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# Charles III Era begins

Britain crowns Charles III King and Camilla Queen in UK's first coronation since 1953



HM King and HRH Crown Prince and Prime Minister seated inside Westminster Abbey during King Charles III's coronation



Britain's King Charles III wearing the Imperial state Crown carrying the Sovereign's Orb and Sceptre leaves Westminster Abbey after the Coronation Ceremonies in central London.

● HM King, HRH CP, PM were present in Westminster Abbey

● Charles succeeded his mother Queen Elizabeth in September

● Oldest sovereign yet to be crowned

● Tens of thousands line streets to witness moment of history

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In the largest show of its kind in Britain since the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II, Charles III was crowned the King of Britain and 14 Commonwealth realms yesterday in the presence of about 100 world leaders, including His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and HRH Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, the spiritual leader of the Anglican Church, slowly placed

## HM King congratulates King Charles III, hails close ties

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa yesterday congratulated King Charles III after witnessing the 1,000 years old tradition alongside world leaders in Westminster Abbey.

HM King wished Charles III good health, happiness and continued success in leading the United Kingdom towards further progress, development and achievement- the foundation of which was laid by Queen Elizabeth II. HM King affirmed that Bahrain's participation in the historic and solemn event embodies the bonds of the close ties and unite the two



HM King with Charles III during a reception

royal families and two friendly countries.

Bahrain's participation, HM King said, also solidifies the

strategic bilateral relations and partnership that dates back more than 200 years.

His Majesty said Bahrain is

determined to continue working with King Charles III to support and develop these ties in a way that serves the interests of the two countries and friendly people.

King Charles III thanked HM King for attending the ceremony and his wishes, stressing the depth of the close historical ties between the two kingdoms.

Charles III wished HM King Hamad abundant health and wellness, and the People of Bahrain further progress and prosperity.

HM King and HRH Prince Salman had also participated in a reception hosted on the eve of coronation at Buckingham Palace.

the 360-year-old St Edward's gold Crown on Charles' head as the cries of "God Save the King" burst out from the Westminster Abbey. Just as the King sat upon a 14th-century throne, ceremonial gun salutes blasted across the land and sea while bells pealed in celebrations at churches across the country.

Witnessing the event, besides

the 2,300-strong congregation, was millions around the globe through televised live streaming.

The two-hour ceremony also witnessed the crowning of Camilla, 75, Charles' second wife, as queen in the solemn event that dates back to the time of the 74-year-old's predecessor William the Conqueror in 1066.

Following the ceremony, Brit-

ish Prime Minister, Rishi Sunak, said the processions, the pageantry, the ceremonies, and street parties. "No other country could put on such a dazzling display."

Charles automatically succeeded his mother as king on her death last September, and the coronation is not essential but regarded as a means to le-

gitimise the monarch in a public way. Inside the abbey, bedecked with flowers and flags, politicians and representatives from Commonwealth nations took their seats alongside charity workers and celebrities, including actors Emma Thompson, Maggie Smith, Judi Dench and US singer Katy Perry.

Charles' grandson Prince

The set-piece coronation is the first in Britain in 70 years, and only the second in history to be televised. Charles will be the 40th reigning monarch to be crowned at the central London church since King William I in 1066. Outside the UK, he is also king of 14 other Commonwealth countries, including Australia, Canada and New Zealand.

George and the grandchildren of Camilla acted as pages, and although a Christian service, at the end there was an "unprecedented" greeting from faith leaders.

However, there was no formal role for either Charles' younger son Prince Harry or his brother Prince Andrew. They sat in the third row behind working members of the royal family.



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Congrats galore

## World leaders congratulate Charles III and Camilla

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Leaders in the United States and Europe sent congratulations to Britain's King Charles III and Queen Camilla on their coronation yesterday, while China called for "cooperation" and "peace".



Britain's King Charles III wearing the Imperial state Crown, and Britain's Queen Camilla wearing a modified version of Queen Mary's Crown join other members of the Royal Family on the Buckingham Palace balcony

US hails 'enduring friendship'

US President Joe Biden, whose country was represented at the lavish ceremony in London by First Lady Jill Biden, paid tribute to the "enduring friendship between the US and the UK".

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, accompanied by His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, meeting King Charles III of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and Head of the Commonwealth, during a reception at Buckingham Palace. Yesterday, both HM King and HRH CP, PM took part in the coronation ceremony of Charles III at Westminster Abbey Church. HM the King participated in the ceremony at the invitation of HM King Charles III. It's worth knowing that His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, had also participated in the enthronement ceremonies of His Majesty King Willem-Alexander of the Netherlands in Amsterdam, and His Majesty Emperor Naruhito of Japan in Tokyo. HM the King's Personal Representative, His Highness Shaikh Abdulla bin Hamad Al Khalifa, also attended the inauguration ceremony of President Aleksandar Vucic of Serbia.

# Bahrain-UK ties bound by solid foundations, extended history, says HRH Prince Salman

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HRH Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, hailed yesterday the ties between Bahrain and Britain as robust, based on solid foundations and extended history.

HRH stressed that this strategic dimension of the relationships had strengthened the bilateral cooperation between the two nations and expanded its scope.

The comments came as HRH Prince Salman held talks yesterday with James Cleverly, the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs of the United Kingdom, on the sidelines of his visit



HRH Prince Salman with UK's James Cleverly

to attend the coronation ceremony of King Charles III.

HRH further told Cleverly that Bahrain, under the leadership of HM King, is keen to enhance its partnership with the UK by pursuing high-quality opportunities.

Additionally, HRH Prince Salman conveyed his gratitude to Cleverly for the warm reception Bahrain leaders received during the coronation ceremony of King Charles III of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Head of the Commonwealth.

The two leaders also discussed several issues of mutual concern and reviewed the latest developments on the regional and international stages.

## Foreign Affairs Minister lauds deep-rooted ties with the UK

Separately, Foreign Affairs Minister, Dr Abdullatif bin Rashid Al-Zayani, yesterday lauded the depth of the Bahraini-British ties, which he said will continue to flourish towards more constructive cooperation and solid strategic partnership.

The deep-rooted ties, the minister said, will remain as a model for friendly and allied countries, expressing gratitude to His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and King Charles III for their interest in the boosting bilateral ties.

He also emphasised the need to implement the outcomes of the 15th Bahraini-British Joint Committee meeting

held in Manama in February 2023.

In this regard, the minister applauded the efforts of the two countries' diplomatic missions, led by Shaikh Fawaz bin Mohammed Al Khalifa, Bahrain's ambassador to the UK, and Roderrick Drummond, the UK's ambassador to Bahrain.

He also lauded the progress made in the talks for Free Trade Agreement between the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) countries and the United Kingdom, as well as the decision to exempt Bahraini citizens from entry visas for tourism, treatment, and education purposes, as more than 1,500 Bahraini students are studying in Britain.

## Historic occasion, says Biden

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Biden tweeted that the countries' relationship was "a source of strength for both our peoples" and that he was "proud" his wife could be there for the "historic occasion".

In an interview aired Friday, he said he would meet Charles, 74, in July to talk in particular about environmental issues.

### China urges 'cooperation and peace'

Chinese President Xi Jinping urged the UK to work for "a stable and mutually beneficial... relationship" with his country after recent strains in their relations. "China and Britain, both permanent members of the UN Security Council, should take a long-term and strategic view to jointly promote the historical trend of peace, development and win-win cooperation," he said.

### EU sees 'symbol of stability'

The head of the European Union's executive, European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen, called the coronation "a testament to the enduring strength of the British monarchy".

"A symbol of stability and continuity," von der Leyen tweeted, alongside a picture of her at the pageant-filled ceremony in Westminster Abbey.

EU Council President Charles Michel said the members of the 27-nation bloc, which the UK voted to leave in 2016, "appreciate the king's vast experience to promote understanding and respect" and "his tireless efforts to promote the sustainability of our planet".

### Germany praises climate 'ally'

German Chancellor Olaf Scholz, who is in Kenya for a visit, also welcomed the newly crowned monarch's interest in

tackling climate change.

"(It) is very important that he is someone who is committed to a close cooperation between Great Britain and the European Union, and who also has his own personal agenda to advance climate protection," Scholz said.

### 'Friends of France'

French President Emmanuel Macron, who also attended the London ceremony, sent his "congratulations" to Charles and Camilla, calling them "friends of France".

### 'Best wishes' from Rome

Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni, whose country was represented at the coronation by President Sergio Mattarella, sent her "best wishes to King Charles III, to Queen Camilla and the entire British people".

In a message on social media, she noted the symbolism of the Italian craftsmanship involved in the rare mosaic floor of Westminster Abbey.

She said the ancient "Cosmati pavement" on which the Coronation Chair was placed was "masterfully created" and "there to amaze the world and to recall the historic and fruitful cooperation between Italy and the UK, which we are certain... will further strengthen with King Charles III".

## Barbar Model Garden project reaches 98% completion: minister



Minister Al Mubarak during a tour of the project

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The construction works of Barbar Model Garden are nearly finished, with the project currently at 98% completion, said Wael bin Nasser Al-Mubarak, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Agriculture. The BD434,000 project is part of an integrated recreational project for the people of Barbar to enhance the green cover and promote a healthy lifestyle. The minister was holding a tour of the project site with the Undersecretary

for Municipal Affairs, Shaikh Mohammed bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, the Director General of the Municipality of the Northern Region. The head of the council, Zeina Jassim, and ministry officials.

The project in the Northern Governorate, in Block 526, has a total area of 8484.5 square meters. It has 915 square meters of children's play area, 693 square meters of family area, 2,794 meters of green area, 356 trees, car parks and other facilities, especially for people of determination.

## Traffic records 1,467 truck violations in April

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The General Traffic Department registered a total of 1,467 violations committed by truck drivers during April.

Among these, some were recurrent and resulted in the cancellation of the driver's li-

cence for a period ranging from one to six months.

The violations included over-speeding, running red lights, violating right lane laws, improper overtaking, and non-compliance with time restrictions prohibiting the passage of trucks.

## Register for Hajj by Wednesday

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Bahrainis who wish to perform Hajj have until the 10th of this month to register for this year's pilgrimage, the Head of Bahrain's Hajj delegation said.

According to Sheikh Adnan bin Abdullah Al-Qattan, pilgrims must register their names by Wednesday through one of the licenced campaigns to obtain Hajj permits.

He further stressed that requests received after the deadline will get rejected.

Sheikh Al-Qattan emphasized the importance of feeding the Saudi electronic system with all necessary information and following guidelines established by the Ministry of Hajj in Saudi Arabia. Saudi had earlier said having no limits on the number of pilgrims for the upcoming Hajj season, reversing earlier restrictions prompted by the COVID-19.



Britain's King Charles III (L) and Queen Camilla stand on the Buckingham Palace balcony with grandson Freddy Parker Bowles (R), in London



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## Climate change can hurt you TODAY



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Last year, around this time, an Indian friend mourned that climate change had turned the rain cycle topsy-turvy in his little hometown and ruined the precious short season of Alphonso mango, the pride of the Indian mango season.

But there is an even more sinister reason to fear climate change – the same weather upset that ruins our favourite fruits and foods can also favour the conditions needed by a pathogen particularly in terms of average temperature, precipitation, and relative humidity and positively affect its ability to survive and spread. Mosquitoes and flies will breed more numerous and spread disease, for example. Milder winters and warmer summers make it easier for infectious diseases to expand into new geographic areas and infect more people. To understand climate change's impact, it's important to understand that diseases spread through contact with animals, insects, fungi, and water – and all are impacted by a change in weather.

Sociologically, poverty and displacement are the insidious long-term result of climate change.

If an entire area where people lived before gets water-logged, then how can we expect them to continue to live there? And if crop failure is a constant, then farming communities are likely to shut shop and migrate to cities and urban spaces. Thus, we risk overcrowding of cities and the loss of vital communities which underpin our food security.

The oft-repeated example of small islands submerging under a rising tide of iceberg run-off is not as immediate as these issues, and it put things into perspective for us. Let us all pledge to be mindful of the environment before it is too late.

(Captain Mahmood Al Mahmood is the Editor-in-Chief of The Daily Tribune and the President of the Arab-African Unity Organisation for Relief, Human Rights and Counterterrorism)

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## Diplomats celebrate Europe Day, hails Bahrain's Ukraine stances

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Diplomats residing in Bahrain and GCC member states gathered at the German Ambassador's residence to celebrate Europe Day last Thursday, while terming Bahrain as a driving force for international discussions on peace and reconciliation.

The event was held under the patronage of Dr Shaikh Abdullah bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for Political Affairs, and guests of the European Union.

Dr Shaikh Abdullah praised the Union as one of the most successful organisations in the world, saying that the Kingdom is ready to continue its engagement with all members bilaterally or multilaterally.

Patrick Simonnet, EU Ambassador to Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, and Oman, emphasised the event's significance this year, given the Russian war on Ukraine's year-long duration.



Dr Shaikh Abdulla with members of the diplomatic corps during Europe Day celebration

"We never encourage anyone to choose a side; instead, we ask that they abide by the UN charter and international law," he stressed.

He further emphasised Bahrain's role as a catalyst for international communication, stating that "Europe is your neighbour, partner, and friend."

He described the commemoration of Europe Day was not just about celebrating, but also about establishing a new strategic partnership between Europe, Bahrain, and the Gulf region.

The German Ambassador to Bahrain, Clemens Hach, thanked Bahrain for its stance on Ukraine and highlighted the EU's commitment to assisting Bahrain in maintaining its security, democracy, and inclusiveness.

It's worth knowing that both the Council of Europe and the European Union commemorate Europe Day as a day of peace and solidarity in Europe, on May 5 and May 9, respectively.

Europe Day is an annual observance that commemorates the

formation of the European Union (EU) and the idea of a united Europe. It is celebrated on May 9th each year. The origins of Europe Day date back to 1950, when French foreign minister Robert Schuman delivered a speech in which he proposed the creation of a supranational European institution to oversee the production and distribution of coal and steel. This led to the formation of the European Coal and Steel Community, which later became the precursor to the EU.

# Sudan conflict: Bahrain welcomes Saudi-US led direct talks in Jeddah

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Bahrain yesterday welcomed the Saudi-US-led initiative to hold the first direct talks between Sudanese warring parties in Jeddah.

In a statement, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs said Bahrain backs the efforts to end the conflict and called on all parties in Sudan to demonstrate their commitment to halting the bloodshed.

The statement also called for ensuring protection for civilians and diplomats and facilitating the delivery of humanitarian aid to affected areas.

In a joint statement, the United States and Saudi Arabia said the army and RSF would hold direct discussions in the Saudi city of Jeddah on Saturday, describing them as "pre-negotiation talks".

"Saudi Arabia and the United



Smoke billows in southern Khartoum amid ongoing fighting between the forces of two rival generals in Sudan

States urge both parties to take in consideration the interests of the Sudanese nation and its people and actively engage in the talks toward a ceasefire and end to the conflict," they said.

Saudi Foreign Minister Prince

Faisal bin Farhan confirmed "the presence of representatives" from both sides, but there was no immediate indication that the talks had begun.

Sudanese army spokesman Brigadier General Nabil Abdalla

said the talks were "only over the truce and how it can be correctly implemented to serve the humanitarian side for civilians".



Hundreds of people have been killed since the outbreak of the conflict on April 15 between Sudan's de facto leader Abdel Fattah al-Burhan, who leads the regular army, and his deputy turned rival Mohamed Hamdan Daglo, who commands the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces (RSF).

## Men's appeal rejected, fined BD3,000 for setting election tent on fire

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Four men convicted of setting a candidate's campaign tent on fire during parliamentary and municipal elections had their appeal against a BD3,000 fine rejected by the High Appeals Court.

The court confirmed that the men will have to pay the fine collectively to the victim.

The tent was set up the victim, a common practice during



Representative picture

elections, to host events, interact with voters and highlight electoral agenda.

According to court records, the

four men had premeditated the crime by preparing face masks, gloves, an empty bottle, and a plastic pipe.

They filled the bottle with kerosene and then they headed to the tent. Two of the defendants reportedly monitored the surrounding area of the tent, while the other two set it alight by using the kerosene. However, security guards who reached the scene

immediately after citing the blaze managed to apprehend the first defendant foiling his attempt to flee.

The third defendant was caught soon after, while he was waiting for others to arrive in a nearby parked car.

The second and fourth defendants turned themselves in and admitted to their involvement in the crime.

## India's trailblazing cop Dr Kiran Bedi to give lecture at Indian Embassy

Zahra Ayaz  
TDT | Manama

Kiran Bedi, who became the first woman in India to join the officer ranks of the Indian Police Service (IPS) in 1972, will deliver a lecture tomorrow in the Indian Embassy Hall.

Her visit is in coordination with the Embassy of India and the Indian Ladies Association.

Dr Bedi is famous for her strong



Dr Kiran Bedi

moral principles and reformist approach, which led her to introduce "Art of Living" and yoga classes for hardened criminals at Tihar Jail, one of India's most infamous prisons.

At the age of 73, she served as India's first Woman Deputy Commissioner of Police (New Delhi) and Director-General of Prisons, transforming Tihar Jail into one of South Asia's most improved prisons.

Additionally, she was the first Indian and woman to head the United Nations Police and serve as Police Advisor in the United Nations Department of Peace Operations.

Dr Bedi's lecture will be followed by a community engagement event for women hosted by the Indian Ladies Association.

Monika Srivastava, wife of Indian Ambassador Piyush Srivastava, is the current patron of ILA.

# \$10 million EPIX Cinema opens doors in Dana Mall

Features State-of-the-Art Technology and Luxurious Amenities

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**E**PIX CINEMA, a new \$10 million multiplex in Dana Mall, opened its doors yesterday, boasting a range of first-of-its-kind features for cinema-goers in Bahrain.

With ten screens and 1,125 seats, the cinema offers laser projection, Dolby Atmos 3D surround sound, luxurious seating options, multi-cuisine food and beverage offerings.

The facility, housed inside Lulu Group's Dana Mall, has Mukta A2 Cinemas as its management and operations partner.

The opening ceremony, held under the patronage of the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Infrastructure, Shaikh Khalid Bin Abdulla Al Khalifa, was in the presence of LuLu Group Chairman and Managing Director Yusuff Ali MA, Dadabai Holding Chairman, Abbas Dadabai and Managing Directors Qutub Dadabai and Hatim Dadabai.

Describing the facility as a "stylish" addition to the leisure and entertainment industry, Yusuf Ali emphasised the importance of the entertainment sector as a valuable component of Bahrain's growing tourism industry.

The LuLu Group Chairman also stated that the state-of-the-art cinema located in Dana Mall completes their offerings to the public and positions them as a comprehensive destination for family retail and leisure activities.



Shaikh Khalid cuts the ribbon to open the multiplex in the presence of LuLu group's Yusuff Ali, Dadabai Holding Chairman, Abbas Dadabai and Managing Directors Qutub Dadabai and Hatim Dadabai. Photograph by Ashen Tharaka



Juzer Rupawala, the Director LuLu Group International, and Hatim Dadabai



New Cinema Hall

Besides showing the latest releases in all languages, the cinema offers a variety of luxurious seating options and delicious multi-cuisine food and beverage offerings.

The facility also features Epix Kinder, a playful movie experience for children, and Epix VIP, which provides a new level of cinema luxury.

Epix XL offers a balcony experience with comfortable seating options on the lower and upper levels, as well as laser projection,

Dolby Atmos, and a large screen for a fully immersive movie experience.

Hatim Dadabai, Managing Director of Dadabai Holding, thanked the government, EDB, and LuLu Group for their support.

Dadabai Holding also announced that they would soon launch a first-of-its-kind, state-of-the-art e-sports gaming hub to provide the best gaming experience for the fast-growing e-gaming sector.

## Fitch downgrades Egypt to B, negative outlook

Washington

**F**itch on Friday downgraded Egypt's rating by one notch from B+ to B and attached a negative outlook, hinting that it could downgrade further in coming months due to Egypt's economic woes.

The "external financing risk has increased given high external financing requirements,

constrained external financing conditions and the sensitivity of Egypt's broader financing plan to investor sentiment," the ratings firm said in a statement.

And "all this comes against a background of high uncertainty on the exchange-rate trajectory, and reduced external liquidity buffers.

As such, "we see a risk that a further delayed transition to

a flexible exchange rate will further undermine confidence, and, potentially, delay the IMF programme," the statement said.

At the end of April, the rating agency S&P revised the outlook for Egypt's debt from "stable" to "negative," due to the "significant external financing needs" it anticipates concerning public finances.

Egypt is going through one of

the worst economic crises in its history. In one year, the Egyptian pound has lost half its value against the US dollar, while the country's foreign currency reserves have slid. Cairo secured a loan from the IMF in December, but the US\$3 billion that will be paid to it over almost four years can have limited reach: its debt service alone for 2022-2023 amounts to \$42 billion.

## Adidas posts loss as Kanye West split 'hurts'

Frankfurt, Germany

**G**erman sportswear giant Adidas reported Friday a hefty first-quarter loss, acknowledging its split from controversial US rapper Kanye West was "hurting" its bottom line.

The company booked a net loss of 39 million euros (\$43 m) from January to March, compared to a profit of 482 m euros

in the period a year earlier.

The end of its highly successful Yeezy line, designed in collaboration with West, hit sales by about 400 mn euros in the quarter.

But overall sales were not as bad as feared, with analysts seeing early signs of improving fortunes, and Adidas's share price rose 7.5 percent in the afternoon on the Frankfurt Stock Exchange.

# HSBC defeats proposal to spin off bank's Asia ops

AFP | London

**H**SBBC on Friday overwhelmingly defeated an activist proposal supported by its largest stakeholder, Chinese insurer Ping An, to spin off the bank's Asia business in a search of better returns.

Of the shareholders who voted, more than 80 percent opposed the call to break up the Asia-focused bank, HSBC said in a statement.

The vote took place during HSBC's annual general meeting in Birmingham, central England, which faced disruption from climate protesters.

The AGM came at the end of a week in which the London-headquartered bank posted a surge in quarterly net profit, boosted by rising interest rates and its rescue of the UK arm of failed US lender Silicon Valley Bank.

"A large majority of HSBC



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shareholders voted overwhelmingly to support the board," HSBC chairman Mark Tucker told the meeting.

"That draws a line (under) the debate over the structure of the bank."

Speaking earlier at the meet-

ing, Tucker insisted the proposal to split the bank was not beneficial.

"We concluded that the alternative structural options would materially destroy value for shareholders, including putting your dividends at risk. This remains our unanimous view today," he said.

But Ping An, which owns more than eight percent of HSBC, argued that the lender lags behind international peers and that a recent improvement in performance was tied mainly to rising interest rates, which it claims have peaked.

The US Federal Reserve this week hinted that it would pause a policy of lifting borrowing costs aimed at cooling inflation.

The European Central Bank on Thursday delivered a smaller interest rate increase than recently as higher borrowing costs began to take their toll, but said

it had "more ground to cover" in fighting red-hot price increases.

"It is necessary for HSBC to push for structural reform to fundamentally address HSBC's underlying market competitiveness issues," Michael Huang, chairman and CEO of Ping An Asset Management, said recently.

### Hong Kong HQ?

Ping An had called on HSBC to engage in a "strategic restructuring" that would see it create a separately-listed bank headquartered in Hong Kong.

Huang said the proposal would allow the bank to retain control over a separate Asia business, adding that management had "exaggerated many of the costs and risks" associated with a split.

HSBC was among a number of major banks to cancel dividends

early in the Covid-19 pandemic after an order from the Bank of England, a move that riled some Hong Kong investors.

Some retail investors had cited the dividends cancellation as a reason to back the spin-off proposal.

Friday's shareholder meeting faced disruption from climate protesters, a common feature this year at annual general meetings being held by major UK companies.

"You are happy to profit while the world burns. HSBC stop the greenwash," one protester shouted as the meeting got underway and before security removed some demonstrators.

Environmentalists are pushing for banks to stop funding fossil fuel projects, arguing that while they continue to do, their pledges to help tackle climate change are acts of "greenwashing".



News in brief

**Ukraine says downed hypersonic missile in 'historic' first time**  
Ukraine said yesterday that it had for the first time downed a Russian hypersonic Kinzhal missile during a wave of Russian attacks in the night between last Wednesday and Thursday. Russian President Vladimir Putin, who unveiled the Kinzhal missile in 2018, has termed it "an ideal weapon" that is extremely difficult for missile defences to intercept. "I congratulate the Ukrainian people on the historic event," General Mykola Oleshchuk said on Telegram. "Yes, we shot down the 'unparalleled' Kinzhal" missile.

**Aftershocks shake Japan after quake kills one, destroys homes**  
Japan a day after a powerful earthquake left at least one person dead, with officials assessing damage yesterday from the jolt that destroyed several buildings. The 6.5 magnitude quake hit the central Ishikawa region mid-afternoon on Friday at a depth of 12 kilometres (seven miles), according to the Japan Meteorological Agency. Around 55 aftershocks, some of them strong, had occurred by yesterday morning, the agency said, as it warned that heavy rain could trigger landslides in the area. At least 23 people had been injured, Japan's disaster management agency said yesterday.

**Trump video deposition in civil rape trial made public**  
A video of sworn testimony given by former president Donald Trump in a US rape and defamation lawsuit against him was made public Friday. The footage, some of which was aired in court this week, shows Trump being asked about his infamous comments in the "Access Hollywood" tape leaked before the 2016 election. Trump says during the deposition recorded in October 2022 that his comments that famous people had license to sexually assault women was



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Pasta la vista! Dumped spaghetti piles puzzle US town



Piles of spaghetti are seen dumped beside a creek  
AFP | New Jersey

US police have an unusual case to crack: why were several hundred pounds of pasta illegally dumped next to a stream in a New Jersey town?  
The macaroni mystery unfolded in Old Bridge, near New York City, late last month when a resident posted pictures of the oodles of noodles on Facebook.  
The photos showed no sauce, no parmesan, and no meatballs -- just piles and piles of spaghetti, macaroni and alphabet shapes beside a creek in the woods.  
"Fifteen wheelbarrow loads," to be exact, town business administrator Himanshu Shah said in a statement Friday.  
He said employees from the public works department and police officers were dispatched to the scene after seeing the images circulate online.  
"We would estimate several hundred pounds of uncooked pasta that was removed from the packaging and then dumped along the creek," Shah added.  
That was sure to raise eyebrows in New Jersey, where about 17 percent of the population identifies as having Italian ancestry.  
Workers were able to load all of the food in under an hour and properly dispose of it, he explained.  
"It looks like it was only there for a short time but moisture did start to soften some of the pasta."  
Town business administrator HIMANSHU SHAH

**Local media reported that the town was abuzz with speculation about who might be responsible -- a restaurant perhaps, or a cancelled caterer?**  
Princes Harry and Andrew attended the coronation of King Charles III yesterday but were relegated to the third row of the royal family seating, with no formal role in proceedings.  
Charles's younger son Harry and his American wife Meghan quit royal duties in 2020 and have since unleashed a string of barbed attacks on the monarchy.  
Andrew, the king's eldest brother, has been frozen out over his past association with the disgraced late US financier Jeffrey Epstein and a related sexual abuse allegation which was settled out of court.  
Driven in a state car from Buckingham Palace to Westminster Abbey in London, part of the crowd in a grandstand in front of the palace boomed as Andrew went past.  
Harry, 38, the Duke of Sussex, and 63-year-old Andrew, the Duke of York, arrived at the abbey with other members of the royal family.  
It is the first time Harry has joined his family since subjecting them to a torrent of stinging criticism in his recent memoir

Thousands cheer on Charles III

King Charles' coronation draws tens of thousands braving rain to cheer monarch

Heavy rain fails to dampen crowd's enthusiasm

AFP | London

Thousands of people turned central London red, white and blue yesterday, with a sea of Union Jack flags lining the streets for the coronation of King Charles III.

While the coronation service was itself a sombre and sober affair, a celebratory atmosphere filled the British capital and beyond, despite wet weather.

Crowds across the capital cheered in unison as the crown was placed on King Charles III's head at 12.02 pm (11:02 GMT).

On The Mall outside Buckingham Palace, the most fervent royal fanatics got the party started hours before the ceremony began, with some camping out for days to secure a prime spot for the historic event.



Britain's King Charles III wearing the Imperial state Crown leaves Westminster Abbey after the coronation ceremonies

As the royal procession passed on the way to Westminster Abbey, a forest of arms rose as people captured images of the king with their mobile phones.

Street vendors joined the hardcore supporters in the clamour to see the monarch's golden coach, with one man bellowing out "God Save the King".



Well-wishers wearing masks of members of the Royal Family wait along the route of the 'King's Procession'

"We've been here since five (am)," said proud fan Alison Marshall, as she showed off her video of the procession.

"Good vibe"

At Whitehall, the road leading to Westminster Abbey, crowds cheered and waved flags when the carriage with the king and queen passed by.

Emma Cuthbert, 40, said seeing the procession was "brilliant", adding "I've come a long way to see this, so I'll be staying here all day."

Among the early birds on The Mall was Caryl Hall, 55, and her teenage children.

"I'm excited. There's a good vibe, good atmosphere -- friendly, happy, patriotic," said Hall, draped in a flag with a plastic crown on her head.

"It was hard to wake up the teenagers but this is part of history," added the South African, who was standing on a stool to get a good view.  
Dave Giddings travelled from



Britain's King Charles III and Britain's Camilla, Queen Consort arrive at Westminster Abbey

Scotland with his wife and son. "It's being part of the future. It's an important thing," said the 41-year-old, sporting a gold crown and Union Jack sunglasses.

"History"

Torrential downpours on Friday failed to dampen spirits, with more bad weather forecast throughout yesterday.

Hillary, 72, and her daughter Jo, 47, caught an early train to join the crowds.

"It's living history. He is never going to be the queen (Elizabeth II) but he is our king and today we just want to celebrate," said Hillary, who only gave her first name.

The pair were loaded up with Union Jack hats, flags and picnic chairs, but in true British fashion were worried about the weather forecast.

Many have flown in from abroad, including Christine Wilen, a retired nurse from Niagara Falls in Canada.  
"I made the trip for the coro-



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"It's a great day for the country, I can't wait," he said while holding his phone with a selfie stick for the procession on The Mall.

Helen Rimmer, who travelled from Cumbria, northwest England, on Friday night, secured her spot on Whitehall at 4:45 am.

"It's a very special occasion, especially for our country and the Commonwealth. It's the atmosphere, just everything about it really. It's just a big celebration. It's great."



Britain's King Charles III and Britain's Camilla, Queen Consort travel in the Diamond State Coach, in the 'King's Procession'

UK royals greet crowds from Buckingham Palace balcony

AFP | London

King Charles III and Queen Camilla greeted rain-drenched crowds yesterday with smiles and waves, in two appearances alongside other British royals from the balcony of Buckingham Palace shortly after their coronations.

The newly crowned couple, who emerged to cheers from tens of thousands of onlookers below, were joined by Charles's heir, Prince William, his wife Catherine, and their three children.

Charles's youngest brother, Prince Edward, his wife Sophie, and their two children were also there. His only sister, Princess Anne, also made an appearance.

However, the king's younger son Prince Harry and eldest brother Prince Andrew, were notable absentees from the line-up, with the balcony appearances restricted to working royals only.

Those present were treated to a ceremonial fly-past of military aircraft, which had to be pared back due to the wet weather.



King Charles III and Queen Camilla wave from the Buckingham Palace balcony

After the display had ended and the royals departed the balcony, they reappeared for a briefer second appearance, again to cheers from the crowds.  
Sam Day, who had camped out overnight for the chance to see the family, said it was "definitely worth it" as he had awaited their arrival moments earlier -- "even though the weather did not shine".  
Day said the spectacle made her "proud" and even expressed affection for Harry, whose popularity has plummeted in Britain following his attacks on the monarchy.  
"If he comes back we'd still love him," she added.

It featured an assortment of Royal Air Force helicopters, followed by its Red Arrows display team trailing red, white and blue smoke over the palace and central London.  
After the display had ended and the royals departed

Wagner chief asks Moscow to hand Bakhmut positions to Chechen forces

AFP | Moscow

The chief of the Russian paramilitary group Wagner yesterday asked Moscow to let him hand over his positions in the flashpoint Ukraine city of Bakhmut to Chechen leader Ramzan Kadyrov.

Wagner fighters are leading the battle for Bakhmut, during which rivalries between Prigozhin and the Russian army have come to the surface.

Wagner has spearheaded the grinding, months-long Russian assault on Bakhmut, almost capturing the city in the longest and bloodiest battle of the Russian campaign in Ukraine.

"I ask you to issue a combat order before 00:00 on May 10 concerning the transfer of the positions of the Wagner paramilitary units in Bakhmut and its periphery, to the units of the Akhmat battalion" Yevgeny Prigozhin said in a letter to Defence Minister Sergei Shoigu.

The Akhmat battalion refers to combat units under the command of strongman Kadyrov, who has ruled Russia's Mus-



Wagner fighters at an undisclosed location

lim-majority republic Chechnya for the last decade-and-a-half.

In a series of scathing videos on Friday, Prigozhin blamed Shoigu and Chief of General Staff Valery Gerasimov for "tens of thousands" of killed and wounded Russian fighters in Ukraine.

"Their unprofessionalism is destroying tens of thousands of Russian guys and that is unforgivable," he had said.

Prigozhin said his fighters would be forced to pull out because of an "ammunition famine," adding that the Russian defence ministry had only delivered 32 percent of the required ammunition since October.

Kadyrov later said on Telegram his forces were "ready to move" towards Bakhmut. "The soldiers are on alert, we are just waiting for orders," he said.

Philippines rescues over 1,000 trafficking victims

AFP | Manila

Philippine authorities have rescued over a thousand people from several Asian nations who were trafficked into the country, held captive and forced to run online scams, an official said yesterday.

International alarm has grown in recent months over internet scams in the region often staffed by trafficking victims tricked or coerced into promoting bogus crypto investments.

Michelle Sabino, a spokeswoman for the Philippine national police force's anti-cybercrime group, said officers raided a cluster of buildings Thursday in Mabalacat city, about 90 kilometres north of Manila.

A total of 1,090 people were rescued who had been recruited to run online scams.

Sabino said the victims were forced to target unsuspecting people in the United States, Europe and Canada.

Their passports were confiscated and they were made to work up to 18 hours a day, with salary deductions for interacting with colleagues or taking extended breaks.



Rescued trafficked people from Asian countries wait for their turn to be documented by authorities

brought to their dormitory." The victims were mostly Chinese nationals, Vietnamese, Filipinos and Indonesians, police said in a separate statement.

Authorities also rescued people from Malaysia, Thailand, Taiwan, Myanmar, Hong Kong and Nepal.

Sabino said the workers were trained to entice strangers into buying cryptocurrency or depositing money into bogus bank accounts after establishing fake romantic relationships.

"They will build up a promise of a good future together. Let's buy a house, buy a car, let's invest money or let's do business together," she said.

"You're like a prisoner without a cell. You're not even allowed to talk to your roommates," Sabino told AFP.  
"They're not allowed to leave outside the bounds of the gate. After 18 hours of work, they're

the Russian Investigative Committee, which probes serious crimes, said.  
The explosion took place in the Nizhny Novgorod region east of Moscow, where the writer is from.  
Prilepin, one of Russia's best-known novelists, is a vocal supporter of Moscow's offensive in Ukraine, where he fought alongside pro-Russian separatists in 2014.  
"The famous writer was injured, and the person driving died," the investigative committee said.



Zakhar Prilepin

attack on the Kremlin earlier this week.  
"Today at about 11:00 am (0800 GMT)... an explosive device detonated in an Audi Q7 car carrying Zakhar Prilepin,"

Car blast wounds pro-Kremlin writer, one killed

AFP | London

A car explosion wounded a pro-Kremlin nationalist writer Zakhar Prilepin yesterday and killed one other person, authorities said, the latest in a string of attacks that Russia has blamed on Ukraine.

The blast comes on the heels of alleged drone strikes and sabotage attempts in Russia, which is gearing up for the popular May 9 celebrations of the Soviet victory over the Nazis.

In the most spectacular of the incidents, Russian authorities claim to have thwarted a drone



TOP 4 TWEETS

01



Warmest congratulations to King Charles III and Queen Camilla on their coronation. We are sure that the India-UK relationship will be strengthened further in the coming years.  
@RoyalFamily

@narendramodi

02



Congratulations to King Charles III on his coronation today. The United Arab Emirates and the United Kingdom share a longstanding historical relationship, and we look forward to further enhancing it and taking it to new levels during the reign of the new king.  
@HSHKMohd

03



The Coronation is a testament to the enduring strength of the British monarchy. A symbol of stability and continuity. My congratulations to King Charles III and Queen Camilla.  
@vonderleyen

04



Congratulations to King Charles III and Queen Camilla on their Coronation. The enduring friendship between the U.S. and the U.K. is a source of strength for both our peoples. I am proud the First Lady is representing the United States for this historic occasion.  
@POTUS

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# celebs

## Amber Heard 'quits' Hollywood and moves to Madrid

IAN S | Los Angeles

Actress Amber Heard has reportedly quit Hollywood and moved to Madrid, Spain.

"I can reveal that Heard has quit Hollywood and quietly relocated to Spain with her young daughter Oonagh," the Daily Mail claimed in an article published Thursday, reports pagesix.com.

According to the journalist of the portal, a friend of Heard said: "She's bilingual in Spanish and is happy there, raising her daughter away from all the noise."

The friend also told the outlet that the 37-year-old actress may one day return to Tinseltown.

"I don't think she is in any hurry to return to work or to Hollywood, but she will probably come back when the time is right, for the right project," the friend explained, per the Daily Mail report.

Notably, Heard sold her Yucca Valley, California, home in July 2022 for \$1.1 million.

Since then, she has spent plenty of time in Spain. Last October, the actress was photographed flaunting her bikini body on the beaches of Palma de Mallorca.

Days prior, she was spotted playing with her daughter, Oonagh, 2, at a kids' park during her Spanish getaway. The mom of one

has largely kept her child out of the public eye since welcoming her via surrogate in July 2021.

Heard's alleged move to Spain comes nearly a year after her defamation trial with ex-husband Johnny Depp.

Depp, 59, sued Heard for \$50 million in 2019, claiming she lied about him abusing her only to obtain more money in their divorce settlement.

One year later, his ex-wife countersued him for \$100 million.

The trial ended in June 2022 with the court ordering Heard to pay

Depp \$10 million compensatory damages plus \$350,000 in punitive damages for defaming the 'Cry Baby' actor in a 2018 op-ed piece she wrote for 'The Washington Post'.

Heard later asked the judge to toss the jury's verdict and requested a retrial, claiming that the judgment was not supported by evidence.

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Amber Heard

## Chris Pratt finds Arnold Schwarzenegger's praise 'mind-blowing'

Celebretainment | Los Angeles

Chris Pratt admitted it is "mind-blowing" to have Arnold Schwarzenegger's support.

The 43-year-old actor was thrilled when his father-in-law tweeted last week to say he had "crushed" his performance in 'Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3' because not only does it "mean the world" to be publicly praised by his wife Katherine Schwarzenegger's dad because of their family connection, he was also a huge fan of the 'Terminator' star when he was growing up.

Chris told People magazine: "Arnold's support means the world to me on a couple different levels. Just being his son-in-



Chris Pratt and Arnold Schwarzenegger

law and being part of his family, it obviously means a lot to have his support.

"But then on another level, just being somebody who grew up loving his movies, the big action hero — I dreamed of being Commando and dreamed of being the soldier from 'Predator', and I loved 'Terminator'.

"So him to give me kudos for going out and being on the marquee is really kind of mind-blowing."

Meanwhile Chris — who has Lyla, two, and 11-month-old Eloise with Katherine, and 10-year-old Jack with ex-wife Anna Faris — admitted his spouse hasn't seen many of his movies, other

than 2009 romantic comedy 'Bride Wars'.

He said: "Her favourite movie is 'Bride Wars'. Katherine is a huge fan of 'Bride Wars'. She calls that 'true cinema.' And I think that might be one of the only movies of mine she's seen."

Arnold had heaped praise on his son-in-law's performance as Star-Lord in his latest movie and said he was "very, very proud" of the actor.

He tweeted on Friday: "I saw #GuardiansOfTheGalaxyVol3 last night and WOW @prattprattpratt, you crushed it. A non-stop, perfect mix of comedy and action. I loved it and I'm very, very proud of you. (sic)"

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CHRIS PRATT

## I'm taking acting lessons, says Kim Kardashian

Celebretainment | Los Angeles

Kim Kardashian has started taking acting lessons.

The 42-year-old star has revealed that she's been busily preparing for her upcoming role in 'American Horror Story'.

Asked if she was taking acting lessons, Kim told Variety: "I am, of course. It's a challenge. I like to challenge myself."

Kim is due to begin shooting her scenes later this month.

Kim Kardashian



## Nicolas Cage 'remembers being in his mother's womb'

Celebretainment | Los Angeles

Nicolas Cage's first memory is being inside his mother's womb.

The 59-year-old actor has claimed that he can recall seeing "faces in the dark" while he was still in his mom's womb.

Asked about his earliest childhood memory on 'The Late Show With Stephen Colbert',

the Hollywood star explained: "Let me think. Listen, I know this sounds really far out and I don't know if it's real or not, but sometimes I think I can go all the way back to in-utero and feeling like I could see faces in the dark or something."

"I know that sounds powerfully abstract, but that somehow seems like maybe it happened."

On the other hand, Nicolas

conceded that his supposed memories may have just been triggered by "vocal vibrations".

The actor said: "Now that I am no longer in utero, I would have to imagine it was perhaps vocal vibrations resonating through to me at that stage. That's going way back. I don't know. That comes to mind ... I don't even know if I remember being in utero, but that thought has crossed

my mind."

Nicolas was also asked whether he believes in life after death. The movie star — who has won a host of accolades during his career, including an Academy Award and a Golden Globe — suggested that his "spark" will continue even after he passes away.

He said: "Oh, wow. Nobody really knows, I don't know. "They say that electricity is

forever eternal. That the spark keeps going. I like to think whatever spark is animating our bodies, once the body passes on, that the spark continues to go.

"But whether or not that electricity has consciousness or not, who can really say?"

Nicolas Cage



Andrew Garfield and Daisy Edgar-Jones

## Andrew Garfield, Daisy Edgar-Jones to play Carl Sagan and Ann Druyan in Sebastian Lelio's 'Voyagers'

ANI | Washington

Oscar-winning director Sebastian Lelio will direct Andrew Garfield and Daisy Edgar-Jones in upcoming

"Voyagers". The film revolves around the love story between astronomer and "Contact" author Carl Sagan and documentary producer and director Ann

Druyan. The feature is produced by Ben Browning for Film Nation Entertainment, Lynda Obst, who guided "Contact" to the big screen, and Druyan herself.

According to Variety, "Voyagers" unfolds in 1977 as NASA prepared to launch humanity's first interstellar probes.

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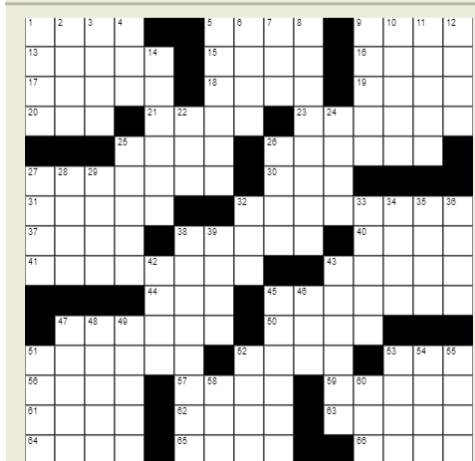
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Yesterday's solution

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# Man City stretch lead at top

Manchester City stretch lead at top despite late scare by Allardyce's Leeds

● Joao Felix finishes off Bournemouth as Lampard finally earns Chelsea win

AFP | London

Manchester City moved a step closer to being crowned Premier League champions with a 2-1 win against Leeds yesterday as Chelsea finally won for the first time under caretaker boss Frank Lampard.

Just hours after the pomp and ceremony of the coronation of King Charles III in London's Westminster Abbey, City underlined their desire to extend their own reign as they chase a fifth Premier League title in six seasons.

Ilkay Gundogan scored City's goals in the first half, before missing a late penalty that set up a tense finale when Rodrigo got one back for Leeds.

City held on to climb four points clear of second placed Arsenal.

In tribute to the King, the na-



Leeds United's US midfielder Weston McKennie (L) fights for the ball with Manchester City's German midfielder Ilkay Gundogan (C)

tional anthem was played before kick-off at all four afternoon Premier League games.

But it is Pep Guardiola who lords it over the Premier League and the City boss is on the brink of a leading his team to a third successive title.

Arsenal can close the gap on City to one point if they win their tricky trip to third placed Newcastle on Sunday.

However, Guardiola's men will

have a game in hand on Arsenal after that fixture and need three wins from their last four matches to be certain of retaining the title.

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Defeat in Sam Allardyce's first match in charge left Leeds one place above the relegation zone on goal difference.



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With Tuesday's Champions League semi-final first leg at Real Madrid on Tuesday in mind, Guardiola made seven changes to his starting line-up.

City went ahead in the 19th minute after pinning Leeds deep inside their own half in a blistering start.

Riyad Mahrez was the catalyst with an incisive pass that picked out Gundogan and the German midfielder netted with a fine low finish from just inside the penalty area.

It was the same pair at the heart of City's second goal eight minutes later.

Mahrez cut his pass back to

Gundogan, who took a touch before sweeping a clinical strike into the far corner from 20 yards.

After Gundogan hit the post with a penalty awarded for Pascal Struijk's foul on Phil Foden, Guardiola was furious that Erling Haaland did not take the spot-kick.

Guardiola's angst grew when Rodrigo punished a mistake from Manuel Akanji to slot home in the 85th minute, but Leeds couldn't complete the comeback.

## Chelsea end losing streak

Chelsea won for first time in Lampard's second spell in charge, beating Bournemouth 3-1 to end a six-match losing streak.

Conor Gallagher headed Chelsea into a ninth minute lead, diverting N'Golo Kante's cross beyond Neto.

Chelsea's fans responded with ironic chants of 'we are staying up' in reference to their unusually low league position.

Matias Vina equalised with a 21st minute curler, but Benoit Badiashile volleyed in Hakim Ziyech's free-kick for his first Chelsea goal in the 82nd minute.

Joao Felix's 86th-minute strike wrapped up Chelsea's first victory in 10 matches in all competitions.

Chelsea are up to 11th place but are still in danger of finishing in the bottom half of the table for the first time since 1996.

Harry Kane moved into second place in the Premier League's all-time scoring list as his goal sealed a 1-0 win against Crystal Palace.

The England captain broke the deadlock in first half stoppage-time with a powerful header from Pedro Porro's cross.

Kane climbed ahead of Wayne Rooney onto 209 Premier League goals, with Alan Shearer's record of 260 in his sights next.

Sixth placed Tottenham are six points adrift of the top four after winning for the first time in five games.

Toti Gomes' first goal for Wolves -- a ninth minute header from Ruben Neves' corner -- sealed a 1-0 win against Aston Villa

In yesterday's late game, Liverpool host Brentford looking to close the gap on fourth placed Manchester United.

## Urawa beat Al Hilal to win Asian Champions League



Al Hilal's Andre Carrillo scores an own goal

AFP | Saitama

Japan's Urawa Red Diamonds won the Asian Champions League after beating Saudi Arabian defending champions Al Hilal 1-0 in yesterday's final second leg for a 2-1 aggregate win.

An own goal by Al Hilal's Andre Carrillo early in the second half gave Urawa their third Asian title in front of almost 55,000 home fans in Saitama, north of Tokyo, following a 1-1 draw in last week's opening leg in Riyadh.

"This is a scene I had only ever dream of before -- I can't believe it," said Urawa captain Hiroki Sakai.

The Japanese side had to withstand fierce first-half pressure from Al Hilal, who were looking to win a record fifth continental title and a third in four seasons.

The decisive moment came when Carrillo turned a header from Urawa's Marius Hoibraten into his own net amid strong wind in the 48th minute, before a determined rear-guard effort from the



The two teams were meeting in the final of Asia's premier club competition for the third time in six years. Urawa won in 2017 but Al Hilal came out on top two years later

home side saw out the result and sent the crowd into delirious celebrations.

"They put us under constant pressure right from the start and it was a difficult game," said Urawa striker Shinzo Koroki, who scored his team's goal in the first leg.

"But in the second half we started to push them back and although we didn't have so many chances, we made it count when we did."

## Booker's 47 propels Suns over Nuggets, Celtics top Sixers

AFP | Los Angeles

Devin Booker scored 47 points and Kevin Durant added 39 as the Phoenix Suns clawed back into their NBA Western Conference semi-final series on Friday with a 121-114 victory over the Denver Nuggets.

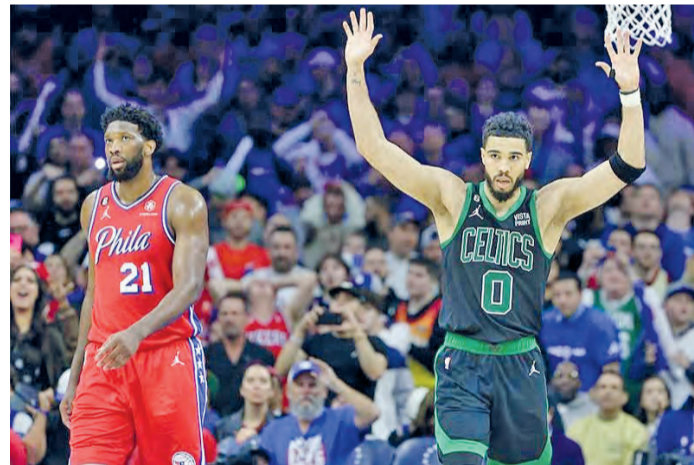
The Suns, who dropped the first two games of the best-of-seven series in Denver, held firm at home despite the injury absence of veteran point guard Chris Paul.

Phoenix were up by 15 at half-time, but the Nuggets -- led by a triple-double of 30 points, 17 rebounds and 17 assists from two-time NBA Most Valuable Player Nikola Jokic -- didn't back down.

They edged ahead three times in the third quarter, but every time the Suns had an answer.

"It's that time of year," said Booker, who added six rebounds, nine assists, three steals and a blocked shot. "We dropped a couple of games on their home floor and we just want to protect ours."

Phoenix scored the first nine points of the fourth quarter and never trailed in the final period as they pulled within 2-1 in the



Boston's Jayson Tatum reacts against Joel Embiid of the Philadelphia 76ers

best-of-seven series.

Durant, who missed eight of his first nine shot attempts, made just 12 of 31 from the field but sunk 14 of 16 free throws and had 11 points in the fourth quarter.

Jamal Murray led Denver's scoring with 32 points and Michael Porter Jr. added 21 and 12 rebounds, but the Nuggets couldn't contain Booker and Durant and the Suns will have a chance to level the series when they host game four today.

In the Eastern Conference, Jayson Tatum scored 27 points to lead six Boston players in

double figures as the Celtics beat the 76ers 114-102 in Philadelphia to take a 2-1 lead in their series.

Jaylen Brown added 23 points and Al Horford scored 17 for the Celtics, who regained home-court advantage with a second straight victory after dropping game one in Boston.

An emotional night in Philadelphia saw Sixers center Joel Embiid accept his Most Valuable Player trophy from NBA commissioner Adam Silver in a pregame ceremony.

Chants of "M-V-P" rang out for Cameroon's Embiid, who celebrated with his parents as

Honestly, he's the main reason why I'm really here. Becoming a father really changed my whole life. I just wanted to show him a good example

JOEL EMBIID

he held his toddler son, Arthur -- who was clad in a "My dad is the MVP" T-shirt.

The Celtics cut short the celebrations, however, powering to a quick 14-4 lead.

Tatum, who scored just seven points in game two, bounced back with a vengeance adding 10 rebounds five assists, two steals and a blocked shot.

The Sixers, however, kept it close and led by one after the first quarter.

Embiid scored 30 points with 13 rebounds and four blocked shots in his second game back from a sprained knee.

But teammates James Harden and Tyrese Maxey struggled. Harden connected on just three of 14 shots on the way to 16 points while Maxey scored 13 points on 4-for-16 shooting.

## Ireland pacer Little takes IPL break for Bangladesh series

AFP | London

Ireland pacer Josh Little will miss the next few Indian Premier League matches for defending champions Gujarat Titans after flying home for national duty, the Indian club said yesterday.

Little, 23, has been named in Ireland's squad for the three-match one-day international series starting in Chelmsford



Josh Little

on May 9.

Little travelled back home fol-

lowing Gujarat's match against Rajasthan Royals in Jaipur on Friday.

The bowler took one wicket while giving away 24 runs off his four overs as Gujarat thumped Rajasthan by nine wickets.

"We wish Josh the best as he heads back to represent Ireland in the ODIs," said Gujarat cricket director Vikram Solanki in a statement.

Solanki said the team looked

forward to welcoming him back once he finished the ODI series.

Little will travel back to India to join the Titans after the third ODI against Bangladesh on May 14.

Gujarat are currently on top of the points table in India's domestic Twenty20 competition.

They take on Lucknow Super Giants on Sunday in their next outing.

# AC Milan down Lazio ahead of Champions League date with Inter

● AC Milan Sink Lazio 2-0

AFP | Milan

AC Milan forced their way back into the Serie A top four with a 2-0 victory over second-place Lazio yesterday in a timely boost ahead of their Champions League semi-final clash with city rivals Inter next week.

Ismael Bennacer pounced on a loose ball in the Lazio area and thrashed his shot home to give the hosts the lead in the 17th minute.

After 29 minutes, wingback Theo Hernandez collected a roll-out from goalkeeper Mike



AC Milan's Theo Hernandez (R) celebrates with AC Milan's Olivier Giroud after scoring

Maignan on the edge of the Milan box.

After shrugging off an early challenge the Frenchman ran



unhindered deep into the Lazio half before thumping a dipping 30-metre shot past Ivan Provedel.

Lazio did not manage a shot on target, although Toma Basic scuffed a close-range chance in

the dying seconds.

Milan overtook Inter, who visited the other Rome team in the evening, to retake fourth place in the table.

The two Milan clubs meet in the first leg of a Champions League semi-final on Wednesday.

Milan seemed to have one eye on that match when they withdrew Rafael Leao after 10 minutes. The winger indicated to the bench that he had a thigh problem and, after a discussion, was replaced.

Lazio stayed second behind newly-crowned champions Napoli but could drop to third if Juventus win away to Atalanta on Sunday.

Earlier yesterday, Genoa ensured an immediate return to the

top flight when they beat visiting Ascoli 2-1 in Serie B.

With two rounds of games left, Genoa moved eight points clear of third-place Bari who drew 1-1 at Modena.

Leaders Frosinone, who had secured promotion the previous week, won 3-1 at Pisa.

The third promotion place will be determined in a playoff involving six teams.

Genoa, coached since December by 40-year-old ex-international Alberto Gilardino, could replace neighbours Sampdoria who are bottom of Serie A and 10 points from safety.

Genoa won the first two Italian league titles in 1898 and 1899 and the last of their nine crowns almost a century ago in 1924.

## Verstappen quickest, Leclerc crashes in 'slippery' Miami practice

AFP | Miami

World champion Max Verstappen of Red Bull set the fastest time in Friday's practice for the Miami Grand Prix while Ferrari's Charles Leclerc suffered a crash into a barrier on a track which several drivers described as "slippery".

After Mercedes enjoyed a 1-2 effort in the opening session, with George Russell leading the way from Lewis Hamilton, Verstappen -- the current championship leader -- responded emphatically with an impressive best lap time of 1:27.930.

Ferrari's Carlos Sainz was 0.385 seconds behind closely followed by his teammate Leclerc, whose session ended early after he went nose first into the barrier at Turn eight.

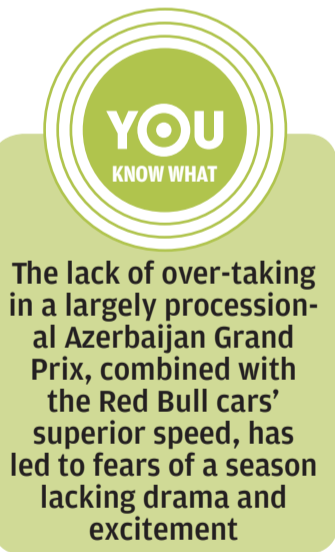
Leclerc left the track on a moped and showed no signs of any side-effects from the incident, which caused a red flag and five-minute delay, frustrating teams who were putting in some longer runs.

Verstappen's second practice, on the newly resurfaced Miami track, was accompanied by regular complaints from the driver about his headrest but the discomfort appeared to have little impact on his performance.

"It was a good day. Initially we were getting used to the track with the new tarmac, it was ramping up a lot throughout



Red Bull Racing's Max Verstappen races during the second practice session



the day. It's still quite slippery off line but on the driving line

it's OK," he said.

"Most importantly today we had good balance in the car so I feel happy. There are still a few things we want to look at overnight, ideally we want to be faster on every corner, which isn't always possible. We'll have to see what the weather will do tomorrow, but overall it's been a positive day," he said.

The weather forecast for the weekend predicts rain but it is more likely to fall on Sunday rather than for yesterday's qualifying.

Verstappen's teammate Sergio Perez, who is just six points behind him in the standings after his win in Baku last week, was fourth fastest ahead of Aston Martin's Fernando Alonso.

Red Bull drivers have domi-



MAX VERSTAPPEN

nated the opening four races of the season with Verstappen and teammate Sergio Perez claiming two victories each.

The lack of over-taking in a largely processionary Azerbaijan Grand Prix, combined with the Red Bull cars' superior speed, has led to fears of a season lacking drama and excitement.

After Russell posted a time of 1:30.125 in the earlier session, with his fellow Briton Hamilton second quickest, 0.212 behind, there was at least some indication that Red Bull might not have it all their own way on Sunday.

But even before the second session, Mercedes team principal Toto Wolff was quick to caution against reading too much into their times.

Hamilton finished seventh in the second session while Russell was down in 15th, 1.286 off Verstappen's pace.

## 'Baby Malinga' leads Chennai to big IPL win over Mumbai



Chennai Super Kings' Matheesha Pathirana (R) delivers a ball

AFP | Chennai

Sri Lanka's Matheesha Pathirana led an inspired pace attack to help Chennai Super Kings hammer Mumbai Indians by six wickets in a clash of IPL heavyweights yesterday.

Pathirana, who is called "Baby Malinga" for his slinging action similar to former Sri Lankan pace ace Lasith Malinga, returned figures of 3-15 to limit five-time winners Mumbai to 139-8 in Chennai.

New Zealand opener Devon Conway made 44 as M.S. Dhoni's Chennai -- four-time IPL champions -- romped home with 14 balls to spare.

Dhoni praised Pathirana, saying, "People who don't have any clean action, batsmen have a difficult time picking it. But his consistency, pace makes him special."

Dhoni advised the youngster to stay away from Test cricket and concentrate on playing "only ICC tournaments with ODIs".

The left-handed Conway put on a strong opening stand of 46 with Ruturaj Gaikwad and moved second in the batting chart with 458 runs behind Royal Challengers Bangalore

### Scorecard

Chennai Super Kings 9140 for 4 (Conway 44, Gaikwad 30, Chawla 2-25) beat Mumbai Indians 139 for 8 (Wadhera 64, Suryakumar 26, Pathirana 3-15) by six wickets

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MS DHONI

skipper Faf du Plessis (466).

The 41-year-old Dhoni hit the winning run at Chennai's M.A. Chidambaram Stadium as fans, who are coming in numbers to cheer the superstar cricketer in what it is expected to be his last IPL season as player, went wild.

Shivam Dube hit an unbeaten 26 off 18 balls as Chennai jumped a spot to second behind table-toppers Gujarat Titans in the 10-team table.

Chennai's bowlers set up victory after they rattled the Mumbai top-order including the key wickets of Cameron Green, out for six after opening the batting, and skipper Rohit Sharma, dismissed for a second successive duck after coming at number three.

The opening pace duo of Deepak Chahar and Tushar Deshpande reduced Mumbai to 3-14 inside three overs before Nehal Wadhera (64) and Suryakumar Yadav (26) attempted to rebuild in their stand of 55.

## Salt hits 87 as Delhi rout Bangalore and ruin Kohli homecoming

AFP | New Delhi

England's Phil Salt hit a blazing 87 to power Delhi Capitals to a thumping seven-wicket victory over Royal Challengers Bangalore in the Indian Premier League yesterday.

Salt struck his second half-century in his debut IPL season to steer Delhi's chase of 182 as the home team won with 20 balls to spare at the Feroz Shah Kotla ground.

Salt, a wicketkeeper-batsman, began with a 60-run stand with skipper David Warner, who hit 22, and then put together 59 runs with Mitchell Marsh, who smashed 26.



Phil Salt of Delhi Capitals plays a shot

### Scorecard

Delhi Capitals 187 for 3 for D (Salt 87) beat Royal Challengers Bangalore 181 for 4 (Kohli 55, Lomror 54\*, Marsh 2-21) by seven wickets

The batting effort trumped Virat Kohli's 55 and an unbeaten 54 by Mahipal Lomror which helped Bangalore to 181-4 after electing to bat first.

Salt got into a mid-pitch exchange with opposition pace bowler Mohammed Siraj and the verbal duel only spurred him to finish with six sixes in his 45-ball knock.

## Life N Style magazine launches second issue featuring HH Shaikh Nasser

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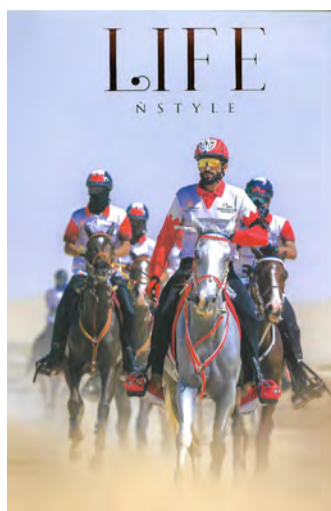
The Life N Style Magazine recently unveiled its second issue, featuring an exclusive interview with His Highness Shaikh Nasser Bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the World Endurance Racing Champion, as the cover story. This issue provides readers with an up-close and personal look into the life of one of the most accomplished endurance athletes in the world.

The magazine's Chairman, Mohammad Mansoor, expressed his delight at having His Highness Shaikh Nasser Bin Hamad Al Khalifa grace the cover of the magazine, describing him as a true inspiration to millions of endurance athletes around the world and young aspiring Bahraini sports people.

The issue was launched by Bahrain Chamber Chairman Sameer Nass, in the presence of several dignitaries and special guests, including Steven C. Bondy, Ambassador of USA, Piyush Srivastav, Ambassador of India, Anne Jalando-On Louis, Ambassador of Philippines and many other VIPs and dignitaries.

The event had a 400-guest strong gathering including several leading businessmen, Parliamentarians, delegates from Ministry of Industry and Commerce, Bahrain Chamber of Commerce, Gulf Air, Bahrain Businesswoman's Society, Bahrain India Society, Bahrain, UAE and Kuwait Cricket Federations and high-profile CEOs.

In addition to the cover story, this edition of Life N Style also features interviews with The Minister of Tourism Fatima Al Sairafi, Tonino Lamborghini of the Lamborghini Group, and Dr. George Cheri-



Life N Style Magazine cover



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Life N Style is a premium quarterly luxury publication that aims to showcase Bahrain's accomplishments, the young Arab voices, the designers, artists, and the diplomats in all their glory for the world to see. The magazine is a platform for the most influential individuals, brands, and businesses in the region.

"We are excited to share this issue with our readers," said Mansoor. "This edition of Life N Style is a delight to read, providing readers with inspiring and informative content. We hope that our readers will enjoy the new issue as much as we enjoyed putting it together."

# Bahrain gearing up for Asian clubs volleyball

Prestigious tournament to be held under the patronage of HH Shaikh Khalid

● **Ahli in Pool A with Korean Air Jumbos Pro-Volleyball Club, Canberra Heat, Jakarta Bhayangkara Presisi**

● **Bahrain representatives to be guided by Tunisian head coach Nezar Al Shakili**

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The 2023 Asian Men's Club Volleyball Championship, set to be hosted by the Kingdom from Sunday next week, is set to be held under the patronage of Supreme Council for Youth and Sports first deputy chairman, General Sports Authority president and Bahrain Olympic Committee chief His Highness Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa.

The tournament, set to feature 16 teams from across the continent, will be taking place until May 21.

It is being organised by the Bahrain Volleyball Association (BVA) in cooperation with the Asian Volleyball Confederation (AVC).

Bahrain volleyball giants Al Ahli are set to compete in the event. They have been drawn in Pool A along with Korean Air Jumbos Pro-Volleyball Club from South Korea, Canberra



The Al Ahli volleyball team

Heat from Australia and Jakarta Bhayangkara Presisi taking from Indonesia.

Pool B is set to feature Shahdab Yazd from Iran, South Gas Sports Club from Iraq, Taichung Bank from Chinese-Taipei and Kam Air from Afghanistan. Pool C comprises Suntory Sunbirds from Japan, Diamond Food Fine Chef-Air Force from Thailand, Bayankhongor Crown Geo VC from Mongolia and Khaypil Sports Club from Yemen. Pool D features Atyrau VC from Kazakhstan, Police Sports Team from Qatar, Aspiring Volleyball Team from Hong Kong and Kuwait Sporting Club from Kuwait.

Ahli are set to be guided in the competition by Tunisian head coach Nezar Al Shakili, a former Bahrain national team tactician.



**The winners of the tournament will qualify for the FIVB Volleyball Men's Club World Championship**

He will be relying on top local stars Naser Anan, Mohammed Anan, Abbas Al Khabbaz, Ali Alsairafi, Sayed Mohammed Alabbar and Mahmood Abdhussain, among others.

Ahli are expected to sign a couple of other players for the tournament before finalising

their roster.

Ahli recently captured the silver medals in the 2023 Crown Prince's Cup Volleyball Tournament, along with the bronze medals in the 2022/2023 Isa bin Rashid Bahrain Volleyball League.

Aside from being a continental championship, the winners of the annual tournament qualify for the FIVB Volleyball Men's Club World Championship.

This year's event will be the second time the Kingdom has staged the competition. It previously held the 2007 edition, which was won by Paykan Tehran of Iran. A Bahrain club has yet to step onto the podium in the tournament.

Last year's competition was also won by Paykan at home, where they defeated Japan's Suntory Sunbirds in the final.

## 2 Seas post row two lockout for British GT Silverstone race

● **2 Seas' Ian Loggie and Jules Gounon to start from third, alongside teammates James Cottingham and Jonny Adam in fourth on the grid**

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Bahraini-British motor racing team 2 Seas Motorsport yesterday locked out the second row on the grid for the third round of the 2023 Intelligent Money British GT Championship, being held this weekend at Silverstone Circuit in the UK.

2 Seas' pairing of Ian Loggie and Jules Gounon in their #1 Mercedes-AMG GT3 car will start from third after clocking a combined time of four minutes 29.060 seconds between them in the day's second practice yesterday. Teammates James Cottingham and Jonny Adam will be right beside them in fourth. They had a team best time of 4:29.067.

This weekend's race is scheduled to take place today at



2 Seas' #1 car in action yesterday at Silverstone

2.20pm, Bahrain time. It will be a three-hour event.

Qualifying was supposed to be held yesterday but was abandoned due to rain. The combined lap times from the practice two thus determined the grid.

Capturing pole were Team Abba Racing's Richard Neary and Sam Neary, who were a mere 0.175 seconds ahead of Loggie and Gounon. RAM Racing's John Ferguson and Raffaele Marciello, who were 0.173s from the leaders.

2 Seas are looking to continue

their fine start to the season in Silverstone. They had previously enjoyed a fantastic double in the opening double-header held at Oulton Park last month, when Adam and Cottingham triumphed in race one and then Loggie and Gounon won race two.

To go with their superb double, 2 Seas also came away with the British GT's all-new Intelligent Money Team of the Weekend Award.

The 2023 British GT season is set to feature nine races in all, to be held over seven meetings.



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Following this weekend's action, the next events will then take place at Donington Park on May 27 and 28, Snetterton on June 17 and 18, Autodromo do Algarve in Portugal on July 22 and 23, Brands Hatch on September 9 and 10, and then Donington Park again for the season-finale on October 21 and 22.

## Evenepoel wins Giro d'Italia opening time trial as Roglic suffers



Soudal - Quick Step's Belgian rider Remco Evenepoel rides along the Costa dei Trabocchi

AFP | Milan

Remco Evenepoel won the first stage of the Giro d'Italia yesterday, speeding over the 19.6km run along the Adriatic coast in 21min 18sec and leaving key rival Primoz Roglic 43 seconds adrift in sixth.

Italy's Filippo Ganna was second at 22sec and Joao Almeida of Portugal was third at 29sec on the long straight route that rarely left the shoreline on the first of 21 stages in the three-week race.

The 23-year-old Sou-

dal-Quick Step rider Evenepoel opted to ride the Giro rather than the Tour de France as it features three individual time-trials at which he excels.

Setting off in his Belgian national time-trial champion's shirt, the world road race and Vuelta a Espana winner did most of the damage in the first 10km.

Ineos rider Tao Geoghegan Hart, the 2020 Giro champion, set a better-than-expected time on the sun-kissed course, some 40sec down in fourth.