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Nawaf Abdullah Hamza named executive director of elections, releases slogan



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Nawaf Abdullah Hamza, the President of the Legislation and Legal Opinion Commission, was yesterday named as the Executive Director of the Elections of the members of the Council of Representatives.

Justice, Islamic Affairs and Endowments Minister, and Chairman of the High Committee to Oversee the Integrity of the Elections of the members of the Council of Representatives, Nawaf bin Mohammed Al-Maawda, announced the appointment. Separately, the Legislation and Legal Opinion Commission yesterday announced "We Vote for Bahrain," as the upcoming parliamentary and municipal elections slogan.

Justice Minister also formed a High Committee to Oversee the Integrity of the Elections. Judge Masooma Abdulrasool Isa Mohammed, Chancellor Wael Rasheed Khalifa Bu Allay, Judge Ibrahim Sultan Ibrahim Al-Zayed, Chancellor Dr Ahmed Mohammed Ali Al-Hammadi, Judge Ali Ahmed Jumaa Al-Kaabi, Judge Mohammed Mirza Mohammed Aman and Judge Salman Abdulla Abdulridha Al-Afsoor are the members.



King Charles vows to serve his nation as Britain mourns late queen

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Britain's King Charles paid a heartfelt tribute yesterday to his late mother Queen Elizabeth, vowing to serve with "loyalty, respect and love" as she had done for more than seven decades.

In his first address to the nation, Charles thanked the queen for her devotion to her family and to those for whom she was the monarch.

Elizabeth, Britain's longest-reigning monarch and a towering presence on the world stage for 70 years, died on Thursday at her home in Scotland aged 96, drawing an outpouring of tributes from at home and around the globe.

"I speak to you today with feelings of profound sorrow," said Charles, who became king on his mother's death - head of state of the United Kingdom and 14 other realms including Australia, Canada, Jamaica, New Zealand and Papua New Guinea.

"Throughout her life, Her Majesty The Queen - my beloved Mother - was an inspiration and example to me and

to all my family, and we owe her the most heartfelt debt any family can owe to their mother; for her love, affection, guidance, understanding and example."

In his televised message, Charles reflected on his mother's promise she made in 1947, aged 21, to devote her life to the service of her peoples.

"That was more than a promise: it was a profound personal commitment which defined her whole life. She made sacrifices for duty," he said.

"As the queen herself did with such unswerving devotion, I too now solemnly pledge myself, throughout the remaining time God grants me, to uphold the Constitutional principles at the heart of our nation.

"And wherever you may live in the United Kingdom, or in the Realms and territories across the world, and whatever may be your background or beliefs, I shall endeavour to serve you with loyalty, respect and love, as I have throughout my life."

Charles, 73, also said he had made his eldest son William the new Prince of Wales, the title that had been his for decades and one traditionally held by the heir to the throne. William's wife Kate be-

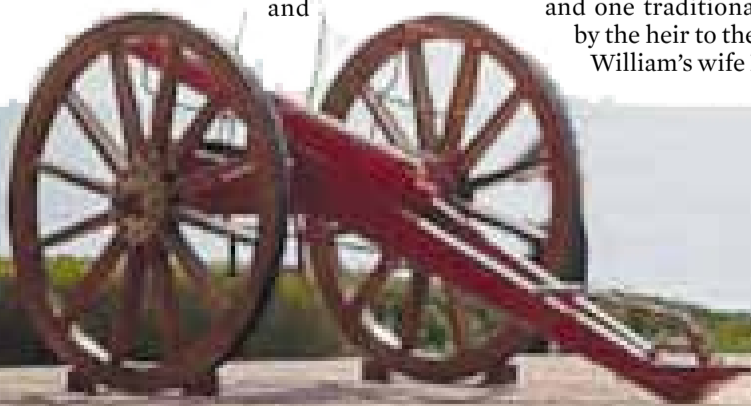
comes Princess of Wales, a role last held by the late Princess Diana.

"With Catherine beside him, our new Prince and Princess of Wales will, I know, continue to inspire and lead our national conversations, helping to bring the marginal to the centre ground where vital help can be given," he said.

Charles takes Charge

Charles will officially be proclaimed king today at a meeting of the Accession Council held at St James's Palace followed by proclamations across the nation.

Bahrain mourns HM Queen Elizabeth as flags fly at half-mast



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Bahrain mourns Queen as flags fly at half-mast



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Bahrain's flags were flown at half-mast all over the Kingdom yesterday as part of three-day mourning declared by His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa to pay respect to Queen Elizabeth-II, the longest-serving monarch of the UK, who took her last breath at Balmoral Castle in Scotland on Thursday.

Buckingham Palace had said she has been suffering from "episodic mobility problems" since the end of last year.

As the news of her demise sent shock waves across the world, Bahrain, which enjoyed a deep and emotional relationship with the 96-year-old Queen, felt its reverberation quite strongly. It also sparked a deluge of condolences from all across the Kingdom for the late Queen, with HM King calling it a 'huge loss' to humanity.

The world has lost "a great symbol of humanity, wisdom and tolerance" with the passing of Queen Elizabeth II, said His Majesty King Hamad.

His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, said that Her Majesty's defining contributions were instrumental in fostering close and distinguished relations between the Kingdom and their people.

British Embassy opens condolence book

In a tweet, British Embassy in Bahrain, @UKinBahrain, said it

would open a condolence book at the British Embassy. The book opens daily from Sunday till the 19th of this month from 10 am to 2 pm.

"A public condolence book at the British Embassy will be open daily from Sunday 11 - Monday 19 September (exclusive of weekends) from 10 am to 2 pm. No mobile phones and no parking within the Embassy," the tweet reads.

The Embassy has also opened an online condolence book at <https://www.royal.uk/>.

Symbol of humanitarian values

Recalling the efforts of the late HM Queen Elizabeth II over the past seven decades, Shura Council Chairman, Ali bin Saleh Al-Saleh, said the Queen's dedicated endeavours helped strengthen the long-standing friendly relations between Bahrain and the United Kingdom.

Meanwhile, Speaker of the Council of Representatives, Fawzia bint Abdulla Zainal, described Queen Elizabeth as a "symbol of humanitarian values, tolerance and love for her country and people, as well as the entire world."

She asserted that Bahrain had lost a great leader, who had played a key role in boosting the friendly relations between the two kingdoms.

Rest in Peace

"Rest in Peace Your Majesty," HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Representative of

HM the King for Humanitarian Work and Youth Affairs, posted on his Instagram account.

A walk down the memory lane

One would have to walk back at least two centuries or more to see the origin of the deep-rooted ties bonding Bahrain and Britain. It rose to new heights with the signing of an agreement in 1816 to strengthen and protect joint interests. The deal went official in 1820 with the signing of the "General Maritime Treaty" which found new strength in 1861, 1880 and 1892.

These agreements consolidated the alliance, independence, and interests and strengthened the position of Bahrain as a strategic centre for commercial traffic. It also ensured security and stability in the Gulf region.

Thus, over the past 206 years, Bahraini-British relations developed in remarkable ways. Not just officially but through friendship and rapprochement between the two royal families.

These ties enhanced the understanding and coordination between the two Kingdoms on bilateral, regional and international interests and diplomatic relations.

Boosting this further was the first official visit of Her Majesty the late Queen Elizabeth II to Bahrain in mid-February 1979 during the times of late HH Shaikh Isa bin Salman Al Khalifa.

In 1986 - the British Crown Prince Charles, Prince of Wales at the time, paid his second visit to Bahrain as part of a GCC tour.

The third visit of Charles III was on 26 February 2007, as part of a ten-day Gulf tour. Accompanying him on that tour was his wife, Princess Camilla. Charles held fruitful discussions with His Majesty the



King, His Royal Highness the Crown Prince and the Prime Minister.

The visits reflected the strength of diplomatic relations and the great position enjoyed by Bahrain in European and International circles for its balanced foreign policy.

In 2016, Bahrain celebrated the 200th anniversary of Bahraini-British relations. The same year, HM King attended the international Royal Windsor Horse Show, during which the book "Celebrating 200 Years Together: The Bicentenary of British-Bahraini Relations Paperback" was launched.

His Majesty made several visits to Britain afterwards, strengthening bilateral ties across various fields, the most recent being in May 2022 at the invitation of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II for the Royal Windsor Equestrian Festival.

All these led Bahrain and Britain to sign several agreements, cooperation protocols and MoUs raising the level of partnerships and bilateral coordination in several fields.

Then came the turning point in the relationship in 1935, when Britain moved its

naval base in the Arabian Gulf to Bahrain, launching a new era of relations and partnership. The signing of the "1971 Friendship Treaty" took the ties to new heights.

Bahrain is now the regional headquarters for British companies, commercial and financial institutions, British banks and banks with international activity with hefty capital and investments.

Agreements to encourage and protect investments signed in 2006, cooperation between the Bahrain Stock Exchange and the London Stock Exchange in 2007, and the two mem-

oranda of understanding between the governments in the customs sector in 2008 and many others stand testament to the deep-rooted historical relations between the two kingdoms, leadership, government and people.



Recalling over two centuries of solid relations

Bahrain has grown still growing: NASA

Bahrain's land area has grown a lot in recent decades and is still growing, says NASA's earth observatory report

Comparing both the images, NASA points out that the "change is most apparent in the country's north, where shallow coastal waters have made it technically and economically feasible to build new land from the seafloor."



These images show changes across 35 years. The first image was captured by the Thematic Mapper on Landsat 5 on August 17, 1987. The second image, captured by the Operational Land Imager (OLI) on Landsat 8, shows the same area on August 17, 2022.

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Bahrain has grown and is growing further - both in terms of population and land area, the latest report by NASA's earth observatory said.

National Aeronautics and Space Administration or NASA also released two areal images of Bahrain -- taken in a gap of 35

years -- to support their claims.

The first image is from Thematic Mapper on Landsat 5 on 17th August 1987. The second image, captured by the Operational Land Imager (OLI) on Landsat 8, shows the same area on 17th August 2022.

The first image comes soon after Bahrain got linked to Saudi Arabia via the King Fahd cause-

way in 1986.

Comparing both images, NASA points out that the "change is most apparent in the country's north, where shallow coastal waters have made it technically and economically feasible to build new land from the seafloor."

NASA tells this based on a report by Sabah Aljenaid, ge-

ographic information systems and remote sensing scientist at Arabian Gulf University, who used Landsat images to classify changes to the land between 1986 and 2020.

Aljenaid and colleagues found that built-up (urban) areas dominated the changes during this period, increasing on average by 7.5% each year. The growth

came primarily at the expense of vegetated land and wetlands.

Aljenaid also highlights the dramatic expansion of Muharraq Island, which now spans more than 60 square kilometres (23 square miles) northeast of Manama, the capital city. She also pointed to changes on the island of Nabih Saleh.

While the focus of urban ex-

pansion is in the north, parts of the southern coastline had undergone a change too, the report adds.

Dredging for the artificial islands of Durrat Al Bahrain, which began in 2004, added about 5 square kilometres (2 square miles) of land to the southeast coast by 2007.

The report, quoting John Burt, a marine biologist at New York University Abu Dhabi, said: "A decade ago, I wrote that 11% of the island of Bahrain is reclaimed land, and the growth continues today."

He further points out that the shape of Bahrain in 35 more years remains to be seen.

"There was on-and-off talk of building a bridge across Fasht Al Adhm to Qatar," Burt said. "It has not come to fruition, but it may be a future mega-development to watch out for."

Citing new reports, NASA also shows that in July 2022, a record 2.5 million motor vehicle passengers travelled on the 25-kilometre (16-mile) stretch of road.

What fuels this growth?

According to Eman Ghoneim, a physical geographer at the University of North Carolina Wilmington, the rapid population growth and the simultaneous increase in urbanization, along with land scarcity, have pushed Bahrain to invest in mega land reclamation projects to extend its coastline.



Padmashri Yusuff Ali M A, CMD of LuLu Group International, yesterday inaugurated Sraavanam 2022 of the Bahrain Keraleeya Samajam. The inauguration was in the presence of Shaikh Khalid bin Abdulla Al Khalifa, the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Infrastructure, Osama Bin Ahmed Khalaf Al Asfoor, the Minister of Social Development and Piyush Srivastava, the Indian Ambassador. The event, on the occasion of Onam, - the harvest festival of Kerala, India - was in the presence of PV Radhakrishna Pillai, BKS President, Varghese Karakkal, General Secretary, MP Raghu, Chairman of Sraavanam, Sankar Palloor, General Convenor of Sraavanam and several other officials and guests. A Music concert by Padmabhooshan K S Chitra and their team followed the inauguration.

Royal Medical Services training citizens and residents on CPR, first aid



The Lifelong First Aid training held at City Centre on World First Aid Day

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Bahrain Royal Medical Services, in association with the Crown Prince Centre for Training and Medical Research, is training citizens and residents on emergency lifesaving procedures in the City Centre Complex as part of World First Aid Day. The two-day event, which started yesterday and concludes today, aims to train citizens and residents in CPR - or Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation and first aid.

Every year on the second

Saturday of September, World First Aid Day is observed to promote awareness about how first aid can save several lives. This year the theme for World First Aid Day is "Learning First Aid for Life."

The first objective of World First Aid Day is to take the required steps to save the lives of injured or sick individuals. The second is to manage an injured person's condition by administering first aid and attempting to avoid infection. And the third objective is to get the wounded individual to the hospital as soon as possible.

New sewer to connect 43 properties in Riffa

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Works are progressing to establish sewerages for various roads in block 939 in Riffa, with the ministry also opening a tender to hire contractors.

As per the tender, the project aims at connecting 43 properties in block number 939 through the new sewer infrastructure.

Works include creating a new uPVC sewer main pipeline for 685 meters (200mm) and 180 meters (250mm).

Works ministry also plans to create a lateral sewer pipeline of 150mm diameter for a total length of 595m.



Representative picture

The project, the tender says, will also have 10 Type C, 40 Type E, 33 Type H and 12 Type F 'manhole' points.

Heavy-duty and medium covers and asphalt reinstatement works are also part of the job.

This tender invites only registered SME contractors with a valid SME Certificate and a valid Pre-qualification License with the Ministry of Work. Contractors should be in "Grade AA, A, B, C or D in the categories of sewer works.

Interested contractors should bid through the tender board, with a BD2,500 bond and BD100 tender fees, before the 2nd of October 2022.

Wanted 3 bulldozers for Askar landfill

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Works Ministry is looking forward to hiring three new bulldozers for work at Askar landfill.

A tender launched says that the work will be under "the supervision and control of the current Askar landfill Operator for compacting works and other jobs as instructed by the landfill operator."

"The contractor shall provide drivers, fuel and insurance of the vehicles," the tender says.

Works Ministry is offering a two-year contract.

Those interested in taking up the project should bid through the tender board with a BD4,000 bond and BD100 tender fees.

Bids should reach the board before the 2nd of October 2022.

Facility Management Hard & Soft Services for Exhibition World Bahrain

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Bahrain Tourism & Exhibition Authority has opened a 'Request for Proposals' for Facility Management Hard & Soft Services for Exhibition World Bahrain.

The RFP have two sections:

-Facility Management Section (One) Hard Services -Facility Management Section (Two) Soft Services. The last date for receiving bids is the 2nd of October 2022. A BD5,000 bond and a BD100 tender fee should accompany bids.

BACA tender for excavation, survey and management of archaeological sites

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The Bahrain Authority for Culture & Antiquities is planning the excavation of 14 of its archaeological sites, for which it has launched a tender.

The tender seeks "highly qualified companies with the expertise to determine the existence or absence of the archaeological remains." Com-

panies should also regularly monitor sites for security and ensure periodic cleaning.

The archaeological survey programme would change according to excavation requests and archaeological finds.

Bids should reach the tender board before the 21st of September 2022, with a BD1,000 bond and BD50 tender fees.

Website for Government Hospitals department

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The Government Hospitals has launched a tender for creating a website.

GH said it is looking forward to collaborating with an information and communication technology company to design and develop a responsive modern site.

The website, the tender board said, should align with the Information and eGovernment Authority standardiza-

tion. The vendor should collect the information across the sections and present the information in a manner which describes the structure and information of Government Hospitals.

The website should have an admin site and dashboard to maintain the day-to-day activities.

Interested companies should bid before the 2nd of October 2022, with a BD500 bond and BD15 tender fees.

Tender for street decorations in North

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Northern Area Municipality has published a tender for street decorations.

The tender is for installing electrical lines and connections with permanent electrical supply and creating bases

for all lighting fixtures according to manufacturers' recommendations.

The contractor should take full responsibility for commissioning and operating the sites.

Make bids with a BD500 bond and BD15 tender fees, before the 21st of Sept. 2022.

BAC hiring consultancy for airport Perimeter Intrusion Detection System

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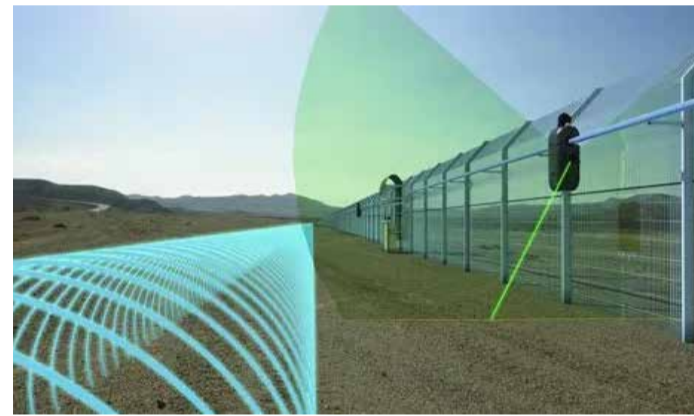
Bahrain Airport Company has launched a two-stage tender for hiring a consultancy to replace its "Perimeter Intrusion Detection System" at Bahrain International Airport.

The move, the tender says, aims at effectively securing its perimeters and getting early warning of any potential issues.

The airport security department has initiated this project to replace the current Perimeter Intrusion Detection System (PIDS) by installing and implementing the latest PIDS technologies.

The tender says the airport currently has ICT systems necessary for the smooth operation of the airport installed through the Airport Modernization Programme.

Eligible bidders should have a minimum experience of 5 years in similar projects and must produce a track record of at



Representative picture



A perimeter intrusion detection system (PIDS) is a device or sensor that detects the presence of an intruder attempting to breach the physical perimeter of a property, building, or other secured area.

least three references for previous work.

Bids should reach the tender

board before the 12th of October 2022, with a BD100 bond and BD100 tender fees.

Mumtalakat tender for buying laptops attracts nine bids

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Nine companies are in the fray to grab a contract for supplying 75 laptops to Bahrain Mumtalakat Holding Company for its employees.

As per the bids, the project will cost Mumtalakat between BHD 84,232.500 and BHD 39,875,000.

Future Communications Co Bahrain quoted the lowest amount, and Northstar Technology Company the highest. The tender calls for bidders to provide a three-year manufacturer warranty.

Bapco wants to buy Nuclear Personal Electronic Dosimeters and survey meters

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Bahrain Petroleum Company is looking forward to buying nuclear personal electronic dosimeters and survey meters.

The equipment, the tender said, is for employees who will

be working with and around the Nuclear Gauges.

Download tender documents for technical details.

Bids should reach the tender board before the 28th of September 2022, with a BD500 bond and BD30 tender fees.

Bapco tender offering three-year deal for supplying poultry items

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Bapco is offering a three-year agreement for supplying poultry items.

The products are for Bapco Club, Al Dar, Awali Hospital and Refinery Cafeteria.

Interested suppliers

should supply the items based on requirements and conditions as per the tender document.

Make bids before the 5th of October 2022, with a BD1,000 bond and BD100 tender fees.

Shura wants Security Monitoring and Reporting Service

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Shura Council has opened a tender for purchasing an integrated cyber security system to monitor and protect its infrastructure from any external penetration attempt.

The system, the tender says, should protect its communication networks and digital programmes within its infrastructure against cyber-attacks.

Shura is seeking protection against "attacks that aim to access, alter, or destroy sensitive information for the purpose of seizing mail, interrupting operations, or obtaining sensitive information."

Interested service providers should bid before the 22nd of September 2022, with a BD500 bond and BD15 tender fees.

Tamkeen Refurbishment Project

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Tamkeen has launched a tender for refurbishing its offices.

The offices planned for refurbishing are at the BCCI on the 6th, 7th, 8th, and 9th floors.

The tender launched calls for a supplier to install carpet tiles as per specification and details provided by Tamkeen.

To get the work, make bids before the 2nd of October 2022, with a BD500 bond and BD15 tender fees.

TRA hiring consultancy for Retail Price Benchmarking Report for Arab Countries

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The Telecommunication Regulatory Authority of Bahrain plans to create a retail price benchmarking report for Arab countries for AREGNET.

TRA has also launched a tender for hiring consultancy services to develop and populate a price

benchmarking tool.

The study aims to update and enhance the Arab Regulators Network of Telecommunications and Information Technologies price benchmarking tools and other deliverables developed previously.

TRA is commissioning the study on behalf of the AREGNET

members. Bahrain will share the study with AREGNET members.

The TRA initiated the retail tariff benchmarking study in 2008 and updates annually. This study allows readers to compare the retail price levels for telecommunications services in the Arab countries and to draw comparisons with the OECD av-

erages.

Teligen, Strategy Analytics Ltd. in the UK produced the 2021 TRA report for AREGNET with 12 past updates from 2007 to 2020. This study covered five types of telecom services: Fixed Voice, Mobile Voice and Data, Fixed Broadband, Mobile Broadband, and Leased Lines.



The AREGNET was established during the first symposium of the regulatory institutions of telecommunications in the Arab region, held in Algiers on 19th -21st April 2003. The permanent secretariat of AREGNET is ensured by the Regulatory of Postal and Electronic Communication (Algeria).



LuLu Exchange Bahrain acknowledges loyal customers with a token of appreciation

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LuLu Exchange Bahrain has been known for its focus on consumer satisfaction and excellent experiences. As part of the customer appreciation initiative in the month of September 2022, LuLu Exchange's Bahrain operation has taken a leap to acknowledge and appreciate its loyal customers who enrolled with the Company since the beginning of Bahrain operations in 2013. These customers have continued as loyal clients of LuLu Exchange till date.

To make their appreciation and gratitude known to the customers, Bahrain's management team visited them and

handed over a token of appreciation. The felicitation was conducted in the presence of LuLu Exchange Bahrain General Manager Edison Fernandez.

Commenting upon the momentous occasion, Fernandez said, "I am extremely grateful and appreciative of our loyal customers who have stayed with us since 2013. It gives all of us, at LuLu Exchange Bahrain, great pleasure to acknowledge and felicitate our trusted customers at this juncture. Going ahead, we promise all our customers to keep delivering on our promise of excellent services and look forward to serving you for many more years to come."

Saudi wealth fund to issue green bonds as soon as next week

Reuters | Dubai

Saudi Arabia's \$620 billion sovereign wealth fund, the Public Investment Fund (PIF), is expected to tap international debt markets for a debut green bonds issue as soon as next week, five sources familiar with the matter said.

PIF has been monitoring the

market for months to find a window to issue, three sources said. That window could come as soon as next week, depending on market conditions, or possibly in October, two of the sources said.

The deal is expected to raise billions of dollars, sources have said.

Dubai grants provisional approval to crypto firm Blockchain.com

Reuters

London-based crypto firm Blockchain.com said it had won a provisional approval to operate in Dubai, becoming the latest in a series of digital asset companies expanding in the Gulf as the region

looks to become a hub for blockchain technology.

The company, which offers users a crypto wallet and is also a crypto exchange, said on Friday it had signed an agreement with Dubai's crypto regulator Virtual Assets Regulatory Authority (VARA) and would open

an office in the region and begin hiring.

The United Arab Emirates (UAE) has been pushing to develop virtual asset regulation to attract new forms of business as economic competition heats up in the Gulf region.

Dubai, one of the UAE's seven

emirates and the region's business hub, in March adopted its first law governing virtual assets and established VARA as a regulator for the sector.

Since then, the emirate has also granted virtual asset licenses to crypto giants Binance and FTX.

Lawmakers seek US probe on airline COVID-19 funds

Reuters | Washington

The leaders of two congressional committees want a federal probe into whether airlines used government pandemic money to fund pilot buyouts and early retirements that may have fueled current pilot shortages, according to a letter released yesterday.

Congress approved \$54 billion in three rounds covering much of US airline payroll costs for 18 months that ended in September 2021. Airlines accepting government assistance that funded payroll costs were prohibited from furloughs or firing workers and faced limits on executive compensation and bans on stock buybacks and dividends.

Major airlines, after losing thousands of employees during the pandemic, now have more pilots than before COVID-19 and are flying fewer flights but face higher absentee rates driven by COVID cases. Regional airlines are still struggling to hire enough pilots, while airlines cut back on flights this summer to improve performance.

"As a result of pilot shortages, thousands of flights have been delayed or canceled, wreaking havoc on travel plans for millions of American taxpay-



U.S. Representative Carolyn Maloney (D-NY) speaks during a House Committee on Oversight and Reform hearing on gun violence on Capitol Hill in Washington

ers," House of Representatives' Oversight Committee Chairwoman Carolyn Maloney and Coronavirus Crisis Committee Chairman James Clyburn wrote in a Sept. 8 letter to the Treasury Department's inspector general.

The committee wants the inspector general to "complete a thorough review of the federal funding Treasury has disbursed to airlines to sustain their operations during the coronavirus pandemic, including an accounting for how the funds were disbursed and used by each airline recipient."

Airlines for America, a trade group representing major carriers, said "funds went only to the paychecks of employees,

as stipulated by law" and said it was crucial to ensuring the industry's viability. "We welcome any additional investigation of this effective program," the group added.

Out of \$54 billion, airlines must repay \$14 billion, or 26.2%. American Airlines (AAL.O) received \$12.6 billion, Delta Air Lines (DAL.N) \$11.9 billion, United Airlines (UAL.O) \$10.9 billion and Southwest Airlines (LUV.N) \$7.2 billion, according to a US Senate panel.

US Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg faces pressure from Congress to do more to hold airlines accountable for tens of thousands of flight cancellations and delays this summer.

Abu Dhabi bourse tracks oil prices higher; Dubai flat

Reuters

Abu Dhabi's stock market ended higher yesterday amid rising oil prices, although the Dubai index snapped two sessions of losses to finish flat.

Crude prices, a key catalyst for the Gulf's financial markets, were up \$1.7 by 1056 GMT, as a result of supply threats and cut in OPEC+ oil output announced this week.

In Abu Dhabi, equities (.FTFADGI) edged 0.1% higher, supported by a 2.3% rise in investment firm Multiply Group (MULTIPLY.AD), while Telecoms firm e& (ETISALAT.AD), formerly known as Emirates Telecommunications, gained 0.9%.

The three back-to-back sessions of gains supported the index to finish the week in green after languishing in the red for three consecutive weeks.

Abu Dhabi stock market continued to rise following the performance in oil markets.

Dubai's main share index (.DFMGI) closed flat.

Closing Bell

A.DHABI ▲ 0.1% to 9,797 points

DUBAI ■ at 3,361 pts

US targets firms over Iranian drone production, shipment to Russia

● The United States accuses Iran of supplying drones to Russia for use in its war in Ukraine

● Safiran Airport Services accused of coordinating Russian military flights between Iran and Russia

Reuters | Washington

The United States on Thursday imposed sanctions on an Iranian company it accused of coordinating military flights to transport Iranian drones to Russia and three other companies it said were involved in the production of Iranian drones.

The United States accuses Iran of supplying drones to Russia for use in its war in Ukraine, which Tehran has denied.

The US Treasury Department in a statement said it designated



Iranian flag is seen at the Embassy of the Islamic Republic of Iran, as Albania cuts ties with Iran and orders diplomats to leave over cyberattack, in Tirana, Albania



Some of Iran's drones are based on unmanned aircraft from other countries, including an aerial US RQ-170 Sentinel reconnaissance drone captured in 2011.

Tehran-based Safiran Airport Services, accusing it of coordinating Russian military flights between Iran and Russia, including those associated with transporting drones, personnel

Imposes sanctions over cyber activities, cyberattack on Albania

Reuters | Washington

The United States yesterday imposed sanctions on Iran's Ministry of Intelligence and Security and its minister, accusing them of being tied to a disruptive July cyberattack on Albania and engaging in other cyber activities against the United States and its allies.

The move comes after Albania severed diplomatic relations with Iran on Wednesday for the same incident, ordering Iranian diplomats and embassy staff to leave within 24 hours.

The US Treasury Department in a statement said the Ministry of Intelligence and Security directs several networks of cyber threat actors, including those involved in cyber espionage and ransomware attacks in support of the Iranian government.

"We will not tolerate Iran's increasingly aggressive cyber activities," the Treasury's Under Secretary for Terrorism and Financial Intelligence, Brian Nelson, said in the statement.

The ministry was already designated under US sanctions. Iran's mission to the United Nations in New York did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

Microsoft, whose cybersecurity research team helped investigate the incident, said in a blog post on Thursday that the Iranian cyber operation involved a combination of digital espionage techniques, data wiping malware and online information operations. The goal of the hackers, according to researchers, appeared to be to embarrass Albanian government officials.

and related equipment.

The Treasury also designated Paravar Pars Company, Design and Manufacturing of Aircraft Engines and Baharestan Kish Company, accusing them of being involved in the research, development, production and procurement of Iranian drones.

The Treasury singled out Paravar Pars Company for involvement in the reverse engineering of US and Israeli-made drones, without specifying which models. Also designated was Baharestan Kish Company's managing director and a member of its board of directors, Rehmatollah Heidari.

"The Russian military is suffering from major supply shortages in Ukraine, in part because of sanctions and export controls, forcing Russia to turn to unreliable countries like Iran for supplies and equipment," Secretary of State Antony Blinken said on Thursday, adding the United States will "hold to account" those that support Russia in the invasion of Ukraine.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

OBSTACLES ARE THINGS A PERSON SEES WHEN HE TAKES HIS EYES OFF HIS GOAL
E. JOSEPH COSSMAN

News in brief

US reveals more classified records may be missing in Trump probe ♦ Former US President Donald Trump's team may not have returned all the classified records removed from the White House at the end of his presidency even after an FBI search of his home, US prosecutors warned, calling it a potential national security risk that needs investigation. That revelation came in a Justice Department court filing asking US District Judge Aileen Cannon to let it continue reviewing about 100 classified records seized by the FBI at Trump's Mar-a-Lago estate while it investigates whether classified documents were illegally removed from the White House and improperly stored there.

Italy's right-wing bloc is on track to win a clear majority in both houses of parliament at this month's election, according to studies based on the final opinion polls before a ban on their publication kicks in today. The far-right Brothers of Italy which dominates the conservative alliance is set to be the largest single party at the Sept. 25 vote, according to the latest surveys which show it widening its lead over the centre-left Democratic Party (PD). A study by the Cattaneo Institute think tank, based on polls conducted up to Aug. 31, suggests the conservative bloc could elect at least 258 lawmakers out of 400 in the Chamber of Deputies, and 131 out of 200 in the Senate.

China's Communist Party to amend its constitution at October congress ♦ China's ruling Communist Party will amend its constitution next month during a leadership reshuffle held over five years, a move that some analysts said could consolidate President Xi Jinping's authority and stature within the party. State news agency Xinhua said yesterday that the Politburo discussed a draft amendment to the party constitution in a meeting chaired by Xi, without specifying the changes. Xi is widely expected to break with precedent at the congress that starts on Oct. 16 and secure a third five-year leadership term, cementing his status as China's most powerful leader since Mao Zedong, founder of the People's Republic.

New York governor declares disaster emergency after polio found in wastewater Governor Kathy Hochul declared a state disaster emergency yesterday after samples of the polio virus were discovered in wastewater in three counties outside of New York City. Hochul's executive order came more than a month after an adult in Rockland County, north of New York City, was diagnosed with the disease in July. It was the first confirmed case of polio in the United States in nearly a decade. The declaration would expand the number of people authorized to administer polio vaccines and other steps to accelerate inoculation rates. The state of emergency will stay in effect until October 9.

COVID-19: Countries worst affected

Country	Total cases	Total deaths
1 USA	96,959,165	1,074,787
2 India	44,484,729	528,121
3 France	34,682,193	154,468
4 Brazil	34,545,816	684,685
5 Germany	32,386,089	148,098
6 S. Korea	23,864,560	27,313
7 UK	23,554,519	189,026
8 Italy	22,004,612	176,098
9 Russia	19,908,189	385,069
10 Japan	19,882,393	42,101
11 Turkey	16,797,750	100,840
12 Spain	13,358,722	112,923
13 Vietnam	11,435,472	43,126
14 Australia	10,111,190	14,359

Global tally
612,840,109
Deaths: 6,513,297
Recovered: 590,794,980
New cases: +379,022
New deaths: +1,009

Middle East

Country	Total cases	new cases	Total deaths	New Deaths	Total recovered	Active cases
Egypt	515,645		24,613		442,182	48,850
Saudi Arabia	814,278	+86	9,313	+1	801,436	3,529
UAE	1,018,779	+398	2,342		998,341	3,510
Kuwait	657,745		2,563		654,870	312
Oman	397,846		4,260		384,669	8,917
Qatar	434,714	+561	682	+1	429,161	4,871

Figures as of closing

Six gifts Queen Elizabeth II receive



HM King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa (L) and Queen Elizabeth II attend the Endurance event of the Royal Windsor Horse Show in Windsor Great Park

Arab News | Dubai

HM King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, King of Bahrain

HM King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa presented Elizabeth with two purebred Arabian horses at the 2013 Royal Windsor Horse Show. The Queen was presented with two Bahraini arabians, in recognition of her efforts to promote Bahraini-British relations and bolster deep-rooted historic cooperation. The famed Bahraini purebred arabian horses, rarely found out-

side the Kingdom, have been preserved for years by the rulers of Bahrain, the Al Khalifa dynasty. HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa presented the Queen with the Royal Team gift of a model miniature carriage, driven by Arabian horses, along with an artwork featuring Shaikh Salman and Windsor Forts linked by a genuine Bahraini sword.

Sultan Qaboos (Oman)

In 2010, former ruler of Oman Sultan Qaboos bin Said presented the queen with a 12-inch vase en-



Queen Elizabeth II and Isa bin Salman Al Khalifa (1933-1999), the Emir of Bahrain, exchanging gifts at the Gudaibiya Palace, as part of the Queen's tour of the Gulf States in 1979 (credits: Albawaba)



Sheikh Khalifa (Qatar)



graved in 21-carat gold, and a gold Faberge egg that opened to reveal a tiny toy horse.

In 1985, Qatar's ruler at the time, Sheikh Khalifa bin Hamad Al Thani, gave the queen a diamond necklace with a centerpiece of five large rubies.

Britain mourns Queen Elizabeth II

People gather outside Buckingham Palace and other royal sites across the UK

AP | London

Bells tolled across Britain yesterday and mourners flocked to palace gates to honour Queen Elizabeth II as the country prepared for a new age under a new king. Around the world, her exceptional reign was commemorated, celebrated and debated.

As the country began a 10-day mourning period, people around the globe gathered at British embassies to pay homage to the queen, who died Thursday at Balmoral Castle in Scotland. In London and at military sites across the United Kingdom, special guns fired 96 shots in an elaborate, 16-minute salute marking each year of the queen's life.

In Britain and across its former colonies, the widespread admiration for Elizabeth herself was occasionally mixed with scorn for the institution and the imperial



A woman helps a small boy to lay down a flower at Buckingham Palace

history she symbolized. As the second Elizabethan Age came to a close, hundreds of people arrived through the night to leave flowers outside the gates of Buckingham Palace and other royal residences. Some came simply to pause and reflect.



People react outside Buckingham Palace

tribute to the monarch in Parliament over two days, beginning with a special session where Tru called the queen "the nation's greatest diplomat." Senior lawmakers will also take an oath to King Charles III.

Meanwhile, many sporting and cultural events were cancelled as a mark of respect, and some businesses — including Selfridges department store and the Legoland amusement park — shut their doors. The Bank of England

Finance worker Giles Cudmore said the queen had "just been a constant through everything, everything good and bad."

At Holyrood Palace in Edinburgh, mourner April Hamilton stood with her young daughter, struggling to hold back tears.

"It's just such a momentous change that is going to happen," she said. "I'm trying to hold it together today."

Everyday politics was put on hold, with lawmakers paying



1776

George Washington asks for a spy volunteer, Nathan Hale volunteers

1813

American Naval Commander Oliver Hazard Perry defeats the British in Battle of Lake Erie

1846

Elias Howe takes out a US patent for a lock-stitch sewing machine



1924

Leopold and Loeb found guilty of the murder of Robert Franks in Chicago in the "crime of the century"

ed from Arab world leaders



Queen Elizabeth II with Isa bin Salman Al Khalifa (L), the Emir of Bahrain and HM King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa (R)

Sheikh Rashid (Dubai)



HM King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa (L) with Queen Elizabeth II at her 90th birthday celebrations

King Faisal (Saudi Arabia)

King Farouk (Egypt)



In 1979, Sheikh Rashid bin Saeed Al-Maktoum, ruler of Dubai at the time, gifted Elizabeth diamond and sapphire jewelry, a solid-gold sculpture of a camel, and two palm trees.



In 1967, Saudi Arabia's King Faisal gifted the British monarch a necklace with 300 diamonds, including baguettes and brilliants, weighing more than 80 carats.



Egypt's King Farouk gifted the queen a gold necklace in 1947 that dated back to the third century and incorporated one of the earliest Egyptian coins.

Queen Elizabeth

the UK as a 10-day mourning period begins for the queen



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England postponed its meeting by a week.

Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby said, "A part of our lives we've taken for granted as being permanent is no longer there."

But while Elizabeth's death por-



Crowds gather outside Buckingham Palace after the announcement

tends a monumental shift for some, day-to-day life in Britain went on in other respects, with children in school and adults at work, facing concerns about inflation.

After a vigil in Edinburgh, the queen's coffin will be brought to London, and she will lie in state for several days before her funeral in Westminster Abbey.

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"Charles can never replace her, you know," said 31-year-old Londoner Mariam Sherwani.

Like many, she referred to Elizabeth as a grandmother figure. Others compared her to their mothers or great-grandmothers.

But around the world, her passing revealed conflicting emotions about the nation and institutions she represented.

In Ireland, some soccer fans cheered.

In India, once the "jewel in the crown" of the British empire, entrepreneur Dhiren Singh described his own personal sadness at her death, but added, "I do not think we have any place for kings and queens in today's world."

For some, Elizabeth was a queen whose coronation glittered with shards of a stunning 3,106-carat diamond pulled from grim southern African mines, a monarch who inherited an empire they resented.

The Queen Who Stood For Climate Action



KOTA SRIRAJ

The 8th of September saw the end of an era as Queen Elizabeth the second, Britain's long serving monarch breathed her last in Britain. The Queen who saw the appointment of 15 Prime Ministers of UK in her era, the recent most being Liz Truss, was a remarkable personality who stood witness to a kaleidoscope of world events such as the Second World War. The stunning span of the Queen's reign included some milestones of history such as the term of Winston Churchill as Prime Minister and the era of Mahatma Gandhi. The Queen's 96 years of life journey almost seems unreal, given the scores of global events the monarch was witness to.

Queen Elizabeth was passionate about her health as is evident in her longevity, but she was also very passionate about nature and environment. For a person born in 1926 when environmental concerns were a far off worry, the Queen quickly adapted to the awareness of worsening environment and climate change. As a result the British monarchy officially discontinued the use of fur's in designing the royal wardrobe and increased the use of hybrid cars in the royal motor pool of the Buckingham Palace. Additionally, curbs were also placed to limit the use of private jets by the members of the royal family, her included. These were some of the first active steps taken by the Queen to rein in the carbon footprint of the monarchy.

The Queen also kept a watchful eye over how much non-renewable energy was used across her estates, monitoring consumption through a network of 60 smart meters. Furthermore, in an initiative to cut down power usage, energy-efficient LED lighting, which promised to use 86 per cent less electricity, were installed in the royal estates at the Queen's insistence. It is also interesting to know that the Queen's estate is also not heated by the National Grid of Great Britain, instead the Buckingham Palace and Windsor castle both use combined heat and power plants and boilers to convert natural gas into electricity.

Queen Elizabeth has always been known as an action oriented person. At the United Nations climate change summit held in 2021, the Queen remarked that "the time for words has now moved to the time for action", as she urged world leaders to think of future generations when negotiating a deal to limit global warming. She urged the global leaders to shun "the politics of the moment" and focus on the environmental needs of the hour. This she said, would help "our children's children". The Queen emphasised that the effects of climate change are threatening the livelihoods of many people and communities, especially the poorest and those who are weak and therefore less able to adapt and adjust.

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On behalf of a grieving nation I offer my deepest condolences on the passing of Her Majesty. She was the rock on which modern Britain was built. The thoughts of this government and this nation are with His Majesty The King and his family.

@trussliz

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She showed the world not just how to reign over a people, she showed the world how to give, how to love and how to serve. It was that indomitable, that humour, that work ethic, that sense of history which together made her Elizabeth the Great.

@BorisJohnson

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Londoners and visitors have come together to pay tribute to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. We're immensely grateful for Her Majesty's 70 years of service to our nation and the legacy our longest serving sovereign leaves behind.

@SadiqKhan

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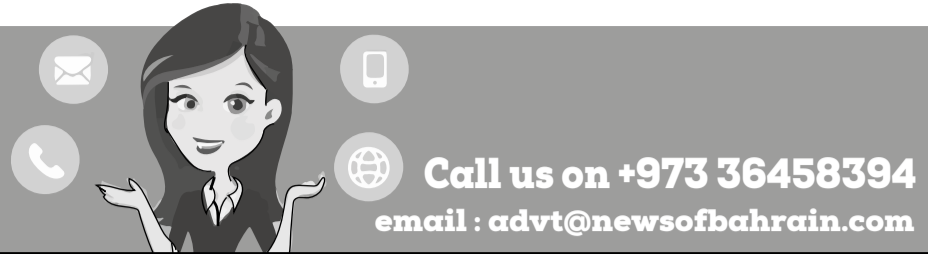


Today, we are united in mourning for Queen Elizabeth II, our country's greatest monarch. Though our Elizabethan age is now at an end, her legacy will live on forever.

@Keir_Starmer

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‘Substantial victory’ for Kyiv as Russian front crumbles near Kharkiv

AFP | Kyiv

Ukrainian forces were charging through an expanding area of previously Russian-held territory in the east yesterday after bursting through the front-line in a surprise breakthrough that could mark a major turning point in the war.

After keeping silent for a day, Moscow effectively acknowledged that a section of its front-line had crumbled southeast of Ukraine’s second largest city Kharkiv. “The very fact of a breach of our defences is already a substantial victory for the Ukrainian armed forces,” the head of the Moscow-installed administration for occupied areas in Kharkiv province, Vitaly Ganchev, said on Russian state TV.

Ganchev later said his administration was trying to evacuate civilians from cities including Izium, Russia’s main stronghold and logistics base in the province near the front in the east.



US Secretary of State Antony Blinken meets children during his visit to the children’s hospital in Kyiv

The Russian defence ministry released video of military vehicles speeding along a highway, saying they showed reinforcements rushing to defend the area. The Kremlin declined to comment on the Ukrainian advance.

Ukrainian officials released a parade of videos showing soldiers raising flags and posing in front of street signs in villages

and towns across a swath of previously Russian-held territory.

One viral image showed troops holding up a Ukrainian flag at a highway welcome sign for Kupiansk, previously more than 50 km inside Russia’s front line. The city is a vital strategic target as the junction of several of the main railway lines supplying Russian troops at the front. Ukraine kept independent

journalists out of the area and Reuters could not confirm the images, but President Volodymyr Zelenskiy said troops had “liberated dozens of settlements” and reclaimed more than 1,000 square km (385 square miles) in the eastern Kharkiv and southern Kherson regions.

Western military analysts say the advance could shut the supply lines Moscow has relied on to sustain its force in eastern Ukraine, and potentially leave thousands of Russian troops encircled.

Such rapid advances have largely been unheard of since Russia abandoned its assault on Kyiv in March, shifting the war mainly into a relentless grind along entrenched front lines.

“We see success in Kherson now, we see some success in Kharkiv and so that is very, very encouraging,” US Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin told a news conference with his Czech counterpart in Prague.

UN chief calls for ‘massive’ help as Pakistan puts flood losses at \$30 billion



Antonio Guterres, United Nations Secretary General, walks with Pakistan’s Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Hina Rabbani Khar, upon his arrival at

Reuters | Islamabad

UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres called for “massive” international support for flood-ravaged Pakistan while visiting the country yesterday, while Islamabad put the cost of flood-related damage at \$30 billion.

Record monsoon rains and glacier melt in northern mountains have triggered floods that have swept away houses, roads, railway tracks, bridges, livestock and crops, and killed more than 1,391 people.

Huge areas of the country

are inundated and hundreds of thousands of people have been forced from their homes. The government says the lives of nearly 33 million people have been disrupted. Both the government and Guterres have blamed the flooding on climate change.

“I call on the international community that Pakistan needs massive financial support, as according to initial estimates the losses are around \$30 billion”, Guterres told a joint news conference in the capital Islamabad, after meeting with Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on his two-day visit.

North Korea law makes nuclear programme ‘irreversible’

AFP | Seoul

North Korea has passed a law declaring its readiness to launch preventive nuclear strikes, including in the face of conventional attacks, state media said yesterday.

The move effectively eliminates the possibility of denuclearisation talks, with leader Kim Jong Un saying the country’s status as a nuclear state was now “irreversible”.

The announcement comes at a time of heightened tension between North and South, with Pyongyang blaming Seoul for the outbreak of Covid-19 in its territory and conducting a record number of weapons tests this year.

The newly enacted law says North Korea can carry out a preventive nuclear strike “automatically” and “immediately to destroy the hostile forces” when a foreign country poses



North Korean leader Kim Jong Un, center, is surrounded by performers during a celebration marking the nation’s 74th anniversary in Pyongyang

an imminent threat to Pyongyang, the official Korean Central News Agency (KCNA) said.

The law specifically states the North can use nuclear weapons “in case of a nuclear or non-nuclear attack by hostile forces on the state leadership and the

command organization of the state’s nuclear forces”, among other situations, according to state media.

“The status of our country as a nuclear weapons state has become irreversible”, Kim Jong Un said, KCNA reported.

The original 2013 law stipulated that North Korea could use nuclear weapons to repel invasion or attack from a hostile nuclear state and make retaliatory strikes. The new law goes beyond that to allow for preemptive nuclear strikes if an imminent attack by weapons of mass destruction or against the country’s “strategic targets”, including its leadership, is detected

The law “publicly justifies Pyongyang’s use of its nuclear power” in the event of any military clash, Cheong Seong-chang of the Center for North Korea Studies at the Sejong Institute said.

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Jennifer Lawrence

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Jennifer Lawrence is one of the highest paid actresses in the world — and yet she's still paid millions of dollars less than her male co-stars. The Oscar-winning actress slammed Hollywood's persistent gender pay gap in a new interview with *Vogue*, telling the magazine that while actors are often "overpaid," the discrepancy still stings.

"It doesn't matter how much I do," she said. "I'm still not going to get paid as much as that guy"

Lawrence, 32, earned \$5 million less than Leonardo DiCaprio for Netflix's star-studded dystopian film "Don't Look Up," which was released in December 2021, *Vanity Fair* reported.

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"I'm extremely fortunate and happy with my deal," Lawrence told *Vanity Fair* shortly before the movie's release. "But in other situations, what I have seen — and I'm sure other women in the workforce have seen as well — is that it's extremely uncomfortable to inquire about equal pay. And if you do question some-

thing that appears unequal, you're told it's not gender disparity, but they can't tell you what exactly it is." On average, women earn about \$1.1 million less than their male co-stars, according to 2017 research from three professors: Sofia Izquierdo Sanchez of the University of Huddersfield, Maria Navarro Paniagua of Lancaster University, and John S. Heywood of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. For actors over 50, that gap

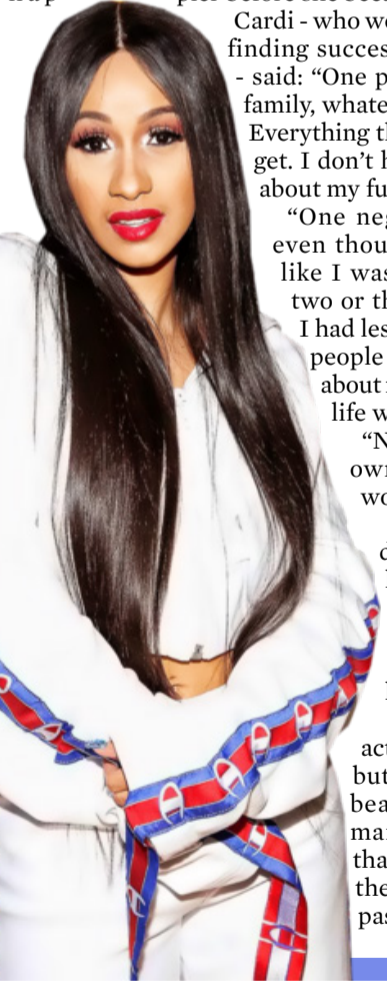
is even wider: Older actresses earned almost \$4 million less than male actors. Other studies have noted that women of color are significantly underpaid compared to white women. This isn't the first time Lawrence is speaking out about Hollywood's pay gap. The hacking of Sony Pictures' computer systems in 2014 revealed that Lawrence's compensation for the 2013 film "American Hustle" had been much less than her male co-stars — Bradley Cooper, Christian Bale and Jeremy Renner received a 9% cut of the film's profits, while Lawrence and Amy Adams saw 7%, according to *Business Insider*.

Cardi B wants her kids to 'ball'

Celebretainment | Los Angeles

Cardi B is happy to indulge her children. The chart-topping rap star - who has Kulture, four, and Wave, 12 months, with her husband Offset - is determined to "ball" during her adult life after she struggled for money during her own childhood.

Cardi, 29 - who married Offset in 2017 - wrote on Twitter: "I know I can be a little extra when it comes to my kids but I ain't really had s*** growing up soooo yea imma ball (sic)" Cardi is now one of the best-selling artists in the world and has already won a host of awards during her rap career. But the 'WAP' hitmaker previously claimed she was actually a p-



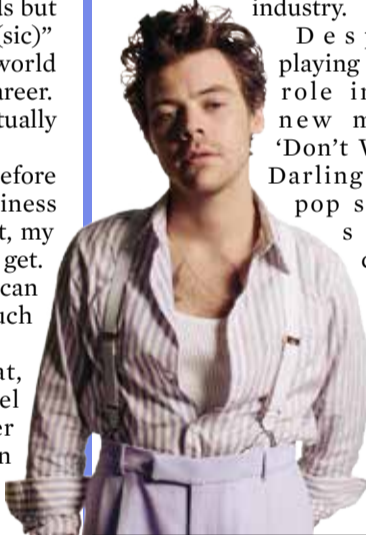
Cardi B

Cardi - who worked as a stripper before finding success in the music business - said: "One positive thing is that, my family, whatever they want, they get. Everything that I want to buy, I can get. I don't have to worry so much about my future. "One negative thing is that, even though I'm happy, I feel like I was a little bit happier two or three years ago when I had less money. I had less people who had opinions about my life. I felt like my life was mine. "Now I feel like I don't even own my life. I feel like the world owns me." Despite this, Cardi doesn't have any plans to leave the spotlight. She said: "I really want to accomplish more records, more Billboard hits. "I might want to get into acting or designing clothes, but my real goal is to have beautiful kids, a beautiful mansion, and do business that makes me money until the day I die. Then be able pass it on to my children."

Harry Styles says he's clueless as an actor

IAN S | Los Angeles

Former One Direction member and actor Harry Styles says he doesn't know what he is doing in the acting industry.



Harry Styles

Despite playing a lead role in the new movie 'Don't Worry Darling', the pop superstar confesses that he feels out of his comfort zone as an actor, reports *aceshowbiz.com*. "Music I've done a lot longer so I'm a bit more comfortable. What I like about acting is I feel like I have no idea what I'm doing," he told reporters at the Venice Film Festival. The 'As It Was' singer explained that he considers music and acting to be "opposite in a lot of ways", but he embraces the "fun" sense of the unknown that comes with both professions. Harry, 28, said, "making music is a really personal thing". "There are aspects of acting where you're drawing from experiences a bit, but for the most part you're pretending to play someone else. That's what I find the most interesting about it. They can aid each other in a way.

"Any time you get to view the world through a different lens, it can help to create whichever way it goes. I find it really different. I think the fun part is that you never know what you're doing in either one of them," he adds. Harry shared that he plans to combine both music and acting going forward. "I feel very lucky I get to do something I love as a job. I feel like being able to explore this has made me feel even luckier I get to do two things I really enjoy. "In terms of the future... I enjoy both. It's all fun to play in both worlds and see how they affect each other," the popstar concludes.

Kanye West names his favourite Beyonce song

IAN S | Los Angeles

Rapper Kanye West has named his "favourite song" on Beyonce's 'Renaissance'.

The track 'Church Girl' on the 'Halo' hitmaker's latest LP was among the favourite tune shared by the rap legend to his 17 million Instagram followers, reports *aceshowbiz.com*.

"Favourite song on Beyonce album," he captioned a screenshot of the song on a streaming service.

The 'Stronger' hitmaker previously

appeared alongside the former Destiny's Child star and her rapper husband Jay-Z on 2011's 'Lift Off'.

The 45-year-old star also hailed DJ Khaled's star-studded 'God Did' joint "song of the year" with his own track 'Wait 4 U' with Drake and Future.

He wrote "Song of the year next to Wait For You."

The track features Rick Ross, Lil Wayne, Jay-Z, John Legend, and Fridayy.



Kanye West

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Yesterday's solution

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Swiatek bathroom break sets up Jabeur US Open title showdown

Iga Swiatek fights back to defeat Aryna Sabalenka and set up title clash against Ons Jabeur

● Jabeur defeats Garcia to reach first ever final at Flushing Meadows

AFP | New York

An emergency bathroom break powered world number one Iga Swiatek into a US Open final showdown with trailblazing Tunisian fifth-seed Ons Jabeur on Thursday.

Two-time French Open champion Swiatek advanced to the first US Open final of her career after coming from behind to beat Aryna Sabalenka 3-6, 6-1, 6-4 at Arthur Ashe Stadium.

The victory sent the 21-year-old from Poland into a Saturday final with Jabeur, who thrashed France's Caroline Garcia 6-1, 6-3 in Thursday's other semi-final.

Sabalenka, the sixth seed from Belarus, looked poised to create an upset after a dominant first

set performance in which she broke Swiatek no fewer than three times.

But Swiatek was rejuvenated after a quick dash to the bathroom following the opening set.

"I kind of needed to go," Swiatek said. "For sure I felt lighter. I'm sorry -- that's disgusting."

Swiatek also said the break had helped her analyse the flaws in her first set performance.

"I tried to use that time to think about what to change because I remember when I was younger all I would do in the bathroom between sets after I lost was cry.



Swiatek has emerged as a dominant figure in women's tennis, with a 37-match winning streak that brought her six titles in one stretch. If she can defeat Jabeur, Swiatek will become the first woman since Angelique Kerber in 2016 to win two majors in one season



Iga Swiatek returns a shot to Aryna Sabalenka

Sabalenka to close out a gutsy victory.

Sabalenka, who was up a break and leading 4-2 in the final set, was left distraught by the defeat. She later appeared at a press conference with mirrored sunglasses on and a baseball cap pulled over her face.

Jabeur dominates

It was the third time Sabalenka has fallen short in the semi-finals of a Grand Slam.

"My team keeps telling me that I have to be proud of myself, what I have done in the last months," she said.

"But I don't feel that way. I feel like in these three semi-finals I had so much opportunities and

I didn't use it."

In Thursday's other semi-final, Jabeur outclassed France's Garcia to become the first African woman ever to reach the final of the US Open.

It was another notable milestone for Jabeur, who was also the first African woman to reach the Wimbledon final in July.

The Tunisian dominated Garcia from start to finish of a one-sided semi-final that took just over an hour to complete.

"It feels amazing," Jabeur said. "After Wimbledon I had a lot of pressure on me and I'm really relieved that I can back up my results."

"The hard court season started a little bit bad, but I'm very



I just tried to use that time and think about what to change. I remember that when I was younger, all I would do in the bathroom between sets when I lost was cry. This time I was able to problem solve

IGA SWIATEK

happy that I made it to the finals here."

Jabeur's victory extended her career-long domination of Garcia.

The 28-year-old Tunisian had beaten Garcia four times as a junior in Grand Slam events, and twice as a professional in Slams before Thursday.

"I know she was playing amazing tennis and that puts a lot of pressure on you," Jabeur said. "It wasn't easy for me but mentally I was so ready."

Garcia, seeded 17, had reached the last four on the back of a 13-match winning streak which included a victory at the Cincinnati Masters lead-in event.

But Jabeur ruthlessly dismantled Garcia's dream of becoming the first French woman to win the US Open crown with a clinical victory.



Ons Jabeur

(My coach) told me to really play her backhand because she was very dominant with her forehand. Tactically, I think I played really well

ONS JABEUR

Bahrain set to host FIBA 3x3 World Tour

TDT | Manama

The Bahrain Olympic Committee (BOC) has signed an agreement with the International Basketball Federation (FIBA) to host an event on the FIBA 3x3 World Tour for the first time in the Kingdom.

BOC vice-president His Highness Shaikh Isa bin Ali bin Khalifa Al Khalifa signed the agreement with Ignacio Soriano, FIBA's Events and Partnership 3x3 president.

Present were Tourism Minister Fatima bint Jaffar Al Sairafi, General Sports Authority (GSA) CEO Dr Abdulrahman Sadiq Askar, Bahrain Tourism and Exhibitions Authority (BTEA) Dr Nasser Qaidi, Bahrain Basketball Association (BBA) chair-



Officials at the signing

man Captain Waleed Al Alawi, and BTEA marketing director Mariam Tourani.

HH Shaikh Isa said the signing of the agreement reflects the directives of His Majesty

King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, to host major events that support Bahrain's

standing on the world sports map.

The deal also embodies the vision of HM the King's Humanitarian Work and Youth Affairs representative and Supreme Council for Youth and Sports (SCYS) chairman HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, and SCYS first deputy chairman, GSA chairman and BOC president HH Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa.

Al Sairafi stressed the importance of sports tourism which represents a key pillar of the Tourism Strategy 2022-2026, noting BTEA's support to hosting the event in order to attract more international tourists.

Soriano expressed delight at signing the agreement with BOC.

All soccer in England postponed to mourn Queen

Reuters | London

English soccer's ruling body postponed all fixtures until Monday as a mark of respect following the death of Queen Elizabeth II but cricket and rugby matches will go ahead as planned this weekend.

Soccer's top flight Premier League and the English Football League (EFL) had already announced they were postponing their next round of fixtures.

The queen, Britain's longest-reigning monarch, died peacefully at her home in Scotland on Thursday aged 96.



A portrait of Britain's Queen Elizabeth II is displayed on a giant screen during a football match

"As a mark of respect, following the passing of Her Majesty the Queen, English football has united to postpone all football fixtures between 9-11 September," the Football Association said in a statement.

Sainz ensures Ferrari top times again in Monza practice

AFP | Monza

Carlos Sainz made sure Ferrari were fastest in both of yesterday's practice runs at the Italian Grand Prix by topping the times in the second session at Monza.

Spaniard Sainz posted a fastest time of one minute and 21.664 seconds, finishing 0.143sec ahead of championship leader Max Verstappen who is hunting his first ever win at the Temple of Speed.

Red Bull's Verstappen was hit with a five-place grid penalty



Ferrari's Carlos Sainz steers his car during practice

for Sunday's race for taking on his fifth engine of the season.

Sainz's Ferrari teammate Charles Leclerc, who trails Verstappen in the driver's standings

by 109 points, finished 0.193sec off the pace in third.

The Monegasque was fastest in the first session of the day and Verstappen's grid penalty has boosted his chances of claiming his second win at Monza after triumphing at the Italian track in 2019.

Verstappen is one of six drivers to be hit with sanctions alongside teammate Sergio Perez — who drops back 10 places for a similar offence — Lewis Hamilton, Sainz, Valtteri Bottas and Yuki Tsunoda.

Seven-time champion Hamil-

ton is yet to win a GP this season and will start at the back of the grid for a power unit change and other engine infractions.

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Porsche's Formula One plans stall as Red Bull talks collapse



The Porsche logo is seen on a wheel of the 2020 Porsche 911 Speedster

Reuters | London

Porsche and Red Bull have ended talks over Porsche joining Formula One, but the German sports car brand remains interested in entering the racing series, it said yesterday.

"The two companies have now jointly come to the conclusion that these talks will no longer be continued," Porsche AG said in a statement.

Red Bull team boss Christian Horner told motorsport.com at the Italian Grand Prix that it had become clear during talks with Porsche that "there was a strategic non-alignment".

Volkswagen's former chief Herbert Diess said in May its Porsche and Audi brands would join Formula One, long dominated by the automaker's German rival Mercedes-Benz.

Bahrain's Winfred claims solid season-ending finish

Elite steeplechase athlete narrowly misses out on World Athletics Diamond League title after runner-up finish in season-ending Zurich meeting

● Winfred leads race at the bell but stumbles on final barrier

● Werkuha Getachew of Ethiopia wins race, Diamond League title

TDI | Manama

Bahraini elite athlete Winfred Yavi narrowly missed out on a spectacular double at the Weltklasse Diamond League event held in Zurich, Switzerland.

The meeting was the season-ending round of the 2022 World Athletics Diamond League, and Winfred just came shy of taking the victory in the women's 3,000 metres steeplechase—both in the race as well as for the season's title.

The 22-year-old headed into



Winfred Yavi and Werkuha Getachew jump over the final barrier during their steeplechase race in Zurich

the event as the top qualifier on the steeplechase standings, just two points ahead of Werkuha Getachew of Ethiopia. But at the finale it was her chief rival who claimed the victory, thus securing the season's Diamond League crown.

Winfred was in the lead at the bell, but just like at the world championships earlier this year,

she stumbled at the final barrier. She thus lost her momentum and Getachew took full advantage.

She crossed the finish line in first place with a time of nine minutes 03.57 seconds, while Winfred followed close behind in 9:04.47. Faith Cherotich of Kenya came third in 9:06.14.

There were a total of 11 run-

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WINFRED YAVI

ners in the event. Despite missing out on the double, Winfred remained upbeat and said that her season-ending race was another learning opportunity.

"I can't complain, I am keeping calm," she said. "Closing the season in a style! Going back for rest.

"Jumping has been a prob-

lem for a long time, but I believe practice makes perfect. I almost got it but I had a poor clearance of the barrier, losing my momentum.

"Okay, alright! Moreover, we learn through mistakes and this is sport."

Winfred is already looking ahead towards next season.

"Can't wait and see myself bounce back for 2023," she said. "Thank you to my great supporters, thank you to my coach Kilonzo and technical coach Saadshadad.

"I can't get enough to thank our Bahrain federation, my management, my family and my true friends.

"I am happy on the steps I am making with my career and I believe there's always light at the end of the tunnel."

Winfred was the only Bahraini athlete to qualify for the final of this season's World Athletics Diamond League.

Bahrain-Saudi handball Super Cup agreement signed

TDI | Manama

The Bahrain Handball Association (BHA) has signed an agreement with the Saudi Arabian Handball Federation (SAHF) to establish an annual Bahraini-Saudi Super Cup between the champions of the same event in both Kingdoms.

The signing ceremony was held in Dammam and in attendance was BHA president Ali Issa and SAHF chief Fadel Ali Mohammed Al Nemer.



Ali Issa, right, with Fadel Ali Mohammed Al Nemer at the signing ceremony

According to the deal, the one-off match

will be hosted alternatively between the two countries, with the first next year to take place in Saudi.

It was also agreed that the participating teams will each be allowed to sign one professional player for the game.

The agreement is the second of its kind for the BHA with neighbouring Gulf federation. Bahrain also has a deal to play an annual Super Cup game with the UAE.

The reigning Bahrain Super Cup champions are Al Najma.

Bahrain face Bangladesh in U-20 Asian Cup qualifier

● Bahrain head coach Adel Al Nuaimi names final 23-player squad for qualifiers

● Nepal to take on Bhutan in other match tonight, scheduled for a 6pm kick-off

TDI | Manama

Hosts Bahrain take on Bangladesh tonight as the Group B qualifiers for the AFC U-20 Asian Cup 2023 kick off in the Kingdom.

Five junior national teams from across the continent are taking part in this division. The three other teams are Bhutan, Qatar and Nepal.

The Bahrainis play the Bangladeshis at 9pm after Bhutan and Nepal lock horns at 6pm.

Both contests are set to be played at the Shaikh Ali bin Mohammed Ali Khalifa Stadium at Muharraq Club in Arad.

Matches continue until Sun-



Bahrain's junior national team players during training

Group B qualifiers

(All matches to be held at Shaikh Ali bin Mohammed Al Khalifa Stadium at Muharraq Club in Arad)

Tonight: 6pm Bhutan vs Nepal; 9pm Bangladesh vs Bahrain

Monday: 6pm Bhutan vs Bangladesh; 9pm Nepal vs Qatar

Wednesday: 6pm Qatar vs Bhutan; 9pm Bahrain vs Nepal

September 16: 6pm Bangladesh vs Qatar; 9pm Bahrain vs Bhutan

September 18: 6pm: Nepal vs Bangladesh; Qatar vs Bahrain

day next week, with the group winners earning a direct berth to next year's continental tournament. The runners-up will need to be one of the best five from the 10 qualifying groups to earn a ticket.

Bahrain are coached by Adel Al Nuaimi, who has named his final 23-player squad for the qualifiers.

The roster includes Mohammed Hassan Jaafar, Ahmed Dhiya Ali, Abdulla Sultan Al Khalisi, Abdullatif Al Taie, Sayyed Mahmood Mousawi, Kashem Luay Khuleifat, Abdulla Ali Al Subaie, Sayed Ali Hussain, Abdurahman Hameed, Mubarak Mohammed bin Ahmed, Salem Issa Al Dosari, Talal Ebrahim Saleh, Ali Hammoud Al Dosari,

Issa Abdulla Ali, Saad Abdulla Attar, Ahmed Mohammed Abdulla, Jawad Ali Eid, Abdulla Jamal Hashem, Ramzi Abdulla Khudair, Mahmood Mohammed Ahmed, Abdulla Ali Al Ahmed, Abdulla Ali Al Aker and Mustafa Mohammed.

There are 44 teams overall in the qualification competition. The 10 groups are each being hosted at a centralised venue.

Group A is to be held in Saudi Arabia, Group C in Laos, Group D in Jordan, Group E in Mongolia, Group F in Indonesia, Group G in Oman, Group H in Iraq, Group I in Tajikistan and Group J in Kyrgyzstan.

Following tonight's match against Bangladesh, Bahrain take on Nepal on Wednesday. The Bahrainis then face Bhutan on September 16 and then wrap up their campaign against Qatar on September 18.

The AFC U-20 Asian Cup 2023 is scheduled to take place in Uzbekistan from March 1 to 18 next year. It will be the 41st edition of the Asian Football Confederation (AFC) event. A total of 16 teams will play in the tournament.

2 Seas set for British GT penultimate round



A 2 Seas mechanic working on the team's car during a previous round (file photo)

● Practice and Qualifying today to set grid for two-hour Race tomorrow

● 2 Seas' two-car entry sees Froggatt-Howard pair join Williamson-Cottingham

TDI | Manama

Bahraini-British motorsport team 2 Seas Motorsport are scheduled to take to the track today and tomorrow at Brands Hatch Circuit in Kent, England, for the penultimate round of the Intelligent Money British GT Championship 2022.

2 Seas have a two-car entry for the meeting, having

combined with Sky Tempesta Racing for a second time this season.

The team have welcomed back Chris Froggatt and two-time champion Andrew Howard in the #93 Mercedes-AMG GT3. They will be joining the team's regular Pro-Am pairing of Lewis Williamson and James Cottingham.

British GT action today begins at 11.30am, Bahrain time, with the first hour-long practice, to be followed by another at 2.05pm. Qualifying is then scheduled for 5.45pm.

Following a 15-minute warm-up tomorrow morning, the two-hour race is scheduled to begin at 3.30pm, Bahrain time.

Following this weekend's race, the final round will be held on October 15 and 16 at Donington Park in Derby.