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## 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.

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

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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 inaugurated the 2022 edi-

tion of BRAVE International Combat Week last night in a glittering opening ceremony held at the Khalifa Sports City arena in Isa Town.

In attendance were a host of ministers and high-ranking officials.

BRAVE International Combat Week is being held

under the patronage of HH Shaikh Khalid.

It will continue until Saturday, and it will feature world-class events, headlined by BRAVE CF 57 and 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

## Al Ayam marks 33rd anniversary of publication

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Al Ayam, the sister paper 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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Bahrain 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.

● 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 responsible exploration of the Moon and space in general.

"I am so pleased to see Bahrain has shown its commitment to the peaceful exploration of space by signing the Artemis Accords," said NASA Administrator Bill Nelson in a statement posted on its website.



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

"This important decision by Bahrain follows the recent successful launch of the Light-1 spacecraft, developed by Bahrain's National Space Science Agency (NSSA) in cooperation with the United Arab Emirates (UAE), another Artemis Accords signatory."

Adding to a growing list of

signatories, the Kingdom also became the second Arab country to sign the accords, which embrace a common set of principles to guide cooperation among nations participating in NASA's Artemis programme.

In particular, the accords set international standards of how the Moon should be explored

and lists guidelines on activities such as mining on the Moon, releasing scientific data publicly, transparency with the public on policies, and providing emergency assistance.

### 17th nation

Interestingly, Bahrain became 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 country to sign it under the Biden-Harris US administration.

Bahrain joins 16 other countries that have already signed the Artemis Accords, namely the US, UK, UAE, Japan, Italy, Canada, Australia, Luxembourg, South Korea, New Zealand, Brazil, Ukraine, Israel, Poland, Mexico and Romania.

NSSA Chief Executive Officer Dr Mohamed Al Aseeri signed the Artemis Accords on March 2 for Bahrain.

The signing was discussed

as part of a joint statement following last week's US-Bahrain Strategic Dialogue between Secretary of State Antony J. Blinken and His Royal Highness Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister.

Vice President Kamala Harris also announced Bahrain's signing of the Artemis Accords during a joint news conference March 4 with HRH Prince Salman.

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

Bahrain is also an emerging space nation, with plans to develop and launch nanosatellites and increase research capabilities.

It announced that it had joined the accords during the visit to the US last week by HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister.

## 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, musical acts and all kinds of unique performers complete the roaming entertainment line-up at the fast-approaching Formula 1 Gulf Air Bahrain Grand Prix 2022, taking place from 18 to 20 March at Bahrain International Circuit (BIC) in Sakhir.

These entertainers from around the world are all part of the family-friendly off-track programme that awaits fans at-

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 a smile on everyone's faces include Katastrofa Clown, Papito, Pop the Balloon Man, Toy Brigade, The Eccentrics and Travelling Fun Fair.

Katastrofa Clown is a comedy show set to the rhythm of rock-and-roll, where the audience becomes an integral part of the act.

Papito is a fresh and entertaining act with Latin rhythms, 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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