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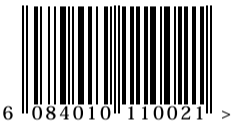
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Bahrain rain alert
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Bahrain will experience scattered rain, ranging from light to moderate, starting Tuesday evening, January 7. The rain is expected to continue until Wednesday midday.

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Cup of GLORY

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Bahrain's national football team captured their second Gulf Cup title in an emotional 2-1 win over Oman in the final last night at Kuwait's Jaber Al-Ahmad International Stadium.

The game saw Oman take an early lead in the 17th minute with a goal from Abdulrahman Al-Mushaifri.

However, Bahrain displayed remarkable resilience, equalising in the 78th minute through a penalty converted by Mohamed Marhoon.

Just two minutes later, an own goal by Oman's Mohammed Al-Musalami sealed Bahrain's tri-



Bahrain team celebrate their triumph. The win marked Bahrain's second Gulf Cup crown, following their maiden triumph in 2019. **(More reports on Page 2)**

Bahrain claim second Gulf crown with thrilling victory over Oman in final

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HM King congratulated by HRH Prince Salman

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa was congratulated by His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, on the Bahrain national football team's historic victory in the 26th Arabian Gulf Cup.

In his message, HRH Prince Salman praised the team's exceptional performance and dedication, which secured their well-deserved triumph in the tournament.

"We extend our congratulations to His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa on this



HM the King remarkable achievement," HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister stated.

HRH Prince Salman also expressed his gratitude and ad-



HRH Prince Salman miration for the players, commending their outstanding efforts and the high level of skill demonstrated throughout the competition.

Royal support



His Highness Shaikh Mohammed bin Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa arrived in the State of Kuwait yesterday to attend the 26th Arabian Gulf Cup. His Highness Shaikh Mohammed bin Salman was accompanied by the President of the Court of the Crown Prince, His Excellency Shaikh Salman bin Ahmed bin Salman Al Khalifa. Upon arrival at the Amiri Airport, His Highness was received by the Chairman of the Kuwait Olympic Committee, Sheikh Fahad Nasser Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah, Sheikh Sabah Hamad Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah, and the Ambassador of the Kingdom of Bahrain to the State of Kuwait, His Excellency Salah Ali Hasan Hilal Al-Malki.

Flags, cheers and pride

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Bahrain erupted in joyous celebrations last night after its national football team retained the Arabian Gulf Cup title with a come-from-behind 2-1 victory against Oman in the final at Jaber Al-Ahmad International Stadium in Kuwait.

Jubilant Bahrainis, and other nationalities, flooded the streets, waving the iconic red-and-white

Bahrain flag to celebrate the Kingdom's second Arabian Gulf Cup triumph – their first since 2019.

The air was alive with the sounds of car horns, cheers, and victory songs. Tea houses, shisha cafes, and restaurants became vibrant gathering points for fans watching the live broadcast, while high-end malls resonated with roars of celebration as Bahrainis shared in this monu-



Bahrainis celebrate victory in Kuwait

mental achievement.

Traffic ground to a virtual standstill across the Kingdom as families, friends, and football enthusiasts united to revel in the emotional win. The sheer unity and pride displayed in the celebrations underscored Bahrain's deep passion for football and its strong sense of national identity.

Even those watching from the comfort of their homes joined in

the excitement, their shouts of joy echoing the nation's collective elation.

Bahrain's journey to the final included a hard-fought victory over Kuwait, while Oman secured their place in the final with a win against Saudi Arabia.

This victory stands as a unifying moment for Bahrain, inspiring hope and pride while cementing the nation's reputation as a formidable force in football.



We extend our heartfelt congratulations and blessings to **His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa**

His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa,
Crown Prince and Prime Minister

And to the proud people of the Kingdom of Bahrain
**On the occasion of the Bahrain national team's
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Move to address citizen issues at border crossings

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Five MPs have submitted a proposal aimed at resolving difficulties faced by citizens at Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) border crossings.

The proposal, submitted by MPs Jalal Kadhem, Jaleela Al Sayed, Hanan Fardan, Zainab Abdulameer, and Mohsen Al Asbool, highlights the slow processing of travel restrictions at these crossings.

The explanatory memorandum accompanying the proposal cites the significant delays in lifting travel bans imposed by Bahrain and other GCC states.

The MPs argue that the proposal aims to expedite the removal of these bans, particularly in cases of urgent humanitarian need, such as medical treatment, accompanying a sick relative, pursuing education, or employment.

The delays, they contend, cause unnecessary hardship and suffering.

The proposal also draws attention to the psychological distress experienced by citizens unexpectedly denied pas-

Freedom of movement is a constitutionally guaranteed right, subject to legal provisions and judicial oversight.

sage at border crossings, even in the absence of any security concerns or legal issues.

This, the MPs argue, undermines their dignity and negatively impacts their mental health.

The memorandum further emphasises the potential severe consequences of such delays, including job loss for those working abroad who are unable to return, or missed crucial medical appointments.

The MPs stressed that freedom of movement is a constitutionally guaranteed right, subject to legal provisions and judicial oversight.

Degree dilemma

Accounting and business majors dominate Bahrain's unemployed university graduates

H Naser (Exclusive) TDT | Manama

A significant portion of unemployed university graduates in Bahrain hold degrees in accounting, business administration, human resources, and marketing, according to new statistics released by the Ministry of Labour in response to a parliamentary inquiry by MP Jalal Kadhem.

The data indicates that 1,473 unemployed graduates hold degrees in accounting and finance, comprising 14.6% of the total 10,057 unemployed university graduates (bachelor's degree and above).

Remarkably, 82.5% (1,216) of these unemployed accounting and finance graduates are women.

The second largest group of unemployed university graduates (1,413 or 14% of the total unemployed bachelor's degree holders) are those with degrees in business administration, human resources, and marketing.

Again, women constitute the majority (1,132) of this group.

Other fields with significant unemployment among uni-



MP Jalal Kadhem

versity graduates include law and Sharia (1,262), health and medical sciences (970), and engineering and interior design (782).

Difficulties

The smallest group of unemployed university graduates are those specializing in special education and learning difficulties.

The overall unemployment figures show a total of 10,057 unemployed individuals with bachelor's degrees or higher, with 8,245 (82%) being women and 1,812 (18%) men.

Adding to this, 6,080 individuals with high school diplomas

Field of Study	Total Unemployed	Unemployed Men	Unemployed Women
	1473	257	1216
	1413	281	1132
Law and Sharia	1262	211	1051
	970	169	801
	782	243	539
	631	164	467
Media, Public International and Tourism Relations	609	98	511
IT and Communications	522	119	403
	497	54	443
	418	30	388
	105	17	88
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or less are unemployed (3,325 women, 2,755 men), and 841 diploma holders are unemployed (713 women, 128 men).

In total, there were 16,978 unemployed individuals in 2023 (12,283 women and 4,695 men), a 21% increase compared to 14,032 in 2022.

Success

Despite the high unemployment figures, the Ministry of Labour reports success in job placement.

In 2023, the ministry placed 10,476 university graduates (5,904 women, 4,572 men), a 42% increase compared to 2022.

However, job placements for diploma holders decreased slightly by 1.9% (1,476 in 2023 vs. 1,505 in 2022), while place-

ments for high school graduates and those with less education decreased by 17% (17,581 in 2023 vs. 21,136 in 2022).

Overall, the ministry placed 29,533 individuals in 2023, a 1.5% decrease compared to 2022.

Response

The Ministry's response also addressed applications for unemployment benefits.

The Grievances Committee reviewed 2,587 applications for reinstatement of unemployment benefits between June 1st and October 31st, 2024, approving 911 of them.

This highlights the ongoing challenges faced by unemployed individuals in accessing support.

Mumtalakat

The Board of Directors, Management and Staff of Mumtalakat extend their heartfelt congratulations and best wishes to

His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa

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Representative of His Majesty the King for Humanitarian Works and Youth Affairs and Chairman of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports

and the people of the Kingdom of Bahrain

on the joyous and historic occasion of Bahrain winning the 26th Gulf Cup



Wave of change

Bahrain to regulate amateur fishing, potentially banning nets and traps

H Naser
TDT | Manama

A new law aimed at regulating amateur fishing in Bahrain is expected to include a ban on the use of nets and traps, according to informed sources.

The Ministry of Oil and Environment confirmed last month it is currently drafting legislation to address the issue, noting that existing regulations primarily cover professional fishing.

The ministry stated in response to a query from the Shura Council that the new law aims to prevent potential exploitation and violations of existing regulations.

Amateur fishing

The current system, they argue, is insufficient to manage amateur fishing practices.

Mohammed Al Dukheel, a prominent figure in the Bahraini fishing community, voiced his support for the proposed measures.

He emphasised to The Daily Tribune the urgent need for stronger regulations to protect Bahrain's declining fish stocks,



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citing illegal practices such as the use of floating and bottom trawling nets as major contributors to the problem.

Critical need

He also highlighted the critical need for the implementation of the Bahraini "Nokhada" (Captain) law.

"His Majesty the King has consistently called for controls to develop and protect fish stocks, and to maintain sustainable aquaculture to meet local market demands," Al Dukheel stated.

"Furthermore, the Minister of Interior, His Excellency Shaikh Rashid bin Abdullah Al Khalifa, has stressed the importance of regulating fishing for the benefit of Bahrainis. Therefore, I hope to see the Bahraini Nokhada law in effect this year. This will be a cornerstone in preserving Bahrain's marine resources."

Fish stocks

Moreover, he revealed that over half of the licenses issued to professional Bahraini fishermen have been leased to foreign workers, many of whom engage



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- MOHAMMED AL DUKHEEL, BAHRAINI FISHING COMMUNITY FIGURE

in illegal fishing practices that further deplete the kingdom's fish stocks.

He clarified that the solution isn't to ban foreign workers from fishing entirely, but rather to ensure that license holders are actively involved in the fishing operations themselves.

MP backs tourism flagship initiatives

Mohammed Darwish
TDT | Manama

MP Mohammed Janahi has praised Bahrain's growing line-up of tourism projects and events, hailing them as a clear driver of the Kingdom's rising status as a go-to destination for visitors in the region and beyond.

Among the flagship initiatives, he singled out the Hawar Islands development project, describing it as a game-changing move to draw in high-quality investments, improve tourism services, fuel the economy, and open new job opportunities for locals.

Janahi said these efforts show how national strategies are tapping into Bahrain's tourism potential in a way that balances growth with long-term sustainability.

He also applauded the buzz around events like "Retro Manama," which brought an old-school vibe to the historic Manama Souq, and "Muharrag Nights," which showcased Bahrain's heritage through culture and the arts.

Meanwhile, attractions such as the "Winter Village" at The Avenues and the "Farmers' Market" at Budaiya Botanical Garden were highlighted as key efforts to broaden recreational options and draw a wide mix of visitors.



"Tourism is central to Bahrain's economic plans. Fresh ideas and smart planning are essential to ensuring the sector keeps delivering for the community at large."

- MP MOHAMMED JANAH

Cultural roots

Janahi urged ongoing work to improve tourism infrastructure and create events that connect with Bahrain's cultural roots.

He also emphasised the importance of working with the private sector to get projects off the ground and ensure visitors enjoy unique and memorable experiences.

Shop Qatar 2025 kicks off with spectacular celebrations

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Shop Qatar, the nation's largest shopping and entertainment festival, commenced on January 1, 2025, with an elegant opening ceremony at Place Vendôme.

Themed "Your Shopping Playground," the month-long festival promises a vibrant blend of retail, culture, and family-friendly entertainment until February 1, 2025.

The ceremony featured a mesmerising performance by Lebanese singer Abeer Nehme, accompanied by colourful parades and engaging activities.

Lively atmosphere

Guests enjoyed a lively atmosphere, complete with competitions and appearances by prominent influencers, setting a celebratory tone for the festival.

Ahmed Albinali, Director of Festivals & Events at Visit Qatar, said: "This year's edition of Shop

Qatar reflects how this festival has become a cherished tradition in Visit Qatar's event calendar. It offers an exceptional mix of shopping, entertainment, and community engagement, showcasing Qatar as a hub for memorable experiences."

Building on the success of previous editions, Shop Qatar 2025 promises an action-packed lineup of experiences, with exclusive offers from luxury, high-street, and local retailers.

Raffle draw

Every Friday, a weekly raffle draw will reward winners with extraordinary prizes including luxury Exeed cars, cash rewards ranging from QAR 10,000 to QAR 100,000, and the grand prize of a Tesla Cybertruck.

Residents and visitors can also enjoy interactive activity corners including games, roaming parades, and meet-and-greets with beloved Spacetoons characters.



A family-friendly entertainment

The closing ceremony, scheduled for February 1, 2025, at Doha Festival City, will host the final raffle draw with the announcement of the Tesla Cybertruck winner and other major prizes.

The evening will also feature special performances, surprise guests, and the Mall & Retail Awards, which will recognise

excellence in branding, customer experience, and team efforts.

This year's festival will span 20 locations across Qatar, including: Place Vendôme, Doha Festival City, Mall of Qatar, City Center Mall, Landmark Mall, Villaggio, Lagoona Mall, Al Hazm, Hyatt Plaza, Tawar Mall, Al Khor Mall, Msheireb Galleria, Doha Old Port, Lusail Boulevard,

Doha Oasis, Gulf Mall, Abu Sidra Mall, The Doha Mall, Ezdan Al Wakra, and The Gate Mall.

Raffle Draws and Prizes Shoppers can participate in raffle draws by spending QAR 200 at any participating venue and redeeming receipts at designated redemption booths.

Weekly draws will take place at the following locations: 10

January: Mall of Qatar; 17 January: Lusail Boulevard; 24 January: and Place Vendôme; 1 February: Doha Festival City.

Prizes

Prizes include: Luxury Cars: Four Exeed cars and a Tesla Cybertruck; Cash Prizes: QAR 10,000, QAR 20,000, QAR 50,000, and QAR 100,000; and Vouchers and Giveaways: Distributed during interactive games and contests across the malls.

Participating retailers will offer special discounts and promotions, across fashion, electronics, toys, beauty products, and homeware, ensuring a rewarding shopping experience for visitors.

Exclusive activations will bring together renowned local and international brands in curated bazaars featuring traditional products such as perfumes, abayas, and handcrafted accessories.

Bahrain considers modular nuclear reactors for energy needs

TDT | Manama

Modular nuclear reactors are being considered as part of Bahrain's energy future, with studies exploring how the technology might work alongside plans to double renewable energy capacity to 170 megawatts.

The kingdom aims to strike a balance between its growing energy needs and limited land availability, according to Electricity and Water Affairs, His Excellency Minister Yasser Humaidan.

MP Dr Maryam Al Dhaen, speaking during a recent parliamentary session, welcomed the progress in renewable energy but urged more measures to ensure households see real benefits.

"The energy sector has come a long way, especially with net metering now in place," she said. "But we need to make solar energy more practical for first-time homeowners and families with smaller properties, as it remains out of reach for many."

Dr Al Dhaen called for better financial backing for renewable projects, arguing that such steps would ease energy costs for households while supporting Bahrain's environmental targets.

"Offering meaningful support would allow families to save money and contribute to sustainability efforts," she added.

She also pressed for clear rules to encourage larger businesses and government bodies to adopt renewable energy systems.

From ambulance to abundance

TDT | Manama

Manu Mohanan, an ambulance nurse in Bahrain, experienced a life-changing moment on Friday evening when he won Dh30 million (BD3 million) in the Big Ticket draw.

The news, delivered during his shift, left him stunned and unable to process the reality of his windfall.

For five years, Manu and 16 friends pooled funds to purchase Big Ticket entries, often sacrificing personal expenses.

After briefly pausing their efforts last year, the group re-



The announcement of Manu Mohanan, right, as the winner of the Big Ticket Jackpot

sumed buying tickets at the insistence of one member.

Persistence

Their persistence paid off

five months later with the massive jackpot.

Manu's first calls were to his wife and mother, both instrumental in his life.

AI expected to star at CES

gadget extravaganza

AFP | Las Vegas, United States

Gadgets, robots and vehicles imbued with artificial intelligence will once again vie for attention at the Consumer Electronics Show next week, as vendors behind the scenes will seek ways to deal with tariffs threatened by US President-elect Donald Trump.

The annual Consumer Electronics Show (CES) opens formally in Las Vegas on Tuesday, but preceding days are packed with product announcements.

Artificial intelligence (AI) will be a major theme of the show, along with autonomous vehicles ranging from tractors and boats to lawn mowers and golf club trollies.

"Everybody is going to be talking about AI," Creative Strategies analyst Carolina Milanesi told AFP.

"From fridges to ovens to whatever, everybody is going to be mentioning AI whether it is there or not."

Nvidia chief executive Jensen Huang will give a "do-not-miss" keynote speech on the eve of the CES show floor opening, touting innovations at the AI computer chip powerhouse, according to independent tech industry analyst Rob Enderle.

Chip industry rivals Intel, AMD and Qualcomm are expected to counter with news of their own.

Cars and robots

CES will also be a gigantic auto show, with carmakers and those supplying components showing off self-driving and automated safety capabilities.



"CES has been an auto show for a while now and if anything, it is more so this year," said Techspontanal analyst Avi Greengart.

Tesla chief executive Elon Musk's close relationship with Trump is expected to reduce regulatory speed bumps regarding autonomous vehicles.

And while still far from being a part of everyday life, flying cars will be part of the CES scene, according to analyst Enderle.

"You should start seeing flying vehicles you can buy," Enderle said.

"Getting approval to fly them is a whole other matter."

Robots designed to handle work

tasks or be comforting companions -- and even adorable pets -- are among the promised CES exhibits.

Gadgets for calming the mind, beautifying the body, or helping get a sound night's sleep will also be on the show floor as tech continues to seep into every aspect of existence.

"Digital health is going to be huge," said Greengart.

"We are seeing a lot more tech being worn or used to track your health markers."

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hanced tech will also be infusing homes, from a spice dispenser that "learns" a cook's taste and robot vacuum cleaners to increasingly "smart" major appliances.

Tariff anxiety?

Tariffs talked about by Trump would raise costs for imported items, and that will likely be on the minds of CES attendees targeting the US market, according to analysts.

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lot of the products at the show have imported content, and if Trump hits Canada, China and Mexico with tariffs, it will mean a spike in prices, analyst Enderle reasoned.

"There will be a lot of concerned vendors at CES," Enderle said of tariff trepidation.

"But a lot of the talk will happen behind closed doors to not anger the coming administration."

Discreet talk at CES will include how to navigate supply chain constraints that could be caused by tariffs, according to Greengart.

Milanesi is keen to see whether China-based companies shun CES due to Trump's trade rhetoric or flock to the show because it may be years before they return.

"It will be interesting talking to the little guys from outside the US to get a feel for how they see the impact of four years of Trump and Musk on tech," Milanesi said.

Chinese companies with significant US presences, like smart television rivals TCL and Hisense, will be at CES.

"They are going to be back, probably bigger and brighter than ever," Greengart said of the TV makers.

"But there is also a growing bifurcation of market between China and the rest of the world that is most acute in the mobile market and the auto market with electric vehicles."

Microsoft expects to spend \$80 billion on AI this fiscal year

San Francisco, United States

Microsoft president Brad Smith on Friday said the company is on track to pump about \$80 billion into artificial intelligence (AI) this fiscal year.

Smith contended AI is poised to transform all aspects of life, and it is imperative that the United States be the global leader when it comes to the technology, he wrote in an online post.

"In many ways, artificial intelligence is the electricity of our age, and the next four years can build a foundation for America's economic success for the next quarter century," Smith said.

"The United States is poised to stand at the forefront of this new technology wave, especially if it doubles down on its strengths and effectively part-



ners internationally."

Smith called on President-elect Donald Trump and Congress to expand support for AI innovation with moves such as increased funding for research at universities and the National Science Foundation.

China and the United States are racing to spread their AI systems to other countries in an effort to become the de facto

standard, according to Smith.

"Given the nature of technology markets and their potential network effects, this race between the US and China for international influence likely will be won by the fastest first mover," Smith reasoned.

"Hence, the United States needs a smart international strategy to rapidly support American AI around the world."

China has started offering developing countries subsidized access to scarce computer chips and help building local AI datacenters, according to Smith.

"The Chinese wisely recognize that if a country standardizes on China's AI platform, it likely will continue to rely on that platform in the future," Smith said.

The US should move quickly to promote its AI technology as superior and more trustworthy, enlisting allies in the effort, he recommended.

For its part, Microsoft is on pace to invest about \$80 billion this year to build out AI datacenters, train AI models and deploy cloud-based applications around the world, according to Smith.

Microsoft's 2025 fiscal year ends at the close of June.

EV sales hit record in UK but still behind target

London, United Kingdom

The UK car industry sold a record number of all-electric vehicles in 2024 but still fell short of the government's mandated targets, an industry trade body said Saturday.

Battery electric vehicles made up 19.6 percent of new cars sold last year, said the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders, which was below the government's 22-percent target for carmakers.

The SMMT reported a "record annual volume" of 382,000 battery electric vehicles sold in the UK last year.

The automobile trade body had already warned in October that carmakers were at risk of missing government targets, with manufacturers facing government penalties of £15,000 (\$18,625) per polluting vehicle sold above the limits.

However, the government



has since assured that it expects all manufacturers to avoid the penalties in 2024 by taking advantage of flexibility mechanisms that will take into account, among other things, emissions reductions across the whole fleet.

The group's chief executive, Mike Hawes, said that while the market share of electric vehicles grew, this came at a "huge cost" to the industry.

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TODAY IN HISTORY

1477 Battle of Nancy: Swiss Confederacy led by René II decisively defeats the Duchy of Burgundy, 7,000+ killed including the Duke of Burgundy Charles the Bold

1781 British naval expedition led by Benedict Arnold burns Richmond, Virginia



1919 German Workers' Party forms, precursor to the National Socialist German Workers' Party (Nazi)

1949 US President Harry Truman labels his administration the 'Fair Deal'

News in brief

Syria said on Saturday the country's main airport in Damascus would resume international flights starting next week after such commercial trips were halted following last month's ousting of president Bashar al-Assad.



Syria says international flights to and from Damascus to resume Tuesday

Russia vowed yesterday to retaliate after it accused Ukraine of firing US-supplied ATACMS missiles at the border region of Belgorod the previous day.

Donald Trump said Friday "no American can be happy" that flags will be at half-mast when he is inaugurated this month.

Trump says half-mast flags at his inauguration make Americans unhappy



South Korean investigators said Saturday they were close to finalising the transcript of the cockpit voice recorder from a fatal plane crash that left 179 people dead last week.

World's oldest person dies at 116 in Japan



AFP | Tokyo, Japan

The world's oldest person, Japanese woman Tomiko Itooka, has died aged 116, the city where she lived, Ashiya, announced yesterday.

China is witnessing a concerning rise in respiratory illnesses, with Human Metapneumovirus (HMPV) emerging as a significant pathogen of interest.

Gaza civil defence says 19 killed in Israeli strikes

Five security officers, tasked with accompanying aid convoys, were killed by an Israeli strike as they were driving in a car in the southern city of Khan Yunis.

Local rescuers also said three members of the same family, including a child, were killed when their house was bombed in Khan Yunis.

The army has not yet responded to the accusations.

AFP | Palestinian Territories



Palestinians transport the bodies of members of the Ghoula family to the Al-Ahli Arab hospital, also known as the Baptist hospital, after their home was hit in an Israeli strike in the Shujaiya neighbourhood of Gaza City, in the northern Gaza Strip



The war in Gaza was sparked by Hamas's October 7, 2023 attack on Israel, which resulted in the deaths of 1,208 people, mostly civilians.

army did not immediately comment on the strike. AFP images from the neighbourhood of Shujaiya, in the east of Gaza City, showed residents combing through smoking rubble and bodies lined up on the ground, covered in white sheets.

South Korea says fatal crash cockpit transcript nearly complete

AFP | Seoul, South Korea



South Korean investigators said Saturday they were close to finalising the transcript of the cockpit voice recorder from a fatal plane crash that left 179 people dead last week.

The recording may hold clues to the final moments of Jeju Air flight 2216, which was carrying 181 passengers and crew from Thailand to South Korea on Sunday when it belly-landed before slamming into a concrete barrier at the end of an airport runway.

South Korean and US investigators, including from the aircraft's manufacturer Boeing, have been combing the crash site in southwestern Muan since the disaster to establish a cause.

National funeral service, flyover and 39 bells for Carter sendoff

AFP | Plains, United States



Former US President Jimmy Carter (C) waves after meeting 22 September 1990 in Port-au-Prince with authorities about the upcoming elections in Haiti.

Mourners are to begin paying their respects to Jimmy Carter yesterday, kicking off a carefully choreographed six-day farewell for America's longest-lived president.

Flags have been flying at half-mast around the country since Carter died on December 29 at the age of 100 in his hometown of Plains, Georgia.

Carter's state funeral officially begins on Saturday with Secret Service agents from his current and former protective detail carrying his casket to a hearse for a tour through Plains.

The motorcade bearing his remains is to pause at Carter's boyhood family peanut farm while a farm bell rings 39 times in honor of America's 39th president.

ment of silence. From there, Carter will be escorted to the Carter Presidential Center where he will lie in repose from 7:00 pm on Saturday (0000 GMT Sunday) to 6:00 am (1100 GMT) on Tuesday to allow the public to pay their respects.

Carter's remains will be flown on Tuesday morning from a military base in Georgia to Joint Base Andrews outside Washington on a US Air Force plane dubbed Special Air Mission 39.

A motorcade will then transport the body of the former commander-in-chief to the US Navy Memorial.

Carter, who attended the US Naval Academy, graduating in 1946, and served on submarines, will be transferred from a hearse to a horse-drawn caisson for a funeral procession to the US Capitol.

HMPV in China: Is it similar to Covid-19 virus?

TDI | agencies



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China is witnessing a concerning rise in respiratory illnesses, with Human Metapneumovirus (HMPV) emerging as a significant pathogen of interest.

While HMPV infections have an incubation period of 3 to 6 days, and symptoms may progress from mild cold-like conditions to serious respiratory distress.

First identified in 2001, HMPV belongs to the Pneumoviridae family, closely related to the Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV). The virus typically causes mild upper respiratory symptoms such as cough, runny nose, and sore throat.

However, in young children, older adults, and individuals with weakened immune systems, HMPV can lead to severe complications, including pneumonia, bronchitis, and exacerbation of chronic respiratory diseases like asthma or COPD.

The US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) notes that HMPV infections have an incubation period of 3 to 6 days, and symptoms may progress from mild cold-like conditions to serious respiratory distress.

While HMPV and SARS-CoV-2 (the virus responsible for Covid-19) belong to different viral families, they share striking similarities.

Respiratory Illness: Both primarily target the respiratory system, causing mild to severe infections. Transmission: Spread occurs through respiratory droplets and contact with contaminated surfaces.

Symptoms: Fever, cough, sore throat, wheezing, and shortness of breath are common.

Vulnerable Groups: Children, the elderly, and immunocompromised individuals are at higher risk.

Prevention: Standard measures like hand hygiene, mask-wearing, and social distancing help curb transmission.

However, a key difference lies in vaccination availability. While effective vaccines exist for Covid-19, no vaccine is currently available for HMPV.

Trump's immunity 'violated' by pre-inauguration sentencing

Washington, United States

A New York judge's decision to go ahead with sentencing in Donald Trump's hush money case -- set for 10 days before the January 20 White House inauguration -- is a "violation" of presidential immunity, the Republican's spokesman said Friday.

"Today's order by the deeply conflicted, Acting Justice Merchan in the Manhattan DA Witch Hunt is a direct viola-

tion of the Supreme Court's Immunity decision and other longstanding jurisprudence," Steven Cheung, Trump's incoming communications director, said in a statement to AFP.

Trump was convicted in May of 34 counts of falsifying business records to cover up a hush money payment to porn star Stormy Daniels on the eve of the 2016 election to stop her from revealing an alleged 2006 sexual encounter.

Magnitude 5.5 quake strikes Ethiopia, volcano erupts

AFP | Nairobi, Kenya



Representative picture

A magnitude 5.5 earthquake struck northern Ethiopia Friday, where a volcano erupted after months of increased seismic activity, the European-Mediterranean Seismological Centre (EMSC) and local media said.

The EMSC said the quake, which occurred at a depth of about 10 kilometres (6 miles), hit some 55 kilometres (34 miles) northwest of the city of Asbe Teferi.

No injuries have been reported so far. A nearby volcano also erupted after months of intense seismic activity, according to local media.

Aden Bela, a local official, told the Ethiopian broadcaster EBC that the volcanic eruption had taken place at 5:30 am on Friday (14:30 GMT) near Segen-to in the northeast Afar region.

The crater had stopped releasing smoke, but lava was still flowing out of the volcano, Bela added. People and cattle have been evacuated, he said, without giving numbers.

Man arrested for supplying drugs to Liam Payne: Argentine police



British singer-songwriter Liam Payne

Argentine police on Friday arrested one of the two men accused of supplying drugs to British singer Liam Payne before he fell to his death from his third-floor hotel room in Buenos Aires.

Braian Paiz, who is accused of having supplied cocaine to Payne, is one of five defendants indicted in connection with the death of the 31-year-old former One Direction pop star in October.

Three of the five were charged with manslaughter and the other two with supplying illegal drugs, prosecutors said earlier this week.

Prosecutors said Payne had consumed cocaine, alcohol and a prescription antidepressant before falling to his death from the balcony of his room at the Casa Sur Hotel.

Paiz, 24, is accused of supplying Payne with drugs two

days before his death. His home has been searched, police sources said.

In November, Paiz denied in a television interview having given drugs to Payne, although he said that he met the pop star and spent time with him at his hotel.

Paiz denied taking money for the drugs, but the judge in the case said evidence suggested he had been paid.

Payne had spoken publicly about struggling with substance abuse and coping with fame from an early age.

His death prompted a global outpouring of grief from family, former bandmates and fans, with thousands gathering in cities around the world to offer their condolences.

One of the highest-grossing live acts in the world in the 2010s, One Direction went on indefinite hiatus in 2016.

Payne enjoyed some solo success before his career stalled.



TOP 4 TWEETS

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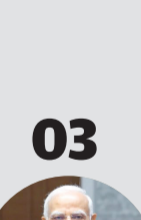
Judges matter. They shape the everyday lives of Americans, preserving our freedoms and defending our liberties.

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The ocean is the planet's largest ecosystem and it plays a critical role in our lives. Yet, humanity is treating the sea like a sewer.

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India is setting the trend and this is due to our talented youth! And, we are going to do even better in the times to come.

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celebs

'I'm really spontaneous': Tom Holland bought a puppy without asking Zendaya



Zendaya and Tom Holland

Bang Showbiz | Los Angeles

Tom Holland spontaneously bought a puppy without asking his girlfriend Zendaya.

The 28-year-old star - who is believed to have started dating the 'Euphoria' actress in 2021 after they met on the set of 'Spider-Man: Homecoming' five years earlier - confessed to purchasing a furry friend on a whim without consulting his partner.

In an interview with LADbible, he said: "I bought a dog the other day and did not run it by my girlfriend at all.

"I seem to remember running it by her - but I didn't because I'm really spontaneous."

When asked how his puppy purchase went down, Tom replied: "Fine!"

Despite not being transparent with his 28-year-old lover, he feels "very lucky" and blessed to have her and his family and friends in his life.

He added: "I am most grateful for the people that I am surrounded by - my family, my friends, my girlfriend."

"I seem to remember running it by her - but I didn't because I'm really spontaneous"

TOM HOLLAND

The British actor jokingly branded his girlfriend as "really rude" as he recalled her confessing to hating Jaffa Cakes when the pair took part in a joint interview with the outlet in 2021.

Tom added: "I think that was really rude.

"She had a good opportunity to win over the British public there, and she failed.

"Bless her, that's so horrible to say - I'm joking."

Meanwhile, Tom has vowed to "disappear" from the spotlight once he has a family of his own as he'll be content with being around his kids and playing golf.

He told Men's Health magazine: "When I have kids, you will not see me in movies anymore."

Jennifer Aniston loves her body

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Jennifer Aniston is in love with her body.

The 55-year-old actress explained that she has learned to embrace her body because it is "doing the best it can".

She told Allure: "We've got to love our bodies. It's doing the best it can. It's been with us since the day we started, so we can't be too hard on it.

"Of course, we're all going to grow older, but how can we thrive as we grow older? And that is about giving your body the attention that it deserves."

The 'Friends' star also admitted that her 20s were "a nightmare" but she enjoyed her 30s as she began to feel rewarded by working out.

Jennifer added: "For me personally, I loved my 30s, but my 20s were nothing. I was a nightmare.

"I didn't understand working out until my 30s and 40s."

'The Morning Show' actress revealed she has a "real hard relationship" with sleep and has had to shut herself away from receiving news at night.

Jennifer said: "I really want to love it, and I am sure it



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JENNIFER ANISTON

wants to love me, but we have had a hard time, especially the last 10, 15 years.

"It's just hard to shut the brain down, hard to tell the committee to stop talking. I've had to shut the news off.

"I've had to give Jennifer Aniston

myself boundaries with information. You know what I mean?"

Aniston has been challenging herself to go to bed at 10pm on weeknights to improve her mental health by working on her sleep hygiene.

She revealed: "I've been trying hard to put myself in bed during the week at 10pm, turn everything off and then just sit there and let the world come crashing in.

"I've been trying to meet that challenge for myself. Some days you're great and on point, and some days you're just not.

"I'm a big believer in trying not to be hard on yourself because the world is so mean right now and so aggressive and negative.

"So why would we do it to ourselves?"

I still get starstruck, says Daniel Craig

Bang Showbiz | Los Angeles

Daniel Craig still gets starstruck.

The 56-year-old actor is one of the best-known and best-paid stars in Hollywood - but Daniel still feels overwhelmed whenever he meets someone who is even "slightly famous".

Asked if ever gets starstruck, Daniel told W Magazine: "Anybody who's slightly famous, I get starstruck and lose the ability to speak, or go verbless.

"Meeting Steven Spielberg for the first time was quite something. I told him a really, really, really dirty joke. He had

already cast me in 'Munich', so it was fine."

Daniel has enjoyed a hugely successful career on stage and screen, but the acclaimed actor has confessed to being "terrible at auditioning".

Asked whether he likes the auditioning process, Daniel replied: "I'm terrible at auditioning.

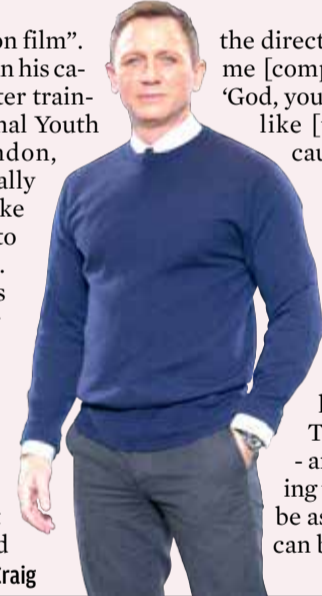
"Sam Mendes just laughs when he thinks about the audition I did for 'Road to Perdition'. He went, 'Stop! You've got the job! I was so bad, he had to give me the part.'"

Meanwhile, Daniel recently admitted that he's still learning

how to be "free on film".

The actor began his career on stage, after training at the National Youth Theatre in London, and Daniel initially struggled to make the adjustment to shooting movies.

Daniel - who is best known for playing James Bond in five 007 films - told The Hollywood Reporter: "The first movie job I ever did, I went on the set and



Daniel Craig

the director kept saying to me [complimenting him], 'God, you're so still! I was like [to myself], 'Because I'm terrified!'

"On the stage, because I'd been doing that for so long, there was just the freedom to be. I didn't go into film knowing how to do that.

That I had to learn - and I'm still learning to this day how to be as free on film as I can be on the stage."

Meghan, Duchess of Sussex's new Netflix documentary show features her cooking with Hollywood pals

Bang Showbiz | Los Angeles

Meghan, Duchess of Sussex's new Netflix documentary show will feature her cooking with Hollywood friends.

After months of speculation about her next career move - and following her first Instagram post in years on New Year's Day - the 43-year-old announced online on Thursday (02.01.25) she is fronting a series called 'With Love, Meghan'.

The lifestyle series will launch on 15 January and there will be eight 33-minute episodes featuring a host of Meghan's Hollywood friends trying her dishes.

Her 43-year-old fellow former 'Suits' co-star

Abigail Spencer - who played Dana Scott on the show - made an appearance in the trailer for the show released on Thursday.

Actress and comic Mindy Kaling, 46, was seen in the clip declaring as she is handed a piece of cake she was experiencing "one of the most glamorous moments"

in her life.

The two-minute trailer also show Meghan walking through vegetable patches and fields, and browsing through florists selecting flowers for table arrangements.

She is also seen in protective gear doing beekeeping and collecting honey and laughing with pals as they ate and served up food.

The Duchess, who has children Prince Archie, five, and Princess Lilibet, three, with her

40-year-old husband Prince Harry, says in the clip about her approach to cooking: "I've always loved taking something pretty ordinary and elevating it.

"Surprising people with moments that let them know I was really thinking of them.

"I'm going to share some little tips and tricks. I see what colour I gravitate to, and everything goes from there. And how you incorporate these practices every day.

"This is about connecting with friends.. I love that we're doing this together for the first time. Making new friends... and just learning.

"We're not in the pursuit of perfection. We're in the pursuit of joy. I have to get it totally wrong, to get it totally right."

Some of the imperfect moments in Meghan's life showcased in the trailer include her accidentally squeezing lemon juice in her eye and knocking freshly baked treats off a plate.



Meghan, Duchess of Sussex

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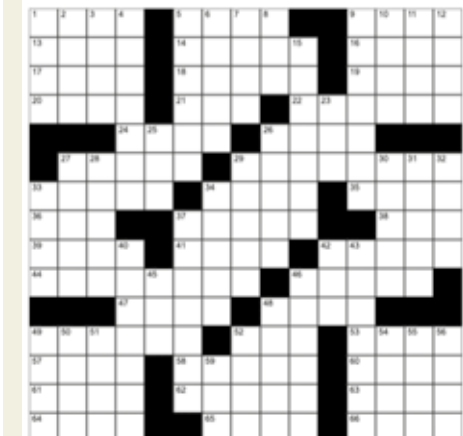
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How to play

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Yesterday's solution

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Paul Mclean and Lee Mclear shine at Awali Golf Club's Medal



From left, TD Rashed Al Qutami, Lee Mclear and vice captain Balbir Singh

TDT | Manama

Lee Mclear showcased a stellar performance on the first Friday of 2025, claiming his maiden Club Medal in the Bapco Refinery-sponsored event at Awali Golf Club.

Mclear kept mistakes to a minimum, utilizing his elegant swing to navigate fairways and greens with precision. He carded a gross score of 73 (net 68), securing the best gross title in style.

The best overall score of the

day came from Paul McLean, who produced a consistent round of net 65 off an 18 handicap. McLean's round featured seven pars, nine bogeys, and only two double bogeys.

Division winners included Benedikt Schwerm (net 69) in Division Three, KN Singh (net 68) in Division Two, and Mohammed Sultan Faraj (net 69) in Division One.

The club now looks ahead to the prestigious Kanoo Cup, one of its oldest competitions, set to take place next week.



From left, TD Rashed Al Qutami, Paul Mclean and vice captain Balbir Singh

Pegula using US Open final run as Australian Open inspiration



Jessica Pegula reacts during a match

AFP | Adelaide

Jessica Pegula said yesterday her run to the US Open final last year was still fresh in her mind and she is using it to drive her towards a maiden Grand Slam title at the Australian Open.

The American world number seven lost in two tough sets to top-ranked Aryna Sabalenka at Flushing Meadows before ending her season with an appearance at the WTA Finals.

"It's funny how it feels like so long ago, but also feels like last week at the same time," she said of the US Open ahead of starting her 2025 campaign as top seed at the Adelaide International.

"Tennis is weird like that. It's definitely a motivation for me to want to do well this year and keep going for my goals and everything that I've set out for myself this year.

"It's still a nice, fresh memory I feel like in my mind. Hopefully it stays that way I think to keep the motivation going."

The 30-year-old leads the women's Adelaide field ahead of compatriot and world number eight Emma Navarro, with two-time finalist Daria Kasatkina seeded third.

Paula Badosa and teen talent Mirra Andreeva are also playing, as is holder Jelena Ostapenko, who defeated Kasatkina last year.

The likes of Tommy Paul, Felix Auger-Aliassime and Sebastian Korda headline the men's field.

Pegula delayed the start of her season by a week, pulling out of the Brisbane International to deal with a knee problem which bothered her at the WTA Finals in Riyadh.

But she said "all was well" and she was ready to go.

Rashid Equestrian and Horseracing Club hosts thrilling racing evening



TDT | Manama

In the presence of His Highness Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, HM the King's Representative for Humanitarian Work and Youth Affairs and Supreme Council for Youth and Sports (SCYS) Chairman, and His Highness Shaikh Isa bin Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Isa bin Salman Education Charitable Trust, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Labour Fund (Tamkeen), and Chairman of the Rashid Equestrian and Horseracing Club (REHC) High Committee, the REHC held its 11th race of the 2024-2025 season today at its racecourse in Raffa, Sakhir.

The event, marking the first racing evening of 2025, was attended by several members of the royal family, sponsors' representatives, prominent figures, and horseracing enthusiasts. The evening featured strong



competition and an exciting atmosphere.

The winners of the various cups were announced and presented by dignitaries.

HH Shaikh Khalifa bin Ali Al Khalifa presented the Southern Governorate Cup to winning

owner Mohammed Khalid Abdulrahim.

HH Shaikh Isa bin Khalid bin Ali Al Khalifa received the Bahrain Jockey Academy Cup from Colin Rayner, the Technical Coach at the Bahrain Jockey Academy.



Mazin Al Mardhi, Partner at Charles Russell Speechlys, presented the Charles Russell

Speechlys Cup to winning trainer Osama Hashim. Finally, Yusuf Osama Buhe-

ji, CEO of REHC, presented the REHC Cup to winning owner Mohammed Khalid Abdulrahim.

Haaland doubles up in Man City stroll

Manchester City thrash West Ham as Newcastle deepen Tottenham's woes in dramatic Premier League action

● **City crush West Ham 4-1**

● **Newcastle won 2-1 against Tottenham**

● **Chelsea drew 1-1 with Crystal Palace**

AFP | London

Erling Haaland scored twice as Manchester City pummeled West Ham 4-1 in the Premier League yesterday while in-form Newcastle inflicted another painful defeat on Ange Postecoglou's struggling Tottenham.

Chelsea's recent woes continued with a 1-1 draw at Crystal Palace, meaning they have taken just two points from four games over the festive period.

Defending champions City returned to winning ways at Leicester last week after a long lean spell and picked up three more points against Julen Lopetegui's West Ham at the Etihad.

Pep Guardiola's men took the lead in the 10th minute when Vladimir Coufal deflected Savinho's cross past goalkeeper Alphonse Areola.

Savinho also had a hand in the second goal, shortly before half-time, beating his man twice before crossing to Haaland, who



Manchester City's Erling Haaland (C) fights for the ball with West Ham United's Edson Alvarez (R)

lost Max Kilman and headed home.

The same players combined for City's third in the 55th minute, before Phil Foden joined the party for their fourth. The home side were denied a clean sheet by Niclas Fuellkrug.

West Ham appeared to have turned the corner last month but they have now conceded nine goals in two games following a 5-0 mauling at home by Premier

League leaders Liverpool.

'Angriest in career'

In the early kick-off at the Tottenham Hotspur Stadium, Newcastle came from behind to clinch a fifth straight Premier League win and heap more misery on injury-hit Spurs.

The home side went ahead in the fourth minute through Dominic Solanke.

Newcastle levelled two min-

utes later when Antony Gordon arrowed an effort into the bottom corner but Postecoglou stood in disbelief on the touchline looking at referee Andrew Madley after Joelinton intercepted Lucas Bergvall's pass with his hand in the build-up.

VAR deemed Joelinton's arm to be in a natural position and the contact to be accidental, which provoked a furious reaction from Tottenham's bench



Tottenham boss Ange Postecoglou was left fuming after a contentious handball decision went against his team

and they were up in arms midway through the first half when the already-booked Dan Burn avoided a second yellow card for handball by the centre circle.

In-form Alexander Isak scored what turned out to be the winner towards the end of the first half.

The victory leaves Newcastle in fifth spot, which may yet prove enough to secure a place in the Champions League next season, but Spurs have slumped to 12th in the table after five defeats in seven matches.

Postecoglou said he was proud of his players but was the "angriest I think I have ever been in my career".

"I think it's clear," said the Australian. "Now whether people agree with me or not whether it wasn't handball or it was accidental, I'm just not interested in any of that discussion.

"I know what everyone wants me to say, but all I'll say is that on

any other day, on a fair and even playing ground, we would have won that game. Simple as that."

Newcastle boss Eddie Howe admitted the ball hit Joelinton's arm but said he was not in control of the referee's decision.

"I believe his arm is down in a natural position and the referee and VAR have followed the rules and protocols that are in place," he said. "That's why it is given."

Enzo Maresca's Chelsea were closing in on Liverpool just two weeks ago but are now nine points behind the Reds, having played two games more.

The Italian made six changes for the match at Selhurst Park and his side took the lead when Jadon Sancho drove down the left and found Cole Palmer, who sliced a low shot into the bottom right corner.

The visitors enjoyed the bulk of possession but they could not capitalise and Jean-Philippe Mateta levelled in the 82nd minute.

Aston Villa beat relegation-threatened Leicester 2-1 at home with goals from Ross Barkley and Leon Bailey.

Brentford recorded a rare win on the road, smashing bottom side Southampton 5-0, and Bournemouth beat Everton 1-0.

Second-placed Arsenal are in action at Brighton in the 1730 GMT kick-off while Premier League leaders Liverpool host crisis-hit Manchester United on Sunday.

Pant blitz puts India ahead

● **India leads by 145 runs with four wickets remaining**

AFP | Sydney

An explosive Rishabh Pant slammed the second-fastest Indian Test half-century yesterday to drive the visitors to a 145-run lead with four wickets left after an intense day two of the decisive fifth Test against Australia.

At the close in Sydney, India were 141-6 with Ravindra Jadeja on eight and Washington Sundar six after they dismissed Australia for 181 in reply to their first-innings 185.

Australia lead the series 2-1 with India needing to win at the Sydney Cricket Ground to retain the Border-Gavaskar Trophy.

Pant signalled his intent by plundering a six on his first ball and reached 50 after just 29 deliveries with another big shot that cleared the ropes.

Only his 28-ball half-century against Sri Lanka in 2022 was



India's Rishabh Pant plays a shot

faster for India.

He was finally dismissed for 61 off 33 by Pat Cummins, but Scott Boland was India's main tormentor, taking 4-42.

Pant's exploits set up an exciting finale, amid doubts over

whether skipper Jasprit Bumrah will take any further part.

He left the field after bowling one over following lunch and was driven from the SCG, likely for hospital scans. Bumrah was seen returning before stumps.

In his absence, Prasidh Krishna (3-42), Mohammed Siraj (3-51) and Nitish Kumar Reddy (2-32) stepped up to fill the void and dismiss Australia after they resumed on 9-1.

"It's been a hell of a Test, it's



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Rishabh Pant hit the second fastest Test 50 ever for India in 29 balls

been in fast-forward mode," said Australian all-rounder Beau Webster, who top-scored with 57 and took a wicket.

"With the amount of wickets, I am just happy that I could contribute with the bat, few catches and wicket there as well, so really happy.

"It's a real tussle," he added. "We don't know what a good score is yet and obviously plenty on offer for the quicks."

Yashasvi Jaiswal got India's second innings off with a bang, crunching four boundaries from the first over by Mitchell Starc.

But the opening partnership was quickly shattered when

KL Rahul was bowled for 13 by Boland, whose line and length was impeccable.

He pounced again in his next over with a ball that jagged back to deliver the same punishment to Jaiswal (22).

Virat Kohli desperately needed a big score -- for himself and the team -- but failed to deliver again, perishing in the slips for six with his nemesis Boland once more the destroyer.

It was likely the 36-year-old Kohli's last Test innings in Australia, with India usually only visiting every four years.

Webster claimed Shubman Gill (13) as his first Test wicket, but at the other end Pant was on a mission until an edge off Cummins carried to wicketkeeper Alex Carey.

Boland claimed his fourth to remove Reddy cheaply.

"As many runs as possible would be great for us because we don't know what the wicket will be behaving like for us," said Prasidh.

"There's no particular number in mind, but as many as we can score. We are ready to bowl them out for whatever."



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