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His Highness Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa inaugurates 2022 **BRAVE Internation**al Combat Week in glittering opening ceremony at

Khalifa Sports City arena | **P12**





Dua Lipa says online criticism had a 'massive mental impact'



BUSINESS

Biden bans Russia oil imports to US

India set to resume global commercial flight operations

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India has decided to resume regular international commercial flight operations from March 27 after two years of COVID-19 curbs, the nation's civil aviation ministry said yesterday.

"After having recognised the increased vaccination coverage across the globe and in consultation with the stakeholders, the government of India has decided to resume scheduled commercial international passenger services to/from India from March 27, 2022, i.e. start of Summer Schedule 2022," the ministry in a statement said.

According to the ministry, the ongoing suspension of international flight operations will stay until March 26.

Al Ayam marks 33rd anniversary of publication

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l Ayam, the sister paper $oldsymbol{\Lambda}$ of The Daily Tribune, marked its 33rd anniversary of publication on Monday.

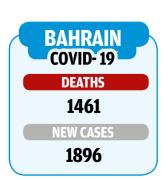
The first issue of the newspaper came out on March 7, 1989.

Marking the occasion, Al Ayam Publishing Corporation has come out with an electronic version of the very first issue, which was printed 33 years ago.

Attack condemned

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 ${f B}$ ahrain strongly condemned the terrorist suicide attack that took place in the city of Sibi in the Balochistan province of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan and targeted a cultural festival, leaving a number of members of the security forces, dead and dozens others injured.



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HH Shaikh Khalid opens **BRAVE** International Combat Week in style

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S upreme Council for Youth and Sports first deputy chairman, General Sports City arena in Isa Town. Authority president and chief His Highness Shaikh ing officials. Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa

tion of BRAVE International under the patronage of HH Combat Week last night in a Shaikh Khalid. glittering opening ceremony held at the Khalifa Sports urday, and it will feature

BRAVE International

inaugurated the 2022 edi- Combat Week is being held

It will continue until Satworld-class events, head-In attendance were a host lined by BRAVE CF 57 and Bahrain Olympic Committee of ministers and high-rank- the inaugural Mixed Martial Arts (MMA) Super Cup.

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HH Shaikh Khalid receives a bouquet of flowers from a young girl at last night's inauguration

We're 'space nation'

Bahrain joins US-led Artemis Accords on peaceful and responsible space exploration

Second Arab country, after UAE, to sign agreement

NASA commends Kingdom for joining global list of signatories

Agencies

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) has lauded Bahrain for becoming the latest nation to sign the US-led Artemis Accords, an international treaty that outlines peaceful and Moon and space in general.

Bill Nelson in a statement posted on its website.



The accords will shape Bahrain's vision for the advancement of space science

space by signing the Artemis Ac- with the United Arab Emirates Artemis programme. cords," said NASA Administrator (UAE), another Artemis Accords signatory."

"This important decision by signatories, the Kingdom also the US, UK, UAE, Japan, Italy, responsible exploration of the Bahrain follows the recent suc- became the second Arab coun- Canada, Australia, Luxembourg, space nation, with plans to decessful launch of the Light-1 try to sign the accords, which "I am so pleased to see Bah- spacecraft, developed by Bah- embrace a common set of princi- zil, Ukraine, Israel, Poland, Mex- and increase research capabilrain has shown its commitment rain's National Space Science ples to guide cooperation among ico and Romania. to the peaceful exploration of Agency (NSSA) in cooperation nations participating in NASA's

> international standards of how 2 for Bahrain. Adding to a growing list of the Moon should be explored

and lists guidelines on activities as part of a joint statement folsuch as mining on the Moon, lowing last week's US-Bahrain releasing scientific data publicly, Strategic Dialogue between transparency with the public on Secretary of State Antony J. policies, and providing emer- Blinken and His Royal Highness gency assistance.

17th nation

the 17th nation, and the third in the Middle East to sign the Artemis Accords, following the UAE and Israel. It is also the eighth man. country to sign it under the Biden-Harris US administration.

Bahrain joins 16 other counthe Artemis Accords, namely surface. South Korea, New Zealand, Bra-velop and launch nanosatellites

NSSA Chief Executive Officer In particular, the accords set the Artemis Accords on March visit to the US last week by HRH

The signing was discussed Minister.

Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister.

Vice President Kamala Har-Interestingly, Bahrain became ris also announced Bahrain's signing of the Artemis Accords during a joint news conference March 4 with HRH Prince Sal-

The UAE signed the agreement in 2020 as a founding country, shortly after announcing that it tries that have already signed was sending a rover to the lunar

Bahrain is also an emerging

It announced that it had Dr Mohamed Al Aseeri signed joined the accords during the the Crown Prince and Prime

Roaming acts for fans

Fun, family-friendly atmosphere at F1 Bahrain GP

Race set from 18 to 20 March

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Magicians, dancers, musi-1 Gulf Air Bahrain Grand Prix elling Fun Fair. 2022, taking place from 18 to 20 Circuit (BIC) in Sakhir.

around the world are all part

tending this year's highly anticipated race weekend, which will have a vibrant, festival-like atmosphere on all three days at BIC's F1 Village vending area.

The colourful and charming roaming characters who will be engaging with fans and putting cal acts and all kinds of a smile on everyone's faces inunique performers complete the clude Katastrofa Clown, Papito, roaming entertainment line-up Pop the Balloon Man, Toy Briat the fast-approaching Formula gade, The Eccentrics and Trav-

Katastrofa Clown is a comedy March at Bahrain International show set to the rhythm of rockand-roll, where the audience be-These entertainers from comes an integral part of the act.

Papito is a fresh and enterof the family-friendly off-track taining act with Latin rhythms, programme that awaits fans at- who dances with happiness and Toy Bridge



constant surprise, and warms the hearts of the people with his performances.

Pop the Balloon Man is an award-winning magician and balloon artist, who is a veteran of the Bahrain Grand Prix and is a fan-favourite amongst race-goers. His work is just as incredible to adults as it is to children, as his incredible skills with a couple of balloons and a balloon pump never fail to amaze.

Toy Brigade is a team of toys that have become life-sized! They include pretty dolls and toy soldiers, and they parade majestically to the awe of spectators.

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