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### **Bahrain's GDP** grows by 2.1% in Q3 last year

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Bahrain's economy re-corded a 2.1% growth in GDP at constant prices during the third quarter of 2024, compared to the same period last year, according to National Accounts estimates issued by the Information & eGovernment Authority (iGA).

The GDP at constant prices reached BD3,734 million, while at current prices, it stood at BD4,342 million.

The iGA attributed this positive growth to an increase in non-oil activities, which expanded by 3.9% at constant prices and 1.5% at current prices, as detailed in the report.

The manufacturing sector emerged as the top contributor to GDP at current prices, accounting for 20.1% of the total.

The financial and insurance activities sector followed closely, contributing 17%.

Preliminary estimates highlighted that professional, scientific, and technical activities achieved the highest growth rate at constant prices, soaring by 13.8% year-on-year.

Information and communications activities recorded the second-highest growth, expanding by 11.9% at constant prices.

#### **Tamkeen praises** law amendments

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T is Majesty King Hamad bin Commander of the Armed Forces, has received a briefing on the future plans of the various branches and units of the Bahrain Defence Force (BDF).

This came following HM the King's visit to the General Command of the BDF yesterday.

Upon arrival, he was received by Field Marshal Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, Commander-in-Chief of the BDF.

HM King Hamad was accompanied by Highness Shaikh Abdullah bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Personal Representative of HM the King, and His Highness HM the King with BDF General Command officials Lieutenant General Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, National Security Advisor and Royal Guard Commander.



HM King briefed on BDF branches and units' future plans

His Excellency Lieutenant fairs: Lieutenant General They- were also present. General Abdullah bin Hassan Al ab bin Saqr Al Nuaimi, Chief of The officials congratulated Nuaimi, Minister of Defence Af- Staff; and several senior officers, HM the King, the Supreme Com- fending the Kingdom.

mander of the Armed Forces, on the occasion of the Bahrain National Football Team winning the 26th Arabian Gulf Cup.

His Majesty commended the BDF's successful organisation of the first GCC Military Shooting Championship, hosted in the Kingdom.

He lauded the efforts of the BDF team in securing first place in the championship, featuring the participation of elite marksmen from the armed forces of GCC states.

HM the King highlighted the strong ties and historical bonds uniting GCC countries, which were reflected in such joint military competitions.

He commended the BDF's sporting achievements and the personnel's dedication to de-

Symbol of unity

#### His Majesty King Hamad honoured with Arab Parliament's highest leadership award

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is Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa has received the Leader Medal, the highest honour bestowed by the Arab Parliament on Arab leaders, in recognition of his efforts to serve Arab interests and support joint Arab action.

The award was presented to HM the King by Mohammed Ahmed Al Yamahi, Speaker of the Arab Parliament, at Al Sakhir



tures.

He wished the Speaker and members of the Arab Parliament success in advancing their nations and the Arab world.

#### **Common goals**

His Majesty expressed pride in Bahrain's strong and historic ties with Arab nations, highlighting the cooperation and co- King Hamad on Bahrain's naordination to achieve common tional football team winning the goals and serve Arab interests. 26th Arabian Gulf Cup, wish-

of the Shura Council, presented His Majesty with a book titled "The Third Legislative Term of the Arab Parliament 2020-2024: Contemporary Parliamentary Diplomacy Advocating Arab Issues."

#### Congratulations

Al Yamahi congratulated HM Al Yamahi thanked HM the ing the Kingdom and its people

Abdul Hameed Mofeez, Chief Executive Officer of the Labour Fund, Tamkeen, has commended the recent approval of Law No. (14) of 2024, which amends Article (4) of Law No. (57) of 2006 establishing the Labour Fund.

The amendment, approved by the legislative authority, aims to bolster the employment of Bahraini citizens by limiting Tamkeen's support to companies and institutions with Bahraini ownership stakes.

This aligns with national plans to enhance the labour market, support Bahrainis in improving their skills, and boost their productivity and competitiveness.

The new law is expected to significantly increase employment opportunities for citizens across private sector institutions.

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His Majesty, current Chair of the Arab Summit, commended the Arab Parliament's role in defending Arab interests at international forums, promoting joint Arab action, and promoting

dialogue among Arab legisla- HM the King receives the prestigious award from the Arab Parliament Speaker

King for Bahrain's support continued progress and more towards Arab parliamentary achievements under His Majefforts and affirmed his com- esty's leadership. mitment to enhancing the Arab Parliament's role in advancing ed Al Yamahi on his election Arab interests.

During the meeting, Adel Ab- ment, wishing him success in his dulrahman Al Asoomi, member duties.

HM the King congratulatas Speaker of the Arab Parlia-

# Pride in victory as Cabinet celebrates Gulf Cup title

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The Cabinet expressed its pride in the Kingdom's remarkable sporting achievement as the Bahrain national football team won the 26th Arabian Gulf Cup title.

The Cabinet expressed its pride in the Kingdom's remarkable sporting achievement following the Bahrain national football team's title-clinching achievement in the 26th Arabian Gulf Cup. Chaired by His Roy-Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown milestone, which adds to the Cabinet extended its congrat- plishments in sports. ulations to His Majesty King



HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister chairs the weekly Cabinet meeting at Gudaibiya Palace

al Highness Prince Salman bin the people of Bahrain on this in the prestigious event.

Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and that Bahrain has won the title bolstered the Kingdom's posi- warm gestures and congratula- excellent organisational efforts.

The Cabinet commended the Prince and Prime Minister, the Kingdom's record of accom- efforts of the players and administrative staff of the national

tion in sports in the Gulf.

It expressed its gratitude to Bahrain's citizens and residents for their unwavering support of This marks the second time team, which led to victory and the national team, as well as the private sector sponsors for their

tions extended by GCC countries following Bahrain's win.

The Cabinet extended its congratulations to HM King Hamad, the Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces, on the occasion of the 28th anniversary of the National Guard's establishment. It highlighted the National Guard's vital role in carrying out their national duties and their combat readiness.

The Cabinet highlighted the success of the "Celebrate Bahrain" season and its positive outcomes on the Kingdom's economy, expressing its gratitude to all government entities and

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#### **Bahrain-Jordan ties**



His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa received yesterday members of the family of the late Dr. Sulaiman Al Dajani, the first Ambassador of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan to Bahrain, at Al Sakhir Palace. The family expressed their gratitude and appreciation to HM the King for his condolences following the passing of their late relative. HM the King commended the late ambassador's role in strengthening the historical and distinguished relations between Bahrain and Jordan. HM King Hamad highlighted Dr. Al Dajani's dedication as Jordan's first ambassador to Bahrain and his ongoing engagement with Bahraini figures even after concluding his diplomatic mission.

#### Support for joint Arab initiatives



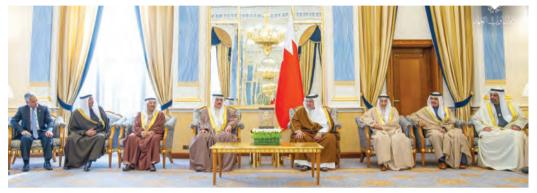
His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, met yesterday with the newly elected President of the Arab Parliament, His Excellency Mohammed Ahmad Al Yamahi, and his accompanying delegation at Gudaibiya Palace. HRH Prince Salman reaffirmed the Kingdom's support for efforts to enhance joint Arab initiatives across various sectors. He emphasised the importance of strengthening cooperation between Arab countries and other countries worldwide to achieve mutual aspirations and benefit all, in line with the directives of Arab leaders.



# **Enjoy the richness** of Indian cuisine

# **'Source of pride** for all Bahrainis'

HRH Prince Salman hails Bahrain national football team for winning Gulf Cup title



HRH Prince Salman receives Speaker Al-Musallam and Chairman Al Saleh, along with other senior officials

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Prince Salman bin Bahrain has claimed the title. Hamad Al Khalifa, the **Dride** Crown Prince and Prime Minister, emphasised the significance of Bahrain's victory in the 26th Prime Minister expressed his Arabian Gulf Cup, describing pride in Team Bahrain's ded- expressed their gratitude for it as a source of pride for all Bahrainis.

He added that it is also a reflection of the advancement of the Kingdom's sports sector, development under the leader- and private sector institutions, which is the latest in a series of ship of His Majesty King Ham- thereby advancing the Kingaccomplishments in line with ad bin Isa Al Khalifa. the Kingdom's comprehensive development over the past 25 firmed the Kingdom's commit- H.E. Shaikh Khalid bin Abdulyears since the beginning of HM ment to advancing its develthe King's reign.

speaking as he met yesterday continued progress. with the Speaker of the Council of Representatives, His Ex- rain's excellence, creativity, and cellency Ahmed bin Salman determination in driving the Khalifa, the Deputy Chairmen Al-Musallam, and the Chair- Kingdom's progress, emphasisman of the Shura Council, H.E. ing that working together is key Ali bin Saleh Al Saleh, at Gudaibiya Palace. During the meet-

national football team's victory advancing the Kingdom's ecoin the Gulf Cup, marking the nomic development. is Royal Highness second time the Kingdom of

#### Pride

ication and strong work ethic HRH Prince Salman's dedicaacross various sectors, high- tion to strengthening collabolighting their contributions to the Kingdom's comprehensive

His Royal Highness reafopment and building on past HRH Prince Salman was accomplishments to ensure

> He commended Team Bahto success.

His Royal Highness high- number of senior officials also ing, His Royal Highness was lighted the private sector's attended the meeting.



congratulated on the Bahrain crucial role as a key partner in

#### Gratitude

Al-Musallam, Al Saleh and Sameer Abdulla Nass, Chair-HRH the Crown Prince and man of the Bahrain Chamber of Commerce and Industry, ration between the Executive and Legislative Authorities dom's progress.

> The Deputy Prime Minister, la Al Khalifa, the Minister of Interior, H.E. General Shaikh Rashid bin Abdullah Al Khalifa, the Minister of Finance and National Economy, H.E. Shaikh Salman bin Khalifa Al of both Councils, members of the Council of Representatives and the Shura Council, and a

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His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, met yesterday with the sponsors of the Celebrate Bahrain events from the private sector, at Gudaibiya Palace. HRH Prince Salman emphasised the importance of strengthening cooperation between the public and private sectors to achieve the Kingdom's comprehensive development goals under the leadership of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa. HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister affirmed the private sector's contributions to the Kingdom's development as part of Team Bahrain, emphasising its essential role in the success of various sectors, particularly the tourism sector.

### **ASRY CEO congratulates leadership on** Bahrain football team's Gulf Cup triumph

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D<sup>r</sup> Ahmed AlAbri, Chief Ex-Shipbuilding and Repair Yard Company (ASRY), has offered heartfelt congratulations to His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, His Highness Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, His Majesty the King's Representative for Humanitarian Work and Youth Affairs and Chairman of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports the General Sports Authority (SCYS), and His Highness Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa, First Deputy Chairman of the Supreme Council for Youth of Bahrain's national football the bar for athletes across the and Sports (SCYS), Chairman of team securing the Gulf Cup for Kingdom."

Dr Ahmed AlAbri

(GSA), and President of the Bahrain Olympic Committee (BOC).

This comes in celebration

the second time in its history during the 26th edition of the tournament.

Dr AlAbri, said, "We're immensely proud of the national team's outstanding performance and their unity on the pitch, which brought this wellearned victory. It shows the great strides Bahraini sports have made in recent years."

He added, "This achievement adds another chapter to Bahrain's record of sporting success, made possible by the steady support and encouragement of the wise leadership for the sports sector. Their ongoing backing continues to inspire excellence and raise

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#### Falcon rescued from A'ali home TDT | Manama

peregrine falcon was rescued from a private residence in the A'ali area, thanks to the swift action of Bahrain's Civil Defence.

The incident began when the homeowner contacted security authorities after a falcon landed on their roof.

Civil Defence personnel from the Isa Town area responded immediately, successfully rescuing the bird and transferring it to the Khamis Police Station.

Mahmoud Faraj, Chairman of the Bahrain Society for the sary veterinary attention. Prevention of Cruelty to Andetails.

He explained that the BSP-CA subsequently received the is urged to contact either the falcon from the police station. BSPCA or the Khamis Police

care of falconer Abdullah Al before the bird is returned. Qaud, who is providing neces-



The peregrine falcon receives the necessary veterinary care

Faraj added that efforts are imals (BSPCA), confirmed the underway to locate the falcon's owner.

Anyone claiming ownership The bird is now under the Station to verify their claim

## Court sides with landlord

#### Tenant evicted, ordered to pay BD57,000 in arrears

#### **TDT** | Manama

pute, ordering the eviction of each month if no specific date a tenant and the payment of is set in the contract. BD57,000 in outstanding rent.

the lease agreement.

The case involved a comuary 1, 2023, for a monthly rent consecutive months. of BD3,000.

According to the plaintiff's lawyer, Ahmed Al Hadad, the tenant had not paid any rent that the tenant had been propfrom the start of the lease un- erly served with the lawsuit, til July 1, 2024, accumulating arrears of 19 months.

Al Hadad, representing the landlord, argued that the ten- of the landlord, ordering the ant's actions violated Article 1 termination of the lease agreeof the Real Estate Rental Law, ment, the eviction of the tenwhich stipulates that rent is ant, and the payment of the the agreed-upon compensa- BD57,000 in outstanding rent, tion for the use of the leased along with court costs and leproperty.

He further cited Article 22. The High Rental Court has which states that rent is due ruled in favour of a land- within one week of its due lord in a significant rent dis- date, or at the beginning of

The lawyer emphasised The tenant had failed to pay the tenant's consistent failany rent since the beginning of ure to pay rent for the entire 19-month period.

He also referenced Article mercial property in Muhar- 38 of the law, which allows raq, consisting of seven shops, landlords to seek eviction if a leased to the defendant on Jan- tenant fails to pay rent for two

#### Judgment

The court's judgment noted fulfilling the legal requirement for notification.

The court ruled in favour gal fees.

# **Goldmine for investors**

13.7% Bahrain economic growth in next five years, 8.3% to 11% property rental returns

#### **Mohammed Darwish** TDT | Manama

ahrain's economy is tipped to expand by 13.7 per cent over the next five years, offering rental returns of 8.3 to 11 per cent and presenting property investors with an appealing mix of stability and profits.

Even inflation, often seen as a burden, works in their favour by driving up property values and easing debt pressures.

A report from SandsOfWealth has painted Bahrain as an investment haven for those looking for opportunities across various sectors.

Its calm political waters and a steadily growing economy are turns between 8.3 and 11 per owed to strategic reforms aimed at reducing dependence on oil revenues.

#### **Economic base**

Instead, the country has broadened its economic base, entirely meet expectations in building growth in areas such as finance, tourism, and IT.

bours and global allies further secure Bahrain's footing as a reliable hub for investment, ensuring both economic resilience and geopolitical steadiness.

This forward march is forecast to spark demand for property, potentially driving up housing values.

#### Profits

For investors, this spells steady profits in a secure market, further sweetened by Bahrain's impressive rental yields. According to Numbeo, prop- thing that bodes well for prop-



erty investors can expect recent, putting Bahrain on the global map as one of the most rewarding real estate markets.

However, the report pointed out that while growth numbers are promising, they may not business circles.

Yet. Bahrain's consistent ef-Strong ties with GCC neigh- forts to share updated economic data give investors a sharper edge in decision-making.

#### Optimism

The Business Confidence Index (BCI) reflects optimism among local leaders.

Bahrain's BCI at 20 points, a solfrom last year's 31.

try's economic trajectory, some-



For investors, Bahrain offers a twofold reward: the prospect of property values increasing over time and steady rental income supported by attractive yields.

Over the past five years, Bahrain's per capita GDP has grown by 6 per cent, while its population has swelled by 8 per cent.

#### Growth

This mix of economic and de-

mographic growth is fuelling demand for housing, particularly in hotspots like Manama, Muharraq, and Riffa.

The report also flagged Bahrain's inflation rate as unusually helpful for investors.

Instead of posing a risk, inflation in Bahrain has pushed up property values, raised rents, and reduced the real weight of debt repayments.

#### **Mortgage payments**

This makes mortgage payments less taxing and allows property to act as a safeguard for wealth in uncertain times.

The IMF expects Bahrain's inflation to hover at an average of 1 per cent over the next five years, giving landlords the comfort of stable purchasing power for rental income.

SandsOfWealth concluded that 2025 offers a golden moment for property buyers.

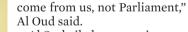
# Tougher laws push for dangerous animal ownership

#### Heated debate erupts

#### **TDT** | Manama

fiery row erupted in the AMuharraq Municipal Council as members debated stricter





Al Oud piled on, accusing MPs of ignoring official correspondence: "They'll reply to personal messages, but when it's about work or a proposal, there's nothing. If we're thanking anyone, it should be specific. Blanket

#### The latest numbers published by The Global Economy show erty owners and developers. id score, though slightly down This steady confidence sig-

nals a strong belief in the coun-

#### <u>Condolences</u>



His Excellency Dr. Abdullatif bin Rashid Al Zayani, Minister of Foreign Affairs, visited the Embassy of the United States in Bahrain to offer condolences on the passing of former US President James Earl Carter Jr. He conveyed to H.E. Steven C. Bondy, the US Ambassador to Bahrain, the Kingdom's condolences and sympathy to the government and people of the US on the passing of the former president. He recalled the late president's significant contributions to his country and efforts in promoting security, peace, and stability in the region.

rules on dangerous animal ownership, put forward by MPs.

The proposed law, eventually approved by the council, threatens life imprisonment for owners of animals involved in fatal attacks.

It also calls for electronic tracking chips and controver- ticularly through its Financial he said. sially labels giraffes, dolphins, and pit bulls as dangerous.

#### Public safety

The changes are aimed at addogs.

board.

Councillor Ahmed Al Moqahwi, speaking at yesterday's is to submit a formal request to they're required to post a warn- the Minister of Municipalities meeting, commended Parlia- the Minister of Municipalities ing sign. Why thank MPs? This is Affairs for review. ment for its cooperation, par- Affairs to ensure public safety," our job. These initiatives should



Fadhel Al Oud, Council member

Committee, which he said had been instrumental in pushing forward issues that impact public safety.

"We appreciate Parliament dressing public safety fears and listening to our concerns. There necessity of the new proposals, you're not going to do the work, the growing problem of stray is no clear law in Bahrain ad- arguing that existing laws al- don't complain." dressing these dangers to life ready address issues involving But not everyone was on or the spread of diseases, but wild animals.

with this effort, we're moving closer to tackling them. Our aim this. If someone keeps a dog, mendations will now be sent to

Ahmed Al Moqahwi, Council member

#### Enthusiasm

Not everyone shared his enthusiasm

praise isn't fair.'

#### Sharp response

That sparked a sharp response from Al Moqahwi, who hit back at critics, saying: "If you don't understand your job or what Parliament is responsible for, then that's a problem."

He didn't stop there, accusing some councillors of putting leisure before duty: "Certain members skipped committee Fadhel Al Oud questioned the meetings to watch football. If

Despite the heated exchanges, the council approved the pro-"Bahrain already has laws on posals. The council's recom-

### Muharraq Municipal Council shifts to cashless park payments, waives fees temporarily

#### TDT | Manama

modern twist.

Grand Park is about to get a out. Councillor Abdulgader Al is part of a push towards digital reliance on physical money, im-The Muharraq Municipal council's Financial and Legal speed up transactions and reduce and visitors alike.

Council has voted to ditch cash Committee, also includes install- risks tied to handling cash, such as Elsewhere, the council turned Excellency Yasser Humaidan, re- Affairs and Agriculture.

fitPay app, with fees temporarily chine to make the transition easier line with Bahrain's efforts to em- Shaikh Khalifa bin Salman Ave-Paying to enter Muharraq waived while the system is rolled for visitors. The council's move brace digital solutions and reduce nue in Block 205. Sayed's proposal, backed by the payments, which are expected to proving convenience for residents

payments in favour of the Bene- ing a self-service payment ma- theft or loss. The system is also in its attention to streetlights along vealed that the project would cost

Responding to a request for their installation, Minister of located in the 2025-2026 budget Electricity and Water Affairs, His by the Ministry of Municipalities

BD30,606.065.

However, he added that it depends on whether funds are al-

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# **Bridging the future**

Major bridge and overpass projects in Manama on the horizon

#### Backed by Gulf investment funds

#### **H** Naser **TDT** | Manama

he Capital Municipality Council's Services and Public Utilities Committee chairwoman, Huda Sultan, has announced ambitious plans for several new bridges and overpasses in Manama, funded in part by Gulf investments.

A key project involves a fivephase bridge connecting Manama to Diyar Al Muharraq.

The first phase, currently underway, focuses on groundwork to link Bahrain Bay to the Al Sayah area in Busaiteen.

Phases

Tenders for subsequent phases are expected to be released in early 2025.

improvements in the Capital abad, Isa Town, Al Sehla, and Governorate, increasing lanes Manama) to reduce congestion. near King Faisal Corniche to The road leading to Manama

These infrastructure developments aim to significantly improve traffic flow and connectivity within the capital and surrounding areas

HUDA SULTAN, CAPITAL MUNICIPALITY COUNCIL'S SERVICES AND PUBLIC UTIL-ITIES COMMITTEE CHAIRWOMAN

Future phases also include a bridge connecting Bahrain Bay to Salman City," she said.

Further projects under development by the Ministry of Works include road expansion and improvements near the Marina area on Al Fateh Highway. Congestion

"An overpass will be con-"This Manama-Muharraq structed at the Bahrain Gas



A bridge connecting Manama to Diyar Al Muharraq is currently underway

link will be followed by road intersection (separating Salm- be connected to the road leading two years. These infrastructure to the King Fahd Causeway," she developments aim to signififurther added.

alleviate traffic congestion be- from the IKEA complex will be overpass projects are expected tal and surrounding areas," she tween Manama and Muharraq. widened, and a new bridge will to begin construction within concluded.

cantly improve traffic flow and "Some of these bridge and connectivity within the capi-

### 336 housing units, 36 buildings to be built in Khalifa City

#### TDT | Manama

The Ministry of Housing **L** and Urban Planning is set to begin construction on approximately 336 housing units, and 36 residential buildings in Khalifa City.

This project marks the launch of the second phase of a development that is considered one of the most significant new housing cities in the Kingdom.

According to the bids announced by the Bahrain Tender Board, the project is estimated to cost around BD26 million (approximately \$25.914 million), with funding sourced from the Gulf Development Programme of the UAE.



Housing development in Khalifa City

The construction and build- saw the completion of 1,595 3,000 units and apartments

Gulf Gateway Forum, which was hosted by the Kingdom of Bahrain from November 3 to 4.

The ministry emphasised that Khalifa City offers promising opportunities for real estate development companies to build housing units and apartments, along with essential infrastructure services.

Strategic location

The project will span an area of 1.6 million square meters, and Khalifa City's strategic location is pivotal for implementing the projects listed in the Government Land Development Program.

Khalifa City is envisioned as a model city featuring beaches and green spaces dedicated to public parks.

### **Consumer protection success**

Directorate recovers BD270.000 funds. resolves 98.8% complaints last year





**MP Mohammed Al Ahmed** TDT | Manama

**T**is Excellency Abdulla HIS Excenency Industry and Commerce, announced significant achievements by its Consumer Protection Directorate in 2023, highlighting its effectiveness in resolving consumer complaints and recovering funds for consumers.

In response to a parliamentary question from MP Mohammed Al Ahmed, the Minister revealed impressive statistics.

The Directorate successfully recovered BD270,795 for con- tion to more stringent meassumers between January 2023 ures. and November 2024.

ers.

#### Complaints

in handling consumer complaints is equally noteworthy.

Out of 14,482 complaints received, a remarkable 98.8%

investigation.

that all complaints are inves- price reductions on at least ten tigated within 60 days of submission, with a detailed report 300,000 consumers," he said. outlining all actions taken," he stated.

#### Offense

tions taken against violators market trends, and collabovary depending on the severity rating with the private sector of the offense.

ings and requests for correc- gencies."

**The Ministry is** committed to raising consumer awareness about smart and sustainable consumption habits and supporting the development of domestic food production H.E. ABDULLA FAKHRO, MINISTER OF **INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE** 

In serious cases, the Directo-He noted that the value of rate may recommend administhe exchanged goods during trative closure or removal from the same period amounted to the commercial register for up BD72,505 in favour of consum- to six months, as per Article 23 of the Consumer Protection Law.

Cases involving particularly The Directorate's efficiency egregious violations may be referred to the Public Prosecution

Intiatives

"Beyond complaint resolu-(14,305 complaints) were re- tion, the Ministry is actively solved within the same period. involved in initiatives to sup-The remaining 177 com- port consumers. Forty-nine plaints are currently under commercial entities participated in the "Consumer Friend" "The Directorate ensures initiative in 2024, resulting in essential food items for over

"The Ministry also outlined its ongoing efforts to monitor essential food and consumer goods. This includes identify-Fakhro explained that ac- ing key products, monitoring to ensure adequate supply and Penalties range from warn- contingency plans for emer-

ing work will be undertaken by housing units, and the housing planned. Mohammed Ali Yusuf Al Zamil process for 421 families in ready Company, which won the con- units has already been finalised. ducted through the Govern- roads and bridges, designed to tract amid competition from several other companies vying of Housing announced the in partnership with the private idents and visitors while ensurfor the project.

First phase

launch of a project to develop sector, in line with investment ing the availability of dedicated

residential units and apartments opportunities presented dur- pathways for pedestrians and The first phase of Khalifa City in Khalifa City, with a total of ing the second edition of the cyclists.

Its islands will be connect-This initiative will be con- ed by an advanced network of In November, the Ministry ment Land Rights Programme accommodate the traffic of res-

The Future Society for Youth, in

collaboration with the Aisha Yateem

management on December 23 at the

The session, led by social researcher

counseling specialist Ms. Zahraa

Al-Alawi, was aimed at members

and administrators of the Society.

The lecture explored key aspects of

on mental health, while equipping

attendees with practical skills and

its negative effects. Participants learned to identify stress symptoms

and received guidance on effective time management, fostering positive

thinking, and mastering relaxation

techniques to enhance their overall

well-being

stress, including its types and impact

tools to manage stress and minimize

headquarters of the "Smile" initiative.

Ms. Sanaa Abdel Jalil and psychological

Family Counselling Centre, hosted

an awareness lecture on stress

# Bahrain soccer fans spared border delays

#### **TDT** | Manama

**B**ahraini fans were spared hours of frustration at Kuwait's Nuwaiseeb border cross- ability to organise major events, ing after last-minute orders noting the smooth coordination scrapped the fingerprinting that ensured an unforgettable requirement, allowing them to head home without further delays.

The move capped a triumin a celebration that lit up hearts across the island.

MP Hasan Ebrahim extended heartfelt thanks to Kuwait for its exceptional handling of the 26th faced lengthy queues at the bor-Arabian Gulf Cup, applauding der, underlined the close bonds the organisation and the hospi- between Bahrain and Kuwait. tality shown to visitors. He said "This gesture meant the world Bahrain's victory was a proud to our fans, many of whom had and emotional moment for all, been waiting for hours to cross crediting the team's efforts and the border. It was a true display the unrelenting support from of the brotherly ties that unite fans and officials. "It was a mo- our two peoples," MP Ebrahim ment of joy and pride, with our said.

players making history and lifting spirits across Bahrain." he said.

MP Ebrahim lauded Kuwait's experience for teams and fans alike. He expressed special gratitude to Kuwait's Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, phant night for Bahrain, which and Minister of Interior, Shaikh secured its second Gulf Cup title Fahad Al-Yousef, for stepping in to ease travel for Bahraini fans by waiving the fingerprint requirement.

The directive, issued after fans

Stress management session



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# **ASRY signs new agreement with AMPTC for fleet maintenance**



Officials following the deal signing

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tenance services for AMPTC's ganisations.

fleet of tankers operating in the region.

The agreement was formalhe Arab Shipbuild- ised during a meeting attended Arab companies working toing and Repair Yard by Adel Aljasem, Chairman of gether under a shared vision. enthusiasm for meeting AMPTC's Company (ASRY) has the Board; Dr Ahmed AlAbri, He stressed the importance of delegation, led by Mr Aljasem, signed a new agreement with ASRY's Chief Executive Officer; diversifying income sources and reaffirmed the strong part- ongoing efforts to deliver ex- collaboration between Arab the Arab Maritime Petroleum and Mr Hocine Boudia, AMPTC's and strengthening productivity nership between the two firms. ceptional, high-quality ser- enterprises and emphasised Transport Company (AMPTC) Director General, along with to provide docking and main- senior officials from both or- excellence. Aljasem also com- has always been based on mu- of experience in the maritime mutual progress and economic

ure at the partnership, describ- it as one of the Middle East's ing it as a fraternal example of leading maritime firms.

The announcement drew

The companies said the body

conduct a good faith, national

mended ASRY's extensive facil- tual trust and shared objec- sector.

Aliasem expressed his pleas- ities and expertise, describing tives. This agreement enables us to continue providing tai- tor General of AMPTC, praised lored services that meet their ASRY's technical expertise and Dr Ahmed AlAbri voiced his fleet's specific needs,' said Dr long-standing reputation. He AlAbri.

while maintaining operational 'Our relationship with AMPTC vices, drawing on its decades their shared focus on achieving

Mr Hocine Boudia, Direcdescribed the agreement as He further noted ASRY's a clear example of successful growth.

### Nippon Steel, US Steel file suit against Biden's merger block

#### **New York, United States**

 $\mathbf{N}^{\mathrm{ippon}\ \mathrm{Steel}}_{\mathrm{filed}\ \mathrm{suit}\ \mathrm{Monday}\ \mathrm{over}}$ President Joe Biden's decision to block the Japanese giant's proposed acquisition of its American rival, accusing his administration of "illegal interference" in the huge transaction.

The companies said in a the litigation intends to show it threatened national security. statement that they initiated that "President Biden ignored of appeals in Washington challenging the review process for his political agenda." the acquisition, claiming Biden, who is leaving office on Januinfluence and blocked the deal hurt ties with Tokyo. "for purely political reasons."

lawsuits "to remedy the ongo- the US manufacturing base a ing illegal interference with major goal of his administration the courts to order a new review the president (Biden) without Nippon Steel's acquisition of -- announced Friday that he was of the proposed merger.



the legal action in the US court the rule of law to gain favor with sharp criticism from both com-(workers' unions) and support panies and Tokyo.

Biden had criticized the \$14.9 reviewing the deal, the Commitbillion deal for months, while tee on Foreign Investment in the said his company "will not back ary 20, had improperly used his holding off on a move that could United States (CFIUS) "failed to down after being treated unrea-

But the outgoing president security-focused regulatory re-The companies filed their -- who made the rebuilding of view process." US Steel," they said, adding that blocking the acquisition, saying

Minister Shigeru Ishiba urged Washington to dispel concerns that Biden's block of the deal could impact future investments.

The transaction was a prominent element of the 2024 presidential campaign, given US Steel's ties to Pennsylvania, a politically critical battleground state and cradle of the American steel industry.

In an interview with Nikkei business daily, Nippon Steel vice chairman Takahiro Mori sonably. We will fight tooth and nail." The CFIUS review process 'lacked integrity," he said, add-The steelmakers are asking ing that "the decision was left to any substantive consultation" On Monday Japanese Prime with the companies.

### PIF completes \$7 billion inaugural murabaha credit facility

**TDT** | Riyadh

 $\mathbf{P}^{ ext{IF}}_{ ext{first}}$  murabaha credit facility for the sum of \$7 billion, as part of its medium-term capital raising strategy. The financing structure is supported by a diverse syndicate of [20] international and regional financial institutions.

the Global Capital Finance financial position, as well as its Division and Head of Invest- best-practice approach to debt ment Strategy and Economic financing. Insights Division, said: "This inaugural murabaha cred- with a stable outlook and A+ by it facility demonstrates the Fitch with stable outlook. PIF flexibility and depth of PIF's has four main sources of fundfinancing strategy and use of ing: capital injections from diversified funding sources, government, government asset as we continue to drive trans- transfers, retained earnings formative investments, global- from investments, and loans ly and in Saudi Arabia."



This financing complements PIF's successful sukuk issuances over the past two years. Fahad AlSaif, PIF's Head of It also underpins PIF's strong

PIF is rated Aa3 by Moody's and debt instruments.



The Bahrain Chamber of Commerce and Industry has been accredited as a "Great Place to Work" by the global organization Great Place to Work, as part of the official classification for the Kingdom of Bahrain covering the period from December 2024 to December 2025. To celebrate this achievement, the Chamber held a ceremony attended by Chairman Sameer Nass, board members, and all staff. Nass highlighted that the accreditation serves as motivation to continue delivering top-tier services and solutions to bolster Bahrain's economy and elevate the Chamber's standing locally and internationally. Chief Executive Officer Atef Al-Khaja also noted that this recognition underscores the Chamber's commitment to fostering a productive corporate culture that develops and enhances workforce competencies.

# THE **tribune**

QUOTE OF THE DAY

**IT IS BETTER TO BE HATED FOR** WHAT YOU ARE THAN TO BE LOVED FOR WHAT YOU ARE NOT. ANDRE GIDE, AUTUMN LEAVES

#### News in brief

• North Korea launched ballistic missile yesterday toward the East Sea, South Korea's military said, referring to the body of water also known as the Sea of Japan. "North Korea sent unknown ballistic missile towards East Sea," South Korea's military said. Monday's launch took place while outgoing US Secretary

of State Antony Blinken was visiting Seoul for talks with some of its key ministers. The ballistic missile launch is Pyongyang's first this year and comes after its last in November when it test-fired what it said was its most advanced and powerful solid-fuel



ballistic missile toward East Sea: S. Korea military

**Indian miners** 

trapped inside

flooded coal mine

intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM). That was North Korean leader Kim Jong Un's first weapons test since being accused of sending soldiers to help Russia fight Ukraine. In response, South Korea fired a ballistic missile into the sea in a show of force after Pyongyang's salvo of missile launches. South Korea, a vibrant democracy, has also been plunged into weeks of crisis by its sitting president Yoon Suk Seol, who declared a short-lived martial law decree on December 3.

#### UAE, Syria discuss building ties as new ministers visit

• Foreign ministers from the UAE and Syria's new government discussed strengthening relations at a meeting Monday during the first official Syrian visit to the Gulf country since the overthrow of president Bashar al-Assad. The United Arab Emirates top diplomat Sheikh Abdullah bin Zayed Al Nahyan

and Syria's new Foreign Minister Asaad al-Shaibani "discussed ways to enhance the strong fraternal relations between the two countries," UAE's official WAM news agency reported. heikh Abdullah also "reiterated the UAE's firm position in supporting Syria's independence and sovereignty over all its territories". The meetings in Abu Dhabi also included Syrian Defence Minister Murhaf Abu Qasra and intelligence chief Anas Khattab, according to WAM.

• Around a dozen Indian miners were trapped Monday inside a coal mine in the northeastern state of Assam after water flooded the shaft, police said. "The coal mile is located very remotely." local police superintendent Mayank Jha said. Confirming the flooded mine and that the men were trapped in Umrangshu in Dima Hasao region. Locals said at least 27 workers had entered the mine on Monday morning, with many managing to escape as gushing waters swamped the pit workings. State officials have called in support from government rescue teams and the army. "Distressing news from Umrangshu, where labourers are trapped in a coal

mine," Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma said in a statement, saying the exact number of miners was not confirmed. "Praying to God for everyone's safety", he added.

SPOTLIGHT

### Central US pummeled by snow, ice as major storm heads east



Workers remove snow from a driveway at the White House in Washington, DC Washington, United States

Dangerous wintry condi- system, the first of the year, tions descended Sunday brought blizzard conditions on a large swath of the cen- to Kansas and Missouri, while tral United States as a severe states farther east were blanstorm system tracked east- keted in multiple inches of ward, prompting travel and snow. work disruptions from Kansas Kentucky Governor Andy City to Washington.

Kansas to New Jersey were porting multiple vehicle crashunder winter storm warnings es had closed a major highway. threats.

Nationwide, over 60 million power outages." flight cancellations and over City were "a skating rink."

25,000 delays.

Gusty winds from the storm

Beshear implored residents Around a dozen states from to "please stay home" after re-

Sunday afternoon, according The NWS also warned that to the National Weather Ser- accumulations of up to a halfvice (NWS), while areas across inch of ice in some areas -- as the US South faced possible well as widespread tree damtornado and cold weather age from powerful wind gusts -- could lead to "prolonged

people were under some sort A mix of freezing rain, sleet of weather alert, according and snow began hitting Kansas to broadcaster CNN, while air early Sunday morning. Storm traffic monitoring site Flight- chaser Brian Emfinger said on Aware showed almost 2,200 X that roads around Kansas

#### **Biden issues major** coastal protection before Trump handover Washington, United States

**T**S President Joe Biden Uon Monday banned offshore drilling across an immense area of coastal waters, weeks before Donald Trump takes office pledging to massively increase fossil fuel production.

The ban encompasses the entire Atlantic coast and eastern Gulf of Mexico, as well as the Pacific coast off California, Oregon and Washington, and a section of the Bering Sea off Alaska.

A White House statement said the declaration protected more than 625 million acres (253 million hectares) of waters.

"As the climate crisis continues to threaten communities across the country and we are transitioning to a clean energy economy, now is the time to protect these coasts for our children and grandchildren," Biden said in a statement.

"In balancing the many uses and benefits of America's ocean, it is clear to me that the relatively minimal fossil fuel potential in the areas I am withdrawing do not justify the environmental, public health, and economic risks that would come from new leasing and drilling," he added.

The ban does not have an end date and could be legally -- and politically -- tricky for Trump to overturn.

#### France's Sarkozy on trial over alleged **Kadhafi financing** pact

#### Paris, France

**C**ormer French president **Г** Nicolas Sarkozy went on trial on Monday charged with accepting illegal campaign financing in an alleged pact with late Libyan dictator Moamer Kadhafi.

Sarkozy's career has been shadowed by legal troubles since he lost the 2012 presidential election.

He has been convicted in two other cases, charged in another and is being investigated in two more. But he remains an influential figure and is also known to regularly meet President Emmanuel Macron.

The new trial started barely half a month after France's top appeals court in December rejected his appeal against a one-year prison sentence for influence peddling, which he is to serve by wearing an electronic tag rather than spending time in jail.



# Justin Trudeau says he is resigning as Canada PM

#### AFP | Ottawa, Canada

🕇 anadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau announced his resignation yesterday, saying he will leave office as soon as the ruling Liberal party chooses a new leader.

"I intend to resign as party leader, as prime minister," Trudeau, who has been in power since 2015, told reporters in Ottawa following a protracted political crisis that saw top Liberal allies urge him to quit.

It remained unclear if Trudeau would remain in an interim capacity while the party sought new leadership, the Globe reported. Trudeau's popularity has

waned in recent months, with his government narrowly surviving a series of no-confidence votes and critics calling for his resignation. He has vowed to stay on to

guide the Liberals to elections goods

Deputy Prime Minister Chrys- within his cabinet.



scheduled for October 2025, but Canada's Prime Minister Justin Trudeau leaves Parliament Hill after attending a cabinet meeting in Ottawa, Canada 25-percent tariff on Canadian apparent plan, in the first open his team in a bid to settle the podissent against the prime minister litical turmoil.

has faced further pressure from tia Freeland quit in December Later that month, Trudeau an-Florida to meet with Trump at his US incoming president, Donald after disagreeing with Trudeau nounced a major shakeup to his Mar-a-Lago estate in a bid to head Trump, who has threatened a over how to respond to Trump's cabinet -- changing one-third of off a trade war. In November, he traveled to iating blows against Trudeau on medically assisted suicide.

# Israel says Hamas knows 'exactly' where hostages are after offer

#### AFP | Jerusalem, Undefined

Tsrael said Monday that Hamas had yet to clarify whether 34 hostages it claimed it was ready to free were dead or alive, throwing doubt on the group's assertion that it needed time to ascertain their fate.

The offer from Hamas came as Israel continued to pound the Gaza Strip, where rescuers said 13 people were killed Monday.

In the occupied West Bank, where violence has surged since

the Gaza war broke out, Israeli A woman mourns her relatives who were killed by Israeli bombardment outside the



officials said three people were Aqsa Martyrs hospital in Deir el-Balah in the central Gaza Strip

# Papua New Guinea minister condemns 'barbaric' cannibalism claims

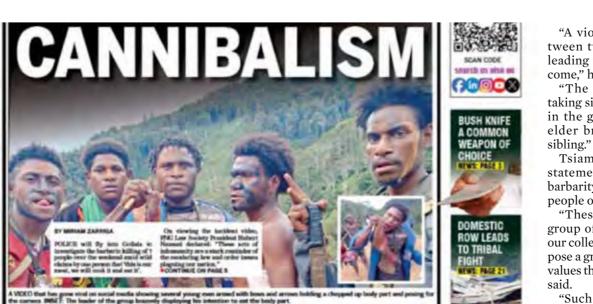
AFP| Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea

**D**apua New Guinea's police minister has condemned "horrific" claims of cannibalism swirling on social media, vowing "such barbarity" would not define the Pacific nation.

A group of machete-wielding men dangle what looks like a severed human foot in grisly photos published Monday on the front page of Papua New Guinea's largest newspaper.

Although the men are not filmed eating the body part, one of them appears to make a licking gesture while holding it up for the camera.

Police Minister Peter Tsiamalili said he was deeply troubled by "horrific acts of cannibalism".



images that appeared to depict A group of machete-wielding men dangle what looks like a severed human foot in grisly photos published on Monday on the front page of the Papua New Guinea Post-Courier.

TODAY IN

HISTORY



Galileo Galilei discovers the

Europa and Ganymede

first three moons of Jupiter: Io

declaring that the United States' northern neighbor becoming the 51st US state is a "great idea." Trudeau swept to power in 2015, with a mop of dark curly hair and confident swagger, and

social media, repeatedly calling

him "governor" of Canada and

led the Liberals to two more ballot box victories in 2019 and 2021. But he now trails his main rival,

Conservative Pierre Poilievre, by 20 points in public opinion polls. Coming late to politics after

working as a snowboard instructor, bartender, bouncer and teacher. Trudeau was first elected in 2008 to the House of Commons to represent a working-class Montreal neighborhood.

In his first two terms as prime minister, he brought in Senate reforms, signed a new trade deal with the United States and introduced a carbon tax to reduce Canada's greenhouse gas emissions

The married father of three also legalized cannabis, held a public inquiry into missing and mur-But since then the presi- dered Indigenous women and dent-elect has also landed humil- passed legislation permitting



Typewriter patented by

**Englishman Henry Mill** 

(built years later)

European leaders expressed growing frus-tration with tech billionaire Elon Musk on Monday, as a major row escalated be tween members of Britain's government and US president-elect Donald Trump's key ally.

UK Prime Minister Kein Starmer slammed those "spreading lies and misinformation" following days of incendiary posts by Musk on his X platform over historical sex offences against children in northern England. Musk, who is set for a role in Trump's administration, then accused the centre-left Labour leader of being "deeply complicit in the mass rapes" and "utterly despicable".

European leaders including French President Emmanuel Macron have also weighed in against Musk.

He said the SpaceX boss was "directly intervening in elections", including in Germany where Chancellon Olaf Scholz has condemned the Tesla boss for backing an extreme-right party. Norwegian Prime Min-

ister Jonas Gahr Store said Monday he found it "worrying" that someone with so much wealth and influence was getting involved in the politics of European countries

Much of Musk's focus in recent days has been on Britain and historical scandals involving grooming gangs that first emerged during Starmer's 2008-2013 tenure as the country's top prosecutor



# India and Saudi in talks for codevelopment of next-generation

**US President Harry Truman announces** 

American development of the hydrogen

bomb

1953



weapons systems

Representative picture **TDT** | agencies

systems. This collaboration simultaneously building its is part of a broader strategic domestic defense industry. partnership between the two Moreover, there's potennations, aiming to leverage tial for collaboration in natheir respective strengths in val technologies, given Inufacturing.

defense industry insiders and extend to joint ventures in posts found on X, focus on ar- electronics, particularly for eas where both countries can modern naval warfare systems, benefit from shared expertise, where both nations have exparticularly in emerging tech- pressed interest in fostering nologies like artificial intelli- partnerships. gence, cybersecurity, and un- Another significant aspect manned systems. The dialogue of these discussions is the foaligns with Saudi Arabia's cus on technology transfer and Vision 2030, which includes sharing of intellectual propambitions to localize 50% of erty, which could help both its defense spending, and In- countries leapfrog in certain dia's 'Make in India' initiative, areas of defense technology. which promotes indigenous This approach not only reducdesign and manufacturing of es costs but also accelerates

defense equipment. defense self-reliance, with of both nations.

significant strides in developing its own weapons systems, including artillery, missiles, T n a move that signifies deep- and drones. On the other hand, Lening defense ties, India and Saudi Arabia, traditionally one Saudi Arabia have embarked of the world's largest arms imon discussions to jointly ex- porters, is keen to diversify its plore the co-development sources and reduce dependenof next-generation weapons cy on foreign suppliers while

defense technology and man- dia's growing capabilities in shipbuilding and maritime The talks, as reported by defense systems. This could

technological advancements India has been pushing for by combining the capabilities  $\mathbf{M}_{ ext{are getting to work}}^{ ext{embers of Congress}}$ on one powerful Bill that will bring our Country back, and make it greater than ever before. We must Secure our Border, Unleash American Energy, and Renew the Trump Tax Cuts, which were the largest in History, but we will make it even better - NO TAX ON TIPS, IT WILL ALL BE MADE UP WITH TARIFFS. AND MUCH MORE FROM COUNTRIES THAT HAVE TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF

Georgetown-IBM experiment, the first

public demonstration of a machine

translation system, is held at IBM's

headquarters in New York

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TOP TWEETS

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THE U.S. @realDonaldTrump



Every fraction of a de-gree matters. Every day matters. Limiting global temperature rise is still possible. In 2025, countries must deliver bold, concrete & urgent #ClimateAction. @antonioguterres



A merica should liber-ate the people of Britain from their tyrannical government

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**IVI** have the right to quality health services at every stage of life. That's why the health of mothers in particular will be at the centre of our work and the theme of #World-HealthDay 2025. @DrTedros

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killed in an attack by gunmen. that claim on Monday. Mediators from Qatar, Egypt "They know precisely who is but both warring sides have ac- line briefing.

David Mencer, however, rejected Israel to the mediators" last year.

and the United States have been alive and who is dead. They know working for months to strike a precisely where the hostages are," deal to end the fighting in Gaza, Mencer told journalists in an on-

cused the other of derailing the "Gaza is a very small place. Hanegotiations. In recent days, me- mas know exactly where they diators have resumed indirect are."In an earlier statement, talks, and a senior Hamas official Prime Minister Benjamin Netsaid late Sunday that the group anyahu's office said "Israel has was prepared to release an initial not received any confirmation batch of captives but would need or comment by Hamas regarding "a week of calm" to determine the status of the hostages", adding whether they were still alive. those slated for inclusion were Israeli government spokesman part of a list "originally given by



tween two brothers escalated. Goilala district in the country's Guinea. leading to a heartbreaking out- jungle-clad interior. come," he told AFP.

elder brother by the younger Papua New Guinea has long War II.

statement dated Sunday "such Historically, cannibalism the body because there used to be "Never in those moments (has) barbarity does not define us as a has been documented among a lot of cannibals, for real, in that he spoke of PNG as cannibals," he people or a nation".

"These barbaric actions by a group of youths not only shock our collective conscience but also pose a grave threat to the societal values that bind us as a nation,"he

"Such acts of inhumanity are intolerable and represent a significant challenge to our shared humanitv."

"The conflict saw villagers ago" in Saki Village, Tsiamalili his fighter pilot uncle may have president. taking sides, ultimately resulting said, although the video had only been eaten by cannibals after "I've met him on four occain the gruesome killing of the recently gained traction online. he was shot down during World sions, until today, and on every

been tarred by outdated tropes "He got shot down in New regards for Papua New Guinea," Tsiamalili said in a separate that paint its people as savages. Guinea, and they never found Marape said.

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"A violent confrontation be- Police traced the images to the remote parts of Papua New Papua New Guinea Prime United States President Joe er dismissed the gaffe as The killing took place "a month Biden last year quipped that "loose" talk on the part of the

a small number of tribes in part of New Guinea," Biden said. added.



Papua New Guinea is one of the most linguistically diverse countries in the world, with over 800 languages spoken among its population of approximately 9 million people. This accounts for nearly 12% of all the world's languages, making it a hotspot for linguistic diversity. The complexity reflects the country's rich cultural heritage and the isolated nature of many of its communities.

Minister James Marape lat-

occasion he's always had warm



# **'Emilia Perez' shines at Golden Globes**

"Emilia Perez" wins Best Non-English Film, Supporting Actress, and Original Song

Demi Moore wins **Best Comedy Actress** for "The Substance"

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the Oscars in early March.

Other early Globes were dis-

Demi Moore won best actress

tributed widely to multiple films.

a satirical and often grotesque

Accepting her prize, Moore

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of the numbers from one to nine.

CBS | Paramo

Sebastian Stan won best comedy actor for "A Different Man"

Brady Corbet won best director for "The Brutalist"

AFP | Los Angeles

urreal narco-musical film "Emilia Perez" and actress Demi Moore were among the early winners at the Golden Globes on Sunday, where a crowded field of movies vied for glory at the year's first major showbiz awards gala.

"Emilia Perez," French director Jacques Audiard's genre-defying film about a Mexican drug lord who transitions to life as a woman, held the most nominations going into the show with movies earn new audiences and 10 -- the most ever for a comedy or musical.

It picked up three early wins: for Zoe Saldana as best supporting actress -- nudging out her in a year with no clear favorites co-star Selena Gomez; best orig- and no lack of strong contenders. inal song; and best non-English language film.

"I don't have sisters, and that might be the reason why I made in a comedy for body horror this film about sisterhood," said "The Substance," which takes Audiard, via a translator.

"If there were more sisters in look at the pressures placed on the world, maybe it would be a women by society as they age. better place."

Big wins at the Globes, a some- reflected on how decades ago, times eccentric bellwether for she had been told by a Hollythe Academy Awards, can help wood producer that she was "a

popcorn actress." build vital momentum toward

"I bought in, and I believed that, and that corroded me over But "Emilia Perez" faced comtime," said the now 62-year-old petition from a plethora of rivals, "Ghost" star.

Karla Sofia Gascon and US actress Zoe Saldana pose with the Best Motion Picture - Musical or Comedy award for "Emilia Perez"

Mexican actress Adriana Paz, Venezuelan actor Edgar Ramirez, US singer and actress Selena Gomez, French director Jacques Audiard, Spanish actress

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But "I had this magical, bold, courageous, out-of-the-box, absolutely bonkers script come across my desk called 'The Substance,' and the universe told me that 'you're not done.""

Sebastian Stan won the best comedy film actor award for "A Different Man," in which he portrays a man who undergoes experimental treatment for a disfiguring facial condition, but comes to rue the consequences.

"Our ignorance and discomfort around disability and disfigurement has to end now," said Stan.

to it." supporting actor for Jesse Ei- score. senberg's awkward road trip comedy "A Real Pain," about "The Brutalist," starring Oscar mismatched American cousins winner Adrien Brody as a Hun- year two of a reretracing their European roots.



"Emilia Perez" becomes the most-nominated comedy or musical in Golden Globes history with 10 nods, taking home three early awards

voters, who will soon cast ballots for the Oscar nominations.

Others in the running for best comedy or musical are smash imals forced to work "We have to normalize it and Broadway adaptation "Wick- together as they drift continue to expose ourselves ed," Cannes darling "Anora," in a boat through a and tennis love-triangle film flooded world, won

-- the Hollywood Foreign Press Association -- had no Black members.

Now under new ownership, and with the HFPA disbanded, organizers are hoping to capitalize on a ratings bump registered last January, and perhaps even burnish the gala's status as a predictor of Oscars success.

Hollywood's best and brightest, from Angelina Jolie and Nicole Kidman to Timothee Chalamet and Daniel Craig, hit the red carpet under sunny skies, before comedian Nikki Glaser kicked off the ceremony with an irreverent monologue.

"Welcome to the 82nd Golden Globes, Ozempic's biggest night," she quipped, referring to the weight-loss drug that has proven wildly popular in famously looks-conscious Hollywood.

Hollywood A-listers were joined by a few big names from the worlds of music and theater.

Jolie, portraying opera diva Maria Callas in "Maria," goes head-tohead with Kidman for erotic thriller

"Babygirl" in the lead actress drama section.

Chalamet, for his turn as Dylan in "A Complete Unknown," is up against Brody, and Craig for literary adaptation 'Queer."

T h e show also honors the best in television, with big wins



"Flow," a surreal dialogue-free odyssey

about a group of an-



Sebastian Stan with his award

#### 'The Brutalist' v 'Conclave'

The Golden Globes offer sep- seven nominations. It won best in 2021 that arate awards for dramas and director for Brady Corbet. comedies/musicals, widening the field of movie stars in con-

Kieran Culkin won best "Challengers," which won best best animated film.

#### Ozempic

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Others vying

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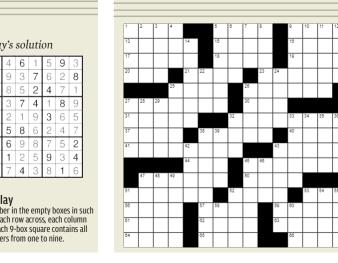
best screenplay.

In the Globes' drama section, The Globes are in garian Jewish architect who vamp, following survives the Holocaust and em- a Los Angeles igrates to the United States, had Times expose showed

Its rival "Conclave," a fiction- that the alized account of high-stakes awards' tention -- and thus highlighting Vatican horse-trading, depicting voting more performances for Academy how the death of a pope sends body Demi Moore

for historical epic " S h o gun".

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WELDON REPAIR OF ELECTRONIC CO W.L.L has a vacancy for the occupation of FOREMAN, suitably qualified applicants can contact 35374029 or NADEEM.BH7820@ GMAIL.COM

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CROWN COMPANY FOR SCRAP BSC CLOSED has a vacancy for the occupation of SUPERVISOR, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17830038 or CROWNMET@ BATELCO.COM.BH

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RANWA STONE CONSTRACTION has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER(CONSTRUCTION), suitably qualified applicants can contact 36361228 or ALIJMAA16@GMAIL.COM

ABUOBAID CONTRACTING & TRADING GROUP has a vacancy for the occupation of SCAFFOLDER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 36552200 or abuobaidgroup@ gmail.com

GUL RAHIM CARGO HANDLING W.L.L has a vacancy for the occupation of OFFICE WORKER HELPER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 66658446 or GULBH786@GMAIL.COM

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CLASSIC TOP TAILOR has a vacancy for the occupation of TAILOR, suitably qualified applicants can contact 33858115 or SHAREFA1999@HOTMAIL.COM

PANJUR PARTHA RESTAURANT has a vacancy for the occupation of WAITER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 33378446 or UAGB@OUTLOOK.COM

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ESTATH ALSHAWARMA. has a vacancy for the occupation of KITCHEN WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39743099 or ESTATHSHAWRMA.BH@ GMAIL.COM

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M K A MECHANICAL CONTRACTS has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER(MAINTENANCEW).GENERAL, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39611612 or MKA.MC.BAH@GMAIL.COM

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ABDULAAL IT SOLUTIONS has a vacancy for the occupation of OFFICE HELPER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 33771183 or ebrahim.abdulaal@outlook.com

MAGIC SHINE CLEANING CO. W.L.L has a vacancy for the occupation of CLEANER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 36509129 or info@magicshinebh.com

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ROSHNI ANTIQUES has a vacancy for the occupation of SALES WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 33252311 or ALIVIRK111@GMAIL.COM

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RAFFAY JEWELLERY DESIGN BAHRAINI PARTNERSHIP CO. has a vacancy for the occupation of ADMINISTRATOR, suitably qualified applicants can contact 38441357 or RAFFAYJEWELLERYDESIGNS@GMAIL. COM

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has a vacancy for the occupation of

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applicants can contact 17660383 or

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for the occupation of CLEANER, suitably

qualified applicants can contact 39025881

MOKA FLOR CAFE has a vacancy for the

occupation of WORKER/PACKER, suitably

qualified applicants can contact 17299972

First Choice Cleaning Services Co. W.L.L

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applicants can contact 33605821 or

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vacancy for the occupation of WAITER,

suitably qualified applicants can contact

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vacancy for the occupation of KITCHEN

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### Australia set sights on world domination after taming India



Australia's captain Pat Cummins (C) poses with the trophy and teammates after winning the Test match and series

AFP | Sydney

→ ricket's World Test Cham-→ pionship final is still five months away but it is already playing on the mind of Australia skipper Pat Cummins, saving the defence of their title is "a huge goal" after conquering India.

Australia surged into a June showdown against South Africa at Lord's with a six-wicket victory in the fifth Test against India in Sydney on Sunday.

The thrilling win sealed a first series triumph against their South Asian rivals in a there." decade.

over the last two years from late last month. the nine teams contesting the WTC.

amazing feeling, and the extra WTC final. layer is now securing a spot cycle," Cummins said.

"We talk about the World hold so we want to go back and defend it.

"I think it's a great tournadifferent teams.

"We can't wait to get over mins said.

### Rashid strikes again as Afghanistan win Zimbabwe series



To hold the Border-**Gavaskar Trophy is** an amazing feeling, and the extra layer is now securing a spot again in the World Test Championship final, which was always a huge goal for us in this

cycle

PAT CUMMINS

South Africa booked their It also confirmed their place spot under the WTC's averin a clash against South Africa age points system when they that will determine the world's beat Pakistan in a dramatic most consistent red-ball side two-wicket win at Centurion

Australia play two Tests in Sri Lanka starting later this "To hold the Bor- month before a lengthy redder-Gavaskar Trophy is an ball break heading into the

Cummins appears likely to again in the World Test Cham- miss the Sri Lanka tour for the pionship final, which was al- birth of his second child, with ways a huge goal for us in this Steve Smith in pole position to take over as captain.

But the Australian skipper Test Championship a lot. It's is adamant that after four year a trophy we're really proud to in the role, he has no plans to hand over the armband permanently anytime soon.

"First of all, I absolutely love ment in that you've got to play what I do. That's the biggest well consistently and across driver in wanting to play Test all different conditions against cricket and work with this team and support staff," Cum-

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#### Action from the match

#### **AFP** | Harare

C tar leg spinner Rashid Khan Stook his seventh wicket of his six-wicket haul on Sunday the innings as Afghanistan by trapping Ervine leg before. speedily wrapped up a 72run victory over Zimbabwe yesterday to win the two-Test series.

Ervine unbeaten on 53 and rain, taking four first-innings needing 73 more runs to win wickets as well. the Test at Queens Sports Club Test.

seal a first Test win since beat- named player of the series -four years ago.

Richard Ngarava was run out for three, then man of the match Khan (7-66) added to Ervine was the top Zimbabwe scorer with his 103-ball knock including a six and four fours. Khan tormented Zim-

Zimbabwe were 205-8 babwe throughout a match overnight with captain Craig interrupted several times by

The 26-year-old deflected in Bulawayo after a drawn first attention from himself after receiving the player of the But the home team failed match award, praising secto add a run and Afghanistan ond-innings centurions Rahneeded just 15 deliveries to mat Shah (139) -- who was ing Zimbabwe in Abu Dhabi and debutant Ismat Alam (101) instead.

## THE **tribun**e

# NBB supports Bahrain Padel Federation's Youth Academy initiative

**TDT** | Manama

The National Bank of Bahrain (NBB) has announced its support for the Bahrain Padel Federation's Youth Academy initiative, as part of its efforts to nurture promising talent in various sports, including padel.

The Youth Academy aims to prepare emerging padel players in Bahrain to compete internationally through advanced training and development. NBB's support will enable the Academy to implement key programmes that drive the Federation's activities to promote the growth of the sport.

Hisham Abu Alfateh, Chief Corporate Communications Of-



NBB officials with Bahrain Padel Federation's Youth Academy officials and players

occasion, stating, "We are proud provide them with opportunities our dedication to strengthening Fahad Fawzi Kanoo, President initiative which aligns with our partnership with the Bahrain generation of Bahraini champi- expressed his gratitude to NBB, potential.

ficer of NBB commented on the mission to invest in youth and Padel Federation underscores ons in this exciting sport."



Action during a game

noting that the Bank's support Through its active collabowill play an integral role in em- ration with leading national powering the Academy's ambi- entities, NBB remains committions to boost the skill levels of ted to making a positive imto contribute to this significant to excel in their aspirations. Our local talent and preparing a new of the Bahrain Padel Federation, young players and build their pact in Bahrain's vibrant sports

ecosystem.

# **Amorim seeks stronger mentality to** drag Man Utd out of comfort zone

Manchester United Coach urges focus and grit after a resilient 2-2 draw against Liverpool

Ruben Amorim says **Manchester United** is "too comfortable" in approach

United surprises with a gritty performance after four straight losses

AFP | Liverpool

uben Amorim said life at Manchester United has become "too comfortable" as he challenged his players to show the mentality that much better but the key today earned a 2-2 draw at Liverpool is the mentality," said Amorim. on Sunday on a more regular basis.

hope heading to face the runa- We need sometimes a shock and



#### were a different team RUBEN AMORIM



Liverpool's Colombian midfielder #07 Luis Diaz (C) is surrounded by United players

or tactical part of the game. It with a game in hand over sec- Amad Diallo levelled. "I feel that we are, not just the doesn't matter who the oppo- ond-placed Arsenal, who were Few gave Amorim's men much chester United, too comfortable. day like that," added Amorim. on Saturday.

But Arne Slot conceded his skied over with virtually the nold's trouble.

Harry Maguire should have players but everyone at Man- nent is, we need to play every also held to a draw by Brighton secured United's first win at gestions that the speculation Anfield since 2016 when he was the source of Alexander-Ar-



drid with the European champions reportedly having a bid for the England international turned down this week.

Slot, though, dismissed sug-

"Today is all about the focus.

Anfield after a four-game losing ferent team." streak.

pool since 2018 and merited a this season. share of the spoils.

way Premier League leaders at you can see today we were a dif- The focus on set pieces, the fo- side had missed an opportunity

However, the visitors were nandes said he was "upset" by in the other part of the pitch is tally of 20 English top-flight tia side transformed from meek the fact his side showed what (Mohamed) Salah and (Luis) tles. defeats to Bournemouth, Wolves they are capable of against the Diaz. and Newcastle as they scored Premier League's best but have their first goals away at Liver- consistently underperformed every day we are a different ond half.

cus on passing the ball where to streak further clear and close finale. United captain Bruno Fer- we cannot lose the ball because in on equalling United's record

team.'

Lisandro Martinez smashed "If you have that mentality United in front early in the sec-

But Liverpool rallied to lead late on by Conor Bradley. "Today we were a different Liverpool have a six-point through Cody Gakpo and Mo-"I want to see my team play so team not because of the system lead at the top of the table hamed Salah's penalty before linked with a move to Real Ma- to play against them."

last kick of the game in a frantic

two points dropped," said Slot.

down Liverpool's right as Trent and Bruno (Fernandes) and that Alexander-Arnold suffered a tor- tells you how much quality Unitrid time before being replaced ed have.

"It was clear Trent had some difficult moments, as we had as "Of course it feels for us like a team," added the Dutchman.

"What affected him is that he Both United goals originated had to play against (Diogo) Dalot

"That is what United, once in a Alexander-Arnold has been while, does and it is very difficult

### Van Dijk defends Alexander-Arnold after Liverpool star's Man Utd flop

#### AFP | Liverpool

iverpool captain Virgil van Dijk has defended Trent Alexander-Arnold after his poor display against Manchester United, rejecting suggestions that Real Madrid's interest has had a negative impact on his teammate.

Alexander-Arnold was at fault for Lisandro Martinez's opener in Sunday's 2-2 draw against Manchester United at Anfield, falling well below his usual high standards.

The right-back's sloppy performance comes during a future with the Premier League long-running debate over his leaders.



Liverpool's Trent Alexander-Arnold (L) vies with Manchester United's Diogo Dalot (R)

The 26-year-old's contract to do better," Keane told Sky expires at the end of the sea- Sports.

son, meaning he can now sign a pre-contract agreement with an overseas club.

Spanish giants Real have reportedly made a bid to sign him but Liverpool are believed to have rejected their approach.

After Sunday's showdown, former United captain Roy Keane took a swipe at Alexander-Arnold's error-strewn display.

"There's talk about him going to Real Madrid -- the way he's defending he's going to Tranmere Rovers after this. He's got



## THE tribune

# Al Rajhi, Sanders win 48-hour stages at Dakar Rally

AFP | Bisha

S audi driver Yazeed Al Rajhi held on to his overnight lead to win the second stage of the Dakar 2025 rally yesterday, the fearsome '48-hour Chrono' while defending champion Carlos Sainz limped in 1h 30min behind.

The 43-year-old racing in his home country completed the 967km special stage, spread over two days, in 10h 56min 54sec, despite a 2min penalty for speeding.

He was followed by South African Henk Lategan at 4min 16sec with Qatari Nasser Al Attiyah, who overtook Al Rahji briefly to hold the lead for 142k. finishing third.

"It was really, really hard. I feel like this is our tenth day on the Dakar," said Al Rajhi on his arrival at the bivouac of the rally, which began on Friday.

"The navigation was very, very difand dust. You needed a rocket, not a car to pass through them. It wasn't easy."

For this long stage, which started on Sunday, the competitors had to bivouac in the desert and did not benefit from the assistance of their teams at the night stop. Sainz seriously damaged his Ford Raptor when he rolled it on Sunday but managed to finish the stage although the Spaniard is now 26th in the standings.

Nine-time world rally champion Sehis first Dakar victory, was half an hour after a fan problem caused his engine to overheat.

But the Frenchman had a better Monday, making up much of the deficit to finish seventh, 13min 10sec behind the leader.

South African Lategan tops the provisional standings, 4min 45sec ahead of and first stage. Al Rajhi with Al Attiyah in third. Loeb is sixth, 18min 56sec off the lead.



ficult in some places, due to the divots Drivers tackle the dunes in the second part of the '48-hour Chrono' at the Dakar Rally

**Daniel Sanders becomes** the first rider to win the first three stages of the Dakar since Joan Barreda in 2017

because we knew it was really, really long," said Lategan.

bastien Loeb, who is still looking for won't look after you. It's actually a big that side.' surprise to be first because we haven't behind at the camp on Sunday evening, been really focusing on it. But I'm hap- a time of 11hr 12min 13sec, 6min 45sec py with that."

#### Third win for Sanders

Australian Daniel Sanders continues to dominate on the bikes, his victory in second Australian to win the Dakar on their '48-hour Chrono' making it three a bike after Toby Price, holds a 12min in a row after he also won the prologue 36sec lead over Howes in the provision-

the first three stages since Spaniard third, 4sec behind the American.

Joan Barreda in 2017 between Bolivia and Argentina.

"It wasn't too bad, pretty hard in the soft dunes, it was very tough for a lot of us," said Sanders.

"When opening, you didn't know if it was going to be a soft dune or a hard "We looked after the car for the stage dune. It was pretty tough. The dust kind of ruined it a lot. Everyone was bunched up fighting in the dust for the "If you don't look after the car, it opening bonuses. It was a bit tough on

Sanders took victory on his KTM in ahead of Frenchman Adrien van Beveren (Honda) with American Skyler Howes (Honda) in third.

Sanders, who is aiming to become the al overall standings.

It is the first time any rider has taken Botswana's Ross Branch (Hero) lies

### Batelco Fitness on Track offers fans unique workout experience at BIC



#### Participants walk on the track at BIC

#### **TDT** | Manama

 $B_{\rm is\ inviting\ fans\ to\ kick\ start\ their}^{\rm ahrain\ International\ Circuit\ (BIC)}$ fitness journey in 2025 with Batelco Fitness on Track tonight at the Sakhir cyclists and BD1 for runners. Payfacility.

This popular activity offers participants a unique mid-week workout at 'The Home of Motorsport in the Middle East'. Members of the public will have the chance to break a sweat either on foot or on a bicycle within is ideal for regular participants as it the world-class setting of a Formula 1 host venue.

Tuesday's Batelco Fitness on Track is scheduled for 6pm to 10pm under BD15. BIC's bright floodlights.

Batelco Fitness on Track can be save money, with Batelco Fitness on done either individually or with a Track still to be held multiple times group of friends and family.

lising BIC's 2.55-kilometre Inner Cir- BIC Hotline.

cuit, while cyclists will get to ride their bikes along the 3.543-kilometre Outer Circuit, with another dedicated area for children's cycling.

The cost to take part is BD2 for ment must be made upon booking. Children under the age of 12 can participate for free if accompanied by a paying adult.

BIC's Batelco Fitness on Track Season Pass is also still available. This grants access to all Batelco Fitness on Track events throughout the season, at the affordable price of just

The pass is thus a great way to each month until April. Season Passes Runners and walkers will be uti- can be purchased by contacting the

# **BRAVE CF dominates Fightbook awards**

BRAVE CF wins multiple Fightbook MMA Awards, including Global Promotion of the Year for the 8th time.

Mohammed Shahid won the President's Choice Award

Carlos Kremer won #1 **Cage Announcer of the Year** 





10TH ANNUAL FIGHTBOOK MMA AWARDS





#### **Campbell and Kirik** Jenness also win for the fifth straight year

**TDT** | Manama

he 10th annual Fightbook MMA Awards have been announced, and Bahrain's BRAVE Combat Federation, the most global MMA organization in the world, dominated the awards by winning multiple categories. including the prestigious Global Promotion of the Year award.

For the eighth consecutive year, BRAVE Combat Federation was named the #1 Global MMA Promotion of the Year, reaffirming the success of BRAVE holds the record for being the most mitment to inclusive growth in the in a row. MMA world.

CF's global vision. The organization kh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa, was ity that BRAVE CF consistently brings to the most hosted MMA organization in hosted MMA organization in the world Award when "The Roaring Lion" Car- dominance at the awards. with events held in 35 nations and the los Kremer won the #1 Cage Announcer award compliments BRAVE CF's com- of the Year award for the eighth year Combat Federation as the organiza- events in 13 nations. The organiza- created major buzz in the MMA world

BRAVE CF President Mohammed CF's Phil Campbell and Kirik Jenness further extending its world record as status as the only international MMA MMA cage, BRAVE CF broke traditional Shahid, who has been tirelessly exe- were named MMA Commentators of the the most travelled MMA organization organization to host events on the norms in the sport, setting the stage for cuting the vision of His Highness Shai- Year, highlighting the production qual- in the world. BRAVE CF also became continent.

The year 2024 was historic for BRAVE MMA organization in Asia. having held

**BRAVE CF** holds the record for being the most hosted MMA organization in the world, with events held in 35 nations, and is the only international MMA organization to host events in Africa

Inside the cage, BRAVE CF crowned four new champions. Luiz Cado claimed the Super Welterweight title, Erko Jun became the Light Heavyweight champion, Pavel Dailidko was crowned the inaugural Heavyweight champion, and Nicholas Hwende captured the Bantamweight title at BRAVE CF 91 in Bahrain.

In addition to breaking hosting rehonoured with the President's Choice the global MMA stage and solidifying its Europe, with events now held in 16 cords, BRAVE CF strengthened its roster countries, and tied as the most hosted with world-class signings, including Muhammad Mokaev, whose addition tion debuted in Mauritius, the Neth- tion's return to Africa with an event in 2024. Also, by showcasing the iconic For the fifth consecutive year, BRAVE erlands, China, Bulgaria, and Austria, in Mauritius further cemented its India vs. Pakistan rivalry inside the an exciting 2025.

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