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**HRH Prince Salman hails Team Bahrain**



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His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, congratulated the Kingdom of Bahrain on winning the silver medal at the Paris 2024 Olympics, awarded to Salwa Eid Naser in the women's 400m race.

Praising her outstanding performance, HRH Prince Salman noted that this achievement represents another milestone for Team Bahrain.

**Plane with 62 aboard crashes in Sao Paulo**

AFP | Sao Paulo

An airplane with 62 people on board crashed yesterday in Brazil's Sao Paulo state, firefighters and the airline Voepass said.

Although no official death toll has been given, President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva said during an official event that it appeared there were no survivors.

The aircraft was traveling from Cascavel in southern Parana state to Sao Paulo's Guarulhos international airport.

**Bahrain welcomes joint statement on Gaza situation**

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The Kingdom of Bahrain's Ministry of Foreign Affairs has expressed its support for the joint statement issued by Egypt, Qatar, and the US concerning the Gaza Strip.

The statement calls for an immediate cessation of the ongoing suffering in Gaza.

**SILVER that shines like GOLD**

A strong start and a relentless drive make Bahrain's Salwa second-best at Olympics 400m final

Hussain Al Maskati  
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Salwa Eid Naser from Bahrain delivered an outstanding performance in the women's 400-metre final at the 2024 Paris Olympics, capturing the silver medal, and the hearts of the nation.

Naser, who has been a beacon of Bahraini athletics, finished the race in a commendable second place with a season-best time of 48.53 seconds.

It was the second medal for Bahrain in this prestigious competition.

Winfred Yavi won the Kingdom's first gold medal in the 3,000-metre steeplechase, setting a new Olympic record with an exceptional performance.

Naser's performance is a proud moment for Bahrain, reflecting both her personal excellence and the country's growing prominence in international athletics.

Naser's achievement in the women's 400m final signals her individual talent and the bright future of Bahraini sports on the global stage.

The final saw Marileidy Paulino from the Dominican Republic seize the gold medal with an Olympic re-



Salwa Eid Naser gives Bahrain its second Olympic medal

cord time of 48.17 seconds.

Naser's silver medal is a remarkable achievement as it shines a light on her status as one of the world's elite sprinters. Her race was marked by a strong start and a relentless drive, reflecting her dedication and hard work.

Her season-best time of 48.53 seconds highlights her exceptional form and her significant contribution to

Bahrain's athletics legacy.

Natalia Kaczmarek from Poland finished third with a time of 48.98 seconds, displaying her own impressive skills on the track.

Rhasidat Adeleke of Ireland, who entered the final as a strong contender, ended up in fourth place with a time of 49.28 seconds.

Amber Anning of Great Britain set

a national record with her fifth-place finish, recording 49.29 seconds.

The American runner Alexis Holmes and Barbados' Sada Williams also delivered solid performances, finishing sixth and seventh, respectively, with times of 49.75 and 49.81 seconds. Henriette Jaeger from Norway finished eighth.

**Hope on the horizon**

**Israel agrees to resume Gaza truce talks next week**

AFP | Palestinian Territories

Israel has agreed to resume Gaza ceasefire talks next week at the request of international mediators, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's office said, after intensive diplomatic efforts aimed at averting a region-wide conflagration.

The announcement followed



Smoke and soil billow after an Israeli strike in al-Zawayda in the central Gaza Strip. (AFP)

an Iranian claim that Israel wants to spread war in the Middle East, as well as repeated accusations by Hamas officials, some analysts and critics in Israel that Netanyahu has prolonged the fighting in Gaza for political gain.

Israel's military said troops were operating around Khan Yunis, the southern Gaza city

from which soldiers had withdrawn in April after months of fierce fighting with Hamas.

**Retaliation**

Israel has vowed to destroy the Palestinian group in retaliation for its October 7 attack, but during 10 months of war across the Gaza Strip the military has found itself returning to some

areas to fight the group again. "Enough!" shouted Khan Yunis resident Ahmed al-Najjar.

"Have mercy on us, for God's sake, the young children and women are dying in the streets. Enough!"

After the military issued an evacuation order for parts of Khan Yunis, people fled on foot or on donkey and motorcycle carts.





# Royal inspiration

Winfred Yavi hails HM King's support in historic Olympic win

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Bahrain's pride Winfred Yavi has credited her historic victory in the 3,000 metres steeplechase at the Paris Olympics to the unwavering support of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa.

Speaking to Bahrain News Agency (BNA), Yavi expressed deep gratitude, and acknowledged that the encouragement from HM the King and the royal family played a pivotal role in her journey to winning gold and breaking the Olympic record.

She extended her heartfelt thanks to His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, and His Highness Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Representative of HM the King for Humanitarian Works and Youth Affairs and Chairman of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports (SCYS), and His Highness Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the First Deputy Chairman of the SCYS, Chairman of the General Sports Authority (GSA), and President of the Bahrain Olympic Committee.

## Appreciation

She also expressed her appreciation for the Bahrain Olympic Committee and the Bahrain Athletics Association, whose unwavering support was instrumental in her success.

Yavi described her achievement as "an Olympic dream come true."

She broke the Games' record with an astounding time of 8:43.25. This achievement sur-



Winfred Yavi speaking to BNA after winning the Olympic gold



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- WINFRED YAVI

passes the previous record of 8:58.81 set by Russia's Gulnara Galkina in 2008.

Her tears during the victory ceremony were a reflection of the overwhelming support she received throughout her journey.

## Support

"A huge thanks to my coach and athletic team, my family, and of course, the fans. Their support means the world to me,"

she said.

Reflecting on her preparations, Yavi attributed her historic victory to a blend of hard work, teamwork, and a positive mindset.

She shared that the biggest challenge during the race was avoiding getting boxed in by competitors, a hurdle she overcame by taking the lead and pushing towards the finish line.

Recalling the race's final moments, Yavi described passing

Ugandan Peruth Chemutai, who won silver with a national record time of 8:53.34, as "incredible."

## Strong finish

She said, "I knew I had a very strong finish, and my goal was to make a move, attack the barrier, and keep going until I saw the finish line."

Looking to the future, Yavi sent an empowering message to young athletes: "Believe it and everything is possible, as long as you keep moving."

She also declared her intention to defend her title, stating, "I'll keep doing my thing and come back to defend my title in the Los Angeles 2028 Olympics."

## Bahrain, UK hold talks about Palestinian issue

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His Excellency Dr. Abdullah bin Rashid Al Zayani, Minister of Foreign Affairs, received a telephone call from Rt Hon David Lammy, Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs of the United Kingdom.

During the call, the minister congratulated the secretary of state on assuming his new duties and wished him continued success.

Dr. Al Zayani said he was keen on meeting with the secretary to further discuss enhancing the longstanding relations between the two countries.

The two sides highlighted the historic Bahrain-UK cooperation, within the framework of the strategic dialogue.

## Cooperation

They also emphasised means to further enhance cooperation.

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H.E. Dr. Abdullah bin Rashid Al Zayani

the ongoing Arab and international efforts to achieve a ceasefire, protect civilians in accordance with international law, facilitate humanitarian aid to the Palestinian people, secure the release of hostages and detainees, and mitigate tensions to uphold regional security and stability.

They also discussed the revival of the peace process to reach a political solution for the Palestinian-Israeli conflict based on the two-state solution.

## Joint Security Committee meeting



Lieutenant General Theyab bin Saqer Al Nuaimi, the Bahrain Defence Force (BDF) Chief of Staff chaired the Joint Security Committee meeting. The meeting discussed means of developing cooperation between the BDF and security agencies in the Kingdom. Lieutenant General Tariq bin Hasan Al Hasan, Chief of Public Security, and Lieutenant General Shaikh Abdulaziz bin Saud Al Khalifa, the National Guard Staff Director, attended the meeting.

## Labour Ministry quality services



The Ministry of Labour has successfully renewed its ISO 9001:2015 certification, the international standard for quality management systems, following a comprehensive external audit that covered all sectors of the ministry. This reflects the ministry's commitment to implementing global quality standards across its operations. The ISO 9001:2015 certification is an international standard that evaluates productivity efficiency and the adherence of institutions to quality management systems, thereby contributing to the continuous improvement of work quality within the ministry.

## Major South Muharraq housing plan approved

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MP Hamad Al Doy has announced that the Ministry of Housing and Urban Planning has recently approved the detailed plan for the South Muharraq area, known as "Riya District", and its extensions.

The plan includes a significant area dedicated to various housing programmes, which are expected to serve the residents of the area and address some of the outstanding housing requests in Muharraq.

Al Doy revealed to our sister newspaper Al Ayam that three different housing plans will benefit the residents.

These include the "Riya District" project, another project located in the second district specifically targeting the existing old housing buildings, which will be demolished and redeveloped for different housing programmes, and a third project extending until 2026, initiated under the directives of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa as part of the Muharraq Old Town Development Project.

This project will include 300



MP Hamad Al Doy

Al Doy clarified that the land allocated for these housing projects falls geographically within the first and second districts of Muharraq Governorate.

## Hope

He expressed hope that the Ministry would allocate a portion of these lands to residents of the first and second districts, particularly addressing the long-standing housing requests of the people of Muharraq.

He highlighted that the existing area in the Busaiteen apartments is sufficient for approximately 80 housing units.

If the surrounding area allocated to the Ministry is added, it is expected to be enough to fulfill hundreds of housing requests, especially through the housing unit distribution program or other alternative housing programmes.

Al Doy emphasised that the outstanding housing requests from residents of the second district in Old Muharraq are numerous, exceeding 1,000 requests.

Similarly, the requests from residents of the first district are close to that number, indicating a total of over 2,000 requests.



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housing units built in the old architectural style and will be distributed to residents.

## Jet ski accident

The Coast Guard successfully rescued two individuals following the capsizing of their jet ski in the marine area near Khorfasht. The Ministry of Interior confirmed via the X platform that both individuals are in good health.





## MP lauds Bahrain's remarkable Olympic success



MP Mohammed Al Maarafi

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MP Mohammed Al Maarafi has expressed admiration for the major milestone achieved by Bahrain at the 2024 Olympic Games in Paris, where the nation claimed a gold medal in the women's 3,000-metre steeplechase.

Yesterday, Bahrain won a second medal, a silver, in the women's 400 metres courtesy of Salwa Eid. These victories highlight Bahrain's growing prominence in international athletics.

Al Maarafi offered his warmest congratulations to His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, who has been a central figure in promoting sports in the country, as well as to His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister.

He also acknowledged the roles of His Highness Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, President of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports, and His Highness Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa, First Vice President of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports, President of the General Sports Authority (GSA), and President of the Bahrain Olympic Committee.

Al Maarafi pointed out that these victories are one of many in a series of sporting successes driven by the dedicated efforts of various teams, all of which are supported by the country's forward-thinking leadership.

# Driving change

## New safety standards implemented for school transport vehicles in Bahrain

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The Ministry of Transportation and Telecommunications has implemented new safety standards for school transport vehicles in Bahrain.

These regulations, which came to light through a document sent to drivers and bus owners, outline the requirements for obtaining and renewing licenses for school bus drivers, including a detailed list of safety features and equipment that must be installed on the vehicles.

The new regulations emphasize the importance of rear view sensors, as well as the installation of cameras in school buses.

Buses with a capacity of 25 passengers or less must have two cameras: one to monitor the interior of the bus and another for rearview. Buses with a capacity of 26 passengers or more are required to have three cameras, two for the interior and one for rearview.

The document also highlights the importance of fire extinguishers, with two required for each bus, one near the driver's seat and the other near the door, and clearly marked.

Large mirrors on both sides and the front of the bus are man-



School transport vehicles

datory for buses with a capacity of 26 passengers or more, allowing the driver to have a complete view of the vehicle.

A first-aid kit, appropriate for the number of passengers, must be present in the bus, with a clear label indicating its location.

A "School Bus" sticker must be placed on the left side of the rear of the bus, and a sticker displaying the driver's number and the number of passengers must be placed both inside and outside the bus.

A "No Smoking" sign must be displayed inside the bus.

The document also emphasizes the importance of maintaining the functionality of the air conditioning system, the condition of the seats and upholstery, and the proper closure of the left-side door (if present).

### 'Stop' sign

Additionally, buses with a capacity of 16 passengers or more must have an automatic "Stop" sign on the left side, activated when the door is opened.



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Buses with fixed windows are required to have at least four glass-breaking hammers.

Other safety equipment includes reflective warning triangles, a first-aid kit, and the display of the school's name and logo in Arabic on both sides of the vehicle.

The Ministry of Transportation and Telecommunications has stated that these new regulations are designed to enhance the safety of school children during their transportation to and from school.

## Supermarket employee jailed for stealing from customers

● Stolen amount reaches BD2,000

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A 29-year-old man has been sentenced to six months in prison for stealing from customers at a popular supermarket.

The man, who worked as a customer service supervisor at the supermarket, tricked customers into paying for their purchases through his personal "Benefit Pay" account by claiming that the electronic payment system was down. He then pocketed the money and cancelled their receipts.

The case came to light when a customer requested a receipt for their purchase, which they had not received despite the employee's claims.

The supermarket management investigated and discovered numerous cancelled receipts, all attributed to the employee.

The employee confessed to the crime, admitting to cancelling receipts and stealing the money for himself.

The supermarket reported the incident to authorities, and the Public Prosecution charged the employee with embezzlement.

## Calls for action against overcrowded workers' housing

Mohammed Darwish

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Many workers' accommodations flagrantly violate the law by cramming multiple individuals into small rooms.

Abdullah Al-Qubaisi, a member of the Northern Municipal Council, is calling for stricter enforcement of regulations governing workers' living conditions.

He asserts that no more than eight workers should occupy a



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single room, with each person entitled to at least four square metres of personal space.

Beyond overcrowding, Al-Qubaisi points out that these accommodations often lack proper ventilation and adequate lighting, creating conditions conducive to the spread of disease.

He insists on a strict ban on placing cooking stoves or fuel in rooms and corridors, and he also stresses the prohibition of keeping animals or birds in these

areas.

Despite clear regulations requiring proper organisation of these accommodations, enforcement has been inadequate.

Al-Qubaisi references the situation in Hamad Town, where property owners rent these spaces to workers, causing disruptions for local residents. Workers frequently park their vehicles — cars, buses, trailers, and motorcycles — in residential areas and public parking spaces, adding to the disruption.

# Muharraq to receive candidacy applications today

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The Supreme Committee for Overseeing the Integrity of the 2024 Supplementary Parliamentary Elections in the first constituency of Muharraq Governorate (Busaiteen) will open the door of the supervisory centre starting today to receive candidacy applications.

The committee announced on Thursday through its social media accounts a reminder of the required documents for submitting candidacy applications.

These include: a copy of the birth certificate (candidates must be born in 1994 or earlier and have completed their 30th year upon winning the election), a copy of the identity card, and a copy of the passport.

The committee also requires a copy of the candidate's resume, not exceeding 300 words, preferably in electronic format, along with two personal photographs with a white background

and an electronic copy.

Additionally, candidates must present a receipt of a BD200 deposit to the Ministry of Justice, Islamic Affairs and Endowments.

### Payments

A ministry employee will be present at the supervisory committee headquarters to receive these payments.

The committee further requests a copy of the candidate's academic qualifications, if available.

Alternatively, the committee will conduct a written test for the candidate to verify their literacy.

The candidacy period will last for three days only, with Monday, August 12th, being the last day. The deadline for submission is 9pm.

### Intention

As of yesterday, 11 individuals,



The supervisory committee headquarters

including two women, have declared their intention to run for the parliamentary seat that became vacant due to a court ruling nullifying the membership of Mohammed Al Hussaini.

This number is expected to increase with the official opening of the candidacy period.

In recent days, the constituency has witnessed an increase in unofficial electoral activity.



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Potential candidates have opened their offices to receive voters, while others have increased their presence at religious and social events.

Social media platforms have

also seen increased activity from potential candidates.

### Potential candidates

Several potential candidates confirmed their intention to run in the elections, including: Dr. Essam Al Alawi, Ibrahim Al Shaikh, Abdulaziz Al anaei, Khalid Sulaiabeeh, Saleh Al Sada, Khawla Al Busmait, Nada Bin Shams, Abdullah Al Sehli, Ahmed Al Tamimi, and Shaikh Mohammed Al Qallalif, and lawyer Khawla Hazeem.

Many of those who have declared their intention to run have begun their campaigns, either by announcing their candidacy and outlining some of their plans for the constituency if they win the seat, or by opening their offices to receive residents.

Some have also appeared in video programmes on social media to reach a wider audience and connect with voters more closely.



# Keys returned, dreams shattered

Bahraini woman loses housing unit after four years of neglect and unauthorised alterations

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A Bahraini woman has lost her right to a housing unit after neglecting it for four years and making unauthorised alterations, according to a ruling by the Administrative Court.

The Ministry of Housing had filed a lawsuit seeking the cancellation of the woman's entitlement to the unit and the return of the keys.

The Ministry argued that the unit had been allocated to the woman as a complete housing service for her and her family to reside in.

However, the Ministry's inspections revealed that the unit had been left vacant for years since its allocation, with the woman never moving in and even undertaking unauthorised construction work without obtaining a permit from the relevant municipality.

Following the discovery of the woman's neglect, the Ministry issued a decision to cancel her



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entitlement to the unit due to her failure to comply with the housing contract's terms.

## Lawsuit

This decision prompted the woman to file a lawsuit.

The court, in its ruling, cited the law, which states that housing unit beneficiaries are prohib-



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ited from making any changes to the building, its annexes, or its gas, electricity, or water systems without obtaining permission from the relevant authorities.

The law also stipulates that the allocation of a housing unit can be revoked if the beneficiary

fails to take possession of the unit within six months of being notified in writing to sign the contract and take possession, or if they fail to reside in the unit for more than six months after taking possession without a justifiable reason accepted by the administration.

## Evidence

The court highlighted that inspection reports and photographs provided evidence of the woman's failure to reside in the unit within the legally mandated timeframe, as well as her unauthorised construction work.

The court also noted that the woman had been issued a notice regarding the violation but had failed to rectify the situation or move into the unit.

The court's ruling upholds the Ministry's right to take legal action based on the woman's violation of housing regulations and her failure to comply with the legal requirements for residing in the allocated unit.

## 312 Filipinos avail of free health services

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A total of 312 Filipinos have availed of the free screenings during the first day of the "Health Pinoy!" Campaign.

The Embassy of the Republic of the Philippines in Manama, Kingdom of Bahrain, in cooperation with the Al Hilal Medical Center - Manama Central Branch, organized and launched the "Healthy Pinoy!" Campaign 2024 for Filipinos in the Kingdom of Bahrain on 2 August 2024.

In conjunction with the health campaign, the Embassy also conducted a Consular Outreach Mission.

Under the "Healthy Pinoy!" Campaign 2024, which runs from 02 to 31 August 2024, Filipinos can avail of free services that include blood pressure taking, measurement of Body Mass Index (BMI), and the following blood tests: fasting/random blood sugar, kidney screening, liver screening, total cholesterol count, and uric acid.

Filipinos in Bahrain may also avail of a free doctor's consultation to evaluate their test results.

Her Excellency Anne Jalando-on Louis, the Philippines Ambassador to the Kingdom of Bahrain, conveyed the Embassy's gratitude to the management of the Al Hilal Medical Center for partnering with the Embassy in providing free health screenings to the members of the Filipino community.

This project is part of the Embassy's continuing program to promote the health and wellness of the Filipino community in Bahrain.

## Bahraini buyer found cheated by absconding real estate developer

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In a case that underscores the risks associated with real estate investments, a Bahraini Court has ruled in favour of a buyer who was defrauded by a property developer who later fled the country.

According to the details of the case, the anonymous buyer entered into a preliminary purchase agreement for an apartment with the developer in September 2022.

The total purchase price was set at BD32,000, with the buyer paying an initial BD12,000 upon signing the agreement.

The remaining BD20,000 was to be paid in instalments over 40 months.



Bandar Shamal Al Dooseri, the buyer's lawyer

However, in December 2022, the buyer decided to pay the remaining balance in full and requested the final transfer of ownership.

Much to the buyer's dismay, the developer refused to complete the transaction and began evading the buyer's requests.

Further investigation revealed that the apartment was mortgaged to a bank, and the developer had absconded from the country, having knowingly misled the buyer and accepted the payments despite being unable to transfer the ownership.

The buyer, represented by lawyer Bandar Shamal Al Dooseri, filed a lawsuit against the developer and his company, seeking to rescind the preliminary purchase agreement and recover the BD13,000 already paid.

Initially, the court dismissed the buyer's claim, ruling that the full price did not follow the proper legal procedures.

However, the buyer appealed

the decision and presented evidence that the developer did not actually own the apartment.

## Ownership

Upon reviewing the evidence, including a statement from the Land and Real Estate Registration Authority confirming the apartment's ownership by the developer, the court of appeal ruled in favour of the buyer.

The court found the developer liable for the damages caused to the buyer due to his fraudulent actions and ordered him to return the BD13,000 to the buyer and to return the apartment to the developer's company.

The developer was also ordered to pay the buyer's legal fees and expenses.

## Intersection lanes set for closure

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The Ministry of Works, in coordination with the General Traffic Department of the Ministry of Interior, has announced scheduled maintenance on Nasser Bin Jabr Al Jabr Street at its intersection with King Abdullah Bin Al Hussein Street in the Seef District.

The work will necessitate the closure of some lanes within the intersection.

The maintenance will begin tomorrow, at 11pm, and is expected to continue until Wednesday, August 14, 2024, at 5am. Authorities urge all citizens and residents to adhere to traffic regulations during this period to ensure safety for everyone.

## RMS uses Hugo Robotic System for tumour removal surgeries

TDT | Manama

The Royal Medical Services (RMS) for Hospitals of the Bahrain Defense Force (BDF) successfully conducted five malignant tumour removal surgeries using the Hugo robotic-assisted surgery system.

Those are the first robotic surgeries in Bahrain.

Dr. Ayman Raees, Consultant Urologist and Acting Chief of Medical Staff, led the team in performing three prostate cancer surgeries on patients in their fifties and sixties, one kidney tumour removal, and one adrenal gland tumour removal on a patient in her 30s.

All procedures were successful with no complications.

Brigadier General Dr. Shaikh Fahad bin Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa, the Commander of



The first robotic surgeries in Bahrain

RMS, highlighted that the acquisition of Hugo robotic-assisted surgery system makes the RMS

the first medical institution in the Middle East and North Africa to adopt this technology.

## Traffic accident death



The Ministry of Interior reported that one person died in a traffic accident between two vehicles on King Hamad Street. One of the vehicles caught fire, which was put out by Civil Defense. Authorities conducted an investigation at the scene as part of their standard procedures.



## X halts using personal data of Europeans to train AI



The logo of US online social media and social networking service X - formerly Twitter - is seen on a smartphone screen

AFP | Paris

Social platform X said yesterday it would work European regulators after agreeing to suspend its heavily criticised use of European users' personal data to train its artificial intelligence chatbot Grok.

After Elon Musk's social platform began using personal data in public posts made by European users Ireland's data protection commission (DPC) launched a court case arguing that violated users' data privacy rights.

As X has its European headquarters in Ireland, the country's data protection commission is the lead regulator in Europe for the social platform. "We will continue to work with the DPC about Grok and other AI matters as we have been doing since last year," X said in a post.

That came after Ireland's Data Protection Commission said Thursday the social platform had agreed to suspend use of personal data contained in the public posts of X's users

in Europe to train Grok.

The DPC said X had agreed to suspend the use of users' personal data while European data regulators examine whether such processing complies with Europe's data privacy directive, the GDPR.

DPC chief commissioner Des Hogan said "today's developments will help us to continue protecting the rights and freedoms of X users across the EU and EEA".

The European Economic Area includes the 27 EU countries plus Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway.

In June, Meta backtracked on plans to use personal data from Facebook and Instagram posts in Europe to train its AI model after data privacy pressure group NOYB -- None of Your Business -- lodged complaints in several countries.

NOYB is concerned that platforms are not giving users clear opportunities to opt out of the use of their data to train AI, as European data regulations require.

# Stocks choppy at end of turbulent week

● **Uncertainty reigns after a brief rally sparked by positive unemployment data**

AFP | London

Stocks rebound ran out of gas yesterday, at the end of a roller-coaster week for markets on worries the US economy could tip into recession.

Wall Street's top indices opened lower at the start of trading, a day after rallying on unemployment data that soothed concerns the world's top economy was set to slump into recession.

Europe's top indices gave up their gains in afternoon trading, while Asia closed mostly higher.

"There's not a lot of conviction from buyers or sellers," Briefing.com analyst Patrick O'Hare said in a note to clients ahead of start of trading on Wall Street.

The reaction to the Thursday unemployment data was in marked contrast to separate US employment numbers a week ago that triggered massive selling across markets on Monday.

Since then, equities have seen big fluctuations as traders seek to get on hold of the economic



People walk past the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) at Wall Street

outlook for the United States and elsewhere.

"A drop in jobless claims helped alleviate recession fears," noted Mark Haefele, chief investment officer at UBS Global Wealth Management.

"Markets are now eyeing upcoming (US) inflation and retail sales data, which could lead to future volatility."

Recent trading sessions have been dominated also by sharp swings for the yen against the dollar, with the Bank of Japan indicating that it is done for now on raising rates and amid uncertainty over the pace of cuts to US borrowing costs.

The yen rose against the dollar yesterday. In commodities trading, oil prices rose slightly.

Thursday's data showed fewer people than forecast applied for US unemployment benefits last week, tempering worries about the economy.

"Despite the volatility in claims data, especially around this time of year, the data helped allay fears of a more rapid deterioration in the labour market," said National Australia Bank's Taylor Nugent.

Last week's US non-farm payrolls report came in well below forecast, triggering turmoil on markets.

Traders are now awaiting the release of next week's US inflation data as they attempt to judge the Federal Reserve's plans for interest-rate cuts.

Slowing prices and a soften-



Despite the initial panic from the non-farm payrolls report, a decrease in US jobless claims has temporarily alleviated recession fears. Investors are now keenly awaiting inflation data, which will be pivotal for the Federal Reserve's interest rate decisions

ing labour market have ramped up bets on at least one US rate reduction before January.

In China meanwhile, data yesterday showed consumer inflation rose more than expected in July to hit a five-month high, providing some much-needed positive news on the world's number-two economy.

China endured a period of deflation between October to January, when sliding prices of goods and services heightened worries of an economic slowdown.

## China launches appeal at WTO over EU electric vehicle tariffs

AFP | Beijing

Beijing said it had filed an appeal with the World Trade Organization over the European Union's imposition of additional tariffs on imports of electric vehicles from China.

In July, the EU slapped extra provisional duties of up to 38 percent on Chinese EVs after its executive arm concluded in an investigation that they were unfairly undermining European rivals.

"On August 9, China appealed to the World Trade Organization's dispute settlement mechanism over the EU's temporary anti-subsidy measures on EVs," a spokesperson for the country's commerce ministry said in a



A Leapmotor C10 model car is displayed at a showroom

statement.

The ministry said the appeal aimed to "safeguard the development rights and interests of the electric vehicle industry

and cooperation over the global green transformation".

"The EU's preliminary ruling lacks a factual and legal basis, seriously violates WTO rules,

and undermines the overall situation of global cooperation in addressing climate change," it said.

"We urge the EU to immediately correct its wrong practices and jointly maintain the stability of China-EU economic and trade cooperation as well as EV industrial and supply chains."

Brussels said it took note of Beijing's move but was "confident" its probe and provisional measures were WTO-compatible.

"The EU is carefully studying all the details of this request and will react to the Chinese authorities in due course according to the WTO procedures," a European Commission spokesperson said.

## UK probes Amazon partnership with AI firm Anthropic

AFP | London

Britain's competition regulator yesterday said it had launched an inquiry into a partnership between US e-commerce giant Amazon and Anthropic, an American developer of artificial intelligence.

The move comes after the Competition and Markets Authority in April said it was examining tie-ups between artificial intelligence firms and their US big tech partners Amazon and Microsoft.

Action by the CMA follows similar examinations by regulators in the United States and European Union.



The logos of Amazon and Anthropic are seen on screens

In a statement yesterday, the British regulator said it was considering whether the Amazon-Anthropic partnership "has resulted, or may be expected to result, in a substantial lessening of competition within any

market or markets in the United Kingdom for goods or services".

This follows Amazon's investment of up to \$4 billion in Anthropic, which is developing a rival to ChatGPT-style AI chatbot.

Amazon hit out at the decision, saying in a separate statement that its "collaboration with Anthropic does not raise any competition concerns or meet the CMA's own threshold for review".

It added: "By investing in Anthropic, Amazon, along with other companies, is helping Anthropic expand choice and competition in this important technology."

Anthropic insisted it was "an independent company", while promising to "cooperate with the CMA and provide them with a comprehensive understanding of Amazon's investment and our commercial collaboration".

## India's Ola Electric shines in market debut



Ola Electric scooters are displayed at a showroom in Bangalore

AFP | New Delhi

India's biggest e-scooter maker Ola Electric Mobility dazzled on its market debut yesterday after raising \$734 million, as traders bet on surging demand for battery-powered vehicles.

A booming stock market in the world's fifth-largest economy has stoked an initial public offering frenzy over the last two years, with start-ups and companies scooping up billions of dollars from domestic and foreign investors.

Ola Electric, backed by global investors such as Japan's SoftBank and Singapore's Temasek, has managed to establish a leading position in a country where electric vehicle adoption is low but growing fast.

Sales of two-wheelers dwarf cars in India, but less than 6 percent of the nearly 18 million scooters and bikes sold in

India in the fiscal year ending March 2024 were electric.

Ola has sought to convince wary Indian customers that long-term fuel savings will make up for a lack of country-wide charging infrastructure.

The company sold 35 percent of all electric scooters bought in India in the year to March, but has reported losses for the last three years.

The Indian government has spent over a billion dollars subsidising the sale of electric and hybrid vehicles over the last five years in an attempt to cut down on vehicle emissions. Founder Bhavish Aggarwal, who often cheekily says "Tesla is for the West, Ola for the Rest", was jubilant as he entered the billionaires' club.

"Our hard work has paid off and the world recognises that," Aggarwal wrote on Tesla boss Elon Musk's social media platform X.



News in brief

Disbanded Thai opposition party relaunches under new name, leader



◆ Thailand's main opposition party relaunches with a new leader and name yesterday, two days after it was disbanded by the nation's top court for campaigning to reform defamation laws. The new party will be led by tech entrepreneur Natthaphong Ruengpanyawut, 37, and known as "Prachachon", or "People" in English, a spokesperson told journalists in Bangkok. "I have been elected to become the leader of the party," Natthaphong said. "Our mission is to set up the 'change' government for the 2027 election." The Constitutional Court in Bangkok voted unanimously on Wednesday to dissolve the Move Forward Party (MFP), the vanguard of the country's youthful pro-democracy movement, and ban its executive board members from politics for 10 years.

The former chairman of the Philippines election commission was indicted

◆ Ex-Philippines election official facing US bribery charges by a US federal grand jury in Florida on Thursday for allegedly taking bribes from a company that provided voting machines for the country's 2016 elections. Andres "Andy" Bautista, 60, faces one count of conspiracy to commit money laundering and three counts of international laundering of monetary instruments, the Justice Department said in a statement. Three executives of the voting machine company were also indicted for their roles in an "alleged bribery and money laundering scheme to retain and obtain business related to the 2016 Philippine elections," it said.



Brazil, Nicaragua expel each others' ambassadors



◆ Brazil and Nicaragua expelled each others' ambassadors on Thursday, as souring relations between the two Latin American nations deepened into a fresh diplomatic feud. A Brazilian diplomatic source told AFP the latest flareup in tensions came after Brazil's ambassador to Nicaragua skipped an official ceremony in Managua. The event was the 19 July commemoration of Nicaragua's Sandinista revolution that would eventually lead to President Daniel Ortega coming to power, several exiled Nicaraguan opposition media reported. Brazil's ambassador was not the only diplomat absent from the ceremony, the source noted. Nicaragua nonetheless asked the Brazilian ambassador to leave the country, leading Brasilia to reciprocate on Thursday.

CURIOSER & CURIOSER

Almost a new 'heist of the century' in Argentina



A hole in the street in front of a Banco Macro branch in San Isidro -- Argentina

AFP | Buenos Aires

It could have been a new heist of the century -- if it hadn't been for a metal rod popping up in the middle of a cobblestone street.

Authorities in San Isidro, Argentina -- location of the fabled 2006 "heist of the century" -- announced Thursday that they had prevented a repeat crime.

On Wednesday, a parked driver heard a noise in the chassis of his car that turned out to be caused by the rod emerging from the street surface.

After police arrived at the scene on the northern outskirts of Buenos Aires, an excavation found a tunnel beginning in a warehouse about 220 meters from a branch of Macro bank.

Large amount of earth had been moved and extraction machines were discovered. The tunnel was lined with

wood, had ventilation and electric light, and ended almost at the door of the bank, according to police. So far, police have not found the would-be robbers.

Investigators said construction took between six and nine months, and called the tunnel an engineering feat "better than the one El Chapo Guzman" used to escape from prison in 2015 in Mexico.

The incident was reminiscent of the so-called "heist of the century," which took place in 2006 in the same up-market town, when criminals, with meticulous planning, stole nearly \$19 million from a bank and escaped through a tunnel.

In that robbery, which spawned books, TV series and films, the robbers used toy weapons and left a note in the vault that read "In a neighborhood of rich people, with no weapons or grudges, it's just money."

Japan PM scraps overseas trip after 'megaquake' advisory



A cyclist navigates through traffic in the business district of Otemachi in central Tokyo

AFP | Tokyo

Japan's Prime Minister Fumio Kishida yesterday cancelled a trip to Central Asia after earthquake scientists warned the country should prepare for a possible "megaquake".

The Japan Meteorological Agency (JMA) issued the advisory on Thursday after eight people were injured by a tremor of magnitude 7.1 in the south.

Kishida was due yesterday to travel to Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan and Mongolia and had planned to attend a regional summit.

"As the prime minister with the highest responsibility for crisis management, I decided I should stay in Japan for at least a week," he told reporters.

Kishida added that the public must be feeling "very anxious" after the JMA issued

its first advisory under a new system drawn up following a major magnitude 9.0 earthquake in 2011 which triggered a deadly tsunami and nuclear disaster.

"The likelihood of a new major earthquake is higher than normal, but this is not an indication that a major earthquake will definitely occur," the JMA said.

Traffic lights and cars shook and dishes fell off shelves during Thursday's earthquake off the southern island of Kyushu, but no serious damage was reported.

The Fire and Disaster Management Agency said eight people were hurt -- including several hit by falling objects.

Sitting on top of four major tectonic plates, the Japanese archipelago of 125 million people sees some 1,500 quakes every year, most of them minor.

Russia scrambles to counter

Ukraine advances into Kursk

Ukrainian push into Russia's Kursk region with 1,000 troops and tanks

Moscow sends artillery, tanks, and troops to bolster defenses

Thousands flee Kursk region as Ukrainian forces advance

AFP | Washington

Russia said yesterday it was deploying more troops and munitions to a border region where Ukraine had mounted a major ground offensive, as Ukraine said a Russian strike on a supermarket in its east killed 11 people.

Kyiv's troops have been driving into Russia's western Kursk region since Tuesday in a surprise offensive that appears to be the most significant attack on Russian soil since Moscow invaded in February 2022.



A Russian battle tank T-72 drives outside the

Russia's defence ministry said it was sending columns of military hardware, including rocket launchers, artillery, tanks and heavy trucks to reinforce its defenses in the region, state media reported.

Around 1,000 Ukrainian troops and more than two dozen armoured vehicles and tanks were involved in the initial attack, according to Russia's estimates, although it has since claimed to have destroyed many more pieces of equipment.

Kyiv has not officially taken responsibility, but Ukrainian Presi-

Musk's misleading election posts viewed 1.2 bln times: study

AFP | New York

False or misleading US election claims posted on X by Elon Musk have amassed nearly 1.2 billion views this year, a watchdog reported Thursday, highlighting the billionaire's potential influence on the highly polarized White House race.

Ahead of the November election, researchers have raised alarm that X, formerly Twitter, is a hotbed of political misinformation.

They have also flagged that Musk, who purchased the platform in 2022 and is a vocal backer of Donald Trump, appears to be swaying voters



Elon Musk speaks at the Milken Institute's Global Conference in Beverly Hills, California (file photo)

by spreading falsehoods on his personal account.

Researchers from the Center for Countering Digital Hate (CCDH) identified 50 posts since

January by Musk -- who has more than 193 million followers on the social media site -- with election claims debunked by independent fact-checkers.

None of the posts displayed a "Community Note," a crowd-sourced moderation tool that X has promoted as the way for users to add context to posts, CCDH said, raising questions about its effectiveness to combat falsehoods.

"Elon Musk is abusing his privileged position as owner of a... politically influential social media platform to sow disinformation that generates discord and distrust," warned CCDH chief executive Imran Ahmed.

New finds in treasure-laden shipwreck off Colombia

AFP | Bogota

New artifacts have been found on the legendary Spanish galleon San Jose, Colombia's government announced Thursday, after the first robotic exploration of the three-century-old shipwreck.

In February, the Colombian government announced it would begin extractions from the ship off its Caribbean coast, with the wreckage believed to be holding treasures worth billions of dollars.

"Results of this exploration have revealed an unprecedented set of archaeological evidence, which has greatly expanded our knowledge," the institutions in charge of exploring the wreck said in a statement.



Cannons of the wrecked Spanish galleon San Jose, off the coast of Cartagena, in the Caribbean Sea, Colombia

It said a robot surveyed the wreck, whose exact location has been kept secret since its discovery in 2015, between May 23 and June 1.

"Although a concentration of archaeological remains was

detected in 2022 in the area of the shipwreck, the recent exploration has allowed to characterize these accumulations in more detail and to discover new isolated elements," the statement said.

Maduro heads to Supreme Court hoping to cement disputed vote win



Nicolas Maduro AFP | Caracas

President Nicolas Maduro is set to appear before Venezuela's Supreme Court yesterday, as he asks the top judicial body to affirm his disputed reelection.

The court appearance comes as the country's main opposition leader continues to challenge the July 28 vote, saying that she would offer Maduro "guarantees and incentives" for a "negotiated transition" of power which sees him leave office.

The nation has been in political crisis since election authorities declared Maduro the winner of last month's poll, a decision questioned both domestically and abroad.

The National Electoral Council (CNE) has yet to release detailed results from the vote, while the opposition has released copies of 84 percent of ballots cast, showing an easy win for their candidate, Edmundo Gonzalez Urrutia. The government says those results are forged.

The Supreme Court -- widely seen as aligned with Maduro -- has summoned all presidential candidates before it, though some of the opposition have refused to attend.



Killing of Sinsharishkun, King of Assyrian Empire. Destruction of Nineveh

John Cabot tells King Henry VII of his trip to "Asia"



King Charles II and John Flamsteed lay the foundation stone of the Royal Observatory in Greenwich, London

US Act of Congress passes establishing the Smithsonian Institution, now world's largest museum and research complex

# Ukraine troops, arms

# Ukraine incursion

Ukraine, Russia retaliates with deadly missile strikes



Ukraine town of Sudzha

Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelensky said in an address Thursday that Russia needed to "feel" the consequences of its invasion.

Both sides also stepped up aerial attacks behind the frontlines yesterday.

A Russian missile strike on a supermarket in the east Ukrainian town of Kostyantynivka in the middle of the day killed at least 11 people and wounded 44, Ukraine's State Emergency Service said.

The town is about 13 kilometres (eight miles) from the nearest Russian positions.



**Ukraine's unexpected offensive in Kursk is one of the boldest moves since the war began. Analysts believe it aims to divert Russian military resources and relieve pressure on key battlefronts**

"Russia will be held accountable for this terror," Zelensky said in a post on Telegram.

AFP journalists on the scene saw dozens of people fleeing as police officers warned of a potential second strike.

**'The war has come to us'**

Ukraine's surprise offensive into the Kursk region appeared

to catch Russia off guard, with some analysts suggesting Kyiv was hoping to divert resources and relieve pressure on parts of the frontline where Moscow is advancing.

Influential Russian military bloggers have blasted army leaders for failing to spot or quash the incursion.

Senior Kyiv officials have stayed largely tight-lipped, although Zelensky alluded to the attack on Thursday.

"Everyone can see that the Ukraine army knows how to surprise and knows how to achieve results," he said.

Moscow has not presented detailed information on the extent of the Ukrainian advance.

It said yesterday it had struck Ukrainian positions on the western edge of Sudzha, a town around eight kilometres (five miles) from the border that appeared to be the focus of Kyiv's offensive.

Several Russian media outlets shared a video purporting to show residents from the town appealing to President Vladimir Putin for help, warning that many were unable to evacuate.

## Turkey bus crash kills 9, injures 26



Wreckage of the bus is seen after the crash

AFP | Istanbul

A bus traveling between cities in Turkey swerved off a highway and slammed into an overpass pillar yesterday, killing nine people on board and injuring at least 26 others, the provincial governor said.

The crash occurred near the town of Polatli, some 80 kilometers (50 miles) from the capital, Ankara, Gov. Vasip Sahin told HaberTurk television station. The bus was traveling from Izmir in western Turkey to Agri in the east of the coun-

try, he said.

A deputy chief prosecutor was assigned to oversee an investigation into the cause of the crash, which led to the closure of one side of the highway, the state-run Anadolu Agency reported.

Sahin told reporters at scene of the crash that there were no skid marks on the road, suggesting the driver might have dozed off.

There was no information on the conditions of the injured passengers, who were taken to hospitals in Polatli and Ankara.

## Two Sri Lankan ministers sacked over defection

AFP | Colombo

Two government ministers who defected from Sri Lanka's main opposition were sacked from the cabinet yesterday, after the Supreme Court upheld disciplinary ac-

tion against them.

The decision came ahead of presidential elections next month, the first vote since the unprecedented economic crisis of 2022, when months of protests toppled then-president Gotabaya Rajapaksa.

## Trump offers three September debates against surging Harris

AFP | Washington

Donald Trump proposed three September debates against Kamala Harris Thursday as he sought to wrest back some of the attention lavished on his rival since her blockbuster entry into the US presidential election.

Harris has ignited the Democratic ticket in the last 18 days, pulling in record fundraising and obliterating the Republican ex-president's polling lead to open up a much broader path to victory than her party would have dared to hope for just a month ago.

The country's first female, Black and South Asian vice



Republican presidential candidate former President Donald Trump speaks during a press conference at his Mar-a-Lago estate

president heads into the Democratic National Convention in Chicago later this month on the back of a series of packed rallies that have won plaudits for a positive message that has reenergized the base.

Meanwhile Trump -- who addressed journalists at his oceanfront estate in Florida -- has found himself on unfamiliar ground as something of a bystander, eclipsed by Harris's rise as he has scaled back his own campaigning.

"I hope she agrees," Trump told journalists, after he said he had arranged debates with television networks on September 4, 10 and 25.

Harris responded Thursday that she would "look forward" to facing off on ABC News on September 10, a previously scheduled debate that the two campaigns had sparred over after Trump temporarily backed out.

## US envoy skips Nagasaki memorial after Israel snub



A view of the Nagasaki memorial

AFP | Tokyo

The US ambassador to Japan skipped a ceremony yesterday marking the 79th anniversary of the atomic bombing of Nagasaki in protest at Israel not being invited.

Rahm Emanuel instead attended a prayer meeting at a Tokyo temple with Israeli ambassador Gilad Cohen and Britain's Julia Longbottom, who also boycotted the Nagasaki event.

On August 9, 1945, the United States dropped an atomic bomb on Nagasaki, killing 74,000 people including many who survived the explosion but died later from radiation exposure.

The bomb fell three days after the first nuclear bomb hit Hiroshima and killed 140,000 people. Japan announced its surrender in World War II on August 15, 1945.

Former US ambassador John Roos in 2010 became the first American representative to attend the Hiroshima commemoration and followed suit in Nagasaki two years later.

## Harris doesn't back Israel arms embargo, aide says

AFP | London

Kamala Harris does not support an arms embargo on US ally Israel, a top aide said Thursday, in one of the first substantive statements on her Gaza war policy since her July entry to the 2024 White House race.

The comment came a day after the US vice president was heckled by pro-Palestinian protesters at a rally for the first time since she became the Democratic candidate less than three weeks ago.

Harris also met with groups opposed to the war after the rally in Detroit, Michigan. Participants reportedly said they brought up the issue of halting US arms supplies to Israel.



US Vice President and Democratic presidential candidate Kamala Harris speaks during a campaign rally in Romulus, Michigan

"She does not support an arms embargo on Israel," Harris's national security advisor Phil Gordon said on X.

He added that the vice president "has been clear: she will always ensure Israel is able to defend itself against Iran and



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TWEETS

01



My number one priority is to make sure our communities are safe. Thanks to our police forces, those who participate in violence online and offline will face the full force of the law.

@Keir\_Starmer

02



Too many lives have been lost in Gaza. The destruction must stop, and hostages must be released. The region is on the brink of a terrible conflict. We urgently need a ceasefire. Full support to the U.S., Egypt, and Qatar in their mediation efforts.

@CharlesMichel

03



We need a ceasefire in Gaza now. That's the only way to save lives, restore hope for peace, and secure the return of hostages. Thus I strongly support the efforts led by the U.S., Egypt, and Qatar to help achieve the peace and stability the region needs.

@vonderleyen

04



In Kursk, Ukraine shows Putin's vulnerabilities, while treating Russian civilians with respect. Putin's army isn't capable of... meanwhile Putin continues to bomb ordinary civilians in grocery stores... The international community must #StandWithUkraine

@guyverhofstadt

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# CELEBS

## US rapper Travis Scott arrested in Paris after fight: prosecutors

AFP | Paris

US rapper Travis Scott was arrested early Friday over a fight at a five-star hotel in the French capital, prosecutors said.

"Policemen were called to the Georges V hotel and arrested Travis Scott for violence against a security agent. The latter had intervened to separate the rapper from his bodyguard," the Paris prosecutor's office said in a statement.

It was not immediately clear if the 33-year-old singer was being detained.

Scott was seen attending **Travis Scott attends the Olympics men's basketball semi-finals**



the Olympics men's basketball semi-finals on Thursday evening.

The music star, whose real name is Jacques Bermon Webster, was arrested in Miami Beach in June for trespassing and disorderly intoxication, records showed.

Scott's "Utopia" was a nominee for best rap album at this year's Grammy Awards.

Other endeavours include merchandising deals with Nike, video game maker Epic Games and McDonald's fast food.

Scott has two children with social media giant and business mogul Kylie Jenner.

## Camila Cabello reveals she's been 'going through it lately'

Bang Showbiz | Los Angeles

Camila Cabello has been "going through it lately".

The 27-year-old pop star - who first found fame as part of Fifth Harmony - has taken to social media to reveal that she's taking a break from the spotlight while she deals with her issues.

Camila - who released her fourth studio album, 'C,XOXO', in June - wrote on Instagram: "going thru it lately."

"feels like sometimes there is heartache everywhere i look, within me and around me. and i try my best to show up for my friends, my fans and the people that show up for me but it's hard to pour from what feels like an empty cup"

"if i am a part of your life and i disappear sometimes, that's probably why "so brb while i get some band-aids and warm honey and stitches for this head and heart. you know i'll be back from my trips to hell hotter funnier and smarter"

Meanwhile, Camila previously revealed that she's "really into Buddhism".

The singer has **Camila Cabello**

found various "mechanisms" to cope with the pressures of fame and success.

Camila - who embarked on a solo career after quitting Fifth Harmony in 2016 - said on the 'Armchair Expert' podcast: "I don't think I would've changed when I started [in the music industry], because so many parts of my personality today are because of the tools and the skills and ... some adaptive and some maladaptive mechanisms that I had to develop to survive and thrive.

"For example, I'm really into Buddhism. That would have never happened, because I need those tools - being a calm and being able to pull through. But also, it carries over to other life stuff where I feel like I'm wiser than I would have been."



## Channing Tatum is a once-in-a-generation talent, says Ryan Reynolds

Bang Showbiz | Los Angeles

Ryan Reynolds has hailed Channing Tatum as a "once-in-a-generation talent".

The 47-year-old actor stars alongside Channing, 44, in 'Deadpool and Wolverine', and Ryan has taken to social media to pay a glowing tribute to his co-star, who plays Gambit in the new Marvel movie.

Ryan - who plays Deadpool in the money-spinning film franchise - wrote on X: "Imagine having a front row seat to this guy. He's not only a once in a



Ryan Reynolds and Channing Tatum

generation talent but a genuinely GOOD man. I know what it feels like to WILL a character into existence and Chan did

just that. Then he put the most vivid/authentic version of the character onscreen. (sic)"

Earlier this week, Channing admitted that he owes Ryan a debt of gratitude.

The Hollywood star took to Instagram to praise his showbiz pal, thanking Ryan for believing in him.

What's more, Channing admitted that he feels proud to appear in the new 'Deadpool' movie.

He said: "All things happen for a reason. I'm so grateful to be in this movie. It's a masterpiece in my opinion."

## Sandra Bullock 'ready to get back' to Hollywood after taking a break to deal with personal tragedy

Bang Showbiz | Los Angeles

Sandra Bullock is "ready to get back in the game".

The 'Speed' star is reportedly gearing up to return to Hollywood after taking a two-year hiatus to raise her family - which consists of her two kids Louis, 14, and Layla, 11 - and care her late partner Bryan Randall, who passed away almost a year ago at the age of 57 following a short battle with ALS.

A source told this week's edition of US Weekly: "She gradually reemerging into public life.

"She's excited about what the future holds. She's ready to get back in the game."

Another insider noted that the 'Lost City' star had endured one of the "hardest times" of her life following the death of her partner and that she needed time off.

The source said: "Sandra needed the break to be with her family and Bryan."

Meanwhile, Sandra previously insisted that he was the "love of her life" while talking about her lack of urgency to get married during a 2021 appearance on 'Red Table Talk' with Jada Pinkett-Smith.

At the time, she said: "We share two beautiful children - three children, his older daughter [Skylar, 30]. It's the best

thing ever. I don't need a paper to be a devoted partner... I don't need to be told to weather a storm with a good man. He's the example that I would want my children to have."

Sandra's sister Gesine praised her dedication to nursing the late photographer on social media.



Sandra Bullock

## Jamie Lee Curtis apologises after she makes savage dig at MCU: 'I will do better..'

Bang Showbiz | Los Angeles

Jamie Lee Curtis has apologised for her dig at the MCU.

The 65-year-old actress was unimpressed by the comic book movie franchise - which will kick off Phase 6 with the release of 'The Fantastic Four: First Steps' - and labelled it "bad" when asked during the San Diego Comic-Con, but she has since spoken to the franchise's head producer and vowed to no longer "compete" for attention online.

She wrote on X: "My comments about Marvel

were stupid and I will do better. I've reached out to Kevin Feige and will no longer play in that mud slinging sandbox of competition we call the internet nor will I engage in the toilet paper promotion or game play that is designed for clicks not content or conversation. (sic)"

In recent years, the 'Freaky Friday' star has complained about the state of the franchise openly on social media.

She previously compared 'Doctor Strange in the Multiverse of Madness' unfavourably to her own movie 'Everything Everywhere All At Once', for which she won an Oscar.

Jamie wrote on X, former-

ly Twitter, in 2022: "Is it JUST me? Does it seem STRANGE that our TINY movie that could and did and continues to do #1moviein-america and is TRULY MARVELOUS, out marvels any Marvel movie they put out there @everythingeverywheremovie has a Marvel movie coming out with a copycat poster? Is this one of those Internet feuds?(sic)"

Jamie Lee Curtis

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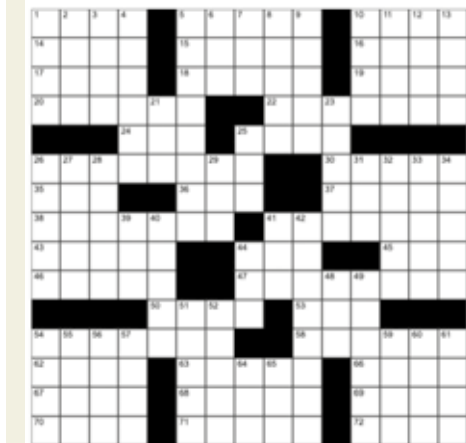
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How to play

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### CROSSWORD



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Down

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Yesterday's solution

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ALBUSAITTEEN CITY COLDSTORE has a vacancy for the occupation of SALESMAN, suitably qualified applicants can contact 38888400 or [ALKHAJA83@GMAIL.COM](mailto:ALKHAJA83@GMAIL.COM)

SEVEN HILLS FACILITY MANAGEMENT SERVICES W.L.L. has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER/PACKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39976476 or [SRI-RAO@7HILLS-GROUP.COM](mailto:SRI-RAO@7HILLS-GROUP.COM)

URBASER BAHRAIN CO W.L.L. has a vacancy for the occupation of CLEANER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17534342 or [sajlmath@urbaser.com](mailto:sajlmath@urbaser.com)

BURGER EXPRESS W.L.L. has a vacancy for the occupation of DRIVER(FOOD DISTRIBUTION), suitably qualified applicants can contact 36020030 or [sagaburger@gmail.com](mailto:sagaburger@gmail.com)

VELAS RESTAURANT W.L.L. has a vacancy for the occupation of WAITER (GENERAL), suitably qualified applicants can contact 17251497 or [AMEERAS@HOTMAIL.COM](mailto:AMEERAS@HOTMAIL.COM)

SALLAR INTERIOR DECOR W.L.L. has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER(MAINTENANCE).GENERAL, suitably qualified applicants can contact 37447991 or [ABID.SIDDIQUI1972@GMAIL.COM](mailto:ABID.SIDDIQUI1972@GMAIL.COM)

ARRAY INNOVATION W.L.L. has a vacancy for the occupation of COMPUTER SOFTWARE SPECIALIST, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39926662 or [HALQASEER@MUMTALAKAT.BH](mailto:HALQASEER@MUMTALAKAT.BH)

TECHPOINT REPAIR & SERVICE W.L.L. has a vacancy for the occupation of ASSISTANT TECHNICIAN, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39291660 or [AKRAM150470@GMAIL.COM](mailto:AKRAM150470@GMAIL.COM)

TEST LOAD MANAGEMENT AND SERVICES W.L.L. has a vacancy for the occupation of SUPERVISOR, suitably qualified applicants can contact 34428706 or [MANZOORALI1987@YAHOO.IN](mailto:MANZOORALI1987@YAHOO.IN)

MOHAMMED ABUALQASSIM BUILDING COMPLETION has a vacancy for the occupation of SUPERVISOR, suitably qualified applicants can contact 35306735 or [ABULQASIMBH12@GMAIL.COM](mailto:ABULQASIMBH12@GMAIL.COM)

MUHAMMAD NAWAZ INTERIOR DECORATION BAHRAINI PARTNERSHIP COMPANY has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER(SALES), suitably qualified applicants can contact 17095185 or [MDNAWAZ154@GMAIL.COM](mailto:MDNAWAZ154@GMAIL.COM)

FAHAD ABDULRAHMAN CONTRACTING has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER(CONSTRUCTION).GENERAL, suitably qualified applicants can contact 37433737 or [khalifafarhanbh@gmail.com](mailto:khalifafarhanbh@gmail.com)

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AL MAHASSEN FACILITIES SUPPORT SERVICES W.L.L. has a vacancy for the occupation of ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT, suitably qualified applicants can contact 36839812 or [GURUVINOD2010@GMAIL.COM](mailto:GURUVINOD2010@GMAIL.COM)

MGRP STONE WORKS W.L.L. has a vacancy for the occupation of OFFICE ASSISTANT, suitably qualified applicants can contact 33002717 or [PIYUSHMISHRA1977@GMAIL.COM](mailto:PIYUSHMISHRA1977@GMAIL.COM)

BEAUTY FACE TRADING W.L.L. has a vacancy for the occupation of SALESMAN, suitably

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PRINCE PERFORMANCE GARAGE has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER(SALES), suitably qualified applicants can contact 34088554 or [SALAH85AHMED@GMAIL.COM](mailto:SALAH85AHMED@GMAIL.COM)

ZEAL PACK GENERAL TRADING W.L.L. has a vacancy for the occupation of SALES WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 33578079 or [MKSRANIYA@GMAIL.COM](mailto:MKSRANIYA@GMAIL.COM)

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LAMSA DECORATION W.L.L. has a vacancy for the occupation of SUPERVISOR FOR BUILDING MAINTENANCE, suitably qualified applicants can contact 33132728 or [SALAHSAD-AM6@GMAIL.COM](mailto:SALAHSAD-AM6@GMAIL.COM)

NASSER SAEED AL-HAJRI CORPORATION W.L.L. has a vacancy for the occupation of WELDER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17312220 or [AHCLOBE@BATELCO.COM.BH](mailto:AHCLOBE@BATELCO.COM.BH)

ALFOUZ CONTRACTING CO. W.L.L. has a vacancy for the occupation of TECHNICIAN, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17774477 or [MAJED@FAWAZALZAYANI.COM](mailto:MAJED@FAWAZALZAYANI.COM)

MUHARRAQ INTERNTIONAL METALS CO W.L.L. has a vacancy for the occupation of SERVICES HELPER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 34324605 or [SAIDAQASIM2016@GMAIL.COM](mailto:SAIDAQASIM2016@GMAIL.COM)

FAHEEM SERVICES W.L.L. has a vacancy for the occupation of DECORATOR, suitably qualified applicants can contact 37410136 or [SAFDARHAYATFBUSINESS@GMAIL.COM](mailto:SAFDARHAYATFBUSINESS@GMAIL.COM)

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NASIR NADEEM SUPPORT SERVICES CO W.L.L. has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER(MAINTENANCE).GENERAL, suitably qualified applicants can contact 35935010 or [SERVICEMONICA9@GMAIL.COM](mailto:SERVICEMONICA9@GMAIL.COM)

MANAN DECOR CO W.L.L. has a vacancy for the occupation of OFFICE ASSISTANT, suitably qualified applicants can contact 33418827 or [HY36762@GMAIL.COM](mailto:HY36762@GMAIL.COM)

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NETFLOW SERVICES W.L.L. has a vacancy for the occupation of OFFICE HELPER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 33178630 or [MOON624786@GMAIL.COM](mailto:MOON624786@GMAIL.COM)

MANJIT ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT REPAIR W.L.L. has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER(SALES), suitably qualified applicants can contact 66343207 or [MANJITELECTRONIC1976@GMAIL.COM](mailto:MANJITELECTRONIC1976@GMAIL.COM)

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AL-AHLIA CONTRACTING CO. W.L.L. has a vacancy for the occupation of DRIVER(HEAVY VEHICLE), suitably qualified applicants can contact 17737000 or [h.s.m1111@gmail.com](mailto:h.s.m1111@gmail.com)

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17224545 or [cct@cct-bh.com](mailto:cct@cct-bh.com)

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HKH CONTRACTING W.L.L. has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER/PACKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 33871683 or [MK\\_ALKHALIFA.36@HOTMAIL.COM](mailto:MK_ALKHALIFA.36@HOTMAIL.COM)

Vega International Service Wll has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER(CONSTRUCTION), suitably qualified applicants can contact 36666996 or [M.K.ALMUSALAM@GMAIL.COM](mailto:M.K.ALMUSALAM@GMAIL.COM)

TANVER AHMED SERVICES W.L.L. has a vacancy for the occupation of PLUMBER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 33715412 or [KPX.TANVEER@GMAIL.COM](mailto:KPX.TANVEER@GMAIL.COM)

TASHA RESTAURANT W.L.L. has a vacancy for the occupation of WAITER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 35193909 or [gamalosama7@GMAIL.COM](mailto:gamalosama7@GMAIL.COM)

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MIRZA WAQAS SERVICES W.L.L. has a vacancy for the occupation of CLEANER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 34551136 or [MUSAMIRA445678@GMAIL.COM](mailto:MUSAMIRA445678@GMAIL.COM)

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KOOHEJI CONTRACTORS W.L.L. has a vacancy for the occupation of SCAFFOLDER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17786500 or [careers@kcbahrain.com](mailto:careers@kcbahrain.com)

ALAHLAM TECHNICAL & CONSTRUCTION SERVICES has a vacancy for the occupation of CLEANER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17785335 or [HAMED\\_996@HOTMAIL.COM](mailto:HAMED_996@HOTMAIL.COM)

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UNITED CHEMICAL TECHNOLOGY W.L.L. has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER(CONSTRUCTION).GENERAL, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17300313 or [alijahromi09@gmail.com](mailto:alijahromi09@gmail.com)

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ALSUBAH AUTO SERVICES has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER(SALES), suitably qualified applicants can contact 39465372 or [ARABIANAGENCY@YAHOO.COM](mailto:ARABIANAGENCY@YAHOO.COM)

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BARBIE HAIR DRESSING FITNESS & BEAUTY CENTRE has a vacancy for the occupation of BEAUTICIAN, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17323924 or [fay\\_oo@icloud.com](mailto:fay_oo@icloud.com)

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ALMASJAN COLD STOR has a vacancy for the occupation of SALESMAN (GROCERY OR COLDSTORE), suitably qualified applicants can contact 33918999 or [almusajencs@gmail.com](mailto:almusajencs@gmail.com)

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LULU BAHRAIN HYPER MARKET W.L.L. has a vacancy for the occupation of RETAIL TRADE SALESMAN, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17585558 or [CAREERS@BH.LU-LUMEA.COM](mailto:CAREERS@BH.LU-LUMEA.COM)

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AL AMMAR TRANSPORT has a vacancy for the occupation of DRIVER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39836099 or [JAFARALMADHOOB@HOTMAIL.COM](mailto:JAFARALMADHOOB@HOTMAIL.COM)

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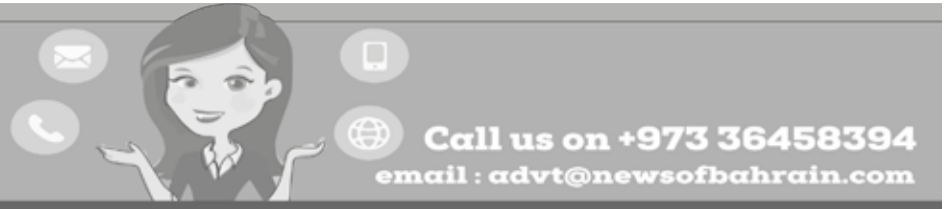
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# Guardiola thanks Alvarez for 'massive' contribution ahead of Atletico move

● **Julian Alvarez joins Atletico Madrid in deal worth up to 95 million euros**

AFP | Manchester

**P**ep Guardiola hailed the impact made by Julian Alvarez in two seasons at Manchester City with the Argentine set to join Atletico Madrid in a deal worth up to 95 million euros (£81 million, \$104 million). The 24-year-old cost City just £14 million when he signed from

River Plate and has since enjoyed a meteoric rise, helping Argentina to World Cup and Copa America glory, as well as winning two Premier League titles and the Champions League at club level.

Alvarez scored 36 times in 103 appearances for the English champions, but often found himself still squeezed out of Guardiola's preferred line-up by the presence of Norwegian striker Erling Haaland.

"He has been two years here, we won everything together and his contribution has been massive," said Guardiola ahead of his side's return to action in the Community Shield against Manchester United on Saturday.

"He wanted to leave. He wanted a new challenge. Atletico Madrid is a top club in Spain... was a joy to work with him and hopefully he can find what he is looking for."

Guardiola's own future re-

mains a source of speculation as the Catalan enters the final year of his contract at the Etihad.

The 53-year-old has won six Premier League titles, City's first Champions League, as well as four League Cups and two FA Cups during his eight seasons in

Manchester.

Guardiola refused to be drawn on whether he would be interested in taking charge of the England national team at the end of the season but said he feels refreshed and excited as City aim to win the Premier League for a record-extending fifth consecutive year.

"I have to decide what I want to do with my life. If I want to continue here, I want to take a break, I want to be training national teams or not, so many things," he added on his future.

"When you arrive to the competition then my energy can rise again, so I'm fully I would say excited for the season because I see things that I like and then we'll see.

"It's a new challenge. We break the record last season (of winning four consecutive Premier League titles) and now we'll see what is the ambition of ourselves."



**Julian Alvarez, who cost Manchester City just £14 million from River Plate, leaves after helping the club win multiple titles, including their first-ever Champions League**



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PEP GUARDIOLA

## US top-seed Gauff ousts Wang, Azarenka advances at Toronto

AFP | Toronto

**U**S top-seed Coco Gauff advanced to the third round of the WTA Toronto Masters on Thursday with a 6-4, 6-4 victory over China's Wang Yafan.

In her first match since being ousted from the Paris Olympics by Croatian Donna Vekic, the 20-year-old American fired six aces and connected on 60 percent of her first serves to dispatch Wang in 88 minutes.

"It was difficult," Gauff said. "I think I made some more errors than I'm used to but overall I think I was building the points the correct way. I just have to do better making those last two balls.

"Overall, I'm happy with how I played."

Up next for the reigning US Open champion will be Russian 14th seed Diana Shnaider, who rallied to defeat Poland's Magdalena Frech 2-6, 6-3, 7-6 (7/5).

World number two Gauff is making the transition to hardcourts after a run to the fourth round at Wimbledon and an Olympic stint on clay at Roland Garros.



US top seed Coco Gauff in action against China's Wang Yafan

"It would be special to win here, especially I'm trying to get my groove on hardcourt," Gauff said. "I'm not expecting much but I'm just trying to play some good tennis."

Gauff, a semi-finalist at this year's Australian and French Opens, has won six of her seven career WTA titles on hardcourts, the most recent at Auckland in January. Her lone exception is a clay crown at Italy in 2021.

Two-time reigning Australian Open champion Aryna Sabalenka advanced as well, eliminating China's Yuan Yue 6-2, 6-2 in 81 minutes.

Next in the world number three's path is Britain's 33rd ranked Katie Boulter, who advanced when 13th seed Beatriz Haddad Maia retired from their match after only two games with a lower back injury.

US seventh seed Madison

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Keys retired with a left thigh injury down 3-0 in the third set against compatriot Peyton Stearns.

Latvian fourth seed Jelena Ostapenko rallied to beat Spain's Paula Badosa, last week's WTA Washington winner, by 3-6, 7-6 (7/3), 6-2. Up next for the world number 11 is US lucky loser Taylor Townsend.

Russian sixth seed Liudmila Samsonova reached the round of 16 by ousting Japan's Moyuka Uchijima 6-4, 6-2 while Ukraine's 11th-seeded Marta Kostyuk eliminated compatriot Elina Svitolina 6-2, 2-6, 6-2.

## Sinner starts Canadian ATP repeat bid with Montreal win

AFP | Montreal

**J**annik Sinner bolted out of the blocks in his first ATP match since Wimbledon with the defending champion defeating Borna Coric 6-2, 6-4 on Thursday at the Montreal Masters.

The Italian world number one last competed in the All-England Club quarter-finals a month ago, where he was treated for illness in a loss to Daniil Medvedev.

Sinner missed the Olympics due to tonsillitis and arrived a week ago in Canada to get accustomed to match play again.

It has worked well as he and Briton Jack Draper have reached the doubles quarter-finals.

"Playing doubles helped to get the match feeling back," Sinner said after his 96 minute-defeat of Croat Coric. "I'm hitting the ball quite cleanly, trying to get better each day."

The 22-year-old Australian Open champion called his singles start "positive."

"I'm very happy with the performance," he said. "The match felt closer than the score. I had to save a break point in the second set -- if he had made it, the match could



Jannik Sinner

have potentially changed. "I had a good mindset today. I'll try to keep that going."

German second seed Alexander Zverev dominated in advancing to the third round as a trio of other seeds went down to defeat.

Zverev crushed Australian Jordan Thompson 6-1, 6-1 after overcoming the challenging switch from Paris Olympic clay to fast North American hardcourt.

The 2017 champion in Canada took a victory as third seed Medvedev, eighth seed Stefanos Tsitsipas and 10th seed Tommy Paul all lost.

## Ten-man Miami edge Toronto 4-3 to advance in Leagues Cup

AFP | Miami

**M**atias Rojas scored twice and 10-man defending champion Inter Miami edged Toronto FC 4-3 in a Leagues Cup knockout stage opener on Thursday.

The hosts advanced to the last 16 against the winner of a Friday match between Sporting Kansas City and reigning MLS champion Columbus Crew.

Paraguayan midfielder Rojas opened the scoring in the third minute for Miami and compatriot Diego Gomez gave Inter a 2-0 lead in the 11th minute.

Italian striker Lorenzo Insigne converted a penalty kick for Toronto in the 15th minute, but Luis Suarez answered for Miami in the 20th minute, with the Uruguayan forward giving the



Matias Rojas of Inter Miami (R) celebrates a goal with teammates

hosts a 3-1 edge.

Inter Miami lost defender Hector Martinez to a red card in the 28th minute and the Canadian side had more than an

hour to chase the tying goals with a man advantage.

Insigne struck again from the spot in the 41st minute to lift Toronto within 3-2 at half-time.

Rojas struck again in the 59th minute, with Spanish defender Jordi Alba picking up his fourth assist of the contest as Miami stretched the lead to 4-2.

Toronto pulled within the final margin on an own goal by Miami defender Noah Allen in the 79th minute, but the visitors could not manage an equalizer.

Inter Miami, this season's overall MLS leader, beat Toronto 3-1 on July 17 in an MLS regular-season contest.

In fact, Inter Miami was a winner even before the match.

Florida Governor Ron DeSantis announced an \$8 million grant was being awarded to Miami-Dade County to construct a roadway around the new Inter Miami stadium being built near Miami International Airport.



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# Breaking makes high-energy debut

Women's breakdancing competition kicks off in Paris, but sport's future uncertain

● Women's competition sees 17 B-Girls battling it out

● B-Girls from diverse countries like Japan, Lithuania, and Australia participate

AFP | Paris

The urban sport of breaking spun its way onto the Olympic stage yesterday for the first and possibly last time, amid the grand elegance of Paris' Place de la Concorde. Breaking, better known as breakdancing, made its Games

**BETTER YOU KNOW**

Breaking originated as part of hip hop culture in New York in the 1970s. What began in the block parties of the Bronx has reached the fountains and classical facades of one of Paris' most opulent public spaces, overseen by the International Olympic Committee

debut with the women's competition, featuring 17 dancers known as B-Girls going head-to-head in a series of battles to crown the inaugural champion. The sport's appearance at the Olympics could be a fleeting one however, having already been dropped from the Los Angeles 2028 programme and no guarantee it will return in the future. Organisers ensured it made the most of its time in the spotlight in Paris, pumping up the volume for an excited crowd that included rapper Snoop Dogg. The first contest of the day was between India Sardjoe of the Netherlands, known by her B-Girl name India, and Refugee Olympic Team competitor Talash, whose real name is

Manizha Talash, left Taliban-controlled Afghanistan to live in Spain two years ago and danced wearing a blue cape with "Free Afghan Women" printed on it. Breaking originated as part of hip hop culture in New York in the 1970s. What began in the block parties of the Bronx has reached the fountains and classical facades of one of Paris' most opulent public spaces, overseen by the International Olympic Committee. Each battle sees B-Girls take turns to lay down their dance moves over a set number of rounds, with a panel of judges determining the winner.



France's Sya Dembele, competes in the Women's Breaking dance

**Standings**

#	NOC	G	S	B	Total
1	China	32	25	20	77
2	United States	30	38	36	104
3	Australia	18	15	14	47
4	France*	14	19	22	55
5	Great Britain	14	18	21	53
6	Japan	13	8	13	34
7	South Korea	13	8	7	28
8	Italy	11	11	11	33
9	Germany	11	9	7	27
10	Netherlands	11	6	9	26
11	New Zealand	6	6	2	14
12	Canada	6	5	11	22
13	Hungary	4	5	5	14
14	Ireland	4	0	3	7
15	Ukraine	3	4	4	11
54	Bahrain	1	0	0	1

Lithuania's Dominika Banevic, while the men's champion is Victor Montalvo of the United States.

## Ma Long makes Chinese history with sixth Olympic gold

Ma Long made Chinese Olympic history with the sixth gold of his career yesterday in the men's team event in Paris to embellish his reputation as the best table tennis player ever. The 35-year-old played his part in a 3-0 victory over Sweden that put China on the verge of a clean sweep in the French capital, although the matches were closer than the result suggests. Ma's sixth gold took him past divers Wu Minxia and Chen Ruolin, and gymnast Zou Kai, with the most golds of any Chinese athlete in Olympic history. As well as his record haul of Olympic golds, Ma has also won an astonishing 14 world titles and was China's male flag-bearer at the opening ceremony. With a wealth of options at their disposal,



Ma Long (R) wins a point in the men's team final

China controversially overlooked Ma for the singles in Paris, denying him the chance to win a third gold in a row in that event. In his absence, Fan Zhendong won gold instead. In the first match of the final, Ma paired

up with Wang Chuqin, who had his bat accidentally broken by an overeager photographer earlier at the Games. The Chinese duo raced into a 6-1 lead in the opening game, only for Anton Kallberg and Kristian Karlsson to fight back and take the game 11-8. The South Paris Arena was full to capacity, and the overwhelming majority was supporting China, many of them decked out in the country's red. They willed Ma and Wang to victory in the next game, but with little to decide between the two pairs, they went to a deciding fifth game. Fittingly, Ma hit the winning shot with a howitzer of a forehand down the middle to put China 1-0 up in the final and on their way to another gold.

## World record holder Amusan crashes out of Olympic 100m hurdles

World record holder and former world champion Tobi Amusan crashed out of the women's 100m hurdles at the Olympics yesterday as defending champion Jasmine Camacho-Quinn sailed into the final. Amusan shocked the world in 2022 when she set a world record of 12.12sec on her way to victory at the World Championships in Eugene. But the 27-year-old was way off that sort of pace yesterday and could only finish third in her heat behind Grace Stark of the USA and the Bahamas' Devynne Charlton in 12.55sec. That time was not good enough to secure passage into the final as one of the fastest losers. Amusan, who successfully appealed against a doping ban earlier this year after she was accused of missing three doping tests, did not speak after her elimination. Meanwhile, qualifying was dominated by US sprinters who clocked three of the four



Nigeria's world record holder Tobi Amusan reacts after failing to qualify fastest times in the heats.

Alaysha Johnson was quickest in the heats with a time of 12.34sec, just ahead of Puerto Rico's Camacho-Quinn (12.35sec). Stark was third fastest in 12.39sec with Masai Russell fourth quickest in 12.42sec. Camacho-Quinn, silver medalist at last year's World Championships in Budapest, is dreaming of becoming the first woman to win consecutive Olympic titles in the 100m hurdles.

## Bulgaria's Nasar grins and bears it with world record weightlifting gold

Bulgarian Karlos Nasar became the lightest man to lift 400 kilogrammes in competition as he shattered the men's 89kg weightlifting world record at the Olympics yesterday. Tied for first after lifting 180kg in the opening snatch round, the 20-year-old delayed his entry in the clean and jerk until most of his rivals had used

their three attempts at lower weights. With his first lift he flipped 213 kilogrammes over his head to secure the gold. That left him two attempts to total 400kg and he opted to aim high. Nasar seemed barely troubled. Pausing an extra beat with the bar on his chest, he grinned, before hoisting a world record 224kg over his head for a total of 404kg, another record. Colombian Yeison Lopez was second on 390kg. Italian Antonino Pizzolato scored a dramatic bronze after failing on his first two attempts before he was only spared a no-score when judges upheld his appeal after a video review.



Karlos Nasar

## US Olympic sprint star Lyles tests positive for Covid

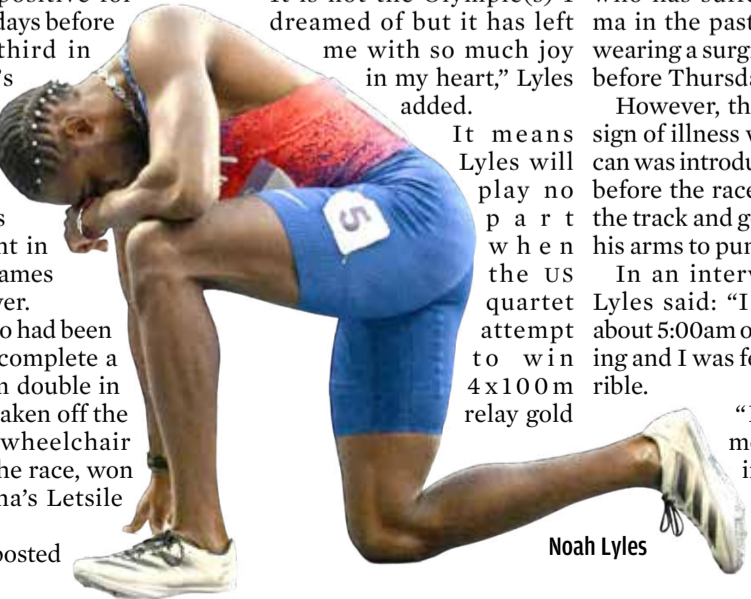
Olympic 100 metres champion Noah Lyles revealed he tested positive for Covid two days before finishing third in Thursday's 200m final, adding that he believed his involvement in the Paris Games was now over. Lyles, who had been bidding to complete a 100m-200m double in Paris, was taken off the track in a wheelchair following the race, won by Botswana's Letsile Tebogo. He later posted

on Instagram: "I believe this will be the end of my 2024 Olympics. It is not the Olympic(s) I dreamed of but it has left me with so much joy in my heart," Lyles added. It means Lyles will play no part when the US quartet attempt to win 4x100m relay gold yesterday. The 27-year-old American, who has suffered from asthma in the past, had been seen wearing a surgical mask shortly before Thursday's 200m final. However, there had been no sign of illness when the American was introduced to the crowd before the race, bounding onto the track and gesticulating with his arms to pump up the crowd. In an interview with NBC, Lyles said: "I woke up early, about 5:00am on Tuesday morning and I was feeling really horrible. "I knew it was more than just being sore from the 100 (metres). We woke up the doctors and

we tested and unfortunately, it came up that I was positive for Covid." Lyles later told reporters that his illness "definitely affected my performance." "But to be honest, I'm more proud of myself than anything," he added. "Coming out and getting the bronze medal with Covid."

**“ I believe this will be the end of my 2024 Olympics. It is not the Olympic(s) I dreamed of but it has left me with so much joy in my heart ”**

NOAH LYLES



Noah Lyles

## German cyclist Friedrich breaks women's sprint world record

Germany's Lea Friedrich smashed the women's sprint world record yesterday, just minutes after New Zealand's Ellesse Andrews did the same. The 24-year-old blasted round the Saint-Quentin-en-Yvelines velodrome in 10.029secs during qualifying to lay down a marker ahead of the final on Sunday. Her sizzling ride came after new-

ly-minted Keirin gold medalist Andrews clocked 10.108 to better the previous world best (10.154) set by Canada's defending Olympic champion Kelsey Mitchell in 2019. A new mark was on the cards after the Olympic record was lowered four times before Andrews and Friedrich took to the track. A slew of world records have been set at the lightning-fast Paris velodrome, with nine before the exploits of Andrews and Friedrich. Lea Friedrich



Lea Friedrich