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HM King pardons 457 inmates

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, the Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces, has issued a royal decree pardoning 457 inmates in celebration of the Silver Jubilee of His Majesty's Accession.

The royal pardon reflects HM the King's dedication to fostering social cohesion and upholding the principles of justice and the rule of law.

It also aims to balance legal accountability with the humanitarian and social circumstances of the inmates, providing them with an opportunity to reintegrate into society.

Bahrain reaffirms support for Egypt's mediation efforts

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Bahrain expressed solidarity with Egypt in response to provocative Israeli statements.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs reaffirmed its support for Egypt's mediation efforts aimed at securing a comprehensive and lasting ceasefire in the Gaza Strip, facilitating humanitarian aid, and negotiating the exchange of hostages and detainees.

Kingdom condoles with US after school shooting

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Bahrain's Ministry of Foreign Affairs has extended its heartfelt sympathy and solidarity to the US in the wake of a tragic shooting at a high school in Georgia, which resulted in deaths and injuries.

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Honouring Heritage

HM King receives Royal Family members, senior officials and achievers

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa praised those who uphold Bahrain's tradition of national service, passed down from previous generations.

He noted that this tradition has built the nation's glory and has inspired teaching future generations with the noblest ideals.

HM the King was speaking as he received senior members of the Royal Family, the Speaker of the Council of Representatives, senior officials, citizens, and distinguished achievers at Al Sakhir Palace.

His Majesty expressed pride in every national accomplishment, noting that serving the nation remains the highest honour. He regarded these achievements



HM the King

as vital in strengthening national unity and enriching Bahrain's future endeavours.

Loyalty and dedication

Following a recitation from the Holy Quran, HM King Ham-

Winners of Bahrain Holy Quran Grand Prize under memorisation category:

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2. Omar Hamed Abu Bakr (second place)
3. Abdullah Tuwairish Sayyah Al Anzi (third place)
4. Ruqaya Abdulmoumen Mohammed Abdulaal (first place)
5. Inshrah Hamdi Mohammed Abu Talib (second place)
6. Fathia Ali Makki Kadhem (third place)
7. Fatima Abdulnabi Ahmed Mardhi

ad delivered a speech, welcoming the attendees and expressing appreciation for their loyalty and dedication to Bahrain.

He expressed his pleasure in meeting the achievers and his pride in their achievements, which instil confidence and hope in Bahrain's promising future.

HM the King extended special appreciation to the memorisers of the Holy Quran, expressing pride in their achievements and commending their presence at the event.

Peace and harmony

He underscored Bahrain's ongoing commitment to peace and

harmony, rooted in its steadfast defence of coexistence and tolerance. He highlighted Bahrain's firm stance on promoting stability and prosperity for humanity.

On the occasion of the new academic year, His Majesty extended his congratulations to students in universities, government and private schools, and institutes, wishing them continued success and a year filled with academic excellence and distinction.

The achievers of the 28th edition of the Bahrain Quran Grand Prize, that is held under the patronage of His Majesty, greeted His Majesty.

HM the King congratulated them on their accomplishments, thanking them for their efforts in representing Bahrain, and wished them further success.

First ENT Congress

Bahrain keen to embrace global science to boost medical sector

Ashen Tharaka
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The Kingdom of Bahrain has to identify and keep pace with the evolving trends and ideas in the field of science from across the globe, Lieutenant General Dr. Shaikh Mohamed bin Abdullah Al Khalifa, Chairman of the Supreme Council of Health (SCH), said yesterday.

Talking exclusively to The Daily Tribune yesterday on the sidelines of the inaugural ceremony of the first Bahrain Ear, Nose and Throat (ENT) Congress, Dr. Shaikh Mohamed bin Abdullah emphasised the importance of staying updated with global scientific trends.

"There are a lot of scientific ideas and technologies we have to identify, and it's very important to keep updating about world trends," he said during the sideline interview at the conference held at the Four Seasons Hotel.



The event focused on sharing ideas and discussing developments to strengthen the leadership in the Kingdom's medical sector and improve patient care.

The event was organised by Government Hospitals, in cooperation with the Royal Medical Services and Education Plus, and marked a major milestone for Bahrain's medical sector, drawing impressive participation from pioneers in the ENT field, as well as representatives



Lieutenant General Dr. Shaikh Mohamed bin Abdullah Al Khalifa at the event. (Picture by Anchalo Bensiger)

from leading companies.

Inaugurating the event Dr. Shaikh Mohamed bin Abdullah highlighted that it was an opportunity to discuss developments and exchange ideas, which would enhance the medical sector leadership in the Kingdom and reflect on the care

provided to people.

Milestone achievement

During the event, Bahrain announced a significant achievement in the field of medicine, by revealing that children's waiting list for cochlear implant surgeries in the Kingdom has been cleared.

Dr. Mariam Adhbi Al Jalahma, Chief Executive Officer of Government Hospitals, explained the government's recent achievement in cochlear implant surgeries and said, "Bahrain has completed the children's waiting list for cochlear implant surgeries. It's great to see those children's faces when they get their hearing back."

This milestone aligns with the Kingdom's ongoing vision to enhance its healthcare system. The government has now decided to train and educate officers for the next phase of the program, in line with the Kingdom's broader vision.

Russian strike hits Ukraine's Lviv, seven left dead

AFP | Lviv, Ukraine

Russia struck the city of Lviv in western Ukraine yesterday, killing seven people, including children, and damaging historical buildings in a rare attack hundreds of kilometres from the frontline.

The strike came as several Ukrainian ministers, including top diplomat Dmytro Kuleba, offered their resignations, part of a reshuffle President Volodymyr Zelensky said would bring "new energy" to the government.

Russia has stepped up its aerial attacks on Ukraine since Kyiv launched an unprecedented cross-border offensive into Russia's Kursk region last month.

Among the dead in Lviv were four people from one family, a woman and her three daughters, leaving their father as the only immediate survivor. The city's mayor said the missile attack also wounded 64 people and damaged schools and medical facilities as well as buildings in Lviv's historic centre.

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BTEA detects more than 40 violating tourism offices

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As part of its efforts to regulate the tourism and travel sector, the Bahrain Tourism and Exhibitions Authority (BTEA) announced that it has detected more than 40 offices practicing unlicensed travel and tourism reservations activities.

The Authority reported that the Tourism Control Directorate has identified the violating offices as part of its ongoing inspection campaigns carried out to regulate the tourism and travel sector in the Kingdom of Bahrain.

Additionally, BTEA explained that some of the violating offices have resorted to using different addresses or publishing advertisements on social media without obtaining the necessary licenses, confirming that administrative procedures regarding these violations are currently being finalised, with the owners of these offices referred to the Public Prosecution for legal action.

The Authority reiterated its commitment to addressing all received complaints and cases.

Education partnership

10 Bahraini students to receive scholarships in Hungary as part of broader bilateral deal

Ashen Tharaka
TDT | Manama

In the next academic year onwards, 10 Bahraini students will have the opportunity to study in Hungary under new scholarship programs.

This initiative is part of a broader agreement signed between Hungary and the Ministry of Education of the Kingdom of Bahrain to enhance cooperation in the education sector.

The announcement was made during the official visit of Peter Szijjarto, Hungary's Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade, to Bahrain.

The details were revealed during a press conference held yesterday at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, with the Minister, His Excellency Dr. Abdullatif bin Rashid Al Zayani, in attendance.

In addition to the educational agreements, an official agreement on investment protection between the two countries was signed before the press briefing.

The Hungarian Foreign Minister highlighted the importance of this agreement, noting that more investment opportunities are on the horizon.

One such opportunity in-



HM King hails Bahrain-Hungary growing ties

His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa met with His Excellency Peter Szijjarto, the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Hungary, yesterday at Al Sakhir Palace. The meeting discussed means to strengthen the close bilateral relations, focusing on enhancing cooperation in politics, trade, economy, and investments. HM the King praised the strong Bahrain-Hungary relations and their continuous development in various domains that serve both nations' mutual interests.

volves a technology company investing in cashless payment solutions by focusing on mega events in Bahrain.

Digital payment solutions

The initiative, supported by Hungary's Investment Company, will establish digital payment solutions in the kingdom.

"All testing is in the final stag-

es," Minister Szijjarto said.

During the press conference, Minister Szijjarto praised Bahrain's efforts during the COVID-19 pandemic, particularly highlighting Bahrain's role in providing vaccines to Hungary.

"Nobody in Hungary will forget your tremendous efforts during COVID. We received vaccines only from you. That's how we

managed to endorse the vaccine. You saved many lives," he stated.

Commitment to peace

Minister Szijjarto also emphasised Hungary's commitment to peace, expressing strong support for the Abraham Accords and condemning terrorism.

"We stand for peace and are proud to be united in this cause. Every human deserves the right to live peacefully in the world, and we raise our voices against terrorism," he said.

He also commended Bahrain's Olympic successes and mentioned his meeting with the Minister of Youth Affairs, indi-

cating further areas of collaboration between the two nations.



Bilateral relations


Dr. Al Zayani praised the ongoing cooperation that strengthens the bond between Bahrain and Hungary, highlighting the significant economic developments this partnership has fostered.

He noted the importance of past high-level visits, including the 2019 visit by His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa to Hungary and the 2023 visit by the Hungarian President to Bahrain, underscoring their crucial role in enhancing bilateral ties.



H.E. Dr. Abdullatif bin Rashid Al Zayani and Peter Szijjarto at the Investment Protection agreement-signing ceremony (Picture by Anchalo Bensingier)



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Muharrag voters offered passport alternatives for by-election



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The Executive Directorate for the By-Election for the Council of Representatives announced that voters in the first constituency of Muharrag Governorate who do not have their passports on election day, due to loss or other reasons, can visit the Nationality, Passports, and Residence Affairs (NPR) office at the Muharrag Security Complex on election day or during the run-off.

They can request a voting card, which will serve as an official replacement for their passport, allowing them to vote, provided they bring their ID card.

The directorate also clarified that if a passport expires between the election and the run-off dates, it can still be used to vote on September 7 and during the run-off on September 14, 2024, between 8am and 8pm.

The NPR office will be open from 8am to 7:30pm on both by-election day, September 7, and run-off day, September 14.

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Abdullah Al Qubaisi, a member of the Northern Municipal Council, confirmed that the Council has rejected the Ministry of Housing and Urban Planning's response to their proposal.

In an exclusively interview with The Daily Tribune, Al Qubaisi said that the proposal would have allowed residents of housing buildings to move water heaters to the rooftops and install external stairs for safe passage during fire emergencies.

The proposal was made following the tragic fire incident in the Luzi area in May that claimed the lives of four residents, including a man, a child, and two women.

The ministry, in its response, maintained that the design and construction of public housing buildings adhere to the Kingdom of Bahrain's building regulations and have been approved by relevant authorities, including the Electricity and Water Authority (EWA) and the General Directorate of Civil Defence. This includes the placement of water heaters within the units.



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Al Qubaisi criticised the Ministry of Housing and Planning, arguing that their response prioritised design considerations over the safety of residents.

Urgent need

"After the Al Luzi incident, residents of housing buildings are scared. Older housing buildings have water heaters on the rooftops, and there have been no serious fire incidents reported. The Al Luzi fire highlighted the urgent need for safety measures in these buildings, prompting us



Abdullah Al Qubaisi

to take bold steps," he said.

"We are going to respond to the ministry's response, which was unacceptable. We have reports from the Electricity and Water Authority and the General Directorate of Civil Defence supporting our claims that it will be safer to have the water heaters on the rooftops and to install external stairs," he pointed out.

"I can't understand their rejection of the idea. Imagine, in the Al Luzi incident, people in the building left their

apartments only to face heavy smoke. This led to deaths and injuries because the residents of the building failed to find a safe passage," he added.

The ministry also argued that moving water heaters to the rooftops would negatively impact their performance, especially for lower-floor.

Significant cost and inconvenience

It highlighted the significant cost and inconvenience such a project would entail for resi-

dents, as well as potential damage to the building's exterior during installation.

"Water heaters inside toilets are very dangerous. Over time, they can become rusty, leak, or malfunction, potentially leading to water damage, mould growth, and even electrical hazards," Al Qubaisi stressed.

"The Ministry is considering efficiency, while we are looking at the safety of the people. The issue will now be escalated to the Cabinet to discuss it and decide on it," he concluded.

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— ABDULLAH AL QUBAIS, MEMBER OF NORTHERN MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

Tamkeen fund fraud verdict

Mohammed Darwish
TDT | Manama

A Criminal Court has sentenced a hotel owner and an employee to two years in prison each and imposed a fine of BD5,000 for fraudulently obtaining BD39,766 from the Tamkeen labour fund through forged employment contracts.

It has also ordered the confiscation of the fraudulent documents.

The defendants exploited the national employment programme by submitting false paperwork to claim wage support for non-existent employees.

The scam was uncovered



Directorate of the General Directorate of Anti-Corruption and Economic and Electronic Security.

They discovered that the hotel owner and the employee responsible for transactions had fabricated employment contracts for Bahraini workers registered with the Social Insurance Organisation (SIO).

Further scrutiny by the Financial Crimes and Money Laundering Prosecution office, including witness interviews and document verification, confirmed the forgery.

The misappropriated funds were traced to the hotel's bank account.

when the Tamkeen fund's violations committee found that the hotel, listed as operational, was actually closed and had no employees.

The investigation, initiated by a complaint from the Public Prosecution based on a Tamkeen fund report, was led by the Anti-Corruption Crime

Several arrested in drug bust valued at BD310,000

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Several individuals have been detained by the Anti-Narcotics Directorate in connection with separate incidents involving over 7 kilograms of illegal drugs, valued at BD310,000 on the street.

The General Directorate of Crime Detection and Forensic Evidence led the operation following detailed intelligence.

The suspects, who come from various nationalities, were apprehended with the drugs and cash in different currencies, which is suspected to be proceeds from drug sales.

The Anti-Narcotics Directorate has secured the evidence and is preparing to forward the cases to the Public Prosecution.



The suspects with the seized evidence

The public is urged to report any drug-related concerns or seek assistance through the hotline (996) or email (996@interior.gov.bh), with assurances of total confidentiality.

Man attacks woman after dispute over residency renewal

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A man has been charged with causing permanent disability to a woman after a heated argument over her residency renewal.

The incident occurred at the victim's residence, where the man allegedly assaulted her, resulting in a 5% permanent disability.

According to the victim, an Arab national, she was at her home when she and the suspect engaged in a conversation regarding the renewal of her residency permit, as she works in the country.

Following the discussion, the suspect allegedly assaulted her, striking her in various parts of her body.

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From Bahrain to Paris

French Embassy launches programs to foster creative growth for Bahraini filmmakers

Ashen Tharaka
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The French Embassy in Bahrain and Alliance Française has announced the selection of talented candidates for two prestigious programs, offering them a unique opportunity to further their artistic and cinematic careers.

The chosen candidates will receive a comprehensive grant covering tuition fees, travel, accommodation, and a monthly allowance.

The announcement was made during an event at the Shaikh Ebrahim Center, where Bahraini artists' achievements on the global stage were also showcased.

The event featured the opening and presentation of application rules for two selective programs supported by the French Embassy.

"Produire au Sud" Regional Training Program in Dubai is designed to support directors working on their first feature film, with a focus on scriptwriting and co-financing strategies.



The event underscored the deep cultural ties between Bahrain and France, along with the French Embassy's dedication to fostering and supporting artistic talent in the region.

Platform

Residency Program at the "Cité Internationale des Arts" in Paris open to all artists across disciplines – including cinema, dance, architecture, music, street art, digital creation, and visual arts like photography, painting, and video – this residency offers a platform for creative growth in one of the world's most iconic cultural capitals.

All details of the programme



Bahraini artists with representatives from the French Embassy and Alliance Française



Saleh Nass speaks at the event



Bahraini artists with other attendees

are available at the official French Embassy website.

The evening also included the screening of several short films by renowned Bahraini filmmaker Saleh Nass.

The films, which included Game (2012), Central Market (2015), Pick-up (2015), and the latest Sherbet (2024), directed by Nass, captivated the audience of passionate artists, cinema lovers, and filmmakers from Bahrain.

Thoughts

Nass, a Bahraini filmmaker, producer, and editor, attended the event to share his thoughts

on the programs.

He expressed his hopes to foster deeper cultural ties between Paris' legendary film scene and Bahrain's emerging film industry during his upcoming residency in the French capital.

Nass's selection for the prestigious Institut Français x Cité Internationale des Arts residency program places him among just 45 filmmakers from around the world chosen for this honor.

The event highlighted the strong cultural connections between Bahrain and France and the French Embassy's commitment to supporting and nurturing artistic talent in the region.

Seventh Young Parliamentarian Program second phase successful

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The Youth Pioneer Society has concluded the second phase of the seventh edition of the Young Parliamentarian Program 2024.

This was achieved through a simulation workshop conducted by the "Crisp" Foundation in Berlin, supported by the program's partner, the Konrad Adenauer Stiftung (KAS).

The workshop provided a realistic experience for training and learning negotiation skills, public policy formulation, and effective presentation and communication.

It also included methods to enhance collaboration opportunities with all participants.

In this context, the program's general coordinator, Jawaher AlSenan, explained that the second phase was characterized by its practical nature, allowing



A discussion session in progress

participants to apply the skills and knowledge gained during the training phase.

Topics

This was facilitated through discussion sessions that covered various topics related to media, public opinion, and roundtable dialogues focusing on current

issues.

With the conclusion of this phase, participants will transition to an experience exchange phase, which includes a visit to the European Parliament for a number of outstanding participants, followed by the practical phase that encompasses the eighth Youth Parliamentary Forum and the closing ceremony.

The seventh edition is held under the patronage of His Excellency Mr. Ali bin Saleh Al-Saleh, Chairman of the Shura Council, and in strategic partnership with the British Embassy in Bahrain, the European Union, and the German Konrad Adenauer Foundation.

Deceptive dinner invite

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A 42-year-old man has been charged with unlawful imprisonment, theft, and assault after luring a woman to his apartment under the guise of a meal invitation.

The suspect reportedly imprisoned, robbed, and physically assaulted the victim, leading to his arrest by local authorities.

When confronted by police, he claimed she was his wife and he was "treating her".

The victim, acquainted with the suspect, recounted that he invited her to his residence for lunch.

Upon arriving, she was shocked when he locked the door, confiscated her mobile phone, and threw it from the balcony.

He then stole her bag, a second phone, a silver necklace, headphones, and a lighter.

The suspect proceeded to assault the woman by striking her head and using a metal rod to beat her repeatedly. In



a desperate attempt to escape, the victim managed to secure herself in the bathroom with a knife.

The suspect eventually broke down the door, wrestled the knife away, and continued to physically assault her before locking her on the balcony for about two hours.

A security guard, alerted by the woman's cries for help, responded to the scene.

He encountered the suspect, who was sweating and dressed in dirty clothes, and saw the victim in a distressed state.

Despite the guard's concerns and attempts to help, the suspect initially dismissed the situation as a minor issue.

Council final report to boost services

Mohammed Darwish
TDT | Manama

The Capital Secretariat Council has unveiled its final report, detailing 70 recommendations aimed at enhancing municipal services and infrastructure.

The report outlines a series of initiatives, including updates to public parking systems, new green building standards, and a seven-year cleanliness contract involving 300 recycling centres and advanced coastline cleaning methods using drones and boats.

The report addresses various strategic objectives, such as revising municipal laws, overseeing the executive body, and supporting municipal projects and investments.

Among the developments are improvements to urban and village areas, including the Tubli Walkway and Tubli Bay. Additionally, 27 renovation requests for 2024 have been submitted.

Engineer Saleh Tarada, Chairman of the Capital Secretariat Council, noted that the council had addressed citizens' needs through new programmes.

Three arrested for Hajj fraud in Bahrain

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The Public Prosecution Office for Ministries and Public Entities has ordered the detention of three suspects involved in a licensed Hajj campaign for defrauding pilgrims and providing them with forged Hajj permits.

The investigation began after the Ministry of Justice, Islamic Affairs and Endowments reported that the Saudi Arabian Ministry of Interior had apprehended 12 pilgrims with forged Hajj permits while they were traveling to Mecca to perform the Hajj pilgrimage.

The Public Prosecution Office immediately launched an investigation, taking statements from witnesses and suspects.

Three individuals were interrogated and found to be involved in forging Hajj permits and using them to defraud pilgrims.

Investigations are ongoing to identify and apprehend other suspects involved in the scheme, the Public Prosecution revealed in a statement.

The Public Prosecution Office will proceed with the prosecution of the three detained suspects.

Asian expat suffers permanent disability

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An Asian expatriate has been left with a permanent disability after a violent altercation with his roommate.

The incident occurred at their shared accommodation, leaving the victim with a partial amputation of his index finger.

According to the victim's statement, he was lying on his bed when his roommate informed him that he wouldn't be able to go to work due to back pain.

The suspect, overhearing their conversation, began us-

ing foul language towards the victim.

When the victim stood up, the suspect grabbed him by the neck.

The victim pushed him away, prompting the suspect to bite his left hand, specifically his index finger. The attack continued with the suspect striking the victim's forehead with a bracelet he was wearing.

A witness, another worker residing in the same accommodation, corroborated the account.

The verbal altercation escalated into a physical fight.

Bapco Energies acquires minority stakes of Chevron and Boubyan Petrochemicals in Bapco Gas

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Bapco Energies, the integrated energy company leading the energy transition in Bahrain, yesterday announced the acquisition of the minority stakes held by Chevron (12.5%) and Boubyan Petrochemicals (12.5%) in Bapco Gas, formerly known as Banagas.

The acquisition of these minority stakes will enable Bap-

co Energies to fully integrate Bapco Gas into its operations, optimizing its portfolio and enhancing synergies across its various subsidiaries.

Additionally, the acquisition represents the first step in Bapco Energies' program to consolidate its investments and assets in line with the vision of the Bapco Energies' Board of Directors, led by His High-

ness Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Representative of His Majesty the King for Humanitarian Works and Youth Affairs, Chairman of Bapco Energies.

Mark Thomas, Group Chief Executive Officer of Bapco Energies, commented on the transaction: "We are grateful for Chevron's involvement as a long-standing shareholder of Bapco Gas since 1979 and for their continued contribution to

the broader Bahrain oil and gas industry. We also extend our thanks to Boubyan Petrochemicals for their cooperation in making Bapco Gas a successful business.

Looking ahead, the future is bright for Bapco Gas, and having full ownership will allow us to further integrate it within our strategic plans to establish a robust and relevant Bapco Energies."

Alba's VR and AR training applications recognised with Brandon Hall Group Excellence award

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Aluminium Bahrain (Alba), the world's largest single-site smelter, announced receiving the prestigious Brandon Hall Group HCM Excellence Award 2024 (Bronze Medal) for its Virtual Reality (VR) and Augmented Reality (AR) Project in Plant Operations' training. This accolade was awarded under the category of 'Best Use of Augmented Reality and Metaverse.'

Recognised for the fifth time with the Award, Alba was selected for its innovative training applications that utilise VR and AR technologies in providing a safe, realistic and well-rounded training experience across various operational aspects.

"This award is a testament



Ali Al Baqali, the CEO of Alba



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to our dedication to innovation and our commitment to providing our employees with the best possible training opportunities," said Ali Al Baqali, the CEO of

Alba. Brandon Hall Group is a leading global research and analyst firm based in USA that has been recognising companies and es-

tablishments for their excellence and best practices in the areas of learning and development, leadership development, diversity

NBB launches digital personal finance campaign with BD 4,000 cash prizes

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The National Bank of Bahrain (NBB) has launched its new Digital Personal Finance Campaign aimed at incentivising customers for applying and completing their personal finance applications through the NBB Digital App.

From 1st September until the end of the year, one lucky Digital Personal Finance customer will be selected each month as the winner of a BD 1,000 cash prize.

Speaking on the occasion,



Subah Abdullatif Al Zayani, Chief Executive - Retail Banking at NBB said, "Delivering a dynamic customer experience, our Digital Personal Finance will calculate the maximum eligible amount while giving customers the flexibility to choose their preferred financing amount and duration, all with instant pre-approval."

NBB's Digital Personal Finance offers exclusive interest rates, instant pre-approvals, and swift disbursement of financing to the applicant's account. Cus-

tomers can also benefit from a simplified and expedited three-step application process. Additionally, they will be able to select financing amounts, review instalment amounts, and choose repayment periods of up to seven years through the Bank's digital in-app experience, which provides them with the flexibility to manage their finances.

NBB continues to expand its digital offerings, enabling its clientele to conduct online financial transactions with ease.

Zain Bahrain celebrates one-year anniversary with Zain Delights deals in partnership with SAVUR

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Zain Bahrain celebrated the first anniversary of its Zain Delights Deals programme in partnership with SAVUR. This collaboration has been highly successful, offering Zain customers exclusive discounts and offers on various purchases.

Zain Delights Deals launched in June 2023, provides customers a convenient way to save on a wide range of products and services, extending beyond connectivity. From dining and entertainment to shopping and leisure activities. Zain customers can enjoy savings through exclusive discounts and offers like Buy 1 Get 1 Free and up to 50% off at famous brands.

The programme has shown remarkable growth over the year and expanded its merchant



Participants at the event

network to include over 60 merchants. Zain Delights Deals has become a vital part of many customers' daily lives, helping them save on a range of products and services.

Through collaborations with a diverse range of popular brands like Jasmi's, Le Choco-

lat, Nino, Healthy Calorie, Applebee's, CAF, and many more, Zain Bahrain has provided a wider range of valuable offers that cater to its customers' diverse preferences.

Ammar Al Ketbi, Zain Bahrain's Chief Consumer Marketing and Sales Officer comment-

ed, "We are incredibly proud of the success of Zain Delights Deals Program. Our goal has always been to go beyond connectivity and provide our customers with added value. Zain Bahrain looks forward to continuing this journey and bringing even more exciting offers to its customers."

Tamkeen supports over 40 Bahraini Employees at Taha International

TDT | Manama

The Labour Fund "Tamkeen" announced its support of more than 40 Bahraini employees at "Taha International" through the Wage Increment Program and the National Employment Programme.

"Taha International" is a Bahraini company specialized in industrial services. The company applies unique patented technology developed by Bahraini and international experts in processing aluminum waste while reducing carbon emissions and is now being adopted by a number of aluminum smelters worldwide.

On this occasion, Mr. Khalid Al-Bayat, Chief Growth Officer at Tamkeen, praised this cooperation with "Taha International", stating: "The sector contributed 13% to the King-



Khalid Al-Bayat, Chief Growth Officer at Tamkeen

dom's GDP in 2023, making it the second-largest contributor among non-oil sectors in the national economy."

For his part, Mr. Ammar Awachi, Chief Executive Officer of Taha International, expressed his appreciation of the support provided by "Tamkeen", and the efforts put forward to invest in the development of Bahrainis, thereby reinforcing the private sector's role in national economic growth.

Al Baraka Islamic Bank signs first agreement with Bahrain Airport Company



The deal signing

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Al Baraka Islamic Bank, one of the leading Bahraini financial institutions in the field of Islamic banking, has entered into a strategic partnership agreement with Bahrain Airport Company. This collaboration is set to offer a suite of exclusive benefits and rewards specifically designed for the bank's customers who hold World Elite MasterCard and credit card, enhancing their

overall experience at Bahrain International Airport, including complimentary annual access to the luxurious Awal Lounge. The World Elite Mastercard credit card is planned to be officially launched soon, and will bring a host of unique advantages to its cardholders.

A signing ceremony was recently held at Al Baraka Islamic Bank Head Quarters, where the agreement was signed by Dr. Adel Abdullah Salem, CEO of Al Baraka Islamic Bank, and Mr. Mohammed Yousif Al Binfalah, CEO of Bahrain Airport Company, in the presence of senior executives from Al Baraka Islamic Bank, Bahrain Airport Company, Hala Bahrain, Gulf Air Group, and Mastercard.

Huawei Cloud introduces AI-ready infrastructure in Saudi Arabia



Industry Solutions Joint Announcement with Huawei Cloud's partners

TDT | Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

Huawei Cloud announced a groundbreaking series of artificial intelligence (AI) initiatives at today's Huawei Cloud Summit Saudi Arabia 2024, aiming to accelerate Saudi Arabia's digital transformation and support the Vision 2030 goals.

Gathering over 700 guests, the event showcased the most updated development of key AI technologies, especially AI-ready model training and inference, and the company's

innovative ecosystem resources from the world and China.

"Huawei Cloud represents more than just a technological choice—it is a strategic decision," Steven Yi, Huawei Senior Vice President and the President of Huawei Middle East and Central Asia Region said. Jacqueline Shi, President of Huawei Cloud Global Marketing and Sales Service, Alan Qi, President of Huawei Cloud Middle East & Central Asia, and Mark Chen, President of Huawei Cloud's Global Solution Sales Department, were present.



News in brief

Germany's military put a first Iris-T air-defence system into service on its own soil yesterday having delivered several of them to war-torn Ukraine to intercept Russian rockets, drones and missiles. Chancellor Olaf Scholz said the surface-to-air system was part of a build-up of German and European defences launched after Russian President Vladimir Putin launched the Ukraine invasion in 2022. "Russia has been massively rearming for many years, especially in the field of rockets and cruise missiles," Scholz said at the inauguration ceremony at a base in Todendorf near the northern city of Hamburg. Putin had broken disarmament treaties and "deployed missiles as far as Kaliningrad", a Russian exclave located some 530 kilometres (330 miles) from Berlin, he added.



German army activates air-defence system, citing Russia threat

Twenty migrants were missing in the Mediterranean after their vessel sank off the Italian island of Lampedusa, a senior official with the UN refugee agency said yesterday. "Twenty people are reported missing in the Mediterranean after a shipwreck on September 1," Chiara Cardoletti, the UNHCR official for Italy, posted on X. "The seven survivors, taken in by our team on Lampedusa, are in a critical condition," she said, adding that several of them had lost loved ones in the disaster. Italy's coastguard, which said they had rescued the survivors on Wednesday morning, said 21 people were missing. It said the vessel, found 20 kilometres (12 miles) off Lampedusa, "was drifting half-submerged in the water and on the point of sinking, with seven migrants on board, all of them men of Syrian nationality".

20 migrants missing after wreck off Italy: UN

US police and ambulances rushed to a high school in Georgia yesterday after reports of an active shooter and possible injuries, with students evacuated from the scene. The Apalachee High School in Barrow County, Georgia, sent a message to parents saying it was "currently in a hard lockdown after reports of gunfire," according to US media. "Law enforcement is here. Please do not attempt to come to the school at this time while officers work to secure the area," it added. The local sheriff's office reported an "active shooter situation," according to USA Today. CNN, citing the local sheriff's office, reported that there had been casualties, and that a suspect had been taken into custody. At least one air ambulance took a patient from the scene. The school is located in the town of Winder, about 45 miles (70 kilometers) northeast of Atlanta, the state capital.

Police respond to shooter at US high school

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Beware of 'beautiful' foreign spies, China warns students

It has warned that foreign spies "have countless disguises, and can even change their gender" and called on citizens to "build 1.4 billion lines of defence" against threats to the country.

AFP | Beijing, China

China's state security agency on Wednesday warned students with access to sensitive information against falling for "handsome men" or "beautiful women" that might entice them to spy for foreign powers.

Beijing's Ministry of State Security (MSS) has promoted claims that foreign spies are working to lure loyal Chinese to betray their country -- often in lurid and unusual ways -- since opening a WeChat account last year.

It has warned that foreign spies "have countless disguises, and can even change their gender" and

trap", it warned. The MSS did not name which countries were behind the alleged scheme.

But it warned that spies might be disguising themselves as university scholars, scientific researchers or consultants, luring students short of cash in what it called "targeted infiltration".

In another lurid tale this month, the MSS warned the public to beware "wolves in sheep's clothing" -- foreign agents pretend to be "good Samaritans".

And in June, it accused Britain's MI6 intelligence agency of recruiting a couple who worked for the central government to spy for the UK.

China and Western powers have long traded accusations of spying but only recently started to disclose details of alleged individual cases.

In May, investigators searched the Brussels office of a German MEP suspected of spying for China. And on Tuesday, a former official who worked as an aide to the governor of New York state was arrested and charged with working as an agent of China in return for millions of dollars.

Chinese students.

It said foreign spies were using job ads and even online dating to "lure and coerce" young students, especially those with access to "sensitive scientific research data", to hand over confidential information.

"They may even disguise themselves as 'handsome men' or 'beautiful women'... and drag young students into 'romance

PM Modi arrives in Singapore after 'productive' Brunei visit

TDI | agencies

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who is on a two-nation visit, yesterday concluded his 'productive visit' to Brunei and departed for Singapore. As his Brunei visit came to an end, the Prime Minister took to X and said that his visit ushered in a new era of stronger ties between India and Brunei. He also expressed gratitude to the people and the government of Brunei for their hospitality and affection during the visit.

"My visit to Brunei Darussalam was productive. It ushers in a new era of even stronger India-Brunei ties. Our friendship will contribute to a better planet. I am grateful to the people and Government of Brunei for their hospitality and affection," PM Modi said.

In a post on X, Ministry of External Affairs official spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said, "PM Narendra Modi concludes a productive visit to Brunei, strengthening bonds with a valued partner. Next stop Singapore."

In a bid to boost ties between India and Brunei, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday met Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah of Brunei at his official residence Istana Nurul Iman.



Landed in Singapore. Looking forward to the various meetings aimed at boosting the India-Singapore friendship. India's reforms and the talent of our Yuva Shakti makes our nation an ideal investment destination. We also look forward to closer cultural ties.

The Prime Minister held bilateral meetings aimed at strengthening the bond between the two nations. The meetings also focused on reinforcing New Delhi's commitment to its 'Act East' policy and advancing its vision of the Indo-Pacific.

PM Modi, who is on a two-nation visit, will travel to Singa-

pore later in the day. After his arrival in Brunei, he received a warm welcome from Bolkiah and his family members. He is scheduled to attend an official luncheon hosted by Sultan Bolkiah.

The Prime Minister took to social media platform X and shared details of his meeting.



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"Delighted to meet His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah. Our talks were wide-ranging and included ways to further cement bilateral ties between our nations. We are going to further expand trade ties, commercial linkages, and people-to-people exchanges," he stated.

SPOTLIGHT

Pope wades back into parenthood debate with cat and dog quip



Pope Francis (R) reacts during an event at the Grla Pemuda Youth Centre in Jakarta

Jakarta, Indonesia

Pope Francis waded back into a controversial debate on parenthood Wednesday, hailing Indonesia's birthrate and joking that people in other countries would rather have a pet cat or dog than their own babies. Francis, who is widely viewed as a progressive pontiff, faced backlash in 2022 for suggesting couples who have pets instead of children are selfish and a threat to humanity.

"In your country people make three, four or five children, that's an example for every country, while some prefer to only have a cat or a little dog," he said during a speech to officials at the presidential palace in Jakarta.

"This can't go well," Francis added. Indonesian President

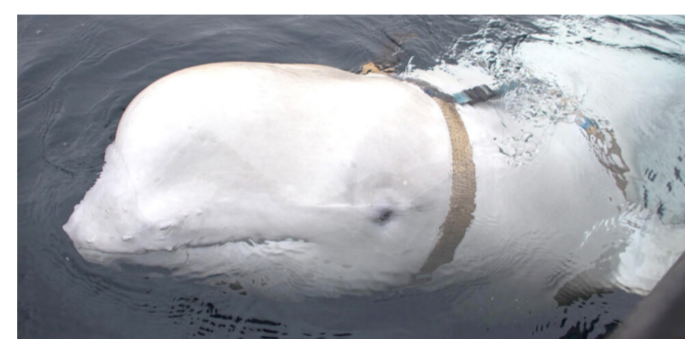
Joko Widodo burst out laughing, with the pope then turning to him and quipping: "It's true, isn't it?"

Francis -- who like other Catholic clergy is forbidden from having sex according to Church rules -- is in Southeast Asia's biggest economy for the first stop of a 12-day tour of the Asia-Pacific.

Indonesians took to social media on Wednesday to joke about the pope's comments, saying some people were choosing their wallets over human civilisation.

"Because you don't need to pay for dogs' tuition until they are in their 20s," wrote one user on X. Others said the future of Indonesia -- which has a huge population of around 280 million -- was bleaker than the pontiff thought as it records declining birth rates.

'Russian spy' whale was shot dead



Representative picture

AFP | Oslo, Norway

Animal rights groups yesterday said gunfire killed a beluga whale that rose to fame in Norway after its unusual harness sparked suspicions the creature was trained by Russia as a spy.

The organisations NOAH and One Whale said they had filed a complaint with Norwegian police asking them to open a "criminal investigation".

Nicknamed "Hvaldimir" in a pun on the Norwegian word for whale, hval, and its purported ties to Moscow, the white beluga first appeared off the coast in Norway's far-northern Finnmark region in 2019. He was found dead on Saturday in a bay Norway's southwestern coast.

His body was transported on Monday to a local branch of the Norwegian Veterinary Institute for autopsy.

The report is expected "within three weeks", a spokeswoman for the institute said. "He had multiple bullet wounds around his body," the head of One Whale, Regina Crosby Haug who said she viewed Hvaldimir's body on Monday, told AFP.

One Whale was founded to track the beluga, which had become a celebrity in Norway. "The injuries on the whale are alarming and of a nature that cannot rule out a criminal act -- it is shocking," NOAH director Siri Martinsen said in a statement. With an estimated age of 15 to 20, Hvaldimir was relatively young for a beluga whale, which can live to between 40 and 60 years of age.

Norwegian officials said Hvaldimir may have escaped an enclosure and may have been trained by the Russian navy as he appeared to be accustomed to humans.



When he was found in 2019, Norwegian marine biologists removed a man-made harness with a mount suited for an action camera and the words "Equipment St. Petersburg" printed in English on the plastic clasps.

French husband kept meticulous records of wife's alleged rapists

AFP | Avignon, France

A French investigator leading the probe into a man accused of recruiting dozens of strangers to rape his heavily sedated wife told a court Wednesday of painstaking efforts to identify the perpetrators via the husband's detailed records of the assaults.

Dominique P., a 71-year-old retiree, had abused his wife between 2011 and 2020, drugging her with sleeping pills and then inviting dozens of strangers to rape her.

He documented the decade-long abuse of his wife, Gisele P., with meticulous precision, allowing French police to track down 50 men suspected of raping her while she was drugged.

On the third day of the trial in the southern city of Avignon, the commissioner in charge of the inquiry said investigators sifted through numerous telephone bills, pictures and videos and used facial recognition software to identify the suspects, all of them men.

Jeremie Bosse Platiere, director of the Hautes-Alpes interdepartmental police force, said investigators had drawn up a list of 72 individuals suspected of abusing Gisele P., 72.

The investigators counted around 200 instances of rape, most of them by Dominique P.



A scene from the trial that took place between July 2011 and October 2020.

Given the sheer number of suspects, police had to carry out arrests in five waves between late 2020 and September 2021.

Only 50 suspects, aged between 26 and 74, have so far been identified and tracked down. Most of them face up to 20 years in jail for aggravated rape if convicted. "Chris the fireman"

According to the investigators, Dominique P. put together a dossier containing thousands of pictures and videos of the assaults, which were stored on a hard disk in a folder named

"abuse."

The folder contained sub-folders for each man who came to rape his wife.

"A list was then drawn up for each individual according to the name of the file," said Bosse Platiere, adding that his team worked to identify men behind nicknames such as "Chris the fireman", "Quentin", "Gaston" and "David the Black".

The police have also scrutinised countless telephone exchanges and online conversations between the husband and his wife's potential attackers.

Bosse Platiere said the police worked to see if there was a link between the calls and instances of rape by looking at Dominique P.'s phone bills and the recovered images.

Dominique P. had also blocked numerous contacts on his phones, arousing the suspicion of the investigators.

"It's unusual," Bosse Platiere said, adding that it had taken them nearly two years to identify the men behind the phone numbers.

The team also used facial recognition software.

"This would enable us to identify a third of the perpetrators," he said. The trial is due to hear from civil parties in the case on Thursday, including Gisele P. herself.

Maduro moves Christmas to October amid post-election turmoil



AFP | Caracas, Venezuela

Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro has declared that Christmas will come early this year, on October 1, as he seeks to impart some holiday cheer after a disputed presidential election the opposition claims he stole.

The 61-year-old is set for a third six-year term despite an outcry from the opposition and international community over the results of a July 28 election.

"In homage to you, in gratitude to you, I am going to decree that Christmas be brought forward to October 1," Maduro said during a television appearance Monday.

It is not the first time that Maduro has changed the date of Christmas since taking the reins of the Catholic-majority country from Hugo Chavez in 2013.

TOP 4 TWEETS

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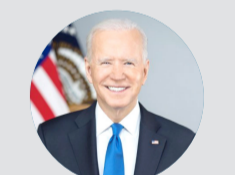
Happy to have met my friend, PM Lawrence Wong. Had an excellent discussion on a wide range of issues. India cherishes the friendship with Singapore. @narendramodi

02



I will never forget my meeting last October with the parents of Hersh Goldberg-Pollin and other hostage families. Today's tragic news is a devastating reminder of the need for the unconditional release of all hostages and an end to the nightmare of war in Gaza. @antonio gutierrez

03



My dad taught me a job is about a lot more than a paycheck. That's why @Kamala-Harris and I are so proud to have the greatest job creation record in any single term: Nearly 16 million jobs, including nearly 800,000 manufacturing jobs. @JoeBiden

04



Pleased to welcome the @NizamiGanjarvitC delegation, led by former President @BorisTadic58 to @WHO today. We had a constructive discussion about #COP29 preparation and the importance of health being at the centre of the #ClimateAction discussions in November. @DrTadros

Disclaimer: (Views expressed by columnists are personal and need not necessarily reflect our editorial stance)

celebs



Channing Tatum

Channing Tatum can't go through airport security without this movie line being shouted at him

Bang Showbiz | Los Angeles

Channing Tatum has people quote his famous '21 Jump Street' line every time he's at the airport.

The 44-year-old actor says 'My name is Jeff' isn't "even that funny" but it doesn't stop fans shouting it at him whenever he's catching a flight.

Channing - who starred alongside Jonah Hill as undercover police officers Jenko and Schmidt in the flick - told CinemaBlend: "It's weird what happens in pop culture like

that, you know? Same with 'My name is Jeff.' It's such a small moment in the movie.

"I remember we did a table read and it wasn't even that funny at the table read. It was like whatever. And all of a sudden, man."

He continued: "I've never went through TSA without somebody saying, 'My name is Jeff.'"

"Almost every single time I go through TSA."

Channing recently admitted he would "love" to make '23 Jump Street' with Jonah.

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CHANNING TATUM

The duo starred together in '21 Jump Street' in 2012 and reunited for its sequel '22 Jump Street' two years later, with a third movie

initially put into development a decade ago with plans for a 'Men In Black' crossover with James Bobin directing from Rodney Rothman's script, but it never came to fruition.

He told ComicBook.com: "There is a project that was written and it's still the best script that I've ever read for a third movie."

However, the 'Fly Me To The Moon' actor insisted the project never got off the ground due to decisions made higher up the Hollywood food chain.

He said: "A lot of bureaucracy, kind of above the line stuff. It's really hard to get it made and we've been trying to get it done."

The 'Magic Mike' star would still "love" to reunite with Jonah on the long-awaited sequel, and his co-star is also keen on the project.

He added: "You know what, I'm going to put some good juju out there and I'm going to say I would love to see '23 Jump Street'."

Demi Moore felt like she 'didn't belong' in Hollywood after 40

Bang Showbiz | Los Angeles

Demi Moore felt like she "didn't belong" in Hollywood any more after she turned 40.

The 61-year-old actress took time out from the movie business in the late 1990s to focus on raising her three daughters with ex-husband Bruce Willis and she has revealed she felt out of place when she returned to the industry - especially when her appearance in a bikini in her 2003 come-back film 'Charlie's Angels: Full Throttle' sparked a huge "conversation".

In a conversation with



Demi Moore

Michelle Yeoh for Interview magazine, Demi explained: "I had done 'Charlie's Angels', and there was a lot of conversation around this scene in a bikini, and it was all very heightened, a lot of talk about how I looked.

"And then I found that there didn't seem to be a place for me. I didn't feel like I didn't belong. It's more like I felt that feeling of, I'm not 20, I'm not 30, but I wasn't yet what they perceived as a mother ... Where do I fit in? It was a time that felt, not dead, but flat."

Kaley Cuoco 'loves being a mom'

Bang Showbiz | Los Angeles

Kaley Cuoco is "super happy" with Tom Pelphrey.

The 38-year-old actress - who has Matilda, 16 months, with the actor - is loving life with Tom and she can't wait to tie the knot.

A source told PEOPLE: "She's super happy with Tom. Her daughter is such a light. Kaley loves being a mom."

Kaley has prioritised her TV and film career for many years. But the Hollywood star - who is best known for playing Penny on the CBS sitcom 'The Big Bang Theory' - is now focused on her family life, after

Kaley Cuoco



Kaley Cuoco

recently getting engaged.

The insider explained: "For years, her main focus was work. To now focus on her family instead, makes her thrive.

"Getting married hasn't been a priority until now."

What's more, Kaley is looking forward to her daughter being part of her wedding day.

The source said: "Kaley's thrilled to be engaged. You know she'll plan the most gorgeous wedding. And it will be even more special now when her daughter can be

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Lady Gaga-mania as 'Joker' sequel brings pop star to Venice

Bang Showbiz | Los Angeles

Lady Gaga is the hotly anticipated attraction on the glitzy Lido Wednesday, as the Venice Film Festival hosts the premiere of her new film, the dark and subversive 'Joker: Folie a Deux'.

The pop sensation's appearance in Venice could eclipse even that of George Clooney and Brad Pitt, whose red carpet hijinks in front of fans Sunday ahead of the premiere of their film 'Wolfs' were a highlight of the prestigious festival.

Subverting Lady Gaga

Phillips saw Joaquin Phoenix as Arthur Fleck, a failed stand-up comic descending into mental illness.

The film -- loosely based on the DC Comics characters and set in a gritty Gotham City -- was wildly successful, grossing \$1 billion at the box office but sparking criticism for its nihilistic violence.

After winning the Golden Lion at Venice, it went on to win a Best Actor Oscar for Phoenix.

But Lady Gaga is the new star addition in Phillips' sequel, bringing the US singer back to the big screen after 2021's 'House of Gucci'.

She plays the Joker's partner in crime and love interest, Harley Quinn, whom Fleck meets while awaiting trial for his past crimes.

"He's not sick. He's perfect," her character is heard saying in voice-over in a short teaser for the film released this week.

Phillips has said that for the sequel, he wanted to explore the idea of

identity, asking the question "where does the music inside him (Fleck) come from?"

"If we were going to do it, we knew we had to swing for the fences; we wanted to create something as crazy and fearless as Joker himself," Phillips said.

On Wednesday, the "Bad Romance" singer is expected to participate in a press conference with Phoenix and other cast members, before her red carpet appearance and the film's world premiere in the evening.

"Joker: Folie a Deux" is one of 21 films vying for the top prize, the Golden Lion, at the world's oldest film festival known as "La Mostra".

This year's event has been awash in Hollywood pizzazz, with a long roster of A-listers taking a twirl on the red carpet, from Daniel Craig and Angelina Jolie to Nicole Kidman and Michael Keaton.



Zoe Kravitz

Zoe Kravitz plays down marriage plans for 2025

Bang Showbiz | Los Angeles

Zoe Kravitz has played down the idea she is getting married next year.

The 35-year-old star quietly got engaged to Channing Tatum last year after first meeting on the set of new movie 'Blink Twice' in 2021, and while her famous dad Lenny Kravitz recently said the family would "have a wedding next year", she has insisted that's not necessarily the case.

She said, "It's literally something we've said in passing. Like, maybe I said, 'Next year would be cool.'"

While she isn't certain about a wed-

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ZOE KRAVITZ

ding date, she is fairly adamant that there aren't more children in her and Channing's future.

She explained: "For a long time, I felt like there was something wrong with me. I was waiting for this light to go off in my

head, and it never did.

"When you're younger, you're like, 'Well, I can't have kids. I'm too young! It'd be crazy! I had to actually look at what do I want.'"

Her friendship group has shifted with her pals having their lives changed by marriage and children, and Zoe admitted it can be isolating.

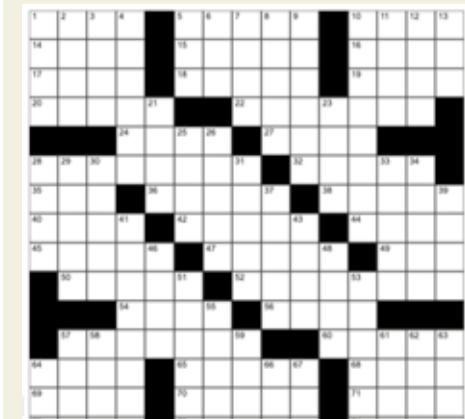
Meanwhile, she would like her own achievements - such as her directorial work behind the camera on 'Blink Twice' - to get a similar level of respect as motherhood.

Zoe Kravitz

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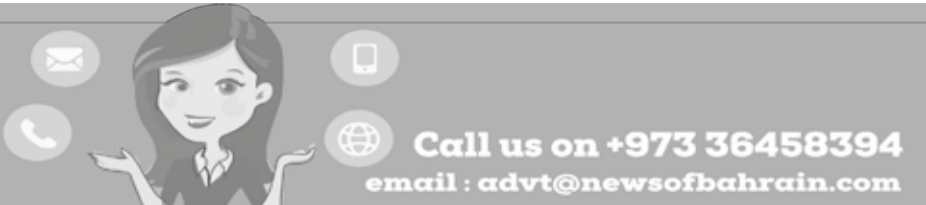
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Americans dominate US Open semis

Frances Tiafoe and Taylor Fritz set up all-American showdown; Emma Navarro reaches maiden Slam semi-final

● **Tiafoe advances as Dimitrov retires due to injury**

● **Fritz defeats Zverev in four sets**

● **Navarro comeback victory against Badosa**

● **Sabalenka cruises past Zheng to reach semi-finals**

AFP | New York

Frances Tiafoe and Taylor Fritz set up an all-American US Open semi-final on Tuesday as compatriot Emma Navarro reached the women's last four to boost home hopes of a title sweep.

The 20th seed Tiafoe progressed when ninth-ranked Grigor Dimitrov suffered an injury in the third set of their quarter-final and quit in the fourth with the score at 6-3, 6-7 (5/7), 6-3, 4-1.

Tiafoe also made the last four in 2022 while Fritz reached his first Grand Slam semi-final by defeating fourth-seeded Alexander Zverev 7-6 (7/2), 3-6, 6-4,

7-6 (7/3).

Navarro, playing in front of her home New York crowd, broke through to a maiden Slam semi-final by defeating Paula Badosa of Spain 6-2, 7-5 after coming back from 5-1 down in the second set.

She will tackle world number two and reigning Australian Open champion Aryna Sabalenka, who brushed aside Olympic gold medallist Zheng Qinwen 6-1, 6-2.

With Tiafoe and Fritz clashing on Friday, the US is guaranteed a home men's finalist for the first time since 2006 when Andy Rod-

dick was defeated by Roger Federer.

Roddick remains the last American man to capture a Grand Slam when he claimed the 2003 US Open.

"It's not the way I wanted to win even if I'm happy to get through to the semi-finals," said Tiafoe of Dimitrov's injury.

"It was a very high-level match. You're going to see me against another American, it's going to be great.

"It will be

the biggest match of our careers."

'Job's not done'

Dimitrov, 33, sought treatment off court after the third set but was reduced to walking pace in the fourth as his hopes slipped away.

The Bulgarian was reluctant to discuss the specifics of his injury after a thigh problem forced him to also quit his last-16 match at Wimbledon in July.

"I think it's a combination from everything. I think there's really no point to talk about that. It's just the game, and I need to keep my head up," he said.

Zverev's defeat to Fritz means world number one Jannik Sinner is the only top-four player left in the men's draw following the shock early exits of Novak Djokovic and Carlos Alcaraz.

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said the 26-year-old Fritz, who cracked 12 aces amongst his 45 winners in his victory.

"It's cool I'm in the semis. But I very much have the mindset of the job's not done."

Ger-

many's Zverev had been attempting to reach his ninth semi-final at the Slams and third in New York.

"Terrible. Just absolutely terrible by me," he said of his performance. "I did nothing to deserve the win, simple as that."

'Complete disaster'

Navarro insisted she always believed she could claw her way back from a 5-1 second-set deficit against New York-born Badosa.

"When I got to 5-2 I had an inkling that I'd win in two sets," said Navarro, who had lost in the first round on her only other two appearances at the tournament. "I was a complete disaster today," said Badosa after committing 35 unforced errors.

Zheng was bidding to become the third Chinese woman to reach the US Open semi-finals after Li Na in 2013 and Peng Shuai in 2014.

However, she was completely outplayed by Sabalenka in a 73-minute loss in which she hit just nine winners.

Zheng said the record late finish to her last-16 clash which finished at 2:15 am on Monday had impacted-

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TAYLOR FRITZ

her performance. She said she only went to bed at 5:00 am.

"I couldn't sleep after I finished the match 2:30 in the morning. I'm not able to practice yesterday because I was feeling terrible," said Zheng.

The 26-year-old Sabalenka, runner-up to Coco Gauff in New York last year, will be playing in her fourth successive US Open semi-final and ninth at the Slams.

The Belarusian also defeated Zheng at the same stage of the US Open in 2023 before going on to beat the 21-year-old again in the Australian Open final in January.

"It was important that I got the early break, that was an advantage because it's tough to face her," said Sabalenka.

Bangladesh revels in 'Tigers burning bright' after Pakistan triumph

AFP | Dhaka

Bangladesh's new leader led the celebrations after a first-ever Test series win over Pakistan, with commentators calling it a victory to savour a month after unrest ousted the autocratic former premier.

"Heartiest congratulations on behalf of the government and myself," 84-year-old Nobel Peace Prize laureate Muhammad Yunus told captain Najmul Hossain Shanto in a phone call after the win on Tuesday.

"The whole nation is proud of you," he added, according to a statement from the office of Yunus, after the 2-0 clean sweep over Pakistan was sealed with a tense six-wicket victory in Rawalpindi.

Yunus took over after Sheikh Hasina fled to India as protesters marched on her palace in Dhaka to end 15 years of iron-fisted rule.

The Dhaka Tribune splashed across its front page a photograph of the grinning team above a signboard with the simple message: "Winners".

"The Tigers are burning bright," the newspaper commented, praising an "emphatic victory."



Bangladesh's players celebrate with trophy

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NAJMUL HOSSAIN SHANTO

"There is genuine hope that, much as Bangladesh is experiencing a new beginning after the

fall of the Sheikh Hasina government on August 5, this could be the dawn of a new era for Bangladesh cricket", it added.

"This series win is emblematic of broader transformation within Bangladesh," it read, saying the victory embodied the "resilience, determination, and the spirit of a nation that wants to achieve more than what was expected of it".

'Surreal victory'

Bangladesh won independence from Pakistan in 1971.

It was Shakib al Hasan, 37,

who lost his job as a lawmaker for Hasina's Awami League party after the student-led revolution, who hit the winning runs on Tuesday to spark jubilation.

"We can't express feelings with words, we are really happy," said captain Najmul.

"I think before we came here we were looking to win, and the way everyone did their job made me really happy."

Dhaka's Daily Star newspaper called it a "surreal series victory" and "watershed moment."

"A triumph spurred by belief," the Star's headline read.

Bangladesh defeat sees Pakistan fall to eighth in Test rankings



Pakistan's players look on as Bangladesh's Mushfiqur Rahim (2R) and Shakib Al Hasan (3R) celebrate after their team's win

AFP | Rawalpindi

(ICC) said.

Pakistan fell to their worst Test ranking in nearly six decades yesterday, the International Cricket Council said, after their shock 2-0 series defeat to low-ranked Bangladesh.

Bangladesh inflicted a six-wicket defeat on the home team in the second Test in Rawalpindi on Tuesday, their first series win against Pakistan.

"Pakistan dropped two places -- from sixth to eighth -- in the Test rankings after suffering a shock series loss at home to Bangladesh," the International Cricket Council

lowest rankings since 1965" in the 12-team table, which is topped by Australia followed by India and England.

Bangladesh are ninth in the latest rankings.

There are now no Pakistan bowlers ranked in the top 10 after paceman Shaheen Shah Afridi fell to 11th from his ninth place before the Bangladesh series.

Wicketkeeper-batter Mohammad Rizwan is the only Pakistani remaining in the top 10 batting rankings, while Babar Azam dropped three places to 12th.

Bahrain ease past Saudi Arabia to book semi-final spot



Action from the match

Hussain Almaskati
TDT | Manama

Bahrain gave its loyal supporters a powerful showing on the court, beating Saudi Arabia 88-78 in the 3rd round of the Gulf Basketball Championship. Bahrain maintained control from the outset, setting the tone with a convincing 28-17 lead in the first quarter.

Despite a strong effort from Saudi Arabia, Bahrain's balanced attack kept them ahead

throughout the match. By half-time, Bahrain led 46-37, and they continued to build on their advantage in the third quarter, ending it with a 65-52 lead. Although Saudi Arabia outscored Bahrain in the final quarter, it wasn't enough to overcome the deficit, as Bahrain sealed the win with a final score of 88-78.

Player of the Match

Mustafa Husain Ali delivered yet another top performance, earning him the Player of the



Action from the match

Match accolade once again in this tournament. With 18 points, 11 assists, and a 40% success rate from beyond the arc, he showed his exceptional play-making abilities. His overall shooting accuracy of 35% and critical contributions were pivotal in maintaining Bahrain's competitive edge. As the gem of the team, Ali's consistency and flair have been standout

features, further solidifying his role as a key asset in Bahrain's championship mission.

Semi-Final Awaits

Bahrain now advances to the semi-finals, where they will face Kuwait on Friday. The matchup promises to be intense, as both teams will be fighting for a spot in the final of this prestigious Gulf Basketball Championship.

Qatar edge Kuwait

Hussain Almaskati
TDT | Manama

Qatar scraped past Kuwait with a 76-72 win in the 3rd round of the Gulf Basketball Championship.

Following their recent setback against Saudi Arabia, Qatar entered the match with renewed focus. The first quarter ended with Qatar clinging to a slim 20-19 lead. However, Kuwait quickly countered in the second quarter, dominating with a 24-18 run and taking a 43-38 advantage into halftime.

Decisive Moments

The tide began to turn in the third quarter as Qatar's defense stiffened, limiting Kuwait to just 10 points. With a composed and disciplined approach, Qatar trimmed Kuwait's lead to a single point, setting the stage for a dramatic final quarter.

In the final quarter, Qatar unleashed a determined offensive push, outscoring Kuwait 24-19. Their efforts resulted in a 76-72 win, a much-needed victory that boosted their confidence heading to the latter stages of the tournament.

Missed Opportunities

"We controlled the course of the match and its beginning, but due to a lack of concentration and missed shots, we lost the match," said a disappointed Oliver Kostic, manager of the Kuwait national team.

"We played a good game and tried to stop the opponent from scoring. We had important players out, like Mustafa. We managed and controlled



Action from the match

the game, unlike other matches in the competition. Now, we focus on the semi-finals as this tournament's structure has given every nation a second chance," said a determined Thanasis Skortopoulos, coach of the Qatar national team.

Player of the Match

Qatar's win was bolstered by the outstanding performance of Tyler James Harris, who earned the Player of the Match honors. Harris dominated the court with an impressive stat line of 23 points, 11 rebounds, 2 steals, and 3 assists while shooting a remarkable 58% from the field.

Next up

Qatar, a six-time Gulf Basketball Champion, will carry the momentum from this win into the semi-finals against Saudi Arabia.

Bahrain Golf Club to host four September tournaments

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This September, the Bahrain Golf Club will host four preparatory tournaments. The club's board has approved these summer warm-up events ahead

of the new season.

Every Saturday this month, the club will hold an event, drawing a strong crowd of members and local golfers.

Khalid Al Atham, Head of Competitions at the club, ex-

plains that these tournaments are a regular part of the schedule, designed to help golfers gear up for the season ahead.

Around 100 golfers are expected to take part in the four events, providing them with a

chance to refine their skills before the major competitions.

The first event is set for Saturday, September 7th, with the series continuing each Saturday until the end of the month.

'Optimist' McCullum can work magic with England's white-ball teams, says Pope

Ollie Pope praises Brendon McCullum's impact on Test team and individual players

● England aims to complete clean sweep of home Test triumphs for first time since 2004

● Josh Hull replaces Potts for final Test at The Oval

AFP | London

Stand-in Test captain Ollie Pope said Brendon McCullum can transform the fortunes of England's limited-overs teams in the same way he has reinvigorated the red-ball side.

England cricket chiefs on Tuesday announced the New Zealander would take charge of all formats from January and that he has extended his contract until the end of 2027.

"We've seen the impact he's had on us as a Test team and as individuals, which I think he



England's Chris Woakes (31), congratulates England's Ollie Pope after a wicket (file photo)

can then transfer into the white-ball stuff as well," said Pope, speaking ahead of the third Test against Sri Lanka, starting on Friday.

"He brings the best out of each other. He's a real optimist and I think that's really good in the cricket world. So, very exciting for English cricket overall."

McCullum, 42, inherits white-ball titles in the 50-over and 20-over world cups in the past 12 months.

When the former New Zealand captain took charge of England's Test side in May 2022 they were at a low ebb, with just one win in 17 games.

But under his leadership they

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OLLIE POPE

have won 19 of their 28 Tests, playing an exciting attacking game that has been labelled "Bazball".

Pope, who has struggled with the bat in recent matches, said McCullum had given him confidence and freedom in his personal game.

"He's got a great outlook on the game in general and just being able to kind of draw a line under your best and your worst weeks as well," said the batter, who is deputising as skipper for the injured Ben Stokes.

"I think that's probably one of



Under McCullum's leadership, England's Test team has won 19 of 28 Tests, playing an exciting attacking game dubbed "Bazball", a significant turnaround from their previous form

his biggest skills as a player, but now he's sort of got that into his coaching as well. He's a massive optimist."

England, 2-0 up in the three-match series against Sri Lanka, have brought in left-arm seamer Josh Hull for the final Test at The Oval.

The two-metre tall 20-year-old, who only made his first-class debut last year, replaces Matthew Potts.

England are just one win away from completing a clean sweep of home Test triumphs for the first time since 2004, having moved on emphatically from a disappointing 4-1 defeat by India in the winter.

Before the Sri Lanka series they beat West Indies 3-0.

"It'd be special to win 6-0 this summer," said Pope. "And I think winning's a habit, isn't it? So I think going forward it'll put us in good stead. And obviously we've got a lot more cricket to come."

Pope was asked whether taking on the captaincy was affecting his batting -- he has mustered just 30 runs in four innings against Sri Lanka so far.

"To be honest, I don't know," he said. "I think last week I played a pretty average shot in the first dig (innings), which could happen. But that's nothing to do with the captaincy."