMBASSADOR OF THE REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN IN RIYADH

We are proud that Azerbaijan has been chosen to host the 29th Conference of the Parties (COP29) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and understand the responsibility it entails. Climate change, driven by natural factors and human activities, is one of the most pressing global issues. According to the World Meteorological Organization, 80-85% of natural disasters are linked to abnormal hydrometeorological phenomena caused by climate change.

Azerbaijan joined the UNFCCC to contribute to the fight against climate change. The decision to host COP29, made on December 11 at COP28 in the UAE, reflects global recognition of Azerbaijan's commitment to green energy, even as an oil and gas producer.

Our timeline to prepare for COP29 is short. Host countries typically have over a year to prepare, but Azerbaijan has less than a year. Since the decision, our team has mobilized globally to prepare for the high-level event that will bring thousands of leaders to Azerbaijan. These discussions are crucial, as decisions taken will impact our planet's future.

The UNFCCC, established at the 1992 Earth Summit, aims to limit human interference in the climate. The COP is the annual decision-making body of the 198 member states of the Convention. The presidency rotates among UN regions, and Azerbaijan's selection, supported by unanimous consent in the Eastern European Group over Armenia and Bulgaria, demonstrates its international standing. In line with our commitment, 2024 has been declared the "Year of Solidarity for a Green World" in Azerbaijan. We aim to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 35% by 2030 and 40% by 2050. Regions like Karabakh and East Zangezur have been declared green energy zones, aligning with our renewable energy goals. Azerbaijan's potential in renewable energy is significant, with ongoing projects supported by Saudi Arabia's Acwa Power and the UAE's Masdar, including the Khizi-Absheron wind plant.

One of the main focuses at COP29 will be climate finance. Mobilizing funds for mitigation, adaptation, and loss reduction will require cooperation among all stakeholders, including international organizations, financial institutions, and the private sector. Azerbaijan's role as a bridge between developed and developing nations, highlighted by our recent presidency of the Non-Aligned Movement, positions us to foster meaningful dialogue at COP29. We aim to work with the United Arab Emirates and Brazil in the Troika of Presidencies to deliver forward-looking results. COP29 is one of the most critical global events for climate change. Azerbaijan's selection as the host by unanimous decision of the Eastern European Group highlights the trust and respect we have earned. This event will enhance Azerbaijan's reputation as a leader in green energy and climate action, reflecting our dedication to a sustainable future on the world stage.

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Anna Kendrick

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Anna Kendrick reveals her one non-negotiable relationship rule

Bang Showbiz | Los Angeles

Anna Kendrick refuses to get “involved with a man” who hasn’t been to therapy. The 39-year-old star - who has been open about being in an abusive relationship for seven years - has revealed she is currently single, while laying out clear parameters for any potential partners in the future.

Appearing on the ‘Call Her Daddy’ podcast, she said: “I’m never getting involved with a man — meaning we’re not even kissing, we’re not even going to have a real conversation — unless you are in or have been in therapy.”

The ‘Pitch Perfect’ actress and her ex - who she has never identified publicly - went to couples therapy before they broke up.

She recalled: “I always felt like I was trying to stay so calm in couples therapy because I was like, f***, in these sessions, he’s so able to kind of

stay calm in a way that he does not do when we’re outside of therapy.”

However, in one specific session, Anna remembered how she “lost [her] s***”, and she was worried about any repercussions.

Explaining her mindset at the time, she said: “I’m trying so hard to appease this person, they’re so f***** awful. So how bad is it gonna get now that I’ve yelled?”

She added that “weirdly, he was fine” after the incident.

Elsewhere in the interview, Anne revealed her therapist actu-

ally “bought his stuff kind of hook, line, and sinker” during their early sessions, and has later “apologised” after starting to understand the situation “toward the end”.

The ‘Twilight’ star said: “I’ve had several sessions with him in the last several years where he’s apologised to me because I think he realised what was going on, like, right toward the end.”

Anna previously said figuring out what “really happened” with her ex was “the hardest task of my adult life”.

Liam Neeson doesn’t date anymore



Liam Neeson
Bang Showbiz | Los Angeles

Liam Neeson is “past all that” when it comes to dating.

The 72-year-old actor was widowed when Natasha Richardson - who he married in 1994 - died in a skiing accident in 2009 aged 45 and a year later, he had a two-year relationship with public relations executive Freya St. Johnston, but he has insisted he is no longer looking for love at this stage in his life.

Asked if he still dates, he told People magazine: “No, in a word. I’m past all that.”

When he isn’t working, the ‘Taken’ star loves to spend time with his and Natasha’s two sons, Micheal, 29, and 28-year-old Daniel, hanging out while watching their favourite TV shows or movies.

He said: “Just simple stuff. We used to do a bit of fly-fishing together. We haven’t done it for several years now.”

Zoë Kravitz and Channing Tatum ‘have been in touch’ since their split



Zoë Kravitz and Channing Tatum
Bang Showbiz | Los Angeles

Zoë Kravitz and Channing Tatum have “been in touch” since their break up.

The actress, 35, and her 44-year-old actor partner are said to have split last week, almost exactly a year after they got engaged, and a source has now insisted the pair harbour no “bad blood”.

They added to Page Six: “There was no dramatic falling out between Channing and Zoë.”

“They really just grew apart and decided it was best for them to go their separate ways.

“(They) handled the breakup very maturely (after) they came to a mutual realization that they were better off friends than romantic partners.”

Since the pair split, a second source has said Zoë has stayed upbeat as she “has a lot on her mind” with her career.

Zoë was also reportedly in high spirits at a Halloween party in the wake of her breakup from Channing.

Another insider told Page Six about how the actress seemed

unphased by the split when she attended a star-studded Princess Diana-themed party hosted by Unemployed and The Frankie Shop at members’ club Chez Margaux: “She was in a good mood and seemed really happy... dancing all night and having cocktails.”

The source added Zoë spent most of the evening hanging out with her actress friend Dianna Agron, 38, and didn’t leave until the early hours.

They said: “She helped close it down at 2am. (She was) having a great time and was so cute and nice.”

Despite Zoë and Channing’s split, a separate source told UsWeekly there was a chance the couple’s romance could be reignited by them working together on their next project.

The former couple are set to start filming the upcoming ‘Alpha Gang’ in spring 2025 and the insider said: “Film is their passion, so it could bring them back together.

“They thrive while being on set together and will be able to get through it. “Both of them are very professional and there is no bad blood between them.”

Selena Gomez ‘dreamed’ of her Emilia Perez role

Bang Showbiz | Los Angeles

Selena Gomez relished the challenge of smaking ‘Emilia Perez’.

The 32-year-old actress starred alongside Zoe Saldana, Karla Sofia Gascon and Adriana Paz in the musical crime comedy film, and Selena has now suggested that it was a unique experience in her career.

The brunette beauty - who plays Jessi Del Monte in the Jacques Audiard-directed movie - told ‘Extra’: “I think I’ve been dreaming of doing a role like this for many reasons.

“I felt challenged and I felt excited and eager to see all the places that Jacques was going to take me and it was a million times better than I even imagined because I got to meet these women and it just felt like a whole experience that I had never felt before and I hope this is just the beginning.”

Selena also admitted that she feels “really lucky” to have been a part of the movie.

The actress said: “I’m just enjoying it moment by moment. I feel really lucky to be with these amazing women and I just love every moment, so I’m soaking it all in.”

Earlier this year, Selena claimed that she hasn’t even “scratched the surface” of her acting ambitions.

The Hollywood star has

enjoyed huge success with ‘Emilia Perez’ and ‘Only Murders in the Building’, the mystery comedy-drama series - but Selena insisted that she still has so many ambitions to achieve as an actress.

Selena - who has also enjoyed success in the music world - told The Hollywood Reporter: “Acting has, and will always be, my heart.

“There’s so much that I want to do and that I haven’t even scratched the surface of, and it’s exciting to me.”



Selena Gomez

Daniel Craig couldn’t take on other jobs while playing James Bond

Bang Showbiz | Los Angeles

Daniel Craig stopped working on other projects during his time as James Bond because he “didn’t have the head space”.

The 56-year-old actor - who portrayed the suave spy in five movies between 2006 and 2021 - feels “very privileged” to be able to be selective about the roles he takes on now but insisted he doesn’t have a “game plan” when it comes to his career.

Speaking about his latest role in ‘Queer’, he said: “It took a while before I did other jobs around Bond and then

I just stopped doing it because I just didn’t have the head space.

“And I feel like the longer I do this job, you’ve got to go where your heart goes and let that lead you.

“I’m very privileged to be in a position not to have to work as much as I used to, but if I do a job, I want it to be like this. I want it to be the best thing I can do.

“I wish I could say, ‘Yeah, I’ve got a game plan’, but I’m making it up as I go along.”

The ‘Knives Out’ star can next be seen playing William Lee in ‘Queer’, an adaptation of William S. Burroughs

deeply personal novel, and he found himself growing fascinated with the Beat Generation writer, making it easier to connect to his character.

He said: “I saw him as someone struggling to find love in a very difficult time when homosexuality was illegal in the US and people had to go elsewhere or had to hide away or going into really, really difficult situations.

“And then it just becomes about humanising somebody, so that you can get to that first day of filming and not be s***** yourself.”



Daniel Craig

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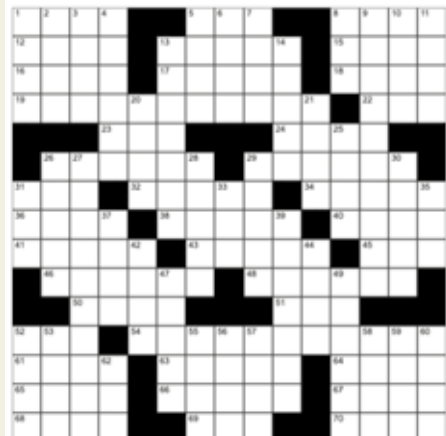
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Countdown begins for World Weightlifting Championships in Bahrain

Hussain Almaskati TDT | Manama

Bahrain is gearing up for another major sporting event, with just 30 days remaining until the World Weightlifting Championships kick off from December 4 to 15. This tournament will be held under the patronage of His Highness Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the representative of His Majesty the King for Humanitarian Work and Youth Affairs and Chairman of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports.

Unique Venue

The championships will take



Officials at the event

place in a specially designated area adjacent to the Bahrain National Theater, offering an ideal setting for athletes and spectators alike.

Organised by the Bahrain Olympic Committee (BOC) in partnership with the Bahrain Weightlifting Federation (BWF), the event is set to be a highlight

in the international sports calendar, with oversight from the International Weightlifting Federation (IWF).

The organizing committee,

under the leadership of Eshaq Ebrahim Eshaq, President of the BWF, has been diligently conducting meetings to ensure that every detail is in place for this occasion.

Their efforts reflect Bahrain's commitment to hosting a successful inaugural international weightlifting championship, marking a milestone for Olympic sports in the Kingdom.

Promising Future

As Bahrain prepares to welcome competitors and fans from around the world, the excitement builds for what promises to be an unforgettable show of athleticism.

Busy calendar for Bahrain Tennis Federation until year-end

Hussain Almaskati TDT | Manama

In a significant moment for the sport, the main draw of the ITF Junior Tennis Championship, categorized as "G30," officially commences today. Hosted by the Bahrain Tennis Federation, the tournament runs from November 4 to 9 at the Polytechnic University of Bahrain courts.

Preliminary Rounds Set the Stage

The tournament began with preliminary matches over the weekend, where three Bahraini players successfully advanced to the final qualifying round. Abdulrahman Al-Dosari made his mark by defeating Artemiy Solovvey with a score of 6-2, 7-6(6). In another impressive performance, Ali Al-Khayat overcame Lukas McLaughlin with a 6-0, 6-3 victory, while

Talal Al-Sayed beat Mahdi Al-Ibrahim, winning 6-2, 7-5.

On the occasion of this inaugural international tournament of the season, Sheikh Abdulaziz bin Mubarak Al Khalifa, President of the Bahrain Tennis Federation, expressed pride in hosting this series of ITF junior championships. He remarked, "Our hosting of this tournament reflects the International Federation's trust in our capabilities and our commitment to meeting all hosting standards. It also emphasizes our dedication to developing tennis in Bahrain and enhancing our international standing."

Opportunities for Local Talent

Sheikh Abdulaziz highlighted that the ITF Junior Championships provide an ideal platform for Bahraini players to gain valuable experience against high-

skilled competitors from around the globe. "We look forward to delivering a unique experience for the players and hope this tournament will help discover new talents in the world of tennis," he stated.

Looking ahead, the calendar for the Bahrain Tennis Federation is set to be busy this season, with six international, continental, and regional tournaments on the agenda. This includes three ITF junior championships, the Davis Cup, the Billie Jean King Cup for women, and the Arab Championship. The federation also recently hosted the tennis competition as part of the International School Games, which concluded last week. Additionally, Bahrain is currently hosting a regional coaches' conference with over 100 coaches from various Asian countries participating for the first time.



Representative image

Ajaz spins New Zealand to history

Ajaz Patel takes 11 wickets as Black Caps secure historic Test series win in India

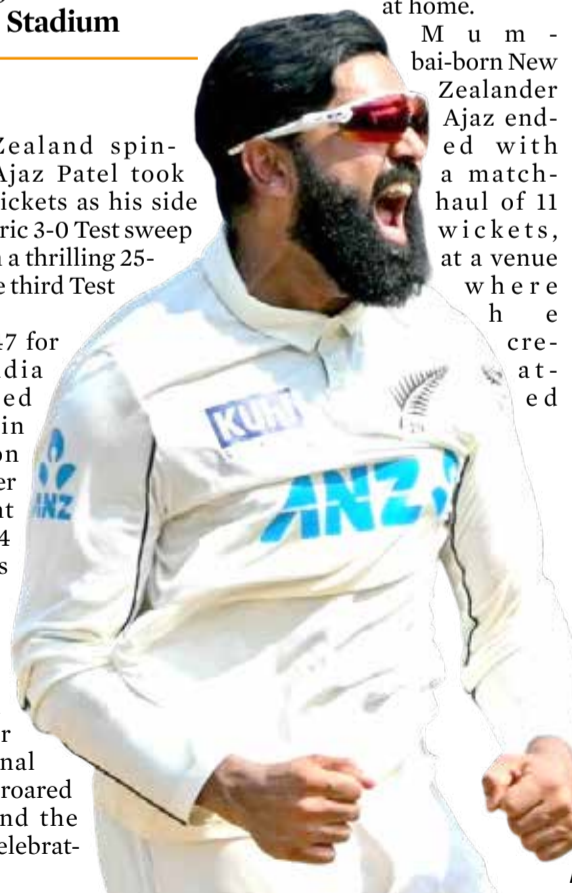
● **Ajaz Patel's 6 wickets seal New Zealand's 25-run victory**

● **India falls for 121 chasing 147 at Wankhede Stadium**

AFP | Mumbai

New Zealand spinner Ajaz Patel took six wickets as his side sealed a historic 3-0 Test sweep in India, with a thrilling 25-run win in the third Test yesterday.

Chasing 147 for victory, India were bowled out for 121 in 29.1 overs on day three, after Rishabh Pant hit a valiant 64 at Mumbai's Wankhede Stadium. Ajaz bowled Washington Sundar for 12 for the final wicket as he roared in delight and the Black Caps celebrat-



Ajaz Patel

ed the rare triumph and their first ever Test series win on Indian soil.

This is the first time India have been whitewashed in a Test series at home since South Africa's 2-0 win in 1999-2000, and their first-ever 3-0 clean sweep at home.

Mumbai-born New Zealander Ajaz ended with a match-haul of 11 wickets, a venue where he created history by claiming all 10 wickets in a Test innings in 2021.

In a tricky chase on a turning pitch, New Zealand reduced India to 29-5, before the left-hand Pant made the team fight back with his half-century.

But Ajaz, after lunch, had Pant caught by wicketkeeper Tom Blundell, a decision denied by the on-field umpire but successfully reviewed by New Zealand.

The third umpire went through numerous TV replays to decide that the ball had edged the bat before it took the pads en route to Blundell's gloves. An unconvinced Pant trudged back.

Glenn Phillips then got two

in two balls and Ajaz wrapped up the innings.

India bowled out New Zealand quickly for 174 in the first session, with Ravindra Jadeja taking five wickets on a turning wicket.

But the New Zealand bowlers led by Ajaz ripped into India's top order.

Fast bowler Matt Henry dismissed Rohit Sharma in the third over, getting the captain to mis-hit to Phillips at mid-wicket for 11.

He extended his run with the bat in the series with scores of 2, 52, 0, 8 and 18 in his previous five innings.

Ajaz bowled Shubman Gill



New Zealand's players celebrate at the end of the match

BETTER YOU KNOW
This is the first time India has been whitewashed in a Test series at home since 2000

and then had Virat Kohli, on one, caught by Daryl Mitchell at slip to silence the home crowd.

Kohli has also struggled in the series, with just one half-century and four single-digit scores in this series.

Wickets kept tumbling as Phillips trapped Yashasvi Jaiswal lbw for five, and two balls later Sarfaraz Khan was caught in the deep off Ajaz, leaving India in deep trouble.

Pant put on 42 runs for the sixth wicket to revive the chase, but Ajaz struck again to remove Jadeja for six.

New Zealand's second innings was over seven minutes after the start of yesterday's play.

Resuming on 171-9, Ajaz was caught at deep mid-wicket off a slog sweep as left-arm spinner Jadeja ended with a match haul of 10 wickets.

Tottenham blow Aston Villa away in second-half rampage

AFP | London

Dominic Solanke scored twice as Tottenham blitzed Aston Villa in the second half yesterday, winning 4-1 to move just two points behind their ri-

vals for a top-four finish in the Premier League.

All four Spurs goals came in a storming second half after Morgan Rogers put the visitors ahead in the first period.

Brennan Johnson pulled the rejuvenated home side level shortly after half-time.

Solanke then took centre stage, producing a delicate dinked finish to put Spurs ahead in the

75th minute before converting substitute Richarlison's cross four minutes later.

James Maddison added gloss by firing home a free kick deep into stoppage time.



Tottenham's Dominic Solanke in action

Rookie tests begin after WEC finale at BIC

TDI | Manama

The excitement continued at the Bahrain International Circuit after the conclusion of the 2024 FIA World Endurance Championship season, with the start of rookie tests for the championship.

Rookie drivers took to the track yesterday in two sessions, from 10 am to 12 pm and from 1 pm to 4 pm. A total of 28 cars participated, with drivers competing in both the Hypercar and LMGT3 categories.

In the morning session, Daniel Juncadella set the fastest lap in a Cadillac Hypercar, followed by Max Guenther in a BMW. Arthur Leclerc finished third in a



A car in action on track at BIC

Ferrari. In the LMGT3 category, Tom Gamble was the fastest in a McLaren.

In the afternoon session, Giedo van der Garde topped the timesheets in an Alpine. Leclerc was again close behind, followed by Esteban Masson in a Toyota.

MotoGP legend Valentino Rossi, testing with BMW, finished fourth overall.

The World Endurance Championship concluded its 13th season at the Bahrain International Circuit with the 8 Hours of Bahrain, sponsored by Bacpc. The Porsche Carrera Cup Middle East also kicked off its season as a support race.

Bahrain national handball team heads to Kuwait



Bahrain national handball team

Hussain Almaskati
TDI | Manama

Bahrain's national handball team will depart for Kuwait to participate in an international friendly tournament, set to commence on Wednesday and run through November 11. The tournament will conclude for Bahrain with a clash against Cape Verde on Saturday. This series of matches will feature a competitive lineup, including the host nation Kuwait, along with teams from Tunisia and Cape Verde. This presents a valuable opportunity for Bahrain to test its mettle against international opponents.

The delegation is led by team administrator Ahmad Najem and features an experienced coaching staff, including Icelandic head coach Aron Kristjánsson, assistant coach Ali Al-Falahi, goalkeeper coach Makram Al-Mesawi, and medical specialist Karim Mohammed. Technical analyst Hussein Ali and physical trainer Hamda Bin Al-Munsif round out the support team. The squad consists of 18 players selected for this tournament.

Bahrain will kick off its tournament campaign against Tunisia on Wednesday at 5 PM, followed by a match against the Kuwaiti team on Thursday. The tournament will conclude for Bahrain with a clash against Cape Verde on Saturday. This series of matches will be crucial for the team's cohesion and performance as they prepare for the bigger challenges.

Building Towards Future

This participation coincides with the international break (IHF DAYS) and forms part of Bahrain's comprehensive preparation program for the 2025 World Championship, which will take place in Croatia, Denmark, and Norway. Competing in Kuwait will serve as an essential step in fine-tuning strategies and enhancing team dynamics ahead of this significant global event. The experience gained in these friendly matches will undoubtedly aid Bahrain's ambitions on the world stage.

Bagnaia wins MotoGP thriller in Malaysia to keep title race alive

AFP | Sepang

Francesco Bagnaia won a thrilling Malaysia MotoGP yesterday after a ding-dong battle with championship leader Jorge Martin to take the pair's title battle to the final weekend of the season.

Spaniard Martin's lead was cut to 24 points after he finished second behind the Italian defending champion Bagnaia in a race that had to be restarted, with a maximum of 37 points remaining to be won in the final round in a fortnight's time.

Enea Bastianini was a distant third to complete the podium behind the dominant front two, who battled wheel-to-wheel for



Monster Energy Yamaha MotoGP's French rider Fabio Quartararo (L) and Red Bull KTM Factory's South African rider Brad Binder (R) fall after a collision

the first four laps before Bagnaia was able to open a gap which he held till the chequered flag.

"Honestly, Jorge was very aggressive," said Ducati rider Bagnaia after the lead was ex-

changed on multiple occasions in the opening skirmishes.

"But our pace was too good, and like always in the race, on Sunday, I can attack."

Pramac Ducati's Martin had extended his championship lead from 17 to 29 points after he won Saturday's sprint and Bagnaia crashed his Ducati.

Bagnaia admitted his sprint race form had not been good enough this year after taking his 10th grand prix win of 2024.

"We just need to understand why on Saturday I'm struggling more to do the same," said the 2022 and 2023 world champion.

"But it's the 10th victory of the season. We are doing an incredible job."

'Relieved' Norris takes pole in Brazil

McLaren Driver Lando Norris edges out George Russell as Max Verstappen faces five-place grid penalty

● Lando Norris takes pole in rainy, red-flagged qualifying

● Max Verstappen starts 17th after grid penalty and missed Q2

● George Russell, Yuki Tsunoda secure second and third positions

TDI | Manama

Lando Norris secured pole position for the Sao Paulo Grand Prix and a boost for his title challenge yesterday as a furious Max Verstappen, facing a five-place grid penalty, qualified 12th from a delayed rainswept qualifying.

McLaren's Norris, who is 44 points behind championship leader Verstappen, drove with great skill in difficult conditions that saw qualifying interrupted by five red flags, pulling out a best final lap of one minute and 23.405 seconds.

It was good enough to edge out Mercedes George Russell by just 0.173 seconds.

All the top drivers made their best times in the final seconds on a drying track that supplied increased grip - enabling RB's Yuki

“It was so difficult in those conditions. There was a lot going on and I am super-happy to be on pole and a bit surprised after my problems in Q1”

LANDO NORRIS

Tsunoda to take a career-best third ahead of Alpine's Esteban Ocon and Liam Lawson in the second RB.

It was Norris's eighth career pole, his fifth in seven races and seventh this year, giving him a great opportunity to reduce Verstappen's 44-point lead in the title race as the three-time champion faces a five-place penalty.

"I am so happy and I'm relieved after that!" said Norris.

"It was so difficult in those conditions. There was a lot going on and I am super-happy to be on pole and a bit surprised after my problems in Q1."

The Grand Prix was set to start later yesterday.

'Ridiculous'

Verstappen failed to make the cut from the second qualifying session, when it was halted by Aston Martin's Lance Stroll



McLaren's British driver Lando Norris celebrates taking pole position

crash.

Verstappen, knowing Norris had a chance to cut his championship points lead, was infuriated by the delay in showing the red flag which came too late to continue the second session.

"It's ridiculous and it's stupid to talk about it. That car hit the wall. It's a straight red flag so why delay 40 seconds?"

The Dutchman will start the race 17th after a penalty for taking a new engine.

He was joined by team-mate Sergio Perez as both Red Bulls missed the top-10 shootout along with last Sunday's Mexico victor Carlos Sainz of Ferrari and seven-time champion Lewis Hamilton of Mercedes, who exited in Q1.

Norris's McLaren team-mate Oscar Piastri qualified eighth behind Ferrari's Charles Leclerc in sixth and Alex Albon, who crashed heavily in his Williams. Two-time champion Fernando

Alonso who also crashed was ninth for Aston Martin.

The five red flags in qualifying equalled the record total set in qualifying at the 2022 Emilia Romagna Grand Prix - and extended the one-hour session by 45 minutes.

The session began in steady rain and official "full wet" conditions.

After several early incidents, a first red flag to halt the action in Q1 came when Franco Colapinto

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KNOW WHAT

Five red flags in qualifying matched the record from the 2022 Emilia Romagna Grand Prix

went into the barriers at Curva do Sol in his Williams.

After a five-minute pause, the session resumed and Norris required a last-gasp lap to squeeze into Q2 as both Haas drivers Oliver Bearman and Nico Hulkenberg missed the cut along with Hamilton, Colapinto and Zhou.

The second session started in better conditions and several drivers switched to intermediate tyres.

Oscar Piastri set the pace in 1:25.179 before another red flag when Sainz, victorious in Mexico last Sunday, smacked the barriers in his Ferrari at Turn Two. He was unhurt.

With five minutes remaining, Norris was languishing in 11th, but reacted by taking fresh intermediates to clinch his passage before Lance Stroll crashed to bring a third red flag.