



**Meta AI turns pictures into videos with sound**

AFP | San Francisco, United States

Meta yesterday provided a look at a generative artificial intelligence model it is working on that lets people create short videos, complete with audio, from text prompts and photos.

The tech titan touted "Meta Movie Gen" as a "breakthrough" when it comes to using an AI engine to crank out video and audio.

No release plans for Movie Gen were disclosed.

"While there are many exciting use cases for these foundation models, it's important to note that generative AI isn't a replacement for the work of artists and animators," Meta said in a post.

The model lets people use text prompts to create custom videos, including clips based on people's photos, of up to 16 seconds long, according to Meta.

Movie Gen is the third wave of AI-powered video generation at Meta, according to the company.

**UN condemns Israel's 'unlawful air strike' on West Bank camp which killed 18**

AFP | Tulkarem, Palestinian Territories

The United Nations yesterday condemned what it called an "unlawful air strike" by Israel on a refugee camp in the occupied West Bank that the Palestinian health ministry said killed 18 people the previous day.

The Israeli army said the raid in Tulkarem had succeeded in killing "at least seven".

The United Nations Human Rights Office slammed the strike, calling it "unlawful". "The strike is part of a highly concerning pattern of unlawful use of force by ISF (Israeli security forces) during military-like operations in the West Bank that have caused widespread harm to Palestinians," the UN rights office said in a statement.

"The levelling of an entire building filled with people via aerial bombing shows flagrant disregard for Israel's obligations."

**Lebanon receives first UN aid plane**

The shipment included trauma kits

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A delivery of medical supplies from the United Nations reached Lebanon on Friday, a first since last week's escalation between Israel and Hezbollah, said a UN agency and a Lebanese minister.

"An airlift... landed in Beirut earlier this morning with 30 metric tonnes of trauma and surgical supplies, enough to treat tens of thousands people," the World Health Organization's regional director Hanan



Ground staff unload a medical aid shipment provided by the World Health Organization (WHO) and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), from a plane at the Beirut International Airport

Balkhy said on social media platform X. "More flights are arriving later today and tomorrow, carrying trauma supplies, cholera supplies and mental health supplies," she added.

Health Minister Firass Abiad was at the Beirut airport on Friday to receive the aid organised by the World Health Organization and UN refugee agency UNHCR and funded by the United Arab Emirates.

"We are receiving the first shipment out of many," he said.

The shipment included "many trauma kits that will be crucial to support the hospitals as they receive the casualties from the Israeli attacks on Lebanon," he added.

**WHO hopes to start Gaza polio vaccination second round on Oct 14**

AFP | Geneva, Switzerland

The World Health Organization said yesterday it hopes to give hundreds of thousands of children in war-stricken Gaza, where diseases are spreading rapidly, a second dose of polio vaccine from October 14.

The WHO said it was in talks on the date with Israel, which has been waging war in the densely-populated Gaza Strip since Hamas's October 7, 2024 attack.

"We have requested the start of the second round of the polio campaign on October 14... and we expect that the vaccination should finish by the October 29," said Ayadil Saparbekov, the senior WHO official for emergencies in the Palestinian territories.

# Shield teachers akin to journos

MP calls for stronger protections for teachers against baseless complaints

To afford teachers the same legal protections as journalists

Prior notification to the Ministry of Education before any investigations

To maintain the dignity and respect of educators

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Akin to journalists, teachers should be shielded from unwarranted legal challenges.

This is according to a draft law tabled before the parliament by



Protecting them from "spurious legal claims" is vital for preserving their dignity and ensuring they remain valued members of society

MP JALAL KADHEM

a Bahraini parliamentarian, who claims it is necessary to enhance the state's ability to deliver quality education.

MP Jalal Kadhem argues that baseless complaints not only undermine teachers' authority but also threaten their standing in society and hinder their effectiveness in the classroom.

Kadhem's proposal aims to afford teachers the same legal rights as journalists, addressing growing concerns about frivolous accusations that disrupt their professional lives and tar-

nish their reputations.

If approved, the draft law would amend Bahrain's education regulations—specifically Law No. 27 of 2005—requiring prior notification to the Ministry of Education for any investigation into alleged misconduct by teachers.

The amendment will make it necessary to notify the Ministry of Education prior to any investigation into alleged wrongdoing by teachers during their work. Additionally, it will become mandatory for a ministry representative to be present

throughout the inquiry, which would be exclusively conducted by the Public Prosecution.

This protective measure mirrors similar safeguards for journalists in countries like Iraq and Jordan, reflecting a growing recognition of the need to shield professionals from unfounded legal actions.

Kadhem highlights the Bahraini Constitution as empowering MPs to propose such reforms, emphasising that the draft law is essential for reinforcing the state's commitment to quality education.

He emphasises the pivotal role teachers play in shaping students' moral and academic development, stating that protecting them from "spurious legal claims" is vital for preserving their dignity and ensuring they remain valued members of society.

In an explanatory note, Kadhem referenced Article 7 of the Constitution, which enshrines the state's responsibility to promote education, science, and the arts, as well as provide free and compulsory education in its early stages. The article also outlines efforts to eliminate illiteracy and advance religious and civic education.

Kadhem added that his proposed law would preserve the dignity and respect of teachers, shielding them from "spurious legal claims" and ensuring they remain valued members of society.

**Japan to sweep airports after WWII bomb blast**

AFP | Tokyo, Japan

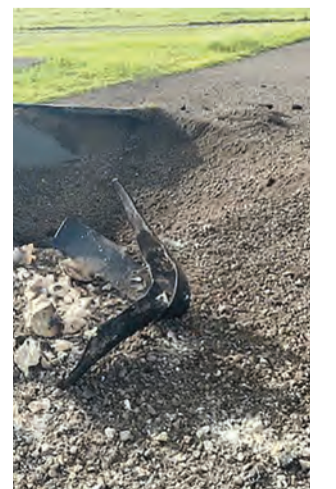
Japan will sweep regional airports for more unexploded ordnance after a bomb dropped by the United States in World War II blew up on a taxiway in the south, the country's transport minister said yesterday.

The 250-kilogram (550-pound) device blew up on Wednesday at Miyazaki airport -- a former base for "kamikaze" suicide pilots during the war -- shortly after a passenger jet taxied past.

Footage obtained by AFP showed a plume of soil blasting at least 10 metres (30 feet) into the air, with the explosion leaving behind a crater several metres across.

No one was injured but flights were suspended until the evening.

Transport Minister Tetsumo Saito told a briefing on Friday that he had "ordered the magnetic search at Miyazaki airport" and other airports.



Debris on the edge of the airport tarmac



Bahrain has around 206 public schools and 72 private international schools, serving about 195,000 pupils.

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# Always on Alert

Bahrain's Lifelines Respond to Record Calls

● Emergency services responded to a significant portion of urgent situations, with 67% of calls related to emergencies, 28% to traffic incidents, and 5% to security issues

● The Coast Guard managed 131 incidents, including 75 search and rescue operations, while the National Ambulance Service handled 4,774 calls

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Bahrain's emergency services had hardly any time to rest, neither in August nor in July. According to the latest statistics from the Ministry of Interior, the Emergency Operations Centre logged a staggering 15,402 calls in August, just shy of July's remarkable total of 16,751.



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In August, patrol units responded to 17% of these calls, with 67% related to urgent emergencies. Traffic incidents

comprised 28%, while security issues accounted for 5%.

The Coast Guard played a pivotal role, managing 131 incidents,

including 36 assistance calls, 20 maritime accidents, and an impressive 75 search and rescue operations, showcasing their

**In August 2024, Bahrain's emergency services demonstrated unwavering commitment as they handled 15,402 calls, just shy of July's 16,751. With a significant 67% of these calls relating to urgent emergencies, the Coast Guard and National Ambulance Service remained on high alert, effectively addressing diverse challenges and ensuring public safety amid increasing demand.**

dedication to safeguarding lives at sea.

Meanwhile, the National Ambulance Service was also on high alert, responding to 4,774 calls—a testament to their relentless commitment to public health. Their response included 3,222 medical emergencies, 765 patient transports from private facilities, 389 miscellaneous incidents, and 54 fire-related emergencies. Additionally, 344

traffic accidents highlighted the growing challenges on Bahrain's roads.

The figures from July reflect a similar story of high demand. The Emergency Operations Centre received 16,751 calls, with patrol units attending to 13% of these. Emergency situations accounted for 66%, traffic incidents for 28%, and security concerns for 6%. The Coast Guard handled 148 calls, including 89 search and rescue operations, 21 maritime accidents, and 38 assistance requests. Meanwhile, the National Ambulance Service responded to 4,646 calls, comprising 3,078 medical emergencies, 816 transports, and 328 traffic accidents.

The consistently high call volumes in both months underline the essential role of Bahrain's emergency services in ensuring the safety and well-being of the public, as they continue to rise to the occasion amid increasing demand.

These astonishingly high call volumes underscore the crucial role of Bahrain's emergency services in protecting the safety and well-being of the public.

A delegation from the Ombuds Office conducted a working tour in Pakistan, which included visits to a number of specialised ombudsman bodies there, in cooperation with the Ombudsman Association of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OICOA). The delegation visited the Federal Ombudsman for the Protection of Women (FOSPAH) where they discussed ways to enhance bilateral cooperation and exchange of expertise between the two parties. The meeting also discussed broader international cooperation initiatives, particularly through the Ombudsman Organisation of Pakistan.



Wael bin Nasser Al Mubarak, the Municipalities Affairs and Agriculture Minister, met with a delegation from the International Institute for Management Development (IMD). The meeting reviewed the government efforts towards developing infrastructure and digital infrastructure, and developing and implementing smart city solutions. The meeting also discussed activities of the "Smart Cities Summit" organised by the ministry annually as a specialised conference in the field of AI and the transformation to smart cities.

# Bahrain shines in Quality-of-Life Index

● Bahrain ranks second among Arab countries and ranked 36th globally

● The UAE topped the Arab rankings (18th globally), followed by Bahrain, while Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Kuwait, and Oman also featured prominently

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Bahrain has claimed the second spot among Arab countries and the 36th position globally in the Quality of Life Index released by the American magazine CEOWORLD.

This index assesses multiple



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factors, including affordability, political neutrality, stability

and safety, economic stability, family support, labour market

conditions, income equality, cultural influence, and the quality

of public health and education systems.

According to the CEOWORLD report, which is renowned for its business insights, Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) countries are making significant strides in both the global and Arab Quality of Life Index for 2024. This progress reflects their commitment to creating opportunities for prosperity for all residents.

Leading the Arab region is the United Arab Emirates, ranking 18th globally, followed by Bahrain. Saudi Arabia comes in third place in the Arab world and 43rd globally, while Qatar holds the fourth position among Arab countries and 44th worldwide. Kuwait ranks fifth in the Arab region and 52nd globally, with Oman in sixth place in the Arab world and 62nd overall.

On the global stage, Switzerland tops the list, with Norway

and Iceland securing second and third place, respectively. Hong Kong ranks fourth, surpassing Sweden, while Denmark and Germany are positioned sixth and seventh.

The top ten countries for quality of life also feature Ireland, Singapore, and Australia, ranking eighth, ninth, and tenth, respectively. These rankings are based on the opinions of over a quarter of a million individuals worldwide, evaluating 196 countries. Many of these nations are recognized for their high quality of life, serving as models for others striving to improve living conditions for their citizens.

In its introduction, CEOWORLD underscored the significance of selecting the right place to live, highlighting that finding the ideal country for residence is crucial for overall well-being.

# Teen's rage leaves man with permanent eye damage

Appeal court confirms three-month jail for causing permanent eye injury to a cold store worker

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This young man was hit on the leg with a wooden log during a skirmish outside a cold store.

This also caused the log to break into two pieces.

Seeing this, in a fit of rage, the 18-year-old picked up one of the broken pieces and threw it forcefully at his attacker.

What happened next was beyond his imagination.

The log struck his attacker directly in the eye.

Panicked, onlookers jumped in and rushed the injured man to a hospital.

However, doctors later de-



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clared they couldn't do much, as the log had damaged the man's iris, lens, and optic nerve, leaving him with 10% permanent vision loss.

Police registered a case. Even though the judges acknowledged the young man's actions as unintentional during the trial, they said that this did not mean there would be no punishment, given the severity of the consequences.

Court files say the entire incident started when the young man's younger brother was hit by the cold store worker during an altercation.

Enraged, the brother informed the young man and a friend about it, and they all went to

the cold store to exact revenge.

There, the worker stood with a group of other Asian nationals.

Soon, both sides began shouting at each other, and the situation quickly escalated.

At some point, the worker picked up a stick and hit the young man on his thigh.

Pained and outraged, the young man picked up the broken stick and threw it at the attacker, striking him in the left eye.

During the trial, the judges acknowledged that the teenager's actions were unintentional but maintained that the consequences warranted punishment.

The young man also got his appeal rejected, citing the same reason.

# Procurement manager jailed for embezzling over BD 8,000 from Bahraini Company

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A procurement manager's betrayal of trust has landed him behind bars after he was convicted of embezzling more than BD 8,000 from a Bahraini-owned company. Despite attempts by the company's owner to resolve the matter privately, the manager's refusal to cooperate forced the case into court, where the High Civil Court handed down a decisive verdict.

The court not only sentenced the foreign national to jail but also ordered him to repay BD 8,266.217 in stolen funds, along with legal fees, bringing a dramatic conclusion to a case that shook the company's finances.

The company's troubles began when routine financial audits revealed significant discrepancies in procurement records. What started as a regular review quickly turned into a nightmare,



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*The High Civil Court ordered him to repay BD 8,266.217 in stolen funds and legal fees after a forensic audit revealed discrepancies in procurement records. Despite initial confessions and attempts at an amicable settlement, the manager's refusal to cooperate led to legal action and a decisive court verdict.*

as an internal investigation uncovered that the trusted procurement manager had been siphoning company funds for months.

Faced with undeniable evidence, the manager initially confessed to embezzling BD 8,054.710. Hoping to avoid further damage to the company's

reputation, the owner sought to settle the matter quietly. He gave the manager multiple chances to repay the stolen money, but every attempt at reconciliation was met with resistance.

When the manager refused to cooperate and evaded police questioning, the company had no choice but to escalate the

matter legally. The owner filed an urgent motion to prevent the manager from fleeing the country, further intensifying the legal battle.

A forensic accountant was brought in to investigate the full extent of the fraud. The detailed report revealed that the actual amount embezzled was BD 8,266.217, slightly higher than the manager's initial confession. Armed with this evidence, the company moved swiftly to seek justice.

The High Civil Court accepted the forensic findings and ruled in the company's favour. The manager was not only ordered to repay the full amount but was also sentenced to jail, bringing an end to the drawn-out legal ordeal. The court further imposed all legal fees on the manager, ensuring the company was compensated for the financial damage and legal expenses caused by his betrayal.

# Woman spared jail over Tubli car theft, sent to psychiatric facility

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A woman who stole a car outside a supermarket in Tubli has been spared jail after the Appeals Court found her mentally unfit during the incident.

The case began when the car's owner left his vehicle running while quickly entering a supermarket, expecting to return shortly. However, a woman, seizing the opportunity, jumped into the driver's seat. Despite the owner's attempts to stop her, she drove off, leaving him with minor injuries. The stolen vehicle was later found in Hamad Town.

The woman was initially charged with car theft, and the



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*A woman who stole a car outside a Tubli supermarket was spared jail after a psychiatric evaluation revealed she was mentally unstable during the incident. Initially sentenced to a year in prison, the Appeals Court overturned the verdict.*

lower court sentenced her to one year in jail. However, her lawyer, Huda Al Aswad, appealed the verdict, presenting evidence of the woman's mental instability at the time of the crime.

The court ordered a psychiatric evaluation, the results of which confirmed her condition.

In light of the findings, the Appeals Court cancelled her jail term and ordered her place-

ment in a therapeutic facility at a psychiatric hospital until a judge determines she is fit to be released.

According to case files, the theft occurred in May 2024, and the car belonged to a financing company. Lawyer Al Aswad successfully argued for a psychiatric evaluation, citing her client's medical history and inability to be held responsible for her actions.

The Appeals Court cited legal precedents allowing the defendant to be exempt from criminal responsibility based on her mental state. Consequently, under Articles 31 and 87 of the Penal Code, the court ruled in favor of her acquittal.

# Consultancy found liable for \$3 million tourism project failure

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A consultancy firm has found itself in legal trouble after failing to conduct a feasibility study for a \$3 million tourism project in Saudi Arabia, resulting in significant losses for a Saudi national who contracted the firm. The Minor Civil Court ruled last Monday in favour of the claimant, who testified that the firm's inaction led not only to financial losses but also cost him his military position.

The claimant, represented by lawyer Essam Al Tayeb, entered into a contract with the consultancy on 13 May 2015, agreeing to a non-refundable fee of BD 2,500 (approximately \$6,600) for a feasibility study promised within a month. The Saudi national shared with the court how he had invested high hopes in the project, but the firm's failure turned his aspirations into a living nightmare.

Seeking to nullify the contract, he requested the return of his BD 2,500, along with BD 100 for material and moral damages and recovery of legal fees and expert costs totalling BD 400.



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In reaching its verdict, the court reviewed the signed con-

tract, documents of military service, and an expert accounting report on the consultancy. The report confirmed that the firm had not only failed to provide the feasibility study but also had not refunded the claimant. Despite being summoned, neither the consultancy nor its representatives appeared in court.

The court highlighted the obligations of both parties under Bahraini law, noting that while the creditor must demonstrate the existence of a debt, the debtor must prove they have fulfilled their obligations. Citing Article 140 of the Civil Code, the court stated that if one party fails to meet its obligations after a formal reminder, the other party may seek either performance or cancellation of the contract, along with justifiable compensation.

As a result, the court annulled the contract and ordered the consultancy to refund the claimant the BD 2,500, as well as cover expert fees of BD 100 and legal expenses of BD 50. This ruling underscores the importance of accountability in contractual agreements and the potential repercussions for firms that fail to uphold their commitments.

## Tender Board gets competitive bids for Hamad Town Walkway

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During its recent session, the Tender Board announced bids for 11 tenders on behalf of various government entities. In total, 64 proposals were submitted, vying to offer competitive rates across a range of services.

The lowest bids collectively amounted to around 3.8 million dinars, indicating a robust competition among companies eager to deliver quality services at attractive prices.

The Social Insurance Organisation (SIO) called for a tender related to debt and arrears collection, with two firms entering bids. Twinkle Debt Collection put forth an offer of 5,500 dinars.

Meanwhile, the Ministry of



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Health sought tenders for renting pickup vehicles aimed at small and medium enterprises

(SMEs), with two companies responding. Go Easy Car Rental presented the lowest bid of

162,624 dinars.

Gulf Air Group requested offers for the supply of cleaning machines, spare parts, consumables, and maintenance services at Bahrain International Airport. Four companies participated, with the most competitive bid coming from Mahmood Akbar Alireza at 890,611 dinars. Additionally, the group opened another tender for security services, which attracted ten bidders, the lowest being Delta Security Services Co at 27,344 dinars.

The Electricity and Water Authority issued two tenders. The first was for the procurement of ductile iron pipes, fittings, and valves, which saw four companies vying for the contract. The most favourable bid was 1,983,688 dinars from

United Enterprises Trading Co. The second tender aimed at corrective maintenance, planned preventive maintenance, and emergency repairs for the water boosting stations, with the lowest bid standing at 47,641 dinars from Comsip Al A Ali.

A tender was also opened for the Ministry of Works to replace VIP and passenger lifts in Block No. 4 at the Ministry of Works Headquarters Compound in Hooraa. The most competitive bid came from Gulf Integrated Vertical Solutions at 44,263 dinars.

The Labour Market Regulatory Authority sought bids for internal audit services, which saw seven companies competing, with the lowest bid recorded at 44,000 dinars from Baker

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Additionally, the Northern Municipal Council requested offers for the development of the Hamad Town walkway. Eight companies participated, with Al Zaid Construction submitting the lowest bid of 38,681 dinars.

Lastly, the Civil Service Bureau sought proposals for consulting services to enhance its strategy, with two companies taking part. The most competitive offer was from KPMG Consulting W.L.L, amounting to 561,550 dinars.

The Information and eGovernment Authority also sought bids for wall-mounted surveillance screens, with 13 companies competing. The lowest bid was offered by Security Core W.L.L, at 15,672 dinars.

## Proposed expansion at East Hidd aims to ease congestion

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The Ministry of Works has initiated discussions with the Muharraq Municipal Council regarding a proposal to expand the entrance to East Hidd at the intersection of Dry Dock Highway and Avenue 12.

A recent traffic and planning study has indicated that this expansion aligns seamlessly with the broader road sector plan, aiming to increase the storage lane for vehicles turning east.

However, the ministry has raised concerns about potential challenges associated with the presence of underground



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utilities and electrical cables in the area. Ongoing coordination efforts with the relevant author-

ities are underway to resolve these conflicts. The project's implementation will depend

on obtaining the necessary approvals, as well as ensuring technical readiness and the al-

location of financial resources. This proposed expansion goes beyond mere administrative ac-

tion; it signifies a response to the growing demands on the region's infrastructure. Local authorities have expressed concerns about the increasing volume of vehicles, underscoring the urgent need for enhancements to accommodate this growth.

Additionally, stakeholders are being encouraged to provide feedback, ensuring that community needs are adequately considered. This initiative reflects the government's commitment to improving infrastructure and addressing the pressing challenges of urban mobility in Bahrain, demonstrating a comprehensive understanding of the city's evolving dynamics.

# US, India to cooperate on critical minerals

AFP | Washington, United States

The United States and India are set to work together on supply chains for critical minerals that are key to clean energy technologies, the US Commerce Department said Thursday in a statement.

US Commerce Secretary Gina Raimondo and India's Minister of Commerce and Industry Piyush Goyal met in the US capital Washington on Thursday, inking a deal to "expand and diversify" critical mineral supply lines.

The aim of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is to increase resilience in the critical minerals sector, said the statement.

Both sides will also identify ways to facilitate "commercial development of US and Indian critical minerals exploration, extraction, processing and refining, recycling, and recovery,"



Union commerce and industry minister Piyush Goyal exchanges MoUs with US secretary of commerce Gina Raimondo at the 6th India-US Commercial Dialogue in Washington DC on Thursday.

the statement added.

Rare earth elements and minerals are increasingly important

given their use in clean energy technologies like batteries for electric cars.

But the United States is set to face gaps in supplies when it comes to meeting projected demand for Electric Vehicles (EVs).

China is a major player in the critical minerals supply chain.

The United States and India also pledged Thursday to collaborate in the area of semiconductors.

"We will continue to expand cooperation in new areas and strengthen existing ones by capitalising on the immense opportunities for India-US trade and commercial partnership," Goyal said in a post on social media platform X.

Last year, the United States and Japan reached an agreement on trade in critical minerals, seeking to reinforce supply chains in the face of China's dominance.

The US-Japan deal included commitments not to impose export duties on critical minerals shipped bilaterally.

## Tamkeen's support for "Amana Healthcare" will provide hundreds of job opportunities



The deal signing  
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The Labour Fund "Tamkeen" has announced its collaboration with Amana Healthcare to attract top talent to Bahrain to deliver specialized rehabilitation and long-term care services for individuals with complex medical needs. This collaboration will create promising job opportunities for Bahrainis and strengthen the Kingdom's position as a growing hub for specialized healthcare services.

As part of this initiative, a Recruitment Day will take place on 12 October 2024 in Manama to recruit the Kingdom's most skilled local professionals to join Amana Healthcare's team. Qualified candidates may register online by 8 October at amanahhealthcarebh.com for various positions including doctors, nurses, physical therapists, nutritionists, and administrative staff.

Tamkeen's support for Amana Healthcare is aligned with its strategic priorities focused on economic impact under three pillars: increasing economic participation through employment, career development opportunities for local talent in the private sector, and supporting private sector enterprises to be the engine of economic growth.

Commenting on the collaboration, Her Excellency Ms. Maha Abdulhameed Mofeez, Chief Executive of Tamkeen, said: "Tamkeen's support for

Amana Healthcare is a continuation of our ongoing efforts to support the growing healthcare sector, which currently employs more than 15,800 Bahrainis across various roles and specialties. We are proud to collaborate with Amana Healthcare for its prominent role in providing integrated services and improving the quality of healthcare in line with the highest global standards."

Amana Healthcare, part of the M42 group, an Abu Dhabi-based tech-enabled global health powerhouse, will launch the new specialized facility in partnership with Mumtalakat in 2025. Amana Healthcare features state-of-the-art facilities and aims to reduce the pressure on hospitals caused by long-term medical patients.

Dr. Mohamed AlSaati, Acting CEO of M42 Bahrain and CEO of Amana Healthcare in Bahrain highlighted that bringing M42's world-class tried and tested model for complex long-term and post-acute rehabilitation services to Bahrain for the first time, will positively impact local communities and create highly skilled jobs for Bahrainis. He said: "We're committed to enhancing and transforming the healthcare infrastructure in Bahrain by hiring, training, and developing the very best Bahraini talent, including nurses, doctors, technicians, and support staff."



Despite their name, many rare earth elements are actually quite abundant in the Earth's crust. For example, cerium is more common than copper! However, they are called "rare" because they are rarely found in economically exploitable concentrations. This rarity in terms of economic viability has led to significant geopolitical tensions, as countries compete for access to these critical materials, which are essential for producing high-tech products like smartphones, electric vehicles, and renewable energy technologies.



## Oil extends gains, jobs report lifts Wall Street

London, United Kingdom

Oil prices rose further Friday on fears Israel could strike Iranian crude facilities, while global stock markets mostly advanced on signs of continued strength in the US economy.

The US economy added

**Key figures around 1540 GMT**

**Brent North Sea Crude: UP 0.8% at \$78.21 per barrel**

**West Texas Intermediate: UP 0.8% at \$74.26 per barrel**

254,000 jobs last month -- more than August, which itself was revised higher -- way above expectations. The unemployment rate fell to 4.1 percent.

The Dow was little changed in late morning trading, while the wider S&P and the tech-heavy Nasdaq inched higher.

In Europe, London ended the day flat, with Paris and Frankfurt closing higher.

Crude prices rocketed around five percent Thursday when US President Joe Biden said he was "discussing" possible Israeli strikes on Iranian oil sites in retaliation for Tehran's barrage.

## Sustainable Development Ministry announce financial inclusion challenge winner

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Mastercard and Bahrain's Ministry of Sustainable Development have announced the winner of "The Mastercard Challenge on Financial Inclusion for the SDGs" during Bahrain Fintech Forward 2024, held at Exhibition World Bahrain.

The winning solution, "Hayat," developed by Ahmed Alawadhi and Marya Alabbasi from the Bahrain Institute of Banking and Finance (BIBF) and Matia Ahmed from Bahrain Polytechnic, is a carbon offsetting platform aimed at enhancing climate mitigation efforts through partnerships and community involvement.

The challenge saw five finalist solutions addressing key financial inclusion challenges contributing to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The final event was attended by Noor bint Ali Al Khulaif, Minister of Sustainable Development and Chief Executive of the Bahrain Economic Development Board, and Rawan bint Najeeb Tawfiqi, Minister of Youth, alongside industry experts.



In pictures, the Bahrain Fintech Forward 2024, held at Exhibition World Bahrain.

The judging panel included Shamina Singh, Founder and President of Mastercard's Center for Inclusive Growth, and Shaikh Mohamed bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, CEO of Beyon Digital. The solutions were evaluated based on innovation, feasibility, impact, and alignment with the SDGs. The "Hayat" team was awarded a visit to Mastercard's EEMEA Headquarters in Dubai, a complimentary enrolment in an NFT Decoded course at the Mastercard Academy, and a

three-month paid internship at the BENEFIT Company. The team will also have access to support tools through Startup Bahrain, including resources from partners such as Reboot, Zoho, Freshworks, Ordable, and HyperGrowth, to further scale their solution.

Noor bint Ali Al Khulaif emphasised the importance of initiatives like the Mastercard Challenge, which provide young people with opportunities to develop practical solutions us-

ing financial inclusion as a key enabler for a more sustainable future. She noted that equipping youth with skills such as data analytics and artificial intelligence strengthens Bahrain's role as a regional leader in the financial sector. She also highlighted the value of public-private partnerships, such as this collaboration with Mastercard, in fostering innovation and empowering young talent. Shamina Singh, Founder and President of the Mastercard Center for Inclusive Growth,



expressed her pride in the creativity and commitment shown by the students.

She highlighted Mastercard's commitment to digital inclusion and fostering sustainable growth, adding that this platform provided young leaders with opportunities to showcase their potential and contribute to a more sustainable future.

The Mastercard Challenge was a collaboration between Mastercard, the Ministry of Sustainable Development,

Tamkeen, BENEFIT, and Startup Bahrain. Finalists were selected from an initial pool of participants and underwent an intensive three-week summer bootcamp, including mentorship sessions with industry experts.

The event showcased the innovative potential of Bahrain's youth, underlining the nation's commitment to empowering emerging talent with the tools, resources, and support to create impactful solutions for a more inclusive and sustainable future.



News in brief

Philippine court says top Marcos aide not guilty of graft

Veteran Philippine politician Juan Ponce Enrile, a top aide of President Ferdinand Marcos Jr., was yesterday acquitted of charges he plundered three million dollars from state coffers, a court ruling showed. The former senator and ex-defence minister, now 100 and one of the country's most prominent politicians, was declared not guilty of the crime of plunder, defined as large-scale corruption, after a trial lasting 10 years. Prosecutors had alleged he allegedly diverted to ghost projects, a crime punishable by life imprisonment.

Workers removed felled trees and swept up shattered glass in southern Taiwan yesterday as Typhoon Krathon was downgraded to a tropical depression after killing two and injuring hundreds. The Central Weather Administration (CWA) lifted its typhoon warning early yesterday as the storm slowly dissipated after slamming into the island the day before, bringing mudslides, flooding and destructive winds. Across the island, two people were killed, one went missing and more than 600 were reported injured, with more than 100,000 homes still without power as of yesterday.

Taiwan cleans up after Typhoon Krathon batters south

Heavy rains that flooded towns and touched off landslides left at least 14 people dead in Bosnia yesterday, authorities said. Jablanica, some 70 kilometres (43 miles) southwest of Sarajevo, appeared to bear the brunt of the downpours, which cut it off from the outside world. Photos on local media from the Jablanica region showed mudslides coming up to roofs of houses and a mosque with only its minaret sticking out. A photo, published by regional railways authorities, showed a 200-metre (656-foot) section of a railway track suspended in mid-air after water triggered a massive landslide.



SPOTLIGHT

UN council backs Guterres after Israel deems him 'persona non grata'



Antonio Guterres AFP | New York

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US, UK strike Yemen rebel targets

Airstrikes target Sanaa, Hodeida in response to Huthi attacks on Red Sea shipping

Strikes target Sanaa, Hodeida, Dhamar, and Mukayras

Houthis claim recent drone attack on Tel Aviv

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AFP | Sanaa

Strikes by the United States and Britain targeted four rebel-run provinces in Yemen, including the capital Sanaa and the port city of Hodeida, according to the Huthi-run Al Masirah television network.

Al Masirah reported four strikes on Sanaa and seven on Hodeida, with AFP correspondents hearing loud explosions in both cities.

At least one strike hit Dhamar, south of the capital, and Mukayras, southeast of Sanaa, Al Masirah said.

There was no immediate comment from the United States or Britain and Al Masirah did not elaborate on any damage or casualties.

The US and Britain have repeatedly struck Huthi targets in Yemen since January in response to attacks by the rebels on shipping in the Red Sea and the Gulf of Aden.



A picture shows a view of the destruction at a power station at the port in Yemen's rebel-held Hodeida city

The rebels say the strikes, which have disrupted maritime traffic in a globally important waterway, target vessels linked to Israel and are intended to signal solidarity with Palestinians during the Gaza war.

The latest strikes came a day after the rebels said they carried out a drone attack on Tel Aviv. The Israeli military said it intercepted "a suspicious aerial target" off central Israel overnight, without giving further details.

On Wednesday, the Huthis said they had fired cruise missiles at Israel, following Iran's mass bombardment of the country the night before.

The day before, the Huthis damaged two ships in separate attacks off Yemen's coast.

One ship was hit by a marine drone, puncturing a ballast tank, while a second vessel was damaged by a missile less than three hours later, the United Kingdom Maritime Trade Operations (UK-MTO) said.

The Huthis, who have controlled large swathes of war-torn Yemen for a decade, are part of Iran's "axis of resistance" against Israel and the United States.

The latest strikes came as thousands took to the streets of the capital Sanaa to express solidarity with Palestinians and Lebanese amid attacks by Israel.

"The aggression on the capital and Yemeni governorates after the...solidarity marches with Lebanon and Gaza is a desperate attempt to terrorise our people," Huthi official Hashem Sharaf al-Din told Al Masirah.

"Yemen will not be deterred by these attacks and will continue its steadfastness in confronting the enemies with all its strength."

Iran says its allies 'will not back down' in war with Israel

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Biden says Israel should seek 'other alternatives' to striking Iran oil sites



U.S. President Joe Biden speaks to the press

Washington, United States

President Joe Biden yesterday urged Israel against striking Iran's oil facilities, a day after he said the United States was discussing the possibility of such strikes with its ally.

"If I were in their shoes, I'd be thinking about other alternatives than striking oil fields," Biden told reporters.

He said the United States was working to rally the international community to avoid all-out war in the Middle East.

"The main thing we can do is try to rally the rest of the world and our allies into participating... to tamp this down," he told reporters.

Reports aspd said tie US forces carried out strikes on 15 targets yesterday in areas of Yemen controlled by the Huthi rebels, the military said.

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Southeast US reels as storm Helene death toll passes 210



US President Joe Biden participates in a tour and briefing of an area affected by Hurricane Helene in Keaton Beach, Florida

AFP | Asheville

More than 210 people are now confirmed dead after Hurricane Helene carved a path of destruction through several US states, officials said Thursday, making it the second deadliest storm to hit the US mainland in more than half a century.

US President Joe Biden made his second straight day of visits to the country's southeast to grieve with residents of a region traumatized by a disaster that has upended life for millions.

The storm flooded towns and cities, made countless roads impassable, knocked out power and water service, and left communities shell-shocked as they grapple with the start of a years-long recovery effort.

A compilation of official figures by AFP confirms 212 fatalities across North and South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Tennessee and Virginia.

More than half of the deaths were in flood-ravaged North Carolina, which is experiencing an unprecedented disaster described by some as post-apocalyptic.

"I see you, I hear you, I grieve with you -- and I promise you, we have your back," Biden said during a stop at a damaged pecan farm in Ray City, Georgia.

Helene is the deadliest hurricane to hit the US mainland since 2005's Katrina, which killed 1,392 people.

Despite hundreds of rescues across six states and an enormous response including thousands of federal personnel and thousands more National Guard members and active-duty troops assisting local responders, the death toll from the sprawling storm is expected

to rise. Many residents are still unaccounted for in a mountainous region known for its pockets of isolation.

"We are continuing to find survivors," North Carolina's Buncombe County, the epicenter of the tragedy where more than 70 people are confirmed dead, said in its latest update, adding there are residents still cut off from the outside world due to landslides and destroyed bridges.

In Asheville, a city of about 100,000 at the foot of picturesque mountains, and popular with tourists, thick mud covers streets. Buildings and other structures along riverbanks have been washed away.

Authorities are pursuing their desperate search for survivors in remote areas, while downtown, restaurants and aid groups are providing free food and water. Repair crews are struggling to restore power to hundreds of thousands of customers still without electricity.

In the nearby town of Swannanoa, neighbors bound together in misery or despair were looking after one another, cleaning up roads, fixing power lines, distributing gas and sharing meals.



Hurricane Helene is now the second deadliest storm to hit the US mainland in over half a century, surpassing the death toll of many recent hurricanes, with only Hurricane Katrina in 2005 being deadlier, claiming 1,392 lives

Japan PM warns 'today's Ukraine could be tomorrow's East Asia'

AFP | Tokyo



Japan's new Prime Minister Shigeru Ishiba delivers his inaugural policy address

Japan's new Prime Minister Shigeru Ishiba warned in his first policy speech yesterday that "today's Ukraine could be tomorrow's East Asia" while also dubbing the country's low birth rate a "quiet emergency."

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SHIGERU ISHIBA

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TOP 4 TWEETS

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If I bring up Trump in LA, people react like they got shot with a dart containing rabies and crystal meth

@elonmusk

02



My government has committed to funding groundbreaking carbon capture technology to help deliver jobs, kick-start growth and repair our country once and for all. We are reigniting our industrial heartlands by investing in the industry of the future.

@Keir\_Starmer

03



During #UNGA79, we talked about how the @WorldBank is transforming into a Better Bank, our goal to provide at least 300 million people in Africa with electricity access by 2030 (#Mission300), and how a strong #IDA replenishment can support children and young people.

@AxelVTVB

04



Great news for American workers and families: Today, we learned our economy gained over 250,000 new jobs in September and unemployment is back down at 4.1%. With today's report, we've created 16 million jobs, unemployment remains low, and wages are growing faster than prices.

@POTUS

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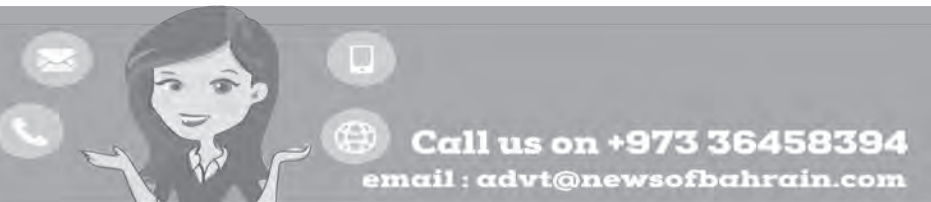
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# Muchova stuns Sabalenka in Beijing

Czech player upsets world number two in China Open quarter-finals, faces Zheng next

● **Muchova defeats Sabalenka 7-6, 2-6, 6-4**

● **Zheng overcomes emotional Andreeva 5-7, 6-0, 6-4**

● **Gauff to face Badosa in other semi-final**

AFP | Beijing

**K**arolina Muchova ended top seed Aryna Sabalenka's 15-match winning run yesterday to set up a China Open semi-final against Olympic champion Zheng Qinwen.

The unseeded Muchova beat the world number two 7-6 (7/5), 2-6, 6-4 in Beijing and said: "Tennis is a roller-coaster."

In another topsy-turvy quarter-final, home hero Zheng fought back to defeat Mirra Andreeva 5-7, 6-0, 6-4, with the 17-year-old Russian reduced to tears in the third set.

Last year's US Open champion Coco Gauff plays Spain's former world number two Paula Badosa in the other semi-final.

Sabalenka's streak of victories saw her claim titles in Cincinnati



Czech Republic's Karolina Muchova (R) shakes hands after winning against Belarus's Aryna Sabalenka

and then the US Open for the first time.

The Belarusian previously had trouble though with Muchova, the Czech who is now ranked 49 but this time last year was inside the top 10 before injury struck.

US Open semi-finalist Muchova had won the last two meetings between them with both going to a deciding third set.

This encounter proved to be just as tight as Sabalenka's hopes of usurping Iga Swiatek at the

top of the rankings took a hit, having been up 4-2 in the deciding set and seemingly on course for the semi-finals.

"The conditions here are so tough, it can go one way or the other. There was a couple of great returns from her, she got the momentum and started playing more aggressively," said Sabalenka, who will play at the Wuhan Open next week.

"It was a really high-level match and she played some un-

believable tennis."

Three-time major champion Sabalenka had set point on Muchova's serve at 5-4 in the first set but surrendered the opportunity when she rattled her forehand wide on the Czech's second serve.

Muchova double-faulted to give Sabalenka another chance to wrap up the first set but again she failed to take it.

The Czech had two set points in the tiebreak and grabbed the



**Muchova, ranked 49th, was in the world's top 10 last year before injury and surgery sidelined her for nearly 10 months. Her comeback and victory over Sabalenka showcase a remarkable return to form**

second at the end of a thrilling rally to go a set up.

Sabalenka started the second brightly to break for 2-1 and broke once more on the way to sealing the set with comparative ease.

Neither could hold serve in the deciding set before Muchova, who at one point had appeared to be wilting in the face of her opponent's superior power, found another gear to clinch the match in two hours, 46 minutes.

This time last year 28-year-old

Muchova was ranked ninth in the world having reached the French Open final and semi-finals at Flushing Meadows.

But her 2023 season ended after the US Open because of wrist surgery and she did not play for nearly 10 months until returning this summer.

**Andreeva in tears**

In front of an expectant packed house at the 15,000-capacity Diamond Court, Andreeva silenced the home crowd and fought off a fightback from Zheng to win the first set.

The second set was all Zheng, the world number seven who is playing her first tournament back home in China since winning Paris gold.

The occasion seemed to get to the teenage Russian, who had tears in her eyes as she served at the start of the deciding set.

At 3-2 up the 22nd-ranked Russian had a medical timeout and was tearful again as she had strapping applied to her left wrist.

She recovered her poise for 4-2 but Zheng rattled off three games in a row and served for the match, sealing the triumph on first match point when Andreeva's return drifted beyond the baseline.

## Maguire spares Man Utd's blushes in Europe as Chelsea, Tottenham win

● **Man Utd came from behind to draw 3-3 at Porto**

● **Chelsea won their first-ever Conference League match**

● **Tottenham maintained their 100% start in the Europa League**

AFP | London

**H**arry Maguire struck in the 91st minute to spare Manchester United's blushes as they rescued a 3-3 draw at Porto in the Europa League on Thursday, while Chelsea kickstarted their Conference League campaign with a home win.

Tottenham maintained their 100 percent start in the Europa League at Ferencvaros but Serie A side Roma went down 1-0 in Sweden against Elfsborg.

The beleaguered Erik ten Hag's Man United made a blis-

tering start in Porto with goals from Marcus Rashford and Rasmus Hojlund firing them into a 2-0 lead in the opening 20 minutes.

But Pepe pulled one back for the hosts on 27 minutes before a brace by Samu Omorodion either side of the break flipped the game on its head.

Bruno Fernandes was given his marching orders for a high boot with nine minutes remaining and United seemed to be heading to a second defeat in a week after losing their skipper to another red card.

But Maguire popped up in injury time to head in from a corner and grab the Manchester club their second draw in two Europa League outings this term and relieve some of

the pressure on Ten Hag.

"I don't judge us in this moment. Judge us at the end of the season,"

Ten Hag told TNT Sports.

"We are in the process. Just wait. We have to develop this

**"I don't judge us in this moment. Judge us at the end of the season. We are in the process. Just wait. We have to develop this team. We will work and continue. We will fight"**

ERIK TEN HAG

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Chelsea marked their first-ever appearance in the Conference League with a 4-2 win over visiting Belgian side Gent.

Manager Enzo Maresca utilised his large squad, naming an entirely different starting XI to the one that played in the league at the weekend.

Renato Veiga headed Chelsea into the lead in the 12th minute, which Pedro Neto then doubled one minute after the interval.

Harry Maguire



## Chelsea not ready for Premier League title tilt, says Maresca

AFP | London

**E**nzo Maresca says Chelsea are not ready to compete with Manchester City and Arsenal for the Premier League title despite their impressive start to the season.

The Blues are fourth in the table and, with 15 goals, are the division's top scorers after winning four of their six league games under the Italian.

Cole Palmer, who scored four first-half goals against Brighton last week, is one of the form



Enzo Maresca

players in the top-flight.

Maresca demonstrated Chelsea's enviable strength in depth by fielding an entirely changed starting line-up for Thursday's 4-2 Europa Conference League win over Gent.

However, three months into his tenure, the former Leicester boss dismissed suggestions Chelsea could challenge the league's established top two and win a first title since 2017.

"I really don't think we can compete with City and Arsenal," he said. "I really think that, because we are not ready.

"The reason why is that City are working with the same manager for nine years, Arsenal for five years. It's something that if you want to compete for important things, you need that time."

Chelsea host Nottingham Forest on Sunday seeking their fourth league win in a row.

The mood around the club has been transformed since Forest's last visit to Stamford Bridge a year ago when they won 1-0 during a poor run for Chelsea, who ultimately finished sixth after a strong finish.

## Sinner not 'comfortable' as doping case clouds Shanghai campaign

AFP | Shanghai

**W**orld number one Jannik Sinner said yesterday he was not in a "comfortable" situation as his doping case dragged on, but insisted he felt ready for his first match at the Shanghai Masters.

Last week the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) said it would appeal a decision by tennis authorities to clear the Italian of wrongdoing after he twice tested positive for a steroid in March.

The 23-year-old fought through the controversy to reach the finals of the China Open in Beijing on Wednesday, where he lost to arch-rival Carlos Alcaraz.

"It's not in a situation where I feel comfortable in it, that's for sure, because I thought it was over... so it's not easy," said Sinner when asked at a press conference if the pressure of the appeal was affecting him.



Jannik Sinner

In August, the International Tennis Integrity Agency (ITIA) accepted Sinner's explanation that the drug entered his system unintentionally when his physiotherapist used a spray containing it to treat a cut, then provided massage and sports therapy to the player.

But WADA said last Saturday it had appealed and was seeking a ban of up to two years.

"I had three hearings, which went my way, which was good, but now let's see. But I'm very confident that it comes out very positively," Sinner said yesterday.

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# Guardiola defends City amid charges

Pep Guardiola pledges loyalty to Man City, trusts ownership amid financial misconduct allegations

● Guardiola vows to defend the club due to trust in owners and management

● Fans unveil banner urging Guardiola to extend his stay beyond 2024

● Guardiola declines to comment on his future contract situation

TDT | Manama

Pep Guardiola insists he will always defend Manchester City from accusations of financial misconduct because of his trust in the club's owners and his love affair with their fans.

City are fighting 115 charges relating to alleged breaches of Premier League financial rules in an ongoing hearing that has been labelled sport's "trial of the century".

The English champions deny any wrongdoing, claiming they have a "comprehensive body of irrefutable evidence" to clear their name as they battle to avoid a potential points deduction or even expulsion from the Premier League.



Manchester City's Spanish manager Pep Guardiola (C) and players celebrate with fans

A verdict from the independent commission is not expected until 2025, but Guardiola is repeatedly asked awkward questions about the case.

It is a challenge the 53-year-old is happy to handle because of his belief in City's Abu Dhabi-based owners and an unbreakable bond with the club he joined in 2016.

"I'm part of this club, deep inside of my bones. I am the manager, the person at the club who

talks more through all the media, to send messages to fans," Guardiola told reporters yesterday.

"And, of course I am going to defend my club, I trust them, the owner, the chairman, the CEO, and all the people working here, for many, many years.

"I know them quite well, much more than any of you. Of course there are situations in the eight and nine years, some of them expected, some of them more tough to deal with. No

complaints. You do what you have to do."

**'I felt so much love'**

Guardiola's rapport with City fans has become mutual during a golden era featuring six Premier League titles, the club's maiden Champions League crown and numerous other trophies.

As well as the silverware, Guardiola's steadfast defence of the club's reputation has struck a chord with supporters.

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PEP GUARDIOLA

One group of City fans have paid for a banner, with a message in Catalan asking Guardiola to extend his stay at the club, that will be unveiled during Saturday's home game against Fulham.

"They have to give me the bill so I can repay them for the banner. What can I say? Thank you so much. I felt so much love since the first day I came here," Guardiola said.

"I love this club and it will always be that way. It cannot be different from the way they treated me from day one."

But, pressed on whether he would fulfil the fans' wishes by signing an extension to a contract that expires at the end of this season, Guardiola refused to clarify his future plans.

"I said in the beginning. I am not going to talk about this subject. When it is going happen, it is going to happen," he said.

Aside from City's off-field is-

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Guardiola has led Manchester City to six Premier League titles and their first-ever Champions League win since joining in 2016

sues, Guardiola's biggest challenge this season could be navigating the demands of a grueling fixture schedule.

The revamped Champions League features two extra group games, while City are also due to play in the extended FIFA Club World Cup in the United States next year.

Responding angrily to FIFA's request that all teams play their strongest line-ups in the Club World Cup, Guardiola said: "We will go with all the squad. We don't go for one game right? I don't understand how this player is stronger than the other.

"Maybe the stronger player for them is in really bad conditions. I'm not going to tell them before which players will play. I will decide."

## Revenge for Medvedev, Tsitsipas at Shanghai Masters

AFP | Shanghai

Both Daniil Medvedev and Stefanos Tsitsipas served sweet revenge at the Shanghai Masters yesterday, vanquishing old foes in straight sets as they progressed through to the third round.

World number five Medvedev came from behind in both sets to beat Brazil's Thiago Seyboth Wild 7-5, 7-5, while Tsitsipas battled through a tight match against Japan's Kei Nishikori to win 7-6 (8/6), 6-4.

Medvedev and Seyboth Wild have only met once before, but it was memorable.

The Russian, then world number two, was unceremoniously ejected from the 2023 French Open by qualifier Seyboth Wild in the first round.

The tenacious Brazilian did not make it easy for Medvedev yesterday, setting the tone by breaking first to pull 1-3 ahead.

But Medvedev persevered, making up the gap and then getting a crucial break in the 11th game, before winning the set 7-5.



Russia's Daniil Medvedev (R) hits a return to Brazil's Thiago Seyboth Wild (L)

Seyboth Wild pulled ahead early in the second set too, but again Medvedev caught him and repeated his earlier feat.

"It was not easy," Medvedev said on court after the match. "Thiago played great... some shots were unbelievable."

"It was a very tough night and I'm very glad I was able to stay in it... and give him pressure."

**'Fighting spirit'**

Tsitsipas -- who suffered a shock defeat to Nishikori in Montreal in August -- said he

was happy with his own "great fighting spirit".

The Greek, once ranked third in the world, has slipped out of the ATP top 10 in recent months to now stand at 12th.

The loss in August to Nishikori, who is a former world number four but was ranked 576th at the beginning of the Montreal tournament, was followed swiftly by Tsitsipas dropping his father as coach after publicly criticising him.

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I can go out there and play a good match against (Nishikori)," the 26-year-old said yesterday.

The match was closely fought, with the first set ending with a nail-biting tiebreaker that could have gone either way.

"Being able to win (the tiebreaker), coming back and helping me win the first set was an important and critical moment," Tsitsipas told reporters after the match.

"Overcoming it was good, because it felt like I was able to restart now with a new mindset and it helped me get a bit of confidence."

## Under-fire Ten Hag 'together' with Man Utd hierarchy



Manchester United's coach Erik Ten Hag speaks to Marcus Rashford (R)

AFP | London

Erik ten Hag is adamant he still has the backing of Manchester United's hierarchy as the under-fire boss prepares for a crucial Premier League clash at Aston Villa.

Just three months after signing a contract extension, Ten Hag is fighting to save his job following a troubled start to the season.

Sunday's dismal 3-0 home defeat against Tottenham was compounded by a 3-3 draw at Porto in the Europa League on Thursday, with United needing Harry Maguire's goal in time added on to rescue a point after blowing a two-goal lead.

United are languishing in 13th place in the Premier League with only two wins from six games, just months

after an eighth-place finish that ranked as the club's worst since 1990.

Ten Hag's side did win the FA Cup last season after landing the League Cup a year earlier.

But, in the current climate around the Dutchman, a loss to Villa would be a major blow to his hopes of avoiding the sack in his third season at Old Trafford.

Asked if he felt there was patience within the United fanbase and hierarchy, Ten Hag said: "I'm not thinking about such issues because that is not a topic.

"We are in there together, the ownership, the leadership team, the staff. I appointed a new staff, we bought again new young players and we have to integrate them.

## Postecoglou relishes reunion with 'kindred spirit' Huerzeler

AFP | London

Ange Postecoglou joked yesterday that he had been forced to "palm off" enthusiastic Fabian Huerzeler when the now Brighton boss spent a day with

him at Tottenham last year.

The 31-year-old German, who was appointed in June, is the youngest-ever permanent manager of a Premier League team -- nearly half the age of the 59-year-old Postecoglou.

Huerzeler, who has impressed so far, will be hoping to put some of his insider knowledge to use on Sunday when Brighton host a Tottenham team one place above his side in the Premier League.



Ange Postecoglou