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His Royal Highness the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa chairs the 470th Government Executive Committee meeting. The implementation of the Economic Recovery Plan's 2022-2026 tourism sector strategy, and the 2022-2026 industry sector strategy's indicators were reviewed.

Seef Properties records BD 1.5 mln net profit as revenues rise 6.8% in Q3



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'Save innocent lives'

Minimizing civilian casualties in Gaza must be a priority, says US Special Envoy

Mahir Haneef
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Every effort should be taken to minimize deaths and injuries of civilians in Gaza, David Satterfield, the US Special Envoy for Humanitarian Issues in the Middle East, said yesterday.

The special envoy was responding to a question from The Daily Tribune on the action to be taken to end the humanitarian issue of over 4,200 children losing their lives in Gaza since October 7th, which is more than the number of deaths of children in conflicts worldwide in a year since 2019.

Mr. Satterfield said, "One innocent life lost is far too many. Thousands lost is simply unacceptable. As I answered to a previous questioner, we are doing all that we can to counsel, to work with, to provide assistance and advice of many different forms to Israel, to its military, to try to minimize the level of civilian casualties. Secretary Blinken very eloquently spoke of the kick in the gut, the gut-wrenching image of children killed and wounded. It speaks to all of us in an indelible fashion.

"This is a difficult campaign. Hamas has structured it to be a campaign that produces civilian casualties. But still every possible effort must be taken to minimize the damage, minimize



Palestinians rush an injured man to a waiting ambulance following an Israeli strike on Rafah city, in the southern Gaza Strip, yesterday. (AFP)



"One innocent life lost is far too many. Thousands lost is simply unacceptable."

- DAVID SATTERFIELD, THE US SPECIAL ENVOY FOR HUMANITARIAN ISSUES IN THE MIDDLE EAST

the deaths and injuries, to all innocent civilians."

Speaking at a digital press conference organized by the Dubai Regional Hub of the US Department of State, the Special

Envoy said the US' position is that the future of Gazans is in Gaza itself. "We believe strongly - I'll reiterate the point again - the future of Gazans lies in Gaza, not displacement to other

Bahrain supports humanitarian truce Paris

Bahrain, under the leadership of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, supports efforts to adopt an immediate humanitarian truce that leads to the cessation of hostilities, the protection of Palestinian and Israeli civilians, and facilitating the delivery of medical aid, food, water, fuel and electricity to the residents of the Gaza Strip, in accordance with International Humanitarian Law.

HE Dr. Shaikh Abdulla bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, Political Affairs Undersecretary at the Foreign Affairs Ministry, made the statements while representing the Kingdom at the

International Humanitarian Conference for the Civilian Population in Gaza, held at the Presidential Élysée Palace in Paris.

In his speech, Dr. Shaikh Abdulla bin Ahmed expressed his appreciation to President Emmanuel Macron of France for organising this conference within the framework of his initiatives calling for peace and the mobilisation of international humanitarian efforts, whether financial or in kind, to provide relief aid to the Palestinian civilians in the Gaza Strip to alleviate their suffering caused by the catastrophic humanitarian conditions they are going through.

countries. And I think that has to remain a fundamental point," Mr. Satterfield stated.

The US does not, as a matter of fundamental principle, support or wish to see displacement of Gaza's population and those now in the south must have every ability to return to the north when it is safe to do so, the Special Envoy said.

day after - the President, the Secretary of State, the spokespersons for the NSC and for State Department have, I think, been very clear. We see a future in Gaza which is determined by Palestinians. We see absolutely a need to have a common addressal of West Bank and Gaza, no separation between the two.

Two-state solution

"We believe that a two-state solution is the only ultimate guarantor of a peaceful future for Israel, as well as for the Palestinians.

Future of Gazans

Talking about the future of Gazans, Mr. Satterfield said, "The issue of the future, the

BD50 monthly salary increase

Higher wages for Bahraini private sector employees

Ashen Tharaka
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The government of Bahrain has announced an increase of BD50 in the monthly salaries of Bahraini citizens in the private sector. The increase is part of the revamped National Employment Programme under Tamkeen, the national employment agency.

Labour Minister HE Jameel Humaidan made the announcement during a press conference

at the Bahrain Chamber's Bait Al Tijjar headquarter yesterday.

The launch comes as part of the Royal Directives of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa to continue creating quality opportunities for Bahraini citizens and the Cabinet's approval, chaired by His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, and following the directives of His Highness Shaikh Isa bin Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, of the

Isa bin Salman Education Charitable Trust, and Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Labour Fund (Tamkeen) to launch the new programmes, the largest since Tamkeen inception, that will support 50,000 Bahraini annually.

At the press conference, Tamkeen announced the details of the new programmes which aim to

increase employment opportunities for Bahrainis and support career development for the national workforce within the private sector.

The Labour Minister, Jameel bin Mohammed Ali Humaidan, stressed Bahrain's commitment to ongoing comprehensive development, in addition to investing all capabilities to support the ambitions of Bahraini

citizens and identify new avenues for their employment across the various economic sectors.

The Minister emphasised the importance of the collaboration between the Ministry of Labour and Tamkeen in the upskilling and development of the national workforce.

The Chief Executive of Tamkeen, Maha Abdul Hameed Mofeez, affirmed Tamkeen commitment to implement this program.

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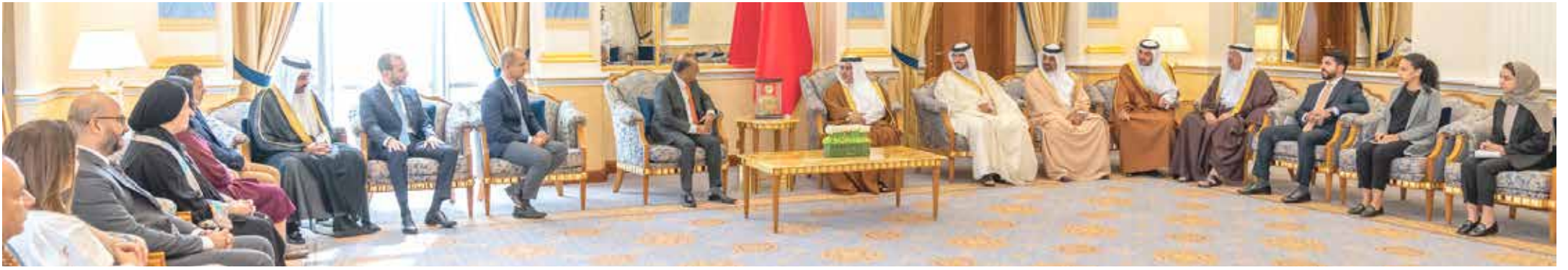
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Royal boost for entrepreneurship



His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, yesterday met with the President of the Entrepreneurs' Organization Bahrain, Bob Thaker, and members of its Board of Directors, at Gudaibiya Palace. The Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Isa bin Salman Education Charitable Trust, and Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Labour Fund (Tamkeen), His Highness Shaikh Isa bin Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Minister of Finance and National Economy, HE Shaikh Salman bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, and the Minister of Cabinet Affairs, HE Hamad bin Faisal Al Malki, also attended the meeting. HRH Prince Salman highlighted the Kingdom of Bahrain's commitment to fostering an environment of creativity and innovation that supports economic growth and creates promising opportunities, in line with the goals of comprehensive development, led by His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa. His Royal Highness emphasised that entrepreneurship in the Kingdom has developed into an inspiring model with numerous success stories of Bahraini youth effectively contributing to national efforts with innovative ideas. He said that the Kingdom will continue to invest in the national workforce whilst providing them with quality opportunities that will develop their skills and capabilities.

Empowering Bahrain workforce

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The programmes are focused on three main initiatives to support new market entrants and create quality opportunities for them, while enabling career development for Bahraini cadres to become the employees of choice in the labour market.

Tamkeen's Chief Executive of Tamkeen, Maha Abdul Hameed Mofeez, further clarified that the first initiative is focused on providing programmes that support employment with higher caps and other enhanced support features.

The purpose of these improvements is to increase targeted segments that can benefit from these programmes and support Bahrainis in obtaining quality high paying jobs through enhanced versions of current programmes such as an updated National Employment Programme, and through new support tracks targeting specialised jobs.

Additionally, Tamkeen aims to support the employment of Bahrainis in executive and leadership positions and encouraging enterprises to train and employ Bahrainis through apprenticeships.



Officials with the Labour Minister at the press conference

Employment Support

Increasing the minimum wage for the National Employment Program by qualification as follows:

- Minimum for High School: BD350
- Minimum for Diploma: BD430
- Minimum for Bachelor's Degree: BD500
- Increasing the maximum wage supported to BD800
- Update on the criteria of employment duration for new labor market entrants in the Social Insurance Organization

Mofeez explained that the second initiative is focused on supporting the career development of Bahrainis in the labour market, by dedicating an unprecedented budget to support career growth through programmes

records from 12 months to 24 months to expand the number of beneficiaries

- Ability to request support to increase the wages of employees currently enrolled in the National Employment Program for 2 years
- Increasing the duration of support for the employment of Bahrainis in executive and leadership positions to 24 months instead of 12 months
- Increasing on-the-job training stipends to BD200

designed to cater to the labour market needs, taking into consideration the growth opportunities available in the market.

As for the third initiative, Mofeez indicated that it will include the introduction of new

enterprise support programmes with various tracks that cater to enterprises of all sizes and growth stages, thus enabling them to launch new ideas and innovations that can power their expansion both locally and internationally.

Incentives

The new programmes will include a number of incentives that are linked to achieving objectives related to employing Bahrainis, financial growth and more.

Tamkeen recently held a series of open consultation sessions with private sector representatives who shared their perspective about the opportunities and challenges facing each sector, and how to facilitate collaboration with the private sector to implement the initiatives focused on employment, career development and enter-

Career Development Support

- Increasing the wages of employees in the private sector with salaries below BHD 1,500 with a maximum of BD300
- Increasing the support duration to 24 months while supporting 100% of the increment upon the approval of the employer
- A new track to support 100% of the difference in wages for employees moving between enterprises within the private sector for 24 months

- Introducing new incentives for employees with salaries less than BHD 600 who are enrolled in specialised training programs
- Increasing the support for professional qualifications to cover 100% of the training cost
- Increasing the duration of support for the employment of Bahrainis in executive and leadership positions to 24 months instead of 12 months

Enterprise Support

Supporting the growth of private sector enterprises through diverse solutions including:

- Incentive grants
- Access to financing
- Advisory support
- Introducing new tracks and

incentives for private sector enterprises that achieve set development objectives such as:

- Creating quality job opportunities
- Increasing productivity
- Financial growth

prise development to drive more positive impact.

Tamkeen will begin accepting applications for the enhanced programmes and tracks on 9th November 2023 through its on-line portal, while continuing to

expand on partnerships and initiatives that achieve key mandates, alongside providing Bahrainis with training and upskilling across various specialties in alignment with labour market requirements.

February 7, 2024: New date for Maroon 5 concert in Kingdom

Zahra Ayaz
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The Maroon 5 concert, which was originally scheduled for Monday, November 13, has been rescheduled to February 7 next year. The announcement was made by Al Dana Amphitheatre, the venue hosting the event.

According to Al Dana Amphitheatre (ADA), the rescheduling of the concert was necessitated by unforeseen circumstances.

Fans who have purchased tickets for the original date need not worry, as their tickets will be honoured for the new date, the event host said.

However, for those who are unable to attend the rescheduled concert, ADA is offering a refund option, officials added.



Maroon 5

To request a refund, ADA has asked individuals to contact the customer support team via email at info@aldana.com.bh.

The deadline for refund requests is on 7 December 2023. ADA has assured fans that their requests will be processed promptly.

Despite the disappointment caused by the rescheduling,

many people have taken to social media to express their appreciation for the decision made by the government and the entertainment industry.

The swift action taken by ADA to reschedule the concert demonstrates their commitment to ensuring the safety and enjoyment of concert-goers, people commented.

Bahrain marks World Quality Day



Eman Albastaki

Ashen Tharaka
TDT | Manama

SGS, the world's leading inspection, verification, testing, and certification company, collaborated with the Ministry of Industry and Commerce (MOIC) and some of the most influential quality professionals in Bahrain to celebrate World Quality Day.

The event was held at Swiss-Belhotel in Seef and was attended by industry leaders from a variety of sectors.

The event featured pres-



Mohamed Alshukri

entations on the latest trends in quality, inspirational talks, and interactive activities that reinforced the importance of quality standards for business growth.

Roxanne Perreault, Manager at SGS Knowledge Solutions, recently spoke about the importance of quality at an event celebrating World Quality Day in Bahrain.

"In SGS, our mission is to support individuals and organisations to make the world a better place through the pursuit of excellence," Perreault said. "In



Roxanne Perreault

an ever-changing world, quality has become a benchmark for consumer trust, a foundation of sustainable businesses, and the key towards continual improvement."

Perreault highlighted the many ways in which quality can benefit businesses and individuals. For businesses, quality can lead to increased customer satisfaction, improved brand reputation, and greater market share. For individuals, quality can lead to better products and services, safer workplaces, and a more prosperous society.

HRH Prince Salman commends growing Bahrain-Japan ties

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His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, highlighted the long-standing Bahrain-Japan relations, which have grown over the years through close multisector collaboration and partnership.

This came as HRH Prince Salman yesterday received the outgoing Ambassador of Japan to the Kingdom of Bahrain, HE Masayuki Miyamoto, at Gudai-biya Palace.

HRH the Crown Prince and HRH Prince Salman with HE Ambassador Miyamoto



Prime Minister noted the advancement of economic and trade cooperation between the two countries and the importance of enhancing the partnership to meet mutual aspirations.

He noted the Ambassador's efforts in furthering relations and collaboration towards shared interests.

His Royal Highness extended best wishes to Ambassador Miyamoto in his future endeavours.

Regional and global developments and issues of common interest were also discussed.

Ambassador Miyamoto expressed his gratitude for meeting with HRH Prince Salman, noting His Royal Highness's commitment to furthering bilateral relations. The Ambassador concluded by wishing Bahrain further progress and prosperity.

The Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Isa bin Salman Education Charitable Trust, and Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Labour Fund (Tamkeen), His Highness Shaikh Isa bin Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, also attended the meeting.

Experience stress-free travel

Bahrain International Airport launches Home Check-in and Baggage Delivery Service

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The Bahrain International Airport has launched a new service that allows passengers to check in for their flights and have their bags delivered to the airport in advance.

The Home Check-in and Baggage Delivery Service is part of Hala Bahrain hospitality and aims to provide passengers with a seamless and hassle-free travel experience.

To use the service, passen-



Home Check-In service for hassle-free travel experience

hours before the flight. A Hala Bahrain agent will then arrive at the passenger's preferred location to weigh and tag their bags, check them in, and issue boarding passes. The bags will then be transported to Bahrain International Airport and loaded onto the passenger's flight.

New and innovative ways

"At Bahrain International Airport, we are always looking for new and innovative ways

to enhancing the overall travel experience for passengers, making journeys more convenient, efficient, and enjoyable. Our aim is to empower travellers with the flexibility to focus on their journeys, unburdened by the hassles of traditional airport procedures. With our Hala Bahrain Hospitality Home Check-in service, we are providing the passengers with a value-added service," said Mr. Ayman Zainal, Managing Director at Hala Bahrain Hospitality.

Supreme Court upholds jail term for human traffickers

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The High Appeals Court upheld the sentence issued against two Asians involved in human trafficking. They were sentenced to five years in prison and fined BD2,000 each.

The incident occurred when the victim, who was in her home country, saw a social media advertisement for a job at a restaurant in Bahrain and applied for it.

One of the accused contacted her and informed her that she would be provided with accommodation and a ticket, with the costs deducted from her monthly salary.

She agreed and was received by the first defendant who took her to a hotel. There, she met the second defendant who took her passport and informed her that she would be involved in prostitution.

The security administration received a report from the embassy of the victim, stating that one of their nationals had been detained and forced into prostitution in a building in Bahrain.

The Anti-Human Trafficking Unit conducted investigations and located the victim, who had arrived in Bahrain after being deceived with the promise of a well-paying job.

SEEF PROPERTIES B.S.C. INTERIM CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS As at 30 September 2023 (Reviewed)

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INTERIM CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION At 30 September 2023 (Reviewed)

Note	30 September 2023 Reviewed BD	31 December 2022 Audited BD
ASSETS		
Non-current assets		
Investment properties	139,499,827	139,372,617
Equipment, furniture and motor vehicles	3,626,864	3,693,027
Capital work-in-progress	688,913	997,523
Investment in an associate and a joint venture	7,146,514	7,643,997
	150,962,118	151,707,164
Current assets		
Trade and other receivables	3,845,317	3,894,755
Bank balances, term deposits and cash	22,797,459	23,747,248
	26,642,776	27,642,003
TOTAL ASSETS	177,604,894	179,349,167
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES		
Equity		
Share capital	46,000,000	46,000,000
Statutory reserve	23,000,000	23,000,000
Furniture and fixtures replacement reserve	360,810	321,966
Retained earnings	90,132,329	88,997,195
Equity attributable to equity holders of the parent	159,493,139	158,319,161
Non-controlling interest	3,507,263	3,601,613
Total equity	163,000,402	161,920,774
Liabilities		
Non-current liabilities		
Term loans - non-current portion	7,080,072	8,907,598
Lease liability - non-current portion	2,454,913	2,465,940
Employees' end of service benefits	230,700	192,656
	9,765,685	11,566,194
Current liabilities		
Dividends payable and unclaimed dividends	693,146	716,464
Trade and other payables	3,135,686	4,083,855
Term loans - current portion	995,857	1,049,057
Lease liability - current portion	14,118	12,823
	4,838,807	5,862,199
Total liabilities	14,604,492	17,428,393
TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES	177,604,894	179,349,167

INTERIM CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME For the nine-month period ended 30 September 2023 (Reviewed)

Note	Three-month period ended 30 September 2023 - BD	Three-month period ended 30 September 2022 - BD	Nine-month period ended 30 September 2023 - BD	Nine-month period ended 30 September 2022 - BD
REVENUE				
Property rental income and service charges	2,562,900	2,294,234	7,676,892	7,284,215
Income from serviced apartments	462,484	497,432	1,294,811	1,249,815
Leisure and recreational revenue	812,806	921,615	2,400,833	1,903,880
	3,838,190	3,713,281	11,372,536	10,437,910
Less: cost of sales	1,118,419	1,079,065	2,820,019	2,469,548
GROSS PROFIT	2,719,771	2,634,216	8,552,517	7,968,362
Other operating income	268,730	194,188	1,010,673	967,453
Profit on term deposits	300,963	218,637	843,796	267,808
	3,289,464	3,047,041	10,406,986	9,203,623
EXPENSES				
General and administrative expenses	881,849	806,306	2,925,571	2,469,865
Depreciation	146,037	113,004	391,312	275,549
Other expenses	-	-	410,000	395,000
Charge for / (reversal of) expected credit losses	234,443	(539,242)	236,743	(477,232)
Finance costs	216,466	221,180	716,789	661,412
	1,478,795	601,248	4,680,415	3,324,594
PROFIT BEFORE FAIR VALUE CHANGES OF INVESTMENT PROPERTIES AND SHARE OF RESULTS FROM INVESTMENT IN AN ASSOCIATE AND A JOINT VENTURE	1,810,669	2,445,793	5,726,571	5,879,029
Unrealised fair value loss on investment properties	(166,486)	(166,486)	(499,460)	(499,460)
Share of loss from investment in an associate and a joint venture	(215,636)	(102,398)	(467,483)	(179,587)
NET PROFIT AND TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE PERIOD	1,428,547	2,176,909	4,759,628	5,199,982
Attributable to:				
Equity holders of the parent	1,496,222	2,182,313	4,853,978	5,202,159
Non-controlling interest	(67,675)	(5,404)	(94,350)	(2,177)
	1,428,547	2,176,909	4,759,628	5,199,982
Basic and diluted earnings per share attributable to equity holders of the parent	3.25 Fils	4.74 Fils	10.55 Fils	11.31 Fils

The Board of Directors approved the financial information on 9 November 2023.

Essa Mohamed Najibi
Chairman

Dr. Mustafa Al-Sayed
Vice Chairman

Ahmed Yusuf
Chief Executive Officer

INTERIM CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY For the nine-month period ended 30 September 2023 (Reviewed)

Note	Equity attributable to equity holders of the parent						Non-controlling interest BD	Total equity BD
	Share capital BD	Statutory reserve BD	Furniture and fixtures replacement reserve BD	Retained earnings* BD	Total BD			
At 1 January 2023	46,000,000	23,000,000	321,966	88,997,195	158,319,161	3,601,613	161,920,774	
Net profit and total comprehensive income for the period	-	-	-	4,853,978	4,853,978	(94,350)	4,759,628	
Dividends for 2022	-	-	-	(3,680,000)	(3,680,000)	-	(3,680,000)	
Transfer to furniture and fixtures replacement reserve	-	-	38,844	(38,844)	-	-	-	
At 30 September 2023	46,000,000	23,000,000	360,810	90,132,329	159,493,139	3,507,263	163,000,402	
At 1 January 2022	46,000,000	23,000,000	291,274	85,592,653	154,883,927	3,647,889	158,531,816	
Net profit and total comprehensive income for the period	-	-	-	5,202,159	5,202,159	(2,177)	5,199,982	
Dividends for 2021	-	-	-	(2,760,000)	(2,760,000)	-	(2,760,000)	
Transfer to furniture and fixtures replacement reserve	-	-	37,494	(37,494)	-	-	-	
At 30 September 2022	46,000,000	23,000,000	328,768	87,997,318	157,326,086	3,645,712	160,971,798	

*Retained earnings includes BD 644,092 (30 September 2022: BD 596,683) relating to statutory reserves of the subsidiaries.

INTERIM CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS For the nine-month period ended 30 September 2023 (Reviewed)

Note	Nine-month period ended 30 September	
	2023 Reviewed BD	2022 Reviewed BD
OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Net profit for the period	4,759,628	5,199,982
Adjustments for:		
Profit on term deposits	(843,796)	(267,808)
Depreciation	696,635	551,565
Charge for / (reversal of) expected credit losses	236,743	(477,232)
Finance costs	716,789	661,412
Employees' end of service benefits	39,203	33,221
Unrealised fair value loss on investment properties	499,460	499,460
Share of loss from investment in an associate and a joint venture	467,483	179,587
Other adjustments	30,000	-
Gain on disposal of an associate	6	(155,827)
Operating profit before working capital changes	6,602,145	6,224,360
Working capital changes:		
Trade and other receivables	69,894	2,674,292
Trade and other payables	(927,755)	(319,394)
	5,744,284	8,579,258
Profit on term deposits received	586,597	37,304
Employees' end of service benefits paid	(1,159)	(38,121)
Net cash flows from operating activities	6,329,722	8,578,441
INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Purchase of equipment, furniture and motor vehicles	(387,453)	(2,564,270)
Expenditure incurred on capital work-in-progress	(490,249)	(241,999)
Additions to investment properties	(70,830)	(168,062)
Disposal of an associate	6	15,661,217
Movement in the amount of restricted cash	(38,844)	(37,494)
Net movement in term deposits with an original maturity of more than 90 days	(2,133,397)	(19,810,000)
Net cash flows used in investing activities	(3,120,773)	(7,160,608)
FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Dividends paid	(3,703,318)	(2,810,914)
Movement in bank balances representing unclaimed dividends	23,102	50,736
Term loans repaid	(1,880,726)	236,882
Finance costs paid on term loans	(559,435)	(482,751)
Lease liability paid (including finance costs)	(187,500)	(187,500)
Net cash flows used in financing activities	(6,307,877)	(3,193,547)
NET CHANGE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	(3,098,928)	(1,775,714)
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 January	6,242,883	7,682,230
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT 30 SEPTEMBER	3,143,955	5,906,516

Shell sues Greenpeace for \$2.1 mn over North Sea protest



Greenpeace activists in inflatable boats approaching a Shell floating production storage and offloading unit earlier this year

AFP | Brussels

British oil giant Shell said yesterday that it has hit Greenpeace with a \$2.1-million lawsuit to recover costs after campaigners from the environmental group occupied a vessel earlier this year.

Greenpeace protesters boarded the White Marlin vessel for several days at the start of 2023, demanding the fossil-fuel giant stop drilling and pay for its climate impact.

The vessel was first boarded just north of the Canary Islands in the Atlantic Ocean as it carried an oil and gas platform to the Penguins field, situated close to the Scottish Shetland Islands in the North Sea.

Shell said in a statement yesterday that it was suing Greenpeace to claw back its "significant" expenditure on legal, safety and security costs

which it argued sought to protect staff and demonstrators alike.

According to documents obtained by AFP, Shell is seeking \$2.1 million in damages, mainly linked to costs incurred by subcontractor Fluor, which was responsible for building and transporting the platform. The claim could rise by \$6.5 million should Fluor decide to pursue claims for additional losses.

Greenpeace revealed a Shell proposal for reduced damages of \$1.4 million should the environmental group agree "to never protest on its infrastructure again, at sea or in port anywhere in the world".

Greenpeace said they would accept if "Shell agreed to stop wrecking the climate".

Shell said it respected "the right to protest... But it must be done safely and lawfully".

EU opens probe into TikTok, YouTube over child protection

TDT | Manama

The EU announced investigations yesterday into YouTube and TikTok to find out what action the US and Chinese-owned platforms are taking to ensure the safety of minors.

The European Commission said it had sent formal requests for information to TikTok and YouTube respectively, the first step in procedures launched under the EU's new law on digital content.

The EU's executive arm said it wanted to know what measures the video-sharing platforms have taken to comply with the Digital Services Act (DSA), especially regarding the risks posed to children's mental and physical health.

The DSA is part of the European Union's powerful armoury to bring big tech to heel, and demands that digital giants do more to counter the spread of illegal and harmful content as well as disinformation.

Platforms face fines that can go up to six percent of global turnover for violations.

TikTok, owned by Chinese company ByteDance, is particularly popular with younger users, while YouTube is part of the Alphabet digital empire that includes Google.



A boy watches a short video on YouTube

Both companies must respond by November 30.

The EU's top tech enforcer, Thierry Breton, said in August that "child protection will be an enforcement priority" for the DSA.

The law has also banned targeted advertising to minors aged 17 and under.

The EU already launched probes into TikTok, X (formerly Twitter) and Facebook-parent Meta over disinformation following the October 7 Hamas attack in Israel.

TikTok CEO Shou Zi Chew met EU officials earlier this week in Brussels, in talks the company's spokesperson yesterday

hailed as "positive".

"We're pleased that our efforts to keep people on TikTok safe, engage with these important topics and comply with the DSA, have not gone unnoticed.

"We will continue to work closely with the Commission, including on this latest request," the spokesperson said in a statement.

Stricter curbs

The DSA also demands tech behemoths do more to counter the spread of illegal goods.

The commission on Monday announced it kickstarted an investigation into China's Al-Express over what actions it



We're pleased that our efforts to keep people on TikTok safe, engage with these important topics and comply with the DSA, have not gone unnoticed

TIKTOK CEO SHOU ZI CHEW

is taking to protect consumers online from illegal products, including fake medicines, as part of DSA compliance.

The DSA came into force in August for 19 sites designated by the EU as "very large" platforms that have more than 45 million monthly active users, including Google Search, Facebook, Instagram, TikTok, YouTube, Amazon and Apple's AppStore.

Smaller digital firms will have to comply with the DSA from February next year, when EU member states will have set up national supervisory authorities.

TikTok and YouTube are also among 22 services listed by the EU in September that face stricter curbs on how they do business under the DSA's sister law, the Digital Markets Act (DMA). Companies must fully comply with the DMA by March 2024.

Seef Properties records BD 1.5 mln net profit as revenues rise 6.8% in Q3

TDT | Manama

Seef Properties announced its financial results for the third quarter ended 30 September 2023.

The Company reported a net profit and comprehensive income attributable to the parent amounting to BD 1.5 million, compared to BD 2.2m for the same period last year.

This represents a decrease of 31.4%, despite revenues and total operating income being higher compared to last year as a result of an increase in the provision for expected credit losses in the third quarter of 2023.

The basic and diluted earnings per share attributable to shareholders of the parent company in the third quarter of 2023 reached 3.25 fils, compared to 4.74 fils for the same period last year.

The Company's operating profits amounted to BD 3.3m



Seef Properties Chairman Isa Najjibi

during the third quarter of 2023, compared to BD 3m in the same period last year, an increase of 8%.

Revenues increased by 6.8% in the third quarter of 2023, reaching BD 4.4m, compared to BD 4.1m during the third quarter of 2022.

The company recorded a net profit and comprehensive income attributable to the parent of BD 4.9m during the nine-



Seef Properties CEO Ahmed Yusuf

month period ending 30 September 2023, compared to BD 5.2m during the same period last year, a decrease of 6.7% due to the reasons stated above.

Basic and diluted earnings per share attributable to the parent for the period ended 30 September 2023 amounted 10.55 fils, compared to 11.31 fils for the same period last year.

The Company's operating profit stood at BD 10.4m during

the nine-month period, compared to BD 9.2m for the same period last year, an increase of 13.1%.

Revenues increased by 13.3% in the period ending 30 September 2023, to reach BD 13.2m, compared to BD 11.7m for the corresponding period of 2022.

Chairman of the Company's Board of Directors, Essa Mohamed Najjibi, said, "Seef Properties' recent revenue growth, largely due to its entertainment sector activities, is intricately linked with Bahrain's economic resurgence, reflecting a collective commitment to revitalizing the nation."

Seef Properties Chief Executive Officer Ahmed Yusuf said, "The increase in revenues and total operating income during the third quarter of this year can be attributed to higher occupancy rates and a resurgence in business activity during the summer season."

Russia airlines seek to extend fleet lifespan over sanctions

AFP | Moscow

Russian domestic airlines are seeking to extend the lifespan of their fleets in an effort to overcome problems posed by Western sanctions triggered by the Ukraine conflict.

Since Western countries imposed sweeping economic sanctions on Russia, airlines have struggled to acquire imported spare parts and up-to-date software for their jets.

Several recent incidents have highlighted mounting concerns around passenger safety.

Unable to secure Western parts for some of their planes, Russian companies have resorted to cannibalising their existing fleet -- grounding planes to strip them for parts.

Angara Airlines representative Sergei Zorin urged regulators to extend the lifespan of the country's ageing Soviet-made Antonov aircraft.

One quarter of Antonovs --



An Airbus A321-211 flown by Aeroflot sits at the Geneva airport

which are on average 50 years old -- are due to be grounded in around five years, according to current rules, he added.

Speaking during a meeting with officials on Wednesday, Zorin asked them to "prolong the operation of An-24 and An-26" aircraft, according to state news agency Interfax.

More than half the 150 Russian-made planes operating regional flights in the country are Antonov type aircraft, specifically An-24s and An-26s, he said.

Zorin also said more should be done to support the domestic production of aircraft.

Germany unveils huge electricity price relief for industry

AFP | Zurich

Germany announced yesterday a huge relief package including tax cuts on electricity for the manufacturing sector, in a bid to shore up an economy that many fear could end the year in recession.

"Alone in the coming year, the relief will reach up to 12 billion euros (\$12.8 billion),"

said Chancellor Olaf Scholz in a statement.

In 2024 and 2025, electricity tax will be slashed from the current 1.537 cents per kilowatt to the European Union minimum of 0.05 cents per kilowatt for the manufacturing sector.

The lowered tax could be extended for a further three years, said the government in a statement.

Saudi says climate policy should not 'crush' less powerful

TDT | Manama

Saudi Arabia said yesterday that policies to address climate change should not "crush the bones" of countries grappling with energy poverty, ahead of the COP28 climate talks in Dubai.

Speaking at a conference on economic cooperation with Africa, the Gulf kingdom's energy minister Prince Abdulaziz bin Salman said more must

be done to help the estimated 800 million people globally who don't have steady access to electricity.

Climate change is "relevant and important" but "should not be attended to by crushing the bones and the future of the less (powerful) people," Prince Abdulaziz said.

"Why do we sit on our hands and do nothing about this population?"

Saudi Arabia, the world's

biggest crude oil exporter, announced in 2021 that it was targeting net zero emissions by 2060.

However Saudi officials also argue that continued new investments in hydrocarbons are necessary for energy stability.

Prince Abdulaziz said yesterday that attempts to provide financial support to countries affected by climate change had so far delivered poor results.

The agreement to set up a dedicated fund to help vulnerable countries cope with climate "loss and damage" was a flagship achievement of last year's COP27 talks in Egypt.

But countries left the details to be worked out later.

Richer countries promised in 2009 to provide \$100 billion a year to finance both adaptation and emissions cuts in developing countries by 2020.

News in brief

Picasso's 'Woman with a Watch' fetches \$139 mn at NY auction



◆ One of Pablo Picasso's masterpieces, "Woman with a Watch," was sold at auction Wednesday night for \$139.3 million by Sotheby's in New York, the second-highest price ever achieved for the artist. In a jam-packed room at the venerable auction house, it only took a few minutes of telephone bidding for the 1932 painting depicting one of the Spanish artist's companions and muses, the French painter Marie-Therese Walter, to be sold. "Femme à la montre" had been valued at over \$120 million before going on the block, according to Sotheby's.

◆ Japanese billionaire Yusaku Maezawa announced yesterday the postponement of his journey around the Moon on a SpaceX rocket, a voyage that boasts an artist-filled crew.

Japanese billionaire's lunar SpaceX voyage postponed



"We were planning for our lunar orbital mission 'dearMoon' to take place in 2023, but seems like it will take a little longer," Maezawa said. "We're not sure when the flight will be," the entrepreneur said on X, formerly Twitter. The crew on the mission announced in 2018 would be travelling on SpaceX's Starship rocket, which is still under development and will be the most powerful rocket ever built when complete.

Apple co-founder Steve Wozniak hospitalized in Mexico: media



◆ Apple co-founder Steve Wozniak has been hospitalized in Mexico City, where he was scheduled to speak at a business forum, Mexican and US media reported.

Wozniak, 73, was slated to speak at the World Business Forum on Wednesday afternoon, but was taken to a hospital after fainting. CNN reported, citing an unnamed source from the forum's organizers. Details of his health status were not included in the report. According to Mexican media, including the Televisa network and the El Universal newspaper, Wozniak had a stroke and was in a private hospital where his condition was "stable."

SPOTLIGHT



Miss Universe owner files for bankruptcy in Thailand

AFP | Bangkok

The Thai media company that owns the Miss Universe beauty pageant brand said yesterday it has filed for bankruptcy while it tries to resolve a "liquidity problem".

JKN Global Group made the announcement in a statement to the Thai Stock Exchange two months after it missed a deadline to repay bonds worth around \$12 million.

The company, owned by media mogul and transgender rights campaigner Anne Jakapong Jakrajutatip, bought the pageant -- previously owned by former US president Donald Trump -- in 2022 for \$20 million.

JKN's statement said its board of directors agreed on Tuesday to submit a business rehabilitation plan to the kingdom's bankruptcy court.

"Submitting the rehabilitation petition will effectively solve the Company's liquidity problem under legal mecha-



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nism and provide fair protection to all stakeholders," the statement said.

Operations will continue under the plan, it added.

JKN's share price has dropped by nearly 80 percent over the past 12 months, standing at 0.77 baht yesterday.

Israel to begin four-hour

Israel agrees to daily four-hour military pauses in northern Gaza for humanitarian purposes

● Pauses will allow humanitarian aid to get into the area and allow civilians to flee the fighting

AFP | Washington

Israel has agreed to daily four-hour military pauses in northern Gaza for humanitarian purposes, the White House said yesterday, even as President Joe Biden said there was no chance

of a full ceasefire.

Biden has been pressing Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu for longer breaks in the fighting after more than a month of war sparked by the October 7 attacks by Hamas.

White House National Security Council spokesman John Kirby said the pauses were "significant steps forward" as heavy fighting took hold of Gaza City in the north of the Gaza strip.

"Israel will begin to implement four-hour pauses in areas of northern Gaza each day, with an announcement to be made

three hours beforehand," Kirby told reporters.

"We've been told by the Israelis that there will be no military operations in these areas over the duration of the pause (and) that this process is starting today."

The pauses would allow humanitarian aid to get into the area and allow civilians to flee the fighting, he said.

Israel had also opened up "humanitarian corridors" for the past few days that had already allowed "many thousands" of people to leave the worst-hit area of north Gaza to the south, Kirby added.



Bottles of water are handed out as Palestinian parts of northern Gaza towards the south

Gaza-Egypt border reopens for wounded, foreign nationals

AFP | Cairo

The Rafah crossing between Gaza and Egypt reopened yesterday to allow a limited number of wounded people and foreign passport holders to flee the war, a Palestinian official said.

The vast majority of Gaza's 2.4 million residents are unable to escape the conflict, which erupted between the territory's Hamas rulers and Israel on October 7.

The crossing's media director on the Palestinian side said

Rafah "reopened to transfer the wounded, for foreign nationals to leave and aid trucks to enter".

An AFP photographer on the Egyptian side saw people on stretchers being transferred into ambulances, as well as children and adults walking across the border.

Crossings were suspended for the second time on Wednesday due to Israel refusing to approve the list of wounded people to be evacuated, which had been sent by the Hamas government to Egypt.

The route was previously shut

on November 3 and 4 for the same reason.

More than 2,000 people with foreign passports have entered Egypt this month, according to the Palestinian crossings authority. Over the same period, 107 wounded, 13 people with cancer and 90 patient companions have been able to leave Gaza.

The health ministry warned yesterday the evacuations were happening too slowly.

"A large number of the serious cases must leave urgently, before they lose their lives while waiting," a ministry statement said.

Armed rebellion risks break-up of Myanmar: junta-backed president

AFP | Yangon

Myanmar's junta-backed president said the country is at risk of breaking apart if the military cannot crush a joint offensive by ethnic armed groups along the border with China, state media reported yesterday.

Fighting has raged for almost two weeks across northern Shan state near the China border, posing what analysts say is the biggest military challenge to the junta since it seized power in 2021.

"If the government does not effectively manage the incidents happening in the border region, the country will be split into various parts," Myint Swe



Myint Swe

said Wednesday, according to the Global New Light of Myanmar.

The Myanmar National Democratic Alliance Army, the Ta'ang National Liberation Army and the Arakan Army say they have seized dozens of military outposts and blocked vital trade routes to China.

The junta has admitted to losing control of a key trade hub, but had not commented on the progress of the fighting for days.

Myint Swe made the remarks at a meeting of the National Defence and Security Council, attended by junta chief Min Aung Hlaing and other top military officials.

Myint Swe was vice president under the democratically elected government of Aung San Suu Kyi that the military ousted in 2021.

He was later appointed acting president by the junta.

"Stability can be restored to some extent due to the sacrifice of the lives" of junta troops, he said, without giving details.

Philippines to launch five coast guard patrol ships with Japan aid

AFP | Manila

The Philippines is to launch five coast guard vessels worth half a billion dollars through a Japanese government loan, a senior official said yesterday, to improve its patrol capability in disputed waters of the South China Sea.

Manila announced the project after a visit by Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida, who pledged in a speech that Japan would "continue to contribute to the enhancement of the Philippines' security capabilities".

The Philippines has been upgrading its maritime security assets and boosting ties with allies to counteract



Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida (2nd L) receives a gift from Philippine coast guard commandant Admiral Ronnie Gavan (2nd R)

China's aggressive actions in the South China Sea, including areas disputed by the two neighbours.

Economic Planning Secretary Arsenio Balisacan told re-

porters the five 97-metre (318-foot) vessels will be delivered between 2027 and 2028, with funding worth 29.3 billion pesos (\$525 million) loaned from Tokyo.

UK minister condemns policing of pro-Palestinian



Protesters take part in a protest inside City Hall
AFP | London

British interior minister Suella Braverman sparked outrage yesterday for accusing police of double standards before a politically charged pro-Palestinian rally on Armistice Day, the latest incendiary rhetoric from the hardline Conservative.

Braverman, 43, suggested that officers "play favourites" when policing protests, claiming they largely ignored "pro-Palestinian mobs" during massive recent demonstrations against the Israel-Hamas war.

The comments, seen as red meat to the right wing of the Tory party, come after she described the rallies calling for a ceasefire in Gaza as "hate marches" and claimed some people were homeless as a "lifestyle choice".

Her words have heightened speculation she is positioning herself for a future Tory leadership contest or that they are a deliberate ploy by Prime Minister

1619

René Descartes has the dream that inspires his "Meditations on First Philosophy"



1674

Dutch formally cede New Netherlands (New York) to the English

1885

German engineer Gottlieb Daimler unveils the world's first motorcycle

1989

Germans begin demolishing the Berlin Wall

Our 'pauses' in Gaza, US says

poses



Palestinian families fleeing Gaza City and other northern areas, walk along a highway

fire have mounted, as have protests, including one at the weekend which targeted the White House. However, Biden ruled out a longer truce for now.

"None. No possibility," Biden told reporters as he left the White House for a trip to Illinois when asked about the chances of a ceasefire.

He said he was "still optimistic" about freeing hostages -- including the fewer than 10 US citizens held in Gaza. "We're not going to stop until we get them out."

He later confirmed that in a call with Netanyahu that "I've asked for a pause longer than

three days". When asked if he was frustrated with Netanyahu, he said, "it's taken a little longer than I hoped."

The United States has firmly stood by key ally Israel since the attacks, saying that Hamas cannot be allowed to remain in control of Gaza.

But Washington has also been publicly calling on the Israeli military to obey the "laws of war" and avoid civilian casualties, while privately pushing Israel to scale back its offensive and to develop a plan for what comes next.

Biden visited Israel in October in a show of support. During the trip he announced that Egypt had agreed to open the Rafah crossing into southern Gaza to let aid trucks in.

Israel has pressed on with its offensive and has encircled northern Gaza in recent days. It said yesterday it had fought a 10-hour battle that toppled one of the Palestinian group's strongholds.

The army said 50,000 people had fled their homes in the main battle zone of northern Gaza on Wednesday, a sharp increase in numbers from earlier this week, adding to the more than 1.5 million people already seeking safety in the south of the coastal strip.

Italy sends hospital ship to aid Palestinians

AFP | Rome

Italy is sending a hospital ship to the Middle East to aid the Palestinian population, the defence ministry said yesterday.

The navy ship "Vulcano", which is equipped with operating rooms, is carrying 30 medical staff and is heading initially to Cyprus, according to details published by the ministry.

It is expected to arrive "in a couple of days, weather permitting", a defence ministry spokesman told AFP, without confirming how close the ship would get to Gaza.



Italian Navy's "Vulcano" ship

Defence Minister Guido Crosetto said Wednesday the navy ship would be followed "in the next few days" by an army field

hospital -- efforts he said were "a concrete sign of the humanitarian aid our country is sending to the Gaza Strip".

In a comment to the press, cited by AGI news agency, he said he believed "an initiative of this type will be welcomed by Israel as much as by the Palestinians".

"No-one can have anything to say about a humanitarian act".

The ministry is ready to send out other medical personnel once the hospital is up and running, including three anaesthetists, two surgeons and eight critical care nurses, it said in a statement.

Moscow 'shocked' by timeline to evacuate Russians from Gaza

AFP | Moscow

Russia said yesterday it was "shocked" by the Israeli ambassador saying it could take up to two weeks to evacuate Russian citizens from the Gaza Strip.

Israel's envoy to Moscow told Russian state media this week that with 500-600 people leaving each day, and 7,000 waiting to be evacuated, it could take two weeks to get Russian citizens out of Gaza.

"We were truly shocked to hear that statement," Russia's

foreign ministry spokeswoman Maria Zakharova told reporters.

"This logic is unacceptable," she said, adding that Russia had followed all the requested procedures for submitting evacuation lists to the relevant authorities.

More than 500 Russian citizens are awaiting evacuation, Russian state media reported this month, citing Russian diplomats.

"There are a lot of children on the lists for evacuation from Gaza. We are talking about approximately 300 Russian mi-

nors," Zakharova said separately on social media.

"For a month they have been in a blockade," she added.

No Russians have yet been publicly confirmed as having left Gaza since the Rafah checkpoint with Egypt first reopened on November 1 to allow the evacuation of stranded foreigners and dual nationals.

Russian President Vladimir Putin has criticised the West for allegedly stoking tensions in the region and Israel for its conduct in the conflict.

Condemned for attacking Palestinian protests



Protesting garment workers

Rishi Sunak's party to appeal to right-wingers before the next general election.

Sunak has described the planned march in London on Saturday -- a day when Britain honours its war dead -- as "provocative and disrespectful" and has tried to pressure the Metropolitan Police into banning it.

Police have said the march in support of Palestinians under Israeli bombardment following Hamas's October 7 attacks does not meet the legal threshold for requesting a government order to stop it going ahead.

Tensions between London's Met Police and Sunak appeared to ease on Wednesday after an emergency meeting at which the force's chief, Mark Rowley, confirmed the march would not clash with remembrance events for the country's war dead.

But Braverman, writing in The Times daily yesterday, was scathing about the Met's policing of different groups.

Bangladesh police clash with 25,000 protesting garment workers

AFP | Dhaka

Up to 25,000 garment workers clashed with police in Bangladesh yesterday, officials said, as protests rejecting a government-offered pay rise forced the closure of at least 100 factories outside Dhaka.

A government-appointed panel raised wages on Tuesday by 56.25 percent for the South Asian nation's four million garment factory workers, who are seeking a near-tripling of their monthly wage.

Bangladesh's 3,500 garment factories account for around 85 percent of its \$55 billion in annual exports, supplying many of the world's top brands including Levi's, Zara and H&M.

But conditions are dire for many of the sector's four million workers, the vast majority



Bangladeshi security personnel disperse protesting garment workers

of whom are women whose monthly pay starts at 8,300 taka (\$75).

Police said violence broke out in the industrial towns of Gazipur and Ashulia outside the capital after more than 10,000 workers staged protests in factories and along highways to

reject the panel's offer.

"There were 10,000 (protesting) workers at several spots. They threw bricks and stones at our officers and factories, which were open," Mahmud Naser, Ashulia's deputy industrial police chief, said.

"One of our officers was in-

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Republican presidential hopefuls spar as Trump rallies nearby

AFP | Miami

Five Republican presidential candidates clashed on the debate stage Wednesday over Ukraine, China, abortion, and the future path of the party, while saving some of their ire for the absent frontrunner, Donald Trump.

While the challengers appeared united in their support of Israel and its war against Hamas, tensions flared -- including fierce personal attacks -- in the debate barely two months before the all-important first votes



Contenders for the Republican Party nomination take part in the debate

in the White House nomination battle.

The third televised debate occurred a day after Democrats snatched key election victories in conservative and swing

states, particularly over abortion rights, but the perennially thorny issue was not discussed until more than 90 minutes into the two-hour event.

Florida Governor Ron De-

Santis and entrepreneur Vivek Ramaswamy voiced fury about their party's recent political losses, while Trump's onetime UN envoy Nikki Haley, who is enjoying growing momentum in the race, urged Americans to "find consensus" over reproductive rights.

The ex-president, leading in every major Republican nomination poll, snubbed the Miami event and instead held a rally just a few miles away, maintaining his strategy of refusing to debate challengers.

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Wheels down in India. At a time of great momentum in the U.S.-India partnership, I look forward to productive discussions with @SecBlinken and our Indian counterparts here in New Delhi.

@SecDef

02



War is a virus that catches every chance to expand. The insupportable situation in #Gaza is a warning; we cannot allow a regional escalation. We need a humanitarian ceasefire. My remarks in Paris today

@UNReliefChief

03



Thank you @EmmanuelMacron for convening this conference on Gaza. The EU is the largest donor to the Palestinian people. We are committed to the humanitarian needs of the civilians in Gaza

@vonderleyen

04



Met with Republic of Korea @FMPark-Jin here in Seoul. The United States is committed to working with the Republic of Korea and other regional partners to continue to support Ukraine and build consensus internationally for a just and lasting peace.

@SecBlinken

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CELEBS

Taylor Swift crowned Artist of Year by Apple

Celebretainment | Los Angeles

Taylor Swift is being crowned Apple Music's 2023 Artist of the Year. The songwriting phenomenon, 33, who has recently been in the headlines for her budding romance with NFL star Travis Kelce, 34, will be given the honour after seeing 65 of her songs this year make Apple's Global Daily Top 100 across the charts, streams, and concert stadiums – more than any other artist. Taylor said: "I am so honoured to be Apple Music's Artist of the Year. Thank you to every single one of you for making this year the most incredible, joyful, celebratory year ever. "From streaming the music non-stop to screaming it together in real life at the shows, dancing chaotically in movie theatres, none of this would have been possible without you. Thank you so much."



Taylor Swift

Oliver Schusser, Apple's vice president of Apple Music and Beats, added: "Taylor Swift's impact on music is absolutely undeniable – not just this record-breaking year, but throughout her entire career. "She is a generation-defining artist and a true change agent in

the music industry, and there is no doubt that her impact and influence will be felt for years to come. "We are thrilled to have the opportunity to celebrate her achievements." Taylor Nation – Taylor's in-house fan account – posted on

Instagram: "The crowds and stands went wild this year celebrating 17 years of music and memories. Now the artist of our lives is @AppleMusic's #ArtistoftheYear." Taylor will receive a physical award, a custom silicon wafer suspended between a polished sheet of glass from Apple. Apple Music is also using its services to spotlight the music and moments that defined Taylor's 'The Eras Tour' which it called "an event so culture-engulfing it turned songs from her past into some of the biggest of this year". Listeners can tune in to a range of radio programmes celebrating Taylor's two decades' worth of albums, as well as interviews, album collections, and playlists designed to "showcase the singer-songwriter's journey leading up to this historic year".

Matthew Perry 'secretly buried in A-list section of star-studded cemetery'

Celebretainment | Los Angeles

Matthew Perry has reportedly secretly been laid to rest in an A-list section of a star-studded cemetery. The 'Friends' star, who died aged 54 on October 28 in an apparent drowning in the hot tub in the backyard of his \$6 million mansion in the Pacific Palisades area of Los Angeles, has reportedly had his casket placed within the walls of a corridor called Sanctuary of Treasured Love at Forest Lawn Memorial Park in the Hollywood Hills. TMZ, which made the claim, said the private burial site is situated behind gates and also serves as the final resting place for Michael Clarke Duncan, who starred alongside Matthew in the 2000 comedy film 'The Whole Nine Yards'. Duncan also died aged 54, and was killed in 2012 by a heart attack. Matthew's cause of death is still not known, but it has been reported that he had gone into cardiac arrest in his final moments.



Matthew Perry

The Sanctuary of Treasured Love is located in Forest Lawn's Court of Remembrance, where A-listers including Debbie Reynolds, Carrie Fisher, Sandra Dee, Andy Gibb and Bette Davis are also buried. TMZ said there was a large flower arrangement on Matthew's gravesite following his funeral service on Friday, but it had been removed by Tuesday and the site now appears bare.

Arnold Schwarzenegger's pet donkey leaves interviewers stunned

Fox | Los Angeles

Arnold Schwarzenegger's pet donkey is ready for her close-up. Schwarzenegger's pet donkey, Lulu, stole the spotlight during his interview with famous sports brothers Eli and Peyton Manning. Her special appearance took the Mannings by surprise. "Oh – what is... what is that?" a confused Eli reacted during the "ManningCast." "That donkey looks like you eating, Peyton," Eli quipped as his brother appeared shocked by the "Terminator" icon feeding his pet on camera. Lulu was front and center as Eli attempted to introduce Schwarzenegger, 76, while the former California governor was heard in the background saying, "Oh, yes," and comforted his pet donkey. After Schwarzenegger fed Lulu her snack, the donkey walked out of the frame and the Manning brothers contin-



Arnold Schwarzenegger

ued their sports commentary with the celebrity guest. This isn't the first time Schwarzenegger's unique pet grabbed the public's attention. Schwarzenegger recently emphasized the importance of a morning fitness routine, which involved his pets. He admitted during the "Town & Country" Philanthropy Summit this week that he "doesn't think" when he wakes up and goes directly into training. "I feel good in the morning," he said, via People magazine. "I get up, and I feed my animals, Lulu and Whiskey, and my little pig, Chanel. I feed the dogs, then I go to the gym."

Jennifer Aniston 'completely knocked off her feet' by Matthew Perry's death

Celebretainment | Los Angeles

Jennifer Aniston has been "completely knocked off her feet" by 'Friends' co-star Matthew Perry's death - less than a year after losing her father. The 54-year-old actor - who portrayed the beloved character Chandler Bing on the iconic US sitcom - was found dead in his hot tub at his home in the Pacific Palisades area of Los Angeles in an apparent drowning on October 28. And Jennifer - who played Rachel Green on the show - has been struggling to deal with the loss of her close friend so soon after her beloved father, 'Days



Jennifer Aniston

of Our Lives' star John Aniston, who died aged 89 in November. A source told Page Six: "Out of the remaining five, Jen and Courtney (Cox) are reeling the most, and Jen is probably the one who is struggling most acutely. "She still hasn't fully regained her footing from that, and now this has just completely knocked her off her feet. "Despite doing her best to regroup and recover... (Matthew's death has) been a completely devastating blow." The update comes after it was reported that Jennifer "kept to herself" at Matthew's funeral. The 54-year-old actress was at the service on Friday (03.11.23) with her fellow cast members Courteney Cox, Matt LeBlanc, David Schwimmer, and Lisa Kudrow. An onlooker told DailyMail.com: "She was one of the first to arrive. She kept herself to herself. This is a high-profile gathering." Matthew had suffered from addiction to alcohol and drugs throughout his life and another insider explained that Jennifer had really believed that his "worst days" were in the past and his passing came as a "bitter body blow" to her.

There's strength in being vulnerable, says Selena Gomez

Celebretainment | Los Angeles

Selena Gomez thinks there's "so much strength in being vulnerable". The 31-year-old star has spoken openly about her mental health struggles over recent years, and Selena admits that she's found it to be a "very freeing" experience. The brunette beauty - who has a huge following on social media, including more than 400 million followers on Instagram - told Wondermind: "I don't love giving advice because I don't have all of the answers. Selena Gomez



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1- Aloe; 5- Big; 10- Actress Sofer; 14- Wait; 15- Extra-terrestrial being; 16- Author Hunter; 17- Coal-rich region; 18- Large cat; 19- Give for a while; 20- Russian aircraft designer; 22- Love affair; 24- Public transports; 26- Passes by degrees; 27- Pour from one container to another; 30- City on the Rhone; 32- Main artery; 33- Pentathlon need; 34- Architect Saarinen; 38- Retrovirus component; 39- Causes to remember; 42- Corduroy feature; 43- Salinger girl; 45- "Peter Pan" pirate; 46- Ingenuous; 48- Hickory-nut; 50- Primate; 51- Saltworks; 54- Descendant; 56- Three-cornered; 58- Tidal river; 62- Hokkaido native; 63- Crystal-lined rock; 65- Of course!; 66- Lecherous look; 67- Academy award; 68- High schooler; 69- Otherwise; 70- Former Russian rulers; 71- Tibetan beasts;

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1- Immense; 2- Son of Isaac and Rebekah; 3- Get as a result; 4- Performer of gymnastic feats; 5- Current; 6- Not dead yet; 7- Semi; 8- Will of "The Waltons"; 9- Registered; 10- Backslide; 11- 2, 4, 6, 8, etc.; 12- John Garner; 13- Aconcagua's range; 21- Pertaining to the moon; 23- Fannie; 25- Modern humans; 27- Challenge to complete a task; 28- Seemingly forever; 29- Pull an all-nighter; 31- Lacoste of tennis; 33- Austen novel; 35- Actor Estrada; 36- Split apart; 37- Comply; 40- Edible snail; 41- Snob; 44- Connoisseur; 47- Pension; 49- Brian of Roxy Music; 50- Money grubbers; 51- Old; 52- The Little Mermaid; 53- Queues; 55- Cupressus; 57- Capone's nemesis; 59- In the Black?; 60- Stink; 61- Cravings; 64- South American tuber;

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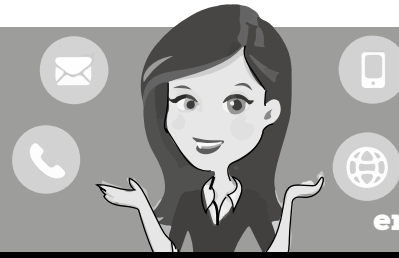
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Man Utd's luck will turn, insists defiant Ten Hag



Manchester United's Bruno Fernandes and Alejandro Garnacho react after the match

AFP | London

Manchester United manager Erik ten Hag said his side are due a turnaround in fortune after collapsing to a 4-3 defeat at FC Copenhagen that left the Red Devils close to exiting the Champions League. United led 2-0 inside half an hour in the Danish capital after Rasmus Hojlund struck twice against his former club. But a red card for Marcus Rashford after a VAR review on 42 minutes changed the course of the game.

Copenhagen made the most of 13 added minutes at the end of the first half to level through Mohamed Elyounoussi and a Diogo Goncalves penalty.

Bruno Fernandes restored United's lead from the penalty spot, but the Danish champions struck twice in the final 10 minutes through Lukas Lerager and 17-year-old Rooney Bardghji to secure their first Champions League win since 2016.

A third defeat in four games leaves United bottom of Group A.

But Ten Hag was unhappy at the award of both Copenhagen's first two goals and Rash-

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ford's dismissal.

The former Ajax boss believed Elyounoussi's strike should have been ruled out for offside and that the decision to penalise Harry Maguire for handball inside the area was harsh.

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However, the Dutchman believes there are positives to take from his side's performance before Rashford's harsh dismissal.

Israr bids to cap great season for Shadwell in \$1m Bahrain International Trophy

● Likely line-up unveiled for Bahrain's most prestigious race

TDT | Manama

With travel plans now in place, the likely line-up for this year's running of the Bahrain International Trophy looks set to be the strongest in the race's five-year history.

The field includes participants from five different countries, with six of the intended runners already winners of either Group 1 or Group 2 races.

The 2023 running of the \$1M Bahrain International Trophy takes place on 17th November at the Rashid Equestrian & Horseracing Club.

This year's renewal is more valuable than ever following an increase in the race's value to \$1M and the race's status being upgraded to Group 2 level.

Among the contingent of British trained horses coming to Bahrain is Israr.

Trained by father and son combination, John and Thady Gosden, the four-year-old colt runs in the colours of Shadwell Estate, who were recently crowned Champion Owners in the United Kingdom.

Israr's contribution to Shadwell's championship winning season included victory in the Group 2 Princess of Wales's Stakes (sponsored by The Kingdom of Bahrain) at Newmarket in July, when he beat the former Derby winner, Adayar. Connections are hoping to upset another highly rated Godolphin owned horse in the Bahrain International Trophy when they take on three-



Israr, ridden by Jim Crowley in the colours of Shadwell Estate winning the Princess of Wales's Stakes (sponsored by The Kingdom of Bahrain) at Newmarket for John and Thady Gosden

time Group 1 winner, Nation's Pride.

John Gosden, co-trainer of Israr, said, "We are confident Israr will run a really nice race over the mile and a quarter, it's a very competitive field but so it should be. It's an exciting, lovely race, well timed in the calendar and the prize money has been increased so that makes it even more attractive. We've been second in it, so we are itching to win it one day."

Commenting on Shadwell's season, John Gosden added, "They have had an incredibly successful year. It is huge achievement on the part of everyone at Shadwell to be leading owner and a lot of that success has been down to the older, homebred horses, such as Israr. Since Sheikh Hamdan died, his daughter Sheikhah Hissa has taken hold of the operation and her father would be extremely proud of her."

Also set to fly to Bahrain from the UK are two horses that have shown marked progression

throughout the European season.

Spirit Dancer, co-owned and bred by former Manchester United manager Sir Alex Ferguson, booked his ticket with victory in the Group 3 Strensall Stakes at York and he will be joined on the flight by Astro King, trained by husband-and-wife pair Dan and Claire Kubler and winner of the 34-runner Cambridgeshire at Newmarket in September.

Travelling from Ireland will be Above The Curve (trained by Joseph O'Brien), Point Lonsdale (Aidan O'Brien) and Layfayette (Noel Meade), while France is set to be represented by Birr Castle (Andre Fabre) and French 2000 Guineas winner, Marhaba Ya Sanafi (Andreas Schutz).

As well as Nation's Pride, the Godolphin challenge will be supplemented by two Saeed Bin Suroor trained horses, the 2022 Bahrain International Trophy winner, Dubai Future, and the Group 1 placed Real World.

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Nation's Pride's trainer, Charlie Appleby is also set to saddle recent Darley Stakes winner, Highland Avenue.

The fourteen-runner field is set to include two locally based horses in Calif and Qaader, both trained by Fawzi Nass.

Yusuf Buheji, CEO, Bahrain Turf Club, said, "We are very much looking forward to this year's running of the Bahrain International Trophy. The race has attracted a very competitive field, including horses representing a wide range of countries and connections.

"The Bahrain Turf Club is very grateful for the continued support shown by some of the biggest owners in world horse racing, including Sheikh Mohammed's Godolphin operation, who won the race last year. Racing in Bahrain continues to grow thanks to the enthusiasm and passion of owners and we wish all our participants the best of luck for this year's race."

Stuttgart striker Guirassy credits Kane for record-breaking start

AFP | Munich

Record-breaking Stuttgart striker Serhou Guirassy said England captain Harry Kane's arrival in Germany has "pushed a lot of strikers in the Bundesliga to raise their level to try and compete with him".

Guirassy, who scored a record 14 goals in the



Serhou Guirassy

opening eight league matches this season before injuring his hamstring, told English newspaper The Guardian in an interview published yesterday he relished the competition.

"It's something big to be competing with Harry Kane, who is a world-class striker."

Despite his blistering start, Guirassy is not currently atop the Bundesliga goalscoring charts, after Guinean's injury allowed Kane to overtake him.

Kane has 15 league goals since joining Bayern Munich from Tottenham in the summer, having played two more

matches than Guirassy.

Last season, Niclas Füllkrug and Christopher Nkunku shared the Torjaegerkanone, the award given to the top goalscorer, with each scoring 16 goals, indicating how dramatic the turnaround has been.

Harry Kane



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Ariana, Venkat keep hopes alive

Top seeds stay in running for both singles and doubles crowns in Bahrain ITF Juniors 2023 tennis tournament

● Ariana and Adiya Omarbek to face Luisa Fusil and Pallavi Patel for girls' doubles title

● Venkat and Dev Kanbargimath to play Bora Bakici and Cagan Efe Tufekci in boys' doubles final

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Top seeds Ariana Gogulina of Kazakhstan and Venkat Rishi Batlanki of the US both stayed on course to secure impressive title-doubles in the Bahrain ITF Juniors 2023 tournament, currently being played at the Bahrain Tennis Federation (BTF) hard courts in Isa Town.

Ariana remained in contention for the titles in both the girls'



A player in action during yesterday's matches

singles and doubles categories, while Venkat kept in the running for the first-place trophies in the boys' singles and doubles.

Ariana advanced to the girls' singles semi-finals yesterday after beating sixth seed Liliya Piskun 6-2, 6-2. She will next

take on third seed Sosanne Malak of Egypt, who was a 6-2, 6-3 winner over Luisa Fusil of Slovenia in their match yesterday.

The other final four encounter will be between seventh seed Alina Sogomonyan and Arina



Ariana Gogulina of Slovenia, Sosanne Malak of Egypt, Alina Sogomonyan and Arina Malygina will play in the girls' singles semi-finals; while in the boys' singles final four are Venkat Rishi Batlanki of the US, Bora Bakici of Turkey, Josh Hinton from Great Britain and Andres Pereiro Lopez of Spain

Malygina. Alina edged past Simona Cucu of Romania 6-4, 6-4

in their clash yesterday while Arina overcame a tough challenge from Kazakhstan's Adiya Omarbek 6-3, 0-6, 6-4.

Meanwhile, in the girls' doubles, Ariana and Adiya, the fourth seeds, advanced to the gold medal match after beating Simona and Emily Lederer of Austria 7-5, 6-2 in their semi-final yesterday.

They will take on Luisa and Pallavi Patel of India, who beat Arina and Anastasia Myachina 6-3, 3-6, 10-8.

In the boys' singles, top-seeded Venkat won his quarter-final against eighth seed Dev Kanbargimath. Dev won the first set 6-2 but Venkat was leading in the second 4-3 when Dev retired.

Venkat will face sixth seed Bora Bakici of Turkey, who won over third seed Samprit Sharma of India 6-4, 6-1 in their match yesterday.

The other final four encounter will be between fifth seed Josh Hinton from Great Britain

and Andres Pereiro Lopez of Spain. Josh was a 6-3, 6-3 winner against Vishnu Balachandar of the US, while Andres overcame Radu Cojocaru of Australia 6-1, 6-7 (5), 6-2 to advance.

The boys' doubles crown will be contested by the pairs of Venkat and Dev and third seeds Bora and Cagan Efe Tufekci. Venkat and Dev beat Turks Ozan Avanoğlu and Mustafa Ege Topbas 7-6 (4), 6-3, while Bora and Cagan overcame second seeds Samprit and Rushikesh Sonowane 7-5, 6-1.

The singles semi-finals are scheduled to be held today at the BTF, along with both doubles finals.

The tournament is the second of three straight ITF events being hosted by the Kingdom. It is a J30 event that is part of the 2023 International Tennis Federation (ITF) World Tennis Tour Juniors, which features the world's top tennis talents aged 13 to 18.

Jokic leads Nuggets past Warriors in NBA thriller

AFP | New York

Nikola Jokic scored 35 points as the Denver Nuggets defeated the Golden State Warriors 108-105 in a blockbuster showdown between the two NBA heavyweights on Wednesday.

A pulsating clash featuring the last two NBA champions lived up to the billing, with the Western Conference rivals going toe-to-toe in a game that saw the lead change hands nine times.

After trailing for almost the entire game at Denver's Ball Arena, the Warriors edged in front heading into the fourth quarter after outscoring Denver 31-23 in the third.

But Denver recovered from a five-point deficit early in the fourth to snatch victory, clinching the win after Klay Thomp-



Nikola Jokic of the Denver Nuggets drives against Kevin Looney of the Golden State Warriors

son's attempted game-tying buzzer-beater drifted wide.

The victory cemented Denver's place at the top of the Western Conference, with the reigning NBA champions im-

proving to 8-1.

"We don't have the pressure of being a champion, we're just trying to enjoy the moment," Jokic told ESPN.

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NIKOLA JOKIC

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Reggie Jackson backed Jokic with 20 points while Michael Porter Jr. had 17.

Najma miss out on semis berth



Al Najma's Mohammed Habib Ahmed looks to shoot from the penalty stripe during their game against the San Francisco Calheat

● Bahrainis to play for fifth-to-eighth classification, starting tomorrow against Khaleej Club of Saudi Arabia

TDT | Manama

Bahrain's Al Najma Club narrowly missed out on the semi-finals of the prestigious IHF Men's Super Globe, currently being held in Dammam, Saudi Arabia.

Najma lost out on a potential berth after and Barlinek Industria Kielce routed the San Francisco Calheat from the US 49-23 to claim first place in Group D of the competition's preliminary round.

Only the top team from each of the four preliminary round pools move on to the last four. The runners-up go to the fifth-

to-eighth place bracket, while the bottom clubs will play in the ninth-to-12th placement games to determine their overall classification.

Najma finished as runners-up and will now take on Khaleej Club from Saudi Arabia in their opening game of the fifth-to-eighth classification. That will be tomorrow at 3.15pm, Bahrain time.

The winners will then move on to contest for fifth overall on the tournament's final day on Sunday.

Najma are participating in the IHF Super Globe for the second time, following the 2018 edition when they finished seventh.

They hope they can better that result this year.

The global competition, organised by the International Handball Federation (IHF), is in its 16th year, and Najma are the only Bahraini participants from the 12 teams.

Australia coach says big-hitter Maxwell has key World Cup bowling role

AFP | New Delhi

Glenn Maxwell's extraordinary batting exploits may have made headlines but coach Andrew McDonald believes the all-rounder's bowling could be just as vital to Australia's hopes of winning the World Cup.

Maxwell assured Australia of a semi-final spot thanks to a stunning unbeaten double century against Afghanistan in Mumbai on Tuesday that secured a three-wicket win after his side had collapsed to 91-7 chasing a target of 292.

Earlier in the tournament, the 35-year-old scored the fastest century at any World Cup, off 40 balls, against the Netherlands.

Yet even though the off-spinner has taken only five wickets at an expensive average of 52 he boasts the best economy rate of any Australia bowler, conceding just 4.95 runs per over at this World Cup.

Australia still have one group game, against Bangladesh in



Australia's Glenn Maxwell (R) celebrates with teammates

Pune on Saturday, before a semi-final against South Africa -- the last team to defeat them in pool play in India before they went on a six-game winning streak -- in either Mumbai or Kolkata next week.

McDonald has no doubts about Maxwell's role in support of in-form leg-spinner Adam Zampa.

"Him (Maxwell) as the second spinner has been really pivotal in the role that he's played," McDonald told Australian yesterday.

"We talk about him and his batting in one space, but I think his bowling has allowed us to function as a team differently to potentially how we saw it coming in and potentially how

everyone else saw it coming in."

Steve Smith missed the Afghanistan game following a bout of vertigo, a condition that has troubled the star batsman several times in recent years.

"He feels pretty good today, I saw him in the corridor," McDonald said of the 34-year-old Smith, who was ruled out shortly before the toss after training on the outfield.



With a place in the last four guaranteed, Australia do have the option to rest key players against Bangladesh tomorrow

FINAL GROUP D STANDINGS

	P	W	D	L	+/-	Pts
Barlinek Industria Kielce (Poland)	2	2	0	0	27	4
Al Najma (Bahrain)	2	1	0	1	6	2
San Francisco Calheat (US)	2	0	0	2	-33	0

New Zealand on brink of World Cup semi-finals with win over Sri Lanka

Inspired bowling display by Trent Boult and dominant batting propel New Zealand to brink of semi-finals

● **New Zealand secures an emphatic five-wicket victory over Sri Lanka**

● **Chasing a modest target of 172, New Zealand achieves victory with 160 balls to spare**

AFP | Bengaluru

Trent Boult led an inspired bowling display to help New Zealand down Sri Lanka by five wickets yesterday and move to the brink of the World Cup semi-finals.

Chasing a modest 172 for victory, New Zealand rode on an opening stand between Devon Conway (45) and Rachin Ravindra (42) to achieve the target with 160 balls to spare in Bengaluru.

The Kiwis remain in fourth position with 10 points ahead of Pakistan and Afghanistan and a with much superior net run-rate than their rivals.

Both Pakistan

and Afghanistan need improbable victory margins in their last matches against England and South Africa respectively to have any of chance of making the final four.

The Black Caps, in their last league match, bounced back from four straight losses to close in on a likely semi-final clash against undefeated India.

Ravindra, who also took two wickets, added to his blazing form in the tournament including three centuries to

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Rachin Ravindra plays a shot



Trent Boult

with the wicket of Conway and soon Ravindra followed his partner to the pavilion.

Skipper Kane Williamson fell for 14 and Mark Chapaman was run out but Daryl Mitchell's attacking 43 ensured an easy way home despite his departure 10 runs short of the target.

Boult returned figures of 3-37 after the Kiwis elected to field first and bundled out Sri Lanka for 171 in 46.4 overs.

Opener Kusal Perera smashed



New Zealand, after four consecutive losses, bounces back with an inspiring performance, with Rachin Ravindra topping the batting chart with 565 runs in the tournament, surpassing Quinton de Kock

51 but the rest of the batting fell apart.

Sri Lanka slipped to 128-9 before number nine Maheesh Theekshana (38 not out) and Dilshan Madushanka (19) put on a 43-run 10th-wicket to add some respect to the total.

Sri Lanka lost half their side for 70 inside 10 overs after Lockie Ferguson sent back the left-handed Perera, who hit nine fours and two sixes in his 28-ball knock.

Perera was dropped on nought by wicketkeeper Tom Latham off Tim Southee who struck with

Scorecard

New Zealand 172 for 5 (Conway 45, Mitchell 43, Mathews 2-29) beat Sri Lanka 171 (Perera 51, Boult 3-37, Ravindra 2-21) by six wickets

a wicket on the next ball to send back Pathum Nissanka, caught behind for two.

Boult then took the wickets of skipper Kusal Mendis (six), Sadeera Samarawickrama (one) and Charith Asalanka (eight), who was given not out but the Kiwis successfully reviewed the decision in their favour.

The Mendis strike was Boult's 50th World Cup wicket to enter elite company including Glenn McGrath, Muttiah Muralitharan, Mitchell Starc, Lasith Malinga and Wasim Akram.

Leg-spinner Mitchell Santner struck twice with his left-arm spin to claim the key wickets of Angelo Mathews (16) and Dhananjaya de Silva (19).

Mathews looked dejected after being caught at slip off Santner's left-arm spin in his first innings after his "timed out" dismissal -- the first in international cricket history -- in the team's previous loss to Bangladesh.

Sri Lanka suffered their seventh loss in nine league matches.

'BRAVE CF 79 is the craziest fight card we've ever put on', celebrates president Mohammed Shahid

TDT | Manama

BRAVE Combat Federation, the most global Mixed Martial Arts organization in the world, is set to make history with the announcement of the third edition of BRAVE International Combat Week, which takes place between December 5 and 16 at the Khalifa Sports City Arena, in Bahrain.

BRAVE CF 79, the second of three events was hailed by president Mohammed Shahid as "maybe the craziest card we've put together".

Speaking at a press conference to announce the BICW in front of the Middle Eastern Media, Shahid listed all the top action fans can expect from BRAVE CF 79, which takes place on December 8, and has hailed the level of talent within the fight card.

The headline bout for BRAVE CF 79 features a high-stakes Middleweight clash between two formidable fighters, Tahar Hadbi and Ismail Naurdiev. This showdown could very well de-



cide the future of the 185-pound division, as both men come in to BRAVE CF 79 desperately in need of a win.

"BRAVE CF 79 is honestly one of the craziest events we've put on out of the 80 fight cards we've done so far. The pure amount of talent is on another level. Everyone knows the history of Tahar Hadbi in BRAVE CF and we're so glad to have him back and headlining this show against Ismail Naurdiev. I expect a treat for striking fans of MMA. And the deeper it goes, the card just gets crazier -- Ramadan Gitinov,

the best amateur fighter of all time; Rasul Magomedov, one of the few men who can say they beat the great Kyle Snyder in a Wrestling match and he's also an amateur world champion", said Shahid, who then continued with what might be one of his favourite fighters currently.

"You want to know how crazy this card is? Just look at the first fight. The Cristiano Ronaldo of wushu sanda, the best of all time in the sport, is fighting in the opening bout. Mohsen Mohammedseifi is opening up BRAVE CF

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BRAVE CF 79 is the second of three world-class professional events that will take over Bahrain between December 5 and 16 as the most global MMA organization in the world celebrates a historic 2023, when it broke the world record of being hosted in most countries in only seven years of operations.

Miller says Afghanistan 'World Cup joy' with one eye on Maxwell and Australia



South Africa's David Miller (left) and head coach Rob Walter inspect the strip in Ahmedabad

AFP | Ahmedabad

South Africa's David Miller hailed Afghanistan as "one of the joys of the World Cup" yesterday but admitted thoughts were already turning towards their semi-final clash with Australia.

South Africa have qualified for the last four with six wins and two losses in eight games while Afghanistan, their opponents in Ahmedabad on Friday, still harbour outside hopes of squeezing into the semi-finals.

"They've been really, really good to watch," said Miller of Afghanistan who have beaten defending champions England as well as former winners, Pakistan and Sri Lanka.

They were in touching dis-

tance of another major scalp on Tuesday when they had five-time champions Australia on the ropes before Glenn Maxwell launched his spectacular one-man rescue mission

"They're a team that's certainly growing in confidence. They've shown that they can compete. I mean this World Cup they've done really, really well, beaten some big teams."

He added: "It's been good to watch the Afghanistan group going the way that they have with the spinners that they've got, the batters up front."

"They have a chance to make the semifinals. That's the joy of the World Cup. You see different teams doing well, people that don't necessarily rate a certain team exceeding in a certain phase of World Cup."

Djokovic faces Sinner, Tsitsipas and Rune at ATP Finals

AFP | Milan

Novak Djokovic will take on Jannik Sinner, Ste-

fanos Tsitsipas and Holger Rune in the group stage of the ATP Finals as the world number one chases a seventh

season-ending triumph. Title holder Djokovic is looking to cap another memorable year in which he has

won three Grand Slams, taking his tally to an all-time record of 24, and leads the Green Group.



Novak Djokovic