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US sanctions Syria intel officer Damascus

The US sanctioned a Syrian intelligence officer yesterday, accusing him of "coldly and methodically" murdering at least 41 unarmed civilians in 2013 and warning countries against normalising ties with the Assad regime.

Next month will mark 12 years since the outbreak of the Syrian civil war, which has pitted the Assad regime, backed by Iran and Russia, against opposition groups, some of which have turned into terror organisations.

Twitter suffers major outage

AFP | San Francisco, US

Twitter yesterday suffered a major outage with users worldwide reporting they could no longer read links to articles from outside websites.

"Some parts of Twitter may not be working as expected right now," the company's tech support account said in a tweet, blaming the problem on "unintended consequences" from an update to the platform.

The breakdown, which appeared fixed in less than an hour, comes as the Elon Musk-owned social media giant was trying hard to stabilise after several rounds of layoffs saw more than two thirds of staff let go.

Iranian women face punishment Dubai

Women violating the Islamic dress code will be punished, Iran's Judiciary Chief Gholamhossein Mohseni Ejei said yesterday according to the official IRNA news agency.

Following the death of Iranian Kurdish young woman Mahsa Amini by Iran's morality police for flouting the country's strict dress code on Sept. 16, Iran was faced with nationwide protests that represented one of the toughest challenges to the Islamic Republic since its establishment in 1979.

Praise for strong Bahrain-UN ties

HM King Hamad highlights international organisation's key role in 'serving humanity'

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa commended the strong cooperation and partnership between the Kingdom of Bahrain and the United Nations.

HM the King stressed the key role played by the international organisation in boosting regional and international security and peace, solving global issues, handling environmental and natural disasters, fighting climate change and poverty, and serving humanity.

This came as His Majesty received at Safriya Palace yesterday former presidents of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) on the occasion of their visit to Bahrain at a royal invitation to participate in the meeting of the Council of Presidents of the United Nations General Assembly (CPUNGA), hosted by the Kingdom.

The delegation of the UNGA former presidents comprised CPUNGA Chairman, President of the 56th session Dr Han Seung-soo, Deputy Chairman and



HM the King receives the former UNGA presidents

President of the 57th session Jan Kavan, President of the 61st session Shaikha Haya bint Rashid Al Khalifa, President of the 62nd session Srgjan Kerim, President of the 65th session Joseph Deiss, President of the 67th session Vuk Jeremic, President of the 70th session Mogens Lykketoft, President of the 72nd session Miroslav Lajcak, and Director of the UN Office of Counter-Terrorism Dr Jehangir Khan.

HM King Hamad also discussed with the former UNGA presidents regional and international issues. His Majesty welcomed the delegation, thanking them for accepting the invitation to visit Bahrain, praising the important meeting hosted by the Kingdom with the participation of an elite of prominent international personalities.

He commended their tireless efforts to promote the UN role on the international scene, lauding strong relations of friendship between the Kingdom and their countries.

HM the King wished CPUNGA every success in serving the goals of the international organisation to foster global peace and security and achieve growth and prosperity for all humankind.

The delegation expressed thanks and appreciation to HM

the King for the gracious welcome and hospitality and for Bahrain's hosting of CPUNGA. They hailed the vital role of the Kingdom in backing the UN efforts and briefed HM the King on the main issues on the meeting's agenda, and the development in Bahrain under HM the King's leadership.



"The UN plays key role in boosting regional and international security and peace, solving global issues, handling environmental and natural disasters, fighting climate change and poverty, and serving humanity."

- HIS MAJESTY KING HAMAD BIN ISA AL KHALIFA



'Consensus'

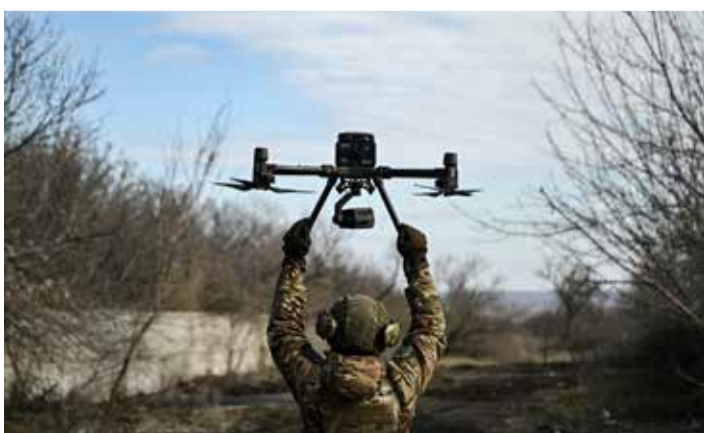
Ukraine military to 'continue defending' Bakhmut

Russia determined to capture embattled city

AFP | Kyiv, Ukraine

Ukrainian presidential aide Mykhaylo Podolyak said yesterday there was a "consensus" within the Ukraine army to continue defending the embattled city of Bakhmut in the country's east that Russia is determined to capture.

Bakhmut has become the bloodiest and longest-running battle of Russia's year-



A Ukrainian serviceman flies a drone to spot Russian positions near the city of Bakhmut, in the region of Donbas. (AFP)

long campaign in Ukraine, even though analysts suggest the city holds little strategic significance.

"There is a consensus among the military on the need to continue defending the city and the attrition of enemy forces, while building new lines and lines of defence in case the situation changes," Podolyak told AFP.

According to Podolyak, the defence of Bakhmut has "achieved its goals" by exhausting Russia's "main combat-ready" units and providing the opportunity to train "tens of thousands of

Ukrainian troops to prepare a counteroffensive".

He added that "even if at some point the military leadership decides to withdraw to more advantageous positions", the defence of Bakhmut will be a "great strategic success" for Ukraine's army.

"However, to date no such decision has been made" by the military leadership, Podolyak added.

Earlier yesterday, Ukraine said it would bolster its defences in the badly destroyed salt-mining city, where both sides have suffered heavy losses.

HM King, HRH Prince Salman hailed by Cabinet for F1 success

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The Cabinet extended its congratulations to His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, following the success of the 2023 Formula 1 Gulf Air Bahrain Grand Prix.

It noted that the race was well attended and commended Team Bahrain's role in the event's organisation and success.

The Deputy Prime Minister, Shaikh Khalid bin Abdulla Al Khalifa, yesterday chaired the

weekly Cabinet meeting at Gudaibiya Palace.

The Cabinet welcomed His Majesty the King's invitation for the Kingdom of Bahrain to host the meeting of the Council of Presidents of the United Nations General Assembly, which will be held under the chairmanship of HE Dr Han Seung-soo, Chairperson of the United Nations Council of Presidents of General Assembly (UNCPGA).

In this regard, the Cabinet highlighted the importance of this international meeting in consolidating the objectives of the UN, particularly the main-



Deputy Prime Minister

tenance of international peace and security.

Additionally, in celebration of International Women's Day, the

Cabinet commended the Kingdom's comprehensive women's advancement programmes and policies, led by the Supreme Council for Women (SCW), led by the Consort of His Majesty the King and President of the SCW, Her Royal Highness Princess Sabeeka bint Ibrahim Al Khalifa.

In light of a report submitted by the Minister of Health, the Cabinet welcomed the World Health Organization's accreditation of A'ali, Busaiteen, and Al Sayh as healthy cities, as well as the accreditation of five local universities as healthy universities.

The Cabinet acknowledged these accreditations as international appreciation for the plans, programmes, and government efforts made in health and social development.

The Cabinet discussed several memorandums during the meeting with the following approvals made:

1. A memorandum submitted by the Ministerial Committee for Financial and Economic Affairs and Fiscal Balance on the latest developments regarding the e-passport plan.

2. A memorandum submitted by the Ministerial Committee

for Legal and Legislative Affairs regarding a draft decision to restructure the Water Resources Council.

3. A memorandum submitted by the Ministerial Committee for Legal and Legislative Affairs regarding the restructuring of a number of councils and committees led by the Minister of Interior.

4. A memorandum submitted by the Ministerial Committee for Legal and Legislative Affairs regarding the government's response to a proposal and a legislative proposal submitted by the Council of Representatives.

Foreign Minister participates in UN conference

Doha

Tasked by His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, Foreign Affairs Minister Dr Abdullatif bin Rashid Al Zayani participated in the Fifth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries: From Po-

tential to Prosperity.

The conference is hosted by Qatar on March 5-9, with the participation of world leaders, heads of government and foreign ministers.

The conference commenced with a speech by His Highness Shaikh Tamim bin Hamad Al

Thani, Amir of the State of Qatar, followed by a speech by the Secretary-General of the United Nations, then a speech by the current President of the United Nations General Assembly, and a number of heads of state and participating delegations.

The conference will discuss a

number of main topics, including: investing in people, eradicating poverty and building capacities, harnessing the power of science, technology and innovation, supporting structural transformation as an engine for achieving prosperity, enhancing the participation of least devel-

oped countries in international trade and regional integration, and confronting climate change, recovering from COVID-19, building resilience, and mobilizing international partnerships for sustainable exit from the least developed country category.

It aims to exchange views on

international efforts aimed at supporting development in the least developed countries of the world, harnessing the capabilities and overcoming the difficulties faced by developing and least developed countries in their endeavors to achieve sustainable development.

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136,000 passengers travel through King Fahd Causeway

New milestone set on March 4

Zahra Ayaz
TDI | Manama

A record-breaking 136,000 people travelled through the King Fahd Causeway on March 4, establishing a new milestone for the bridge that connects Saudi Arabia and Bah-

rain.

The travel procedures area on the Causeway, on both the Saudi and Bahrain sides, witnessed huge crowds of travellers during peak hours from 9:00 am to 7:00 pm.

On that particular day, 136,498 travellers used the bridge. This number was higher than the one that was recorded on January 11, 2020, when more than 131,000 people crossed the Causeway.

The beginning of the second semester break and the Formula 1 event coincided with the traffic jams, and customs and passport officers made elaborate arrangements and facilities for travellers while maintaining perfect security.

Reverse lanes were opened on the Saudi side to ease congestion during peak hours, thus despite the enormous number of passengers, traffic flowed smoothly.

Ghazal Qawwali Night



An audience of 120 people attended the Ghazal Qawwali Night presented by Indian Fine Arts Society, the oldest organisation promoting fine arts in the Kingdom of Bahrain, at the Ramee Grand in Seef. The performance was headed by renowned sufi exponent Nawaz Sabari & Group. The chief guest was Mrs. Monika Srivastava, the wife of Indian Ambassador Piyush Sreevasthava.

Two convicted of causing infant death lose appeals

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Two Asian women, aged 33 and 36, convicted of causing the death of an infant have their seven years in prison sentences each confirmed by the High Appeals Court.

Among the duo is the mother of the victim who died due to wounds caused by the first defendant's repeated assaults as she was supposed to look after him in the absence of his mother who simply didn't bother to protect him.



According to court files, the 36-year-old mother failed to provide the required care for

the child and kept him with the 33-year-old who hit him with a wooden stick and bit his body.

The victim arrived at the hospital and he was already dead. He was rushed to the hospital after the 33-year-old requested her neighbour to communicate with the competent authorities after spotting the infant having difficulties in breathing.

The forensic report indicated several broken bones in the child's face and skull, adding that he was subject to severe attacks. Bite wounds were found also on the body of the victim, and investigations confirmed that they were caused by the first defendant.

Jailed for evading writ of execution

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The First Minor Criminal Court penalised three defendants, including a father and son, who tried to smuggle money to evade a writ of execution.

The first and third defendants will be imprisoned for three months at an estimated a bail of BD100. The second defendant faces the same penalty for complicity, in addition to the company being fined BD3,000.

The incident began with the second defendant assisting the first defendant in smuggling the latter's money. When the enforcer responsible to execute the ruling headed to the first defendant's home to inspect the impounded cars, the second

defendant (his son) obstructed the execution procedure.

The first defendant refused to have the cars inspected despite his knowledge that a court order was issued.

Meanwhile, the third defendant submitted a disclosure form containing an incorrect address, an act committed for the benefit of the company which he jointly owns with the first defendant.

The court confirmed that the incident was proven with ample evidence such as the testimony of the public prosecution investigator, commercial register data, the record of the ruling headed to the first defendant's home to inspect the Execution Department, and the court order.

Joint inspection campaigns



The Labour Market Regulatory Authority (LMRA) and the Ministry of Interior continue joint efforts to intensify inspection campaigns against illegal practices in the labour market. LMRA conducted joint inspection campaigns in the Northern Governorate in coordination with the Nationality, Passports and Residence Affairs (NPRA) and the Governorate's respective Police Directorate. The other two were in the Southern Governorate.



Forever Green campaign

Kaaf Humanitarian, in cooperation with the National Initiative for Agricultural Development (NIAD), has received 170 seedlings provided by the Abu Saiba Plant and Flowers as part of the second phase of "Forever Green", the national campaign to expand green spaces in the Kingdom. The nursery's generous contribution was in support of the campaign launched under the patronage of Her Royal Highness Princess Sabeeka bint Ibrahim Al Khalifa, wife of the King of the country and President of NIAD Advisory Board, to increase green areas, protect the environment and enhance air quality. The Kaaf humanitarian initiative focused on greening the homes of needy families and widen the circle of the various groups of the Bahrain community benefiting from the campaign, achieve the goals of sustainable development, and deepen a culture of protecting the environment.

INVITATION TO THE ORDINARY AND EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETINGS

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The Board of Directors of Seef Properties B.S.C. is pleased to invite you to attend its Ordinary General Meeting and Extraordinary General Meeting that will be held on **Tuesday 28 March 2023 at 12:30 pm** in Awal Ballroom in Gulf Hotel to discuss and resolve the agenda items set out below. If the required quorum is not met for any of the abovementioned meetings, a second meeting will be held on **Tuesday 4 April 2023** or a third meeting, if required, will be held on **Tuesday 11 April 2023** at the same time and venue.

FIRST: ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING AGENDA

1. Read and ratify the Minutes of the previous Ordinary General Meeting dated 29 March 2022.
2. Discuss and approve the Board of Directors' Report on the Company's activities for the financial year ended 31 December 2022.
3. Listen to the External Auditor's Report for the financial year ended 31 December 2022.
4. Discuss and approve the Company's consolidated audited financial statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2022.
5. Approve the recommendation of the Board of Directors for the appropriation of the net profits for the financial year ended 31 December 2022 in accordance with the following:
 - a. Distribution of cash dividends of 8% (8 Fils per share) amounting to a total of BD 3,680,000 to be distributed in accordance with the following:

Event	Date
Cum-Dividend Date	29 March 2023
Ex-Dividend Date	30 March 2023
Record Date	2 April 2023
Payment Date	16 April 2023

- b. Allocation of BD 170,000 in support of charitable and community causes under the Company's Corporate Social Responsibility Programme; and
- c. Transfer of BD 2,105,235 to retained earnings.

6. Approve the recommendation of the Board of Directors to approve Directors' remuneration in the aggregate amount of BD 240,000 for the financial year ended 31 December 2022.
7. Discuss and approve the Corporate Governance Report for the financial year ended 31 December 2022 in compliance with the requirements of the Ministry of Industry and Commerce and the Central Bank of Bahrain.
8. Present the Related Party Transactions carried out during the financial year ended 31 December 2022 as stated in note (29) of the Company's consolidated audited financial statements in accordance with Article (189) of the Commercial Companies Law Decree No. (21) of 2001.
9. Discharge the Directors of the Company from liability arising in connection with their duties during the financial year ended 31 December 2022.
10. Approve the re-appointment of Ernst & Young as External Auditor for the financial year ending 31 December 2023 and authorise the Board of Directors to set their fees, subject to the approval of the relevant regulatory authorities.
11. Discuss any other matter in accordance with Article (207) of the Commercial Companies Law Decree No. (21) of 2001.

SECOND: EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING AGENDA

1. Read and ratify the Minutes of the previous Extraordinary General Meeting dated 4 April 2021.
2. Approve the amendments of the Company's Memorandum and Articles of Association in accordance with the latest amendments to the Commercial Companies Law Decree No. (21) of 2001 by virtue of Decree No. (20) for 2021 as indicated in the attachment provided to the shareholders, subject to the approval of the relevant regulatory authorities.
3. Approve to authorise the Chief Executive Officer, or to whom he may delegate, to undertake on behalf of the Company the necessary actions to execute and deliver any documents for the purpose of implementing the aforementioned, including but not limited to, appearing before the Notary to execute the Amended and Restated Memorandum and Articles of Association and submit the necessary applications to the relevant regulatory authorities.

Essa Mohamed Najibi
Chairman

IMPORTANT NOTES TO SHAREHOLDERS:

1. Shareholders can download the audited financial statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2022, the Corporate Governance Report, all other related documents and the Proxy Form from the following websites:
 - a. Bahrain Bourse (Company Announcements) www.bahrainbourse.com
 - b. The Company's website <https://www.seef.com.bh/investor-relations/general-meetings/>
2. Shareholders whose names are registered on the Company's shareholders' list on the date of the Meetings are entitled to attend in person or appoint a proxy from amongst the shareholders or otherwise, to vote their behalf, provided that the proxy may not be the Chairman, director or employee of the Company, unless the proxy is a first degree relative of the concerned shareholder.
3. The Proxy Form must be filled and signed by the shareholder/shareholder's legal representative, in which case the notarised / legalised Power of Attorney must be attached to the Proxy Form. If the shareholder is a corporate entity, the Proxy Form must be executed by a duly authorised representative of the said entity and the stamp of the respective corporate shareholder must be affixed on the Proxy Form.
4. Shareholders must ensure that the proxy forms are submitted to the Company's Share Registrar, Messrs. Bahrain Clear B.S.C.(C), at least twenty-four (24) hours before the date of the meetings either via hand delivery or e-mail as indicated below. Proxy forms received after twenty-four(24) hours will be considered invalid for the purpose of the meeting .
 - a. Address: Bahrain Financial Harbor, Harbor Gate (4th Floor). King Faisal Avenue P.O. Box 3203, Manama- Kingdom of Bahrain.
 - b. Hotline: +973 17108775/ 17108833
 - c. WhatsApp: +973 33510008
 - d. Email: registry@bahrainclear.com (copy to investors@seef.com.bh)
5. Shareholders or their proxies are requested on the day of the meeting to present clear and valid identify cards or passports for inspection as proof of identity.
6. For more information, please contact Investor Relations on +973 77911111 and email_investors@seef.com.bh

Filipino mother, three children return home

Zahra Ayaz
TDT | Manama

With assistance from the Philippine Embassy and Bahrain Human Rights Watch Society (BHRWS), as well as media backing, a Filipino mother and her three children flew back to their home country yesterday.

The Daily Tribune previously reported that a Filipino mother of three was in need of financial assistance to cover the cost of her children's DNA testing and a ticket home.

Homeless and without food were Jocelyn Arano, 45, of San Pablo, Laguna, the Philippines,



Jocelyn Arano

and three children, aged one, two and seven.

Ms. Arano told The Daily Tribune: "I would really like to thank everyone who has helped me out and provided food and housing for me and my kids, especially the human rights society. I pray to God that no one ever finds themselves in such a terrible situation, but I'm happy I'm out of it and eager to come home.

"Many people learned about and were more aware of my situation when The Daily Tribune contacted me and looked into the matter. I had been contacting the Embassy for a while, but after the article was published, things moved more quickly. Also, the Embassy has set up

transportation to take me to the airport."

Bahrain Human Rights Watch Society (BHRWS) Secretary General Faisal Fulad praised the efforts of the Embassy in expediting the travel documents and other related papers for the smooth process and exit of the abandoned mother and her kids to her native country.

"The keenness on bolstering human solidarity shows our resilience and commitment to protecting the rights of families and children regardless of nationality. We are here to save the family's lives and give them a chance to start their new life," Fulad said.

DANAT encourages Bahrainis to pursue career in gemology

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The Bahrain Institute for Pearls and Gemstones (DANAT) hosted students from Ibn Khuldoon National School (IKNS).

The visit aimed to encourage young Bahrainis to pursue a career in gemology.

The students gained knowledge about DANAT's workplace, the chances for employment in the field of pearls, jewellery, and gemstones, as well as the best course of study for them to follow if they decide to pursue a profession in this area in the future.

They were briefed on the educational and training programs provided by the Institute were explained to the students, including the Diploma in Gemology presented in

collaboration with Gem-A, a diploma that has received international accreditation.

DANAT CEO Noora Jamsheer stressed these visits as part of the community partnerships activities undertaken by the institute.

It exemplifies the vital role the Institute plays in enhancing Bahrain's standing as a historical hub for pearl commerce and examination.

"An important tenet of maintaining Bahrain's national and cultural legacy is passing down this historical profession to future generations. Along with improving youth professional mindsets, career orientation, and knowledge of the pearl and jewellery industry," Jamsheer said. "In addition to developing new job opportunities for the youth."

Medical Merit Medal

The Crown Prince Center for Training and Medical Research hosted a ceremony for Bahrain Defense Force (BDF) officers who received the "Prince Salman bin Hamad Medal for Medical Merit". The Human Resources Assistant Chief of Staff Major General Shaikh Ali bin Rashid Al Khalifa presented the BDF officers with the medal and wished them further success.



X3M Dragon Warriors holds general assembly



X3M Dragon Warriors Officers

TDT | Manama

X3M (Extreme) Dragon Warriors held a general assembly on March 3 at Juffair Heights' events hall to welcome new recruits and discuss the group's objectives for this year.

The social club for dragon boat racing is embarking on a mission to provide a safe and fun environment to learn the sports, advocate a healthy and active life, and enable competition-ready members through effective and efficient training. It was established in Bahrain in July 2018.

Marvin Rosalina, the team's head coach who has over 20 years of experience on dragon boat racing, said: "The team was founded with a strong belief

of commitment towards promoting and developing health, fitness and improving life overall. We are made up of sports-minded individuals from different walks of life that embrace the demeanor of a true warrior, which is honour, courage, determination, loyalty and commitment."

The X3M Dragon Warriors has won back-to-back championships since 2018.

They were awarded first place winners on the Dragon City Chinese New Year Race held on January 24, 2020; on the Garmin Grand National Race Day on December 16, 2019 both hosted by Bahrain Rowing Center at Bahrain Bay; and the 1st Asean Dragon Boat Race Day, which was held on November 1, 2019 hosted by The

Game Bahrain at Water Garden City.

The team's president, Ms Richelle Rosalina, said: "We continue to bring the community closer and provide opportunities to participate in a diverse array of activities and avenues both of a social and competitive manner. We are currently recruiting, and everyone is welcome to be a member."

The group also actively participates and organises beach clean-ups, campaigning for the importance of environmental awareness and protection.

X3M Dragon Warriors can be contacted by email at x3mdragonwarriors@gmail.com and by Whatsapp on +973 36020223, +973 66900503, +973 66911126.



INVITATION TO THE ORDINARY GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING

The Board of Directors of Arab Insurance Group (B.S.C.) of Commercial Registration no. 10701, is pleased to invite the shareholders to attend its 43rd Ordinary General Assembly Meeting (AGM) to be held at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, 29 March 2023, at Arig House, Building no. 131, Road no. 1702, Diplomatic Area 317, Manama, Kingdom of Bahrain, to consider, discuss and approve the following agenda items:

1. Read and approve the minutes of the previous Ordinary General Assembly Meeting of the Company held on 26th September 2022.
2. To discuss and approve the Board of Directors' Report for the financial year ended 31 December 2022.
3. To receive the Report of the External Auditors on the Consolidated Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2022.
4. To discuss and approve the audited Consolidated Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2022.
5. To discuss and approve the appropriations as follows:
 - a. Transfer of US\$ 1,963,211 to Legal Reserve from the current year net profit;
 - b. Payment of dividend of USD 0.05 per share or 5% of the paid up capital net of treasury shares amounting to US\$ 9,905,744 for the year ended 31 December 2022 subject to approval of the Central Bank of Bahrain;

Event	Date
General Meeting Date (Shareholder's approval date)	29 March 2023
Cum-Dividend Date (Last day of trading with entitlement to dividends)	03 April 2023
Ex-Dividend Date (First Day of trading without entitlement to dividends)	04 April 2023
Record Date (The Day on which all shareholders whose names are on the share register will be entitled to dividends)	05 April 2023
Payment Date (The Day on which the dividends will be paid to the entitled shareholders)	19 April 2023

- c. Transfer the balance US\$ 7,763,152 from the current year net profit to retained earnings.
6. Approve the recommendation to pay remuneration to Directors amounting to US\$ 740,000 for the year ended 31 December 2022.
 7. To discuss and approve the Corporate Governance Report for the year 2022 and the compliance of the Company with the requirements of the Ministry of Industry and Commerce and the Central Bank of Bahrain.
 8. To report the transactions that took place during the financial year ended 31 December 2022 with any of the related parties as set forth in note no.35 of the financial statements in line with Article 189 of the Bahrain Commercial Companies Law.
 9. To absolve the Board of Directors from legal liability for the financial year ended 31 December 2022.
 10. To appoint or re-appoint External Auditors for the year ending 31 December 2023, subject to the Central Bank of Bahrain approval, and to authorize the Board of Directors to determine their remuneration.
 11. To discuss the updates on the divestiture of up to 100% of equity stake in Arig.
 12. Any other matters that may arise according to Article 207 of the Bahrain Commercial Companies Law.

Chairman
On behalf of the Board of Directors

Important notes to Shareholders

1. Copies of the Consolidated Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2022 and the proxy forms will be available from Tuesday, 14 March 2023 at Arig House, Diplomatic Area, Manama, Kingdom of Bahrain, and from Share Registrar in the Kingdom of Bahrain, Bahrain Bourse, Bahrain Financial Harbour, Harbour Gate (4th Floor), P.O. Box: 3203, Manama - Kingdom of Bahrain, Phone: +973 17261260 or +973 17108836, Fax: +973 17256362, info@bahrainclear.com or from the support Share Registrar KFin Technologies (Bahrain) W.L.L., Office No.7, 74th Floor, Al-Zamil Tower, Building 31, Road 383, Block 305, P.O. Box 514, Manama, Kingdom of Bahrain. Tel: +973 17215080, Fax: +973 17212055. Electronic version of the above reports will also be available through Arig website at www.arig.net or www.bahrainbourse.com.
2. Any shareholder registered in the Company's Share Register on the date of the meeting, is entitled to attend the meeting or to appoint a proxy to attend and vote on the shareholder's behalf. A proxy shall not be the Chairman, members of the Board of Directors or employees of the Company.
3. In case the shareholder is a legal entity, the person who will represent the shareholder should have a letter signed and stamped by the corporate, and to be presented before the due date.
4. Proxies must be registered with the support Share Registrar, KFin Technologies (Bahrain) W.L.L., Office No.7, 74th Floor, Al-Zamil Tower, Building 31, Road 383, Block 305, P.O. Box 514, Manama, Kingdom of Bahrain, by hand or Fax: +973 17212055, or electronically by email (bahrain.helpdesk@kfinetech.com), including a clear copy of a valid passport or valid ID card of the shareholder or the person who represents them at least 24 hours prior to the meeting. Any proxies received after the deadline will be void.
5. For any queries, please contact Arab Insurance Group Investor Relations department: Tel: +973 17544160 or email address: Investor@arig.com.bh.
6. In the absence of a quorum for the AGM, a second meeting of AGM will be held at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, 5 April 2023 at Arig House, Diplomatic Area, Manama, Kingdom of Bahrain to discuss the same agenda, and in the absence of a quorum at the second meeting, a third meeting of AGM will be held at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, 12 April 2023 at the same venue to discuss the same agenda.

Al Baraka Islamic Bank, Youth Pioneer Society join hands



The deal signing

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Al Baraka Islamic Bank recently signed a joint cooperation agreement with the Youth Pioneer Society to enable 'Aspire', the newly formed committee to provide Bahraini youth with a dedicated platform to inspire them to take on leadership roles in the society through unique skill development and training programmes.

The signing ceremony took place at Al Baraka headquar-

ters, with the attendance of senior officials from both parties, including Fatema AlAlawi, Chief Retail Officer at Al Baraka Islamic Bank, and Amira Mahmoud, Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the Youth Pioneer Society.

Fatema AlAlawi, Chief Retail Officer at Al Baraka Islamic Bank, said the collaboration will create the right opportunities for delivering distinguished trainings and skills development programmes that will set the standard for

the aspiring Bahrain's youth community, hoping to reap the benefits of this joint effort very soon.

Similarly, Amira Mahmoud, Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the Youth Pioneer Society said that the partnership will help to provide training and educational opportunities for youth, achieve sustainable development related to enhancing the efficiency and skills of the young generation, and contribute to the future progress of the Kingdom of Bahrain.

HSBC voted Bahrain's best bank for trade finance in Euromoney poll

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Businesses in Bahrain have voted HSBC the best bank for trade finance in the country as well as across the Middle East in Euromoney's Trade Finance Survey 2023.

HSBC was recognised in all eight award categories in the region, including the highly coveted Market Leader and Best Service awards, receiving the most votes from thousands of businesses.

HSBC also ranked first globally, with 48 first-place rankings across the Middle East, Asia-Pacific, North America, and Latin America, scoring more than twice as many points as any other bank.

Patricia Gomes, Regional Head of Commercial Banking at HSBC Middle East, North Africa and Turkey (MENAT), stated that this recognition was a reflection of the bank's commitment to providing ex-



Chris Russell, CEO, HSBC Bahrain and Patricia Gomes, Regional Head of Commercial Banking at HSBC Middle East, North Africa and Turkey

cellent service to its customers and its investment in scaling digital trade finance. She also highlighted HSBC's co-creation of the blockchain-based trade finance platform Contour, which has reduced transaction lead times from 5-10 days to 24 hours, and the Digital Receivables Finance portal, which

has reduced waiting times for working capital from 60 days to less than 48 hours.

Chris Russell, CEO of HSBC Bahrain, expressed gratitude to the bank's customers for their continued support and for receiving the award for the fifth time this year in Bahrain.

stc Bahrain to showcase Trees for Life and high-tech Business Centre at BIGS 2023

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For the eighth consecutive year, stc Bahrain will be showcasing Trees for Life achievements and a dedicated high-tech Business Center at one of the top gardening and agriculture shows in the region, the Bahrain International Garden Show 2023 (BIGS).

During the event, stc Bahrain's Business Centre will be equipped with cutting-edge technology to provide exhibitors and participants with seamless connectivity to carry out their required tasks.

The company will be also showcasing its milestone achievements of the "Trees for Life" campaign launched in 2021 in cooperation

with the Supreme Council for the Environment and the Ministry of Municipalities Affairs and Agriculture to support national afforestation plans.

Shaikh Zeyad Al Khalifa, Chief Government Affairs Officer at stc Bahrain, urged the participants to take full advantage of stc's business center and visit the pavilion of the "Trees for Life" campaign and learn about the campaign's goals and achievements.

Under the patronage of His Majesty King Hamad Bin Isa Al Khalifa and with the support of HRH Princess Sabeeka Bint Ibrahim Al Khalifa, Wife of His Majesty and President of (NIAD), BIGS will officially open on March 9th and is organised by the National Initiative for Agricultural Development (NIAD).



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Bahrain Flour Mills Company B.S.C

Invitation to attend the Annual General Meeting of Al-Matahin

The Board of Directors of Bahrain Flour Mills Company (B.S.C.) is pleased to invite the honorable shareholders to attend the company's Annual General Meeting on Tuesday, March 28, 2023, at 11 am in (Awal 3) hall in the Gulf Hotel. In the absence of quorum, a second meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 4, 2023 at the same time and place to discuss and approve the agenda items below. In the absence of quorum on the second date, a third meeting will be scheduled on Tuesday, April 11, 2023 at the same time and place.

Agenda of the Annual General Meeting

1. Review and approve the Minutes of the Previous Annual General Meeting held on 27 March 2022.
2. Discuss and Approve the Board of Directors Report on the Company's Business/ Activities for the year ended 31 December 2022.
3. Listening to the Auditors' report on the financial statements ended 31 December 2022.
4. Discuss and approve the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022.
5. The approval of the Board's recommendation to allocate the Net Profit for the year ended 31 December 2022 as follows:
 - The Distribution of cash dividends to shareholders at 25 fils per share or 25% of the paid-up capital (excluding treasury shares), which is BD 620,639 for the fiscal year ended 31 December 2022:

Event	Date
Cum-Dividend Date (Last day of trading with entitlement to dividends)	29 March 2023
Ex-Dividend Date (First day of trading without entitlement to dividends)	30 March 2023
Record Date (The Day on which all shareholders whose names are on the share register will be entitled to dividends)	2 April 2023
Payment Date (The Day on which the dividends will be paid to the entitled shareholders)	12 April 2023

- Allocation of BD 25,000 for Charity.

- Transfer of BD 776,962 to Retained Earnings before deducting the Board of Directors Remuneration.

6. Approve the recommendation of the Board of Directors' total remuneration amount of BD 60,000 for the fiscal year ended 31 December 2022 subject to the approval of the Ministry of Industry and Commerce.
7. Discuss the Corporate Governance Report for the year ended 31 December 2022 and the Company's compliance with requirements of the CBB and the Ministry of Industry and Commerce.
8. Reporting and Approving transactions that took place during the financial year ended 31 December 2022 with any of the related parties as described in note (23) of the financial statements in line with Article 189 of the Commercial Companies Law.
9. Authorizing the Board of Directors to borrow and obtain facilities from banks or local and non-local financial institutions within the limits of BD 25,000,000 from all banks and financial institutions and all loans or credit facilities.
10. Absolve the Board of Directors from their actions/activities for the year ended 31 December 2022 Financial Statements.
11. Appointment or Re-appointment of the External Auditors for the fiscal year 2023 and authorize the Board of Directors to specify their remuneration.
12. Appointment of five members and electing three members of the Board of Directors for the next three years.
13. Discuss any other business according to Law (207) of the Commercial Companies Law.

Important note to shareholders:

- You can download the financial data for the year ending on December 31, 2022, and the form of power of attorney or delegate to attend the meeting through the company's website: www.bfm.bh. (Financial data is also available on the Bahrain Bourse website)
- The documents relating to the meetings can be obtained from the Company's website: www.bfm.bh.
- Sending the meeting attendance request with a clear copy of the ID card or passport of the shareholder or whoever will represent him in addition to a copy of the authorization card and contact number to the email registry@bahrainclear.com in order to verify the identity of the attendee's description at least 24 hours before the meeting the meeting. For inquiries, you can contact Bahrain Clear Tel: 17108836.
- For any inquiries, you may contact the Shareholders Relations on +973 1772 9984 or email ahmed.b@bfm.bh

Marwan Khalid Tabbara
Chairman

QUOTE OF THE DAY

LIFE IS WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU'RE BUSY MAKING OTHER PLANS
JOHN LENNON

News in brief

◆ **A suicide bomber killed** nine police officers and wounded 16 others yesterday in an attack on their truck in southwestern Pakistan, officials said. Security forces have been battling a years-long insurgency by militants in Balochistan demanding a bigger share of the province's wealth, as well as attacks by the Pakistan Taliban (TTP). "The suicide bomber was riding a motorbike and hit the truck from behind," senior police official Abdul Hai Aamir told AFP. The incident took place near Dhadar, the main town of Kachhi district, about 120 kilometres (75 miles) southeast of Quetta in Balochistan. Photos of the aftermath showed the police truck upside down on the road with its windows shattered. Mehmood Notezai, police chief for Kachhi district, told AFP the officers were returning from a week-long cattle show where they had been providing security.



Pakistan suicide bomber kills nine police officers

◆ **Male students trickled** back to their classes Monday after Afghan universities reopened following a winter break but women remain barred by Taliban authorities. The university ban is one of several restrictions imposed on women since the Taliban stormed back to power in August 2021 and has sparked global outrage -- including across the Muslim world. "It's heartbreaking to see boys going to the university while we have to stay at home," said Rahela, 22, from the central province of Ghor. "This is gender discrimination against girls because Islam allows us to pursue higher education. Nobody should stop us from learning." The Taliban government imposed the ban after accusing women students of ignoring a strict dress code and a requirement to be accompanied by a male relative to and from campus.



Afghan universities reopen but women still barred

◆ **A Lebanese judge** has summoned central bank governor Riad Salameh for questioning next week, a judicial official said yesterday, as the crisis-hit country advances an embezzlement probe parallel to European investigations. Salameh's brother Raja and former assistant Marianne Hoayek have also been summoned in the domestic probe launched in 2021, the official told AFP on condition of anonymity as they were not authorised to discuss the matter with the media. They were charged in Lebanon last month with embezzlement and money laundering, illicit enrichment and tax evasion, which the Salameh brothers have denied. The official said judge Charbel Abu Samra "has set the date of March 15 to question" the three suspects.

Lebanon to quiz embattled central bank chief

CURIOSER & CURIOSER

EX-UK leader Boris Johnson nominates father for knighthood - report



Boris Johnson attends a press conference

London | United Kingdom

Former UK prime minister Boris Johnson has put his father Stanley forward for a knighthood, according to a report yesterday slammed by the Labour opposition as "outrageous". The Times newspaper reported that the former Conservative leader, who left office last September, had nominated Stanley as part of his resignation honours list. The list reportedly includes the nominations of several allies for membership of the House of Lords, where Boris Johnson appointed his younger brother Jo in 2020. "The idea that Boris Johnson is nominating his dad for a knighthood -- you only need to say it to realise just how ridiculous it is," Labour leader Keir Starmer said on LBC Radio. "It's classic of a man like Johnson. I mean, I think the

public will just think this is absolutely outrageous," he said, also querying what Stanley Johnson had done to deserve a knighthood. The reported list poses a political headache for Prime Minister Rishi Sunak, who must sign off on his predecessor's controversial choices and is trying to keep Johnson loyalists on side. Sunak's spokesman said the report was "speculative", while stressing: "Longstanding rules guard the honours process and there are no plans to change that." Asked if she would have a problem with the appointment, senior minister Michelle Donelan told LBC: "I think there are bigger fish to fry, to be honest." Stanley Johnson would be a controversial pick also because of accusations of sexual harassment against two women, and domestic abuse against his former wife -- Boris's mother.

Imran Khan banned from airwaves by Pakistan media watchdog



Supporters of Imran Khan during a protest
AFP | Islamabad

Pakistan TV stations have been banned from broadcasting speeches by former prime minister Imran Khan, the state media watchdog said, the latest hurdle facing the politician as he campaigns for early elections. Khan was routed from office in a no-confidence motion last year and has been pressuring the fragile coalition which replaced him with daily speeches, regular rallies and allegations of corruption. Meanwhile the 70-year-old former cricketing superstar has been tangled in a slew of elaborate legal cases, a frequent fixture in Pakistan's mudslinging politics. Late Sunday, as police attempted to arrest Khan in con-

nection with a corruption case, the Pakistan Electronic Media Regulatory Authority (PEMRA) banned his live speeches and reruns with immediate effect. The order came after Khan addressed hundreds of supporters outside his house. "I am being summoned in fake cases and the nation should know about them," he said. "It will be a bad omen for the country if the nation does not stand against the corrupt rulers." PEMRA said he was "levelling baseless allegations and spreading hate speech... against state institutions and officers" which are "likely to disturb public peace". Hours after the notice, PEMRA also suspended private TV station ARY News, which backs Khan.

Gender gap at work far worse than expected: UN

AFP | Geneva

Women have a harder time accessing work globally than previously thought, while the gender gap in working conditions and pay has barely budged in two decades, the United Nations said yesterday. The UN's International Labour Organization said it had developed a new indicator that does a better job than official unemployment rates at capturing all people without employment that are interested in finding work. "It paints a much bleaker picture of the situation of women in the world of work than the more commonly-used unemployment rate," the ILO said in a statement, two days before International Women's Day. "The new data shows that women still have a much harder time finding a job than men." According to new ILO data, 15 percent of working-age women globally would like to work, but do not have a job, compared to 10.5 percent of men. "This gender gap has remained almost unchanged for two decades," it said. By contrast, official unemployment rates for women and men are very similar. This, ILO said, is because the criteria used to determine if someone should officially be considered unemployed tend to disproportionately exclude women. It pointed out that person-

BETTER YOU KNOW

In 2022, women earned an average of 82% of what men earned, according to a new Pew Research Center analysis of median hourly earnings of both full- and part-time workers. These results are similar to where the pay gap stood in 2002, when women earned 80% as much as men.

al and family responsibilities, including unpaid care work, disproportionately affects women. Such activities, it said, not only often prevent women from working, but also from actively searching for employment or being available to work on short notice, which are criteria for being considered unemployed. The UN labour organisation found that the jobs gap was particularly severe in low-income countries, where nearly a quarter of women were unable to find a job. For men, the corresponding rate was below 17 percent, ILO said. Access to employment is not the only problem. ILO highlighted that women tend to be overrepresented in certain types of vulnerable jobs, including helping out in relatives' businesses rather than being in own-account work.

Britain to present new

AFP | London

Britain's Conservative government is expected to present today a new bill providing for the detention and swift deportation of asylum seekers who illegally enter the country via small boats, according to media reports. Despite Brexit-related promises to tighten control of its borders, Britain has seen a considerable uptick in such arrivals, logging a record 45,000 last year, and



Rishi Sunak

Indonesia lands 15, dozens feared

50 people were missing
Jakarta, Indonesia

At least 15 people were killed and dozens feared missing after torrential rains and landslides battered one of Indonesia's outermost islands bordering the South China Sea, disaster officials said yesterday. Pictures provided by the national disaster mitigation agency (BNPB) showed mud and debris from the landslides had inundated houses near a cliff on the remote Serasan island. Bits of metal torn off roofs and fallen trees were visible. The remoteness of the village



A boy looks at the site of a landslide caused by Bogor

where the landslide struck in the Natuna region of Riau province, combined with poor weather and downed communication lines, complicated rescue efforts, ac-

Biden hails 'breakthrough' S.

Around 780,000 Koreans were conscripted into forced labour by Japan during the 35-year occupation
Washington, United States

The United States applauded plans announced by South Korea to compensate victims of Japan's forced wartime labor, as President Joe Biden yesterday hailed the agreement as a "historic breakthrough" between two American allies. Seoul has looked to forge closer ties with Tokyo as a way to counter nuclear-armed North Korea, and the United States has described its trilateral relations



South Korean protesters hold a rally against to compensate victims of Japan's forced war with South Korea and Japan as central to Indo-Pacific regional stability. "Two of our closest allies, Japan and the Republic of Korea, have

Ex-UK policeman, j

London, United Kingdom

A former UK policeman jailed for life for murder was sentenced to an additional 19 months in prison yesterday for indecent exposure, raising questions about whether he could have been stopped sooner. Wayne Couzens, 50, is already serving a rare whole-life sentence for the kidnap, rape and murder

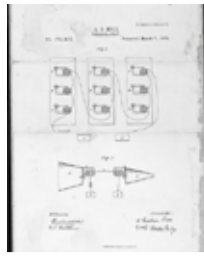
of London woman Sarah Everard after he snatched her off the streets in March 2021. He admitted to indecently exposing himself to other women, in November 2020 and February 2021, and betrayed no emotion as he appeared for his sentencing in London's Old Bailey criminal court via video-link from jail. "Four months after you exposed yourself to me, you raped

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Roman Emperor Antoninus Pius dies and is succeeded by co-Emperors Marcus Aurelius and Lucius Verus, an unprecedented political arrangement in the Roman Empire

1530

English King Henry VIII's divorce request is denied by the Pope



1876

Alexander Graham Bell receives a patent for the telephone in the US

1912

Roald Amundsen announces his discovery of the South Pole (located 14 December 1911)

Legislation to curb migrant boat arrivals

Pressure has mounted on Prime Minister Rishi Sunak to tackle the situation.

The bill to be unveiled Tuesday includes measures facilitating the detention and deportation "as soon as reasonably practicable" of asylum seekers arriving in the country illegally, the Daily Mail reported on Monday.

According to the Mail, the legislation contains a "rights brake",

making asylum claims by those arriving on small boats inadmissible.

The government intends to send at least some deportees to Rwanda under a deal that was struck last year but which had never been applied after running into legal challenges.

People who arrived illegally would also be barred from returning to the UK for life.

Home Secretary Suella Braver-

man on Sunday defended the new legislation, saying in the Sun that Britain "must stop the boats".

"It has to be that if you come here illegally you will be detained and swiftly removed," she said.

"Our laws will be simple in their intention and practice -- the only route to the UK will be a safe and legal route."

Secretary for Northern Ireland Chris Heaton-Harris, meanwhile, said stemming the flow of mi-

grants across the English Channel also "involves proper conversations that are ongoing" with European countries to ensure would-be asylum seekers "are upheld in the first safe country that they come to".

Sunak has made stopping the boats a flagship promise ahead of general elections, for which the opposition Labour Party currently leads in the polls.

Landslide kills 10, 1000 feared missing



Abdul Rahman told AFP, revising an earlier toll.

Riau Islands Disaster Mitigation Agency's spokesperson Junainah added that with the communication network in the affected area -- between Borneo island and peninsular Malaysia -- cut off, it was hard to get the latest information.

"The weather is unpredictable. The wind is strong and the waves are currently high," said the official, who like many Indonesians goes by one name.

A 60-person search and rescue team departed for the disaster-hit area from Penagi port in Natuna Island in the afternoon, BNPB spokesperson Abdul Muhari said in a statement on Monday evening.

According to officials. "We've been updated that 50 people were missing, 15 dead people were evacuated," Natuna Search and Rescue Agency's head

S.African taxman say president's stolen dollars 'undeclared'



South African President Cyril Ramaphosa Johannesburg, South Africa

Tax authorities said yesterday they found no record of half-a-million dollars stolen from South Africa's president being declared at customs, rekindling a scandal threatening Cyril Ramaphosa.

The \$580,000 he has said was payment for 20 buffalo bought by a Sudanese businessman three years ago is at the centre of allegations that almost cost Ramaphosa his job and endanger his chances of securing a second term after next year's elections.

The businessman Hazim Mustafa confirmed he paid cash for animals in interviews with British media.

But the South African Revenue Services said in a statement that "after an extensive search", record of the money having been declared at customs -- as legally required -- "could not be found ... or may not be in existence".

The statement did not name Mustafa directly, referring instead to "a certain traveller".

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It was issued in response to an information request filed by the largest opposition party, the Democratic Alliance (DA), seeking to establish whether the Sudanese businessman had declared the sum upon entering South Africa.

The revelation adds to questions surrounding the 2020 cash theft from Ramaphosa's luxury farmhouse.

His spokesman Vincent Magwenya said, "The obligation to declare the money... was for the buyer to fulfil on arrival and not for the management of the farm during receipt of payment."

The scandal which erupted in June has tarnished Ramaphosa, who was championed as a graft-busting saviour after the corruption-tainted tenure of predecessor Jacob Zuma.

Ramaphosa has acknowledged \$580,000 in cash that was hidden beneath sofa cushions at his residence at the ranch was stolen, and has denied any wrongdoing.

"We now know that the president... had hidden dirty dollars, which had entered the country illegally," said the DA leader John Steenhuisen.

In December, Ramaphosa narrowly escaped a parliamentary vote that could have initiated proceedings to remove him from office over the affair.

Saudi deposits \$5bn in quake-hit Turkey's central bank

Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

Saudi Arabia said yesterday it was depositing \$5 billion in Turkey's central bank, a potentially major boost as the country grapples with inflation and damage from last month's earthquake ahead of presidential elections.

Ahmed Al Khateeb, the Saudi tourism minister and board chairman of the Saudi Fund for Development, signed an agreement with Turkish central bank governor Sahap Kavcioglu "to make a significant \$5 billion deposit", the Saudi government said in a statement.

"This deposit is a testament to the close cooperation and historical ties that exist between the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the Republic of Turkey and its brotherly people," the statement said.

The decision, which will shore up Turkey's foreign reserves and help it combat inflation, was made on the order of King Salman and Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, it said.

Four Americans shot at, kidnapped in northeast Mexico: FBI

Washington, United States

Four American citizens were shot at and kidnapped by armed men after driving across the US border into northeastern Mexico, the FBI said Sunday.

The Americans crossed into Matamoros, in Tamaulipas state, on Friday, driving a white minivan with North Carolina license plates, the US Federal Bureau of Investigation said in a statement released by the US embassy in Mexico.

"Shortly after crossing into Mexico, unidentified gunmen fired upon the passengers in the (minivan). All four Americans were placed in a vehicle and taken from the scene by armed men," the FBI said.

Matamoros, located across the US border from Brownsville, Texas, has been beset by violence linked to drug trafficking and other organized crime.

Korea Japan announcement



secure, and more prosperous future." Earlier, US Secretary of State Antony Blinken said Washington applauded Seoul and Tokyo "for their courage and vision, and call on the international community to join our commendation of this momentous achievement."

South Korea-Japan ties have long been strained over Tokyo's brutal 1910-45 colonial rule of the Korean peninsula.

Around 780,000 Koreans were conscripted into forced labor by Japan during the 35-year occupation, according to data from Seoul, not including women forced into sexual slavery by Japanese troops.

Seoul's plan is to take money from major South Korean companies that benefited from a 1965 reparations deal with Tokyo and use it to compensate victims.

South Korea's announcement of plans to reach a historic breakthrough," Biden said on Twitter. "The United States stands with the people of both nations as we all move towards a safer, more

Jailed for murder, convicted of indecent exposure

and murdered an innocent woman," one of his victims, a female cyclist, said in a statement to the court.

"There were opportunities to identify you and they were not taken. I did not feel that, when I reported your crime, it was taken as seriously as I felt that it should have been," she said.

"The horror of what happened will remain with me for the rest

of my life." The cyclist was unable to confirm to police the registration number of Couzens' car after he stood and exposed himself to her on a country lane in Kent, south-east England.

But the car's details were captured fully on CCTV camera when he again exposed himself to female employees of a fast food restaurant, in the fortnight before he



British police officer Wayne Couzens, 48

attacked Everard.

Getting away with his sexual assaults had only fuelled "a dangerous belief in his invincibility", judge Juliet May said in her sentencing. Since the killing of Everard, other shocking cases involving London police officers have come to light.

David Carrick was jailed for life a month ago, with a minimum term of more than 30 years, for

dozens of rapes and sexual assaults stretching back to 2002.

Carrick and Couzens served at one point in the same armed unit protecting MPs and foreign diplomats.

The government has commissioned an independent inquiry to look into how the officers escaped detection, and London's Metropolitan Police force is pursuing a crackdown in its ranks.



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Civil society, human rights defenders, people with disabilities, women and girls and young people around the world are already on the streets, demanding protection for all human rights, for everyone.

@antonio_guterres

02



Sorry for turning Twitter from nurturing paradise into place that has ... trolls

@elonmusk

03



Technology is positively impacting lives and empowering citizens.

@narendramodi

04



Two of our closest allies, Japan and the Republic of Korea, have reached a historic breakthrough. The United States stands with the people of both nations as we all move towards a safer, more secure, and more prosperous future.

@POTUS

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Aluminium Bahrain

Aluminium Bahrain (Alba) Chief Executive Officer Ali Al Baqali and top officials witnessed the final race of the 2023 Formula 1 Gulf Air Bahrain Grand Prix held on Sunday at the Bahrain International Circuit, marking the opening Formula 1 race of the 2023 season. Baqali noted that the exceptional organization of the F1 event demonstrated the Kingdom's ability to host international-level events. Key clients and suppliers (international and local) were present at Alba's Paddock Club area for the race.



National Bank of Bahrain

During the Bahrain Formula 1 Grand Prix from 3 to 5 March 2023, the National Bank of Bahrain (NBB) welcomed its clients to the Mumtalakat Paddock Lounge at the Bahrain International Circuit, offering a unique networking opportunity with industry leaders and key decision-makers. NBB said it remains a longstanding supporter of large-scale initiatives and national events that serve to drive economic growth and provide a networking platform for local, regional and international entities to engage.

Batelco Platinum Sponsorship of Capacity Middle East 2023

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Batelco, part of the Beyon Group, has announced its platinum sponsorship and participation in Capacity Middle East 2023 taking place from 7-9 March 2023 at the Grand Hyatt Dubai.

Batelco will be showcasing its Global product portfolio, which includes various connectivity solutions, Global Zone, Manama-IX, Cloud Connect, and recent projects launched or set to be launched in the near future. These products provide complete end-to-end solutions for all international connectivity, IP and capacity requirements that meet the needs of business partners and customers.

Hani Askar, Chief Global Business Officer at Batelco, said: "As a platinum sponsor of this event, Batelco's aim is to align and cooperate with key industry players in line with our strategy of being a



Hani Askar - Batelco Chief Global Business Officer

leading communications solutions provider in the region and beyond."

Capacity Middle East is the largest carrier event in the Middle East and focuses on the telecommunications and data centre industries. The event brings together industry leaders, policymakers, and investors from across the region to discuss the latest trends, challenges, and opportunities in the telecoms sector.

Credit Suisse loses a top shareholder

● Harris Associates was the bank's largest shareholder with a 10-percent stake in October

● The Saudi National Bank overtook Harris Associates as Credit Suisse's biggest shareholder last year

Zurich, Switzerland

Credit Suisse has lost one of its biggest shareholders as US investment firm Harris Associates sold its entire stake in the embattled bank, the Financial Times has reported.

Rocked by the implosions of financial firms Greensill and Archegos, Switzerland's second largest bank posted its biggest loss since the 2008 financial cri-



A branch of Swiss banking Credit Suisse during the novel coronavirus COVID-19 outbreak's lockdown

sis last year, at 7.3 billion Swiss francs (\$7.9 billion).

Harris Associates was the bank's largest shareholder with a 10-percent stake in October, but it started to reduce its stake as Credit Suisse launched a major overhaul that includes carving out its investment arm.

A filing at the Swiss stock exchange shows the investment firm's stake fell below three percent in January, but David Herro, the chief investment officer and deputy chair of Harris Associates, told the Financial Times that it has now divested completely from Credit Suisse.

"There is a question about the future of the franchise," Herro was quoted as saying, pointing to 111 billion francs withdrawn by Credit Suisse customers in the final quarter of 2022.

Herro noted that other European lenders are doing well thanks to rising interest rates that have boosted their earnings. "Why go for something that is burning capital when the rest of the sector is now generating it?" Herro said.

He added that restructuring plan had turned out to more costly than Harris Associates had expected.

The Saudi National Bank overtook Harris Associates as Credit Suisse's biggest shareholder last year with a 9.9-percent stake as part of a four-billion-franc fundraising.

Credit Suisse shares were down more than 1.8 percent in afternoon deals on Monday after hitting a historic low last week.

Most regional markets rise; Egypt extends losses

TDT | agencies

Majority of the markets in the Gulf closed higher yesterday, with Dubai leading the gains as the Egyptian index extended losses, Reuters reported.

Oil prices fell yesterday, with Brent crude futures trading down \$1.30, or 1.5%, at \$84.53 a barrel at 1210 GMT.

The benchmark index of Saudi Arabia, TASI, continued its upward trend for a fifth session, closing 0.4% higher. This was mainly driven by gains in the health care and banking sectors, with Dr. Sulaiman Al-Ha-

Closing Bell

SAUDI	▲ 0.4% to 10,448
ABU DHABI	▲ 0.9% to 9,997
DUBAI	▲ 1.1% to 3,456
QATAR	▲ 0.7% to 10,695
EGYPT	▼ 0.1% to 16,804
BAHRAIN	▲ 0.1% to 1,912
OMAN	▼ 0.4% 4,833
KUWAIT	▼ 0.1% to 8,167



the Dubai Financial Market stock exchange in the Gulf emirate

bib Medical Services (4013.SE) increasing by 1.7% and Riyad Bank (1010.SE) climbing by 2.5%.

Dubai's primary share index, DFMGI, rose by 1.1%, with Emaar Development (EMAARDEV.DU)

experiencing its most significant intraday gain ever, surging by 14.9%, and adding 2.9 billion

dirham (\$789.67 million) to the firm's market value. The real estate developer announced a cash dividend of 52 fils per share for the fiscal year 2022. Additionally, the road tolls operator, Salik (SALIK.DU), saw a 4.7% increase.

Abu Dhabi's share index, FT-FADGI, increased by 0.9%, its fifth consecutive positive day, driven by a 1.4% hike in UAE's top lender, First Abu Dhabi Bank (FAB.AD). International Holding Co (IHC) (IHC.AD), a conglomerate, gained 0.8% as it revealed its intention to invest in Presight AI Holding's initial public offering

(IPO). Furthermore, IHC's unit, Alpha Dhabi Holding (ALPHAD-HABLAD), climbed by over 4%.

The Qatari index, QSI, traded after a session's break, increased by 0.7%, with most of its constituent stocks trading in positive territory, including petrochemical maker Industries Qatar (IQCD.QA), which surged by 1.4%.

Egypt's blue-chip index, EGX30, closed slightly lower at 0.1%, extending its losses for a third consecutive session, with Egypt Kuwait Holding (EKHO.CA) dropping by 2.6%.

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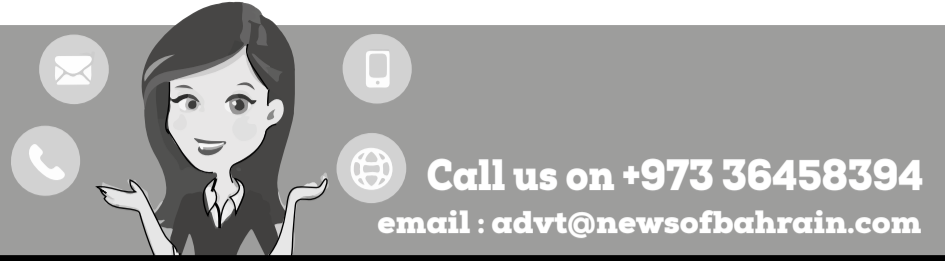
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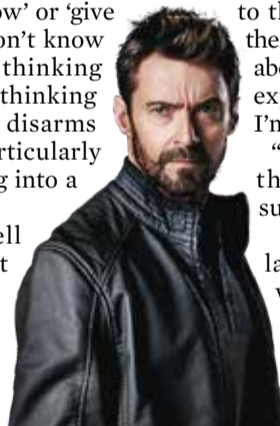
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Hugh Jackman's movie role changed how he speaks to his kids

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Hugh Jackman changed how he speaks to his children after filming 'The Son'. The 54-year-old actor plays the father of a depressed teenager in the Florian Zeller-directed drama movie, and Hugh admits that the role has had a huge impact on him. The Hollywood star - who has Oscar, 22 and Ava, 17, with his wife Deborra-Lee Furness - told Sky News: "I find I'm more often

saying, 'I don't know' or 'give me a second', 'I don't know what to do', 'I'm thinking this, but I'm also thinking that' and it really disarms them, actually, particularly when we're getting into a fight. "And also, to tell them things that I'm feeling that has nothing to do with them, because I don't want them



to think I'm mad with them, and if I'm worried about something else, I explain to them what I'm going through. "So, it's changed things for me, for sure." Hugh was particularly eager to work with Florian after the success of 'The Father', his award-winning

psychological drama film. However, Hugh admitted to being slightly "daunted" by the prospect of starring in the movie. He shared: "I actually reached out to the director, like I chased this one down because I just really, really wanted to play the part. "I loved the story, I love Florian as a filmmaker, as a writer - 'The Father' was incredible and so I was passionate about doing it and also daunted.

Kim Kardashian is ready to date again, but not a celebrity



Kim Kardashian

IANS | Los Angeles

Reality TV star Kim Kardashian is ready to date again but has told her friends she doesn't want a relationship with a celebrity.

The 42-year-old mother of four has asked friends to set her up, but insisted she doesn't want to date any celebrities, reports femalefirst.co.uk.

A source told PEOPLE: "Kim hasn't been dating, but is ready again. She took a breather after Pete (Davidson), but she is interested now. She would love to date someone who isn't famous in Hollywood. She thinks someone in finance would be perfect. "Kim has a lot of things going on that make her happy. She would love to share it all with a partner too."

Thrice-married Kim recently revealed she is open to having more kids and remarrying one day. She said: "I am. I am (such a romantic). I have this fantasy in my head, like fourth's time's a charm, it's gonna - "I feel, like honestly, my last marriage was my first real (one) - the first one, I just don't

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know what was happening. The second one, I felt like I wanted to be married so badly because all my friends were at that place and that's where I should have been, and I didn't accept that that just wasn't where I was and see that that was okay."

"And now, I feel like I would definitely take my time - and I would be okay for a forever partnership as well. I would want a marriage, but I'm so happy to take my time."

Kim was previously married to music producer Damon Thomas from 2000 to 2004, and former NBA player Kris Humphries from 2011 to 2013, although she famously filed for divorce just 72 days after they wed.

'I shouldn't have done it!' Jason Statham reveals worst stunt injuries

Celebretainment | Los Angeles

Jonathan Statham had endured "so many injuries" over the course of his acting career.

The 55-year-old actor has performed a variety of stunts in various action films over the years and has ended up with injuries such as a torn bicep and almost "faceplanted" the ground at a speed of 30mph.

He told Collider: "There have been a couple of situations. I think when we shot 'Crank', we were hanging out of a real helicopter. "A lot of the things we do now - with 'The Expendables' - anytime you're on a helicopter it's usually on a green screen. But with 'Crank', we were actually in a helicopter. We're shooting a fight scene where I was standing on the skids, we have a small pick there. So it was a real stunt, you know, that one was pretty tricky. "There [were] a couple of



Jason Statham

jumps in that movie, over this car park, I was hanging on a gold tail, it's quite almost like a blind jump. There [were] a few things in that gig that were pretty tricky. I did a little jump in the 'Transporter 2', or a jump from the back of a jet ski onto the back of a bus. It wasn't a very safe stunt. I shouldn't have done it, there was no safety wire,

but I just did that. I mean, if I'd have missed the back of the bus, it would have been a faceplant at 30 mph into the concrete. Just silly things that I've done.

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Bangladesh deny England clean sweep

All-round Shakib Al Hasan gives Bangladesh consolation win over England

● **Shakib notches a half-century and four wickets in an ODI for record-breaking fourth time**

AFP | Chittagong

Shakib Al Hasan put in a fine all-round performance as Bangladesh pulled off a consolation 50-run win in the third one-day international against England in Chittagong yesterday.

Shakib top-scored with 75 to guide Bangladesh to 249 runs and then claimed 4-35 to help the home side bowl out England for 196 in 43.1 overs, ending the series 1-2.

This was England's last scheduled ODI until September 8 and gave the defending champions useful practice on tricky South Asian pitches ahead of the ODI



Bangladesh's Shakib Al Hasan (C) greets his teammate Mushfiqur Rahim as England's Chris Woakes (R) and Jofra Archer (2R) gesture

World Cup in India later this year.

Ebadot Hossain and Taijul Islam played their part in the win with 2-38 and 2-52 and Mushfiqur and Najmul chipped in with 70 and 53 runs respectively

with the bat.

Bangladesh had England reeling on 55-3 with quick strikes after Jason Roy and Philip Salt put on 54 runs for the opening stand.

Player-of-the-match Shakib

broke the stand with Salt going for 35 before bowling out Roy for 19 in his next over.

In between his two wickets, Ebadot handed Dawid Malan a duck.



Bangladesh's victory in the third ODI gave them some much-needed confidence ahead of the upcoming T20I series against England, which begins on March 9 in Chittagong

James Vince and Sam Curran staged a recovery with a 49-run stand for the fourth wicket before they were removed by Shakib and Mehidy Hasan Miraz respectively.

Bangladesh then took full control of the game once Taijul had skipper Jos Buttler out leg-before for 26.

Taijul also bowled Adil Rashid before Shakib returned for his final spell to dismiss debutant Rehan Ahmed.

Mehidy took a low catch at midwicket as Shakib completed 300 ODI wickets, the first Bangladeshi to do so.

Shakib thought he had his fifth five-wicket haul in ODI after Jofra Archer was given out lbw but the decision was reversed on review.

Mustafizur ended the fight of Chris Woakes, who made 34 runs, in the next over to end the contest.

Archer earlier picked up 3-35,

Adil Rashid 2-21 and Curran 2-51 as England bowled out Bangladesh, who opted to bat first after winning the toss, in 48.5 overs.

Curran struck early, handing opener Liton Das a duck in the very first over before he dismissed Tamim Iqbal for 11.

Najmul and Mushfiqur shared a 98-run partnership for the third wicket to steady Bangladesh's innings before the former was run out by Buttler.

Rashid bowled Mushfiqur and Archer ended Shakib's 71-ball innings in the penultimate over, wrapping up Bangladesh's innings the next ball.

England handed an ODI debut to 18-year-old leg-spinner Rehan, who finished with a modest 1-62.

The two teams will now play a three-match Twenty20 international series, with the first match scheduled for March 9 in Chittagong.

Alonso hails 'my hero' Stroll as Aston Martin shine in Bahrain

AFP | Manama

Fernando Alonso stormed to a spectacular 99th podium finish of his career in Sunday's season-opening Bahrain Grand Prix before heaping praise on teammate Lance Stroll, describing him as "my hero".

The 41-year-old Spaniard, a two-time world champion who took a two-year break from Formula One before returning in 2021, finished a stunning third for Aston Martin behind the Red Bulls of double world champion Max Verstappen and Sergio Perez.

Starting from fifth on the grid, he had a poor start, but then rolled back the years with a dazzling drive exactly 22 years after he made his Formula One debut at the 2001 Australian Grand Prix in Melbourne.

"First of all, my congrats to my team-mate Lance. Twelve days ago, he had surgery and now he is fighting here right with everybody. It's amazing for the team," said Alonso of his teammate who was sixth on Sunday.

He said it was unreal that Aston Martin, who finished 12th and 17th in last year's Bahrain race, had produced the second fastest car at the



Aston Martin's Fernando Alonso celebrates on the podium

"He's my hero! If you had seen his hand and his feet, you think he cannot race. He is phenomenal and it's inspiring to see his determination and motivation. He deserves a good podium very soon"

FERNANDO ALONSO

opening race.

"It's been a great weekend," he said.

He added that Stroll's gutsy performance and determination to race, just two weeks after cracking both wrists and breaking a toe in a pre-season cycling accident, was inspirational.

'One of our worst days', says Wolff as Hamilton bemoans Mercedes lack of speed

AFP | Manama

Team boss Toto Wolff declared Mercedes had "one of their worst days" in racing on Sunday after Lewis Hamilton and George Russell finished fifth and seventh at the Bahrain Grand Prix.

The Austrian, who on Saturday said his team had to go back to the drawing board and re-design their car, was backed by seven-time champion Hamilton who said the former champions had slipped to become 'the fourth-fastest team.'

In a race dominated by the triumphant Red Bull team, who were first and second with double champion Max Verstappen and Sergio Perez, Fernando Alonso, 41, charged through to finish third on his debut with Aston Martin after outpacing Hamilton.

"They were just quicker than us," said a calm Hamilton. "The Ferraris are quicker than us. We're the fourth-fastest team."

Carlos Sainz finished fourth for Ferrari after team-mate Charles Leclerc's retirement with a power failure, while running third.

"That was one of our worst days in racing. It was not good at all," said a downcast Wolff, the man who had led Mercedes to eight consecutive constructors' championship titles from 2014 to 2021.



Mercedes' Lewis Hamilton competes during the Bahrain F1 Grand Prix

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LEWIS HAMILTON

"We are lacking pace front, right, and centre. The Aston Martins are very fast and the Red Bull is just on a different planet."

"It hurts that they are so far ahead. It reminds me of our best years where we put one second on everyone else. That is the benchmark."

"We need to put one foot in front of the other to come back, but nobody in this team will throw in the towel."

"We need to dig deep, deeper

than we ever have done before. And we can do that..."

The bleak outlook for Mercedes was made worse by the knowledge that, essentially, Aston Martin are a 'customer' team running a Mercedes engine, gearbox and transmission, but in a car designed independently.

With Hamilton, 38, in the final year of his contract after winning six of his seven drivers' titles at Mercedes, facing a dilemma over his own future, the once all-conquering 'silver arrows' have a potential crisis.

That Hamilton was passed by Alonso and Russell by Stroll, in the second Aston Martin, during the race served only to add to Mercedes' pain and stiffen Hamilton's resolve to push for a new concept with their car.

He suggested the team needed to persevere with the existing



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design – which was created for the new 'ground effect' era last year but flopped – while also planning a new one.

"We've just got to keep working," said Hamilton. "We know we're not where we need to be and we know that this isn't the right car."

"It's a difficult one, but I've just got to try and stay positive, keep my head up and keep pushing the guys, keep trying to be a positive light for them and get the best points I can on a weekend."

He added praise for the remarkable job done by Alonso and Aston Martin.

Red Bull have F1 title 'sewn up' after one race, says rival

AFP | Manama

Mercedes driver George Russell believes Red Bull have the 2023 title already "sewn up" after seeing Max Verstappen and Sergio Perez cruise to a one-two finish in the season-opener in Bahrain.

Verstappen, who is attempting to collect a third successive drivers title, won comfortably from pole position at Sakhir with Perez almost 12 seconds behind.

Evergreen former two-time world champion Fernando Alonso was third in an Aston Martin, more than 38 seconds behind Verstappen.

"They have this championship sewn up. I don't think anybody is going to be fighting with them this year," said Russell, who was



Mercedes' British driver George Russell (L) shakes hands with Red Bull Racing's Dutch driver Max Verstappen during a group photo opportunity

seventh, almost a minute off the pace.

"They should win every race is my bet with the performance they've got," he told the BBC after only the first of a record 23

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aces this season.

Russell admitted Ferrari may still pose questions in qualifying but on race day, Red Bull have the speed, power and reliability to thwart their rivals on the grid.

"They have it easy at the moment and they can do what they like," Russell said.

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Equestrian talents shine at Noora bint Hamad dressage championship

HH Shaikha Noora bint Hamad Dressage Championship ends with remarkable performances

● Riders from around the region compete in a dazzling showcase of dressage talent

TDT | Manama

In a grand display of equestrian excellence, the HH Shaikha Noora bint Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa Dressage Championship came to a close after a successful season of competitions that began in December of last year.

The event, held under the auspices and support of HH Shaikha Noora bint Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, Captain of Al Fursan team, saw enthusiastic participation from local stables and jockeys.

The final competition, which crowned a series of championships, was an impressive showcase of the riders' skills as they rode their horses with great poise and control. The high level



Winners celebrate after the event

of competition is a testament to the unwavering support and backing of HH Shaikha Noora bint Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa for this sport.

The championship featured various categories, and the results were nothing short of outstanding. Megan Black took home the top prize in the final round with a score of 75% on Jaranero, while Mohammed Almeabad (70.45%) on Mariscador and Oliver Walter (69.85%)

on Judio took second and third place, respectively. In the preliminary section, Camille Lecat (73.93%) finished first on Solo, followed by Marine Rogier (68.75%) on Fly and Titouan Roger (63.21%) on Arya.

In the seniors' preliminary class, Faisal Moosa (71.25%) emerged victorious on Osborne, with Oliver Walter (70.89%) on Alfie Moon and Keshia Graham (70.54%) on Jairo taking the second and third spots. Reema

Al Jahromi (67.38%) won the juniors' intro section on Capri Color, with Albane Lecat (66.19%) on Solo and Mohammed Ahmed (64.05%) on Bolero taking second and third place, respectively.

The freestyle category was won by Camille Lecat (72.95%) on Solo, followed by Oliver Walter (72.39%) on Alfie Moon and Faisal Moosa (69.43%) on Osborne in second and third place, respectively.



Action from the event

The HH Shaikha Noora bint Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa Dressage Championship was a resounding success, providing a platform for talented jockeys to showcase their skills and compete at the highest level.

The dedication and support of HH Shaikha Noora bint Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa for this sport have undoubtedly helped elevate it to new heights, making it a much-anticipated event in the equestrian community.

Shaw sorry for 'embarrassing' Man Utd collapse at Liverpool

AFP | London

Luke Shaw has apologised for a "completely unacceptable" and "disgraceful" 7-0 loss at Liverpool that he says cannot be allowed to derail Manchester United's season.

A week after winning the League Cup to end a six-year wait for silverware, the Old Trafford giants headed to Merseyside on Sunday full of confidence with talk of a potential quadruple.

But their faint Premier League title hopes vanished in the Anfield annihilation, when United unravelled in a loss that matched their heaviest-ever defeat, conceding six goals in a woeful second half.

"Unacceptable, embarrassing, to be honest," England defender Shaw told MUTV.

"I think out there on the pitch I felt embarrassed for us players, for the fans that were there sup-



Liverpool's Egyptian striker Mohamed Salah (R) reacts as he's held by Manchester United's English defender Luke Shaw (L)

porting us, that were watching at home, to watch that second half.

"I can only apologise for that and us as players have to own it, we have to stand up and accept that it was nowhere near good

enough."

Shaw said he felt standards had dropped since United won the League Cup at Wembley by beating Newcastle in the final.

"We need to find the good things we were doing before and

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LUKE SHAW

bring them back because this hurts a lot," he said.

"It's really unacceptable what we did in that second half with mistakes.

"We showed no personality, no mentality and for a big team to come here we need to be better."

The 27-year-old said the team needed a big debrief yesterday, with a Europa League match against Real Betis looming on Thursday.

Van Dijk excited by Liverpool's new-look attack



Manchester United's English striker Marcus Rashford (R) vies with Liverpool's Dutch defender Virgil van Dijk (L)

AFP | London

Virgil van Dijk says he is excited by Liverpool's new-look forward line after the 7-0 hammering of bitter rivals Manchester United.

January-signing Cody Gakpo and Darwin Nunez, who arrived last June, both scored twice at Anfield on Sunday while Mohamed Salah also grabbed two goals.

With Roberto Firmino, the other goalscorer, set to leave at the end of the season, only Salah remains from the famed frontline that also included Sadio Mane, now at Bayern Munich.

Nunez has scored 14 goals this season while Gakpo has netted four goals since arriving from PSV Eindhoven.

Defender Van Dijk hailed Liverpool's "world-class" strikes at Anfield, describing Gakpo's first goal as "outstand-

"We should not take these results for granted but there are many more games to play in order to get what we want -- in this case that's Champions League football and that's what we focus on

VIRGIL VAN DIJK

ing". "Obviously it's been a difficult time to come in any club, I think, in the winter for any player but he's settling in very well," he said. "It's a very difficult position to play.

"Obviously he learns from one of the best, I think, each and every day with Bobby Firmino. He has to keep going, keep the confidence, keep the belief and stick together.

Djokovic withdraws from Indian Wells Masters: organisers

AFP | Indian Wells

World number one Novak Djokovic has withdrawn from next week's ATP/WTA Indian Wells Masters event, organisers confirmed on Sunday with the Serb barred from entering the country.

Djokovic is unable to enter the United States because he is unvaccinated against Covid-19, but he had petitioned US authorities for special permission to enter.

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The United States still doesn't allow unvaccinated international travellers to enter the country,

with the Transportation Security Administration recently indicating the policy would not change until at least mid-April.

Djokovic's vaccination status saw him deported from Australia shortly before the 2022 Australian Open.

After winning Wimbledon he also missed the US Open last year because of the travel restriction.

He returned to Australia in January, winning the 2023 Australian Open for a record-equaling 22nd Grand Slam singles title.