

HM King Hamad wishes speedy recovery for King Charles III

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa sent a cable to His Majesty King Charles III, wishing him a speedy recovery and good health, and for his prompt return to his royal duties.

This comes as the 75-year-old British Monarch has been diagnosed with a form of cancer and has begun treatment.

He expressed hopes for the UK's continued progress and development under King Charles III's leadership, along with wishes for his good health, happiness, and overall well-being.

Emphasising the deep-rooted historical ties, robust partnership, and enduring bonds of friendship between Bahrain and the UK, HM King Hamad underscored the significance of the longstanding relationship shared by the two nations and their peoples.

Trump calls on Republicans to kill Ukraine aid bill

AFP | Washington

Former US president Donald Trump urged Republicans yesterday to reject a bipartisan Senate deal trading tough new border security measures for \$60 billion in Ukraine funding and other national security priorities.

"Don't be STUPID!!! We need a separate Border and Immigration Bill. It should not be tied to foreign aid in any way, shape, or form!" said Trump, who running for reelection and is desperate to deprive President Joe Biden of a major legislative win ahead of the November vote.

19 die in Sudan ethnic clashes

AFP | Juba, South Sudan

Nineteen people, one of them a humanitarian worker, were killed in ethnic clashes over the weekend in the Abyei region straddling the border between Sudan and South Sudan and claimed by both, local authorities said.

HM King inaugurates AH1-Z Cobra attack helicopters

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, the Supreme Commander, yesterday inaugurated the AH1-Z Cobra, the newly introduced attack helicopters into the Bahrain Defence Force (BDF) as part of the Bahrain Shield project.

The inauguration, coinciding with the occasion of the 56th anniversary of the BDF, was attended by His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces, and Prime Minister.

His Majesty the King was received at the venue of the event by Field Marshal Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, the Commander-in-Chief of the BDF.

His Majesty was accompanied by Lieutenant-General His Highness Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, National Security Advisor and Royal Guard Commander; and Colonel His Highness Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Commander of the Royal Guard's Special Force.

HM the King was present-



HM the King and HRH Prince Salman at the event

ed with a memento from HRH Prince Salman. The BDF Commander-in-Chief also presented mementos to HM the King and HRH Prince Salman.

His Majesty congratulated all officers and personnel of the BDF and citizens on the occasion of the 56th anniversary of the BDF.

He expressed appreciation for the dedicated efforts of BDF

affiliates to safeguard the kingdom, safety of citizens and national unity. HM the King said that they will always be a source of pride, and that the establishment of the force will remain as a memorable moment in the progress of the kingdom.

HM King Hamad thanked HRH Prince Salman for the follow-up and support of the development of the armed forces. His Majesty



also thanked the BDF Commander-in-Chief for his distinguished efforts in leading the force. He recounted the role of founding officers, expressing appreciation for their valuable contributions.

His Majesty hailed the significant progress made by the BDF in developing its capabilities, as well as in making landmark contributions in a number of areas, including health, housing,

sports, humanitarian and relief aid efforts and organising key events, including the Bahrain International Air Show.

HM the King also commended the people of Bahrain for their constant keenness on serving its country and contributing to its prosperity with their will and determination to achieve success.

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Tug of War

Shura Council locks horns with Parliament over 'moonlighting bill'

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A heated debate is brewing in Bahrain's legislative chambers as the Shura Council's Legislative and Legal Affairs Committee has firmly rejected a draft law aiming to blur the lines between public and private sector employment.

The proposed addition to the Civil Service Law, championed by the Council of Representatives (CoR), has hit a brick wall with the Shura Council, raising concerns about the potential erosion of public service integrity.

The Shura Council's Legislative and Legal Affairs Committee, led by Dalal Jassim Al



Dalal Jassim Al Zayed

Zayed, stands resolute in its opposition, citing the fundamental principle of public employment as a national service dedicated to the public good.

Equating public and private



Shura Council Chairman H.E. Ali Bin Saleh Al Saleh

sector roles, they argue, undermines this core value and risks compromising the crucial role public servants play in implementing policies, managing public funds, and delivering essen-

tial services.

"The Constitution is clear," the committee emphasizes, "public service is a national duty, not a springboard for private pursuits."

They highlight the existing legal framework that safeguards this distinction, ensuring public employees remain free from any suspicion of divided loyalties.

Public service

This firm stance comes after the Council of Representatives, frustrated by the initial rejection, sent the bill back for reconsideration. However, the Shura Council appears unwavering, determined to uphold the sanctity of public service.

The debate hinges on a fundamental question - can public servants dabble in private ventures without jeopardizing their core responsibilities? The Shura Council believes the answer is a resounding no, emphasizing the need for clear boundaries to maintain public trust and ensure the smooth functioning of government services.

With both sides digging in their heels, the fate of the draft law hangs in the balance. Will the Shura Council prevail, or will the Council of Representatives manage to bridge the divide? Only time will tell how this tug-of-war between public service principles and private enterprise aspirations unfolds.

Two-state solution 'only path to lasting peace in the region'

AFP | Berlin

German Chancellor Olaf Scholz told Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu in a phone call yesterday that a two-state solution with the Palestinians was the only path to lasting peace in the region.

"From the view of the government, only a negotiated two-state solution would open up the prospect of a sustainable solution to the Middle East

conflict. This must apply to both Gaza and the West Bank," Scholz said, according to a statement issued by his spokesman. Meanwhile, French Foreign Minister Stephane Sejourne said yesterday that Israeli "settler violence must stop" against Palestinians in the occupied West Bank, following a meeting with Netanyahu.

"There should be no forced displacement of Palestinians," Sejourne said during a Middle East tour.

Snowy delight



Afghan boys play with snow at a field in Argo district of Badakhshan province, in Afghanistan. (AFP)

Carnival Craze at F1

Family fun unfolds off-track; Nickelodeon & Circus await

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Bahrain International Circuit (BIC) has put together its biggest-ever off-track entertainment programme for the Formula 1 Gulf Air Bahrain Grand Prix 2024.

This incredible line-up of colourful attractions include stage shows featuring world-renowned cartoon characters, incredible circus acts, thrilling carnival rides, lively roaming performers, and so much more.

The grand prix weekend is scheduled for 29 February to 2 March at BIC, marking the season-opening round of the 2024 FIA F1 World Championship. It will be the first-ever Saturday night race at BIC, making for an additional spectacle to the already extra-special occasion in Sakhir.

Off the track, there will be so much on offer for the whole family to enjoy at the grand prix.

Nickelodeon Rocks will offer an unforgettable, one-of-a-kind experience for kids. At the heart of this attraction is a dynamic stage show featuring beloved Nickelodeon characters such as Dora the Explorer, SpongeBob SquarePants, Paw Patrol, and Shimmer and Shine.

In addition, Nickelodeon Rocks offers various interactive



sections where kids can participate in exciting activities. These zones provide an opportunity for young race-goers to unleash their creativity and imagination while enjoying hands-on experiences that are both entertaining and educational.

For another memorable show that will engage both children and adults alike, Circus Extreme will bring an exciting blend of a traditional circus experience with a contemporary twist. Its

team of acrobats, proficient in various disciplines, will be dazzling fans, with carefully selected music complementing their amazing performances.

A pair of exhilarating carnival rides will also be on hand at BIC's vending area for all to experience throughout the F1 weekend. These are the Ferris Wheel and The High Impress.

The Ferris Wheel, a recurring attraction at the F1 Gulf Air Bahrain Grand Prix, offers

a distinctive vantage point for spectators. Illuminated against the evening sky, it stands as a symbol of elegance amidst the circuit backdrop. Its towering presence provides a panoramic view of BIC and the surrounding Sakhir area, allowing visitors to observe the racing action from a unique perspective.

The High Impress is a pulse-pounding amusement ride that blends safety and thrills for an unforgettable experience.



Fans will get to feel the rush of controlled spins and rotations, making for a dynamic and captivating adventure.

Furthermore, BIC will be bringing in an army of roaming entertainers who will be interacting with fans from morning to night and setting the festival-like atmosphere on all three days of F1 weekend.

These delightful characters include the Puglia Street Band, AJ Batucada, TikTak Marionette, Stevie Wheels, Juggling Dom, Carnival de Colores, and so much more!

There is certainly something for everyone in this sensational line-up of off-track entertainment at the F1 Gulf Air Bahrain Grand Prix 2024.

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The programs are important in providing opportunities to share knowledge and experience, and to stay abreast of the latest ICT innovations

H.E. MOHAMMED ALI AL QAED, INFORMATION & EGOVERNMENT AUTHORITY (IGA) CHIEF EXECUTIVE

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The Information & eGovernment Authority (iGA) held an introductory workshop to enhance collaboration between government entities and raise their awareness of the most advanced technologies available to them.

The event focused on areas experiencing significant innovation and technological advancements, such as security, health, education, traffic, labor, and sustainable development. These efforts are in line with digital transformation initiatives of the Government Plan (2023-2026).

iGA Chief Executive, His Excellency Mohammed Ali Al Qaed, started the workshop, welcoming the attendees and highlighting the importance of such programs, which provide opportunities to share knowledge and experience, and to stay abreast of the latest ICT innovations.

He provided an overview of the strategic objectives followed by the Directorate of Innovation and Advanced Technologies, which were introduced recently by Royal Decree

No. (84) of 2023, in line with the senior leadership's directives to adopt advanced technologies such as artificial intelligence in government operations to enhance the quality of services. Al Qaed praised H.E. Gen. Shaikh Rashid bin Abdullah Al Khalifa, the Minister of Interior and Chairman of the Ministerial Committee for Information and Communication Technology (MCICT) for his support of the Kingdom's digital transformation.

Technical challenge

He highlighted the role of the Directorate of Innovation and Advanced Technologies in fostering a digitally advanced culture by tackling technical challenges on both the international and regional stages, engaging with research centers, and collaborating with major corporations to deploy solutions that benefit governmental sectors. He thanked the concerned team for its pursuit of these strategic objectives.

iGA Director of Innovation and Advanced Technologies, Latifa Al Abbasi, discussed mechanism for implementing various initiatives, including

evaluation criteria for idea submissions and the exploration of appropriate options for their execution.

The workshop's main goals include knowledge exchange and raising awareness about developments contributing to the evolution of various sectors, as well as the streamlining of government procedures for citizens, residents, and visitors to the Kingdom.

Main themes

The workshop's main themes included the process of studying and implementing innovations, starting from understanding user needs and expected challenges to finding suitable solutions, along with the creation and evaluation of both simple and complex prototypes ahead of final implementation.

It also focused on the adoption of advanced technologies in government, including artificial intelligence (AI), machine learning, virtual reality (VR), the Internet of Things (IoT), and robotics.

In attendance were senior officials from government entities, including the Ministry of Sustainable Development; the Ministry of Health; the General Directorate of Traffic; government hospitals; the Higher Education Council; the National Health Regulatory Authority; the Quality Assurance Authority for Education and Training; the Ministry of Interior; the Ministry of Industry, Commerce & Tourism; the Ministry of Labour; the Ministry of Municipalities Affairs and Agriculture; and the Ministry of Education.

BDF hailed for combat readiness, military capabilities

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The Cabinet commended the accomplishments of the Bahrain Defence Force (BDF) to mark the 56th anniversary of its establishment.

During yesterday's session chaired by His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and



HRH Prince Salman

Prime Minister, the Cabinet noted its combat readiness and military capabilities which have been further developed, thanks to the unwavering support of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, the Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces.

The Cabinet wished the Kingdom of Bahrain, the BDF, and its

personnel further progress and prosperity.

It welcomed the return of professional golfing to the Kingdom of Bahrain, highlighting the success of the first edition of the Bahrain Championship, presented by Bapco Energies and hosted under the patronage of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa. The

competition brought together a lineup of international golfers who are part of the DB World Tour.

In recognition of the forthcoming Bahrain Sports Day, the Cabinet declared that Thursday, 22 February 2024, will be a half working day, allowing ministries, government departments, and public institutions to allow

their employees to participate in the annual Sports Day events.

The Cabinet congratulated the winners of the 50th edition of the Bahrain Annual Fine Arts Exhibition, noting the Kingdom's ongoing commitment to initiatives that enhance the contributions of Bahraini artists in consolidating the Kingdom's position in the fine arts.

HM King lauded for solid support to BDF progress

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Air Vice-Marshall Shaikh Hamad bin Abdulla Al Khalifa, Commander of the Royal Bahraini Air Force (RBAF), delivered a speech in which he congratulated His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, the Supreme Commander, on the 56th anniversary of the BDF and hailed the efforts of His Majesty in leading the ongoing development of the force.

The RBAF Commander also congratulated His Majesty on inaugurating "Bahrain Shield", expressing his appreciation for His Majesty's support which ensured the project's successful completion.

Shaikh Hamad bin Abdulla said that the project, which

was signed off in 2018 by His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces, and Prime Minister, was fully ready to operate in various circumstances and all-weather conditions, noting that it was an addition to the combat readiness of the force in effectively handling different challenges.

Air Vice Marshal Shaikh Hamad added that RBAF was the first to operate AH1-Z Cobra, which is one of the most advanced in the world, outside the US.

He concluded his remarks by thanking His Majesty HRH Prince Salman for their support, directives and follow up which have significantly driven the successful development of the air force.

Dream Homes Closer

25% cap to boost affordable housing; Shura teams up with Housing Ministry

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Citizens hoping to own their dream homes could soon find it easier thanks to a proposed law under discussion by the Shura Council.

The Public Utilities and Environment Committee, led by Dr. Mohammed Ali Hassan Ali, recently met with the Ministry of Housing and Urban Planning to delve into the proposal, drafted by five Shura Council members.

This initiative aims to boost citizens' purchasing power by setting clear guidelines for income deductions related to housing services. The proposed cap? A manageable 25%, ensuring financial stability while opening doors to quality housing.

The proposed law emphasizes transparency and clarity, safeguarding individual rights



H.E. Amna bint Ahmed Al Romaihi



H.E. Ali Bin Saleh Al Saleh



Dr. Mohammed Ali Hassan Ali

throughout the process. Discussions centred on an amended article specifying deductions based on either basic salary or registered wage, always capped at 25%. Additionally, the Minister of Housing and Urban Planning, Her Excellency Amna bint Ahmed Al Romaihi, will establish regulations for lending for

various housing needs, along with income calculation methods for eligible groups.

Committee Chairman Dr. Ali lauded the collaborative spirit between the legislative and executive branches, highlighting how such partnerships strengthen efforts to serve the nation and its citizens. This

teamwork paves the way for consensus-driven legislation, ultimately benefiting all Bahrainis seeking a piece of the homeownership dream.

With this proposal gaining momentum, the path to accessible and affordable housing could become a reality for many Bahrainis.

648 drivers arrested for unlicensed services



The traffic law enforcement campaign is in full swing

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The General Directorate of Traffic has arrested 648 drivers of different nationalities for providing transportation services for money without licences from the Transportation and Telecommunication Services and through unlicensed vehicles for such services.

It noted that Article 46 of the Traffic Law punishes any

one who practices a public transportation activity without a license with imprisonment for up to six months and/or a fine of up to BD1,000 or one of these two penalties.

It highlighted the continuation of law enforcement campaigns in all governorates in cooperation and coordination with the Ministry of Transportation and Telecommunications.

BD55,000 compensation win in drunk driving accident case

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The High Civil Court obligated an insurance company and an insuree to jointly pay an amount of BD55,000 after the latter caused an accident while driving under the influence of alcohol resulting in a permanent disability of 70% for the plaintiff, rendering him unable to work.

It also obligated them to pay an amount of BD2,500 as moral compensation to the plaintiff's wife, parents, and brother with interest at the rate of 2% annually from the date of the claim until full payment. It also obligated them to shoulder expenses and attorney fees.

According to the plaintiffs' lawyer, on November 21, 2018, the second defendant caused injuries to the plaintiff, indicated in the medical record, by

colliding with him while drunk driving. The Minor Criminal Court penalised him with imprisonment and a fine. The lawyer pointed out that the car was insured by the first defendant company.

The first plaintiff's injuries resulted in permanent disability estimated at 70% which caused him material damages represented by his inability to work, exorbitant treatment expenses and moral damages due to the grief caused by those life-altering injuries.

In support of his claim, he provided copies of the traffic report, medical reports, the decision of the Appellate Medical Commission, the Ministry of Health report, the criminal

ruling, and copies of travel tickets and treatment expenses incurred by the plaintiff abroad.

His lawyer cited the texts of Articles 309 of the Code of Criminal Procedure and 100 of the Evidence Law wherein a final criminal ruling issued by the criminal court in respect to a criminal case shall be recognised by the civil court so that its ruling does not contradict the previous criminal ruling.

Percentage of disability

The court referred to the percentage of disability proven in the report of the Appellate Medical Commission, which stated that the plaintiff suffered from a subdural hematoma on the left

side and a widespread injury to the nerve axon, which was treated surgically and resulted in headache, slurred speech, severe forgetfulness, changes in behaviour and social relationships, and inability to walk unassisted.

The accident affected the performance of his job duties. The Social Insurance Organisation stated that he medically retired at the age of forty-seven due to chronic injuries. He was deprived of movement and the ability to earn, being the breadwinner for his wife and son.

The court ruled to jointly obligate defendants to pay the first plaintiff an amount of BD55,000 in material and moral compensation, and to pay the second plaintiff, his wife, BD1,000, and BD500 to his parents and brother each, in addition to expenses and legal fees.

17 Days of Global Flavours: Bahrain Food Fest Returns!

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The Bahrain Tourism and Exhibitions Authority (BTEA) is gearing up to host the Eighth edition of the Bahrain Food Festival in Marassi Bahrain, Diyar Muharraq, from February 8-24, 2024, with the participation of over 100 restaurants, cafes, and local and international hospitality vendors.

On the occasion, BTEA's CEO, Sara Ahmed Buhejji, said: "BTEA is pleased to announce the details of the Eighth edition of the

Bahrain Food Festival, which has become a prominent tourism destination in the Kingdom, offering an exceptional blend of flavours and gastronomy."

She added that BTEA will continue its unwavering commitment to elevate the gastronomy sector, being one of the supportive sectors to achieve the objectives of the tourism strategy (2022-2026).

Throughout the 17 days, the festival will feature different entertainment events, including



live shows. In addition to showcasing Bahraini artists and local bands performing on the main



Sara Ahmed Buhejji

stage at Marassi Beach, these include the Ismael Dawas Band, The Ravens, AQ Jazz Experience, DJ Swif, Oracle Project, Relocators, Five Star, and others.

The festival will see the return of the traditional village, offering a diverse range of delectable dishes that celebrate Bahraini flavours. It will also introduce a kids zone with activities for youngsters to enjoy.

The Food Festival will also host a live cooking event with the participation of recognised

chefs across the Kingdom. In addition to organising two cooking competitions: the Great Island Chef 2024, for cooking enthusiasts aged 18 and above and the Little Chef 2024 competition for those between the ages of 12 and 17.

The Seventh edition of the Bahrain Food Festival attracted 168,000 visitors in 2023 over a period of 14 days. It is expected that this edition will attract more visitors, especially from the GCC.

Hotel Clash Heats Up

High Civil Court refers over half-a-million-dinars rental dispute to Bahrain Chamber

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The High Civil Court has referred a high-stakes rental dispute involving a prestigious hotel owner and its tenant to the Bahrain Chamber for dispute settlement in economic, financial, and investment matters.

The court cited the Real Estate Sector Regulatory Law, asserting its lack of jurisdiction due to the claim amount surpassing half a million Bahraini dinars.

The hotel owner instigated legal action, seeking over half a million dinars from the tenant. The plaintiff contended that the defendant violated the lease contract terms by failing to pay rent and parking fees, leading to the withdrawal of parking



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spaces.

Moreover, mismanagement allegations included violations of regulations set by govern-

ment agencies, resulting in labour lawsuits from hotel employees.

The plaintiff, supported by

an engineering expert's report, claimed BD580 in losses due to changes in the hotel's classification and outstanding debts resulting from mismanagement.

On the contrary, the defendant argued their right to withhold rent for necessary repairs and additions. They emphasised their good-faith entry into the hotel management contract, asserting they were unaware of the hotel's actual condition.

As the court emphasised its obligation to assess jurisdiction independently, the case was referred to the Bahrain Chamber. The chamber, with authority over disputes exceeding BD500,000 in lease contracts, will scrutinise evidence and arguments from both parties before delivering a resolution.

Council for Arts hailed for supporting Bahraini artists



H.E. Dr. Ramzan bin Abdullah Al Noaimi visits the RAK Art Foundation

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Minister of Information, His Excellency Dr. Ramzan bin Abdullah Al Noaimi, commended the role of the National Council for Arts in supporting Bahraini artists and its role in highlighting Bahrain's culture and civilisation through its participation and contributions to various artistic and cultural events and activities in and outside the Kingdom.

This came as Dr. Al Noaimi, visited the RAK Art Foundation, where he met Shaikh Rashid bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, Chairman of the National Council for Arts.

Dr. Al Noaim affirmed that the support of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and the follow-up of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, highlighted the role of Bahraini art as a soft power tool that depicts Bahrain's identity

and its approach of promoting peace.

The minister toured the foundation and viewed the exhibition of the creations and possessions of the photographer and cinematographer, Khalifa Shaheen.

Dr. Al Noaimi hailed the unique career of the photographer and cinematographer, Khalifa Shaheen, and all that he produced through the years, placing him as a one of the top inspiring Bahraini artists for the future generations.

Shaikh Rashid bin Khalifa affirmed that Bahraini art reached the pinnacle of creativity through the support of HM the King and the follow-up of HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, enabling Bahraini art to reach a distinguished status on regional and international levels.

Shaikh Rashid bin Khalifa thanked the minister for his keenness to support national artists, affirming the media's role in highlighting Bahrain's artists' achievements.

Parliament to discuss return of funds from optional retirement

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The Parliament is set to discuss today a report from the Services Committee regarding the proposal for Law No. (78) of 2006 concerning insurance against unemployment.

The proposal was put forward by several members, including the First Deputy Speaker of the Parliament, Abdulnabi Salman, Mahdi Al Shuwaikh, Eman Shuwaiteh, Mohammed Al Alawi, and Mamdouh Al Saleh.

The proposal entails the re-

turn of the funded amounts from the optional retirement programme under the provisions of Law No. (4) of 2019 to the unemployment insurance fund within five years from the effective date of this law.

According to the explanatory memorandum, the aim of the

proposed law is to return the funded amounts from the optional retirement programme to the unemployment fund within a specified and known timeframe. This is because the financing of the optional insurance came exceptionally from the retirement fund.

NATIONAL HOTELS COMPANY (B.S.C)



Board of Directors Nomination Announcement

National Hotels Company B.S.C would like to announce the opening of the election for candidacy of three Board of Directors membership for a three year term (2024 -2027). The election process will be carried out during the Annual General Meeting dated 28th March 2024

Conditions for Nominations

- 1- He must be fully qualified to act,
- 2- He must not have been convicted in a crime involving negligent or fraudulent bankruptcy or a crime affecting his honor or involving a breach of trust or in a crime on account of his breach of the provisions of this law, unless he was reinstated.
- 3- He shall not be prohibited from being a member in the Board of Directors of a joint stock company in accordance with the provisions of this law or any other laws enforced in the Kingdom of Bahrain.
- 4- With respect to the board's chairman or the deputy chairman positions, the candidate must not hold any of the aforementioned positions simultaneously with the position of the CEO of the company or its equivalents.
- 5- Any other condition, which may be specified in the Company's Memorandum or Articles of Association.

Required Documents

- 1- Curriculum vitae, including academic and professional qualifications
- 2- Any act that he performs directly or indirectly, that amounts to competition with the company
- 3- Names of companies and entities in which he works or is a member of their boards of directors
- 4- Any position he occupies that requires more than a small part of his time
- 5- Any other information specified in the Implementing Regulation.

Every candidate wishing to nominate himself/herself or a representative is invited to furnish the Company with all required documents mentioned in this announcement either by submitting by hand or via renowned international courier service to be delivered to the Company's address (P.O. Box 5243) or by email (info@nhcbahrain.com). Such documents need to be provided to the Company no later than (19th February 2024).

The Candidates' names and relevant information will be disclosed on the Bahrain Bourse's and Company's website, simultaneously with the publication of the general meeting agenda.

Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact us on (Phone : 17530838 or 17530839), (**Email : info@nhcbahrain.com**).

Faisal Ahmed Al Zayani
Chairman

LMRA nets 127 violators in 1,454 inspection drives

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The Labour Market Regulatory Authority (LMRA) has announced the implementation of 1,454 inspection campaigns and visits, during the week of 28 January to 3 February, which resulted in the detention of 127 violating and irregular workers, while 135 violators were deported.

The inspection campaigns and visits also resulted in the monitoring of a number of violations related to the provisions of a number of regulating laws, especially the LMRA and the Residency Laws in Bahrain, noting that legal measures were taken regarding the observed violations.

The Authority explained that 1,430 inspection visits were carried out on various shops in

all governorates, in addition to 24 joint inspection campaigns, that included 11 campaigns in the Capital Governorate; 6 campaigns in the Muharraq Governorate; 5 campaigns in the Northern Governorate, and 2 campaigns in the Southern Governorate.

The government entities that participated in the campaigns are the Ministry of Interior, represented by the Nationality, Passports and Residence Affairs (NPRA), the General Directorate of Criminal Investigation and Forensic Evidence, the Sentence Enforcement Directorate, and the Governorates Police Directorates, as well as the Ministry of Industry and Commerce, and Bahrain Tourism and Exhibitions Authority.

The Authority affirmed the

continuation of joint coordination with government agencies to intensify inspection campaigns in all governorates of the Kingdom, and to address any violations or practices that negatively affect the stability and competitiveness of the labour market or harm the economic and social security of the kingdom.

The Labour Market Regulatory Authority renewed its call on all members of society to support the efforts of government agencies in addressing illegal labour practices, by reporting violations via the electronic form on the authority's website www.lmra.gov.bh or by calling the Authority's call centre on 17506055 or via the government's Suggestions and Complaints System (Tawasul).

'Peace Vigil' at Bahrain Fort site



The King Hamad Global Center for Peaceful Coexistence, in cooperation with the Al Bayariq Al Bayda Association (White Flags Association), held a "Peace Vigil" event at the Bahrain Fort site, on the International Day of Human Fraternity. Several civil society associations and places of worship participated in the vigil. His Excellency Dr. Shaikh Abdullah bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the King Hamad Global Center for Peaceful Coexistence, affirmed that under the leadership of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, and the support of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, Bahrain has been determined to promote the values of human unity and coexistence globally.

Bahrain Chamber unveils nine initiatives for enhanced member services

Chairman Sameer Nass announces initiatives during Customer Service Excellence Forum at Chamber's premises

● **Chairman emphasizes commitment to improving performance, offering quality services, and meeting private sector aspirations**

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Chairman of the Bahrain Chamber Sameer Nass, announced the launch of nine initiatives aimed at expanding the range of services provided by the Chamber to its members, and facilitating their business endeavor.

He stressed on the Chamber's commitment to improving its



Experts during the panel discussion

performance, offering quality services, and meeting the aspirations of the private sector.

This came during the Customer Service Excellence Forum held at the Chamber's premises on Monday 5th February 2024 in the presence of the Chamber's board members, experts,

and members of the business community.

Speaking at the forum, quality management expert Dr. Khaled Bu Mutaea shared insights on Customer-Centric Culture, while Director of Service Evaluation at the Prime Minister's Office in the United Arab Emir-

ates Salem Balyouha, shared the UAE's experience in implementing the star rating system.

The event also included a panel discussion, where customer service experts from the public and private sector shared their experiences and insights. The Chamber's set of initia-



Bahrain Chamber Chairman Sameer Nass presents an award

tives includes the "E-Tadreeb" learning platform, the Market Place initiative, website updates, the opening of a customer service center, quality additional services for people with disabilities, the launch of a business establishment guide, the Secret Shopper program, the "Train With Us" program, and launching the "Jadara" Award.

Al Baraka Group announces sponsorship for Al Baraka Islamic Economics Symposium

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Al Baraka Group has announced its strategic sponsorship of the 44th edition of Al Baraka Islamic Economics Symposium (Nadwa), set to take place on the 28th and 29th of February 2024, at the Prince Mugrin University in Medina in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, under the theme "Shari'a Doctrine: Framework for Islamic Economics".

In its 44th edition, the forum will focus on methods where organisations can support Islamic economics through the Shari'a doctrine. This is further supported by the current era of information, communication and sustainable development, as well as the extent to which it can achieve future outlooks in light of recent international crises. The event will also highlight the role played by the



ABG GCEO Housseem Ben Haj Amor

Shari'a doctrine in implementing investment tools, utilising technology offered by financial institutions, supporting Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs), addressing economic crises, and developing ethical standards for Islamic financing, Takaful insurance and various risks.

Additionally, the symposium will focus on enabling charitable and social insurance organisations, supporting the Islamic economy and its institutions,



ABG Chairman Shaikh Abdullah Saleh Kamel

and approaching modern-day economic challenges.

Commenting on the occasion, Shaikh Abdullah Saleh Kamel, Chairman of Al Baraka Group and Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Al Baraka Islamic Economics Symposium, said: "Through this edition of the event, we look forward to discovering solutions derived from the Shari'a doctrine needed to address recent economic problems in society."

Tamkeen supports wage increase for more than 350 Bahraini employees at Fakhro Restaurants



Officials at the signing ceremony

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The Labour Fund Tamkeen announced its support, through its Wage Increment Program, for Fakhro Restaurants Company, the owner and operator of McDonald's restaurants in the Kingdom of Bahrain. The program is part of Tamkeen's Career Development Support initiative, unveiled last November, to drive the career growth of Bahraini professionals.

Tamkeen's commitment includes a comprehensive support package covering 100% of wage increases for Bahraini employees over a two-year period. Over 350 Bahraini employees will receive 20% wage increase as part of this support

package. The move aligns with Tamkeen's strategic objective to foster the career development of the workforce.

The agreement builds on a previous successful partnership between Tamkeen and Fakhro Restaurants, which saw the National Employment Program facilitating the recruitment of a substantial number of Bahrainis.

Tamkeen Chief Executive, Maha Abdulhameed Mofeez emphasized the organization's dedication to nurturing Bahraini talent and strengthening the economy through career development initiatives. She said, "We are proud of the achievements resulting from our partnership with Fakhro Restaurants Company, having

supported more than 400 Bahraini employees since 2016. Witnessing their continuing success and professional development reinforces our commitment to building a promising future for all."

Fakhro Restaurants Company Board Chairman, Adel Abdullah Fakhro expressed gratitude to Tamkeen for its unwavering support. He said, "As a Bahraini company that is one of the largest investors in the food and beverage sector, we are proud to have been recognized by the Ministry of Labour for achieving one of the highest rates of Bahrainization in the private sector. This partnership with Tamkeen is an important step in creating promising career paths for our Bahraini employees."

KPMG MESAC achieves remarkable growth in FY23

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KPMG member firms across the Middle East, South Asia, and Caspian (MESAC) region grew by an aggregate of 22.4% for the financial year ending 30 September 2023 (FY23), with double digit growth achieved across all the three core functions of Audit, Tax and Advisory.

Driven by Technology related Advisory services including AI, Low-Code, Cloud, and other services pertaining to Digital Transformation, combined with ESG and other services across the Risk Consulting and Deal Advisory service lines including - project finance, deal advisory, managed services, forensic, dispute advisory and transfer pricing; the Advisory revenue grew by more than 30% over the prior year.

The firm made a significant investment in talent across the region, with over 4,200 people being hired across the region including 78 partners and directors.



Dr. Rasheed Al-Qenae, Chairman of the KPMG MESAC region

Bolstering service delivery

As of FY 2023, the firm's combined talent pool exceeds 11,400 professionals and partners. This also helped bolster their service delivery, resource mobilization and delivery capabilities across a range of sectors including - Financial Services, Infrastructure, Government, Healthcare, Defense and the Energy and Natural Resources industries.

Strategic alliances both at a regional and national level have reinforced capabilities and capacity in terms of delivery networks their regional corridors.

Commenting on the results,



Jamal Fakhro, Managing Partner, KPMG in Bahrain

Dr. Rasheed Al-Qenae, Chairman of the KPMG MESAC region said, "The region's tremendous opportunities and our strong presence provides interesting prospects for clients, our people, and the wider society. We also remain committed to an ESG agenda across our initiatives."

Jamal Fakhro, Managing Partner, KPMG in Bahrain, commented, "The demand and expectations within the marketplace are rapidly evolving, and clients, regulators and other stakeholders' expectations in terms of quality, pace and the depth of delivery is driving our transformation as an industry."



Y. K. Almoayyed & Sons (YKA), the official distributor of Continental Tires in the Kingdom of Bahrain recently received an award by Continental Middle East officials for the best marketing activities for the year 2023. The award was received by George Kutty Thomas (3rd from Left) - General Manager of YKA Heavy Equipment parts, alongside Alok Gupta (2nd from left) - Chief Executive Officer of YKA, from Continental officials during their annual convention held in Dubai

King Honours BDF Heroes: Thousands Promoted, Decorated

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, the Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces, issued a royal order promoting 655 BDF officers of different military ranks. The promotion coincides with the kingdom's celebration of the BDF anniversary, which is observed on February 5. HM the King issued an order conferring the Order of Shaikh Isa bin Salman Al Khalifa of various classes on 50 officers and

Order of Bahrain on 19 officers of different ranks and 32 military personnel. HM the King also issued an order bestowing the Medal of Military Merit, first and second classes, on 175 officers and 991 military personnel. The BDF Commander-in-Chief conveyed to the promoted and decorated officers the HM the King's congratulations and His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces



HM King



H.E. Field Marshal Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, Commander-in-Chief of BDF

es and Prime Minister and their wishes for the officers for more success to achieve further development and prosperity for their country, under the leadership of HM King Hamad.



ring the Long Service Medal, in two classes, to 29 officers and 236 BDF members. He also ordered to confer the Medal of Competence, in two classes, to 111 officers and 769 BDF members.

The BDF Commander-in-Chief issued an order promoting 4690 BDF affiliates, including military personnel and civilians of various ranks.

The BDF Commander-in-Chief congratulated the promoted and honoured personnel, wishing them further success in assuming their national duties under the leadership of HM the King.

He also issued an order confer-



His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces and Prime Minister, patronises Commemoration Day Ceremony



His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, the Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces, during the anniversary of the establishment of the Bahrain Defence Force.



His Excellency Commander-in-Chief of the Bahrain Defence Force during his visit to the Royal Artillery on the occasion of the 47th anniversary



His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces and Prime Minister, inaugurates the building of the Royal Medical Services Clinics at the Military Hospital



His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, the Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces, during his visits to Bahrain Defence Force HQ



Implementation of the final phase of the joint exercise 'Neon Defender 23' under the auspices of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief of BDF



His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief of the Bahrain Defence Force honours first-place units in 2023 combat and administrative readiness tests



The BDF Commander-in-Chief inspects command exercise sites (Homeland Fortress 2023)



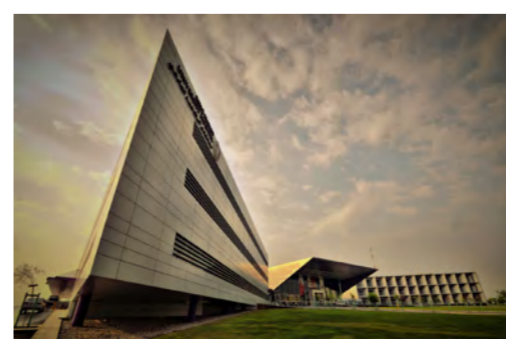
His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, the Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces, during his visit to the Royal Bahrain Air Force



The National Security Adviser, Commander of the Royal Guard, praises the role of the search and rescue team 'Arms of Relief' in humanitarian relief operations in the Republic of Turkey



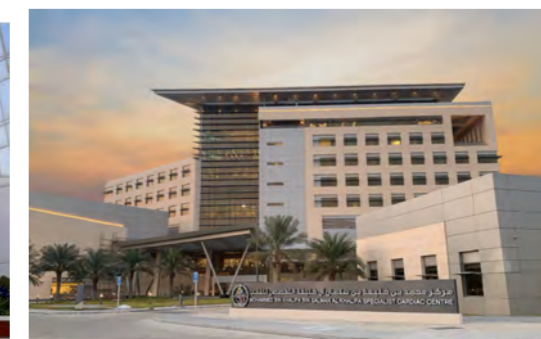
BDF participated in external joint drills including 'The Guard', 'Eagle Resolve 2023', 'Takamol 1' joint GCC drill, and joint air exercise 'Tuwaig 3'.



Royal Medical Services: The King Hamad University Hospital conducts first liver transplant operation in Bahrain.



Royal Medical Services: Military Hospital conducts the first case of irradiated cerebral tumor resection



Mohammed bin Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa Specialist Cardiac Centre succeeds in conducting a range of quality precision and specialised surgeries.



BDF conducts three Reserves Force Civilian Volunteer Courses

News in brief

New Zealand calls for pilot kidnapped in Papua to be freed ◆ New Zealand Foreign Minister Winston Peters yesterday called for the release of a Kiwi pilot kidnapped a year ago by Papua separatists in Indonesia. New Zealander Phillip Mehrrens was working for Indonesian airline Susi Air when he was snatched by rebels at Nduga airport on February 7 last year. Mehrrens was providing vital air links and supplies to remote communities at the time of his abduction, the New Zealand government said. "We strongly urge those holding Phillip to release him immediately and without harm. His continued detention serves the interests of no one," Peters said in a statement.

At least 35 women are missing after kidnappers seized guests returning from a wedding in northwestern Nigeria, officials said yesterday. The mass kidnapping in Katsina state is the largest in a series of recent abductions across Africa's most populous country. Police spokesman Abubakar Aliyu said "suspected armed bandits ambushed and kidnapped about 35 women" coming back from the wedding in the Sabuwa area on Thursday night. The state's internal security commissioner Nasiru Muaz gave a higher figure, saying more than 50 people were seized on the way back to Damari village after escorting the bride to the groom's home.

Maduro pledges 'people in power' will win next Venezuela election ◆ Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro, who is expected to seek another term in elections not yet scheduled but anticipated for later this year, said on Sunday that the "people in power" would surely win. "We are the people in power... We will win one way or another," Maduro told thousands of supporters in the capital for a rally marking the 32nd anniversary of the failed coup led by Hugo Chavez, who later became president and designated Maduro as his successor. His remarks come a day before a meeting called by legislative assembly speaker Jorge Rodriguez to decide the date of the next national elections. Last year, Maduro's government and the opposition reached a mediated deal in Barbados to hold a free and fair vote in 2024 with international observers present.

CURIOSER & CURIOSER

Maori crowds heckle New Zealand politicians in treaty ceremony



New Zealand's Prime Minister Christopher Luxon (C) speaking to local Maori and invited guests at the Waitangi Treaty Grounds in Waitangi
AFP | Wellington

Maori protesters heckled senior members of New Zealand's conservative government yesterday and decried plans to review an 1840 treaty that founded the nation. Frustrations boiled over at an official welcome ceremony by the local iwi, or tribe, to the Waitangi Treaty grounds -- the northern settlement that gave the pact its name. It was held on the eve of a national holiday marking the agreement's signing on February 6, 1840. The treaty was hammered out by Maori chiefs and the British, settling British sovereignty or governance over the country and Maori ownership of their lands. New Zealand's three-party coalition government announced plans to review the treaty after winning elections last October, sparking concern among Maori who fear losing their rights to autonomy and protection. Prime Minister Christopher Luxon's National Party-led coalition also plans to reduce the

role of Maori language in the public service and to scrap a Maori health authority. "You want to cut the treaty? We won't stand for it," Maori activist Hone Harawira said in an address to government figures in Waitangi. Deputy Prime Minister Winston Peters, head of the populist New Zealand First Party within the ruling coalition, replied that the government only planned to review the treaty. "Whoever said we are getting rid of the Treaty of Waitangi? Stop the crap, stop the nonsense," he said. Maori crowds booed when Peters spoke. They sang over an address by David Seymour, leader of the liberal free-market ACT party, which is also part of the government. Protesters carried wooden signs shaped as torn pieces of the Treaty. The issue of a Treaty Principles Bill, which would re-define the agreement and put it to a referendum, threatens to divide the fledgling coalition.

Blinken starts Mideast tour to press for Gaza truce

Blinken arrives in Saudi Arabia, aiming to secure a new truce in Israel-Hamas war

AFP | Riyadh

US Secretary of State Antony Blinken arrived in Saudi Arabia yesterday for another Middle East crisis tour, hoping to secure a new truce in the Israel-Hamas war as Gaza saw no let-up in fighting. On his fifth trip to the region since Hamas's October 7 attack that triggered the war, Blinken landed in Riyadh and was later expected to visit Israel, Egypt and Qatar. Ahead of the trip he stressed the need for "urgently addressing humanitarian needs in Gaza", after aid groups have repeatedly sounded the alarm over the devastating impact nearly four months of war have had on the besieged territory. "The situation is indescribable," said Said Hamouda, a Palestinian who fled his home in the Gaza Strip to the southern city of Rafah on the border with Egypt.



Children check the devastation in Rafah

Dubbed a "pressure cooker of despair" by the United Nations, Rafah now hosts more than half of Gaza's population, displaced due to Israel's assault. Over the weekend, Israel pressed further south towards the densely-crowded border city, warning that its ground forces could advance on Rafah as part of the campaign to eradicate Hamas. Yesterday morning, sources told AFP they could hear artillery shelling in the areas of eastern Rafah and Khan Yunis, where Israel believes high-ranking Hamas officials are hiding. At least 128 people, most-

YOU KNOW WHAT
Blinken to discuss a proposed truce, with urgency due to regional attacks and counterattacks

Blinken is expected to discuss a proposed truce thrashed out in a Paris meeting in January of top US, Israeli, Egyptian and Qatari officials. The diplomatic push has become more urgent with a surge in attacks across the region by Iran-backed groups in solidarity with Hamas, triggering counterattacks by the United States. The proposed truce would pause fighting for an initial six weeks as Hamas frees hostages in exchange for Palestinian prisoners held by Israel, according to a Hamas source. Hamas has said no agreement has yet been reached, while some Israeli officials have expressed opposition to any perceived concessions.

10 killed in militant attack on Pakistan police station

AFP | Peshawar

Dozens of militants attacked a police station in northern Pakistan early yesterday, killing at least 10 officers, a senior commander said. The assault comes just days before Pakistan votes in a general election that has already seen dozens of attacks on candidates and party supporters. "More than 30 terrorists launched an attack from three directions. There was an exchange of fire for over two-and-a-half hours," Khyber Pakhtunkhwa provincial police chief Akhtar Hayat Gandapur said. He said 10 officers were killed and four wounded in the attack on Chaudhwan police station in Dera Ismail Khan district.



Policemen shift the body of a colleague who was killed in an attack on a police station, at a hospital in Dera Ismail Khan

The border regions of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa have for years seen Pakistan Taliban, Islamic State and other groups attacking government and security targets, as well as targeting civilians. Gandapur said the attackers briefly seized control of the police station during the assault in the early hours of yesterday.

UK's King Charles III diagnosed with cancer: Buckingham Palace



King Charles III
AFP | London

King Charles III has been diagnosed with a form of cancer and has begun treatment, Buckingham Palace said yesterday. The palace says the cancer is not related to the king's recent treatment for a benign prostate condition. It did not say what form of cancer the 75-year-old monarch has. The palace said "a separate issue of concern was noted" during Charles' treatment for an enlarged prostate last month. "Diagnostic tests have identified a form of cancer," it said. "His Majesty has today commenced a schedule of regular treatments, during which time he has been advised by doctors to postpone public-facing duties," the palace said. "Throughout this period, His Majesty will continue to undertake State business and official paperwork as usual."

7 Kurdish-led fighters killed in attack on US base in Syria: monitor

AFP | Beirut

Seven fighters from the Kurdish-led Syrian Democratic Forces were killed in an attack on an American base in eastern Syria overnight, a war monitor said yesterday. Seven SDF special forces "commandos" were killed and 18 others wounded in "a drone attack after midnight" on the Al-Omar oil field, the largest US-led coalition base in the country, said the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, updating an earlier toll. The US-backed SDF, which spearheaded the fight against the Islamic State group jihadists in Syria, instead said "six of

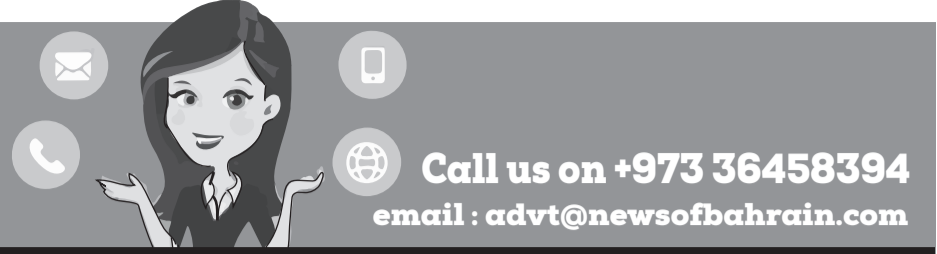


US soldiers patrol an area in the town of Tal Hamis in Syria's northeastern Hasakeh governorate

our fighters were martyred due to a terrorist attack" with a one-way drone, targeting a "training academy in the Al-Omar oil field" around midnight. The force condemned the attack in a statement and said the force reserved the right to respond.

The Islamic Resistance in Iraq, a loose alliance of pro-Iran fighters opposed to US support for Israel in Gaza, claimed a drone attack on Sunday "against the US occupation base in the Al-Omar oil field". Rami Abdel Rahman, head of the Britain-based Observatory, said the strike hit an SDF section inside the base, in "the first attack by pro-Iran groups against American bases after the US strikes on Syria and Iraq" late last week. On January 28, a drone slammed into a base in Jordan, killing three US soldiers and wounding more than 40, an attack Washington blamed on Iran-backed forces.

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Beal scores 43 on former NBA club to lead Suns over Wizards



Phoenix's Bradley Beal in action

AFP | Washington

Phoenix guard Bradley Beal unleashed a season-high 43-point barrage Sunday against his former NBA club, hitting 16 of 21 shots in a 140-112 triumph at Washington.

The 30-year-old American sank four of five shots from 3-point range and all seven of his free throws while contributing six assists, two steals and two blocked shots.

"Spectacular," said Suns coach Frank Vogel. "He's one of the best players in the world. That's why we were excited to get him in Phoenix."

"Played great defense. Came out sharing the basketball. It's about being aggressive and reading the defense. He did a great job with that."

Beal, the third overall pick in the 2012 NBA Draft, spent 11 seasons with the Wizards, averaging 22.1 points a game for a perennial doormat, reaching the playoffs only once in his time with Washington.

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SUNS COACH FRANK VOGEL

The Wizards played a video tribute to Beal in his first visit since being traded last June while fans gave him a standing ovation.

"Tonight was awesome," Beal said. "It was a good separation. No hard feelings."

Kevin Durant added 18 points for the Suns, who improved to 29-21 while sinking the Wizards to 9-40.

Meanwhile Boston's Jayson Tatum scored 34 points, grabbed eight rebounds and passed off seven assists to lead the NBA-best Celtics over visiting Memphis 131-91.

Najma, Hala victorious in Nasser bin Hamad league

- Al Najma put on four-goal scoring barrage in second half against Hidd
- Mohammed Salem fires in match-winner in Al Hala's upset of Al Ahli

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Mid-of-the-table Al Najma and Al Hala both posted stunning victories last night to kick off week 11 in the 2023/2024 Nasser bin Hamad Bahrain Premier Football League.

Najma came away with a resounding 4-2 victory against Hidd, while Hala upset Al Ahli 2-1.

Action in the Kingdom's top competition resumed after a several-week break for the Kingdom's national team players to prepare and compete in the AFC Asian Cup.

In Najma's big win, Hidd were first to find the net when Tallysson Lucas Souza Duarte scored just 10 minutes into the game. Hidd remained in front at the break, but then Najma put on a



Al Ahli's Jamal Rashed looks to dribble past his Al Hala defenders during their match last night

scoring barrage of four successive goals, taking full control of the clash.

Edimar Ribeiro Da Costa Junior first brought them on level terms in the 49th minute, and then Florian Pascal David put Najma in front in the 62nd. Mohammed Al Rumaihi made it 3-1 just six minutes later, before Abdulla Nimr applied the final nail in the coffin.

Ali Muneer scored one more consolation for Hidd in the fifth minute of second-half stoppage time.

Najma claimed their fourth win in 11 games and went to 15 points on the table, while Hidd suffered their seventh defeat and stayed on eight in second-from-last.

Meanwhile, in Hala's victory, Ocran Conney Idan opened the scoring in the match in the 12th minute, but Jamal Rashed was quick to equalise for Ahli just four minutes later. Rashed's goal sent the contest into the half tied at 1-1.

After the restart, Mohammed Salem fired in the winning strike

Standings	P	W	D	L	+/-	Pts
Riffa	9	6	1	2	7	19
Al Ahli	11	5	3	3	-1	18
Al Khaldiya	10	4	5	1	10	17
Muharraq	10	4	4	2	3	16
Al Najma	11	4	3	4	4	15
East Riffa	10	4	3	3	1	15
Al Hala	11	5	0	6	-7	15
Manama	10	4	2	4	2	14
Sitra	9	3	4	2	0	13
Al Shabab	10	2	3	5	-5	9
Hidd	11	2	2	7	-8	8
Busaiteen	10	1	4	5	-6	7

in the 68th minute, separating the two sides.

With the result, Hala claimed their fifth win in 11 matches and improved to 15 points. Ahli suffered only their third loss and stayed on 18.

League action continues tonight and tomorrow with two matches each evening. Tonight, Busaiteen face Al Shabab and Manama take on leaders Riffa, while tomorrow, East Riffa and defending champions Al Khaldiya face off while Muharraq play Sitra.

All four games are scheduled for simultaneous 7pm kick-offs at separate venues.

Klinsmann says S. Korea out to prove doubters wrong in Asian Cup semis

AFP | Seoul

Jurgen Klinsmann said his South Korea team are determined to prove the doubters wrong when they face semi-final debutants Jordan at the Asian Cup on Tuesday.

Led by Son Heung-min, South Korea are attempting to win the title for the first time since

1960 but they appear determined to do it the hard way in Qatar.

They have scored late in games on four occasions on the way to the last four -- South Korean media has dubbed it "zombie football" for the way they keep coming back from the dead.

Klinsmann, who won the

World Cup as a player for Germany, is yet to win over South Korean fans and media but told his men yesterday to block out any negativity.

"As a group of players they are so experienced, motivated, so positive, they want to go all the way to the final and make their pown point."

He added: "We are hungry, fit,

looking forward to the game and we want to be here all the way to the final.

"The mood is positive, the spirit is good."

South Korea will be favourites to beat Jordan -- the lowest-ranked team left in the competition -- and reach Saturday's final, with Iran or holders Qatar awaiting them.

BDRC heats up with fourth round at BIC

Head-to-head battles set to light up the strip at BIC this week in penultimate round of Bahrain Drag Racing Championship

● **Event features Test and Tune, Qualifying, and eliminations across 4 days**

TDI | Manama

The high-octane action continues on the drag strip this week as Bahrain International Circuit (BIC) hosts the fourth and penultimate round of the 2023/2024 Bahrain Drag Racing Championship (BDRC).

Just days after the completion of round three, the intensity of the one-on-one battles is set to go up a notch as drag racers from across the region and beyond suit up at “The Home of Motorsport in the Middle East” for the second successive week.

The fight for wins, podiums and championship points is about to go down the wire with only the last two



A car in action at BIC during a previous event

meetings of the season remaining.

The BDRC is a National Hot Rod Association (NHRA)-sanctioned championship, organised and run by BIC in cooperation with the Bahrain Motor

Federation, the Bahrain Drag Racing Commission, and the Bahrain Motorcycle Commission.

This week's programme is scheduled to get underway Tuesday and Wednesday



After this week's events, the BDRC concludes with the final round on March 19-22

day (Editor's note: 6 and 7 February) with back-to-back nights of Test and Tune, scheduled from 6pm to 12midnight. Qualifying will then be held on Thursday (8 February) from 3pm onwards, setting up the pairings for the eliminations on Race Day Friday (9 February) from 2pm onwards.

The action will be held along BIC's quarter-mile drag strip, which is a

member of the prestigious NHRA Worldwide Network.

All are welcome to attend and enjoy the multiple nights of thrilling drag racing. Tickets to Test and Tune cost BD2 per person for each night along BIC's Beyon Grandstand. Tickets for Qualifying and Race Day are BD3 each, also for the Beyon Grandstand.

Available to fans attending on each night of the BDRC is the Dragster Experience. BIC's most adrenaline-pumping passenger activity, also known as “The Fastest Ride on Earth”, offers fans the chance to get a taste of pure speed as they are taken from zero to 100kph in just one second while in the cockpit of a 10,500cc Top Dragster.

The Dragster Experience is available at BD44 for a first passenger, while a second passenger can join for half the price.

Following this week's events, the final round of the BDRC is set to take place 19 to 22 March.

Ahli take second straight win in West Asian volleyball

● **Bahrainis sweep past Shabab Al Hussain of Jordan, secure quarters berth**

TDI | Manama

Bahrain's Al Ahli Club claimed their second successive victory in the second West Asian Men's Clubs Volleyball Championship in Muscat last night after sweeping past Shabab Al Hussain of Jordan 3-0 (25-17, 25-21, 25-11).

The Bahrainis posted back-to-back wins in the competition after also taking down home side Sohar SC of Oman in three sets, which followed an opening-day loss against Al Arabi SC of Qatar, also 0-3.

The Kingdom's representatives secured their place in the tournament's quarter-finals, with their seeding only to be determined following their final group game.

Ahli are in Group B for the



Action from Ahli's win against Shabab Al Hussain

first stage and they must finish amongst the top four teams after a single round-robin to advance to the last eight. Group A features Al Rayyan SC of Qatar, Al Ibtisam of Saudi Arabia, Seeb Club of Oman, Baniyas SC of the UAE and Qadsia SC of Kuwait.

Ahli were spearheaded last night by top players Ali Ebrahim, Nasser Anan, Mohammed Anan, Sayed Mohammed Al Abrar, Mahmoud Abdulhusain, Mohammed Habib, Hassan Shakhouri, Montenegro professional Marko Vukasinovic, and Mahmood Alafia, who they have loaned from Muharraq Club for this competition.

Ahli have little time to rest as they return to action today morning at 11am, Bahrain time, when they complete their preliminary round campaign against Kuwait SC of Kuwait.

The tournament is scheduled to continue until February 12. The quarters are scheduled for Friday, and then the semi-finals will be held the next day. The final and match for third place is currently slated for Sunday.

Sri Lanka celebrate 10-wicket Test win against Afghanistan



Dimuth Karunaratne (left) and Nishan Madushka (right) celebrate at the end of the match

AFP | Colombo

Sri Lanka won their one-off Test match against Afghanistan by 10 wickets with a day to spare, with their opening batsmen chasing down an easy target of 56 in Colombo yesterday.

Afghanistan were bowled out for 296 in their second innings, setting Sri Lanka the low goal, with Dimuth Karunaratne (32 not out) and Nishan Madushka (22 not out) finishing the job within 7.2 overs.

Afghanistan were playing catch-up after conceding a lead of 241 runs in the first innings, but fought back well in their second dig with Ibrahim Zadrani leading the way with a

maiden Test hundred.

Rahmat Shah backed up the opening batter with a half-century but once the pair were dismissed, Afghanistan folded quickly.

Sri Lanka skipper Dhananjaya de Silva said Afghanistan did well on day two with the ball but his team stuck to their plan.

“When both Angelo (Mathews) and I got dismissed, it might not seem that bad but that was the point that Afghanistan felt they were back in the game,” he said.

“I think that was the crucial moment of the match. But our bowlers stuck to the plan all day (day 3), not giving runs away and keeping it tight.”

Bumrah stars as India down England to level Test series

AFP | Visakhapatnam

Fast bowler Jasprit Bumrah took a match haul of nine wickets to lead India's 106-run win over England in the second Test yesterday and level the five-match series.

Chasing a record 399 for victory, England were bowled out for 292 in the second session on day four in Visakhapatnam, despite an attacking start and Zak Crawley's 73.

Bumrah and spinner Ravichandran Ashwin, who ended the match on 499 Test wickets, took three each in the final innings and the pace spearhead bowled Tom Hartley to seal the win.

Shubman Gill set up the comeback victory for the hosts with his 104 on day three to set England, who won the opening Test, a daunting target.

Yashasvi Jaiswal had made an impact with his 209 in India's first innings of 396 after they elected to bat.



India's Jasprit Bumrah celebrates after taking the final wicket

England came out swinging with their “Bazball” brand of cricket, Crawley and company hitting boundaries despite losing wickets.

“The way we have gone about taking on challenges like that is what we are about,” said skipper Ben Stokes.

“In moments like that, when you have scoreboard pressure,

that is when we get the best out of ourselves as individuals.

“The way we applied ourselves and put India under pressure was great, unfortunately we didn't end up on the right side of the result.”

He said a virus had hit the team yesterday morning with a couple of players waking up sick but did not offer that as an

Scorecard

India 396 (Jaiswal 209, Anderson 3-47, Ahmed 3-65) and 225 (Gill 104, Hartley 4-77) beat **England** 253 (Crawley 76, Bumrah 6-45, Kuldeep 3-71) and 292 (Crawley 73, Bumrah 3-46, Ashwin 3-72) by 106 runs

“excuse” for the loss.

India's left-arm spinner Axar Patel got a key breakthrough when he trapped Rehan Ahmed lbw for 23 after the nightwatchman hit five fours in his 31-ball knock.

Ollie Pope hammered five boundaries in his brief stay at the wicket before Ashwin had him caught at slip on 23.

Joe Root showed no signs of the finger injury that kept him out of the field for much of Sunday as he reverse-swept for two fours.

But he fell for 16 while attempting a slog off Ashwin, who remains one away from entering the 500-wicket club.

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa



His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and HH Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa with the trophy
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HM King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa leaves at the end of the event as HH Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa look on

His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa congratulated by His Highness Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa, First Deputy Chairman of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports (SCYS), Chairman of General Sports Authority (GSA) and President of Bahrain Olympic Committee (BOC), on the success of Bahrain Championship that is part of the DP World International Golf tour hosted by the kingdom from February 1-4, and sponsored by the Royal Golf Club.

HH Shaikh Khalid expressed his pride in the patronage of HM the King for the championship, affirming the support of HM King Hamad for the sports sector.

He affirmed that Bahrain's hosting of this tournament has strengthened its position globally since the establishment of its first golf course in 1934 and hosting the first golf tournament in 1964, which was always supported by HM the King, who is a player of the sport.

HH Shaikh Khalid commended Shaikh Abdullah bin Salman A Khalifa, President of Bahrain Golf Club and former President of the Bahrain Golf Association, for his efforts in promoting and developing the game locally. He praised the sponsorship of the Ministry of Tourism, Bapco Energies as the primary sponsor, Mumtalakat, Tamkeen, National Bank of Bahrain (NBB), Batelco, and Emirates Airlines for promoting the international tournament.

Manama power to big win

Defending champions rout Al Shamal of Qatar in FIBA West Asia Super League

● Cameron Clark pours in 33 points, grabs 13 rebounds to spearhead Bahrainis

● Manama claim fifth win in as many games, stay undefeated with one fixture left

TDT | Manama

Bahrain's Manama Club coasted to a resounding 130-83 victory over an undermanned Al Shamal of Qatar last night in the 2023/2024 FIBA West Asia Super League (WASL).

The Kingdom's representatives, and WASL defending champions, took a big lead early and never looked back. They stayed undefeated after five games and have just one fixture left to play in Group B of the competition's preliminary round of the Gulf sub-zone.

They are virtually assured of first place in their pool and a direct berth to the zonal semi-finals, which will be played in best-of-three format.

Manama were in control from the opening tip and led by as many as 50 points in the contest,



Manama players celebrate after their big win

Standings

	P	W	L	+/-	Pts
Manama (Bahrain)	5	5	0	118	10
Shabab Al Ahli Dubai (UAE)	4	3	1	61	7
Kazma (Kuwait)	4	1	3	-7	5
Al Shamal (Qatar)	5	0	5	-172	5

which was held at Al Gharafa Sports Club in Doha.

A huge first quarter earned them a 31-13 cushion, and they extended their lead to 63-30 at

the half—an almost-insurmountable gap.

They continued to pile on the pressure in the third and took a commanding 95-52 advantage

into the final stanza, where they cruised to the finish line for their fifth win in as many outings.

Manama were on fire in the contest and scored over 30 points in each of the four quarters. They were an efficient 53-for-89 from the field for a 60-per cent shooting clip, and outrebounded their opponents 53-29.

Newly signed professional Cameron Clark spearheaded the victors with 33 points, 13

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Manama thoroughly dominated their game against an undermanned Al Shamal last night. They were an efficient 53-for-89 from the field for a 60-per cent shooting clip, outrebounded their opponents 53-29 and led by as many as 50 points

rebounds and five assists, while Bahraini court general Ahmed Salman added 21 points, including six three-pointers.

Triple-double

Sir'Dominic Pointer scored 18 for Manama and almost had a triple-double with nine rebounds and eight assists, while Hassan Nowrooz added 15, all from beyond the three-point arc. Travin Thibodeaux scored 13 and took down 11 boards from the Bahrainis, who also

got 11 points from Emran Ali as their last player in double figures.

Eleven of Manama's 12-man roster made it onto the score sheet in the game.

Uche Iroegbu had 37 points and 10 rebounds to pace Shamal, who only had six players take to the hardwood. Tyler James Lee Harris had 24. No other player scored more than nine points. Shamal remained winless in their five games.

Following their win, Manama play one last time in Group B against Shabab Al Ahli Dubai of the UAE at home on Tuesday next week.

Manama are one of two Bahraini clubs in this season's FIBA WASL competition. The other are Muharraq in Group A. Muharraq are currently second on their table with a 3-2 win-loss record.

At the end of the double round-robin, the top seeds from each pool qualify directly to the final four. The second and third-ranked teams will play for the other semis berths, also in a best-of-three.

The top three in the Gulf sub-zone will then make it to the FIBA WASL Final Eight along with the best trio from the WASL West Asia sub-zone and the champion teams from South Asia and Central Asia.

Red Bull investigate team boss Horner over allegations of 'inappropriate behaviour'

AFP | London

Red Bull Formula One team boss Christian Horner is under investigation following an accusa-

tion of "inappropriate behaviour". Dutch newspaper De Telegraaf reported the allegation was made by another member of staff for the British-based team, which last

year carried Max Verstappen to his third consecutive world championship.

Horner, 50, who has been Red Bull team principal since 2005,

strongly rejects the accusation.

"After being made aware of certain recent allegations, the company launched an independent investigation," Red Bull, the Austrian

energy drinks firm which owns the F1 team, said in a statement.

"This process, which is already under way, is being carried out by an external specialist barrister.



Christian Horner