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## HM King takes part in GCC Summit closing session

Doha

His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, along with the leaders of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC), participated yesterday in the closing session of the 44th Summit of the GCC Supreme Council.

Chaired by His Highness Shaikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani, the Amir of the State of Qatar, the session was also attended by Turkey President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, the Guest of Honour of the event.

HM the King also attended a lunch banquet hosted by HH Shaikh Tamim.

It is held in honour of Their



HM the King is welcomed by His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, upon his return from the summit



HM King Hamad with GCC leaders

Majesties and Highnesses, leaders of the GCC countries, on the occasion of Qatar's hosting of the summit.

Following the lunch banquet, HM the King bid farewell to the Qatari Amir and other GCC leaders. HH Shaikh Tamim delivered

a speech in which he expressed pleasure at the fraternal spirit that had prevailed throughout the day-long 44th GCC Summit,

praising the GCC leaders' understanding, objective discussions and wisdom in taking the right decisions.

**His Majesty thanks UAE President and hails COP28 success**  
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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa yesterday sent a cable of thanks to the UAE President, His Highness Shaikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan.

HM the King thanked HH Shaikh Mohammed bin Zayed on the successful hosting of the Global Climate Action Summit, held on the sidelines of the 28th session of the Conference of the Parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP28) held in Dubai.

### 25 die in Israel strike in Gaza

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At least 25 people were killed yesterday in a strike that hit a southern Gaza school sheltering Palestinians displaced by war, the Hamas' health ministry said.

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# Tourism gets teeth

Parliament approves new tough measures to tackle tourism violations in Kingdom



HE Fatima Al Sairafi  
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MP Ahmed Al Saloom



First Deputy Speaker Abdulnabi Salman



MP Ahmed Qarata



MP Muneer Suuroo

In a significant move to fortify the regulatory framework governing tourism, the Bahrain House of Representatives has overwhelmingly voted in favor of amending Decree Law No. 15 of 1986.

This law, which serves as a cornerstone for the regulation of

tourism in the Kingdom, underwent pivotal changes aimed at empowering the Bahrain Tourism and Exhibitions Authority (BTEA) to enforce administrative penalties on violators.

The amendment introduces a new dimension to the regulatory landscape by enabling the publication of statements concerning proven violations. This

development emerged following meticulous deliberations by the Members of Parliament during the session, reflecting a commitment to refining Bahrain's tourism governance.

Key among the changes is the authority granted to the Minister of Tourism to impose restrictions or conditions on licensed establishments. The minister

is also empowered to safeguard the tourism sector by temporarily closing facilities under specific circumstances.

Moreover, the minister can downgrade the classification of a tourism establishment, temporarily suspend its license, or close it partially or entirely until the reasons for the violation are resolved. One of the more notable pro-

visions is the minister's authority to impose daily administrative fines for offenders until the violation is rectified.

For a first-time offense, the fine may not exceed BD100 per day, escalating to BD200 per day for repeated violations within three years from the date of the previous decision.

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**HM King welcomed by Qatar Amir**



His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa arrived yesterday in Doha, at the invitation of the Amir of the State of Qatar, His Highness Shaikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani, to participate in the 44th Summit of the Supreme Council of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC). HM the King was received in Doha International Airport by HH Shaikh Tamim bin Hamad. The session was inaugurated by HH Shaikh Tamim bin Hamad.

# HRH Prince Salman hails growing Bahrain-UK ties

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The Deputy King, His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, commended the historic relations between the Kingdom of Bahrain and the United Kingdom, which are based on solid foundations of cooperation spanning over 200 years.

HRH Prince Salman was speaking as he met yesterday with the UK Ambassador to Bahrain, His Excellency Alastair Long, at Gudaibiya Palace.

The Deputy King noted the mutual commitment to furthering bilateral relations through mutual visits and joint agreements to achieve mutual aspirations.

He highlighted the importance of the Bahrain-UK strategic partnership to enhance multisector collaboration.

HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister hailed the UK's role, alongside allied countries, in consolidating international security and peace, which supports development and pros-



HRH Prince Salman with UK Ambassador Long

perity in the region and internationally.

**Meeting**

During the meeting, regional and global developments, issues of common interest and ways to enhance bilateral cooperation were also discussed.

His Highness Shaikh Mohammed bin Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa and the Minister of Cabinet Affairs, HE Hamad bin Faisal Al Malki, also attended the meeting.

**HRH Princess Sabeeka hails Shaikha Dwa**

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Her Royal Highness Princess Sabeeka bint Ibrahim Al Khalifa, Wife of HM the King and President of the Supreme Council for Women (SCW), sent a cable of congratulations to Shaikha Dwa bint Khalid bin Abdulla Al Khalifa, member of the National Council for Arts, on winning second place in the Abu Dhabi Sustainability Week's (ADSW) Global Digital Art Competition.

HRH the Princess expressed pride in Shaikha Dwa's achievement in this international competition.

HRH hailed Shaikha Dwa's talent and creativity in using art as a tool to raise awareness on pressing issues.

## MP Al-Dhaen lauds expansion of women's eligibility for housing

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MP Dr. Maryam Al-Dhaen expressed her appreciation for the recent decision to restructure eligibility criteria for women's housing applications and termed it as a significant achievement in promoting women's rights.

Praising the decision, she remarked, "I am very proud and happy that this decision will see the light within one year of my request for its implementation."

She highlighted that the proposal was initially presented on her first day at the parliamentary podium, and now it has become a reality through an official decision. This development is expected to contribute to providing suitable housing for a substantial segment of the population, particularly women classified as Category Five, the MP said.

The decision, delivered at a time when the Kingdom has proclaimed its National Day celebrations, is consistent with the comprehensive development process and a commitment to supporting women's rights in line with the vision of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, MP Maryam stated.



MP Maryam Al-Dhaen with HE Amna bint Ahmed Al-Rumaihi

According to Al-Dhaen, the fifth category encompasses divorced, abandoned, or widowed women without children, as well as single women who are orphans. She emphasized the addition of divorced and widowed Bahraini women with non-Bahraini minor children to this category.

The decision, approved by the Cabinet, signifies the government's commitment, led by His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Crown Prince and Prime Minister, to achieving equality and ensuring women's rights through restructuring eligibility standards for housing services, the MP noted.

She praised the efforts of Her

Excellency Amna bint Ahmed Al-Rumaihi, Minister of Housing and Urban Planning, for her youthful spirit and supportive vision, highlighting her understanding of the circumstances faced by women in the fifth category.

Additionally, MP Al-Dhaen commended the role of the Supreme Council for Women for recommending the expansion of eligibility criteria, foreseeing positive impacts on providing housing and ensuring living stability for female citizens. She emphasized the importance of continued cooperation between legislative and executive authorities to achieve more goals and aspirations for the benefit of Bahraini women.



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**Economic meeting**

His Excellency Abdullah bin Adel Fakhro, Minister of Industry and Commerce, headed Bahrain's delegation in the 39th Ministerial Session of the Standing Committee for Economic and Commercial Cooperation of the Organization of the Islamic Cooperation (COMCEC) in Turkey. The committee meetings discussed a number of economic topics, like the development of small and medium enterprises, the food industry, and conflict resolution.

**Tourism sector strategy reviewed**

His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, chaired the 471st meeting of the Coordination Committee. They discussed the latest developments in the implementation of the tourism sector strategy (2022-2026) within the economic recovery plan, and reviewed the annual report of the Diwan Financial and Administrative Oversight (2022-2023), and was briefed on developments in the government services development project.

**New 'tough' measures for tourism sector**

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The total administrative fine is capped at BD20,000, with an overall limit of BD30,000. Severity of the violation is a key consideration in imposing penalties.

The Minister of Tourism, Her Excellency Fatima Al Sairafi, commended the efforts of the members of parliament and the parliamentary services committee for enabling the development of the tourism sector.

Member of Parliament Ahmed Al Saloom expressed support for the Ministry of Tourism's endeavors, urging a focus on educational tourism and the formulation of a corresponding policy. He emphasized the nuanced approach to penalties in the amendment and called for the approval of the Services Committee's report on Decree Law No. 16 of 2023.

First Deputy Speaker Abdulnabi Salman underscored his confidence in the Minister and her role in achieving economic development. He called for the effective implementation of tourism strategies on the ground.

MP Ahmed Qarata praised the flexibility introduced by the proposed amendment, particularly highlighting its positive implications for investors and tourism facilities. He called for the continued development of tourism facilities, especially in the post-COVID-19 era.

However, not all members were unanimous in their support. MP Muneer Suroor expressed doubts about the amendments, stating concerns about the declining state of the tourism sector in the Kingdom.

# EX-MP's appeal against jail sentence rejected

**Defendant to spend eight years behind bars for criminal arson and fraud**

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The Court of Cassation has taken a firm stance against a former Member of Parliament, refusing to accept his appeal challenging an eight-year jail sentence in connection to two distinct cases involving criminal arson and fraud.

This legal decision comes as the court determined that the appellant failed to comply with the custodial sentence during the specified appeal hearing session, leading to the rejection of the appeals lodged against the initial ruling.

The first incident involves the former MP's ownership of a gym. Faced with financial struggles, he allegedly resorted to burning the facility to claim insurance



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compensation due to financial difficulties. The court was presented with compelling evidence, including the testimony of an Asian worker who claimed the appellant

instructed him to bring large jars filled with gasoline to the gym.

Civil Defense, crime scene investigators, and forensic experts collectively concluded that the fire was not accidental but a result of intentional arson involving the pouring of gasoline.

Police investigations corroborated these findings, with two Asian workers providing details. The property owner's son mentioned that the accused, after an eviction lawsuit, set the gym on fire post the court ruling.

**Hefty insurance payout**

Following the gym fire, the former MP sought a hefty insurance payout of BD1.5 million, but the insurance company requested documents regard-

ing the incident's causes. The accused failed to provide any documentation, prompting the company to await police investigation results.

In the second incident, an on-duty policeman received a report indicating the presence of a wanted individual connected to criminal cases in the Sanad area. Upon reaching the reported location, the policeman encountered a person in a car resembling the accused.

The accused, when approached, handed over his brother's ID card and sped away to evade arrest. The court's rejection of the former MP's appeal underscores the judiciary's commitment to upholding justice and ensuring accountability in cases of criminal conduct.

## Shaikha Dwa wins second place in global digital art competition

Dubai

Shaikha Dwa bint Khalid bin Abdulla Al Khalifa, member of the National Council for Arts, won second place in the Abu Dhabi Sustainability Week's (ADSW) Global Digital Art Competition.

The competition, aimed at harnessing the power of visual creativity to raise awareness about climate change and sustainable solutions, received en-



Shaikha Dwa tries from hundreds of artists from around the world.

The winners were announced at an award ceremony at the Connect Conference Centre, Expo City, Dubai, during the ADSW Summit- the anchor event of the ADSW Special Edition at COP28.

First place was won by artistic duo Nastplas, Fransisco Rodrigues Learte and Natalia Molinos Garcia, from Spain.

Shaikha Dwa dedicated her achievement to His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa.

## Two Asians imprisoned for electronic payment fraud

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Two Asian nationals have been found guilty of charges related to electronic fraud and manipulation of payment systems and sentenced to two years in prison and deportation from the country.

The defendants were involved in a sophisticated scheme where they managed to embezzle cash amounts of up to BD13,000 by exploiting unsuspecting individuals.

This was announced by the



Chief of the Electronic Crimes Prosecution.

The incident came to light following a report from the Economic Crimes Directorate at the General Directorate of Anti-Corruption, Economic, and Electronic Security.

# UK Ambassador hosts memorable Christmas Carol Party

Zahra Ayaz  
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The UK Ambassador to the Kingdom of Bahrain, His Excellency Roderick Drummond, hosted a memorable Christmas Carols Party yesterday at the British Embassy's garden.

The event brought together families, children, and individuals from Bahrain and the UK in a festive celebration that showcased the strong bond between the two nations.

The Christmas Carols Party combined the joyous spirit of National Day with a Christmas



Children sing Christmas carols

tree-lighting ceremony. Attendees enjoyed singing carols, engaging in games, and dancing

while savoring hot drinks and mince pies. The garden was adorned with red and green at-

tire, as everyone embraced the merry atmosphere.

Beyond the merriment, the

event expressed gratitude to those who contribute to the Bahrain-UK relationship. It emphasised the importance of building connections, fostering friendships, and sharing stories and culture to strengthen the enduring friendship between the two nations.

**Bahrain-UK relationship**

The Ambassador's Christmas Carols Party served as a reminder of the extraordinary Bahrain-UK relationship, recognized as one of the strongest friendships in the world. By uniting

in celebration and cultural exchange, attendees showcased their commitment to nurturing this exceptional alliance.

The event left a lasting impression, symbolising the potential for transformative connections between diverse communities. As carols and laughter filled the air, the Christmas Carols Party conveyed a powerful message of togetherness and goodwill.

Through initiatives like this, Bahrain and the UK continue to strengthen their alliance, paving the way for a future built on shared prosperity and mutual respect.

## Tamkeen partners with AWS and BIBF to propel Bahraini workforce into AI and ML excellence



Tamkeen Chief Executive Maha Abdulhameed Mofeez, centre, with BIBF Chief Executive Officer Dr. Ahmed Al Shaikh, right, and Wojciech Bajda of AWS  
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The Labour Fund (Tamkeen) has unveiled a strategic initiative, in collaboration with Amazon Web Services (AWS) and the Bahrain Institute of Banking and Finance (BIBF), to train 60 Bahrainis in cutting-edge Machine Learning (ML) and Artificial Intelligence (AI) technologies.

This forward-looking program aims to meet the demands of a rapidly evolving digital economy while arming the local workforce with the skills needed for high-quality jobs, both domestically and internationally.

Tamkeen, steadfast in its commitment to preparing the national workforce for transformative shifts in the digital landscape, continues to play a pivotal role in the development of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) skills.

Since 2022, Tamkeen has successfully facilitated over 1,500 training opportunities across diverse domains, including information technology, software engineering, data science, iOS applications development, 3D animation, game development, and more.

These initiatives have yielded significant outcomes, with 65% of graduates securing employment, promotions, or launching their own businesses.

Mr. Ali Hasan, Executive Director of Programs and Part-

nership Development at Tamkeen, emphasized the critical role of AI and ML platforms in transforming the business landscape.

He highlighted Tamkeen's commitment to keeping pace with technological advancements, stating, "Tamkeen's support for these cutting-edge training programs reflects our unwavering dedication to preparing Bahraini nationals for the jobs of the future. Not only does this empower them to become highly sought-after talent, but it also positions Bahrain as a hub for technological innovation in the region."

He further emphasized the initiative's goal to address the evolving needs of local businesses by nurturing a pool of talent well-versed in advanced technologies. This ensures that businesses can readily access the expertise required, contributing to innovation and economic growth.

### Collaboration

Dr. Ahmed Al Shaikh, CEO of BIBF, expressed enthusiasm for the collaboration, stating, "We are excited to be part of this initiative, aimed at equipping Bahraini talent with the latest digital skills, particularly in AI and ML. This aligns with the Kingdom's vision of empowering Bahraini youth with technical expertise, enhancing their employment opportunities, and fostering professional growth."

## 'Let's fight cyber attacks'

On behalf of HRH Prince Salman, Interior Minister inaugurates AICS 2023

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On behalf of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces and Prime Minister, H.E. General Shaikh Rashid bin Abdullah Al Khalifa, the Minister of Interior, inaugurated yesterday the second Arab International Cybersecurity Conference and Exhibition (AICS 2023).

The event, being held at the Bahrain International Exhibition Centre, represented a global platform to exchange expertise and reinforce cybersecurity cooperation and awareness to promote cyberspace security protection efforts.

The Interior Minister deliv-



H.E. General Shaikh Rashid bin Abdullah at the event

ered a speech in which he emphasised the government's commitment to digital sustainability and data protection, highlighting the need for a comprehensive solution to cyberattacks.

### Royal vision

"Bahrain hosts the Second Arab International Cybersecurity Conference and Exhibi-

tion based on the vision of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa for shifting digital systems in providing services within an integrated plan that is implemented per international standards to reinforce cybersecurity," General Shaikh Rashid bin Abdullah said.

"I'm honoured to convey the greeting of HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, the

patron of the conference, and HRH's wishes for the event to achieve its goals."

He called for collective efforts from government institutions, private companies, and individuals to achieve cybersecurity and protect digital information and data.

The speech concluded with gratitude to the speakers, participants, and organisers of the conference, expressing hope for enhanced digital security and a safer future in the world of the Internet.

### Cybersecurity solutions

The two-day event reviews advanced cybersecurity solutions through discussion sessions and training workshops.

## Mayo Clinic assesses RCSI-AMH academic collaboration



King Hamad American Mission Hospital

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An international consulting team representing the prestigious Mayo Clinic from Rochester, USA, recently visited the American Mission Hospital (AMH) and the Royal College of Surgeons of Ireland - Medical University of Bahrain (RCSI-MUB) in Busaiteen.

The purpose of the visit was to assess the AMH academic work stream and evaluate the ongoing collaboration between Bahrain's two healthcare organizations.

Dr. George Cheriyan, AMH's Corporate CEO, highlighted the

significance of the newly opened King Hamad American Mission Hospital (KHAMH) in A'Ali, which is the fifth and largest of AMH facilities. Notably, KHAMH serves as the official teaching hospital for students from RCSI-MUB. Dr. Cheriyan expressed gratitude for the visionary leadership of the nation, emphasizing the commitment to enhancing healthcare delivery in the Kingdom of Bahrain through a year-long engagement with Mayo Clinic.

Mayo Clinic, ranked No. 1 among the World's Best Hospitals 2023 by Newsweek-Statista's Global Hospital Ratings, initiated a comprehensive engagement



Dr. George Cheriyan with a Mayo Clinic official

with AMH spanning three work streams: governance, academics, and quality. The governance workstream visit concluded in June 2023, with subsequent visits by AMH board members and leadership teams to Mayo Clinic in October.

Dr. Deepak Abraham, Chief of Medical Staff at the hospital, provided insights into Mayo Clinic's assessment, conducted from November 14 to 16, 2023. The evaluation involved facility visits and interactions with organizational leaders, focusing on the existing partnership for student rotations, internship programs, and the potential estab-

lishment of residency programs. Dr. Abraham highlighted RCSI's establishment of a Clinical Trials Unit at KHAMH, aiming to position Bahrain on the global map by facilitating cutting-edge multicentric Phase II and Phase III clinical trials.

### Close association

Ben Langholz, Principal Analyst of Mayo Clinic International Consulting, expressed admiration for the close association between the two institutions in Bahrain, foreseeing an enhancement in the level of medical education offered in the kingdom.



### Tamkeen-BAS meeting

Tamkeen's executive management met with Bahrain Airport Company (BAS) as part of ongoing efforts to introduce the new enhanced programs to private sector enterprises. During the meeting, Tamkeen's new programs were showcased, highlighting ways to benefit from them to employ and develop national talent. BAS is the leading provider of airport services since its establishment in Bahrain over 46 years ago, their services include ground operations, cargo, catering, aircraft engineering and more.

## FIITJEE SMART 2023 unveils hidden talents of CBSE students

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In a bid to identify and nurture the untapped potential of CBSE students, FIITJEE, a stalwart in the educational sector in Bahrain for over 15 years, organized a distinctive potential assessment test named S.M.A.R.T. (SCIENCE & MATHEMATICS APITUDE AND REWARD TEST).

Aimed at students from grades V to X, the test proved to be a resounding success, attracting a substantial number of registrations.

The examination, held on 1st December 2023 at the FIITJEE Adliya Centre, saw an overwhelming response, prompting



CBSE students taking the examination

FIITJEE to accommodate the high number of participants by conducting the test in three separate slots.

Parents and students expressed their enthusiasm about the unique nature of the test. De-

spite its deviation from routine examinations, students were pleased that S.M.A.R.T. adhered to the CBSE syllabus, ensuring relevance and familiarity.

Mr. Aniruddha Baranwal, the Director of FIITJEE, shared in-

sights into the genesis of the test, stating, "We have been conducting this assessment internally for our students in previous years. Given the growing demand, we decided to extend this opportunity to students across Bahrain."

He highlighted the test's distinctive feature, emphasizing its alignment with CBSE syllabus, covering school curriculum, boards, and future Science and Mathematics-based competitive exams.

### Certificates and trophies

Winners of the S.M.A.R.T. test will receive certificates and trophies, with each participant receiving a comparative analysis report card. The felicitation ceremony for the winners is scheduled to take place on 8th December 2023 (Friday) at FIITJEE Adliya Centre.

In addition to the S.M.A.R.T. initiative, FIITJEE has introduced a Crash Course tailored for class X, XII Board examinations, IIT-JEE, and NEET 2024, offered at a nominal fee. Admissions for the academic session 2024-25 are also open, with an admission test scheduled for 9th December 2023. For further information or inquiries, FIITJEE can be contacted at 3596-1000 or 3596-2000.

FIITJEE continues to play a pivotal role in shaping the academic journey of students in Bahrain, offering innovative programs and opportunities for growth.

# Bahrain Bourse, CBB showcase sustainability efforts at COP28

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Bahrain Bourse (BHB) yesterday announced concluding its participation alongside other global corporations, policymakers, governments, non-governmental organizations and industry experts, at the 28th Conference of the Parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP28).

The event, from 30th November to 12th December 2023 in Dubai - UAE had the presence of Dr. Mohammed bin Mubarak bin Daina, Minister of Oil and Environment, Special Envoy for Climate Affairs.

At COP28, Bahrain Bourse alongside the CBB participated in the panel discussion titled: "Navigating the ESG Landscape: Insights from Bahrain Bourse and the Central Bank of Bahrain" which took place on the 4th of December at Bahrain's Pavilion. The panel included the participation of Shaikh Khalifa bin Ebrahim Al-Khalifa, CEO of Bahrain Bourse and Abeer Al Saad, Executive Director of Financial Institutions Supervision at the Central Bank of Bahrain (CBB), and was moderated by Kalyan Subramanian, Head of Markets - KPMG Bahrain.

Shaikh Khalifa bin Ebrahim Al-Khalifa, CEO of Bahrain



In pictures, the participants at the event

Bourse, said, "We strongly applaud the steps undertaken by the CBB for introduction of a standardized regulatory framework for ESG reporting, which will bring greater consistency and comparability to ESG disclosures within the market particularly on climate change, as this forms a key milestone towards achieving a net-zero economy. This milestone will facilitate further growth within the wider sustainability ecosystem in capital markets through promoting green finance initiatives and green indices products".

Abeer Al Saad, Executive Director of Financial Institutions Supervision at the Central Bank

of Bahrain said, "The CBB acknowledges that there may be challenges in implementing ESG reporting, particularly in the initial years. However, companies are expected to make reasonable efforts to report Key Performance Indicators, and transparently explain any limitations in reporting and outline the steps being taken to address those limitations."

Bahrain Bourse issued its ESG voluntary reporting guidelines for listed companies in June 2020, which included 32 ESG reporting metrics. The same year, the CBB issued an ESG Reporting Survey. A year later, in August 2023, a consultation paper was

issued by the CBB on ESG Requirements. This was followed up by the issuance of the ESG Module by the CBB on 5th of November effective immediately and will be applicable on all listed companies as well as targeted CBB licensees for the reporting period ending December 2024.

Earlier this year, in January 2023, the GCC Exchanges Committee - GCC General Secretariat also published a unified set of ESG Disclosure Metrics to align reporting across GCC exchanges and enhance transparency within capital markets, which included 29 ESG reporting metrics.

## BBK extends support to elderly community



Participants during a photocall

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BBK has reaffirmed its commitment to social responsibility by extending its support to the elderly community. The Bank allocated a total amount of BD 40,000 in 2023 to support societal initiatives that prioritize social care and enhance the quality of life for the elderly.

Hassaan Burshaid, Group Chief Human Resources & Administration Officer stated: "This contribution is part of the Bank's dedication to fostering community growth and nurturing healthy family well-being, while strengthening the overall welfare of the elderly community."

In this context, the Bank organized a visit to The Bah-



Hassaan Burshaid

rain Parents Care Society. Ahmed Al Banna, Chairman of the Society and Huda Al Humood, Executive Manager of the Society welcomed Rafa Kaddoura, BBK Head of Corporate Communication and Abdulrahman Danish, Corporate Communication Specialist and were taken on a thorough tour around the Society, showcasing the services and programmes and activities that The Bahrain Parents Care Society offers to its members.

## EU approves ban on destruction of unsold clothing

Brussels, Belgium

The European Parliament and EU member states announced on Tuesday new rules to crack down on fast fashion and reduce waste, including a ban on destroying unsold clothes.

The new rules, first proposed by the European Commission last year, impose tougher rules on products to ensure they last longer and are easier to repair and recycle.

The law bans the destruction of unsold textiles and footwear, and will apply two years after the law enters into force. Medium-size companies will have a six-year exemption, while smaller companies are wholly exempt from the ban.

The commission, the EU's executive arm, will also have the power to extend the ban to other unsold prod-

ucts beyond clothing and footwear.

"It is time to end the model of 'take, make, dispose' that is so harmful to our planet, our health and our economy," said MEP Alessandra Moretti who spearheaded the legislation through parliament.

"New products will be designed in a way that benefits all, respects our planet and protects the environment," she added.

The law will also set specific requirements for key consumer goods in order to boost the durability of the products. Priority will be given to "highly impactful products" including clothing, furniture, mattresses as well as electronic goods.

Goods must also be sold with a "digital product passport", which could be a QR code, that will help consumers make informed choices about their purchases.

## BisB partners with Delmon Gate

Offers exclusive real estate financing and benefits on Bushra Housing project

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Bahrain Islamic Bank (BisB) has signed an agreement with Delmon Gate to offer attractive real estate financing options and exclusive benefits on the Bushra housing project located in Alsayah.

The deal allows customers access to exclusive offers tailored for the Bushra housing project located in Muharraq Governorate. Benefits include complimentary fire insurance coverage and free notary services.

Additionally, customers will enjoy a financing grace period of up to 3 months from the implementation date until the first



The deal signing

installment.

Fatema AlAlawi, Chief Retail Banking Officer at BisB, said: "This collaboration is a

testament to our dedication in providing innovative and simplified products and services that meet the evolving needs

of our customers to empower them with a seamless financing journey."

Delmon Gate CEO Abdullah Ali, said, "This aims to help the bank's clients who wish to own residential plots or high-end villas in the "Bushra" project in the Al Sayh area.

Ali pointed out that "the Bushra residential project includes 196 residential plots with different areas starting from 161.1 square meters, and more than half of the plan has been sold, in addition to the availability of approximately 30 villas in the same plan, which is considered one of the best residential plans in terms of its location."

## Breakfast at Nissan: Celebrating Bahraini Women's Day and empowering female achievers

TDT | Manama

Y.K. Almoayyed & Sons, the sole distributor of Nissan vehicles in Bahrain hosted the second edition of, "Breakfast at Nissan," to commemorate Bahraini Women's Day and honour the achievements of exceptional Bahraini women. The event, held at Nissan Showroom brought together prominent female leaders, including Mona Almoayyed, Managing Director, Y.K. Almoayyed & Sons and Aamal Almoayyed Executive Director Ashrafs W.L.L, and Director Y K Almoayyed & Sons along with other distinguished women excelling in their respective fields and YK Management.



Participants during a photocall

The Event also included the presence of Amal Albin Ali,

Chief of Strategic Planning and Projects Management at the

National Space Science Agency (NSSA), Fatima Al Mutawaj,

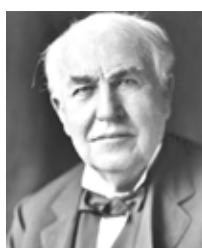
the first Bahraini basketball referee to achieve international

recognition & Aida, founder of Early Riser, a Bahraini business creating healthier alternatives to sugary breakfast cereals and nut butters. Their remarkable accomplishments served as an inspiration to all attendees, reflecting the incredible talent and determination of Bahraini women.

The event featured an engaging open panel discussion that delved into the unique challenges faced by Bahraini women and explored strategies for achieving a sustainable work-life balance. The panelists shared their personal experiences, offering valuable insights and advice to empower women in various professional domains.

Mongols led by Batu Khan occupy and destroy Kyiv after an 8 day siege; out of 50,000 people in the city only 2,000 survive

Thomas Edison enters the offices of Scientific American and turns the crank on his cylinder phonograph, astonishing those present with the recording, "Good morning. How do you do? How do you like the phonograph?"



Hugo Chávez is elected President of Venezuela

NASA reveals photographs taken by Mars Global Surveyor suggesting the presence of liquid water on Mars

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**CURIOSITY ABOUT LIFE IN ALL OF ITS ASPECTS, I THINK, IS STILL THE SECRET OF GREAT CREATIVE PEOPLE**  
LEO BURNETT

## News in brief

### President Vladimir

Putin will visit Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates on Wednesday, the Kremlin has announced, as Moscow courts allies abroad despite being isolated by the West over the Ukraine conflict. Putin has limited his international travel since deploying troops to Ukraine and the International Criminal Court (ICC) issued an arrest warrant for him, accusing the Russian leader of deporting Ukrainian children. "President Putin will go on a working visit to the UAE and Saudi Arabia tomorrow," Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov told reporters on Tuesday. In Saudi Arabia, Putin will discuss trade, international politics and humanitarian aid with Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, the Kremlin announced. He will meet his counterpart Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan in the UAE for talks on trade, energy, tourism and education, it added.



**Kremlin says Putin to visit Saudi Arabia, UAE on Wednesday**

### The Swedish branch of climate movement

**Thunberg reiterates support for Palestinians after criticism**



Thunberg, Tuesday reiterated its support for Palestinians in Gaza following criticism of its stance on the Israel-Hamas war. At the end of October, several politicians in Germany urged the German branch of the movement to cut ties with its international branch over its and Thunberg's outspoken pro-Palestinian remarks. "Contrary to what many have claimed, Fridays for Future has not 'been radicalised' or 'become political'," FFF Sweden wrote in op-eds published in Swedish daily Aftonbladet and British newspaper The Guardian.

## Spotlight

### US YouTuber who staged plane crash jailed for six months



Jacob's original video, along with several others he posted after the escapade, have now been removed from YouTube, but a copy can be seen here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=41i0vFuKsYy>

#### Los Angeles, United States

A daredevil YouTuber who deliberately crashed his plane to boost the number of viewers on his channel and then lied about it to investigators has been jailed for six months after reaching a plea deal, US authorities said Monday.

In a video of the event entitled "I crashed my airplane," Trevor Jacob appears to experience engine trouble while flying over southern California in November 2021.

The dramatic footage, viewed millions of times on YouTube, shows Jacob, now 30, ejecting from the single-engine plane -- selfie stick in hand -- and parachuting into the dense vegetation of Los Padres National Forest.

Cameras placed all over the aircraft shows out-of-control descent into the forest, and its eventual crash landing.

Jacob, a former Olympic snowboarder, films himself hiking to the wreckage where he appears dismayed to discover the water he packed has disappeared.

He does, however, have the presence of mind to recover

the footage from cameras.

He then documents an apparently arduous trek through undergrowth to reach safety.

In the weeks after the incident, investigators from the National Transportation Safety Board and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) launched a probe into the crash, and Jacob was ordered to preserve the wreckage.

The YouTuber told officials he did not know where the plane had gone down. "In fact, on December 10, 2021, Jacob and a friend flew by helicopter to the wreckage site," the US District Attorney's Office for the Central District of California said Monday.

The remains of the single engine plane were cut into small pieces and dumped in trash bins in and around Lompoc City Airport, in a bid to hide evidence of the crash.

The FAA, the body that regulates flying in the United States, yanked Jacob's pilot's license in April 2022.

When investigators closed in, Jacob cut a deal and agreed to plead guilty to one count of destruction and concealment with the intent to obstruct a federal investigation.

## UN says 'not possible' to create 'safe zones'

AFP | Geneva, Switzerland

The United Nations warned yesterday that it was impossible to create so-called safe zones for civilians to flee to inside the Gaza Strip amid Israel's bombing campaign.

Israel had initially focused its offensive on the north of the territory, but the army has now also dropped leaflets on parts of the south, telling Palestinian civilians there to flee to other areas.

"The so-called safe zones... are not scientific, they are not rational, they are not possible, and I think the authorities are aware of this," James Elder, spokesman for the UN children's agency UNICEF, told reporters in Geneva via video-link from Cairo. His comments came as Israeli troops battled Hamas in the southern Gaza Strip after expanding their offensive deeper into the besieged area.

As Israel's offensive pushes deeper into Gaza, international aid organisations have warned that civilians in the densely-populated territory are running out of places to flee to.

Elder insisted that the safe zones declared by Israel "cannot be safe nor humanitarian when unilaterally declared".

The pretence that there is somewhere safe for people to flee to is "callous", he said.

He stressed that in a proper



Palestinian boy Youssef, 13, receives medical care at Nasser Institute hospital in Cairo

safe zone, "you can guarantee the conditions of food, water, medicine and shelter".

Elder, who spent the past week or so in Gaza, stressed that none of that is assured in the areas designated as safe zones. "These are entirely, entirely absent. You cannot overstate this. These are tiny patches of barren land, or they are street corners, they are sidewalks," he said.

"There is no water, no facilities, no shelter from the cold and the rain (and) there's no sanitation," Elder pointed out that in the overcrowded shelters that most of the displaced in Gaza have flocked to there had been around one toilet for every 400 people.

"Now remove those people and put them in... the so called

safe places. It's tens of thousands of people without a single toilet -- not one -- no clean water, nothing to drink," he said.

"Without water, without sanitation, without shelter the so called safe zones risks becoming zones of disease."



The Hamas-run health ministry in Gaza says the war has killed nearly 15,900 people in the territory, around 70 percent of them women and children.

## Police investigate after blast razes house near US capital

Washington, United States

US police were investigating yesterday after a major explosion tore through a home in the Washington suburbs a day earlier, authorities said, with social media footage showing a powerful blast that reduced the building to rubble.

A suspect inside the building at the time of the blast had fired a flare gun "30-40 times from inside his resident into the surrounding neighborhood," police in Arlington, Virginia, across the river from the US capital, said in a statement released early Tuesday.

Law enforcement were dispatched after receiving a report of the shots, and "attempted to make contact with the suspect over the telephone and through loudspeakers," the statement said.

But the suspect did not respond and remained barricaded inside the home, it said.

"As officers were attempting to execute the search warrant,



A suspect inside the building at the time of the blast had fired a flare gun

the suspect discharged several rounds, from what is believed to be a firearm, inside the home. Subsequently, at approximately 8:25 pm, an explosion occurred at the residence."

The investigation into what caused the blast is "ongoing," the statement said, without making reference to the fate of the suspect. Three police officers reported minor injuries, and the fire was brought under control within two hours, it continued.

"I think it blew up the entire duplex," a neighbor told

local media outlet ARLnow. "I'm sure the family next door was evacuated before it blew up, but they lost their home."

Residents in Arlington, in the state of Virginia across the Potomac River from Washington, were told to shelter in place by the local government.

"This is very, very scary, and my profound thanks go out to first responders working to secure the area and keep everyone safe," Congressman Don Beyer, who represents the district, tweeted.



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TWEETS

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I reiterate my call for a sustained humanitarian ceasefire in Gaza, the unconditional & immediate release of all hostages, and unimpeded & sustained humanitarian aid flow to meet the needs of the people throughout the Gaza Strip.

@antoniogeterres

02



Today, @WHO received notification from the Israel Defense Forces that we should remove our supplies from our medical warehouse in southern Gaza within 24 hours, as ground operations will put it beyond use. We appeal to #Israel to withdraw the order, and take every possible measure to protect civilians and civilian infrastructure, including hospitals and humanitarian facilities.

@DrTedros

03



People-to-people linkages are essential in the India-Kenya partnership. In that context, President @WilliamsRuto and I discussed how to deepen cultural ties and work together in areas such as skill development.

@narendramodi

04



Life is kind of like a party. You invite a lot of people, some leave early, some stay all night, some laugh with you, some laugh at you, and some show up really late. But in the end, after the fun, there are a few who stay to help you clean up the mess. And most of the time, they aren't even the ones who made the mess. These people are your true friends in life. They are the only ones who matter.

@elonmusk

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# Eats & Treats

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## Bountiful Natural Treasures of Health

Nature has gifted us with the best resources that benefit our lives. Isn't it interesting that fruits and vegetables are grown during a specific time of the year and have a purpose? They are created to help us get through each season. That is why they are called seasonal fruits and vegetables.

For instance, melons grow during the summer, while citrus fruits grow in the winter. Melons are rich in water content, making them perfect for hydration. Similarly, citrus fruits are rich in vitamin C, which contributes to a boost in immunity. Pomegranates serve the same purpose. Root vegetables such as radish, sweet potatoes, and beetroots are at their prime during winter, and these vegetables give warmth to the body as they are high in carbohydrates. Green leafy vegetables such as spinach, chard, kale and methi are harvested in winter. They are rich in Vitamin C as well.

A combination of seasonal winter vegetables and animal protein is ideal for dealing with the upcoming cool weather as they keep the body warm and protect us from sicknesses and



diseases.

Incorporate spices such as pepper, turmeric, red chilli, and ginger to reduce inflammation and destroy bacteria and viruses, leading to a healthier body.

It is always helpful to eat seasonally. So, this winter, have that orange or lemon juice, gleefully accept a portion of roasted root vegetables, and enjoy them with some meat. One dish that skilfully incorporates many winter ingredients is Borscht.

Borscht is originally Ukrainian but is quite common in Russia and Poland too.

In Ukraine, borscht symbolizes a strong family. I find this very interesting because not only does this dish bring a family together, it also strengthens the body and therefore the family. All the ingredients are cooked in a clay pot where flavours mingle resulting in a wholesome, rich, hearty, and gorgeous borscht. In the past, borscht was eaten almost every day, served on holidays and at special occasions. Try this winter-friendly recipe for borscht.

### Borscht Recipe

#### Ingredients

- 500 gms boneless Beef: sirloin or stew meat
- 14 cups cold water
- 1 Tbsp salt + more to taste
- 2 large or 3 medium beets, washed, peeled and grated
- 4 Tbsp olive oil
- 1 Tbsp vinegar
- 1 Tbsp sugar
- 2 Tbsp tomato sauce, or paste (or 3 Tbsp ketchup)
- 1 Tbsp unsalted butter
- 1 medium onion, finely diced
- 2 carrots, grated
- 2 large or 3 medium potatoes, peeled and sliced into bite-sized pieces
- 1/2 head of small cabbage, sliced
- 2 tomatoes, peeled and diced
- 2 bay leaves
- 1/4 tsp freshly ground pepper
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh parsley + more for garnish
- 2 cloves garlic, pressed
- Garnish: Sour cream and fresh sprigs of parsley or dill.

#### Instructions

- Wash meat in cold water, cut into 1" pieces and place in a large soup pot with cold water and 1 Tbsp salt. Bring it to a boil and remove the foam as soon as it boils.
- Reduce heat, partially cover and simmer 45 minutes - 1 hr, periodically skimming off any foam that rises to the top.
- Grate beets on the large grater holes. Place them in a large heavy-bottom skillet with olive oil and vinegar and saute for 5 minutes, then reduce heat to med/low and add sugar and tomato sauce.
- Mix thoroughly and saute while stirring occasionally (about 10 min). Remove from pan and set aside.
- In the same skillet, sauté onion in butter for 2 min.
- Add grated carrot and sauté another 5 min or until softened, adding more oil if it seems too dry.
- Once the meat has been cooking at least 45 min, place sliced potatoes into the soup pot and cook 10 min, then add cabbage, sautéed beets, onion & carrot, and chopped tomatoes.
- Cook another 10 minutes or until potatoes can be easily pierced with a fork.
- Add 2 bay leaves, 1/4 tsp pepper, and salt to taste if required.
- Chop parsley and press the garlic then stir them into the soup pot, immediately cover and remove from heat. Let the pot rest covered for 20 minutes for the flavors to meld before serving with a dollop of sour cream and a garnish of dill.



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A delightful afternoon with the best weather in Bahrain gives you every reason to be at this gorgeous restaurant overlooking the mesmerising pool and lush greenery of the resort. The outdoor seating is so inviting during this time of the year. La Med's brunch boasts the best of food and beverages with an unmatched elegance that will make you a loyal enthusiast.

I soaked in the soothing tunes of the violinist while sipping on a tall glass of sweet and tart orange juice.

Badr, the illusionist, was capturing guests with his jaw-dropping illusions. The magic was mind-blowing, just like the food. He visited my table, displaying several astonishing tricks that I am still trying to figure out. The atmosphere was delightful.

The level of detail in each arrangement of the buffet is praiseworthy. In particular, the arrangement of cold cuts particularly the turkey mortadella like a large flower, is something I have never seen before. There was an array of cold cuts, a cheese board and plenty of artisan breads. Warm pumpkin soup was available as an apt choice for the winter season. There were delights to suit every taste bud, much like an international brunch, with food from the various award-



winning F&B outlets at the hotel. A wide selection of prized seafood like mussels, lobsters, shrimps, and caviar was ready to devour from the ice display. A decent selection of sushi was available for sushi lovers, and I enjoyed some California

cheeks were so tender, with beautiful marbling in every piece. Marbling present in beef renders during slow cooking to enhance flavour and tenderise the beef. The slow-roasted mirepoix, herbs, tomato paste, and demi-glace developed an incredible gravy. A glass of virgin classic mojito was delightful after this rich meal.

Grilled teriyaki salmon had a rich umami flavour. The fish had an inviting, classic, glossy look from the caramelised sugar in the teriyaki sauce. I also tasted the grilled seabream with lemon caper sauce. The seabream was tender, and capers gave a tangy pop to



layer of spinach and mushrooms, duxelles sealed with puff pastry and baked until cooked through. A bite of all the layers was like savoury heaven. The pastry was crisp, golden and buttery. The beef was tender, and the spinach and mushroom duxelles added freshness. The mustard sauce was the perfect accompaniment to this captivating dish.

The large fillet of baked hamour was very appealing. I was happy with the chunky, tender, and flaky hamour that remained moist as it was baked in banana leaves. Luscious lemon butter sauce provided a citrusy and creamy boost to the dish.

One of my favourite dishes was the beef cheeks and gravy which I enjoyed with mashed potatoes and steamed vegetables. Beef

the dish. Grilled prawns with tomato sauce were addictive. The prawns were fresh and tasty. The fragrance of thyme was a pleasant addition to the sauce.

There were several delicious dishes, such as chicken tagine, butter chicken, lamb shanks and lamb chops, but I was pretty satiated with my choices. There was a prominent assortment of savoury German delicacies such as currywurst (Berlin-style sausage), chicken schnitzel with potato salad, spaetzle, pretzels besides apple strudel and German Berliner for dessert.

The large assortment of desserts is commendable. Colourful, mouthwatering desserts were the star at the eye-catching display and a

base is a dense pistachio brioche that tasted like cookie dough. I loved every bite of this dessert. This cheesecake is a winner in every way. Joergen invites guests to taste his 'next level cheesecake' that is available at the Ritz Gourmet Lounge.

It was all magical- The weather, the food and the magic itself.

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## WFP suspends Yemen food aid in rebel-held areas

● The poorest country in the Arabian peninsula has faced one of the world's worst humanitarian crises since the outbreak of war

● Since 2014, the war in the country of 30 million people has led directly or indirectly to hundreds of thousands of deaths

AFP | Dubai, United Arab Emirates

The World Food Programme said Tuesday it was suspending its food distribution in Huthi-controlled areas of Yemen because of funding cuts and disagreements with the rebel group.

The poorest country in the Arabian peninsula has faced one



A Yemeni youth lifts a gun during a march in solidarity with the people of Gaza in the Huthi-controlled capital Sanaa

of the world's worst humanitarian crises since the outbreak of war between the government and the Huthis, who seized the capital Sanaa and large swathes of territory in 2014.

Sanaa's takeover by the Iran-backed Huthis sparked a Saudi-led military coalition to intervene in 2015 in support of the Yemeni government.

Facing a drop in international funding, the WFP said in a statement it had taken this "difficult decision... after nearly a year of negotiations, during which no agreement was reached, to reduce the number of people served (by food distribution) from 9.5 million to 6.5 million".

Food stocks in Huthi-controlled areas "are now almost

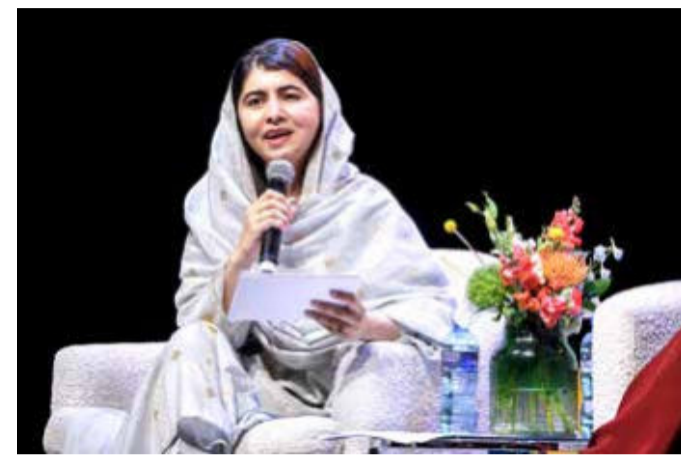
completely depleted and resuming food assistance, even with an immediate agreement, could take up to as long as four months due to the disruption of the supply chain", the UN agency said.

It said the WFP would nonetheless maintain "its resilience and livelihoods, nutrition, and school feeding programmes... for as long as the agency has sufficient funding and the co-operation of the authorities" in Sanaa. Food distribution in government-controlled areas of Yemen will continue, targeting "the most vulnerable families, aligning with resource adjustments announced last August", the statement said.

Since 2014, the war in the country of 30 million people has led directly or indirectly to hundreds of thousands of deaths and has displaced millions.

A fragile calm has prevailed since a UN-negotiated ceasefire in April 2022, but the population suffers from reduced humanitarian aid on which it depends heavily.

## Taliban rule 'made girlhood illegal', says Malala



Nobel Peace Prize laureate Malala Yousafzai participates in a panel discussion after delivering the 21st Nelson Mandela Annual Lecture at the Johannesburg Theatre in Johannesburg

AFP | Johannesburg, South Africa

Nobel Peace Prize laureate Malala Yousafzai said Tuesday that Taliban rule in Afghanistan has made "girlhood illegal", as she called for gender apartheid to be made a crime against humanity.

In a speech marking the 10th anniversary of the death of South Africa's Nelson Mandela, the Pakistani activist said: "The Taliban have made girlhood illegal, and it is taking a toll."

She highlighted how Afghan girls frozen out of school are "experiencing depression", "turning to narcotics" and "attempting suicide".

Malala was the keynote speaker at an annual event held by the Mandela Foundation to commemorate the anti-apartheid icon and fellow Nobel Peace Prize winner.

After slamming what she called the "unjust bombardment of Gaza" by Israel since the unprecedented October 7 attacks by Hamas, she said crises in Gaza, Ukraine and Sudan had diverted attention

"Our first imperative is to call the regime in Afghanistan what it really is. It is a gender apartheid," said Malala who

was 15 when a Pakistani group shot her in the head over her campaign for girls' education.

Access to education and work for girls and women has been severely restricted since the Taliban leaders took back power in August 2021.

Teenage girls and women are barred from schools and universities. Thousands of women have lost their government jobs -- or are being paid to stay home.

Girls and women are also prohibited from entering parks, funfairs or gyms.

"South Africans fought for racial apartheid to be recognised and criminalised at the international level. In the process, they drew more of the world's attention to the horrors of apartheid," Malala told a packed Johannesburg theatre.

"But gender apartheid has not been explicitly codified yet," she said.

"We have an opportunity to do that right now," she added, calling for the definition to be inserted in a new UN treaty that is currently being debated.

Malala, former US secretary of state Hillary Clinton and other leading activists are campaigning for UN member states to amend a draft crimes against humanity treaty to include gender apartheid.

## Russia unveils new icebreaker reactors for Arctic routes

AFP | Podolsk, Russia

Russia's nuclear agency Rosatom on Tuesday unveiled a new type of reactor for the future Chukotka icebreaker, as part of Moscow's ambitions to develop a northern maritime route linking Asia and Europe.

Moscow hopes the development of a northern sea route, made possible by global warming and the consequent melting of glaciers, will enable it to redirect its hydrocarbons -- now under Western sanctions -- to Asia. "The RITM-200 reactor is the newest reactor which



The Russian "50 Years of Victory" nuclear-powered icebreaker is seen at the North Pole

will be part of the energy system of all modern icebreakers," Vladislav Paikov, deputy director of ZiO-Podolsk, part of Rosatom's engineering division, said at a presentation ceremony in Podolsk.

Paikov said the reactor type, two of which were presented on Tuesday, is "much lighter, much more compact and more powerful than previous similar

reactors".

Maxim Kulinko, deputy director general of Rosatom's Northern Sea Route Directorate, said the Chukotka icebreaker was planned to be ready for use by 2026.

He said the vessel would be suited both to sea voyages and river traffic, adding that Russia was putting in infrastructure to transport 150 million tons

of cargo through the maritime route by 2030.

"RITM-200 as the head of the nuclear icebreaker is critically important for this infrastructure to be created and to work," Kulinko said at the ceremony.

Nuclear-powered icebreakers are more suited to the Northern Sea Route than diesel ones because of the power required and limited refueling possibilities.

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Russia has the world's only nuclear icebreaker fleet.

## US returns \$1 million in stolen antiquities to Nepal

AFP | New York, United States

The United States has returned four antiquities worth \$1 million to Nepal, including a pair of gilt copper masks representing a Hindu deity, following anti-trafficking operations, New York authorities said on Monday.

One of the items was seized as part of a probe into Subhash Kapoor, whom Manhattan District Attorney Alvin Bragg described as an "allegedly prolific looter who helped traffic items" from several Asian countries.

Between 2011 and 2023, officials claim to have recovered more than 2,500 items trafficked by Kapoor and his network, Bragg's office said in a



Representative picture

statement. "The total value of the pieces recovered exceeds \$143 million," it added.

"We will continue to target antiquities trafficking networks no matter how complex. I thank our outstanding team of analysts and attorneys... for recovering and returning these beautiful pieces," Bragg said.

The four items given back

to Nepalese authorities were handed over at a ceremony in New York.

"The return of these illegally exported four masterpieces is a significant step in reclaiming Nepal's cultural heritage and preserving its historical treasures," said Nepal's acting consul general in New York Bishnu Prasad Gautam.

The masks, from the 16th century and collectively valued at \$900,000, depict Shiva, part of the Hindu trinity.

"Both masks were stolen in the mid-1990s as part of a series of break-in robberies from the home of the family" whose relatives made them, Bragg's office said.

In recent years, the New York's Met and other prestigious museums have agreed to return trafficked works, in particular pieces from countries riddled by conflict from 1970 to 1990.

Under Bragg, who has been in office since 2022, more than 1,000 pieces worth \$190 million have been returned to 19 countries, including Cambodia, China, India and Pakistan.

## Musk's X defends its Dublin riot response

AFP | Dublin, Ireland

Social media giant X, formerly known as Twitter, has defended its response to recent rioting in Dublin that was in part fuelled by far-right users of the platform.

X described as "inaccurate" claims by Ireland's justice minister Helen McEntee that it did not engage with Irish police during the November 23 unrest.

The violence, which saw police cars and public transport vehicles set on fire and shops looted, was the worst seen in Dublin for decades.

In a statement to the Irish parliament last week McEntee said that while some social media companies like TikTok and Meta engaged with police and took down posts, others did not.

McEntee said that X "didn't engage. They did not fulfil their own community standards".

The platform described McEntee's claims as "inaccurate". "We have proactively taken action on more than



Elon Musk

1,230 pieces of content under our rules relating to the riots," it said late on Monday.

"The (Irish police) did not make any formal requests to us until late Monday 27th November. We responded promptly.

"The only appeal we have received from the (Irish police) relating to the enforcement of our rules is for a single post," said X, adding that it hopes McEntee "will clarify her remarks".

In the wake of the unrest, Irish lawmakers have called for big tech companies to be more proactive in tackling far-right activity online.

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# Prince Harry in UK court battle over security

AFP | London, United Kingdom

Lawyers for Prince Harry yesterday began a legal challenge over his security arrangements in the UK, after he quit frontline royal duties and moved to North America.

The case about his loss of UK taxpayer-funded protection is the latest in a string of court proceedings initiated by Harry, whose father is King Charles III.

Harry is taking legal action against the UK interior ministry over a February 2020 decision by a committee that deals with the security of members of the royal family.

The Duke of Sussex, as he is formally known, had been told he would no longer be given the "same degree" of personal protective security that he previously



Britain's Prince Harry, Duke of Sussex leaves from the Royal Courts of Justice, Britain's High Court, in central London

ly enjoyed.

Shaheed Fatima, representing Harry, told the High Court in London the case was about the prince's right to "safety and security".

She added in written submissions that the impact of any harm to Harry on the UK's reputation should have been considered when the committee took the decision to downgrade his protective security when visiting the UK from his new home in California.

She said this was especially important given his "status, background and profile within the royal family -- which he was born into".

In response, lawyer James Eadie, for the Home Office, said Harry was treated in a lawful "bespoke manner" when it came to his security on visits

home.

He said it was "simply incorrect" to suggest that there was no evidence that the issue of impact was considered, adding that the death of Harry's mother Princess Diana was raised as part of the decision.

## Private hearing

Diana, who was stripped of the title "Her Royal Highness" after she and Charles were divorced, died in a high-speed car crash in Paris in 1997 while trying to shake off paparazzi photographers.

The barrister said it was decided that Harry would not be provided with protective security "on the same basis as before" due to him no longer being a working member of the royal family and living abroad most of the time.

# Kyiv opens corruption investigation into arms procurement

AFP | Kyiv, Ukraine

Ukraine said yesterday it was investigating alleged corruption into arms procurement but vowed there was no "misuse" of the Western weapons pouring into the country to fight the Russian invasion.

Kyiv has for months promised its EU allies that it is still committed to fighting corruption, even during war time.

The announcement also came three months after Kyiv appointed a new defence minister, Rustem Umerov, following



allegations of corruption in the army during the tenure of his predecessor.

"There are several proceedings related to arms procurement," Oleksandr Klymenko, the head of the anti-corruption prosecutor's office, said.

He said these included Ukrainian servicemen of a drone hunting team stand next to an anti-aircraft twin-barreled autocannon that they use to target Russian launched drones, in the outskirts of Kyiv

tracts that amount "from 10 to 100 millions of euros", but said he could not disclose details.

"It is necessary to investigate and establish specific facts: whether it happened or not."

But Klymenko said that authorities had not received any complaints from Western allies that have provided the country with weapons.

Corruption is a major problem in Ukraine, and there have been several corruption scandals in recent months, including within the defence ministry.

But the allegations never concerned the military and financial aid given to Ukraine by Western countries.

"We constantly inform our partners that if they have information that indicates corruption, misuse of the assistance provided, we are ready to put it as a top priority and start an investigation," Klymenko said.

Ukraine has received tens of millions of dollars in aid from the US, the EU and the UK since Moscow invaded in February 2022.



# Team Bahrain karters aim to shine

Nine of Kingdom's very own national Rotax MAX champions competing this week in Rotax MAX Challenge Grand Finals

● BIKC to welcome fans for RMC GF from today, with free entry for all

● Top-class karting action continues today until the final day on Saturday

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The Kingdom's very own group of national Rotax MAX champions are flying the Team Bahrain flag in the Rotax MAX Challenge Grand Finals (RMC GF) 2023, taking place all this week at Bahrain International Karting Circuit (BIKC) in Sakhr.

Action in the RMC GF has already kicked off at Bahrain International Circuit's (BIC) world-class grassroots motorsport facility, and the high-octane racing continues until Saturday.

Team Bahrain have a nine-strong contingent amongst the nearly 400 karters from all



Team Bahrain karters and officials



Karters in action at BIKC

over the world who are battling wheel-to-wheel along BIKC's 1.414-kilometre CIK-FIA track.

The Kingdom's top talents showcasing their prowess at this year's RMC GF include Nasser Nass and Shaikh Ahmed bin Saqer Al Khalifa in the Mini MAX category; Luca Houghton and Tye Mejia in the Junior MAX; Oliver Kruglov, Mohammed Alhasan and Fahad Alkhaled in the Senior MAX class; Omar Alderayaane in the DD2 MAX; and

Lewis Smith in the E20 Senior category.

Nasser, Shaikh Ahmed, Tye, Alhasan and Kruglov are all making their RMC GF debuts, while Luca, Alkhaled, Alderayaane and Smith have each competed in past editions of the high-profile global karting meeting.

BIKC will be opening its gates to spectators starting today and entrance is completely free of charge.

Due to limited capacity at the

karting circuit, entry will be on a first-come, first-served basis. BIKC will be open to the public today from 11am, with the last entry permitted at 7.30pm. On Thursday, gates also open at 11am, with last entry set for 5.30pm. On Friday, gates open at 5pm, with last entry to fans set for 8pm. On the final day of action on Saturday, gates will open from 9am and last entry will be permitted at 4.30pm.

Spectator parking will be at

BIC's P8.

The racing in the RMC GF 2023 will continue to intensify as the days go on. Today, qualifying practices take place along with the beginning of qualifying heats. The qualifying heats continue on Thursday, after which the pre-finals and finals take place the last two days on Friday and Saturday.

This year's event marks the second time in three years that the RMC GF is being hosted by



Team Bahrain's karters include Nasser Nass, Shaikh Ahmed bin Saqer Al Khalifa, Luca Houghton, Tye Mejia, Oliver Kruglov, Mohammed Alhasan, Fahad Alkhaled, Omar Alderayaane and Lewis Smith

the Kingdom. BIKC previously staged the 2021 edition, and motor racing's future stars are once again showcasing their talents in both daylight conditions and under BIKC's state-of-the-art floodlights at night.

For more information on the RMC GF 2023 or other events at BIC and BIKC, visit bahraingp.com or call the BIKC on +973-1745-1745.

## Beyon Partners with Faalyat to Support IRONMAN 70.3 Middle East Championship Bahrain 2023

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Beyon is joining hands with Faalyat to support IRONMAN 70.3 Middle East Championship Bahrain, as the event's Platinum Partner.

The highly anticipated triathlon event, organised by Faalyat, a Bahrain-based event management company, will take place on December 8 near Reef Island.

The partnership agreement was signed at Beyon's Headquarters by Beyon Chief Communications and Sustainability Officer Shaikh Bader bin Rashid Al Khalifa and Faalyat Managing Director and Board Member, Amal Almurbaati.

The IRONMAN 70.3 Middle East Championship Bahrain,



Soudal Quick-Step's French rider Julian Alaphilippe (C) cycles during the 14th stage of the 110th edition of the Tour de France (file photo)

now in its seventh edition, is a renowned half-distance Ironman encompassing 70.3 miles

of challenging swim, bike, and run courses.

This event has solidified Bah-

rain's position on the global map as a prime location for IRONMAN competitions and has become a key fixture on the Kingdom's annual sporting calendar.

The IRONMAN event is not only a test of physical prowess but also a celebration of Middle Eastern culture, with a weekend full of family-friendly events.

The festivities include IRONKIDS on December 7 offering young athletes the opportunity to experience the excitement of competition, while enjoying the outdoors.

Additionally, an expo village will provide a platform for various companies, including Beyon, to showcase their products to local and international audiences.

## Ettihad beat Najma in basketball league

● Cleanthony Early scores 34 points, Jordan Washington adds 32 in win

● Ettihad go up by as many as 17 points, hold off late Najma fightback

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Al Ettihad posted a high-scoring 116-101 victory over Al Najma last night to wrap the fifth week of action in the 2023/2024 Zain Bahrain Basketball League.

Ettihad used a scintillating second quarter where they outscored Najma 37-16 to turn a 24-31 deficit at the end of the first period to a 61-47 lead at the half.

They maintained their double-digit advantage in the third but Najma fought back in the final canto, getting to within just three points, 97-100, following a Joshua Caldwell lay-up.

But Ettihad responded and went on a decisive 16-4 run to end the game, capped by an Ali Jassim three-pointer to peg the final score at the buzzer.

Ettihad led by as many as 17 in the contest en route to the result.

Cleanthony Early scored 34 points to spearhead Ettihad, while Jordan Washington added 32 points to go with an impressive 14 rebounds and four steals. Mohammed Kuwayed and Ali Ghadeer finished with 11 apiece as Ettihad's only other players in double figures.

For Najma, Caldwell had 34 points, including a red-hot seven three-pointers in the loss.



Al Ettihad's Mohammed Kuwayed goes for a lay-up during their game against Al Najma last night

Elijah Robinson chipped in with 24 along with 11 rebounds and seven assists. Mohayad Ameer scored 14 of the bench for Najma.

With the result, Ettihad claimed their third win in five outings and Najma dropped their second game, with both teams now on identical win-loss records on the league standings.

Ettihad rose to third place on the table, behind only current leaders Al Ahli who boast a 4-1 mark, and defending champions Manama who are still unbeaten in four games. Najma, on the other hand, dropped from first place to fourth, and are followed by Al Hala who have an identical record.

Muharraq are currently in sixth place with three wins in four games, followed by Nuwaidrat and Bahrain Club who each have 2-2 records. Sama-heej are ninth with just one win in five outings, while Sitra and Isa Town complete the standings with winless marks.

## Nadal plays down expectations before Brisbane return

AFP | Brisbane

Former world number one Rafael Nadal said on Monday he expects "nothing" from himself before his return to the courts next month.

Nadal, 37, has been out with a hip injury since last January but is set to feature at Brisbane in the near year.

The Spaniard will use the tournament as a warm-up to the Australian Open in Melbourne having slumped to 663rd in the world before starting his final year before his expected retirement.

"I think I'm ready and I trust and hope that all goes well and it gives me the opportunity to enjoy myself on the court," Nadal said in a video on social media.

"I expect from myself to expect nothing.

"To have the ability not to demand myself what I have demanded myself throughout my



Rafael Nadal in action (file photo)

career," the 22-time Grand Slam winner added.

Since being sidelined Nadal has been overtaken in the number of Grand Slam tournaments won by Serbian world number one Novak Djokovic, who now has 24 major titles.

Nadal will try to return to the highest level in Australia with the aim of competing at the French Open which he has won a record 14 times.

He is in line for a busy final season with the Grand Slams and the Olympic Games, where

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RAFAEL NADAL

he won singles gold in Beijing in 2008 and doubles gold in Rio in 2016.

"I believe I'm in a different moment, situation. I am in an unexplored terrain," Nadal said.

"I have internalised what I have had throughout my life, which is demand myself the maximum.

## Double world champion Alaphilippe to begin 2024 at Tour Down Under



Julian Alaphilippe

AFP | Sydney

Double cycling world champion Julian Alaphilippe will begin his 2024 season at the Tour Down Under next month, event organisers said yesterday.

A six-time stage winner at the Tour de France, Alaphilippe won back-to-back men's world road race crowns in 2020 and 2021 but has been plagued by injuries since.

"I am very happy to be returning to Australia," said the 31-year-old Alaphilippe, who previously raced the event in 2014 on his professional debut.

The Tour Down Under for men and women will take place in and around Adelaide next month, with the men's race from January 16-21, featuring the brutal Willunga Hill climb twice and finishing on an ascent to Mount Lofty.

# Guardiola predicts Man City will win Premier League

City boss believes team is still on track for historic fourth consecutive Premier League title

## Guardiola acknowledges defensive lapses but remains confident in his team's ability to reclaim the title

AFP | London

**A** bullish Pep Guardiola says he believes Manchester City will win a record fourth consecutive Premier League title despite a three-match winless run.

The defending champions have drawn their past three league games, against Chelsea, Liverpool and Tottenham, and are three points behind leaders Arsenal ahead of Wednesday's match at Aston Villa.

City have been unusually leaky in defence, conceding eight goals over those three matches as they prepare for a tough test against Unai Emery's men, who have won their past

13 home league games in a row.

Guardiola admitted that last season's treble winners need tighten up at the back but said they were still not losing many games.

The City boss said despite their stumbles he was confident his men were on track to become the first team in English top-flight history to win four league titles in a row.

"The motivation is to do it better," he said at his pre-match press conference yesterday. "I learned from where I come from that if you want to win you have to do it better than the opponent."

"We have to do much better. We have to try and not concede chances, or goals."

"My feeling today is we will win the Premier League, if you ask me. If we play at the level of Liverpool or Tottenham we are going to win it again."

"The people don't believe it after three draws but we are going to do it again, knowing



Manchester City's Phil Foden (R) shoots to score (file photo)

it is not easy because no team have done it yet. That's why the difficulty is there."

City will be without suspended midfielder Rodri for the trip to Villa Park -- they lost all three games earlier this season when he was previously suspended.

John Stones will be fit to return and Guardiola admitted he

could push the England international into midfield in place of the Spaniard.

"We don't deny how important he is but he's not there, suspended, like Jack (Grealish), so we will find the best solution to compete against Aston Villa," said Guardiola.

Guardiola defended his team



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PEP GUARDIOLA

after the club were charged by the Football Association over their players' behaviour in the final moments of their 3-3 draw against Tottenham at the weekend.

Several City stars, including an irate Erling Haaland, surrounded referee Simon Hooper after he failed to play advantage, with the Norwegian criticising Hooper in a social media post.

## Haliburton stars as Pacers oust Celtics, Pelicans advance in NBA Cup

AFP | Los Angeles

**T**he Indiana Pacers, fueled by Tyrese Haliburton's first career triple-double, beat the Boston Celtics 122-112 Monday to reach the semifinals of the NBA's new in-season tournament.

The New Orleans Pelicans also booked their spot in Thursday's semifinals in Las Vegas, shaking off a slow start to beat the Kings 127-117 in Sacramento.

In Indianapolis, Haliburton scored 26 points with 10 rebounds and 13 assists and the Pacers put together a 9-0 scoring run with less than two minutes remaining to take control of a tightly contested battle.

The Pacers, ranked sixth in the Eastern Conference regular-season standings, knocked out the East-leading Celtics and will face either the Milwaukee Bucks or New York Knicks in the semifinals.

The Bucks host the New York



Tyrese Haliburton and Buddy Hield of the Indiana Pacers celebrate in the fourth quarter of their victory

Knicks in the quarters yesterday and Haliburton said the Pacers will be ready for either one.

"We're a young, hungry group and we want to win every night," Haliburton said. "So we're excited to be there, but we're not complacent being there. We want to win."

Buddy Hield added 21 points

for the Pacers, who had seven players score in double figures to the delight of the 16,000-plus crowd at Gainbridge Fieldhouse.

"The atmosphere is crazy," Haliburton said of the play-off-type intensity in the arena, which was just what the NBA was looking for when it launched the in-season tour-

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TYRESE HALIBURTON

name hoping it would lend excitement to the early stages of a long season.

"I love this," Haliburton said.

Jayson Tatum scored 32 points and grabbed 12 rebounds and Jaylen Brown added 30 points and nine rebounds for Boston, who dominated inside in the first half but just couldn't keep the prolific Pacers offense in check in the second.

Boston out-scored Indiana 32-14 in the paint and out-rebounded them 34-19 in the first half, leading 55-48 at the break.

## Venues revealed for 2024 Copa America

AFP | Miami

**N**ext year's 48th edition of the Copa America, featuring 10 South American nations and six North American teams, will be held in 14 venues across 10 US states, organizers said on Monday.

South American governing body CONMEBOL had already announced that the June 20 opener would be held at Mercedes-Benz Stadium in Atlanta with the final on July 14 at Hard Rock Stadium in Miami Gardens, Florida.

On Monday CONMEBOL revealed that AT&T Stadium in Arlington, Texas, NRG Stadium in Houston, State Farm Stadium in Glendale, Arizona and Allegiant Stadium in Las Vegas, Nevada, will host quarter-final matches.

Semi-finals will be played at MetLife Stadium in New Jersey and at Bank of America



Outside view of the Mercedes-Benz Stadium before a match (file photo)

Stadium in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Other venues are Q2 Stadium in Austin, Texas, SoFi Stadium in Los Angeles and Levi's Stadium in Santa Clara, Exploria Stadium in Orlando, Florida, and Children's Mercy Park in Kansas City.

Group play will take place from June 20 through July 2. The quarter-finals will be held July 4-6, semi-finals July 9 and 10 and the third-place match on July 13.

## New board takes charge at Bahrain Cricket Federation

TDT | Manama

**B**ahrain Cricket Federation has appointed a new board which took charge this week.

The new board members were warmly welcomed by Advisor to President of Bahrain Olympic Committee and CEO of KHK SPORTS, Mohammed Shahid.

The board was restructured following an edict issued by His Highness Shaikh Khalid Bin Hamad al Khalifa, First Deputy Chairman of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports, Chairman of the General Sports Authority and the President of the Bahrain Olympic Committee.

The new board including

members who have been involved with cricket on the island for several decades consists of Sami Mohamed Ali, President, Kishore Kewalram, General Secretary, Dr. Mohammed Sameer as Vice President, Meenaz Ahmed as Treasurer, Sameer Mushtaque Ali and Alison Lilywhite as members.

In their meeting, Mohammed Shahid highlighted the visionary approach of HH Shaikh Khalid to elevate cricket to a global platform. He emphasised the importance of fostering sports spirit and particularly stressed the privatization of sports clubs to enhance Bahrain's overall sports ecosystem.

Mansoor, President of KHK

Cricket and chairman of the advisory board of BCF, shared the current global achievements of BCF, expressing the growing cricket enthusiasm on the island. He anticipates the development of infrastructure and the emergence of private academies.

Mansoor concluded by urging the new board to commit and contribute to Bahrain's cricket development, instilling faith in the opportunities provided by His Highness Shaikh Khalid Bin Hamad Al Khalifa.

Sami, President of BCF, who represented Bahrain as a captain of the U17 team, has assured the dedication of the new board towards elevating cricket on the island to new heights.



New board members with Mohammed Shahid and Mansoor

# HH Shaikh Khalid receives top athletes



HH Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa alongside other officials at the reception

● Kingdom's recent winners on global, continental, Arab and Gulf stages honoured in ceremony

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Supreme Council for Youth and Sports first deputy chairman, General Sports Authority (GSA) president and Bahrain Olympic Committee (BOC) chief His Highness Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa received yesterday at Al Wadi Palace a number of



HH Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa presents national team swimmer Ayah Bin Rajab with a token of appreciation to the Kingdom's athletes who have made recent achievements on the international stage.

Also on hand were GSA vice-president HH Shaikh Salman bin Mohammed Al Khalifa, BOC vice-president HH Shaikh Isa bin Ali bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, GSA CEO Dr Abdulrahman Askar, BOC secretary general Faris Al Kooheji and a number of the heads of Bahrain's sports federations.

Some of the athletes honoured for their recent achievements at the global, continental, Arab and Gulf levels were from handball, bodybuilding and fitness, boxing, wrestling, weightlifting, swimming, snooker, mixed martial arts, triathlon, strongest man, rugby, badminton and fencing.

# Miami, China to host sprint races in 2024 F1 season

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The Miami and Chinese Grands Prix will host sprint races in the 2024 Formula One season, organisers announced yesterday.

There will be six sprints for the second straight year, after the format was added in 2022 to three race weekends.

The Azerbaijan and Belgian races will miss out on the Saturday sprint having held one each in 2023.

"The addition of Shanghai

will be a challenge for the teams and drivers as Formula One heads back to China for the first time since 2019, while a sprint in Miami will add a new dimension to an enthralling weekend," said Mohammed Ben Sulayem, president of motorsports' governing body the FIA.

The United States, Austrian, Brazilian and Qatari Grands Prix will again host sprints, which offer eight championship points to the winner.



Red Bull's Sergio Perez leads teammate Max Verstappen during the 2023 Miami Formula One Grand Prix (file photo)

# Owen, Redknapp shooting for glory

High-profile owners aiming to get on the score sheet in Bahrain Turf Series this weekend at Rashid Equestrian and Horseracing Club

● Owners Michael Owen, Harry Redknapp hoping to follow Sir Alex Ferguson with Bahrain success

● Opening round of 10-race Bahrain Turf Series kicks off Friday with Al Muharraqa, Al Manama cups

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Two of horseracing's highest-profile owners with footballing backgrounds are aiming to follow in the footsteps of Sir Alex Ferguson and enjoy big race success in Bahrain.

Both Michael Owen and Harry Redknapp have representatives in the upcoming Bahrain Turf Series, which kicks off on Friday at Rashid Equestrian and Horseracing Club (REHC).

Last month, Sir Alex travelled to Bahrain to watch Spirit Dancer win the \$1m Bahrain International Trophy. Afterwards, he described the victory of Spirit Dancer, trained by Richard Fahy for Ferguson and co-owner Ged Mason, as the best moment of his racing life. Now, Owen and Redknapp are hoping to enjoy similar outcomes with their runners in the Kingdom.

Running all the way through to February, the Bahrain Turf Series provides opportunities for internationally trained runners (rated 85 to 100) to compete against local Bahrain-based horses across 10 races. Each race is worth \$80,000 with bonus prizes for the horses accumulating most points in the two



Harry Redknapp with jockey Tom Marquand

divisions, sprint and middle distance.

Harry Redknapp's interests lie with the five-year-old gelding Moktasaab, who has already given the former Spurs and West Ham manager some memorable days on the racecourse, including wins at Newbury and Goodwood. Now in the care of trainer Phil McEntee, Redknapp is hoping Moktasaab can recapture his best form for the Bahrain Turf Series.

Redknapp said: "I am really looking forward to Moktasaab running in Bahrain. The horse has had a nice break since his last run in August and I think, like a lot of us, he will appreciate a bit of winter sunshine. Phil is very pleased with him and we hope he is back on a winning mark, having dropped a few pounds this year."

"I had a runner (Wonder Elzaam) in the first Bahrain Turf Series back in 2021, which was a

lot of fun, and we will be heading out to Bahrain during the series to watch Moktasaab run."

Among Moktasaab's opponents in the middle-distance division of the Bahrain Turf Series is Box To Box, a four-year-old part-owned by former Liverpool and Real Madrid striker Michael Owen, and racing in the colours of The Running Order Partnership. Already the winner of five of his 23 starts, Box To Box boasts some strong form, including finishing runner-up to subsequent Bahrain International Trophy winner Spirit Dancer at York, and he is considered a live contender for the Bahrain Turf Series by trainer Hugo Palmer.

Palmer said: "Box To Box arrives off the back of a really good season in England and he has travelled well to Bahrain. Physically the horse thrived in Bahrain last year, but he did his chances no good by being slowly

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away on a couple of occasions, which is unlike him. If he jumps well, then he has a lot in his favour.

"He is set to meet a couple of his former stable companions, Mr McCann and Chronograph, both of whom are now based in Bahrain, so it will be interesting to see how he gets on against them."

Palmer also saddles Roman Dragon in the sprint division, co-owned by Owen's company, Owen Promotions.

Palmer added: "To date, all five of Roman Dragon's wins have come around Chester's tight turns, so the straight 1000m will be a slightly different challenge for him, but he will love the fast ground and he is fit and ready to run well. His owners were keen to experience the Bahrain Turf Series having heard good things about it."



Races at REHC in past weeks

## 2023/2024 Bahrain Turf Series International Runners

(in order of horse, rating, owner, trainer)

### SPRINT DIVISION:

Warrior Brave (98, Eleanora Kennedy, Ross O'Sullivan); Brazen Bolt (91, Fishlake Commercial Motors Ltd, John Quinn); Get it (97, MyRacehorse & Partners, George Baker); Squealer (90, Martin Webb & Syps [UK] Ltd, Nigel Tinkler); Danger Alert (94, Mrs Diggy Rodber, George Baker); Anthem National (97, James and Susan Cookson, Philip Kirby); Kiwano (93, Mr John Storey, George Baker); Roman Dragon (91, Nick Hughes & Owen Promotions Ltd, Hugo Palmer); Rocket Rodney (95, Victorious, George Scott); Thunder Moor (89, Maria Gill, George Boughey); JM Jungle (93, MPS Racing Ltd & The Ayrshire Tradesmen, John Quinn)

### MIDDLE DISTANCE DIVISION:

Lucander (100, Nigel Jones & Paul Bowden, George Baker); Box To Box (91, The Running Order Partnership, Hugo Palmer); Isle Of Jura (97, Victorious, George Scott); Sir Winston (89, The Positively Winsome Partnership, George Baker); Duc de Kent (97, Deva Racing DDK, Ian Williams); Slieve Binnian (88, Paul Rooney, Michael Halford & Tracey Collins); Simply Sondheim (93, PJL Racing, George Baker); Moktasaab (87, Harry Redknapp, Phil McEntee); Gaignes (92, Delancey, George Baker); Parlando (87, Ian Williams [owner and trainer])

Friday sees the start of the third edition of the Bahrain Turf Series, which was launched in 2021/2022. The series runs alongside the domestic programme in Bahrain with international horses competing in the series also eligible to run in other Bahrain Turf Club races open to imported horses.