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HM King stresses safe navigation, trade in talks with US Ambassador

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa issued a strong call for ensuring safe navigation and trade in the region during his discussions yesterday with US Ambassador Steven Bondy.

The meeting, attended by Vice Admiral George Wikoff, Commander of the US Naval Forces Central Command and Fleet, delved into the latest regional and international highlighting their foundation the escalating events in the region.

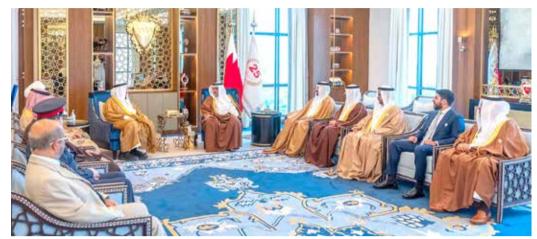
His Majesty the King under- ties with the United States, es- Hamad stated.



HM King holding talks with US Ambassador and Fifth fleet Commander

Commander of the US Fifth scored the strength of the long- pecially in military and defence standing Bahrain-US relations, cooperation.

"This is crucial to advancing developments, particularly of mutual trust, respect, and the interests of both nations coordination. HM praised the and safeguarding navigation progress of the robust bilateral and trade in the region," King



His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister of Bahrain, extended his congratulations to Bahraini pilgrims for performing a safe Hajj. The remarks came during a discussion yesterday at Gudaibiya Palace with Shaikh Adnan bin Abdulla Al Qattan, Undersecretary of the Court of Cassation and Chairman of the Bahrain Pilgrimage Mission, along with members of the High Committee for Hajj and Umrah Affairs. HRH commended the mission members for ensuring a safe pilgrimage for both citizens and residents. HRH Prince Salman also praised Saudi Arabia's dedication, led by the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, and supported by His Royal Highness Prince Mohammed bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister of Saudi Arabia, in facilitating a peaceful and safe pilgrimage for Hajj pilgrims. His Highness Shaikh Mohammed bin Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, and the Minister of Justice, Islamic Affairs and Waqf and Chairman of the High Committee for Hajj and Umrah Affairs, HE Nawaf bin Mohammed Al Maawda, were present.

Modi tells Putin war cannot solve problems



BDF invites volunteers TDT | Manama

Volunteering opportuni-ties are now available for relatives of employees and retirees of the Bahrain Defence Force and the National Guard.

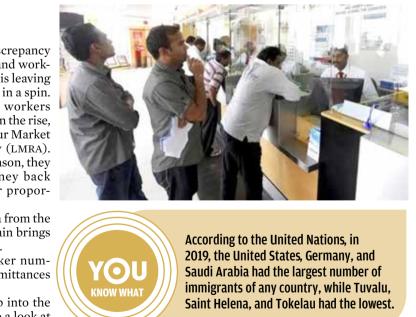
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Remittance mystery

Bahrain sees surge in foreign workers amid decline in outbound money transfers

Mohammed Darwish TDT | Manama

n intriguing discrepancy in remittance and workproportions is leaving financial experts here in a spin. The issue: Foreign workers entering Bahrain are on the rise, according to the Labour Market Regulatory Authority (LMRA). However, for some reason, they are not sending money back home as expected or proportionately. Newly released data from the Central Bank of Bahrain brings this puzzle to the fore. The data says worker numbers have risen, but remittances have dropped. Before delving deep into the reasons, let's first take a look at the figures. According to the CBB, Bah- says the number of foreign rain's central bank, the King- workers rose to 616.1 thousand dom recorded a 2.1% decline in by the end of December 2023. remittances in the first quarter of 2024. Exact figures show expa- to foreign workers in Q4 2023, tors could contribute to this triates sent only 230.7 million marking a 12.2% increase from decline in remittances. Bahraini dinars back home in the same period in 2022. Q1, compared to 235.6 million dinars in the same quarter the previous year. Read this alongside the LMRA report, which recorded a 5.8% workers, experts say, indicates nomic uncertainty. year-on-year increase in the growing economic activity in number of foreign workers reaching Bahrain.



This means a higher proportion of workers may now come from countries with lower average remittance rates.

Last but not least, it could be due to Bahrain's rising living

Government employees invited to apply for 10th Prime Minister's Fellowship



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Applications are now open for the 10th intake of the Prime Minister's Fellowship Programme. Government employees below the managerial level can apply via the PMO's website at www.pmo.gov.bh. The Director General of the Prime Minister's Office, Hamad Yaqoob Al Mahmeed, announced that the programme will accept applications from eligible candidates until August 8, 2024. Successful candidates will participate in a 12-month training programme designed to upskill and reskill them. The programme offers opportunities to learn about public sector decision-making mechanisms, develop plans for government programmes, and connect with current government officials to gain insight into public sector operations and accountability throughout the decision-making process. Al Mahmeed praised the programme's outcomes over the years, highlighting that successful graduates have secured prestigious positions of responsibility across the public sector.

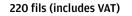
the Bahrain Defence Force invites both male and female candidates to join.

Register your interest at https://www.bdf.bh.

Public institutions to close for Ashura holidav TDT | Manama

All public institutions, in-cluding ministries, will be closed on Tuesday and Wednesday in observance of Ashura.

His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, announced this in a circular issued yesterday regarding the Ashura holiday for the year 1446 AH.





On a year-on-year basis, LMRA to an increase in remittances.

Unfortunately, that didn't happen. But why?

Experts suggest several fac-

Foremost could be the global economic slowdown.

Industry insiders suggest that workers may be sending less The rising number of foreign money back home due to eco-

Yet another possibility is that the composition of the foreign worker population may have changed.

costs. Experts say the high cost of living here may be putting pressure on foreign workers' disposable income.

This means they have less money left to send back home after covering expenses here.

Currency outflow rising!

Despite this reduction in remittances, currency outflow continues to rise amid all this commotion.

This outflow of foreign currencies continues to exert pressure on Bahrain's balance of payments.

Nevertheless, the Kingdom has maintained positive surplus rates, strengthening its position against any increase in external financial obligations.

Construction sector key

The construction sector remains the largest employer of foreign workers in Bahrain, with nearly a quarter of new labor licenses issued in the last quarter of 2023 going to this sector.

This underscores the crucial role that foreign labor plays in supporting the Kingdom's economic development.

In addition. LMRA savs it issued 45,000 new work permits

So, what factors could be causing this?

the Kingdom.

This, as expected, should lead

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Illegal taxi at Bahrain International Airport: Two arrested, vehicles seized

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olice have arrested two Asian nationals for transporting passengers from Bahrain International Airport without taxi permits, seizing the vehicles involved in the operation

The Attorney General and Head of the Traffic Prosecution stated that the Public Prosecution received reports from the General Traffic Directorate about the illegal taxi drivers.

During interrogation, the suspects confessed to their crimes when confronted with evidence. Prosecutors have ordered their pre-trial detention pending in- Representative picture



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The Head of the Prosecution emphasized the importance of adhering to legislation regulating passenger transport activities, which mandates obtaining the necessary licenses from relevant authorities.

Lieutenant-General Adel bin Khalifa bin Hamad Al **Fadhel Appointed Deputy** Minister of Interior

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ieutenant-General Adel ⊿bin Khalifa bin Hamad Al Fadhel has been appointed Deputy Minister of Interior, effective August 1, 2024

By Decree No. (64) of 2024, approved by His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and the Council of Ministers, Lieutenant-General Al Fadhel assumes the rank of Minister.

Al Fadhel will serve as Deputy Minister of Interior, deputizing in the Minister's absence, with the Interior Minister specifying his responsibilities and authority.



Lieutenant-General Adel bin Khalifa hin Hamad Al Fadhel

Unemployment insurance not for legislators, Government clarifies

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nemployment insurance is not for members of the legislative authority, municipal councils, and the Capital Municipality Council, clarifies the government of Bahrain.

This assertion follows questioning of a proposal suggesting a 1% deduction from their salaries for such insurance.

According to official explanations, these members do not fall under work-related injury insurance or the Social Insurance Law, which are prerequisites for eligibility under Bahraini retirement systems. Therefore, they are deemed ineligible for unemployment insurance benefits.

The disagreement arose in response to a draft parliamentary law aimed at implementing the proposed deduction.

The government argues that this draft law contradicts the Representative picture



the Social Insurance Law, which are prerequisites for eligibility under Bahraini retirement systems. fundamental principles and pro- including:

visions of Decree Law No. 78 of ployment insurance system.

seekers" who are entitled to the Social Insurance Law. visions of this law, even if they ployment insurance system. were a vocational student, or under training."

Civil employees working for 2006, which governs the unem- the government and public legal persons covered by work-related This law defines beneficiar- injury insurance, as well as priies as "insured or first-time job vate sector workers covered by

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unemployment compensation Moreover, the government ment underscores the need for under specific conditions. It also raises concerns about the draft each legislative text to uphold defines "insured" individuals as law's alignment with the tech-'workers covered by the pro- nical foundations of the unem-

sis for assessing unemployment the established framework, Article 2 of the law further risks and determining funding potentially compromising the specifies the categories eligible sources and benefits. The pro- system's effectiveness and susfor unemployment insurance, posed deduction, it argues, could tainability.

disrupt these calculations and potentially jeopardize the financial stability of the system.

Emphasizing the importance of preserving the integrity and coherence of the unemployment insurance system, the governits specific role. Introducing the proposed deduction, it contends, would introduce unnecessary Actuarial studies form the ba- complications and deviate from

4,000 scholarships and grants for top-scoring graduates

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m ahraini}$ graduates scoring over 90% during the 2023-2024 academic year can apply for 4,000 scholarships and grants, announced Education Minister Dr. Mohammed bin Mubarak Juma.

Those with averages of 95% or higher qualify for 1,600 scholarships, while those scoring Education Minister Dr. Mohammed bin scholarships are now available WhatsApp at 17278236 during between 90% and 94.9% are eligible for approximately 2,400 ed six scholarships for studies in ment to awarding scholarships Engineering. to students with a GPA of 95% they meet admission criteria.



Mubarak Juma

grants, solely based on their the USA and UK, including two at track students, offering opporphasized the ministry's commit- turing, Automation, and Control

Those with averages of 95% or higher qualify for 1,600 scholarships, while those scoring between 90% and 94.9% are eligible for approximately 2,400 grants, solely based on their cumulative GPA.

for theatre and music studies working hours, or email isd. in Kuwait for Arts and Literary helpdesk@moe.bh. cumulative GPA. Dr. Juma em- Indiana University in Manufac- tunities in prestigious artistic must submit completed forms institutes.

In collaboration with the La- 8:00 AM until Saturday on www. acceptance, within two months or more if they choose to study bour Fund (Tamkeen), nursing moe.gov.bh or www.bahrain. of acceptance. For more deat the University of Bahrain or scholarships increased from bh. For inquiries, contact the tails, call 17873046, 17875177, Bahrain Polytechnic, provided 120 to 300 this year, covering Information Systems Directo- 17896721, or 17875151 from 8:00 fields like medicine, engineer- rate - User Service at 17278236, AM to 1:00 PM on official work-This year, the ministry grant- ing, and others. Additionally, 17278892, 17278269, or via ing days.

Students seeking grants to new_grants_2024@moe.bh Applications open today at immediately after university



His Majesty the King of Malaysia, Sultan Ibrahim ibni Almarhum Sultan Iskandar, officially welcomed Dr Waleed Khalifa Al Manea as Bahrain's Ambassador to Malaysia during a ceremony at the Royal Palace (Istana Negara) in Kuala Lumpur. Dr Al Manea conveyed greetings from His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, emphasizing the significance of bolstering the longstanding bilateral relations and enhancing them further.

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Allow internships in private hospitals for medicos

Parliamentary Bloc urges reforms to expedite medical internships

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ecoming a doctor is like a dream come true for many

However, several here says it's not that easy especially if you had chosen to get the medical degree from a university abroad.

For the first step to obtaining a licence here is completing mandatory internship year. Seems simple, but those who

had gone through it says otherwise.

Several are still waiting, with not solution in sight and not job. Now a Parliamentary Progressive Bloc (Taqadum) has come up with a solution.

They say the government



tistics, Bahrain has a network of seven publicly run hospitals and 22 private hospitals.

Include private sector hospitals. This should solve the crisis, they say.

should create additional oppor- workforce through internships tunities for them to get their in government hospitals. mandatory practical experience

tals. This should solve the crisis, mix, making the health sector shortages in specific medical further strong.

To translate this proposal into Led by Deputy Speaker Abdulaction, the block says, the Min- nabi Salman, Eman Showaiter, aims to alleviate the financial to actively engaging with the istry of Health and government and Dr. Mahdi Al Showaikh, the burden on families who often hospitals should revisit the cur- parliamentary bloc's proposed bear the cost of sending their ment hospitals on this issue. amendment aims to streamline children abroad to fulfill intern-Graduates from local univer- the internship process for young ship requirements. sities typically glide into the doctors, saving them valuable

specialties.

Additionally, the amendment

A policy shift would help the time and enabling them to gain ates from Arab and foreign uni-Kingdom bring the talents of practical experience. This in-versities are currently awaiting Include private sector hospi- those studies abroad into the itiative also seeks to address opportunities to complete their mandatory internship year in government hospitals.

Tagadum said it is committed Ministry of Health and govern-

They are optimistic that collaboration with private sector smoother transition into their Many recent medical gradu- hospitals can ensure all gradu- medical careers.

Amendment aims to streamline the internship process for young doctors, saving them valuable time and enabling them to gain practical experience. This *initiative also* seeks to address shortages in specific medical specialties.

ating doctors promptly complete their internships, facilitating a

High Appeals Court reviews case of man charged with severing fingers in brutal assault

rent internship policy.

to licence.

they say.

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The High Appeals Court has opened hearings on the appeal of an Asian man convict-



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ed of a brutal assault that left a garage worker permanently disabled.

The man allegedly slammed an iron door shut on his hand during a fight, with the victim loosing two of his fingers.

Judges will hear the case on the 14th of this month.

The chilling incident was reported from Salmabad on March 1st, 2024, where the victim recounted a sudden and vicious attack.

"I was just talking to him," the victim recalled, "when he struck me, driving me into a nearby garage in an attempt to flee. But he pulled me back, slamming the iron door on my hand, severing two of my fingers. He didn't stop there—he continued beating me until others intervened."

An eyewitness, an Arab worker, corroborated the victim's account, detailing how the assailant pursued the victim into the garage and ruthlessly assaulted him.

"The defendant grabbed him hand. and slammed the iron door shut

Representative picture

fusely, with two fingers severed. while the defendant continued to kick him."

During the investigation, the intrigue to the case. defendant admitted to the assault, confessing to forcefully closing the door on the victim's fendant hangs in the balance,

on his hand," the witness testi- sequently charged him with verdict or issue a new ruling in fied, "causing severe injuries. severe assault, resulting in a this harrowing tale of violence I saw the victim bleeding pro- forensic report indicating a 13% and justice.

permanent disability for the victim. The motive behind the attack remains unclear, adding

As the High Appeals Court deliberates, the fate of the dewith the court set to determine The Public Prosecution sub- whether to uphold the initial

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Investigators uncover BD 54,000 embezzlement mystery at GAA

High Criminal Court adjourns case to July 22nd for cross-examination of accounting expert report

The legal drama unfolding at the High Criminal Court has taken a short pause for hearing accounting expert.

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he Gulf Aviation Academy is pursuing legal action against one of its own -a Bahraini employee-accused of orchestrating a sophisticated financial heist amounting to for hearing accounting expert. BD54,000 from its trainee fund.



The judge adjourned proceedfolding at the High Criminal from an accounting expert sum-

As the trial progresses, the courtroom awaits the testimony of academy officials and financial specialists-key witnesses poised to shed light on this gripping tale of betrayal and financial intrigue that has shaken the Gulf Aviation Academy

discrepancies.

Scheduled for interrogation

held in GAA's bank account.

Earlier, a damning report un-

uary 2021 to April 2022. Shock- tax entry vanishing without a ingly, BD52,714.811 of academy funds had vanished into thin air, absent from any bank deposit intended for GAA's trainee prorecords.

of BD 60,000 without a corre- Triggered by a complaint to the sponding balance, BD 54,000 Financial Crimes and Money with a verified balance, and BD Laundering Prosecution, au-54,000 that could not be accounted for.

The expert expressed a keen interest in addressing the status by the defendant. of the BD 60,000 held in the bank account.

Further revelations also brought to light manipulation bezzling BD54,000 from trainee within the academy's financial funds, manipulating electronic For now, the legal drama un- ings, awaiting crucial insights later this month, the expert's tes- veiled by the court-appointed systems-balances deleted, re- records to mask the crime, and timony promises to unravel the accountant detailed a trail of placements issued, and dates meticulously erasing all traces Court has taken a short pause moned to decipher the financial mysteries shrouding BD60,000 fiscal deceit spanning from Jan- altered, with even a suspicious of wrongdoing.

Bahrain will host this qualify-

ing event for the 2025 World

Aquatics Championships in

Singapore. The board reviewed

and approved preparations,

including the organisational

structure of the Supreme Or-

ganising Committee, headed

by Faris Mustafa Al Kooheji. A

swimming pool for the event.

trace.

The missing funds, crucially grammes, sparked outrage and The report revealed a surplus led to a swift legal escalation. thorities swiftly moved to investigate, unearthing a web of deception meticulously woven

Prosecutors asserted their evidence pointed unequivocally to the defendant's guilt-em-

Shaikh Khalid inaugurates Onyx Rotana Hotel



The inauguration

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Shaikh Khalid bin Abdul-lah Al Khalifa, the Deputy Prime Minister, inaugurated the Onyx Rotana Hotel in Bahrain Bay yesterday.

The ceremony was attended by ministers, officials, and guests. Abdulghaffar Al Koo- bint Jaffar Al Sairafi emphaheji, Chairman of Kooheji De- sized the importance of private



Shaikh Khalid highlighted the inauguration as a significant milestone for Bahrain's hotel and real estate development sectors, enhancing family tourism facilities. He also toured the hotel and its amenities.

Tourism Minister Fatima velopment, and Mohammed Al sector contributions in achiev-

BOC to launch online store, announces new initiatives

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he Bahrain Olympic Committee (BOC), chaired by His Highness Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa, is set to launch an online store soon, offering officially approved sports kits and equipment. His Highness Shaikh Khalid, who also serves as the First Deputy Chairman of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports (SCYS), Chairman of the General Sports Authority (GSA), and President of BOC, made the announcement during the fifth board meeting held at Al Wadi Palace.

In addition, the BOC has approved Bahrain's hosting of the first-ever International Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) for the International School Executive Committee meeting Games scheduled for October. in 2025.

During the meeting, His of the School Olympiad: Up-Highness Shaikh Khalid praised coming arrangements. the efforts of the board members and the executive body, led by BOC Secretary General Faris Initiatives Mustafa Al Kooheji.



His Highness Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa

Key topics discussed included:

Paris Olympics 2024: Updates on Bahrain's participation.

ISF Gymnasiade Bahrain 2024: Preparations Sixth Edition

Upcoming Events and

Games 2024:

The BOC approved participation in the 6th edition of these games, to be held in Thailand in November 2024. Redha Manfredi was appointed as the Director of Bahrain's delegation.

Arab Women's Games 2025: The BOC approved Bahrain's participation and directed the Olympic Committee to assess the readiness of national federations for the event.

Other Approvals

National Centre for Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation: The BOC board approved the formation of a medical committee, headed by Fares Thulfiqar Noureddine, to manage treatment requests from athletes.

Olympic Academy:

Plans to coordinate with the cooperation agreement was also approved between the Olympic International Olympic Academy Committee and The Art Hotel to launch an accredited bacheand Resort to host the Olympic lor's programme in sports management were approved, aiming to graduate qualified personnel for sports clubs and federations.

High Diving World Cup 2024: Asian Indoor and Martial Arts

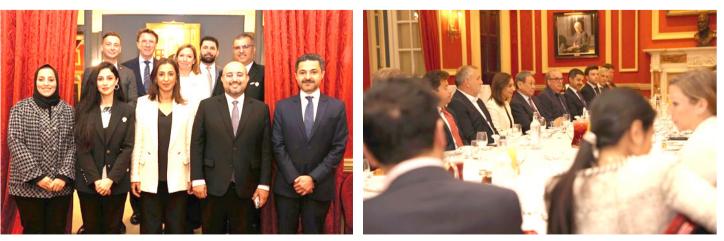
Bahrain EDB embarks on strategic visit to UK to bolster economic ties

• The visit aims to highlight Bahrain's expanding investment opportunities and strengthen economic cooperation between the two nations

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The Bahrain Economic De-velopment Board (Bahrain EDB) has launched a five-day strategic visit to the United Kingdom, led by Noor bint Ali

Bahrain's expanding investment services and manufacturing. economic cooperation between leaders from Bahrain's public vironment. "Through these cu-



In pictures, EDB officials during their visit to UK

ble Development and Chief Ex- cludes high-profile events, straecutive of Bahrain EDB, along tegic business meetings, and opportunities and strengthen The meetings will feature Bahrain's investor-friendly en- Noor bint Ali Alkhulaif.

Bahrain EDB will host two ed professional services. Both as of 2023.

Alkhulaif, Minister of Sustaina- the two nations. The agenda in- and private sectors promoting rated events and strategic meet- roundtable sessions during the business opportunities within ings, with the support of Team visit. The first, in collaborathe Kingdom. Representatives Bahrain, we aim to build last- tion with Sovereign Strategy, a over two centuries, marked by with senior executives from the roundtable discussions with from prominent UK firms like ing partnerships that will drive consulting and public relations continuous development and investment promotion agency. current and potential investors PWC Middle East will also par- more investment in the country, firm with a global reach, and cooperation across various lev-The visit aims to highlight in key sectors such as financial ticipate, showcasing successful leading to sustainable economic the second with TheCityUK, an els. This robust relationship is expansions and emphasizing growth and job creation," stated industry-led body representing evidenced by their non-oil trade,

UK-based financial and relat- which exceeded USD 443 million

sessions, held under Chatham House rules, provide a platform for discussions with C-level policymakers and industry leaders, highlighting Bahrain's ease of doing business, skilled talent pool, and business-friendly investment environment.

Additionally, in partnership with Rashid Equestrian and Horseracing Club (REHC), Bahrain EDB will host key investors at the Newmarket July Festival. This event offers a unique networking opportunity with strategic partners, potential investors, and business affiliates.

Bahrain and the United Kingdom share a longstanding bilateral relationship spanning

Al Salam Bank opens "Digital Personal Finance" campaign on mobile application

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l Salam Bank has launched Aa campaign for clients looking to apply for a new digital personal finance through the mobile application. From 1 July to 31 August 2024, applicants will receive cash back worth BD 100 once their application is approved and implemented.

Powered by Artificial Intelligence (AI), the Digital Personal Finance service focuses on enhancing the client's banking experience and enriching their lives. The product reiterates the Bank's strategy to create new by launching innovative digital solutions.

Mr. Mohammed Buhijji, Head dition to facilitating the appli-



Mohammed Buhijji, Head of Retail **Banking at Al Salam Bank** of Retail Banking at Al Salam

opportunities to enhance prof- Bank, said: "The Digital Peritability and develop services sonal Finance service aims to who have transferred their salprovide clients with a variety Commenting on the occasion, AI-powered offerings. In ad-

cation process anywhere any time without needing to visit the branch, underscoring our commitment to elevating our banking experience through digital empowerment. As such, we would like to encourage all those seeking personal financing to apply throughout the campaign period to receive BD 100 in cashback."

"Digital Personal Finance" will simplify the application process through 24/7 availability, enabling applicants to submit their latest salary slip through the mobile application and complete the rest of the steps in a few minutes. Clients aries to Al Salam Bank can skip of financing options through this step and receive their financing directly.

NBB rewards cardholders with points campaign

For Bahrain Summer Festival 2024

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he National Bank of Bahrain (NBB) is rewarding its Zayani, Chief Executive – Re-Cardholders with an exclusive tail Banking at NBB said, "We Points raffle for their spending are excited to strengthen our during Bahrain Summer Festival 2024, which is being sponsored by the Bank as part of its thority through a campaign strategic partnership with the offering exclusive rewards for Bahrain Tourism and Exhibitions Authority (BTEA).

From 7th July to 31st Au- for Bahrain Summer 2024 reitgust 2024, all NBB Cardhold- erates the Bank's ongoing deders at Bahrain Summer 2024 ication towards promoting the will earn 1 bonus raffle point Kingdom's tourism sector by for every BHD 1 spent locally. incentivising spending on local The accumulated points can experiences.

be redeemed via the Points by NBB App to unlock entry into the summer ra`ffle, where two lucky winners will each receive a travel voucher worth BD 2,500.

Commenting on the occasion, Subah Abdullatif Al partnership with Bahrain Tourism and Exhibitions Auour cardholders in Summer 2024." NBB's Points campaign

Bahrain All Share Index marks 1.999.81 points TDT | Manama

Bahrain All Share Index has closed at 1,999.81 points, marking a decrease of 5.36 points below the previous closing.

This decrease was due to the drop in the consumer discretionary sector, the financial sector, the materials sector and the real estate sector.

Bahrain Islamic Index closed at 808.73 points, marking a decrease of 5.85 points below the previous closing.

Results indicated that 85 equity transactions took place with a volume of 1,411,362 worth BD 263,754.

Methanol-powered ship to set sail for Europe's first 'green' route

AFP | Rotterdam, Netherlands

Europe's busy ports was unveiled yesterday in Rotterdam, with shipping owners hoping print.

The Eco-Maestro, a

will head off to Antwerp in the "We are providing the first next few days, before plotting a feeder network in Europe anol we are using will emit The first methanol-powered course for Klaipeda in Lithuania running on methanol-pow- some 65 percent less car-ship to ply routes between and Riga in Latvia, its owners ered ships," said Francis Goh, bon" than normal fuel, Goh

said. Capable of carrying more officer. than 1,200 standard containto spur efforts to bring down ers, the Eco-Maestro is one of this year, the Eco-Maestro is other bunker fuels -- contribthe industry's huge carbon foot- a handful of ships globally that kitted out with the latest en- uted around two percent of the is capable of running on both gines that can run on methanol world's carbon emissions in "green" bio-methanol or normal -- a sustainable fuel made from 2022, the International Energy 13,675-tonne container carrier fuel, which is far more polluting. decomposed organic matter.

X-Press Feeders chief operating told AFP.

"We estimate that the meth-

Global shipping -- which Completed in China earlier generally runs on diesel and Agency says.



Chairman Sameer Nass of the Bahrain Chamber underscored the vital role of enhancing ties with the ASEAN Bahrain Council to bolster the private sector and national economy. He made these remarks while hosting a delegation from the ASEAN Bahrain Council, led by Shaikh Duaij bin Isa Al Khalifa and accompanied by Vice Chairman Feryal Nass. Nass stressed the significance of forging active partnerships with global organizations to drive business sector growth and enhance current and future commercial, economic, and investment relations. Also in attendance at the meeting were Bahrain Chamber board members Basim AlSaie,

Bahrain Bourse, Arab Federation of Capital Markets host TradingTech Summit MENA



Rami El-Dokany

Andrew Delaney TDT | Manama

Bahrain Bourse (BHB) has edge-sharing and collabora-announced hosting the tion to enable the wider MENA Federation of Capital Markets global scale." (AFCM) and A-Team Group ing technology.

entities within trading tech- cutting-edge knowledge.' nologies landscape including

Ebrahim Al-Khalifa provide a platform for knowl-

Sh. Khalifa bin

TradingTech Summit MENA region to transform its trading in collaboration with the Arab ecosystem and compete on a

Rami El-Dokany, Secretary on November 25th, 2024 to General of The Arab Federabe held in Bahrain. The Trad- tion of Capital Markets (AFCM) ingTech Summit MENA will stated, "We are bringing leadexamine the latest develop- ing international technology ments and innovations in trad- brands shaping the future of global trading, alongside the The conference is anticipat- brightest minds from the Arab ed to attract over 200 attend- world, to unveil their insights, ees representing a spectrum of offering unparalleled access to

Andrew Delaney, Chief Conexchanges, regulatory bodies tent Officer of A-Team Group of the financial markets, bro- said "TradingTech MENA is kerage firms, financial experts, the first conference dedicated and trading technology pro- to discussion of high-perforviders. Sh. Khalifa bin Ebra- mance trading technologies, him Al-Khalifa, CEO of Bahrain making a must-attend event Bourse, commented on the for practitioners across the

Malabar Gold & Diamonds broadens partnership with Brink's Inc.

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🕇 alabar Gold & Diamonds, Whe 6th largest jewelry retailer globally with over 350 showrooms across 13 countries, have extended their partnership with Brink's Inc., a leading provider of cash and valuables management, digital retail solutions, and ATM Managed Services, to utilize their cash management services in the UAE & precious metal storage facilities globally. "Brink's Global Services has

been Malabar Gold & Diamonds' exclusive logistics partner for several years, and we are very excited to expand our longstanding partnership with them. By broadening the scope of our partnership to cash management services across our retail stores in the UAE and precious metal storage facilities globally, we are further optimizing our efficien- & Diamonds. cy in retail operations and driving Malabar Gold & Diamonds' art cash management solutions, lizing these solutions, Malabar



Officials during a group photo opportunity following the deal signing

global growth", commented Mr. Malabar Gold & Diamonds' re- Gold & Diamonds can enhance is a great example of the strong

Through Brinks' state-of-the- cash-related operations. By uti- reserves.

Shamlal Ahamed, MD-Interna- tail stores in the UAE will opti- their financial performance, partnership between Brink's and tional Operations, Malabar Gold mize cash resources, improv- minimize risk, and maintain Malabar Gold & Diamonds. We ing liquidity and streamlining better control over their cash

look forward to many more years cess precious metals across key of successful collaboration as we trading locations, boosting their "The signing of this agreement continue to grow our businesses global growth.

alongside each other," commented Mark Eubanks, President and CEO of Brink's.

"Malabar Gold & Diamonds has always been a pioneer in the adaptation of technology and our latest venture with Brink's, a name that is synonymous with security, trust and excellence, is a testimony to our never ending strive for innovation. The advantages that the Brink's cash management services and precious metal storage facilities offers us will add another layer of efficiency to our global operations, aiding us on our path to become the world's no 1 jewelry retailer", commented Mr. Abdul Salam K.P, Vice Chairman of Malabar Group.

With access to Brinks' sophisticated vaults, Malabar Gold & Diamonds will be able to ac-



QUOTE OF THE DAY

IMAGINATION AND FICTION MAKE **UP MORE THAN THREE QUARTERS OF OUR REAL LIFE** SIMONE WEIL

News in brief

Australia appoints top official to combat anti-Semitism



minister appointed a special envoy to tackle anti-Semitism in the country yesterday, urging his compatriots to avoid being "torn apart" by tensions over the war in Gaza. An envoy on Islamophobia will also be named "shortly" Anthony Albanese said. As in many countries, Palestinian supporters in Australia have held street rallies and university protests against the war between Hamas and Israel, with some slogans sparking concern of a rise in extremism and anti-Semitism. "There is no

Australia sounds warning over

state-backed Chinese hackers

Australia's prime

Australia's cyber intelligence agency sounded a rare warning

yesterday about the rising threat of state-backed Chinese hackers, saying they were "actively" looking for targets to compromise. The Australian Signals Directorate singled out the APT40 hacking group in a detailed, technical advisory note that unpicked its evolving tradecraft. "APT40 has repeatedly targeted Australian networks

as well as government and private sector networks in the region, and the threat they pose to our networks is ongoing," the note read.

place for violence or hatred of any kind in Australia," Albanese said.



 Haitian police will launch operations very soon against powerful gangs terrorizing the country, newly appointed chief Rameau Normil vowed Monday, alongside the leader of a Kenvan contingent deployed to help. "One day people are going to wake up and see that the

pandits have been stopped by the police." Normil told a news conference, his first public remarks since assuming the job on June 21. He was joined by Godfrey Otunge, the commander of the Kenvan contingent -- the first personnel so

far deployed of a UN-approved multinational security force.

CURIOSER & CURIOSER

Brazil's Bolsonaro benefited from illegal sale of luxury gifts: police



jewelry received as gift by ex-President Jair Bolsonaro during his term, seized by customs authorities at Guarulhos Airport in Sao Paulo, Brazil AFP | Brasilia

Dpresident Jair Bolsona- system," it added.

Monday. Police recommended charging customs inspectors in October Bolsonaro with money laun- 2021. dering and other crimes over The jewels were said to have undeclared jewelry gifted be- been inside a satchel from Bol-

tween 2019 and 2022. is the target of judicial perse- turning from a trip to the Midcution under the government dle East. of his leftist successor Luis The police report of near-Inacio Lula da Silva, denies ly 500 pages provides deany wrongdoing.

lic Monday said investigators Rolex watches and diamond had found that government pieces from luxury brand officials had "acted to divert" Chopard. \$1.22 million.

The officials sought to sell said. Supreme Federal Court (STF.) happens to official gifts.

Cash raised from such sales was paid to Bolsonaro "with-**D** razil's far-right former out using the formal banking

ro benefited from an illegal STF judge Alexandre de Moscheme to sell \$1.2 million raes has given prosecutors 15 in jewelry and other luxury days to decide whether to foritems given to his government mally charge Bolsonaro.

as gifts, a police probe revealed The case stems from an undeclared set of diamond Last week, Brazil's Federal jewelry reportedly seized by

sonaro's Mining and Energy Bolsonaro, who claims he Ministry entourage upon re-

tailed descriptions of the The police report made pub- jewels in question, including

several high-value gifts to Bol- After news of the case first sonaro from foreign govern- broke in the press, Bolsonaro's ments, with a total value of team recovered and returned some of the pieces, the report

the items abroad "with the Bolsonaro's lawyer, Paulo aim of... the illicit enrichment Cunha, said on X Monday that of the then-president," said heads of state "have no direct the report submitted to the or indirect influence" on what

Milan airport to be named after playboy former premier Berlusconi



Silvio Berlusconi AFP | Milan

Milan's Malpensa airport is set to be renamed in honour of former Prime Minister, Silvio Berlusconi, the Minister of Transport Matteo Salvini, said.

The idea was proposed by Gabriele Albertini in 2023 following the death of the three-time prime minister and convicted felon. Albertini, the former mayor of Milan, originally suggested that the Linate airport should be named after Berlusconi.

"If an airport were chosen, Malpensa would be more suitable, because whilst Linate has existed for one hundred years, the modern Malpensa airport was made by Berlusconi and me, he as Prime Minister, and me as regional President" Roberto Formigoni, the ex-governor of Lombardy who finished a 5 year sentence on corruption charges in November explained.

Modi tells Putin 'war cannot solve problems'

Putin thanks Modi for attention to urgent problems

AFP | Moscow

ndian Prime Minister Narendra Modi vesterday told President Vladimir Putin that "war cannot solve problems" and urged "peace through dialogue" on a trip to Moscow more than two years into the Ukraine offensive.

Modi touched down in Moscow as tensions flared in Europe, following a massive Russian missile barrage in Ukraine that Kyiv said hit a children's hospital in the capital

During his first meeting with Putin in Russia since the Kremlin launched its campaign in Ukraine, Modi said the conflict was discussed "openly and in detail".

murdered, one sees them die, comments in Hindi



the heart pains and that pain is talks can't succeed among bombs, President Volodymyr Zelensky.

unbearable," Modi told Putin in guns, and bullets," the Indian He wrote on social media: "It is diversify India-Russia cooper- The US on Monday urged capital two years later, weeks be- the Russian military, following leader added.

in Moscow Monday hours af- peace through dialogue," he said. see the leader of the world's larg- technology and innovation". in Ukraine must... be one that Russia's fight with Ukraine has New Delhi and Russia have ter strikes that hit cities across On Monday evening, Modi est democracy hug the world's Russia is a vital supplier of cut- respects the UN Charter with also had a human cost for India. maintained close links since the Ukraine killed at least 38 people. was pictured hugging Putin at most bloody criminal in Moscow price oil and weapons to India, respect to Ukraine's territorial New Delhi said in February it Cold War, which saw the Kremlin "I know that war cannot solve his country residence, drawing on such a day." problems, solutions and peace condemnation from Ukrainian At the Kremlin, Putin hailed In- West and growing ties with Bei- Modi last visited Russia in 2019 several of its citizens who had the country.

Mourning in Kyiv as rescuers clear rubble from children's hospital AFP | Kyiv

D escue workers were clear-**N**ing debris and Ukraine was in mourning yesterday, the day after deadly Russian strikes tore open a children's hospital and sparked international condemnation.

President Volodymyr Zelensky said 38 people across Ukraine were killed -- including four children -- and 190 wounded in the wave of nearly 40 missiles that targeted several towns and cities.

Officials announced a day of atric hospital. poned, as cranes and first re- tients from Okhmatdyt had there and 32 wounded. Eight sponders were working at the been transferred to other children had been hospitalised, scene of the Okhmatdyt paedi- facilities.



Rescuers at the site of the children's hospital

it said.

The interior ministry said it mourning in the capital with Zelensky said rescue work had completed its search for flags to be hung at half mast was ongoing at several of survivors at the hospital and and entertainment events post- the attack sites and that pa- that two people were killed

South Korea petitioned to probe BLACKPINK Jennie's 'vaping incident'

AFP | Seoul

A now-deleted video show- $A_{\text{ing K-pop megastar Jen-}}$ nie of BLACKPINK apparently smoking a vape indoors has sparked online outcry, with Seoul's foreign ministry telling AFP yesterday it had received a K-pop megastar Jennie of BLACKPINK guage media. formal complaint.

In the footage, uploaded her face. make-up artists work closely on ing top trending topics on X in Korea Times reported.



as part of a live blog on You- Smoking cigarettes or vapes in Italy's Capri, where Jennie Tube for fans but subsequent- indoors is illegal in South Ko- had been filming, and said they ly removed even as copies of rea and the footage triggered had requested that the South it spread across the internet, headlines and online outrage, Korean Embassy in Italy and

the South.

"Controversy over Jennie's indoor smoking... exhaling smoke in the face of her staff," was the headline of the Yonhap news agency's report on the incident, typical of the widespread reporting in Korean-lan-

One internet user claimed the incident likely happened Jennie appears to exhale vape with "indoor smoking" and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs smoke while a bevvy of hair and "BLACKPINK Jennie" becom- probe the BLACKPINK star, the

Flood watch as Beryl sweeps across US



Residents inspects a destroyed house in Surfside Beach. Texas

flood watch was in place Aflood watch was in place yesterday across multiple US states as tropical depression Beryl lashes the country's south with heavy rain after killing at least four people in Texas.

The US National Hurricane Center (NHC) said Beryl could bring flash flooding "from the lower and mid Mississippi Valley to the Great Lakes" through Wednesday as it sweeps across swathes of the United States.

A tornado is also possible yesterday across parts of the south, the NHC said in its latest advisory. Beryl was downgraded Monday evening after hitting Texas as a Category 1 hurricane, causing millions to lose power amid scorching summer heat.

The sprawling city of Houston, home to 2.3 million people, was badly battered early Monday by hurricane-strength winds and flooding, with authorities announcing at least four deaths related to the storm.

Harris County Sheriff Ed Gonzalez said on X that a 53-year-old man and 74-year-old woman had died in separate incidents of trees falling on houses.



HISTORY



1940 Battle of Britain begins

as Nazi forces attack

shipping convoys in

the English Channel



French foreign intelligence agents blow up the Greenpeace boat Rainbow Warrior in Auckland harbor. New Zealand to prevent it interfering with French nuclear tests in the South Pacific. Dutch photographer Fernando Pereira is killed

Boris Yeltsin sworn in as 1st elected President of the **Russian Federation**

Indian PM Narendra Modi calls for dialogue amid Ukraine conflict during visit to Russia



When innocent children are murdered, one sees them die, the heart pains and that pain is unbearable. I know that war cannot solve problems, solutions and peace talks can't succeed among bombs, guns, and bullets. And we need to find a way to peace through dialogue

NARENDRA MODI

dia and Russia's "very long-standenjoy a "specially privileged, strategic partnership"

attention you pay to the most urwere "productive" on "ways to to distance itself from Russia.

but Moscow's isolation from the integrity".



ndia's monthly imports of Russian crude reached their highest levels since July 2023, lespite a growing trade deficit with Russia

jing have impacted its partnership with New Delhi

Modi is courting closer Westing friendship" and said they now ern security ties after being returned to power last month as leader of the world's most popu-Putin thanked Modi for "the lous country.

Western powers have in recent gent problems" and said "you are years also cultivated stronger trying to find some ways to solve relations with India as a hedge the Ukrainian crisis, too, of course against China and its growing inprimarily by peaceful means". fluence across the Asia-Pacific re-Modi wrote on X that the talks gion, while pressuring New Delhi

The Indian premier arrived "And we need to find a way to astating blow to peace efforts to commerce, security, agriculture, "any resolution to the conflict against Ukraine.

PM Modi awarded with Russia's highest civilian honour

Drime Minister Narendra $m{\Gamma}$ Modi was ceremoniously presented with the Order of St Andrew the Apostle the First-Called, Russia's highest civilian honour, at St Catherine's Hall of the Moscow Kremlin yesterday. Notably, the award was bestowed on PM Modi in the year 2019, but he received it physically today

Russian President Vladimir Russian President Vladimir Putin Putin presented the award to decorates Indian Prime Minister PM Modi, for his distinguished contribution to the development Andrew of a privileged strategic partner- our nations...you have always ship between Russia and India advocated broader contacts and friendly ties between the with our country. Back when two countries.

sincere gratitude to the sincere itiative of twinning your state contribution vou are making to with Russian regions." President strengthening friendship and Putin said while conferring the mutual understanding between award.

a huge disappointment and a dev- ation in sectors such as trade, Modi to make clear to Putin that fore Russia began its offensive reports some had been killed after

was pushing Moscow to return become a key arms provider to



Narendra Modi with the Order of St.

you were Chief Minister of Gu-"It is a testimony to Russia's jarat, you came up with the in-

and hosted Putin in the Indian signed up for "support jobs" with being forced to fight in Ukraine.

Defiant Biden throws down gauntlet to Democrats

AFP | Washington

Dresident Joe Biden insist-**L** ed again Monday he would not quit the US election race, as the White House denied he had Parkinson's disease following a disastrous debate performance.

The 81-year-old dared Democratic critics to either challenge him at next month's party convention in Chicago or back him against Donald Trump in November's vote

The president lashed out in both a letter to Congress and a at the start of a critical week fresh scrutiny.



US President Joe Biden and US First Lady Jill Biden step off of Marine One as they return to the White House after attending campaign events rare call to a television program, Washington where he will face staying in the race," Biden wrote Monday on Fox News to say he

move forward as a unified party and defeat Donald Trump," he said. "It's time for it to end."

The embattled president followed up by phoning into MSN-BC's "Morning Joe" television program to say he was "getting o frustrated by the elites" in he party

"Any of these guys that don't hink I should run -- run against me. Announce for president, challenge me at the convention, he added. Trump has been uncharacteristically quiet since the debate but he did speak out thinks Biden will resist the pres-

UN experts say Gaza children dying in Israel's 'starvation campaign'

AFP | New York

T T^N rights experts yesterday J accused Israel of carrying out a "targeted starvation campaign" that has resulted in the deaths of children in Gaza.

"We declare that Israel's intentional and targeted starvation campaign against the Palestinian people is a form of genocidal violence and has resulted in famine across all of Gaza," 10 independent United Nations experts said in a statement.

The UN has not officially declared a famine in the Gaza Strip.

But the experts, including the died from malnutrition since Nations. UN special rapporteur on the 7 October, the majority being Their statement was immeright to food Michael Fakhri, children," said the experts, who diately slammed by Israel's Reida died just two days latinsisted there was no denying are appointed by the UN Human mission to the UN in Geneva, er "in the tent sheltering his famine was under way.



Palestinian children gather to receive chocolates from aid parcels

who joined his statement, are as much accustomed to spreading misinformation, as they are to supporting Hamas propaganda and shielding the terrorist or-

ganisation from scrutiny". The UN experts meanwhile listed three children who had recently died "from malnutrition", after a number of others were said to have starved to death in northern Gaza earlier this year.

"Fayez Ataya, who was barely six months old, died on 30 May 2024, and 13-year-old Abdulqader Al-Serhi died on June 1, 2024 at the Al-Aqsa Hospital in Deir Al-Balah," they said.

Nine-year-old Ahmad Abu Rights Council, but who do not which charged that "Mr. Fakhri, displaced family in Al-Mawasi, "Thirty-four Palestinians have speak on behalf of the United and many so-called 'experts' Khan Younis", they said.

Sweden to harden family reunification rules



Sweden Democrat migration spokesperson Ludvig Aspling and **Migration Minister Maria Malmer** Stenergard at a press conference **AFP** | Stockholm

C weden will clamp down **D**on loopholes abused by asylum seekers wanting to enter the country, as the government announced stricter rules for those wanting to avail themselves of family reunification schemes.

Stockholm has undergone a massive shift in how it deals with asylum-related matters over the past year following the election of a new government led by the Moderate Party with the backing of the right-wing Sweden Democrats.

Sweden famously endured what was once Europe's most permissive asylum system throughout the 2010s. During that time, the country witnessed a sharp spike in violent crimes driven by criminal gangs in new migrant communities.

Indian army hunts militants after five soldiers killed



Armed security personnel walk at the site of the attack

AFP | Washington

Troops in India's Jammu **I** and Kashmir yesterday hunted for gunmen who ambushed an army convoy a day earlier, with the defense minister raising the toll of soldiers killed to five.

Rajnath Singh said he was "deeply anguished" over the "loss of five of our brave Indian Army soldiers", who were attacked on Monday afternoon in the disputed territory.

"Counter-terrorist operations are underway," Singh added in a statement on social media platform X, condemning the "dastardly terror attack".

Monday's incident was the latest in an uptick of attacks in the region.

On Sunday, two soldiers and six suspected militants were killed in two separate gun battles in villages in the Kulgam district, police said.



Held productive dis-cussions with President Putin at the Kremlin today. Our talks covered ways to diversify India-Russia cooperation in sectors such as trade, commerce, security, agriculture, technology and innovation. We attach great importance to boosting connectivity and people-to-people exchanges. anarendramodi



¬ ood to speak with @ **U**ZelenskyyUA from D.C. today. I shared my horror at the Russian missiles that struck Ukrainian cities early this morning. As the @NATO Summit begins here in Washington, Canada and our Allies are with Ukraine all the way. @JustinTrudeau



lectronic voting ma-**C** chines and anything mailed in is too risky. We should mandate paper ballots and in-person voting only.

aelonmusk



Oday begins a historic summit marking the 75th anniversary of NA-TO's founding. And later this evening, I look forward to hosting our 31 NATO Allies in our nation's capitol to commemorate the strongest defensive alliance in history. . apotus

Disclaimer: (Views expressed

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editorial stances)

in the letter. that includes a NATO summit in "I am firmly committed to "It is time to come together, sure and stay in the race.





Eminem first choice to headline Glastonbury 2025

Bang Showbiz | Los Angeles

minem is the first choice to E headline Glastonbury next year.

Festival bosses are already in talks with the 51-year-old rapper about taking to the Pyramid stage next summer, after SZA's headlining set failed to attract a large crowd this year.

A source told The Mail On Sunday newspaper: "While many are putting a brave face on the fact that the festival wasn't exactly a success this vear, they are already

preparing for a bigger and better line-up next year.

'Glastonbury is barely over but the bosses want Eminem – they hope he will be their saviour after so few people went to watch SZA.

They have ves.

Eminem has previously everything headlined UK festivals includcrossed that ing Reading and Leeds in 2017 he will say but has never performed on Glastonbury's main Pyramid stage.

Meanwhile, Glastonbury's Emily Eavis, daughter of festival founder Michael Eavis, recently defended this year's line-up of Dua Lipa, Coldplay and

She said: "I think it reflects what's happening in the music world at the moment. There aren't a lot of new rock acts to choose from if I'm honest. will emerge again, my heyday was 1995 with Pulp and Oasis and Ra-



Eminem has previouslv headlined UK festivals including Reading and Leeds in 2017 but has never performed on Glastonbury's main **Pyramid stage**

all the time and right now this is where we're at. "Everv vear, we've been crit-

"Hopefully that icised for being too rock, too grime, too hip hop, too pop... it's just part of our year. "Generally it's not from the

diohead... and that was public ... everybody's really hapgreat, but music changes py and excited to be here."

Paris Hilton's heart 'feels so full' thanks to her son

Bang Showbiz | Los Angeles

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Phoenix Barron. ess mother-of-two - who also matching Care Bears pyjamas, has eight-month-old daugh- telling her daughter: "I love ter London with her husband you." Carter Reum, 43 – made the emotional admission in a tribute post to the 18-month-old whole life for you my beautiboy on Instagram.

She posted a video of herself spending time with her dream and 11:11 wish came son on a flight that showed true (lovehearts-face and crythem wearing matching pyjamas dotted with hearts, which she captioned: "In flight kisses with Baby P on #SlivAir (kissy face, two baby and airplane emojis.)

"My heart feels so full! (wide-eyed emoji.)

"Never dreamed I could feel so happy and at peace. (Crying face emoji.)'

Paris last month said she had waited her **Paris Hilton**

"whole life" for daughter London She posted a video that showed her leaning over the

little girl as she sat in a car The 43-year-old hotel heir- seat while the two are wearing

Paris captioned the clip: "London, I've waited my ful baby girl.

"My life now feels like every ing face emojis.)

"You are my world, I love you endlessly my lil angel." Paris and Carter married in November 2021 at a private estate in

Los Angeles with guests including Kim Kardashian, Kyle Richards and Paula Abdul.

She paid tribute to Carter on this year's Father's Day by sharing a carousel of photos and videos on Instagram.

Justin Bieber 'paid \$10m to perform at Anant Ambani's pre-wedding bash'

Eminem

Bang Showbiz | Los Angeles

Tustin Bieber was reportedly J paid \$10 million to perform at billionaire heir Anant Ambani's pre-wedding ceremony.

The 'Baby' singer, 30, is said to have landed the mammoth pay cheque for singing more than a dozen of his hits including 'Love Yourself' and 'Peaches' during a private concert for Anant, the businessman's fiancée Radhika Merchant and their family and friends at a show in Mumbai on Friday. Justin – who already has an estimated net worth of \$300 million - posted a series of pho- trousers that showed his plaid 2015 hit 'Where Are Ü Now'. tos and videos from the gig on boxers and a backward basehis Instagram page on Saturday, ball cap as he posed with Anant him in India enjoying a limincluding a carousel of snaps of and Radhika, both 29, as well as ousine ride to the venue for him with the bride and groom- their loved ones. to-be.



Johnny Depp brands long Hollywood career 'sometimes tragic'

Bang Showbiz | Los Angeles

Johnny Depp has brand-ed his Hollywood career "sometimes tragic".

the Caribbean' actor, who has starred in a mix of indie flops ly humbling when and blockbusters down the recognition for your years, made the admission in endeavours comes dian acceptance speech at the rectly from the hearts of National Film Awards.

Johnny was being hon- and minds who've oured at the event in London's joined me on this Porchester Hall on Thursday long mystical, for his role in French histor- magical, someical drama 'Jeanne du Barry', times tragic in which he portrayed King yet never bor-Louis XV – marking Depp's ingjourney. first major role since winning 'I can't his high-profile defamation thank you all case against his 38-year-old ac- enough for tress ex-wife Amber Heard in continuing 2022. to allow me

for allowing me the opportu- be told. nity to speak to you today. I feel very lucky, and I feel very me and my curious collection honoured that you – all of you of characters over these many - allow me to still continue to

The 61-year-old 'Pirates of do the work that I love to do. "It's always especial-

the people, the hearts

"And for having stuck with vears.'

Johnny also expressed gratitude to his fans, saying they are the reason he still feels "the drive to keep pushing forward".

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Justin Bieber (C) with Anant Ambani (R) and Radhika Merchant

Indian reports said he had mance posted on his Insta- guests - and relaxing in a hotel

The singer was seen in his guest Orhan Awatramani, who be with his model wife Hailey snaps smiling backstage in a danced around while singing Bieber, 27, who is pregnant with white tank top, sagging black along to the Grammy winner's their first child.

Justin also shared snaps of his private gig - which looked A video of Justin's perfor- packed with a few hundred his microphone to front-row tin jetted home to America to

A pre-recorded video played to tell the during the ceremony showed stories that Johnny accepting the Global I feel are Contribution to Motion Picture n e c e s award, and he said: "Thank you sarv to Johnny Depp

ed: "It's only because of you that I'm here today. I thank you and I send v o u m u c h love and respect, always."

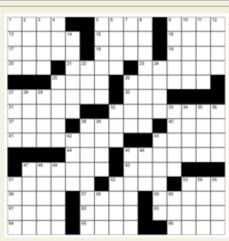
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Finding perfect spot to watch Euros in Bahrain

• Top spots to enjoy the matches with good food and great atmosphere

Hussain Almaskati **TDT** | Manama

s the excitement of the Euros builds, football fans in Bahrain are looking for the best places to catch all the action. Whether you prefer indoor or outdoor settings, and especially if you're looking for smoke-free environments, here are some top recommendations.

One of the top recommendations is Black Angus in Seef. This restaurant offers a comfortable, non-smoking area family. The environment is Buffalo Wild Wings. Famous downstairs. Known for its de- perfect for those who want for its extensive menu of food, and beverages, encent food and relaxed atmos- to focus on the game without wings and other bar food, this suring a fantastic viewing phere, it's a great spot to enjoy distractions.



Albaert, mascot of the UEFA Euro 2024 European Football Championship, poses next to a trophy mockup, during a promotional event

the matches with friends and Another excellent choice is

a moment of the Euros action with its multiple TV screens. The lively ambiance makes it an ideal place for groups looking to enjoy the games together while indulging in delicious food.

Fuddruckers in Sanad is also a family-friendly option worth considering. Known for serving a variety of burgers and American cuisine, it provides a clean and neat environment with TV screens broadcasting live sports.

This spot is perfect for those who want a wholesome dining experience while catching all the football excitement.

Local discussions on AskBH have highlighted these venues as some of the best places to watch the Euros.

Each location offers a welcoming atmosphere, great venue ensures you won't miss experience.

Bahrain Traditional Sports Committee suspends All Arab Greyhound activities

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n a significant decision reflecting its commitment to preserving Bahraini heritage, the Bahrain Traditional Sports Committee has announced the suspension of all Arab Greyhound activities until further notice. This move comes amid rising concerns about the neowners.

The committee emphasized

ing national identity.

dogs adequately.

This neglect has led to the lated to Bahraini heritage, release of these dogs into the the committee's resolve to enof their ancestors. This initia- a problem that authorities are sports in Bahrain.

In light of these concerns, ed to cancel all Arab Grey-Recently, the committee ob- hound events, including served a noticeable neglect races and beauty contests, by some owners of the Arab which are part of the Nass-Greyhounds, who have failed er bin Hamad Falcon and to care for these purebred Hunting Season, until further notice.

This decision underscores

UAE Prepares for Paris 2024 Olympics

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The UAE National Olympic dullah Humaid Al Committee has unveiled Muhairi, Abdullah its official delegation for the Al Marri, Salem Al 2024 Paris Olympics, featur- Suwaidi, and Ali Al ing 14 athletes competing in Karbi. various sports.

Equestrian rider Omar cludes Omar Marouf Al Marzouqi, who claimed (over 100kg), Dhafer a silver medal in individu- Aram (under 100kg), Aram for UAE sports. al showjumping at the 2018 Gregorian (under 90kg), Ta-Youth Olympics, will proudly lal Shvili (under 81kg), and make his second Olympic ap- Sergio Toma's bronze at the carry the UAE flag during the Narmand Bayan (under 66kg). pearance in swimming, while 2016 Rio Games.

Opening Ceremony. He is joined by fellow equestrians Ab-

The judo team in-UAE Bashirat Kharoudi Maha Al Shehi will join him in division.

set to make history as

(under 52 kg) will the women's category. Runner represent the women's Maryam Mohammed Al Farsi is slated to compete in the Safiya Al Sayegh is 100m event.

The UAE's Olympic journey the first Emirati fe- began at the 1984 Los Angemale cyclist to com- les Games. Notably, Sheikh pete at the Summer Ahmed bin Hasher Al Mak-Olympics, marking a toum won the nation's first significant milestone gold medal in double trap shooting at the 2004 Athens Yousuf Al Matrooshi will Olympics, followed by judoka

its dedication to reviving and supporting all activities reglect and mismanagement of ensuring that young people streets, exacerbating the issue sure the welfare of the animals these traditional dogs by some can participate in the sports of stray dogs in the Kingdom, and the integrity of traditional

tive is part of a comprehensive working hard to address. vision aimed at keeping local traditions alive and safeguard- the committee has decid-

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Saudi Arabia advances privatization of Pro-League clubs

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Saudi Arabia's sports min-istry has announced a major step towards privatizing its Pro-League clubs, inviting both local and international investors to take ownership of six clubs.

Al Okhdood, Al Orouba, and Al Kholoud are set to compete in the upcoming Pro League season among 18 teams.

Additionally, Al Zulfi, Al Nahda, and Al Ansar have been earmarked for privatization based on their operational readiness, financial stability, administrative capabilities, and sports facilities.

This initiative follows Sau- and Al-Hilal last year. di Arabia's Public Investment Fund (PIF) taking control of ize a total of 14 clubs, includ- the league.



Yassine Bounou collides with Cristiano Ronaldo as he attempts to save the ball during the King's Cup final (file photo)

prominent clubs like Al Nassr ing these six, with an aim to

enhance commercial oppor-

Saudi Arabia aims to elevate the Pro-League into a top-ten global league by 2030, with an annual revenue target exceeding SR1.8 billion (\$480 million) and a market value of at least SR8 billion (\$2.13 billion).

This move aligns with preparations for hosting the 2034 World Cup, further enhancing the league's international stature.

The privatization initiative offers two tracks for investors: ownership transfer with investment permits or complete team privatization.

The goal is to establish a sustainable professional football ecosystem independent of government funding, emphasizing infrastructure de-The ministry plans to privat- tunities and boost revenue in velopment and enhancing fan engagement.

India's cricket board names Gautam Gambhir as head coach

AFP | London

ndia's cricket board named **L**Gautam Gambhir as head coach on Tuesday, with the former opener taking over from Rahul Dravid, tasked with building on their recent World Cup triumph.

"It is with immense pleasure that I welcome Mr Gautam Gambhir as the new Head Coach of the Indian Cricket Team," Jay Shah, secretary of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) said in a statement.

The 42-year-old Gambhir takes over from batting great Dravid, who finished his stint with the T20 World Cup title in Barbados last month.

Gambhir scored over 10,000 international runs during his 13-year-long international career for India since his ODI debut in 2003.

one of four international cricketers including Don Bradman, fident that Gautam is the ideal Jacques Kallis and Mohammad Yousuf -- to have scored centuries in five successive Test matches.

witnessed this changing landscape up close," Shah added.



Virat Kohli and Gautam Gambhir (R) greet each other at the end of an IPL match (file photo)

Kolkata Knight Riders to an IPL Narendra Modi's Bharatiya Jacrown

"Having endured the grind throughout his career, I am con- to two titles in 2012 and 2014. person to steer Indian cricket team with heightened expecta- India emerged as a dominant forward," Shah added.

dia, coupled with his vast expe- first major crown since the 2013 World Cup champions," Shah "Modern-day cricket has rience, positions him perfectly Champions Trophy. evolved rapidly, and Gautam has to take on this exciting and most sought-after coaching role."

Gambhir, a talented left-hand- the usually serious Gambhir the national team. ed batsman who played a key took to commentary and then part in India's ODI World Cup dabbled in politics, becoming tain after Rohit Sharma and Vi- the legacy he leaves behind."

win in 2011, recently coached a lawmaker for Prime Minister nata Party (BJP).

He is the only Indian -- and and excelled in various roles join IPL's Kolkata, a team he led

Gambhir now takes over a tions after their T20 triumph, "His clear vision for Team In- their fourth World Cup title and being crowned ICC Men's T20

India's white-ball tour of Sri Lanka in late July will be Gamb- sistent efforts to nurture talent After he retired from playing, hir's first assignment as coach of and exemplary leadership have



rat Kohli retired from the shortest format soon after a thrilling win over South Africa in the World Cup final in Barbados on June 29.

Shah also offered his "sincere He quit politics in March to thanks and gratitude" to Dravid, ending his coaching career on a high.

"Under his guidance, Team force across formats, including said. "His strategic acumen, per-

instilled a culture of excellence India also awaits a T20 cap- within the team and that is also

Ex-Liverpool striker Bellamy appointed Wales football coach

AFP | London

≺raig Bellamy has been ap-Cpointed as the new head coach of the Wales national football team on a contract until 2028, the Football Association of Wales (FAW) announced Tuesday.

Bellamy has replaced Rob Page, who was sacked following Wales' failure to qualify for Euro 2024.



Craig Bellamy

erpool, Newcastle and Wales in September." The 44-year-old former Liv- striker leaves Burnley, where he

was assistant to former manager ficer, Dr David Adams, said: "I Vincent Kompany last season am absolutely delighted to an-Premier League.

"I will give my full commitment to develop this team recruitment process for the new and I am passionate to bring men's national team head coach continued success into Welsh and Craig was identified as the football," Bellamy told the FAW standout candidate. website.

with our Nations League games and working with Craig to

as they were relegated from the nounce Craig as our new head coach. "We undertook a thorough

"We are all looking forward "I can't wait to get started to the Nations League games

The FAW's chief football of- Football."

deliver success for Welsh

Gakpo shrugs off Liverpool struggles to spark Dutch run at Euro 2024



Netherlands' forward #11 Cody Gakpo (R) shoots to goal past Turkey's defender #20 Ferdi Kadioglu

AFP | Berlin

English fans are yet to see the best of Cody Gakpo in the Premier League, but it is the Liverpool forward they will fear as the Netherlands' biggest threat in Wednesday's Euro 2024 semi-final.

Gakpo has shrugged off an indifferent season at club level to shine once more for his chester United in March 2023 nament.

in five appearances at the 2022 for the campaign. World Cup as the Dutch were nal penalty shootout in Qatar.

Since then Gakpo has strugtalent.

Mohamed Salah remains the times in midfield. top dog at Anfield, while Luis

the potential that pushed the (\$45 million) fee.

in a historic 7-0 rout of Man- country.

I play on the left wing. In Liverpool I played a lot as a striker, so I think that's the most different thing

CODY GAKPO

country on the biggest stage and netted 16 times in total of a major international tour- as Liverpool flirted with winning a quadruple in Jurgen The 25-year-old earned his Klopp's final season before move to the English giants on falling away to be left with only the back of scoring three times League Cup success to show

However, he has often had knocked out by eventual win- to sacrifice showing his own ners Argentina in a quarter-fi- biggest qualities for the good of the team.

Nunez's failure to deliver on gled to find his place among his £85 million price tag forced Liverpool's array of attacking Gakpo to operate more often as a central striker, or even at

Restored to his favoured role Diaz, Darwin Nunez, Diogo on the left side of the attack for Jota and Gakpo have all battled his national team, Gakpo has to earn their place in the side. arguably been the player of the There have been flashes of tournament so far in Germany.

"I play on the left wing. In Reds into beating a host of Liverpool I played a lot as a Premier League rivals to Gak- striker, so I think that's the po's signature for a £35 million most different thing," said Gakpo on the contrast be-He scored two brilliant goals tween his form for club and



Tennis star accuses spectators of disrespect after advancing to 60th Grand Slam quarter-final

Djokovic defeats Holger Rune in straight sets

Angry outburst at fans for perceived booing people that have

Rune explains fans were chanting his name, not booing

AFP | London

Novak Djokovic accused Wimbledon fans of "disre- told by spect" in a withering on-court ti-the rade after reaching a 60th Grand T V Slam quarter-final and 15th at interthe All England Club on Monday. viewer

World number two Djokovic, that some the seven-time champion at fans were Wimbledon and chasing a re- shouting cord-setting 25th major, defeat- "Rune" rather ed 15th-ranked Holger Rune 6-3, than "boo" Djok-6-4, 6-2.

Djokovic then launched an angry outburst at a section of They were. I am not ac-Centre Court fans who constant- cepting it. No, no, no. I ly chanted "Rune" throughout know they were cheering the match and which the Serb for Rune but that's an ex-

took to be booing.

"To all the fans that have had respect and stayed here tonight, I thank you from the bottom of my heart and I appreciate it," said an angry Djokovic.

"And to all those chosen to disrespect the player -- in this case me -- have a gooooooood night," he added, mocking his tormentors' exaggerated " R u u u u une".

When ovic hit back.

"They were (booing).

cuse to also boo," he said.

"Listen, I have been on the hostile environments, trust me tour for more than 20 years. I know all the tricks, I know how it works. I focus on the respect- that crowds have the "right to ful people that pay for the ticket, cheer who they want to cheer". and love tennis and appreciate

the players. bledon can do

Novak Djokovic pretends to play the violin for his daughter as he celebrates his win

"I have played in much more - you guys can't touch me."

Djokovic later told reporters "I'm not sure what Wimabout it. You

c a n ' t Djokovic, aiming for remove a record-setting 25th a whole major, expressed his section of frustration with the the crowd crowd, emphasizing if they are misbehavhis experience in ing," he said. handling hostile envi-"I respect ronments true fans but if someone

steps over gle point in the opening three the line I will games.

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Djokovic saved a break point react.' The 37-yearin the 10th game of the second old Serb, still set before carving out another key break in the first game of sporting a knee support the third.

on his right leg Rune said his fans started chanting his name in their If he didn't remember, it could after undergoing surgery last distinctive, bellowing manner probably sound different for month, set the when the two men met for the him.' tone for Monday's first time at the US Open in 2021.

fourth-round tie when Rune failed to win a sin- 'boo'. We played each other aur for a place in the semi-finals.

Listen, I have been on the tour for more than 20 years. I know all the tricks, I know how it works. I focus on the respectful people that pay for the ticket, and love tennis and appreciate the players. I have played in much more hostile environments, trust me -- you guys can't touch me

NOVAK DJOKOVIC

many more times, but more in Italy and France, where they don't pronounce my name the same way," he said.

"Now we're in England. If you don't know what was happening, probably it sounded like 'boo'.

Djokovic goes on to face Aus-"It sounded a little bit like tralian ninth seed Alex de Min-

Alcaraz sets up Medvedev semi-final

Carlos Alcaraz overcomes slow start to defeat Tommy Paul in four sets in Wimbledon

Medvedev stuns top-ranked Sinner to advance

AFP | London

efending champion Carlos Alcaraz shrugged off the loss of the first set to beat Tommy Paul yesterday and set up a repeat Wimbledon semi-final with Daniil Medvedev.

The Spanish world number opponent 5-7, 6-4, 6-2, 6-2 under the No. 1 Court roof.

Alcaraz was slow out of the blocks, broken twice by the in-form American in a 72-minute first set.

Paul raced into a two-game lead in the second set as Alcaraz again faltered on serve but the Spaniard got back on level terms and broke again to level the match. Three breaks in the third set

If I'm struggling a little bit to find the solutions,

if the opponent is playing great tennis and I don't get him in trouble, I believe at the end that I'll be able to come back and be able to find solutions

CARLOS ALCARAZ

three, seeking a fourth Grand put the world number three in Slam title, beat his 12th-seeded charge and he stepped up another gear in the fourth set, winning 92 percent of first-serve points and making just four unforced errors

> Alcaraz, seeking to become just the sixth man to capture the French

> > Daniil Medvedev

Open and Wimbledon titles back to back, said it had been a tough start to his quarter-final against the recent champion at Queen's.

"If I'm struggling a little bit to find the solutions, if the opponent is playing great tennis and I don't get him in trouble, I believe at the end that I'll be able to come back and be able to find solutions," he said.

Looking forward to his match against Russian fifthseed Medvedev, whom he beat

last year on his way to winning his first Wimbledon title, he said: "Hopefully I'm going to get the same result. "He just won against Jannik Sinner, the best player right now, so I know that he's in really good shape so have to play my best, have to believe in myself and try to keep going if I want beat Carlos Alcaraz Quickfire Paolini sets up last four clash with Vekic

Tasmine Paolini swept aside Emma Navarro in straight sets yesterday to reach her first Wimbledon semi-final where she will face Donna Vekic.

Italian seventh seed Paolini, the runner-up at the French Open last month, triumphed 6-2, 6-1 over 19th seed Navarro in just 57 minutes

> The 28-year-old fired 19 winners to her opponent's six as she celebrated a first win over the American, having

lost three times this year. Paolini had not won match on grass before this year.

"It's unbelievable, it's amazing to get the win in this special court," said make the last four at Wimbledon.

"I'm so happy to be in the the previous rounds.



Jasmine Paolini

a tour-level main draw semi-final, I don't know what to say in this moment.

"It's a dream to be here in this position, to be in the semi-final. I was watching finals when I was a kid, on this court."

Paolini recovered from 1-2 down in Paolini, the first Italian the opening set and never looked back woman in the Open era to as Navarro was unable to repeat the form that accounted for Grand Slam title winners Naomi Osaka and Coco Gauff in

Philipsen bosses sprint on Tour de France 'mental rest day'

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to

him."

🛑 Team-mate Van der Poel guides Philipsen to victory

Philipsen hits 75km/h in final sprint

Pogacar holds 33-second overall lead

AFP | Saint-Amand-Montrond

Belgian Jasper Philipsen won a mass sprint ahead of Eritrean Biniam Girmay on a flat 10th stage he described as de France = yesterday. Tellingly there was no escape van der Poel. from the peloton after riders was explosive. Last year's green jersey win-267 points to the Alpecin rider's 193



Alpecin-Deceuninck team's Belgian rider Jasper Philipsen (C) cycles past the finish line

a "mental rest day" in the Tour victory by team-mate and world After Monday's day with- on Tom Pidcock to unwrap a road race champion Mathieu out racing, the 172 remaining sandwich from silver foil, while



sandwich mid-stage, showcasing the unusual calmness of the day

selves across the vast wheat plains to the south of Orleans.

It was slow enough for Brit-

England skipper Stokes says Ashes countdown behind Anderson axe



James Anderson in action (file photo) AFP | London

Philipsen, 26, was guided to month.

had their first actual rest day champion to lead you out in Jeanne d'Arc and the historic car and gracefully launched his on Monday, and while the pace your Tour de France sprint it city's giant cathedral. was slow the final sprint on the is magnificent," said Philipsen 187.3km ride south from Orleans after hitting a speed of 75km/h (46.6 mph).

"He managed to do exactly ner Philipsen won by a clear what we wanted. It's something riders chatting with friends," margin to close the gap on cur- special, all credit to him," he rent occupant Girmay, who has said of Van der Poel, who will be one of the favourites for the Olympic road race in Paris next

riders embarked from the city beside him Pavel Sivakov spot-"When you have a world of Orleans past the statue of ted the open door of a camping

"It was maybe a mental rest day," Philipsen said apologetically.

"There was a bit of joking and he added.

Low balmy skies and a temperature of 28 degrees Celsius (82 degrees Fahrenheit) persuaded the bunch to pace them- day's winner.

water bottle through it.

Before Wednesday's potentially explosive stage, man-tobeat Tadej Pogacar protected his 33-second overall lead over Remco Evenepoel with defending champion Jonas Vingegaard at 1min 15sec in third.

"Tomorrow will be full gas (very fast)," predicted yester-

West Indies captain Brathwaite urges debutant Louis to 'think big' against England

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West Indies captain Kraigg Brathwaite has encouraged debutant Mikyle Louis to put no limits on his ambitions ahead of facing England at Lord's.

Louis, a 23-year-old batsman, will become the first cricketer from his home island of St Kitts



Kraigg Brathwaite in action (file photo)

to represent the West Indies in ahead of his 90th Test, urged his their 96 years in Test cricket team-mates to avoid being overwhen the series opener at Lord's awed at the 'Home of Cricket'. starts on Wednesday.

He joins a largely novice top joyful spirit. I know he'll do exorder where Kirk McKenzie, tremely well, playing interna-Alick Athanaze and Kavem tional cricket for many years," Hodge have just nine caps be- Brathwaite, 31, told a pre-match tween them.

But Brathwaite, very much terday as he announced his the senior player in the side side.

"Mikyle is a nice guy, a very press conference at Lord's yes-

England captain Ben Stokes said yesterday the need to build a side capable of winning an Ashes series in Australia lay behind the decision to call time on James Anderson's extraordinary Test career.

The 2025/26 Ashes may still be some 18 months away but England are determined to field a pace attack both experienced and fit enough to withstand the strain of a five-match series in Australia.

tween England and the West ly 100 caps and left out Ben Indies at Lord's starting on Foakes as well, with debutant Wednesday, will mark 41-year- Jamie Smith now installed as old paceman Anderson's 188th wicketkeeper. and final appearance in the five-day game after a re- a Surrey team-mate of Smith, cord-breaking career spanning will also be making his Test two decades.

more than Anderson's 700 England's first-choice spinner Test wickets and only India instead of the more experibatting hero Sachin Tendulkar enced Jack Leach. has played more matches at this level.

Look at where we've got to go in 18 months' time. to Australia. We want to win that

urn back. We don't want to be standing still. I want to keep making this team push themselves as hard as

they possibly can

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As a result, the first Test be- Jonny Bairstow after exact-

Fast bowler Gus Atkinson,

debut this week, with rising No fast bowler has taken star Shoaib Bashir chosen as

England last won the Ashes in 2015 and haven't triumphed

England have also dropped in Australia since 2010/11.

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