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**Turkey recalls envoy to Israel, 'writes off' Netanyahu**

Istanbul, Turkey

Turkey said yesterday it was recalling its ambassador to Israel and breaking off contacts with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu in protest at the bloodshed in Gaza.

Ankara announced the decisions on the eve of what promises to be a difficult visit to Turkey by US Secretary of State Antony Blinken.

The Turkish foreign ministry said ambassador Sakir Ozkan Torunlar was being recalled for consultations "in view of the unfolding humanitarian tragedy in Gaza caused by the continuing attacks by Israel against civilians, and Israel's refusal (to accept) a ceasefire".

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan separately told reporters that he held Netanyahu personally responsible for the growing civilian death toll in the Gaza Strip.

"Netanyahu is no longer someone we can talk to. We have written him off," Turkish media quoted Erdogan as saying.

**Ministry of Interior urges all to enable alerts on vital apps**

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The Ministry of Interior is urging both citizens and residents to activate notifications on three essential apps: "BeAware," "Tawasul," and "eTraffic."

The official statement was issued through the ministry's "X" platform, emphasising that these apps will play a crucial role in relaying instructions related to civil defence.

In collaboration with local telecommunications companies, the Ministry of Interior has conducted trials by sending test messages and notifications via the "BeAware Society" application in multiple languages, enhancing communication in emergency situations.

The primary goal of these text messages is to establish a direct line of communication with citizens and residents during emergencies, ensuring swift and efficient dissemination of critical information.



A man reacts as he carries a toddler into the Al-Shifa Hospital following the bombing by the Israeli military of a home in Gaza City's Mansura neighbourhood, in the eastern suburb of Shujaiya

**Gaza battle rages as Blinken faces anger**

● Israel says it has struck 12,000 targets across the Palestinian territory since October 7

● Hamas, says more than 9,480 Gazans, mostly women and children, have been killed

● At least 15 people were killed when Israel struck Al-Fakhura school, operated by UNRWA

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Israel battled into the fifth week yesterday of its war to crush Hamas, showing no signs of letting up even as US Secretary of State Antony Blinken faced a rising tide of anger in meetings with Arab foreign ministers.

Blinken reaffirmed US support for "humanitarian pauses" in the fighting in Gaza to ensure desperate civilians get help a day after Israel's hawkish Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu gave the idea short shrift.

Speaking at a news conference in Amman about sparing civilians and speeding up aid deliveries, the US top diplomat



US Secretary of State Antony Blinken (R) and Jordanian Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Ayman Safadi hold a press conference

**Will 'find and eliminate' Hamas Gaza chief, says Israel defence minister**

Tel Aviv, Israel

Defence Minister Yoav Gallant vowed Saturday that Israeli forces would "find and eliminate" Yahya Sinwar, the head of Palestinian militant group Hamas in the Gaza Strip. "We will find Sinwar and will eliminate him," Gallant told a

news conference.

"I tell the residents of Gaza - if you reach him before us, it will shorten the war." Israel said that Sinwar was a "dead man walking," and that he and the leader of the group's armed wing, Mohammed Deif, were the army's top targets.

said: "The United States believes that all of these efforts will be facilitated by humanitarian pauses."

Jordanian Foreign Minister Ayman Safadi called for all sides to work together to "stop a catastrophe that will haunt the region for generations".

The Israeli army said its troops had launched an operation in southern Gaza overnight, after deadly strikes hit an ambulance convoy and a

school-turned-refugee shelter in the besieged Palestinian enclave.

Blinken is due to make a two-day visit to Turkey from Sunday, during which he will "underscore the importance of protecting civilian lives in Israel and the Gaza Strip", the US State Department said.

Israeli army yesterday sent text messages to Gazans saying the territory's main north-south road would be open for three hours in the afternoon so people can evacuate.

A key focus of Blinken's visit to Israel on Friday was to convince Netanyahu to enact "humanitarian pauses".

Netanyahu said later, however, that he would not agree to a "temporary truce" with Hamas until the Islamist group releases more than 240 Israeli and foreign hostages it abducted during its October 7 attack.

Blinken began the day in Amman by holding talks with Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Mohammed bin Abdulrahman al-Thani of Qatar, a mediator in the conflict.

He also had meetings scheduled with the foreign ministers of Jordan, Egypt, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates.

The talks come amid mounting Arab anger over the civilian death toll from war, and increasing fears that the conflict could spread.



**HM to patronise Mara'ee 2023**

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The sixth edition of the Bahrain Animal Production Show (Mara'ee 2023) is set to commence on November 23, under the patronage of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa.

Wael bin Nasser Al Mubarak, the Minister of Municipalities Affairs and Agriculture, said the three-day event will welcome the public from 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM at the Bahrain International Endurance Village.

This year's edition serves as a platform for professionals in the animal sector and farm owners to showcase the latest advancements and technologies, along with presenting the finest global breeds of animal production.

The show will facilitate livestock and bird traders in displaying their products and livestock, and Mara'ee 2023 will also offer opportunities for marketing, advertising, and the exchange of experiences among exhibitors and producers.

**Don't pause Mideast de-escalation over war: UAE official**

Dubai, United Arab Emirates

Middle East powers should maintain their push to de-escalate the region through trade and economic ties despite the Israel-Hamas war, a senior United Arab Emirates official said yesterday.

According to UAE presidential adviser Anwar Gargash, countries should maintain that strategy even though the war is sending shockwaves.

"National actors are basically trying to use economics as a way to de-escalate tension," Gargash told the World Policy Conference in Abu Dhabi. "I think there is no reason why we should also veer away from that course of action."

Gargash said the war demonstrated that the UAE and others still had to "work together with other regional actors in order to ensure that regional stability is guaranteed". "But I think the other message is also (that) national plans have to move on. I don't think that national plans have to be on pause, because there will always be a major regional issue that will surprise us."

**BETTER YOU KNOW**

Blinken is due to visit Turkey today and tomorrow, but the State Department has yet to confirm a meeting with Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, although members of his entourage expect it.

# Enhancing Dental Care in Bahrain

450 participants in Bahrain International Dental Conference and Exhibition

● **Dr Showaiter unveils primary Health care centers' commitment to top-notch dental treatments**

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Dr. Lulwa Showaiter, CEO of Primary Health Care Centers, emphasized the commitment of primary health care centers to deliver top-notch oral and dental treatments during the eighth edition of the Bahrain International Dental Conference and Exhibition.

Speaking during the closing ceremony, she highlighted their focus on regular examinations, raising awareness, ed-



Participants during the conference

educating the public about best practices, and offering essential treatments.

Dr. Showaiter underscored dedication to regular check-ups, public awareness initiatives, educational outreach on best practices, and the delivery of

essential treatments. She also stressed the ongoing importance of their referral system for specialized dental cases, ensuring that patients in need of specific expertise receive accurate diagnoses and expert care.

Further, Dr Showaiter com-



mended the tireless efforts of the qualified medical team, emphasizing their work in providing preventive, curative, and awareness services to all members of society, contributing to the Kingdom of Bahrain's competitive position in the field of health

services.

Dr. Mohammed Shahda, Chairman of the Conference and Exhibition, spoke about the event's timing amid rising healthcare costs, complexities, and the growing prevalence of chronic diseases. He empha-

sized the crucial role of collaboration and communication among healthcare professionals, highlighting how such cooperation is essential to enhance the quality of healthcare services and ensure proper dental care delivery to patients.

Spanning three days, the Dental Conference aimed to establish an international platform for experts, doctors, and professionals to exchange knowledge and experiences. This edition marked a milestone, receiving accreditation for 20 continuing medical education hours from the NHRA. Notably, the organizers incorporated the colour pink into the event's visual identity for the first time to promote awareness about the importance of gum health maintenance and the prevention of gum diseases.

## Large crowd of fans flock to BIC for WEC pit walk, autograph session



Fans have memorabilia signed by WEC drivers in the autograph session

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A large crowd of fans attending this weekend's Bapco Energies 8 Hours of Bahrain at Bahrain International Circuit (BIC) enjoyed yesterday a World Endurance Championship (WEC) pit-lane walk and autograph session.

The race-goers got an up-close-and-personal look at the WEC teams and their cars in



The large crowd in the pit-lane walk

their respective garages and also got a chance to meet the championship's superstar drivers. They took pictures with them and had memorabilia signed.

The pit walk and autograph session are always well attended by motorsport enthusiasts in major international events at BIC, and they are fan favourites as they bring them closer to the heart of the sport.

## Police arrest man for stealing jewellery, cash from houses



Representative picture

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A 34-year-old man has been arrested by the Southern police on charges of stealing gold jewellery and money from two houses in the governorate.

The Southern Governorate Police Directorate reported that the individual is suspected of pilfering these valuables and cash from homes located in different areas within the governorate.

The suspect, whose nationality is withheld, was arrested based on a complaint lodged by the victims.

Cops said they formed a team and opened an investigation soon after receiving a report about the burglaries.

Police said they inspected both houses and gathered crucial information that led to the identification and subsequent arrest of the suspect.

Law enforcement successfully recovered the stolen items from the suspect's possession.

All necessary legal procedures have been executed, and the case has been forwarded to the Public Prosecution for further legal proceedings.

## This unique roundabout serves as a feathered Oasis!

Zahra Ayaz  
TDT | Manama

The term "extraordinary" hardly seems an exaggeration when describing this remarkable roundabout located in Um Al Hassam, Bahrain.

For, unlike the typical traffic roundabouts, this one serves as an exclusive haven for the Kingdom's feathered inhabitants - pigeons.

Crafted with stone cobbles, this unique roundabout has become a daily congregation point for pigeons and a source of delight for bird enthusiasts.



Unsurprisingly, this avian haven, nestled amidst bustling restaurants, has become a popular destination for bird lovers.

As the pigeons flutter and coo, the ground glistens with scattered seeds thoughtfully provided by local eateries.

Nearby residents eagerly join in by sprinkling grains, seeds, cereal crops,

and plant seeds, despite official warnings.

The community here generously shares leftover bread and seeds, serving as delightful treats for the avian residents.

It thus stands as a shining example of the Kingdom's reverence for animals and its harmonious coexistence with nature.

However, it's important to note that The Daily Tribune previously reported on a campaign launched by officials from the Muharraq Municipality.

This initiative discourages the feeding of animals in the streets and public spaces due to complaints from several locals about attracting pests and vermin.

Signs prohibiting such practices have been posted by the municipality, and fines of 300 BD are now imposed for non-compliance.

# Egyptian citizen's song highlights heartbreaking situation in Gaza

Zahra Ayaz  
TDT | Manama

In the midst of the ongoing crisis in Gaza, Egyptian citizens have found solace and expression through music. Amanda Abd El-Meguid, a clinical pharmacist by profession, recently penned a heartfelt song titled "Dreams turned to dust," aiming to shed light on the devastating realities faced by Palestinians in Gaza.

In an exclusive interview with The Daily Tribune, El-Meguid shared her motivation behind the song. She expressed deep sorrow and anguish after witnessing the haunting images of innocent lives torn apart by relentless violence and war.

"The song dedicated to Palestinians in Gaza was born out of the depths of my soul, shattered by the haunting images of innocent lives torn apart by the relentless violence and war," El-Meguid said. "Witnessing their suffering and the immense injustice they faced moved me deeply."

El-Meguid's song aims to evoke a profound sense of empathy and provoke a visceral-

al response from listeners. By confronting the brutal realities faced by the people of Gaza, she hopes to inspire action and unite humanity in the face of suffering.

"Through this song, I hope to evoke a deep sense of empathy and provoke a visceral response, forcing listeners to confront the brutal realities faced by the people of Gaza and the urgent need for humanity to unite in the face of suffering," El-Meguid added. "The feelings I aim to evoke include sadness, empathy, and a call for action to end the cycle of violence and protect the innocent lives caught in its grip."

El-Meguid firmly believes that music has the power to captivate listeners in ways that other forms of communication may not.

She emphasises that the universal language of music can evoke strong emotions, create empathy, and

foster a connection between the listener and the struggles faced by Palestinians in Gaza.

By raising awareness and sparking conversations, El-Meguid hopes to inspire action among those who may have been previously unaware or indifferent to the situation.

Acknowledging that there may be critics of her song and others who choose to express their support through music, El-Meguid remains resolute in her determination to stand in solidarity with Palestine.

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EL-MEGUID

others like her are prepared to face any criticism or hate, believing that their songs can be a powerful tool to amplify the voices of the oppressed and advocate for justice.

In a similar vein, reports have emerged of 25 exceptionally talented artists from the Middle East and North Africa coming together to create "Rajieen," a powerful anthem transcending borders.

The song embodies resilience and resistance in response to the ongoing crisis in Gaza and the unyielding struggle of the Palestinian people.

As artistic expressions continue to emerge from Egypt and the wider region, it is clear that music has become a vital medium to shed light on the plight of Palestinians in Gaza.

**25 artists from all over Middle East came together in one video**



## Discovering the *treasures of Gudaibiya*: A bargain hunter's paradise

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Bahrain boasts a wealth of exotic experiences, lively locales, and exciting events within its captivating landscape.

Still, if someone ask an expatriate to name a single place that one should not miss, while in the Kingdom.

He or she would say without a flinch. "Gudaibiya".

As for them, Gudaibiya is a hidden gem waiting to be explored. The indisputable fact is that long-term residents here often recommend this vibrant neighbourhood to newcomers seeking affordable ways to kickstart their new



life. Nestled along the streets of Gudaibiya, a plethora of shops beckon them, offering a diverse array of goods.

From second-hand electronic gadgets to furniture, and everything in between for your everyday needs, this bustling market has it all.

Working hours start early morning. However, to experience its true colour, one should visit in the evening hours. The real buzz begins in the late afternoon and continues until midnight.

Shopkeepers here say they get customers from near and far, all seeking quality items at half the price or even lower.

**But where do all these goods come from?**

After doing some rounds, a n-

swers came.

Many of the items found here are sourced from individuals returning to their home countries or those who unexpectedly lost their jobs and are eager to part with their belongings.

Some expatriates, who are leaving in a hurry find it challenging to transport their household items back home or to friends, leaving their priced possessions behind.

These left-behind items often find new life with the next tenants, who may choose to resell them in the market for a reasonable price.

All these items, end up here in Gudaibiya, looking for a new life.

Once expensive, but now budget-friendly, the offerings span a wide range, from kitchen utensils and stoves to bikes and various household appliances.

Common saying is that shoppers willing to invest some time exploring Gudaibiya's shops can discover remarkable deals.

Furthermore, the market is well-known for its priced selection of second-hand branded items, which attract a dedicated following.

Several told us: "Goods collected from American sailors from the nearby Juffair, such as textiles, suits, and shoes, tend to sell like hotcakes."

Even items like

beds and linens, occasionally obtained for free, find new owners in this lively marketplace.

However, despite all these, several others also find it a nuisance.

People also complained that despite warnings from municipal authorities to avoid obstructing public roads with merchandise displays, many shopkeepers here continue to operate as usual, creating a unique shopping experience in Gudaibiya that's hard to resist.

The fact, however, is that for bachelors and budget-conscious individuals, the shops in Gudaibiya are a lifeline, offering affordable solutions to meet their daily needs and aspirations, making it an essential destination for those looking to make the most of their time in Bahrain.



## CAPTAINS CORNER

Exercise  
is for  
everybody

## CAPTAIN MAHMOOD AL MAHMOOD

Now that the weather is getting noticeably cooler, we are seeing more and more people out walking in the walking paths that have been thoughtfully incorporated into our urban spaces by planners. These winter months till March are decidedly better to incorporate new exercise resolutions since the hot summer is waning at this time.

While I am happy to see people of all ages exercise, it is particularly good to note that women are now taking their health seriously. Once a taboo topic, outdoor exercise and organised physical activity classes for women have become quite accepted for women in Bahrain. Indeed, the Kingdom has a history of getting involved in women's athletic activities and has regularly fielded women's teams in local, regional and international competitions, performing to varying degrees of success.

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Women have brought back medals and glory to Bahrain from the Olympics and the Paralympics - Bahraini amputee and para-athlete, Shaikha Al Shaiba, who is a regular participant in the half-Ironman triathlons is a shining example.

Even if it is not for organised sports competitions, we owe it to our women to encourage and make available the facilities to help them exercise for good health. Not everybody wants to go to the gym to train but a well organised network of walking paths will always help even busy people to incorporate a daily 10,000 steps into their routine.

November is specially a good time to kickstart a new exercise resolution - after all, it is designated Diabetes Awareness Month in honour of the discovery of insulin's role in managing the condition and experts agree that just simple walking daily helps in controlling blood sugar and improve diabetic health. Bahrain has the unenviable reputation of being a Diabetes Hotspot in the GCC and obesity has reached epidemic proportions in our Kingdom. Let Bahraini women take up the task of seriously getting their families to embrace exercise as the route to good health and it will be their gift to our Kingdom!

(Captain Mahmood Al Mahmood is the Editor-in-Chief of The Daily Tribune and the President of the Arab-African Unity Organisation for Relief, Human Rights and Counterterrorism)

# Efforts underway to keep central markets cool

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The Capital Municipality is proactively implementing measures to optimize the performance of air conditioning units in central markets and key offices by establishing a weekly maintenance system.

This initiative covers the air conditioning systems in the Capital Municipality's main office, Tubli offices, Tubli store, Sitra market, Jidhafs market, and Manama Central Market.



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The project aims at guaranteeing the efficient operation of all air conditioning units, with special attention

to their operational hours and the thorough cleaning of air

outlets in various markets and buildings under the Municipality's jurisdiction to prevent any leaks. Through a tender process, the Municipality said it's committed to maintaining these systems by generating weekly reports on their status, particularly to identify and prevent any potential gas leaks.

The project is open for public participation through tender board. The deadline for filing bids is set for the 19th of this month, and bids should be accompanied by a BD500 bond valid for 15 days.

## Eateries and grocery stores on way in SMC

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Salmaniya Medical Complex plans to repurpose some of its areas into eateries and grocery stores for the benefit of patients, employees, and doctors. According to the Government Hospitals Authority, SMC is seeking lessees for three commercial spaces.

In a recently issued tender for prospective bidders, SMC is offering a 10-year lease for the operation of a café, a res-

taurant, and a grocery store. These spaces could also be utilized for other commercial activities, provided they align with the medical complex's mission.

SMC also envisions the possibility of subleasing the spaces to multiple tenants. The objective of the tender is to secure competitive bids for the development and utilization of the designated commercial areas.

The winning bidder is ex-

pected to fully equip and efficiently manage these spaces in line with the specified scope of work, terms, conditions, and requirements. This initiative aims to benefit Government Hospitals and cater to the needs of visitors to the medical complex.

Interested parties are encouraged to submit their bids before the deadline of December 20, 2023, along with a BD2,500 bond, valid for 190 days.



Founded in 1957 with an expansive bed capacity of around 1,200 beds, this facility stands as Kingdom's largest tertiary hospital. Offering secondary, tertiary, and emergency healthcare services, alongside specialised outpatient clinics, the hospital accommodates an average of 900-1,000 patients daily. With a dedicated team exceeding 2,000 professionals, including physicians, nurses, and support staff, it upholds its commitment to healthcare excellence.

## Waterfront transformation project in Capital

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A significant revitalisation effort is on the horizon for the waterfront areas within the Capital Municipality. This ambitious project encompasses the demolition of existing structures and the creation of new amenities, which will include playgrounds and cycle tracks.

The Works Ministry has taken the initiative to kickstart this project by releasing a tender, inviting potential bidders to participate. The project's scope is extensive and entails various components. Works include land-



Representative picture

scaping, boardwalks, running and cycle tracks, children's playgrounds, viewing stands, administrative and security buildings, guard houses, electrical substations, public toilets, car park-

ing facilities, street lighting, and an irrigation system among others.

Participation in the tender is limited to Grade "AA" Building Contractors currently registered with the Ministry of Works.

Those interested in taking up this project should submit their bids before the deadline on December 10, 2023, along with a BD5000 bond that remains valid for 180 days. The Works Ministry is offering a 36-month contract duration to complete the comprehensive transformation of the waterfront.

## Upgrade project announced for Wali Al Ahd to Mazarea Highway section



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The stretch between Wali Al Ahd and Mazarea Highway is slated for an upgrade as part of the rehabilitation of Zain Bin Omera Highway, according to the Ministry of Works

Works Ministry said it has initiated a project to enhance this section of the highway, inviting potential bidders to participate.

The project encompasses several works, including re-

constructing select segments of the road, milling the existing asphalt pavement to address cracks, removing and replacing damaged curbs and paving blocks, adjusting manhole covers as needed, filling in the verge, painting both new and existing curbs, and applying fresh road markings.

Contractors interested in undertaking this project are encouraged to submit their bids by the 15th of this month, accompanied by a BD1,000 bond, which will remain valid for 180 days.

## Ministry of Foreign Affairs seeks Air Cargo services



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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFA) is in the process of securing air cargo services for diplomatic purposes. These services will be utilized for shipping goods from the ministry to Bahrain's overseas missions.

With around 30 embassies and 115 diplomatic missions

worldwide, Bahrain maintains strong international relations.

In pursuit of these cargo services, MoFA has initiated a tender, inviting potential bidders to participate. Interested parties are encouraged to submit their bids before the deadline of November 21, 2023, along with a BD500 bond, which will remain valid for 180 days.

# US to lower barriers on 'too big to fail' label on firms

AFP | Washington, United States

US regulators voted Friday to undo rollbacks under the Trump administration that made it tougher to place certain financial companies under heightened supervision -- if they posed stability risks.

The decision came at a meeting of the Financial Stability Oversight Council (FSOC), a body created in the wake of the 2008 global financial crisis.

"Recent stresses in some financial sectors arising from the onset of the pandemic and the sudden failures of some regional banks underscore the continuing need to remain vigilant to threats," said Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen, who chairs the council, on Friday.

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TREASURY SECRETARY JANET YELLEN

Other FSOC members include the chairs of the Federal Reserve and Securities and Exchange Commission.

The latest move aims to "remove unwarranted hurdles" to

designating nonbank financial companies, imposed by 2019 guidance, said the council.

This means the companies would be subject to heightened government supervision.

Such firms that have been designated in the past include MetLife, Prudential Financial and General Electric Capital under the Obama administration.

Earlier rules called for the FSOC to undergo steps like a cost-benefit analysis and assess a company's likelihood of "material financial distress," before considering the firm for designation.

But such steps "unduly hamper" the council, said guidance released Friday.

They would also obstruct its ability to respond to financial stability risks in a timely man-

ner, the council added.

The latest guidance rolls back the definition of what constitutes a threat to US financial stability as well -- which under the 2019 rules required "severe damage on the broader economy."

"The Council has determined that this definition was overly restrictive" it said, adding that this clashed with its purpose of responding to emerging threats.

Massachusetts Democratic Senator Elizabeth Warren urged in a letter Thursday for the FSOC to "fully exercise its designation authority"

Nonbanks have expanded quickly and provide some 60 percent of all consumer and business credit, she said, warning of the risks non-bank mortgage lenders pose in particular.

## China investigates former top bank official

Beijing, China

A top official at one of China's biggest state-owned banks is under investigation for suspected corruption, the ruling Communist Party announced Saturday.

The party's top anti-corruption watchdog said Zhang Hongli was "suspected of serious disciplinary and legal violations", an official byword for alleged graft. Zhang previously served as the vice chief of the Industrial and Commercial Bank of China (ICBC), one of the world's largest banks.

China's President Xi Jinping has waged a sweeping campaign on deep-seated official corruption since coming to power a decade ago.



Mona Al-Moayyed, the CEO of Yousef Khalil Al-Moayyed Company, received the prestigious "Best Businesswomen in the Middle East" award at the second annual summit for women leaders in Dubai. The award ceremony, held in conjunction with the annual summit, recognized outstanding women leaders from diverse sectors. Al-Moayyed actively engaged in the summit's activities by presenting a discussion on "The Significance of Achieving Work-Life Balance in Personal and Professional Success."

## Zain Group releases 2023 Thought Leadership report

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Zain Group announced the publication of its latest annual Thought Leadership Report entitled, 'Building Inclusive Societies Through Connectivity'. The report was launched during GITEX Global



and Group CEO commented, "2023 in Dubai, UAE and highlights the various phases of connectivity that Zain has operated over four decades, and the profound impact this connectivity has had on society."

Bader Al-Kharafi, Zain Vice-Chairman

"Our 2023 Thought Leadership Report is inspiring by the story it tells of Zain's journey over its 40 years of dedication, commitment, and forging the road ahead on a path to providing state-of-the-art communications services across Zain markets ensuring that its products and services are inclusive, scalable and address the connectivity

needs and expectations of our stakeholders."

Zain's 'Building Inclusive Societies Through Connectivity' report charts the key milestones and achievements along Zain's long journey to providing meaningful connectivity to a growing number of communities, and categorizes the developments under seven main areas:

## NBB backs Bahrain Paralympic team

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The National Bank of Bahrain (NBB) recently supported the Bahrain Paralympic Team participating at the Hangzhou 2022 Asian Para Games.

The 4th edition of the Asian Games were initially scheduled to take place last year, but were postponed and held from 22nd to 28th October 2023 in Hangzhou, China.

The sponsorship was in partnership with the Bahrain



Paralympic Committee, which works to stimulate social transformation in the Kingdom and empower individuals with impairments to participate in sports at all levels.

The Bahraini athletes competed in a range of Para sports including discus throw, taekwondo, 100m and 400m races, shot put games and more, alongside 3000 participants from around the Asian continent.

## Bahrain Bourse to host "MEIRA" Annual Conference & Awards



Shaikh Khalifa, John Gollifer

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Bahrain Bourse (BHB) has announced that it will be hosting the Middle East Investor Relations Association (MEIRA) Annual Conference and Awards - MEIRA 2023: From ESG to Sustainable Capital Markets in collaboration with the Central Bank of Bahrain. The conference is scheduled to take place on November 13, 2023, at The Ritz-Carlton, Bahrain.

The conference features a diverse lineup of discussions and panels and will commence with a keynote speech by Abeer Al Saad, Executive Director of Financial Institutions Supervision at the Central Bank of Bahrain. High-level Panels include local, regional and global experts within the industry starting with a 'CEO Plenary: Spotlight on GCC Market' which will feature a group of distinguished CEO panelists, including Sh. Khalifa Bin Ebrahim Al Khalifa, CEO - Bahrain Bourse, Mohammed Al-Rumaihi, CEO - Saudi Exchange, Abdulla Alnuaimi, CEO - Abu Dhabi Securities Exchange, and AbdulAziz Al-Emadi, Acting CEO - Qatar Stock Exchange. The panel will explore

the GCC market's structure, growth potential, regulatory environment, and emerging trends, ESG landscape, and IR developments.

The conference will also attract other speakers from AlRamz Capital, Aluminium Bahrain (Alba), Bank ABC, Bapco Energies, Emirates NBD, FTI Consulting, First Abu Dhabi Bank, ISSB, Saudi Re, LSEG, LUMI, MSCI, Oxford Business Group, S&P Global, SICO BSC (c), Wamid, and much more.

Shaikh Khalifa bin Ebrahim Al-Khalifa, CEO of Bahrain Bourse, said, "The 2023 MEIRA Annual Conference and Awards hosted by Bahrain Bourse highlights the role capital markets play in promoting best practices in IR, promoting sustainable development, and encouraging further collaborative regional efforts to enhance and support ESG practices, all of which are in line with the Kingdom's Financial Services Sector Development Strategy."

John Gollifer, GM of MEIRA, commented: "The GCC capital markets are well-positioned for growth and development, and we are honored to partner with Bahrain Bourse, a pioneer in IR and ESG."

## BisB signs cooperation agreement with STC



The deal signing

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Bahrain Islamic Bank (BisB) has signed a cooperation agreement with STC, which aims to implement several initiatives that serve Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SME's).

Jawad Abdul Hadi Humaidan, Chief Corporate and institutional Banking Officer at BisB, said: "This partnership provides an added value to our customers in addition to the

simplified innovative financial solutions that we offer, which are designed to enable our SMEs and corporate customers to execute financial transactions digitally and in a matter of minutes."

Hesham Mustafa, Chief Business Officer at STC Bahrain, said: "We look forward to continue providing seamless digital and business solutions to drive economic growth, employment, and digital innovation in Bahrain."

## Qatar signs 27-year gas supply deal with Sinopec

Doha, Qatar

Qatar has agreed to supply Sinopec with natural gas for 27 years, the Gulf emirate's state-owned energy company said yesterday, its second such deal with the Chinese firm.

Doha will supply three million tonnes of gas a year under the deal, QatarEnergy said, an-

nouncing another agreement granting the Chinese oil giant for a further share of Qatar's North Field gas expansion project.

The expansion, which broke ground last month, contains the world's biggest natural gas reserves and extends under the Gulf into Iranian territory.

News in brief

Three dead after plane crashes in Australia bushfire fight



three brave souls working to help their fellow Australians have lost their lives in Queensland," Prime Minister Anthony Albanese posted on X.

◆ Three people were killed after a light aircraft crashed in remote northern

Australia yesterday while helping in the battle against bushfires, emergency services said. The plane went down near the outback town of McKinlay, more than 1,600 kilometres (1,000 miles) northwest of Queensland's state capital Brisbane. It was being used for fire mapping, authorities said, as more than a dozen fires continue to burn across the state. "Terribly sad that

Striking Bangladesh garment workers clashed with police yesterday near the capital as factories reopened in defiance of a protest campaign demanding a near-tripling of wages.

Bangladesh garment workers clash with police as factories reopen



Bangladesh's 3,500 garment factories account for around 85 percent of the South Asian country's \$55 billion annual exports, supplying many of the world's top names in fashion including Levi's, Zara and H&M. But conditions are dire for many of the sector's four million workers, the vast majority of whom are women whose monthly wages start at 8,300 taka (\$75)..

Guinean former dictator Camara recaptured after jailbreak: Army



◆ Guinean former dictator Moussa Dadis Camara has been recaptured and returned to prison the army and his lawyer said yesterday after an apparent jailbreak led by a heavily-armed commando. "Captain Moussa Dadis Camara has been found safe and sound and taken back to prison," an army spokesperson said, without specifying the circumstances of the capture.

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'Friends' star Matthew Perry laid to rest in Los Angeles: media

AFP | Los Angeles

American actor Matthew Perry of the hit sitcom "Friends" was laid to rest at a Los Angeles cemetery on Friday during a private funeral attended by family and co-stars, US media reported.



Matthew Perry

The 54-year-old, known for his role as Chandler Bing in "Friends," which aired from 1994-2004, was found dead on October 28.

"The service was held at Forest Lawn Memorial Park in Los Angeles near Warner Bros. Studios," People reported, citing an unidentified source. It said the funeral service lasted around two hours.

Forest Lawn Memorial Park, a cemetery in the Hollywood Hills popular with celebrities, did not respond to AFP's request for confirmation.

Several other US media outlets, including celebrity news website TMZ, also reported that Perry was laid to rest at a low-key funeral attended by castmates Jennifer Aniston, Courteney Cox, David

Schwimmer, Matt LeBlanc and Lisa Kudrow.

"We are all so utterly devastated by the loss of Matthew. We were more than just cast mates. We are a family," his five co-stars said in a statement shortly after his death.

Perry's mother, father and stepfather also attended, according to the media reports.

The cause of Perry's death is not yet known. An initial post-mortem examination was inconclusive and the results of toxicology tests have not yet been released.

TMZ cited sources saying that no illicit drugs were found at his home, although several medications were discovered including antidepressants and anxiety medication.



People stand in line to pay tribute to actor Matthew Perry outside the apartment building which was used as the exterior shot in the TV show "Friends" in New York

Hamas health ministry says 15 killed at Gaza UN school in Israeli strike

AFP | Gaza

The health ministry in Hamas-run Gaza said at least 15 people were killed yesterday when a UN school sheltering thousands of displaced Palestinians was hit by an Israeli strike.

"The massacre at the Al-Fakhura school committed by the occupation (Israel) this morning left 15 martyrs and 70 wounded," ministry spokesman Ashraf al-Qudra told a press conference.

The United Nations agency for Palestinian refugees said its school is being used as a "shelter



Palestinian search through the rubble of a collapsed building looking for victims and survivors following a strike by the Israeli military on Khan Yunis

for displaced families".

"At least one strike hit the school yard where there were tents for displaced families. Another strike hit inside the school where women were baking bread," UNRWA said.

There was no immediate comment from the Israeli military about hitting the school in Jabalia refugee camp, and AFP was unable to independently confirm the toll.

On Thursday, UNRWA said four of its schools in the Gaza Strip housing people displaced by the war had been damaged by bombings.

Blinken to visit Turkey after Israel, Jordan: statement

AFP | Amman

US Secretary of State Antony Blinken will visit Turkey for two days from Sunday as part of a Middle East tour amid the Hamas-Israel war, the State Department said.

Blinken was meeting with Arab counterparts in the Jordanian capital Amman yesterday after visiting Israel the day before.

But he left Israel empty-handed on Friday after urging its leaders to do more to protect civilians in the Gaza Strip during Israel's war to destroy Hamas.

In Turkey, Blinken would "underscore the importance of



US Secretary of State Antony Blinken (R) walks next to UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) Commissioner-General Philippe Lazzarini in Amman

protecting civilian lives in Israel and the Gaza Strip", the US State Department said in a statement yesterday.

He would also discuss "our shared commitment to facilitating the increased, sustained delivery of life-saving humanitarian assistance to civilians in Gaza" as well as ensuring Palestinians are not forcibly displaced outside of Gaza".

He would also discuss ways to "stem violence, calm rhetoric, reduce regional tensions" as well as working towards a "durable and sustainable peace in the Middle East, to include the establishment of a Palestinian state".

UN rights chief slams hatred surge sparked by Gaza war

AFP | Geneva

The UN human rights chief yesterday strongly denounced the "sharp rise in hatred globally" since the war between Hamas and Israel began on October 7.

Volker Turk said he was "disgusted" by the surge in cases of anti-Semitism, Islamophobia and other hate-speech, both online and offline.

"The impact of this crisis... has sent shockwaves across every region, dehumanising both Palestinians and

Jews," Turk said.

"We have witnessed a sharp spike in hate speech, violence and discrimination, deepening social fractures and polarisation... I have heard from both Jews and Muslims that they don't feel safe, and it saddens me," he added.



Volker Turk

At least 157 dead in Nepal

A 5.6-magnitude earthquake devastates remote areas, causing loss of

The quake hit isolated western districts, jolting households awake and flattening mud houses

AFP | Jajarkot

At least 157 people were killed in an overnight earthquake that struck a remote pocket of Nepal, officials said yesterday, as security forces rushed to assist with rescue efforts.

The force of the 5.6-magnitude tremor jolted households awake and flattened mud houses in communities across isolated western districts of the Himalayan republic late Friday.

"There was a very big noise when the houses came down. It felt like a big explosion," Shiva Prasad Sharma, 65, told AFP from outside the destroyed remnants of his home in Jajarkot, the district hit worst by the quake.

"I thought we were going to die," he added. "No one has an-



Damaged houses lie in ruins, in the aftermath of an earthquake at Pipaldanda village of Jajarkot district

thing left. There are no houses left to stay in".

Locals frantically dug through rubble in the dark to pull survivors from the wreckage of collapsed homes and buildings, as others crouched outside for safety.

The quake was felt as far away as India's capital New Delhi, nearly 500 kilometres (310 miles) from the epicentre.

"The toll from the quake has reached 157 -- 105 in Jajarkot and 52 in Rukum," national police spokesman Kuber Kathayat told AFP.

Another 199 were injured in the quake, he added.

Home ministry spokesman Narayan Prasad Bhattarai said the toll was unlikely to significantly increase.

"We are now in touch with all

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Nepal lies on a major geological faultline where the Indian tectonic plate pushes up into the Eurasian plate, forming the Himalayas, and earthquakes are a regular occurrence

areas," he told AFP. "It is possible some bodies might still be found under the rubble."

Security forces were deployed on foot and in helicopters to assist with search and rescue operations.

"The remoteness of the districts makes it difficult for information to get through," Karnali Province police spokesman Gopal Chandra Bhattarai told AFP.

1492

Christopher Columbus learns how to grow and harvest maize (corn) from Cuba's indigenous population



1556

Second Battle of Panipat: Hindu Emperor of north India Hem Chandra Vikramaditya defeated by forces of Mughal Emperor Akbar, who captures and later beheads Hem Chandra

1937

Adolf Hitler informs his military leaders in a secret meeting of his intentions of going to war

1956

Britain and France land airborne forces at Port Said in Egypt, escalating the Suez Crisis

## Thousands march in London pro-Palestinian rally



Demonstrators take part in a protest inside Charing Cross station in London

AFP | London

Thousands of pro-Palestinian protesters gathered in London yesterday to call for a ceasefire in Gaza amid ongoing bombardments by Israel after the deadly Hamas attack on its territory on October 7.

It was the fourth consecutive week that the British capital was the venue for a large rally in support of Palestinians since the attack by Hamas last month.

At the rally, held in Trafalgar Square in central London, protesters waved Palestinian flags and held placards calling for an immediate ceasefire.

One group of protesters held a bundle of fabric, representing a dead baby killed during the Israeli bombing campaign.

Sama Dababneh, 26, a Jordanian business consultant who came to the rally with her Palestinian friends, said they were tired of the stream of upsetting images coming from Gaza.

"We came here to support the ceasefire," she said.

"We spend the whole week consuming the news and this is very draining, so this is our only form of outlet."

London's Metropolitan Police

estimate that around 30,000 attended the rally in central London yesterday.

The force said it had arrested 11 people, including one for displaying a placard that could incite hatred.

Pro-Palestinian groups say they are planning to march in Britain's capital yesterday November 11, Armistice Day, to demand an immediate ceasefire in the conflict between Israel and Hamas.

On Friday British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak said that planning protests for November 11, a day of remembrance for soldiers killed in the two world wars and subsequent conflicts, would be "provocative and disrespectful".

There was a clear and present risk that the Cenotaph and other war memorials could be desecrated in a protest, something which would "be an affront to the British public and the values we stand for," he said.

Dababneh said she would be one of those protesting on Armistice Day.

"I am coming for sure," she said.

"What is happening in Palestine shows that we didn't learn anything from what happened before."

## Ukraine's Zelensky denies war with Russia at 'stalemate'

AFP | Kyiv

President Volodymyr Zelensky denied yesterday that Ukraine's war with Russia had reached a "stalemate", pushing back at suggestions Western leaders were lobbying for peace talks.

The sprawling frontline between the two warring sides has barely moved in almost a year, with one senior Ukrainian official warning this week that the conflict was deadlocked.

"Time has passed, people are tired... But this is not a stalemate," Zelensky told a press conference in Kyiv with EU Commission chief Ursula von der Leyen.

The Ukrainian leader also rejected the idea Western countries were putting pressure on him to enter negotiations with Russia, amid reports US and EU officials had spoken to Kyiv about what such talks would entail.

"No one among our partners is pressuring us to sit down with Russia, talk to it, and give it something," he said.

With the war now in its 20th month and Ukraine struggling to gain ground in its counter-



Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelensky (L) greets EU Commission President Ursula von der Leyen (R) at the railway station in Kyiv

**Time has passed, people are tired... But this is not a stalemate**  
VOLODYMYR ZELENSKY

offensive, Zelensky has routinely met Western leaders in a bid to stave off fatigue with the conflict.

Zelensky said the war between Israel and Hamas had also drawn attention away from Ukraine, and said that this was

"Russia's goal".

"Of course, it's clear that the war in the Middle East, this conflict, is taking away the focus," Zelensky said.

"We have already been in very difficult situations when there was almost no focus on Ukraine," he said, but added: "I am absolutely sure we will overcome this challenge."

Ukraine's backers, including the United States, have maintained they are ready to support Kyiv with military and financial support for as long as it takes to defeat Russia.

# Earthquake

## Life and extensive damage

"Some roads had been blocked by damage, but we are trying to reach the area through alternate routes."

Dozens of survivors with fractures and head injuries were raced for treatment to a hospital in Nepalgunj, a small city near the Indian border.

"It came when we were sleeping," Kamala Oli, a woman cradling her infant child at a hospital treating survivors, told AFP.

"There were three of us in the house. Only two of us lived," she added, without giving further details.

Nepali Prime Minister Pushpa Kamal Dahal arrived at the site of the quake yesterday after expressing his "deep sorrow over the human and physical damage".

"The government is serious about providing relief to victims and treating the injured," he said.

Neighbouring India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi said he was "deeply saddened" by the loss of lives.

"India stands in solidarity with the people of Nepal and is ready to extend all possible assistance,"

he added.

Nepal lies on a major geological faultline where the Indian tectonic plate pushes up into the Eurasian plate, forming the Himalayas, and earthquakes are a regular occurrence.

Nearly 9,000 people died and more than 22,000 were injured in 2015 when a 7.8-magnitude quake struck Nepal, destroying more than half a million homes.

It damaged or destroyed nearly 8,000 schools, leaving almost one million children without classrooms.

Hundreds of monuments and royal palaces -- including the Kathmandu Valley's UNESCO World Heritage sites -- that had drawn visitors from around the world were destroyed in a major blow to tourism.

Six people also died in November last year when a 5.6-magnitude earthquake struck Doti district, near Jajarkot.

Friday's quake was followed several hours later by an aftershock in the same area with a 4.0 magnitude, the US Geological Survey said.

## Floods in Ethiopia kill over 20, displace thousands

AFP | Nairobi

More than 20 people have died and over 12,000 others have been forced out of their homes in Ethiopia's Somali region due to flash flooding triggered by torrential rains, the regional government said yesterday.

Bridges and roads have been destroyed by the downpour, making it difficult to reach affected households, the Somali Regional State Communication Bureau said in a statement, with damage to livestock, crops and



Rescuers search for people trapped during a flood

property also reported.

"More than 20 people have died in the flood so far... more than 12,000 families have been

displaced," the statement said. "Rising rainfall and forecasts show that the risk of flooding remains high."

The UN's humanitarian agency, OCHA, said last month that eastern Africa would likely encounter heavier than normal rains over the October-December period because of the El Nino phenomenon.

El Nino is a naturally occurring pattern associated with increased heat worldwide, as well as drought in some parts of the world and heavy rains elsewhere.

## Sudan shelling kills 15, RSF claims gains in Darfur

AFP | Wad Madani

At least 15 civilians in Khartoum were killed yesterday "when shells fell on their homes", a medical source said, as paramilitary fighters battling Sudan's army claimed gains in Darfur.

The victims' bodies were taken to Al-Nau hospital in Omdurman, a district of greater Khartoum, the medical source told AFP, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Fighting since April between the forces of army chief Abdel Fattah al-Burhan and his former deputy Mohamed Hamdan Daglo, who commands the Rapid Support Forces (RSF), has raged in heavily populated areas.

The struggle between the rival generals has crippled essential services in Sudan and razed entire neighbourhoods of the capital and the vast western region of Darfur.

In nearly seven months of war, more than 10,400 people have been killed, according to a conservative estimate from



A man walks past a devastated market area in al-Fasher, the capital of Sudan's North Darfur state

the Armed Conflict Location & Event Data Project.

The United Nations says the violence has forced more than 6 million people to flee, both within and outside Sudan.

Representatives of the warring sides are currently in the Saudi city of Jeddah for negotiations mediated by Saudi Arabia and the United States, but the fighting back home has raged unabated.

For weeks, the RSF has been

advancing on army bases in Darfur, a region already scarred by decades of conflict and atrocities committed against civilians by armed groups including the RSF's predecessor, the Janjaweed militia.

Yesterday, the paramilitary force announced it had "liberated" an army base in El Geneina, the capital of West Darfur state where a communications blackout has raised fears of fresh horrors.

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The humanitarian situation in Gaza is horrific. I renew my appeals for a humanitarian ceasefire and the immediate release of all hostages. All those with influence must exert it to ensure respect for the rules of war, end the suffering and avoid a spillover of the conflict.

@antoniogetterres

02



The @xAI Grok AI assistant will be provided as part of X Premium+, so I recommend signing up for that. Just \$16/month via web.

@elonmusk

03



Russian bombs have destroyed so many schools. But the children of Ukraine must keep learning. The EU has donated 371 buses to bring Ukrainian children to schools further away, safely. @ZelenskaUA

@vonderleyen

04



Prime Minister @MBA\_AlThani, and I discussed the critical need to protect civilians and increase humanitarian aid for Palestinians. I expressed my gratitude for Qatar's work to secure the exit of U.S. citizens and foreign nationals from Gaza and release of hostages held by Hamas.

@SecBlinken

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

**The Indian Club Bahrain set to host International Series Badminton Tournament 2023**



The Bahrain International Series Badminton Tournament 2023 organized by The Indian Club in association with The Bahrain Badminton and Squash Federation, and approved by BWF Badminton Asia, will be held from November 14th to 19th. The tournament has attracted record entries of more than 200 internationally-ranked players from 26 different countries, making it the largest international series badminton tournament held in Bahrain. The tournament will feature all major categories - men's singles, women's singles, men's doubles, women's doubles and mixed doubles. The total prize money for the tournament is USD5,000. Matches will commence at 9am everyday on the Indian Club's two international standard courts and continue until 9pm. Grand Finals Day is set for November 19th, Sunday. For more details contact, the club's general secretary Anil Kumar R over phone at 39623936 or the badminton secretary Arunachalam T at the phone number 35007544, or the tournament director CM Junith at 66359777.

**CFA Society Bahrain and Hope Talents to collaborate**

CFA Society Bahrain, an association of local investment professionals consisting of portfolio managers, investment advisors, educators, and other financial professionals, and Hope Talents, the talent management arm of Hope Fund, have signed a partnership agreement to support the next generation of working professionals by providing them with personal and career development opportunities. The partnership agreement was signed by Zeeba Askar, president of CFA Society Bahrain, and Latifa Mohamed, general manager of Hope Talents, in the presence of officials from both organizations. Hope Talents identifies, upsills, and recognizes high-potential national talents in their journey toward professional development and achievement, officials said.

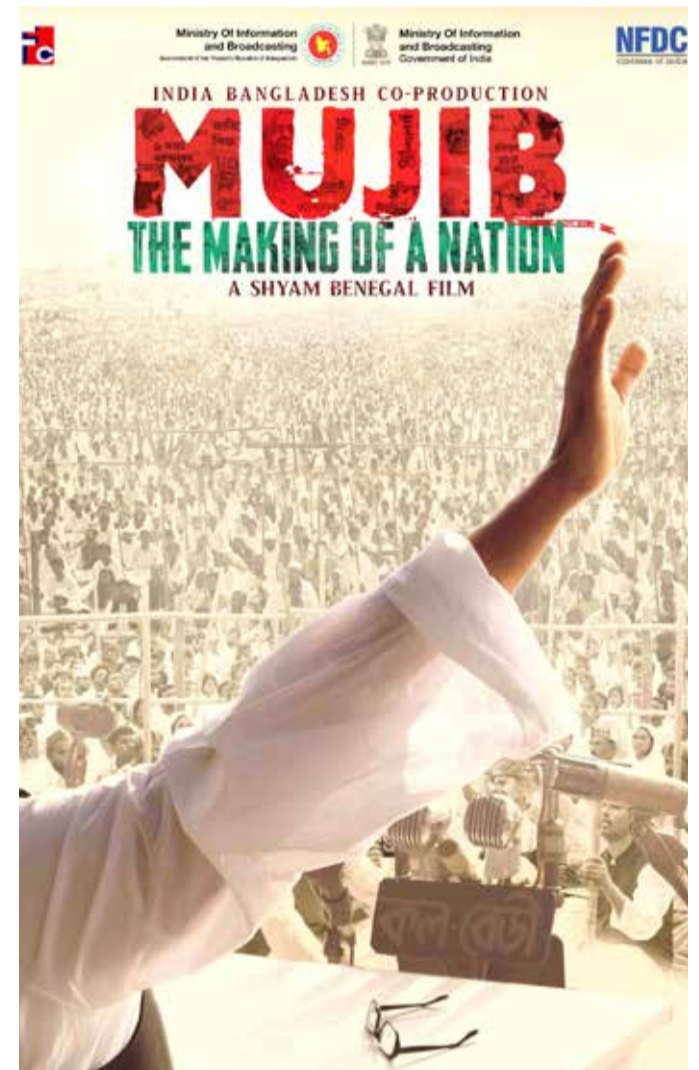


**PWA Refreshment Drive**



The Pakistani Women's Association (PWA) along with members of its youth program distributed thermos bottles and biryani meals to 80 workers on a construction site and 30 more thermos bottles to roadside workers. "We are extremely proud of everyone who comes together in making a difference," said president Shahmeen Islam. She expressed appreciation to Mast Mahol for sponsoring 40 Biryani meals and Paak Pakwaan for another 40 meals.

**Special screening for Bangladeshi biopic film**



A special screening of 'Mujib: The Making of a Nation', a biopic of the Father of the Nation of Bangladesh, is being organized by the Embassy of Bangladesh at Hall 5 of Epix Cinema in Dana Mall, Sanabis on November 9th at 7pm. Admission is free and seats can be booked by contacting the embassy at the phone number 34213203.

**Foundation stone laid for new Bangladeshi school**



The foundation stone for constructing a new Bangladeshi school at A'ali was laid on October 27th, Friday. The chief guest of the function was Imran Ahmad, Minister of Expatriates' Welfare and Overseas Employment with the Bangladesh government. In the ceremony organized by the Embassy of Bangladesh, an agreement was signed with Almoayyed and Paruco Contracting for construction of the school. Various authorities from the Bahrain government and officials of the Bangladesh embassy were present.

**Youth Conference Held**

Ihjas Aslam, Second Secretary at the Embassy of India, Bahrain, delivered the keynote address at the model United Nations conference held at the New Indian School, Bahrain titled 'NewMUN'. Held over the course of two days and seven council sessions, the conference encouraged students in cultivating critical thinking and diplomatic skill to solve problems.









# HH Shaikh Isa bin Faisal clinches Local Endurance Race title

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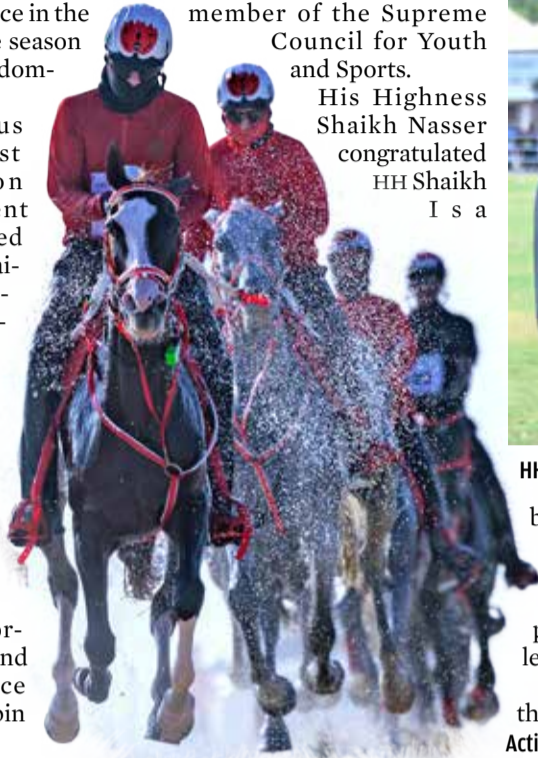
HH Shaikh Isa bin Faisal bin Rashid Al Khalifa was crowned the champion of the Local Endurance Race in the second round of the season as Team Victorious dominated the podium.

Team Victorious also won the Best Horse Condition award in the event which was attended by His Highness Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Representative of His Majesty the King for Humanitarian Works and Youth Affairs and Honorary President of the Bahrain Royal Equestrian and Endurance Federation (BREEF).

The event was organised by BREEF and held in the presence of HH Shaikh Faisal bin

Rashid Al Khalifa, Vice Chairman of the Supreme Council for Environment, Vice Chairman of the Rashid Equestrian and Horseracing Club, and member of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports.

His Highness Shaikh Nasser congratulated HH Shaikh Isa



HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa with a winner

bin Faisal bin Rashid Al Khalifa, rider of Team Victorious, on being crowned champion of the 120 km local race, praising the team for their lead and winning top positions.

His Highness emphasised that the extensive participation

witnessed in the races is indicative of the goals achieved by BREEF thanks to their keenness in creating the ideal atmosphere for all stables and riders in order to attract more participants.

Team Victorious dominated the podium of the 120km race as



Winners celebrate with their trophies

HH Shaikh Isa bin Faisal's teammates Mohammed Khalid Al Ruwaie came second and Salman Isa finished third.

The winners were crowned by Ghalib Al Alawi, Secretary of BREEF, Dr. Khaled Ahmed Hassan, Assistant Secretary of the Federation and Manager of the Royal Endurance Team, and Tawfiq Al Salehi, Director of His Highness Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa Media Office and Information Centre and Head of the Media, Marketing and Public Relations Committee

at BREEF.

Team Victorious won the Best Horse Condition Award which is patronised by Her Highness Shaikha Noora bint Hamad Al Khalifa, Captain of Al Fursan team. The award was bagged by Al Ruwaie.

Rider Sarhan Al Anzi of Al Safinat Stables finished first in the international race, followed by Nasser Khalifa of N13 Stables who came second.

Al Anzi's teammate Isa Abdullah came third.

# Anann, Battyeford Boy lift Arabian Horse Equestrian Services Cups

● Port Douglas wins Palace Enterprises Cup for owner Ali Jaafar Darwish

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Anann and Battyeford Boy lifted the two Arabian Horse Equestrian Services Cups yesterday at Rashid Equestrian and Horseracing Club (REHC) in Sakhr.

Anann won in the eighth and final race of the day, held over a six-furlong straight with a BD3,000 total prize.

It was a fine win for the three-year-old filly, owned by Al Afoo Racing and trained by Mohammed Hasan, while saddled yesterday by Lee Newman. Turna came second for Zainab Adel Abduljalil, Ramzi Al Baqlawa and Anas Al Siyabi; while Kaasib was third for Al Mohamediya Racing, Ali Abdulmajeed and Jason Watson.

The other Arabian Horse Equestrian Services Cup was claimed in race six, held over eight furlongs with a BD2,000 prize.

Battyeford Boy won for owner Abdullah Al Gaoud, trainer Abdulla Kuwaiti and jockey Abdulrahim Jasim. The five-year-old gelding finished ahead of



Winners from yesterday's events

Al Mukhtar Star, representing Al Afoo Racing, Jaber Ramadhan and Soufiane Saadi, while Suspect Package took third for Victorious, AM Smith and Franky

Vanhonsebrouck.

Race seven was for the Palace Enterprises Cup—a 10-furlong event with a BD3,000 prize, which was claimed by

Port Douglas for Ali Jaafar Darwish and Jaffar Darwish, ridden by Marcialis Jaures. Law of One was the runner-up for Al Afoo Racing, Mohammed Hasan and Soufiane Saadi, while Miss Yvonne took third place for the Mohamediya-Abdulmajeed-Jason Watson triumvirate.

In yesterday's other events, Battle of Talas won race five for owners Al Adiyat Racing; Boudica took race four, also for Adiyat; Khawafy triumphed for Feras Sami Hashem Al Meshgab in race three; Coiled and Ready clinched race two for Victorious; and Krayan 1840 came away with the race one win for owners Al Roudha.

# Zaman ton keeps Pakistan alive

Zaman's unbeaten 126 saves Pakistan from World Cup elimination in a match affected by rain

● New Zealand had set a massive target of 402 runs initially

AFP | Bengaluru

Swashbuckling opener Fakhar Zaman cracked a blistering century to save Pakistan from World Cup elimination in a rain-affected and dramatic 21-run victory over New Zealand at Bengaluru yesterday.

The 33-year-old left-hander smashed 11 sixes and eight boundaries in his unbeaten 81-ball 126 as rain forced a premature end to the match with Pakistan 200-1 after 25.3 overs, chasing a revised DLS target of 342 in 41 overs.

"We know that every game is do or die for us," said Zaman. Rachin Ravindra hit his third century of the tournament while Kane Williamson scored 95 to help New Zealand pile up 401-6 in their 50 overs.

Set a mammoth 402-run target initially, Zaman lifted Pakistan to 160-1 after 21.3 overs before a 90-minute stoppage due to rain led to a revised target for Pakistan.



Pakistan's Fakhar Zaman plays a shot

After the resumption, Zaman kept up the tempo, hitting three sixes off spinner Ish Sodhi's 25th over as Pakistan went past the 200-mark.

Pakistan had needed to overhaul the original target of 402 in 35.3 overs if they were to get beyond New Zealand's better net run-rate which could prove crucial in the battle for semi-final spots.

However, Abdullah Shafique fell for four in the second over. Zaman and skipper Babar Azam (66) added 194 for the

unbroken second-wicket stand. Zaman took the attack to the New Zealand bowlers, smashing four sixes and as many boundaries in his 39-ball fifty.

He completed his 11th ODI hundred, and first in a World Cup, with a six and a single off Mitchell Santner.

His century came off 63 balls with nine sixes and six boundaries.

Pakistan now have eight points from as many games with their last match against England in Kolkata on November 11.

## Scorecard

**Pakistan 200 for 1 (Zaman 126\*, Babar 66\*, Southee 1-27) beat New Zealand 401 for 6 (Ravindra 105, Williamson 95, Wasim 3-60) by 21 runs on DLS**

They not only need to win that but also hope New Zealand lose to Sri Lanka on November 9 in

Bengaluru or the match is hit by rain.

"We were trying to give 100% but in some matches we were not up to the mark," said Azam.

"If we win our next match, well let's see... we will try to play positively."

As a consequence of Pakistan's win, South Africa became the second team alongside India to make the semi-finals.

Earlier, it was Ravindra and Williamson who set the platform for New Zealand's total after they were put in to bat.

Ravindra continued his superb form with a 94-ball 108 with 15 boundaries and a six and was matched stroke for stroke by Williamson whose 79-ball knock was spiced with two sixes and 10 boundaries.

This was Ravindra's third cen-

# All-round Zampa helps Australia knock out England and close in on semis

AFP | Ahmedabad

## Scorecard

**Australia 286 (Labuschagne 71, Green 47, Woakes 4-54) beat England 253 (Stokes 64, Malan 50, Zampa 3-21) by 33 runs**

Spinner Adam Zampa starred with bat and ball as Australia knocked defending champions England out of the World Cup with a 33-run win yesterday.

Chasing 287 for victory in Ahmedabad, England folded for 253 in 48.1 overs despite a valiant 64 from Ben Stokes to slump to their sixth defeat in seven matches and stay bottom of the 10-team table.

Five-time champions Australia edged closer to securing a semi-final berth alongside India and South Africa -- both

already qualified for the last four -- with their fifth straight win.

Zampa returned figures of 3-21 with his leg-spin to puncture England's hopes that were raised by a couple of partnerships including a 63-run fifth-wicket stand between Stokes and Moeen Ali, who hit 42.

"We put on a really competitive total, but it was going to be tough to defend," said Zampa.

"The ground felt really dewey, really wet. So length control, attacking the stumps, trying to guess what the batsman was going to do was really important."

Zampa, who had earlier hit 29 with the bat, dismissed Stokes when the English star mistimed a paddle to be caught at short fine-leg and departed with a shake of his head.

Adam Zampa

# Toyota Gazoo Racing victorious!

Japanese manufacturers claim sensational one-two in Bapco Energies 8 Hours of Bahrain at Bahrain International Circuit

● **Team WRT's Andrade-Kubica-Deletraz win in LMP2 class, clinch teams' and drivers' championship double**

● **Iron Dames become first-ever all-female crew to win FIA World Endurance Championship race in LMGTE Am category**

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**T**oyota Gazoo Racing capped an outstanding 2023 season in the FIA World Endurance Championship (WEC) last night with a sensational one-two in a hugely thrilling Bapco Energies 8 Hours of Bahrain at Bahrain International Circuit (BIC) in Sakhir.

Toyota's #8 crew of Sebastien Buemi, Brendon Hartley and Ryo Hirakawa not only shone brightest under lights in their GR010 Hybrid to take the impressive victory at "The Home of Motorsport in the Middle East". They also secured this year's FIA Hypercar World Endurance Drivers Championship title, adding to their FIA Hypercar World Endurance Manufacturers' Championship to complete a fantastic double.

Toyota teammates Kamui Kobayashi, Mike Conway and Jose Maria Lopez in their #7 Hybrid finished as runners-up, overcoming an opening-lap incident that saw them spin off

the track at the very first corner. They recovered magnificently to join Buemi, Hartley and Hirakawa on the podium, but lost out on the Hypercar drivers' title race.

Last night's result marked the sixth win in seven WEC races in 2023 for Toyota Gazoo Racing. It was the second triumph for the Buemi, Hartley, Hirakawa triumvirate, having also taken first place in Portugal.

Ferrari AF Corse's #50 crew of Antonio Fuoco, Miguel Molina and Nicklas Nielsen took the final podium step amongst the WEC's Hypercars in third.

Winning the Le Mans Prototype 2 (LMP2) category were Team WRT's #41 trio of Rui Andrade, Robert Kubica and Louis Deletraz. It was the final race in the WEC for the LMP2s, which has been a mainstay in the series since its inception.

WRT's triumph secured them this season's FIA Endurance Trophy for LMP2 Teams, as well as the FIA Endurance Trophy for LMP2 Drivers for Andrade, Kubica and Deletraz.

The #85 all-female squad Iron Dames completed the roster of race winners in Bahrain, taking the triumph in the Le Mans Grand Touring Endurance Am (LMGTE Am) class. Sarah Bovy started things off for their squad before handing over the driving duties to teammates Rahel Frey and Michelle Gattling, who took them home to the finish for their maiden WEC victory. The LMGTE Am was also holding its last race in the series.

The winners per category were awarded their respective trophies in the podium ceremonies at the end of all the action. Handing over the trophies were



Toyota Gazoo Racing's #8 crew of, from left, Ryo Hirakawa, Brendon Hartley and Sebastien Buemi celebrate their race win and title triumph



The Toyota Hybrids lead the 36-car WEC field into the first turn after the start of yesterday's race

Bapco Energies Group Chief Executive Officer Mark J Thomas, BIC Chairman Arif Rahimi, and Bahrain Motor Federation Chief Marshal Hasan Ghuloom.

Yesterday's Bapco Energies 8 Hours of Bahrain was the 12th time the WEC raced in Sakhir, and the fifth time the event took

place in its current eight-hour format.

Right after lights-out, the first-corner incident that saw the #2 Cadillac Racing Cadillac V-Series.R Hybrid clip the title-chasing #7 Hybrid of Toyota caused it to lose its position amongst the leaders.



**Toyota's #8 crew of Sebastien Buemi, Brendon Hartley and Ryo Hirakawa claimed the race win last night in Bahrain and thus secured the FIA Hypercar World Endurance Drivers Championship title**

tunes of others and charged to the front amongst the LMP2 runners. They won in class with 238 laps completed, while joining them on the LMP2 podium were their WRT teammates Robin Frijns, Sean Gelael and Ferdinand Habsburg-Lothringen in their #31 Oreca 07-Gibson. Third were the #28 JOTA of David Heinemeier-Hansson, Pietro Fittipaldi and Oliver Rasmussen.

In the LMGTE Am category, the Iron Dames took over as frontrunners in class heading into the last two hours following the retirement of stablemates Iron Lynx. The Iron Dames went on to take an historic victory with 232 laps completed in their Porsche 911 RSR-19.

Second in class were the #777 D'Station Racing of Casper Stevenson, Liam Talbot and Tomonobu Fujii in their Aston Martin Vantage AMR, while the #98 trio of Ian James, Daniel Mancinelli and Alex Riberas took third in their Vantage AMR.

## De Haan wins Porsche Carrera Cup ME race

● **Bahraini stars Shaikh Jaber bin Ali Al Khalifa and Shaikh Salman bin Isa Al Khalifa both clinch podium in class**

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**D**utchman Robert De Haan wrapped up a sensational opening round in the 2023/2024 Porsche Carrera Cup Middle East yesterday with a fine victory in race two at Bahrain International Circuit (BIC), held in support of this weekend's Bapco Energies 8 Hours of Bahrain.

De Haan triumphed after starting second on the grid, took the lead on lap five and went on to capture the chequered flag ahead of pole-sitter Theo Oeverhaus from Germany with a 1.262-second gap.

The Central Europe Racing driver made up for an unlucky result in the weekend's first race on Friday, when he had crossed the finish line in first place but was later given a five-second time penalty for a false start, dropping him to third. Oeverhaus, competing for DHL Team,



Shaikh Salman bin Isa Al Khalifa competes amongst other competitors in yesterday's Porsche Carrera Cup race

inherited the victory.

Oeverhaus's countryman Janne Stiak of JS Racing came third yesterday to complete the overall and Pro class podiums 3.767s behind.

Ahmad Al Shehab of Team Kuwait took the win in the ProAm category after finishing fourth overall, with Canadian Bashar Mardini of Team BMR and Saud Al Saud of Saudi Racing classified second and third in class, respectively.

Italian Sebastian Gorga of RISE Motorsport completed a double this weekend amongst the PCCME's Am competitors. Bahrain stars Shaikh Jaber bin Ali Al Khalifa of One% team and Shaikh Salman bin Isa Al

Khalifa of Team Bahrain joined Gorga on the podium.

The PCCME will be back in action for the second of six rounds this season, again at BIC, on 15 and 16 December. Round three will then take place in Dubai on 20 and 21 January, and the fourth meeting a week later in Abu Dhabi on 27 and 28 January as the first events of 2024.

The final two rounds will then be held in support of Formula 1. The penultimate event will take place during next year's F1 Gulf Air Bahrain Grand Prix weekend from 29 February to 2 March. That will pave the way for the season-finale at the Saudi Arabian Grand Prix from 7 to 9 March.

## BIC to host official FIA WEC Rookie Test today

● **Seven-time MotoGP world champion Valentino Rossi to headline roster of more than 30 drivers taking part**

● **Eighteen-car lineup including nine Hypercars, five LMP2s and four LMGTE Ams to hit the tarmac in two sessions**

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**W**orld Endurance Championship (WEC) action continues at Bahrain International Circuit (BIC) today with the official FIA WEC Rookie Test, taking place the very next day following the season-ending Bapco Energies 8 Hours of Bahrain.

The test is an annual event featuring some of the series' star drivers along with other leading names and up-and-coming talents in motorsport.

There are a total of 18 cars set to take part in Sunday's pro-



Valentino Rossi on the grid ahead of yesterday's Bapco Energies 8 Hours of Bahrain

gramme, which will feature a two-hour morning session followed by an afternoon running of three hours. The tests are to be held behind closed doors.

The field includes nine Hypercars, five LMP2s and four LMGTE Ams, while there will be more than 30 drivers taking part in the sessions, each having varying periods testing in their respective cars.

Amongst the leading names that will be a part of Sunday's

FIA WEC Rookie Test is seven-time MotoGP world champion Valentino Rossi, who will be in the cockpit of an LMP2 Oreca 07-Gibson with Team WRT.

Other top names are Formula 1 test and reserve drivers Stoffel Vandoorne and Pietro Fittipaldi, and former driver of Bahraini-British motor racing team 2 Seas Motorsport, Ben Barnicoat, to name a few. They will all be testing in WEC Hypercars.