

Moment of pride

Bahrain's national football team 'heroes' return home victorious with Gulf Cup trophy



His Highness Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa with the Gulf Cup trophy (Pictures courtesy of Al Ayam)

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he streets of Bahrain were filled with excitement and celebration as the national football team heroes, crowned champions of the 26th Arabian Gulf Cup, made their triumphant return from Kuwait yesterday.

Their journey from Bahrain International Airport was met with an overwhelming outpouring of national pride, as thousands of loval fans, both Bahrainis and expats, lined the parade route to mittee. welcome their heroes home.

It all began at the airport, where the victorious team was behalf of the Kingdom, a symbol Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa, unyielding spirit. First Deputy Chairman of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports, President of the General



Members of the Bahrain team wave triumphantly to cheering fans during open-top bus parade



The players arrive at Bahrain National Stadium for a ceremonial honoring Bridge and onward to Crown HH Shaikh Khalid accepted Prince Street, the air was electric

the coveted Gulf Cup trophy on received by His Highness Shaikh of the team's resilience, skill, and in the red and white of the Bah-

Parade

Sports Authority, and President designated route, from Airport ents' shoulders, clapping and

with cheers and chants.

Young and old alike, draped raini flag, waved banners and culminated at Bahrain Nationgathered along the streets, with festivities awaited to honor the As the parade moved along the children perched on their par- team's achievement.

rate ensured the safety of the celebratory crowds, reminding road users to adhere to traffic rules.

The carefully planned route sang songs of victory. Families al Stadium, where even more half turned the tide.

The victory is etched in the

The General Traffic Directo- defeated Oman 2-1 in a thrilling minute and clinched the victory final match in Kuwait.

Oman struck first in the 17th minute with a goal by Abdulrahman Al-Mushafri, but Bahrain's spirited comeback in the second for the players but for the en-

Equalizer

moments later when his shot, deflected by an Omani defender, found the net.

The celebration is not just tire nation, as Bahrain unites in joy and pride, celebrating the team's remarkable triumph and Mohammed Marhoon equal- the glory they brought to the

of the Bahrain Olympic Com- Road to Shaikh Isa bin Salman cheering as the team passed by. memories of fans, as Bahrain ized with a penalty in the 79th Kingdom.



Fans line the parade route to welcome their heroes home

Relief in sight

MP proposes BD70 pension increase for retirees to ease financial burdens

Mohammed Darwish TDT | Manama

D etirees in Bahrain may see an extra BD70 added to their increases.

220 fils (includes VAT)



Marifi calls for action to ease the role in the country's progress, strain of rising living costs and can maintain a decent standard the freeze on annual pension of living.

The proposal aims to address the financial pressures faced by retirees, many of whom are bone of our development, and finding it harder to meet basic it's our duty to support them in expenses.

crease as a necessary step to en- a responsibility to provide social MP Mohammed Al Marifi

pensions, as MP Mohammed Al sure retirees, who played a key

Backbone

"Retirees have been the backtheir later years," said Al Marifi. Al Marifi described the in- He stressed that the state has



security, particularly in cases of He argued that the BD70 inold age, illness, disability, be- crease would ease financial burreavement, or unemployment. dens and promote family sta-

to healthcare and financial sup- with dignity. port to shield them from poverty and insecurity.

to Bahrain's Economic Vision without delay, ensuring that re-2030, which aims to improve tirees, who have long contributliving standards and strengthen ed to the country's development, social well-being.

This includes ensuring access bility, ensuring retirees can live

With living costs climbing and pension adjustments halted, Al Al Marifi tied the proposal Marifi urged Parliament to act are not left behind.

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His Majesty King Hamad and HRH Prince Salman hailed for Bahrain's well-deserved Gulf Cup triumph



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ness Prince Salman bin Hamad bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince Saud, the Crown Prince and and Prime Minister, received Prime Minister; His Highness cables of congratulations from Sheikh Mohammed bin Zaved on Bahrain's victory in the 26th and His Highness Sheikh Mo-Arabian Gulf Cup, hosted by Ku- hammed bin Rashid Al Mak-January 4, 2025.

Oman 2-1 in the final held at Sultan Haitham bin Tariq, the HH Sheikh Tamim Jaber Al Ahmad International Sultan of Oman; and the Amir



HRH Prince Salman Stadium.

HM King Hamad was greeted by King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al is Majesty King Ham- Saud, the Custodian of the Two ad bin Isa Al Khalifa Holy Mosques, and His Royal and His Royal High- Highness Prince Mohammed Arab leaders and local officials Al Nahyan, President of the UAE, wait from December 21, 2024, to toum, the Vice President and Prime Minister of the UAE and The Bahrain team defeated Ruler of Dubai; His Majesty

King Salman





HRH Prince Mohammed



HM Sultan Haitham



HH Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed of Qatar, His Highness Sheikh Tabuk Region.

Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani.

cable of congratulations from of the Bahrain national foot-His Highness Sheikh Abdullah ball team and praised the high bin Hamad Al Thani, Deputy sportsmanship displayed by all Amir of Oatar, and His Excellen- participating teams, as well as cy Sheikh Mohammed bin Ab- the large attendance of spectadulrahman bin Jassim Al Thani, tors, which reflected the strong Prime Minister and Minister of bonds among the Gulf Cooper-Foreign Affairs.

phone calls from His Roval HRH Prince Salman received ca-Highness Prince Saud bin Naif bles of congratulations from senbin Abdulaziz, Governor of the ior members of the royal family, Eastern Province of Saudi Ara- heads of Representatives and bia, and Prince Fahd bin Sul- Shura councils, ministers, senior tan bin Abdulaziz, Governor of officials, and dignitaries.

HH Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid

The Arab leaders commended His Majesty also received a the outstanding performance ation Council (GCC) countries.

HM the King received tele- At home, HM King Hamad and











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Public Security Forces member sent to prison

🗕 SIU logs 12 cases

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 $\mathbf{A}^{\mathrm{social\,media\,complaint}}_{\mathrm{led\,to\,the\,conviction}}$ of a Public Security Forces member, with the Minor Criminal Court sentencing him to six months in prison.

The case was one of 12 complaints investigated by the Special Investigation Unit (SIU) during the final third of last year, according to Mohammed Khalid Al Hazza, Acting Attorney-General and Chief of the Special Investigation Unit (SIU)

During the same period, the SIU recorded statements from 25 complainants and witnesses and interrogated 20 suspects and accused individuals from the Public Security Forces.

Additionally, seven complainants were referred to the Forensic Medicine and Psychological Support Division.

The SIU completed investigations into the social media complaint, taking immediate action that led to the referral of a Public Security Forces member to the Minor Criminal Court. On 13 November 2024, the court sentenced the individual to six months in prison, a verdict later upheld by the Appeals Court.

In two separate complaints, the SIU referred two members of the Public Security Forces to the Military Courts Administration at the Ministry of Interior for disciplinary action.

Positive forecast

Bahrain's 2025 economic growth to be driven by tourism, finance and manufacturing



The Kingdom's economic outlook this year is bright

mance in non-oil sectors like aiming to keep inflation under tourism, financial services, and control while supporting eco- by heavyweight players such terparts. nomic growth. manufacturing driving recent

Economic forecasts suggest play a key role in shaping invest- ed Bank, and Bahrain National Bahrain's economy will continue ment flows, both from abroad Holding Company. expanding next year, albeit at a and locally.

serve's decisions, borrowing the coming year. Despite having smaller oil costs for businesses and conreserves compared to its GCC sumers could increase, potenneighbours, Bahrain remains tially dampening economic actied to oil price trends due to tivity.

Financial hub

Nonetheless, Bahrain's repuimprove public finances and tation as a financial hub continues to attract considerable investment, particularly as regional ties with countries like Saudi The Central Bank of Bahrain Arabia and the UAE strengthen, ment. (CBB) has been steering mone- boosting confidence in the Bahtary policy with a steady hand, rain Bourse.

as National Bank of Bahrain. Interest rates are expected to BBK, Al Baraka Group, Ahli Unit-

These firms, particularly in Should rates rise further, in banking and real estate, are likepressures such as inflation and line with the US Federal Re- ly to drive market momentum in

Fortunes

The Bahrain Bourse's fortunes ments, oil price trends, and the health of the regional economy. While investors remain cauuncertainties, profitable com-

panies offering attractive dividends could lure more invest-

Bahrain's market enjoys a rep-

The local market is anchored to some of its regional coun-

Pool of investors

With the rise of digital trading platforms and technologies modernise regulations and like blockchain, the country is well-placed to attract a broader have made the Kingdom inpool of investors, potentially creasingly appealing. improving liquidity and market performance.

However, challenges remain. Inflation, higher interest rates, will hinge on interest rate move- and currency fluctuations could pose hurdles in 2025.

The Bahraini dinar, pegged to opportunities. the US dollar, is exposed to shifts tious given global economic in the greenback's strength, which could complicate investment planning.

Oil prices

utation for stability compared is less oil-dependent than some a steady path forward.

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Bahrain's efforts to diversify its economy and embrace new technologies suggest a steady path forward.

Gulf nations, fluctuations in oil prices still ripple through its economy.

Despite these pressures, Bahrain remains a magnet for investors, particularly in banking and financial services.

Government initiatives to streamline business operations

New opportunities

Collaboration with Gulf neighbours on infrastructure and renewable energy projects is also expected to bring new

Bahrain's financial market is likely to experience ups and downs in 2025, shaped by global developments and local policies.

Yet, the Kingdom's efforts to diversify its economy and em-Furthermore, while Bahrain brace new technologies suggest

Bahraini woman granted divorce on grounds of harm

Future faces test

of resilience amid

global challenges

Mohammed Darwish

es for decision-makers.

have paid off, with solid perfor-

more measured pace, as external

their impact on government rev-

If oil prices rise, this could

encourage further investments.

enue and the energy sector.

oil price swings linger.

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growth.

Inflation

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Bahraini woman has been granted a divorce from her



and irregular visits for the wife to see her child at his family's home, consistently refusing to

allow her to live with him. These circumstances

Father turns to Interpol in custody battle

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Bahraini father has taken ${f A}$ the fight to international authorities, involving Interpol after his Latin American wife fled abroad with their five-yearold son, ignoring court orders to return to Bahrain. A Sharia court ruled that custody of the child must remain in Bahrain, warning that the mother would lose custody if she failed to comply.



instead demanding a divorce

The mother further request-

In her home country, she remains legally registered as married, which prevents her from entering into a new marriage.

The court backed the father's case, stating that custody is intended to ensure a child's upbringing in their home environment and cannot be exercised

husband by the High Shari'a Court on grounds of harm.

The court cited the husband's actions, including accusations of infidelity against his wife in court, his expulsion of her from their marital home, and his denial of her access to their child.

The husband has also been ordered to pay court costs and legal fees.

According to the wife's lawyer, Dr Mohammed Al Kooheji, the couple married in January 2021 and had a child together.

However, on January 14, 2024, the husband expelled his wife from the marital home and prevented her from seeing their child.

Care

This action, Dr Al Kooheji argued, was intended to harm his client and deprive the child of his mother's care.

The lawyer further stated that the wife's objections to the husband's mother's excessive interference in their lives, including matters of food, clothing, and other household issues, led to the husband's accusations financial support. of infidelity and his refusal to

"The wife's objections to the husband's mother's excessive interference in their lives, including matters of food, clothing, and other household issues, led to the husband's accusations of infidelity and his refusal to provide adequate housing and financial support."

- DR MOHAMMED AL KOOHEJI, WIFE'S LAWYER

The husband's actions in- our, lacking any substantiating provide adequate housing and cluded scheduling sporadic evidence.

prompted the wife to file for divorce on grounds of harm.

The court investigated the case, hearing testimony from both the wife and husband's witnesses.

Its judgment highlighted the wife's witnesses' testimony, which corroborated her claims of abandonment, expulsion from the marital home, and accusations of infidelity.

Trestimony

The court found this testimony credible, particularly given the husband's failure to provide any evidence to support his claims of infidelity, or any final criminal judgment to that effect.

It dismissed the husband's witnesses' testimony as general and lacking specific details.

The court noted the husband's statement in a court session on January 31, 2024, where he indicated a willingness to reconcile if the wife ended her alleged relationships with foreign men.

The court considered this statement as an implicit accusation against the wife's hon-

The couple married in 2014 and have a son who holds Bahraini citizenship.

According to the father's law- and asking her husband to disver. Tagi Hussain, the wife, a own their son. national of a Latin American country, regularly travelled ed the renewal of her Bahraini monitor his son's wellbeing. back to her homeland with her driving licence, claiming she familv.

However, during her most re- asked for a divorce certificate sought help from the authoricent trip, she refused to return, so she could remarry.

abroad without the father's approval.

The judge ruled that the mother must return to Bahrain with the child.

Should she refuse, custody will be transferred to the father. The court also noted that the mother's decision to cut ties and stay abroad made it nearly impossible for the father to Lawyer Taqi Hussain conneeded it to stay abroad, and firmed that his client had ties to secure the child's return.

12 Asians jailed for fake call scam

Taqi Hussain, lawyer

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volving fake phone calls

The High Criminal

Court sentenced four of

tricked victims into

handing over their

banking details.

BD1.000 each.

Twelve Asians have been be deported after completing from their accounts. Jailed after a scam in-_____their prison terms.

calls pretending to be

the gang members to five years in prison and fined them dating personal information and persuaded victims to share sonated employees of the app.

The remaining eight received confidential banking codes, althree-year sentences. All 12 will lowing the gang to drain funds

> Authorities were tipped off The group, described by the Anti-Economic Crimes as a criminal network, Directorate at the Ministry of

> > The investigation revealed the gang had randomly collected phone numbers using an electronic payment app.

The scammers then imper-

targeted citizens with Interior. from financial institutions.

They claimed to be up-

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A wave of hope

Parliament approves return of traditional haddoor fishing traps

Bahraini fishermen one step closer to reclaiming heritage and livelihoods

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ishermen and their families are one step closer to regaining their livelihoods after Parliament gave the green light to an urgent propos- many struggling to make ends al to bring back haddoor – tra- meet, cutting off what is often ditional fishing traps removed their only source of income. in recent years.

The plan, driven by MP Khalid Buanaq and supported by four other colleagues, calls on the them should not be prolonged," government to act without de- the proposal's explanatory note heritage.

For generations, haddoor have

"This proposal aligns with the Kingdom of **Bahrain's approach** to preserving its heritage and safeguarding its historical identity."

- PROPOSAL'S EXPLANATORY NOTE

Damage

"The harm inflicted upon lay, recognising the traps' dual warns, urging the government importance as a source of in- to step in with "suitable and come and a pillar of Bahraini reasonable solutions" to repair the damage.

provided sustenance and stabil- argue that restoring the traps of the haddoor. ity for families along Bahrain's isn't just about economics – shores. But their removal left it's about preserving Bahrain's ed families is real.



MP Khalid Buanag

distinct identity. The traps are a living link to the island's fishing traditions, a craft that has set Bahrain apart from its Gulf neighbours.

Cultural significance

"This proposal aligns with the Kingdom of Bahrain's approach to preserving its heritage and safeguarding its historical identity," the document adds, under-Supporters of the proposal scoring the cultural significance

The financial strain on affect-

Without haddoor, many have found themselves in dire straits, unable to support their households.

Advocates stress that restoring the traps could bring much-needed relief while honouring a tradition that has long defined Bahrain's coastal communities.

First step

The proposal's approval by Parliament is a crucial first step, but the MPs behind it - led by Buanaq – are pushing for immediate government action.

They argue that reinstating the traps would be a straightforward yet meaningful way to help struggling families while ensuring that a treasured piece of Bahraini heritage isn't lost to time.

For now, fishermen and their families await action, hopeful that the government will take this opportunity to right a wrong and restore not just their livelihoods, but a piece of Bahrain's soul.

New officers of Filipino caregivers' group sworn in

146 attend event

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Philippine Bahrain Caregiver Society Welcomes New Officers in Oath-Taking Ceremony

The Philippine Bahrain Caregiver Society (PBCS) recently held a special ceremony at The Diplomat Radisson Blu Hotel do-on Louis, the Philippine in Manama to induct its newly elected officers.

The event marked a significant transition in leadership while paying tribute to the attendees, Ambassador Jalanremarkable contributions of do-on Louis commended Filipino caregivers in the King- Filipino caregivers for their dom of Bahrain.

Maria F. Perez was sworn in as President, with Mary Rose that distinguish them globally. Rodriguez assuming the role of Vice President. Joy Saca- praised the visibility and enbon took her oath as Secretary, thusiasm of the PBCS in prowhile Fleur Dubouzet was ap- moting volunteerism and pointed Treasurer and Mary community service. She high-Joy Remoroza as Assistant lighted the organization as a Treasurer. Jacqueline Natin- shining example of how colga and Jessie John C. Roscain lective effort and passion can were named Public Relations create a meaningful impact in Officers (PRO), while Rachelle the community.

Ann Villanueva and Jaslene Anne Saraos were introduced as Business Managers.

The Auditors for this term are Lorna Arenas and Marijov de Vera. Completing the team, Ma. Yvonne Villamor serves as the group's advisor, and Maribeth F. Perez takes on the role of moderator.

Guest of honor

Her Excellency Anne Jalan-Ambassador to the Kingdom of Bahrain, graced the occasion as the guest of honor.

In her address to the 146 exceptional empathy and unwavering dedication, qualities The Ambassador also

Proposed labour law changes could burden SMEs, says MP

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medium-sized businesses strug- penalise them for delays often gling to stay afloat, MP Hassan Ibrahim has warned, as he urged big players," he said. the government to step up supeconomic pressures.

cree-Law No. 12 of 2024, which ers more affordable choices. update Article 40 of Law No. 19 of 2006 regulating the labour amendments designed to reduce market, come at a time when legal disputes against small busibusinesses are grappling with nesses, saying these enterprises dwindling purchasing power should be given the chance to and cash flow challenges.

MP Hassan argued that the operational. current economic environment requires greater flexibility in Micro-businesses the enforcement of penalties

Sufficient time

"Limited liability businesses hanges to Bahrain's labour need sufficient time to submit laws may leave small and their accounts. It's unfair to caused by auditors focusing on

He stressed the need to simport for traders amid mounting plify processes for traders, ensuring fair competition in the The amendments to De- market while offering consum-

> The MP also welcomed the adjust their affairs and remain

According to MP Hassan, the ensure their success.



Image used for illustrative purposes only

ures to support these efforts and bour being employed without He praised the efforts of Tam- more Bahrainis to invest.



MP Hassan Ebrahim

He called for additional meas- permits and 973 incidents of la- tecting legitimate businesses. proper authorisation or breach- keen in subsidising Bahraini

Ther lawmaker urged further investment in such schemes to attract more job seekers.

MP Hassan also called for better cooperation between government bodies to tackle labour violations efficiently without placing undue strain on small firms.

Amendments

The recent amendments, he said, demonstrate the need for a business-friendly environment that balances the rights of all parties.

He concluded by expressing optimism that these changes could strengthen Bahrain's economy while encouraging

"Backing entrepreneurs and

on traders, particularly as some proposed changes could help prioritising larger companies. start their own ventures.

delays in meeting financial obli- sustain micro-businesses and Market Regulatory Authority

Statistics from the Labour ingpermit terms.

eign workers operating without tightening oversight while pro- choice for employers.

MP Hassan said these figures scribing these programmes as will help build a more resilient gations stem from auditing firms encourage more Bahrainis to (LMRA) show 1,538 cases of for- underscore the importance of key to making Bahrainis the first economic foundation for the fu-

wages in the private sector, de- creating space for their growth ture," he said.

Shura reviews permit reconciliation for expats

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Expats could soon have a opportunity to resolve breach-pathway to resolve permit es in a fair manner. issues, as a key labour decree has been cleared by the Shura approved tougher penalties Council's legal experts.

The proposed law introduces first-time reconciliation for foreign workers caught with- targets the sale and trade of out permits, along with stricter alternative smoking products, measures for employers who breach regulations.

of 2024, the changes include and prison sentences of up to a graduated penalties, extended reconciliation periods, and range of BD1,000 to BD3,000. provisions to address unauthorised employment.

lal Jassim Al Zayed confirmed including those overseeing the decree's legal soundness, defence, public services, and stating that the measures aim utilities.

to hold employers accountable while providing workers an

Separately, the committee under the Anti-Smoking Law, tied to Decree No. (49) of 2024. The proposed amendment

including herbal substitutes.

If approved, penalties could Part of Decree Law No. (12) rise to fines of up to BD100,000 year, replacing the current fine

The committee's recommendations have been sent to oth-Committee chair lawyer Da- er Shura Council committees,



Dr. Varghese Kurian welcomed Bahraini business leaders, partners, and associates to his annual Christmas celebration at his residence. The festive evening was filled with warmth, joy, and the spirit of togetherness, reflecting the values of the season.



Gesture of support

The Embassy of Bangladesh Charge d'Affaires, Mr. A.K.M. Mohiuddin Kayes, extended his heartfelt congratulations to the national football team of the Kingdom of Bahrain and to the Government of Bahrain on their victory in the 26th Arabian Gulf Cup. As a friendly gesture of support and appreciation of the national football team of Bahrain, the Embassy hosted a free screening of the live final match between Bahrain and Oman at the Mukta A2 Cinema Hall.

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Yellow Door Energy: Illuminating Bahrain's Renewable Energy Future

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Yellow Door Energy, the leading sustainable energy partner for businesses in the Middle East and Africa, is at the forefront of Bahrain's renewable energy transformation, empowering businesses to embrace sustainability through impactful solar energy solutions. With a global portfolio covering 100 projects across six countries, Yellow Door Energy's dedication bitions.

the end of 2024. In addition, it by 2060 target. has achieved an additional 12.4



to clean energy has positioned in Bahrain to 31.4 MWp. These ergy costs and decarbonize contributing to a prosperous and imize clean energy generation. are transforming Bahrain's enit as a vital contributor to the projects, achieved through Yel- their operations. With our ex- sustainable future." Kingdom's sustainability am- low Door Energy's innovative tensive experience and renew- Yellow Door Energy's com- enhanced by its cost-effective million kilowatt-hours of clean Power Purchase Agreement able energy expertise, we are petitive edge lies in its robust PPA model, which simplifies energy from operating projects In the last two years, Yellow (PPA) model, enable businesses humbled to be a preferred solar financial backing, economies of Door Energy has more than to lower their energy costs with developer in the Kingdom," said scale, and technical expertise. businesses. doubled its portfolio of oper- no upfront investment while Jeremy Crane, Group CEO of By utilizing cutting-edge techating projects in Bahrain, from reducing carbon emissions and Yellow Door Energy. "Bahrain's nologies such as bifacial solar bilities, Yellow Door Energy is pany exemplifies how renew-8.6 MWp in 2023 to 19 MWp by supporting Bahrain's Net Zero participation at COP29 further panels, battery energy storage deeply committed to community able energy drives economic

MWp of signed projects with ored to play a pivotal role in nance and sustainability. We are services, the company ensures raini, the company highly val- partner in the Kingdom's jour-The Avenues and Seef Proper- helping businesses in Bahrain committed to making long-term its projects meet or even exceed ties, expanding its total portfolio significantly reduce their en- investments in the Kingdom, performance targets and max- laboration with INJAZ Bahrain tainable future.

demonstrated the Kingdom's systems (BESS), and AI-driven

This strong foundation is further the adoption of solar energy for and mitigating 18,000 metric

Yellow Door Energy is honored to play a

pivotal role in helping businesses in Bahrain

significantly reduce their energy costs and

decarbonize their operations. With our

extensive experience and renewable energy

expertise, we are humbled to be a preferred

solar developer in the Kingdom

JEREMY CRANE, GROUP CEO OF YELLOW DOOR ENERGY

engagement. With 45% of its resilience and environmental "Yellow Door Energy is hon- growing influence in climate fi- operations and maintenance Bahrain workforce being Bah- stewardship, remaining a trusted ues local expertise. A recent col- ney toward a greener, more sus-

educated secondary students about solar energy through an interactive tour at the Bahrain City Centre solar carport. Such initiatives have earned the company the prestigious Al Bilad Award for Social Responsibility in the Environment Category, demonstrating its commitment to both raising awareness about environmental sustainability and providing sustainable energy solutions.

Yellow Door Energy's efforts ergy landscape, generating 39.7 tons of carbon emissions as of Beyond its technical capa- November 30, 2024. The com-

BenneFin and Muthoothu Mini Forge Strategic Partnership

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enneFin, a leading debt crowdfunding platform headquartered in Bahrain, has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Muthoothu Mini, a renowned gold loan company based in India.

The strategic partnership aims to enhance financial offerings in the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) markets by combining BenneFin's crowdfunding expertise with Muthoothu Mini's market leadership in goldbacked financing. The MOU, signed on December 7, 2024, marks a significant step in BenneFin's efforts to expand its reach in the region. The collaboration will focus on providing gold-backed loans tailored to the needs of small and medium enterprises (SMEs), a key segment of BenneFin's product portfolio. Muthoothu Mini, which opTo Expand Gold Loan Services in GCC



tive financial solutions in the GCC.

The agreement paves the way for joint initiatives aimed at creating accessible, secure, and customer-friendly financial products. With a strong presence in Bahrain, BenneFin is poised to use this partnership to expand its footprint and offer SMEs reliable funding options for working capital needs.

"This collaboration represents a unique opportunity to unlock new growth avenues in the GCC markets," said a spokesperson for BenneFin. "By combining our strengths with Muthoothu Mini's expertise, we are committed to meeting the evolving financial needs of SMEs in the region." The partnership underscores a shared vision of fostering innovation and growth in the financial sector, further enhancing the availability of critical funding solutions for businesses in Bahrain and the broader GCC

Mrs. Nizzy Mathew, Chairperson, Mr. Mathew Muthoottu, Managing director and Mrs Babita George, Founder and CEO of Benefin at the signing ceremony.

erates over 900 branches across trusted name in the gold loan BenneFin to leverage Mut- and established reputation in both companies to address the India, is widely regarded as a sector. The partnership allows hoothu Mini's deep expertise gold-backed financing, enabling growing demand for innovaregion.

Buyer splashes out \$1.3m for Tokyo new year tuna

Tokyo, Japan

The top bidder at a Tokyo fish mar-The top blader at a 10kyo ket said they paid \$1.3 million for a tuna on Sunday, the second highest price ever paid at an annual prestigious new year auction.

Michelin-starred sushi restauranteurs the Onodera Group said they paid 207 million yen for the 276 kilogram (608 pound) bluefin tuna, roughly the



size and weight of a motorbike.

kyo's main fish market since compara- eat this and have a wonderful year." ble data started being collected in 1999. The powerful buyers have now paid yen for the top tuna last year. the top price for five years straight --

bring in good fortune," Onodera official to a modern facility in nearby Toyosu. It is the second highest price paid at Shinji Nagao told reporters after the the opening auction of the year in To- auction. "Our wish is that people will claimed "Tuna King" Kiyoshi Kimura,

winning bragging rights and a lucrative was 333.6 million yen for a 278 kilogram usual top prices, as the public were frenzy of media attention in Japan. bluefin in 2019, as the fish market was discouraged from dining out and res-"The first tuna is something meant to moved from its traditional Tsukiji area taurants had limited operations.

The record bid was made by self-prowho operates the Sushi Zanmai na-The Onodera Group paid 114 million tional restaurant chain. During the Covid-19 pandemic the new year tunas But the highest ever auction price commanded only a fraction of their



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QUOTE OF THE DAY

Gaza rescuers say 23

killed in Israeli strikes

News in brief

Russia said yesterday that Ukraine had launched a "counterattack" in the western border region of Kursk, where Kyiv's forces began a shock ground offensive last August. It was not immediately clear how much Ukraine had advanced in the region, but pro-Kremlin military bloggers reported earlier that a powerful new offensive was under way. Th assault comes at a critical juncture in the

nearly three-year conflict, with both sides seeking to boost their negotiating hand

ahead of US President-elect Donald Trump's

return to the White House on January 20. "At



Ukraine launches 'counterattack' in **Kursk region**

about 9:00 am Moscow time (0600 GMT), in order to halt the advance of Russia troops in the Kursk direction, the enemy launched a counterattack," the Russian defence ministry said. Ukraine used two tanks, a dozen armoured vehicles and a demolition unit in the assault, which was headed towards the village of Berdin -- about 15 kilometres (nine miles) northeast of Sudzha, it added.

Syrian ministers urge lifting of US sanctions in first visit to Doha

• Ministers from Syria's transitional government urged the United States to lift its sanctions on Damascus during their first visit to Qatar since overthrowing president Bashar al-Assad. In a statement, Oatar's foreign ministry said the Gulf country's premier met with Syria's interim foreign minister, Asaad al-Shaibani, defence minister Murhaf Abu Oasra and the new

head of intelligence, Anas Khattab. Oatari Prime Minister Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman bin Jassim Al-Thani "reiterated the State of Qatar's position in support of Syria's unity, sovereignty and independence," the statement said. Earlier, a Syrian diplomat and a Qatari official confirmed to AFP that Shaibani had arrived on Sunday morning for meetings in Qatar, the host of the US's largest military base in the region.

 Sudan's army chief has welcomed a Turkish offer to resolve the brutal 20-month conflict between his forces and their paramilitary chief welcomes rivals, the Sudanese foreign minister said. In early December, Turkish President Recep Tayyip **resolve conflict: FM** Erdogan said in a phone call with Sudan's Abdel Fattah al-Burhan that Ankara could help establish "peace and stability" in the war-torn African state. At a meeting in Port Sudan on Saturday, Burhan asked Turkey's deputy foreign minister Burhanettin Duran to "deliver the Sudanese leadership's welcoming of the initiative" to Erdogan, Sudanese foreign

According to US media, the

two dined and watched the

film "The Eastman Dilemma:

on the front pages of all Italy's

Sudan's army

minister Ali Youssef said in a briefing after the meeting. "Sudan needs brothers and friends like Turkey," Youssef said, adding that "the initiative can lead to... realising peace in Sudan"

SPOTLIGHT Italy's Meloni visits Trump in Florida

Italy's Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni (2ndR) and US President-elect Donald Trump (2ndL) posing with Senator Marco Rubio (R) and US incoming national security advisor Mike Waltz (L) at Trump's Mar-A-Lago Club in Palm Beach, Florida

AFP | West Palm Beach, United States

Ttalian Prime Minister Gior- Lawfare or Justice," a docu-**⊥**gia Meloni paid an unoffi- mentary about a lawyer who cial visit to Donald Trump at was charged for trying to overhis Mar-a-Lago residence on turn the 2020 election results Saturday, the latest foreign in favor of Trump. leader hosted by the US pres- Photos of the two conservaident-elect as he prepares to tive leaders side by side were take office.

Photos sent by the office of newspapers Sunday. the far-right prime minister Meloni is one of several forearly Sunday showed Melo- eign leaders, including Canani and Trump posing at the da's Justin Trudeau and Hunentrance to Mar-a-Lago and garian Prime Minister Viktor chatting in a reception room, Orban, who have paid visits to a Christmas tree visible in the Trump before he takes office. background.According to US Trump's promises of introjournalists present, Trump ducing heavy import tariffs called Meloni "a fantastic have led to a scramble among woman." "She's really taken traditional economic allies, Europe by storm, and every- including in Europe, to plan one else, and we're just having for possible negative effects dinner tonight," Trump said. on trade.

AFP | Palestinian Territories

💙 aza's civil defence agen--cy reported that Israeli strikes in the Palestinian territory had killed at least 23 people yesterday, while the military said it had targeted more than "100 terror targets" over the past two days.

At least 11 people were killed in an air strike on a house in northern Gaza's Sheikh Radwan area early on Sunday, civil defence command and it followed a sim- sure the safe return of residents spokesman Mahmud Bassal said, ilar accusation against Israel by of the north to their homes." adding that the dead included women and children.

"Rescuers are using their bare ers". equipment."

Israel savs Hezbollah not meeting ceasefire terms Jerusalem, Undefined

Tsraeli Defence Minister Is- on Saturday. Lrael Katz accused Lebanese Katz said Hezbollah had still group Hezbollah yesterday of not withdrawn "beyond the not meeting the terms of a cease- Litani river" in southern Lebafire, warning that if the militants non, as stipulated in the cease continued to breach the deal, fire deal. He added that "if this Israel would "be forced to act". condition is not met, there will visiting the military's northern be forced to act on its own to en-

hands because we lack proper In a separate strike, five people The Israeli military said Sunday communities that were largely dewere killed when the house of the that it had struck more than 100 stroyed during Hamas's October Bassal accused Israeli forces of Abu Jarbou family was struck in "terror targets" in the Gaza Strip 2023 attack.

Hezbollah chief Naim Qassem

Katz issued his warning after be no agreement and Israel will

"directing violent air strikes on the Nuseirat refugee camp in cen- Minister Israel Katz warned of "Rescuers are still searching homes where displaced people tral Gaza, the civil defence said. intensified Israeli strikes if the for five people trapped under the were sheltering, claiming they Another strike killed four peo- incoming rocket fire continued. rubble of the house," he said. were targeting resistance fight- ple in the town of Jabalia, the The renewed fire from Gaza has

agency added.

over the past two days. Several of the strikes targeted sites from which Palestinian militants had been firing projectiles into Israel in recent days, the mil-

itary said. "The IAF (air force) struck over 100 terror targets throughout the Gaza Strip, and eliminated dozens of Hamas terrorists" in the past two days, a military statement said. Gaza's civil defence agency reported that on Saturday more than 30 people were killed in Israeli strikes.

Last week, Israeli Defence

triggered air raid sirens in Israeli

More records found linking Credit Suisse, Nazi accounts: US panel

AFP | Washington, United States

A n investigation by a US Senate panel has found that troubled investment bank Credit Suisse concealed information during previous inquiries into Nazi-controlled bank accounts during World War II.

Tens of thousands of docusaid in a statement released Sat- Holocaust survivors, but it has connections. urday

istence of these accounts during ings with Nazis.



Credit Suisse has faced scrutiny over its historical links to Nazi accounts. In the late 1990s, the bank was part of investigations into dormant accounts belonging to Holocaust victims. The investigations revealed that some Swiss banks, including Credit Suisse, had mishandled or failed to return assets deposited by Jews and other persecuted groups during World War II. This led to a significant settlement in 1998, where Swiss banks agreed to pay \$1.25 billion to Holocaust survivors and their heirs.

new proof of the existence of ac- of investment bank UBS, agreed in physical documents and 40,000 investigative work. count holders linked to the Nazis, 1998 to take part in a \$1.25 billion microfilms, was found to have Barofsky was reinstated in the he rejoined the company. the Senate Budget Committee settlement of lawsuits brought by a "high relevance rate" of Nazi role in 2023 "as a result of the But he said Credit Suisse had discoveries from a Credit Suisse It said it would provide Barof-

been accused of not being com- It said the revelations stem after UBS's takeover of Credit Su- it held. The bank did not reveal the ex- pletely open about its past deal- from an interim report by former isse.

going examination have provided Credit Suisse, now a subsidiary discovered files, including 3,600 after being pressed to limit his that Credit Suisse, under the lead- Journal reported.

prosecutor Neil Barofsky, who In a letter to the panel released covered, among other things, ac-stating 'Amerikanische schwarze The Senate panel's investigaprevious investigations, notably The Senate committee said was fired as an "independent om- Saturday, Barofsky noted the "ex- counts controlled by high-rank- Liste' -- meaning 'American Black tion is continuing.



People and first responders inspect the rubble of a collapsed residential building that was hit by Israeli bombardment in the Sarava area in al-Rimal in central Gaza Citv

TODAY IN HISTORY

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The English Rump Parliament Samuel Morse and Alfred votes to put Charles I on trial for Vail demonstrate their treason and other "high crimes" telegraph machine in

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Geophysicist and meteorologist Alfred Wegener presents his controversial theory of continental drift in a lecture at the Geological Association at the Senckenberg-Museum, Frankfurt

Supporters of US President Donald Trump storm the Capitol in Washington

Massive storm slams US with snow, ice, bitter cold



A man crosses a street of the Manhattan borough of New York City

AFP | Washington, United States

Apowerful winter storm hammered the United States yesterday, with meteorologists warning millions in the east faced blizzard conditions and some areas would see the heaviest snowfall in a decade.

More than 60 million people are in the path of the dangerous storm, set to plunge the eastern half of the United States into a deep freeze of Arctic air through Monday resulting in severe travel disruptions.

The National Weather Service (NWS) warned of ice, snow and gale-force winds in states from the Central Plains to the Mid-Atlantic.

Winter storm warnings have been issued from western Kansas clear across to the coastal states of Maryland, Delaware and Virginia, an unusually broad 1,500-mile (2,400-kilometer) swath under immediate threat.

"Disruptive winter storm to impact the Central Plains to the Manchester and Liverpool, inches) of snow overnight. and damaging ice accumula- earlier flight suspensions. to see up to 30 cm of snow. tions," the NWS warned earlier.

day the agency's Weather Pre- and Missouri.



UK airports reopen runways



A snow cleaner, clears the streets of Marsden, northern England

AFP | London, United Kingdom

Apened yesterday after Airport chiefs warned of de heavy snow across large parts lays due to planes being out

Airports in northwestern had seen 12 centimetres (4.7

In its latest report early Sun- mph (64 kph) in parts of Kansas the agency said.

and wind gusts exceeding 40 ters) "the heaviest in a decade", manmade climate change.

But northern Leeds Bradford airport said its runway would be closed until furthe

of England forced runway clo- of place. The Met Office said Bingley in northern England

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@DrTedros



RUMP WAS RIGHT ABOUT EVERYTHING! @realDonaldTrump



Over the last decade, extensive work has been done in boosting metro connectivity, thus strengthening urban transport and enhancing 'Ease of Living.'

@narendramodi



For anyone doubting the severity and depravity of the mass gang rapes of little girls in Britain, go to the source material and read the court transcripts. I did. It is worse than you could possibly imagine.

@elonmusk

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LEGAL VIEWPOINT Quantum of damages \ compensation

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The object of

an award of

damages, by

Courts, is to give

the plaintiff some

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ggrieved parties seek justice and rule of law by resorting and submitting their claims to judicial Courts, wherein There is a ruling as proved before Courts. Such rule may award damages depending on the merits of each case. Here, I refer to the law No (19) of (2001) issuing the Civil Law in Bahrain, where there is clear reference to the issue of damages (compensation) particularly in Articles 220 221, 222, 223, 224 ... etc. (compensation in lieu of performance).

The object of an award of damages, by Courts, is to give the plaintiff some compensation for the damages, loss or injury he has suffered. The elements of damage recognized as such by the law are normally divided into two main groups, that is to say, pecuniary and non-pecuniary loss.

The pecuniary loss is the one that comprises all financial and material loss incurred, such as loss of business profits or expenses of medical treatment or breach of contract, etc. Whereas, the non-pecuniary loss is the other that comprises all loses which do not represent personal financial or material assets, such as physical pain or injury to feelings, etc. Moreover, the pecuniary loss being a money loss which is capable of being arithmetically calculated in money, even though the calcula-

tion must sometimes be a rough one where there are difficulties of proof. The non-pecuniary loss, on the other hand, is not so calculable. Money is not awarded as a replacement for other money, but as a substitute for that which is generally more important than money. By all means, it is the best that a Court do.

Lord Blackburn in a famous precedent defined the measure of damages as "that sum of money which will put the party who has been injured or that who has suffered, in the same position as he would have been in if he had not sustained the wrong for which he is now getting his compensation or repatriation". This statement has been consistently referred to as a good acceptable expla-

nation for the issue. While the above statement does good service as a rule covering both tort and contract the rule is that the plaintiff is entitled to be placed, so far as money can do it, in the same position as he would have been in had the contract, for example, been performed.

The above general rule is however only a starting point, for upon it a number of important limits are to be considered which may result in the plaintiff recovering less than the amount which would put him in the position he would have been had the tort or breach of contract never been committed. However, in many cases, it has been clearly stated that insisting on claiming such full compensation would be too harsh upon defendants.

Based on this, the loss for which the plaintiff will be compensated is cut down by a variety of factors, thus the plaintiff cannot recover damages for that part of the loss due to his contributory negligence, nor for such loss of which the defendants conduct is not the cause, nor for such loss which is not within the scope of the protection of the particular tort or contract, nor for loss which he should have avoided, nor for loss which is too uncertain... and so on in other similar instances, all grouped together and looked at as remote, known as "remoteness of damages". All that is classified under "remoteness of damages", delimit the consequences and loses for which the plaintiff can recover "full" compensation.

The issue of awarding damages, in most cases is very complicated and tiresome to Courts and other parties. Also, in most cases, it is not accepted by the plaintiff nor the defendant, as they stand in opposite place to each other. Always, this issue remains under endless discussions and the matter goes on as long there are two opposing parties with different views. The Courts, are required to be more careful and just in awarding damages, at least, in a way to represent the spirit of justice and rule of law.

(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)



lighted "especially noteworthy" Suisse's predecessor banks. Committee's investigation," and yet to share all the information research department.

The Barofsky team has dis- sample are marked with a stamp tragic period."

List' -- a list maintained by the Allies of individuals and companies that were directly financed by, or were known to regularly trade with, Axis powers," he wrote. "One file bearing this stamp

relates to an entity that was involved in selling looted Jewish issets Contacted by AFP, UBS said it

ments discovered during an on- in the 1990s, the committee said. Saturday that one set of newly budsperson" by the bank in 2022 traordinary level of cooperation ing SS officers, the Wall Street was committed to providing a complete record of the former ership of UBS, has provided" since In his letter, Barofsky high- Nazi-linked accounts in Credit

sky with all necessary assistance "Numerous client files in the in his work to shed light "on this

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diction Center said the storm The snowfall amounts will er is becoming more common will produce heavy snowfall exceed 15 inches (38 centime- and more severe as a result of

Brad Pitt's girlfriend 'pushed him to finalise bitter divorce from Angelina Jolie'



Brad Pitt with girlfriend Ines de Ramon

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m rad}$ Pitt's girlfriend Ines influenced by Ines to finally after they de Ramon is said to have settle. Ines wants to have a life two years. pushed him to finalise his bitter divorce from Angelina Jolie.

The 'Fight Club' actor, 61, has been dating his 32-year-old jewellery executive girlfriend Angelina were declared legally single as of 2019 – before they finally settled their marathon of their split at the end of December.

A source has now told Page Brad to "settle" with Angelina so at least this is progress in the and Knox. their lives could make "progress right direction."

in the right direction".

together - with possibly chil-War of the Roses.

would be much more enjoyable him after investigating. with this settled."

The insider added: "He was from Brad in September 2016 ments to preserve the privacy influenced by Ines to finally after they were married for only

dren in the future - without the no infamous trip on a private gaging a private judge to make albatross that was the eight-year jet, during which the actress said Brad was abusive to her and to facilitate the expeditious "(Ines) has made (it known and their six children - though resolution of any remaining since at least 2022 after he and that) her opinion is that life authorities later did not charge

Angelina and Brad later re-A separate source told the leased a joint statement declareight-year battle over the terms Mail Ines is a "positive influ- ing that they would keep all dience" on Brad as she "has a re- vorce proceedings private for ally good perspective on things". the sake of their kids - Maddox, They added: "It's sad how this 23, Pax, 21, Zahara, 19, Shiloh, 18, Six it was Ines who "influenced" whole thing has played out, but and 16-year-old twins Vivienne

They said: "The parties and Château Miraval.

Angelina filed for divorce their counsel have signed agreerights of their children and family by keeping all court doc-It was days after they took a uments confidential and enany necessary legal decisions issues.

> "The parents are committed to act as a united front to effectuate recovery and reunification."

> Even though the pair have legally been single in 2019 they have been mired in labyrinthine legal battles over the custody of their children and ownership of their French estate and winery

Ariana Grande 'used to study Judy Garland'

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riana Grande used to im-Apersonate Judy Garland.

The 31-year-old beauty was obsessed with 'The Wizard of Oz' - the 1939 musical-fantasy film - during her younger years, and Ariana has recalled impersonating the legendary actress, who played Dorothy in the movie.

in the new 'Wicked' film - told W Magazine: "I used to sit in front of the TV in my little gingham dress and study Judy Garland's body movements, how she held herself and Toto. My first impersonation may have been Judy Garland.

tion with sounds and tones movie. and different accents - my first memory is singing with my mom in the car to Barbra Streisand or *NSYNC or 'Over the Rainbow'. I don't remember a time when singing wasn't a part of my life. Strangely, I remember

found an "escape" in musical theatre

The actress revealed that she's always loved the "storytelling" element of theatre shows

She told Variety: "I mean, it was just something that spoke to me.

"I was a child, and I would sit there watching 'The Wiz-Ariana - who plays Glinda ard of Oz' and study Judy Garland, and I just remember it being such an escape. I loved the storytelling and seeing my first Broadway show."

Ariana fulfilled a long-held ambition by starring in the 'Wicked' film, and she's recalled "hunting" down an op-"I've always had a fascina- portunity to audition for the

She said: "As soon as I found out that it might be happening, I told my team, 'Be on high alert, please. And I know this has to be earned. So when they start seeing people, can I please go in? I'll do anything.' And I worked really hard with a vocal coach and an acting coach to get ready, because Glinda's vocal track is very different than what I usually sing."

Tom Holland plans to quit acting

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The 28-year-old actor - who is in a relationship with his 'Spi-

der-Man: No Way Home' co-star Zendaya - has vowed to "disappear" from the spotlight once he has a family of his

own as he'll be content with being around his kids and a break from work. playing the occasional round of golf.

magazine: "When I see me in movies an-

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Tom Holland

thing I needed to do. I had been

He told Men's Health acting flat out since I was 11." And one highlight of Tom's have kids, you will not sabbatical was joining his two brothers in a golf tournament I

with English professional Tom-"Golf and my Fleetwood - and winning. I will just day of my life. I called my lady then tucking. For weeks, I could disappear and was like, 'Listen, I'm thinkoff the ing of turning pro.' "

Despite wowing fans with his acrobatics as Spider-Man, Tom doesn't think he'll ever be as fit T h e admitted he is unsure if he'll be as he was when playing the title 'Crowd- able to keep doing flips forever role in stage show 'Billy Elliot' ed Room' as he recalled recently being when he was 11. actor has challenged to do so by one of his just been young cousins.

long sabbatical and I was getting ready, and I me would annihilate me now in as he "needed" was thinking, I can do this. I a fitness race."

can totally do this. I've done He said: "It was just some- this thousands of times. And Z was there, and she was like, 'Are you sure you can still do this?

"I actually did land it, but pulled every muscle in my stomach, because when you do a backflip, it's all about extend-He quipped: "It was the best ing up as much as you can and not laugh because my stomach was so sore."

And the 'Uncharted' star

He said: "The show was incredibly taxing on the body. I He said: "So I went outside couldn't do it now. 11-year-old

Celine Dion thanks fans for 'unwavering support'

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C for their "unwavering sup- warmth, laughter, and cherport".

The 56-year-old singer - who returned to live performance ties in the coming year. Wishing amid her battle with neurological condition stiff person syndrome - praised her supporters who has Rene-Charles, 23, and for inspiring her with their "love 14-year-old twins Eddy and and energy" as she wished them Nelson from her marriage to all the best for 2025.

"Your love and energy inspire me every day. I wish you all a reline Dion has thanked fans joyful holiday season filled with ished moments with loved ones. "Here's to endless possibili-



After receiving a standing ovation, People magazine reports she told the audience at Los Angeles' Shrine Auditorium: "This is the first time I've been on a stage since I was up on that tower. And I kind of miss it. "This City of Hope is so wellnamed. It does so much more than the important research leading to new treatments. It provides care to people in their greatest time of need at the most difficult and challenging moment of their lives. That is so

watching 'The Wizard of Oz' in the gingham dress paired with a 'Scream' mask." Ariana previously admitted that she's always

She wrote in a reflective post on Instagram: "As we wrap up another year together, I want to take a moment to express my heartfelt thanks for your unwavering support.

Ariana Grande

at the Paris Olympics in July you a safe holiday and a fabulous New Year!"

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spoke about the importance of "hope".

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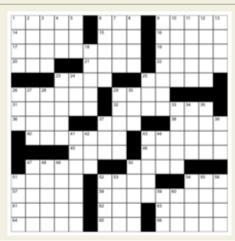
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Osaka retires with abdominal injury from Australian Open warm-up



Clara Tauson of Denmark (L) celebrates with the trophy after her win over Naomi Osaka of Japan (R)

AFP | Auckland

 \mathbf{N} aomi Osaka retired from the final of the Auckland Classic with an abdominal injury yesterday, a blow to the Japanese star just a week before the start of the Australian had a lot of fun playing Open.

Plaving in her first WTA final for three years, against Denmark's Clara Tauson, the four-time Grand Slam champion called for the physio after taking the opening set 6-4 and pulled out shortly afterwards. Osaka's sudden withdraw-

al from the Australian Open warm-up event came as a in a short courtside interview. shock after playing with no apparent problem in the 35-minute opening set, unleashing abdominal injury". some powerful groundstrokes third and fifth games.

27-year-old stood and per- ally sorry about how it ended," formed a series of stretches Osaka said. during a medical timeout.

Tauson, who picked up a third 2021.

of what forced her withdrawal 2021 Australian Open.



I just want to thank everyone for welcoming me to such a beautiful city and I

here and I'm really sorry about how it ended. I hope you did enjoy the tennis that we did play and I'm just really grateful to be here

NAOMI OSAKA

However, in a statement, the WTA said she retired "due to an

"I just want to thank everyto break her opponent in the one for welcoming me to such a beautiful city and I had a lot At the changeover, the offun playing here and I'm re-

"I hope you did enjoy the After consulting with the tennis that we did play and I'm trainer she shook the hand of just really grateful to be here." It was an anti-climactic fincareer title and her first since ish to the week for Osaka, who was chasing her first title in Osaka didn't divulge details four years since winning the

Comeback king Muller wins Hong Kong Open to end Nishikori fairytale



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France's Alexandre Muller hits a return to Japan's Kei Nishikori

AFP | Hong Kong

Flifted his first ATP Tour tirance's Alexandre Muller you everyone." tle by beating Kei Nishikori the US Open final in 2014, 2-6, 6-1, 6-3 in the final of the raced through the first set at Hong Kong Open yesterday.

to end the Japanese player's lose in 1hr 43min. bid for a first ATP Tour title in six years.

came just the third man to win in Brisbane in 2019. a tour-level title having lost the opening set in every match he four Nishikori has emerged played during the tournament. from years of injuries, includ-

the support tonight," said the back the years in a fairytale run Frenchman, who is projected to the Hong Kong final. to rise 11 places in the world rankings to a career-high 56th ment, he beat third-seeded on Monday.

the matches," he added.

"I have no words, I'm sorry, I just won the match, but thank

Nishikori, 35, who reached

Victoria Park in just 33 min-Muller won in 1hr 43min utes but ran out of steam to

It was the injury-plagued Nishikori's 27th tour-level fi-Comeback king Muller be- nal and his first since wining

The former world number "Thank you everyone for ing major hip surgery, to roll

A wildcard at the tourna-Karen Khachanov, former top "It's been an amazing week 10 player Cameron Norrie and for me, losing the first set in all Denis Shapovalov on the way to the last four.

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Australia win gripping fifth India Test

Australia defeats India by six wickets to win the series 3-1, secures World Test Championship final spot

Australia clinch **Border-Gavaskar Trophy**

Scott Boland shines with 10 wickets in the match, including 6-45 in the second innings

AFP | Sydney

ustralia clinched a knifeedge fifth Test against In-Ldia in Sydney by six wickets to seal a riveting series 3-1 Webster (39 not out) steered yesterday and book their place them home. in the World Test Championship final.

India were dismissed 45 minof day three for 157, adding just 16 to their overnight 141-6 with the irrepressible Scott Boland for the match.

against an attack missing injured together. strike bowler Jasprit Bumrah to regain the Border-Gavaskar ment." trophy for the first time since 2014-15.

Australia lost three wickets one short of becoming only the South Africa. 15th player and fourth Australian to reach 10,000 Test runs.

(34 not out) and debutant Beau



one run short of reaching 10,000 Test runs during Australia's run chase

'This is unreal, this (a series

win against India) is one that a few of us didn't have. It's been an utes into the morning session amazing series ... it's really lived up to all the hype," said Australia skipper Pat Cummins.

"I'm immensely proud. I love ending with 6-45 and 10 wickets playing with these guys, they are the emergence of exciting young dealing with a back issue, batted lot of experience and they will go such a special group. I feel priv-Set 162 to win, the hosts ileged to have this job and what opener Sam Konstas and Indian after bowling just one over and reached the target before tea we have been able to achieve

"Pretty satisfied at the mo- erans, notably Rohit Sharma, 31-year-old did not appear again,

Thrilling tour

Victory was enough to enbefore lunch to leave the Test sure Australia will defend their tralia bounced back in the dayfinely poised, including Steve World Test Championship in Smith who agonisingly fell just the June final at Lord's against

But Usman Khawaja hit a record crowds and some spec- in Melbourne. composed 41 before Travis Head tacular individual performances.



Australia's Scott Boland (C) celebrates his wicket of India's Mohammed Siraj (R) with teammates

talents in the form of Australian briefly when his team resumed all-rounder Nitish Kumar Reddy. leaving the field on Saturday. At the same time, ageing vet-

showed that the clock is ticking leaving Mohammed Siraj and on their careers.

Perth convincingly before Ausnight affair at Adelaide.

ended in a draw before the hosts body," said Bumrah. It culminated a thrilling tour took all the momentum into Sydfull of twists and turns that saw ney with a pulsating day-five win fought," he added.

But in a huge setback the

India won the first match in bowling attack, with Virat Kohli in charge.

"A little frustrating but sometimes you have to respect your

"The whole series was well

Indian pace spearhead and in, and the learnings will help only to sky it to Washington Sun-The five-Test series witnessed skipper Bumrah, who has been us in future. They have gained a dar at mid-off.

from strength to strength.

learning."

Rapid-fire Konstas

It appeared to be a difficult Prasidh Krishna to lead the run chase on a deteriorating helped build their second-insurface offering plenty for the nings lead. bowlers, but Konstas and Khawaja had other ideas.

stas hitting out.

"It is all about adapting and

They raced to 35 off the first

edge.

It gave India a glimmer of hope before Head and Webster

India resumed after a counter-attacking 61 from Pant

Ravindra Jadeja began on eight and Sundar on six after they dismissed Australia for 181

Alex Carey, adding just five to his overnight score.

Cummins lauds 'special' Australia team after India series win

AFP | Sydney

Australia skipper Pat Cum-mins lauded his "special" tight-knit team yesterday after they snapped a decade-long drought to win a series against India and make back-to-back World Test Championship finals.

The bulk of the Australian side has been together for years and beating India remained an elusive goal for many of them.



gether as a group over the years, so we knew we weren't at our best at Perth.

"But it was never as bad as it seems. So you stick tight and double down on what makes us a really good side."

The victory ensured Australia will be at Lord's to defend the World Test Championship against South Africa in June.

"It's such a special group, we have so much fun," added Cum-

Frustrated Bumrah says India will benefit from Australia defeat



I'm immensely proud. I love playing with these guys, they are such a special group. I feel privileged to have this job and what we have been able to achieve together

PAT CUMMINS

Prasidh then knocked over Marnus Labuschagne for six, caught by Yashasvi Jaiswal at slip, with the same pair removing Smith on four, fending off a rising ball.

Veteran Khawaja, who had a poor series, produced some cracking boundaries on his way to 41, but he mistimed a pull shot off Siraj with wicketkeeper Rishabh Pant collecting the

took the game away.

The rain-hit Brisbane clash body, and you can't fight your three overs, with teenager Kon- in reply to their first-innings 185.

Jadeja crunched an early It proved his downfall when boundary off Pat Cummins, but on 22, unnecessarily lashing at he was out two balls later, get-"Younger players have come a good length ball from Prasidh ting a faint nick to wicketkeeper

Only Steve Smith, Nathan Lyon and Mitchell Starc were part of the squad that played in the last series win over their arch-rivals a decade ago.

had achieved.

"Obviously in the context of

Australia's captain Pat Cummins (C) poses with the trophy and teammates

Cummins said he was "im- this series, it's been a massive didn't have. The boys have had mensely proud" of what his side series," he said after his 20th their eye on it and it has lived up a group effort, families as well. win as captain. to the hype.

"We've spent a lot of time to- really proud." "It is one that a few of us

mins of the squad. "I feel so privileged to first of all have this job.

"But what we've been able to achieve together alongside the support staff as well, it's such

They give up so much. So yeah,

India cricket loss to Australia sparks questions back home

AFP | New Delhi

Tndian cricket fans and pun-L dits heaped praise on stand-in skipper Jasprit Bumrah yesterday, but questioned the future of several veteran players after their team lost 3-1 to Australia in a gripping five-Test series.

Star quick bowler Bumrah offered something for India to celebrate in an otherwise gloomy assessment of the team's performance following their six-wicket defeat in the final Test in Sydney.

"Trophy lost, questions aplenty, uncertain future," a Times of India headline read.

"Questions were continuous-



India's players look on during the trophy ceremony

ly raised on the future of age- noted that "the big two were the Series. ing superstars in that dressing poor", referring to captain Rohit room, which doesn't look happy Sharma and batting superstar anymore," the paper wrote. The Indian Express gloomily

Virat Kohli.

Sharma, who has averaged said the Times of India.

just 10.9 runs in his last eight Tests, stood down -- or was dropped -- for the final match because of his form.

For Kohli, apart from an unbeaten century in Perth, he was out every other time caught after edging to the wicketkeeper or slips.

Bumrah, however, was a revelation.

Standing in as skipper in the final Test, he finished the tour with 32 wickets at an average of 13.06, and was named Man of

"Superhuman Jasprit Bumrah was let down by colossal batting failures and dubious selections,"



Jasprit Bumrah receives the Player of the Series award from Allan Border

AFP | Sydney

Ctand-in skipper Jasprit Bumrah said it was frustrat- A little frustrating but ing that he missed the crunch sometimes you have to finale to their Test series respect your body. You against Australia yesterday, but said he was buoyed by what he saw from India.

The star quick bowler suf-Saturday and went for scans, that's the way it is. ultimately forced to watch chased 162 to win.

He was the standout bowler. and his absence was a major trophy.

"A little frustrating but defeat.

can't fight your body JASPRIT BUMRAH

fered a back niggle during I probably missed out on the the fifth Test in Sydney on spiciest wicket of the series but

"I felt a bit of discomfort from the sidelines as Australia during my second spell in the first innings."

"Not at the moment, the blow to the team's hopes of medical team is working on retaining the Border-Gavaskar it," he said, while praising his strike bowler.

"Absolutely outstanding," he sometimes you have to re- said of Bumrah. "I can't say spect your body. You can't fight more than that. He led the atyour body," he said after the tack really well, bowled a lot of six-wicket loss and 3-1 series overs and whenever he went out to bowl he did a fabulous

"A little disappointing that job.

India coach Gautam Gambtaking 32 wickets at 13.02 to be hir said it was too early to asnamed player-of-the series, sess the extent of the injury.

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Gauff inspires USA to United Cup title

Coco Gauff beats Iga Swiatek before Taylor Fritz seals victory for USA over Poland

Coco Gauff beats Iga Swiatek 6-4. 6-4 in a powerful opener

Taylor Fritz edges **Hubert Hurkacz** 6-4, 5-7, 7-6(7/4) to secure the title

AFP | Sydney

oco Gauff roared past Iga Swiatek to inspire team USA yesterday before Taylor Fritz sealed the United Cup title with victory over Poland's Hubert Hurkacz in Sydney.

6-4, 6-4 win over Swiatek in 1hr event in 2023. 51min of hard-hitting tennis to fire a warning shot ahead of the the final hurdle again after los-Australian Open.

Big-serving Fritz then battled through against Hubert Hurkacz with a second victory in 6-4, 5-7, 7-6 (7/4) to spark wild a row over Swiatek afcelebrations as the Americans ter beating the former



Coco Gauff, 20, is unbeaten in singles since October and goes into the Australian Open as world number three, having not dropped a set in five United Cup singles matches

won the mixed-teams cup for the second time in three years Gauff opened with a statement after winning the inaugural

> For Poland it meant falling at ing to Germany 12 months ago.

Gauff set the ball rolling

world number one at the WTA Finals in Riyadh on her way to the title

Gauff had won all six of her previous singles and doubles matches this week and continued her streak when Swiatek double-faulted on match point at 4-5, 30-40 in the second set.

"I think I have the belief that I am one of the best players in the world, and when I play good tennis, it's hard for me to be beaten," said Gauff, who won the award as player of the tournament.

'Tough today'

The 20-year-old will go into the first Grand Slam of the year next Sunday unbeaten in singles since losing to world num-

ber one

Aryna Sa- with confidence.

balenka in "Today I think I played great the Wuhan tennis, and I'm happy to get a semi-finals point," she said. "It was tough in October, today. I'm not gonna lie." and brim-

Gauff's victory left the United States one win away from lifting ming the title for the second time, and Fritz delivered after edging a third-set tiebreak to seal a tense encounter.

"It's been a great week," said Fritz.

"They're an incredibly tough team and the margins are very small," he added after a serve-dominated match that featured 30 aces and just three break points.

"I feel like it could have always gone either way. Just want to say thanks to my whole team.'

Earlier, Swiatek took a medical timeout at 5-4 down in the second set to have strapping put on her niggling left thigh which has bothered her all week in

I think I have the belief that I am one of the best players in the world, and when I play good tennis, it's hard for me to be beaten

COCO GALLEE

After losing to Gauff, Swiatek left the court in tears, walking gingerly, but returned laughing and joking during the trophy presentations.

Red-hot Gauff, who did not drop a set in five singles matches, goes into the Australian Open as world number three.

She enjoyed United Cup singles wins over Leylah Fernandez, Donna Vekic, Zhang Shuai, Karolina Muchova and Swiatek. Fritz, who is at career-best number four in the rankings,

dropped his opening United Cup match to Felix Auger-Aliassime but then won four straight.

Sydney. Coco Gauff celebrates her win

AFP | Madrid

Sabalenka warms up for Australian Open with Brisbane win

AFP | Brisbane

World number one Aryna Sabalenka enjoyed the perfect warm-up for next week's Australian Open when she downed Russian qualifier Polina Kudermetova to win the Brisbane International yesterday.

After finishing runner-up in Brisbane in 2024, Sabalenka won the 18th title of her career tournament after with a 4-6, 6-3, 6-2 win over having to win a gallant Kudermetova in 1hr 47min.

In the men's final, 21-yearold Czech Jiri Lehecka claimed main draw. his second ATP title when US opponent Reilly Opelka pulled out with a wrist injury while trailing 1-4.

It was an ideal start to the season for Sabalenka, who will be aiming for her third straight Australian Open crown in Melbourne.

old, who has also won in Ade- like a match too far as Sabalentralian Open crowns.

"I'm just excited -- I love playing here," she said. "That's the conditions where I feel really comfortable in."

The 21-year-old Kudermetova was playing her eighth match of the two rounds of qualifying just to make the And it initially looked

laide along with her two Aus- ka broke her serve in the third game of the first set.

But Kudermetova lifted. matching Sabalenka from the back of the court and becoming confident on serve.



I definitely can take a lot of things from this week heading into the Australian Open. I definitely feel my game is pretty well. Mentally, physically I'll be ready to go at the Australian

ARYNA SABALENKA

She broke Sabalenka's serve for a second time at 5-4 to take the first set in 40 minutes and stun a packed Pat Rafter Arena.

Kudermetova started the second set just as she had finished the first, serving well and putting her more illustrious opponent under even more pressure.

Real Madrid coach Carlo Ancelotti said yesterday it be Vinicius). I'm not would be "difficult" to be Vinicius Junior after the player

'Difficult' to be Vinicius:

Real Madrid coach Ancelotti

was sent off against Valencia. The Brazilian winger pushed goalkeeper Stole Dimitrievski in the back of the neck amid a spat between the two players and was dismissed.

Vinicius was mocked by Valencia fans at their Mestalla stadium during the game, having squared off with some who racially abused him in a match in 2022.

"I think it is difficult (to be Vinicius), I'm not in his skin, but I think it's difficult," Ancelotti told reporters, after Vinicius saw red in Madrid's 2-1 La Liga win on Friday.

"To bear everything that

be Vinicius). I'm not in his skin, but I think it's difficult. To bear everything that has happened, the insults, everything, it's not so simple. Obviously he's sad about the red card, he said sorry and we have to look forwards

CARLO ANCELOTTI

also often targeted by fans for his behaviour on the pitch.

The 24-year-old often complains to officials after clashing with defenders and sometimes engages and responds to fans who jeer him.

"What happens in stadi-

Open

"I definitely can take a lot of things from this week heading into the Australian Open," Sabalenka said.

"I definitely feel my game is pretty well. Mentally, physically I'll be ready to go at the Australian Open.

"Having this trophy going to the major, it's really important." Australia has become a happy hunting ground for the 26-year-



She had a break point in the fourth game, but Sabalenka saved it, and that signalled a change in momentum as Kudermetova began to fall away.

She lost her serve twice in the second set to allow the world number one to level the match as fatigue from her busy week appeared to take hold.

Aryna Sabalenka

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"Obviously he's sad about the red card, he said sorry and fect," continued Ancelotti. we have to look

forwards." Vin icius, who has suffered racial abuse at numerous stadiums in Spain, i s

has happened, the insults, ums... I think he has improved his attitude a lot, he can keep improving but nobody is per-

> "I think he's done a lot of work on that, and he has improved so much that he is the best player in the world."

Vinicius may face a ban after his red card, which will be decided next week, meaning he is available for Madrid's Copa del Rey clash against Deportivo Minera on Monday.

"We're still convinced it was not worth a red card but a yellow, so we hope he is not banned," said Ancelotti.

League leaders and reigning champions Madrid then face Mallorca in the Spanish Super Cup semi-final on Thursday in Saudi Arabia. **Vinicius Junior**

Krejcikova pulls out of Australian Open over back injury

AFP | Melbourne

Reigning Wimbledon cham-pion Barbora Krejcikova said yesterday she was pulling out of this month's Australian Open over a back injury.

"Unfortunately, my back injury, which troubled me at the end of last season, is still not fully healed," the world number ten said on X.



Barbora Krejcikova

"It's really disappoint- International. ing because I love playing in Melbourne and have such don title last year, three years great memories from reach- after lifting the French Open ing the quarter-finals last trophy. vear."

to full health, and I can't wait two at the Australian Open, and to see you on the court soon," three major mixed doubles ti-Krejcikova added.

The 29-year-old Czech will also sit out this week's Adelaide on January 12.

Krejcikova won the Wimble-

She has also won seven Grand "I'm working hard to get back Slam doubles titles including tles, all at Melbourne.

The Australian Open begins

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