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# High praise for serving nation and citizens

HM King acknowledges HRH Prince Salman's outstanding contributions to the government

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**H**is Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa expressed pride in the dedicated efforts exerted by His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, to serve the nation and develop the government's work across various sectors.

HM the King commended the government's endeavours to provide services in all regions.

His Majesty made the statements as he received HRH Prince Salman at Al-Sakhir Palace yesterday.

The meeting focused on a number of topics related to the ongoing comprehensive development process aimed at increasing national achievements for the best interests of the homeland and its citizens.

HM King Hamad congratulated the Bahraini people on the occasion of the Kingdom of Bahrain's celebration of its National Days, in commemoration of the establishment of the modern Bahraini State as an Arab and Muslim state founded by Ahmed Al Fateh in 1783, and the anniversary of His Majesty's Accession to the Throne.



HM the King receives HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister

## Perfect destination

His Majesty lauded the kingdom's outstanding success in hosting and organising major regional and international sports races and championships, contributing to strengthening Bahrain's standing in the global sports map, as a perfect destination for various popular games and sports.

He commended the role played by His Highness Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Representative of HM the King for Humanitarian Work and Youth Affairs, Supreme Council for Youth and Sports (SCYS) Chairman, and His High-

ness Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa, SCYS First Deputy Chairman, General Sports Authority Chairman and Bahrain Olympic Committee President, in enhancing the sports movement in the kingdom.

## Congratulations

HM the King renewed his congratulations to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on being designated as hosts of Expo 2030, stressing that the exploit reflects the prestigious international reputation enjoyed by Saudi Arabia, as well as the global confidence in its ability and readiness to organise the mega event successfully, in light of the leadership of

the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, and the follow-up of His Royal Highness Prince Mohammed bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saudi, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister of Saudi Arabia.

While reviewing the kingdom's 'constructive and fruitful' participation in the 28th session of the Conference of the Parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP28) in Dubai, UAE, HM King Hamad affirmed Bahrain's keenness to back all efforts aimed at reaching practical solutions to climate change challenges and mitigate its repercussions, stressing the importance of collective inter-

national action to overcome the climate challenges the world is facing.

In this regard, HM the King congratulated His Highness Shaikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, the UAE President, on his country's successful hosting and organisation of COP 28, commending HH's efforts and initiatives to step up global climate action to serve humanity and its upcoming generations.

## Good outcomes

HM King Hamad also reviewed the good outcomes of the 44th session of the Summit of the Supreme Council of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC), hosted by the State of Qatar last week, noting that the Summit results will reflect positively on the joint GCC action and contribute to meeting the aspirations of GCC peoples for more integration, progress and prosperity.

HM the King thanked HH Shaikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani, the Qatar Amir, on the warm welcome and hospitality accorded to HM, reflecting the solid fraternal relations between the two countries, and their keenness to bolster cooperation to serve the interests of their peoples.

## Circular issued on National Day holidays

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**H**is Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, yesterday issued a circular regarding the public holidays of the National Day and the Anniversary of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa's Accession to the Throne.

Under the circular, the Kingdom's ministries, government departments and public institutions will be closed on Saturday and Sunday, 16 and 17 December 2023, respectively.

The circular also stipulates that as Saturday coincides with an official public holiday, Monday, 18 December, will be given in lieu.

## No hostages would leave Gaza alive unless demands are met, warns Hamas

AFP | Jerusalem

**H**amas warned yesterday that no hostages would leave Gaza alive unless its demands for prisoner releases are met.

In a televised statement, a Hamas spokesman said Israel will not receive "their prisoners alive without an exchange and negotiation and meeting the demands of the resistance."

Senior Hamas official Bassem Neim said in late November the movement was "ready to release all soldiers in exchange for all our prisoners".

# 'Unwavering royal support for martyrs, families'



HRH Prince Salman chairs the meeting, in the presence of senior government officials

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**H**is Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, emphasised the unwavering support of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa to the Supreme Commission for the Royal Fund for Fallen Servicemen.

HRH Prince Salman, who is also President of the Supreme

Commission for the Royal Fund for Fallen Servicemen, noted Bahrain's pride in the sacrifices of the fallen servicemen in defending the Kingdom, which will be forever etched in history.

HRH the Crown Prince, Prime Minister was speaking as he chaired yesterday a meeting of the Supreme Commission for the Royal Fund for Fallen Servicemen at Riffa Palace.

He noted the honourable sac-

rifices made by the fallen servicemen in carrying out their national duties, which reflect their patriotism and loyalty.

His Royal Highness highlighted the role of the Fund's administrators in achieving its goals of supporting the families of fallen servicemen and ensuring that their needs are met.

During the meeting, topics related to the Fund's agenda, work streams, and supporting

the families of the fallen servicemen were reviewed.

The National Security Advisor, Royal Guard Commander, and Vice Chairman of the Supreme Commission for the Royal Fund for Fallen Servicemen, Lieutenant-General HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the First Deputy Chairman of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports, President of the General Sports Authority and

President of Bahrain Olympic Committee, HH Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Minister of Interior, HE General Shaikh Rashid bin Abdulla Al Khalifa, Minister of Finance and National Economy, HE Shaikh Salman bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, and Minister of Defence Affairs, HE Lieutenant General Abdullah bin Hassan Al Nuaimi, and the committee members also attended the meeting.



# His Majesty endorses Bahrain-Korea air services deal

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa yesterday ratified and promulgated Law (24) of 2023 endorsing the agreement signed between the governments of the Kingdom of Bahrain and the Republic of Korea regarding air services between and beyond their respective territories, following the approval of the Shura Council and the Representatives Council.

According to the law, the agreement, signed in Seoul on May 15, has been ratified.

The Prime Minister and ministers, each in their capacity, shall implement the provisions of this law, which comes into effect upon its publication in the Official Gazette.

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HM the King

**HM the King ratified and promulgated Law (25) of 2023, endorsing the amendment to paragraph (1) of Article (45) of the Arab Charter on Human Rights.**

the Arab Charter on Human Rights, following its approval by the Shura and Representatives councils.

### Rename

The law stipulated that the "Arab Human Rights Committee" shall be renamed as the

"Arab Charter on Human Rights Committee", in accordance with resolution (8640) issued by the Council of the League of Arab States at the ministerial level during its 155th ordinary session, held on March 3, 2021.

The Prime Minister and ministers- each in their capacity, shall implement the provisions of this law, which takes effect upon its publication in the Official Gazette.

## WTO body discusses policies, programmes

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His Excellency Abdullah bin Adel Fakhro, Minister of Industry and Commerce and Chairman of the National Committee of the World Trade Organization (WTO), chaired the fourteenth WTO National Committee meeting.

Fakhro thanked the participating members for their efforts and fruitful coordination with the Ministry of Industry and Commerce to implement policies and programmes within the files related to the WTO.

The meeting discussed a number of topics, including the report of the Trade Annex

on the latest developments in the negotiations within the WTO framework regarding the Kingdom.

They reviewed the statement initiatives that Bahrain has joined within the WTO framework, as well as discussing the outcomes of the 12th Ministerial WTO Conference, which was held in June.

The meeting also discussed the latest preparations for the participation in the 13th WTO Ministerial Conference, scheduled to be held in the UAE, in addition to following up on the topics and outputs of the 15th meeting of the GCC Foreign Trade Committee.

# HM King's unwavering support for Gaza hailed

Bahrain's humanitarian efforts commended by HRH Prince El Hassan bin Talal

Amman

His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa's humanitarian efforts and the Kingdom of Bahrain's support for the Palestinians in Gaza were praised by His Royal Highness Prince El Hassan bin Talal, the Jordan Hashemite Charity Organisation (JHCO)'s

**"Bahrain's humanitarian efforts in Gaza will always be remembered."**

- HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS PRINCE EL HASSAN BIN TALAL, THE JORDAN HASHEMITE CHARITY ORGANISATION (JHCO)'S HONORARY PRESIDENT



HRH Prince El Hassan with Dr. Al-Sayed

Honorary President.

HRH Prince El Hassan bin Talal commended the Kingdom's significant support for the Gaza residents, stating that Bahrain's humanitarian efforts in Gaza will always be remembered.

He made the statements while meeting Dr. Mustafa Al-Sayed, Secretary-General of the Royal Humanitarian Foundation (RHF), and CEO of the Bahraini National Committee to Support the Palestinian Brothers in Gaza.

The meeting was held on the occasion of the signing of development project agreements with the Jordanian Hashemite Charity Organisation, which include treating a number of Gazans cancer

patients in Jordanian hospitals, building a field hospital and a residential complex consisting of 500 housing units similar to the Bahrain Residential Complex in the Zaatari camp, as well as a school similar to the Bahrain Scientific Complex in the camp Zaatari.

### Fraternal relationship

HRH Prince El Hassan also commended the fraternal relationship between Bahrain and Jordan.

They discussed the joint pro-

jects between the RHF and the JHCO, including the Foundation's activities and programmes in Bahrain and abroad.

HRH Prince El Hassan commended Dr. Al-Sayed's experience in volunteer work and management of the RHF, which among the most important humanitarian institutions in Bahrain and the GCC region.

He affirmed the importance of translating the book into multiple languages and disseminating it widely to preserve human dignity and promote tolerance and love for humanitarian work.

### Qatar pavilion visit



His Excellency Dr. Mohammed bin Mubarak Bin Daina, Minister of Oil and Environment and special Envoy for Climate Affairs, visited Qatar's pavilion in the exhibition held as part of the 28th session of the Conference of the Parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP28) held in Dubai. Shaikh Dr Faleh bin Nasser bin Ahmed bin Ali Al Thani, the Minister of Environment and Climate Change of Qatar, was present. Dr. Bin Daina was briefed on Qatar's environmental efforts, climate change efforts, and modern technology use for sustainable development and carbon emission reduction. The Minister congratulated the Qatari Minister on their successful implementation of initiatives for sustainable development and climate action.

### Bahrain-Iraq ties

His Excellency Lieutenant General Abdullah bin Hassan Al Nuaimi, Minister of Defence Affairs, received Abdulsalam Saddam Mohaisen, Charge d' Affaires of Iraqi Embassy in Bahrain. The meeting reviewed bilateral relations between the two countries.



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# Innovative changes ahead

Shura Council approves important amendments to Bahrain's tourism law

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Significant amendments to Bahrain's tourism law were approved yesterday during the tenth meeting of the Shura Council.

The Council discussed the report of the Services Committee regarding the proposed amendments in the session, led by His Excellency Ali bin Salih Al Saleh, Speaker of the Shura Council, in the presence of Her Excellency Fatima bint Jaafar Al Sairafi, Minister of Tourism.

The rapporteur of the committee, Talal Mohammed Al Mana'i, highlighted the objectives of the approved Decree Law No. (16) of 2023.

The amendments grant the Bahrain Tourism and Exhibitions Authority (BTEA) increased authority to impose administrative penalties on those who violate the provisions of Decree



HE Chairman Al Saleh

Law No. (15) of 1986, which regulates the tourism sector, and its implementing decisions.

Under the amended law, the Authority will have the power to publish statements regarding proven violations and determine the corresponding administrative fines. This measure aims to ensure the enforcement of regulations and create a trusted tourism environment.

Additionally, the amendments establish a clear appeals process to the minister for any decision



HE Ms Al Sairafi

issued. The prescribed fines stipulated in Article (11) of the law have also been revised to enhance regulation and address violations that may harm the rules of domestic tourism and tarnish its reputation.

## Penalties

The decree law fills a legislative vacuum by introducing graduated administrative penalties in the Tourism Regulation Law. This crucial step plays a vi-



HE Mr Fakhro

tal role in controlling violations and safeguarding the integrity of Bahrain's tourism sector.

With the Shura Council's approval, Decree Law No. (16) of 2023 amending provisions of Decree Law No. (15) of 1986 regulating tourism will be forwarded to the Speaker of the Council of Representatives.

The Speaker will inform the government of this significant development, marking a milestone towards strengthening the tourism industry in Bahrain.



MP Mr Al Haddad

The new amendments were hailed by several Shura Council members before receiving the greenlight, while others expressed concerns over seeing violations being published publicly.

## Violations

First deputy speaker Jamal Fakhro stated: "When it comes to publishing violations related to the decree law on tourism regulation, it is important

to exercise caution and avoid excessive sensationalism. The tourism sector holds sensitivity and significance, and the market itself is delicate, requiring us to handle any violations with care and not to cause unnecessary offense."

"The decree-law pertaining to the regulation of tourism holds significant importance, particularly as the tourism industry in the Kingdom of Bahrain is equally significant as that of developed nations. However, there is a collective aspiration to further develop the tourism sector, expand its scope, and attract high-quality investments, thereby creating ample job opportunities. Recognizing tourism as a vital and prestigious asset, efforts are being directed towards enhancing its growth and prosperity, Shura Council member Ali Al Haddad said.

## Boosting affordable housing services for citizens with limited income

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The Shura Council approved yesterday amendments to the Kingdom of Bahrain's housing law.

The decision, made in the presence of Her Excellency Amina bint Ahmed Al Rumaihi, Minister of Housing and Urban Planning, marks a crucial step forward for the housing sector in the Kingdom.

The Council, during the session, thoroughly discussed the report presented by the Public Utilities and Environment Committee regarding the draft law amending Article (1) of Decree Law No. (10) of 1976, which pertains to housing regulations.

The proposed amendments were based on a draft law submitted by the Council of Representatives and aimed to provide clarity on the housing services offered by the Ministry of Housing to citizens with limited income.

## Core objective

Shura Council member Ejlal Isa Bu Bshait, the rapporteur of the committee, emphasised the draft law's core objective of defining the housing services in a clear and comprehensive manner.

The amendments empow-



HE Ms Al Rumaihi



MP Ejlal Isa



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er the Minister of Housing to introduce additional services that cater specifically to citizens with limited income, ensuring affordable housing options for them.

She further explained that the flexibility embedded within the draft law allows the Minis-

try of Housing to diversify its housing services using various approaches.

These approaches include ownership, rental options, financing for purchase, housing construction or rehabilitation, and the provision of housing vouchers.

By incorporating these diverse methods, the Ministry aims to provide suitable housing options that align with the financial capabilities of citizens with limited income.

## Additional authorization

The approved amendments also grant the Ministry of Housing additional authorization to establish new housing services through ministerial decisions, leveraging existing housing programmes.

This expansion of authority aims to meet the aspirations and needs of citizens, ultimately resolving the housing issue by providing immediate services without the need for waiting lists.

With unanimous approval, the Council formally endorsed the draft law, which amends Article (1) of Decree Law No. (10) of 1976 regarding housing. The legislation will now be forwarded to the Speaker of the Council of Representatives before being presented to His Royal Highness the Prime Minister for further preparations.

Ultimately, the proposed amendments will be submitted to His Majesty the King for final consideration.

## Inquiry about support for Bahrain artists and classification system



HE Dr Al Nuaimi  
TDI | Manama



MP Khudouri  
in coordination with relevant entities.

Nancy Dina Eli Khudouri, a member of the Shura Council, directed a question to His Excellency Dr Ramzan bin Abdullah Al Nuaimi, the Minister of Information, regarding the encouragement and support of artists and the classification of art forms.

In her inquiry, Khudouri sought clarification on the measures taken by the Bahrain Authority for Culture and Antiquities (BACA) in collaboration with the Ministry of Information to support and encourage artists in their various fields and categories.

She inquired about the ministry's future plans in this regard, including any strategies aimed at elevating the arts, supporting and nurturing the talents of artistic professionals

Khudouri also raised questions about the care provided by the BACA to artistic professionals, ensuring a decent living within society. She inquired about the reasons that hinder the issuance of decisions that clearly define their social rights, guaranteeing a decent living and their legal rights, which ensure their protection in general and during times of crisis.

Furthermore, Khudouri questioned the existence of a classification system for artistic professions in the Kingdom of Bahrain.

She asked about categorising different art forms, such as acting, directing, and composing, as well as classifying artists within each specific field into different levels.

## Fakhro: Cooperation key to staying updated on specifications and metrology

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Industry and Commerce Minister, His Excellency Abdullah bin Adel Fakhro, emphasised the importance of monitoring and staying updated on matters and advancements concerning specifications and metrology. He acknowledged the cooperation of all institutions with the ministry, especially in various activities and sectors of standardisation.

Fakhro was speaking as chaired the 56th meeting of the



HE Fakhro chairs the meeting

National Committee for Standardisation and Metrology.

The meeting reviewed topics on the agenda, most importantly

the approval of adopting 693 optional standards and 15 Gulf technical regulations in the food, agriculture and oil sectors at the

national level, after the technical committees of the National Committee for Standardisation and Metrology completed stud-

ying these projects and ensured their suitability for application in Bahrain, and completed notifying the World Trade Organi-

sation (WTO), in response to the requirements of the agreement on the removal of technical barriers on WTO trade.

It also discussed the approval of the update of the technical regulation on the energy efficiency of lighting products nationally, and the importance of the regulation lies in fulfilling the national commitments referred to in the government program and being one of the important initiatives in the National Energy Efficiency Action Plan (NEEAP).

# Muharraq Nights festival returns to celebrate Bahrain's cultural heritage

● 10-day event set to start on December 14

Zahra Ayaz  
TDT | Manama

Muharraq is eagerly gearing up for the highly anticipated second edition of the "Muharraq Nights Festival."

Organised by the Bahrain Authority for Culture and Antiquities (BACA) in collaboration with the Shaikh Ibrahim bin Mohammed Al Khalifa Center for Culture and Research within the Pearling Path.

The festival is set to be a vibrant celebration of arts, design, fashion, crafts, music, cinema, food, activities, and tours.

Scheduled to commence on Thursday, December 14, 2023, the Muharraq Nights Festival



The festival's activities will revive Muharraq's glorious past

will span over 10 days, promising an intense cultural program that caters to citizens, residents, and visitors.

The event serves as part of the Kingdom's commemoration of its national holidays, which honour the establishment of the modern Bahraini state in 1783 under the reign of the founder

Ahmed Al-Fateh and the anniversary of His Majesty the Great King's ascension to power.

The festival's activities will be held across the historic neighborhoods of Muharraq, with venues including the Shaikh Ibrahim bin Mohammed Al Khalifa Center for Culture and Research, the Green Antiquities



Pavilion, and various sites within the Pearling Path.

## Testament

This UNESCO World Heritage site serves as a testament to Bahrain's ancient pearling heritage, stretching 3.5 km through the old city of Muharraq.

Visitors will have the opportunity to explore public squares, the Qaisariya Market, the Fakhro Buildings, and other captivating landmarks.

With its diverse program and remarkable venues, the festival promises to captivate both local residents and international visitors, offering a unique op-



The festival offers a unique opportunity to immerse oneself in the rich traditions and artistic expressions that define Muharraq and the wider Kingdom of Bahrain.

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## Bahrain protects human rights

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Mohammed Khalid Al Hazza, Acting Attorney-General and Chief of the Special Investigation Unit (SIU), affirmed that the importance given to human right in Bahrain has been embodied in the efforts to deliver achievements, including the establishment of SIU, an integral component of the criminal justice system that promotes accountability, justice, and human rights protection.

Al Hazza said that celebrating International Human Rights Day, which takes place on December 10, is a reminder of every individual's fundamental rights and freedoms.

## Teen arrested for daring vehicle thefts

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The Metropolitan Police Directorate yesterday announced the successful arrest of an audacious 18-year-old individual responsible for a string of vehicle thefts.

This swift operation not only put an end to the suspect's criminal escapades but also unveiled a broader pattern of thefts involving valuable items left unattended in vehicles.

Prompted by a series of reports, the Capital Governorate Police Department launched an intensive search and investigation effort that ultimately led to the identification and apprehension of the young perpetrator. Authorities revealed that the accused, in addition to stealing vehicles, had also



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been pilfering building materials from residences.

The daring teen's crime spree was brought to a halt as law enforcement confiscated stolen vehicles and recovered significant sums of money, along with a trove of credit cards. Legal actions have been initiated, and the suspect has been handed over to the Public Prosecution

for further proceedings.

## Caution

In light of these incidents, the Metropolitan Police Directorate issued a stern warning to the city's residents and visitors, urging them to exercise caution and take preventive measures to safeguard their property. Authorities stressed the importance of not leaving vehicles unattended with engines running and emphasized the vulnerability of leaving money or valuables inside cars.

The police directorate emphasized, "We encourage citizens and residents alike to adopt responsible practices such as locking their vehicles and refraining from leaving valuable items visible inside."

## Cairo meeting



Her Excellency Dr. Shaikha Rana bint Isa bin Duaij Al Khalifa, of the Institute for Public Administration met with Sherifa Sherif, Executive Director of the Institute for Governance and Sustainable Development in Egypt. The meeting in Cairo was on the sidelines of the Middle East and North Africa Public Administration Research (MENAPAR) and the Association for Middle Eastern Public Policy and Administration (AMEPPA) conference under the theme (Policies, Governance and Leadership in Turbulent Times in the MENA region). The conference is organised by American University in Cairo on December 7-10.

# Indian School Bahrain's Class of 1995 holds unforgettable reunion



A testament to enduring friendship

TDT | Manama

Celebrating three decades of cherished memories, the Indian School Bahrain's class of 1995 recently reunited in a heartwarming extravaganza that transcended time and distance.

Over 50 alumni, flying in from near and far, gathered in Bahrain for a two-day celebration, marking not just a reunion but a testament to enduring friendship.

The nostalgia-filled journey commenced with a delectable supper at the prestigious British Club Bahrain in Manama. The air buzzed with excitement as

Over 50 graduates from the class of 1995 rekindled old friendships, bridging the gap of years effortlessly. The atmosphere, filled with joyous chatter, set the tone for the unforgettable journey that awaited them.

The following day, the alumni embarked on a poignant tour of Manama, visiting the revered Krishna temple in Manama Souq. Amidst the echoes of prayers and the fragrance of incense, the alumni found solace in retracing steps that once defined their cultural experiences.

Undoubtedly, the highlight of the reunion was the visit to their alma mater, the Indian

School Bahrain. The familiar corridors stirred a whirlwind of emotions as echoes of shared laughter and camaraderie reverberated through the air. Huddled in groups, the batchmates exchanged anecdotes, revisiting classrooms where dreams were nurtured and friendships forged.

## Energy and spirit

Mala Javeri, one of the active participants, shared, "While we successfully gathered fifty of our classmates, our thoughts are with those who couldn't join us for this unforgettable event. The dynamic presence of Dhara Kataria,

Veena Pillai, and Leroy Colaco infused tremendous energy and spirit into the occasion."

As the night fell, the pinnacle of the reunion unfolded under the starlit Bahraini sky at The Olive Hotel. The dance floor became a canvas where the past collided with the present, with laughter echoing and feet tapping to the rhythm of shared memories. The joyous celebration encapsulated the spirit of the batch, proving that time and distance couldn't erode the bonds forged during those formative years.

Over breakfast and a tour of the souq, the nostalgic extravaganza continued. Former class-

mates Mala Javeri, Sheeba Rajam, Kunal Damle, Vijay Gandhi, Ajay Mathews, and Natasha Misra, who meticulously planned the reunion, ensured that every moment was a treasure trove of shared experiences.

## Anticipation

The reunion, initially scheduled in 2020 to commemorate 25 years, had to be postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. However, the delay only heightened the anticipation and magnified the significance of the gathering. Alumni from the United States, Canada, India, the rest

of the GCC, and the Far East, many of whom hadn't seen each other in over three decades, embraced the opportunity to go back in time, reconnect with former classmates, and share fond memories.

In the wake of this heartening reunion, it became abundantly clear that the spirit of camaraderie and the bonds formed at Indian School Bahrain in 1995 are as unyielding as ever. The reunion was not just an event but a testament to the enduring power of shared experiences, the kind that leaves an indelible mark on the soul and withstands the sands of time.



## Bahrain Harbour embraces the return of Kempinski Hotel and Residences

TDI | Manama

Kempinski Hotels is returning to the Kingdom of Bahrain with a landmark hotel and residences in a striking new development in Bahrain Harbour. Europe's oldest luxury hotel company has inked a deal with Infracorp, which currently has more than US \$3 billion in assets under management.

Kempinski Hotel and Residences Manama, Bahrain, will occupy one of three signature towers that are part of the mixed-use Bahrain Harbour development. The property will boast 74 guestrooms situated on



The deal signing

the upper floors and an additional 186 Kempinski branded residences spread across the rest of the building, which is expect-

ed to open its doors by the end of 2025.

"This landmark development re-establishes our a foothold in Bahrain and our long-standing commitment to the Middle East," says Bernold Schroeder, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Kempinski Group.

Elegant and luxuriously appointed rooms and suites at Kempinski Bahrain Harbour Hotel and The Residences at Kempinski Bahrain Harbour, will be the highest in the Kingdom, offering elevated views across the marina and Manama skyline from floor-to-ceiling windows and private balconies.

The guestrooms and branded residences will feature contemporary style interiors with soft colours, marble features and wooden textures, with accented feature walls and brass fixtures.

Guests will also have access to a stunning rooftop swimming pool offering remarkable views, spa and wellness facilities, a fully equipped panoramic gym, tennis courts, and kids' play area, a business centre and meetings and events facilities. Bahrain Harbour will be home to up to 60 retail boutiques and extensive food and beverage options.

Harbour Heights is a landmark on the Bahrain skyline,

a mixed-use project with residential, retail, hospitality and leisure elements spread over three towers and 2.5km of marina promenade, directly opposite the iconic twin towers of Bahrain Financial Harbour.

"At Bahrain Harbour, we have created a new community for global citizens, where innovative architecture, world class dining and luxury waterfront living provide a prime residential destination," says Majed Al-Khan, CEO, Infracorp. "As the oldest luxury hotel company in Europe, Kempinski is the ideal partner to position the hospitality element at the Harbour."

# Economic growth thrives in first 10 months: CBB

CBB reports growth in key sectors and financial resilience in Q4 2023

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The economic activities in the Kingdom demonstrated positive trends throughout the initial ten months of the current year compared to the corresponding period in the previous year, as reported by the Central Bank of Bahrain.

This came as Board of Directors of the CBB conducted a review of the performance report and financial sector developments for the fourth quarter of 2023 during a meeting chaired by Hassan Khalifa Al Jalahma.

The meeting assessed advancements in the Financial Services Sector Development Strategy, along with the scrutiny of the estimated budget and investment policy of the CBB for the year 2024.

### Money supply rises 3.7%

Examining key indicators, the board noted a 3.7% increase in the money supply in Bahrain, reaching BD 15.7 billion in October 2023 compared to the end of October 2022. Additionally, private deposits in retail banks rose to BD 13.9 billion by the end of October 2023, marking a 4.1% increase from the end of October 2022.

The outstanding balance of total loans and credit facilities extended to resident economic sectors reached BD 11.6 bn at the end of October 2023, reflecting



a 2.0% increase from the end of October 2022. The Business Sector accounted for 43.6%, and the Personal Sector constituted 50.3% of the total loans and credit facilities.

The combined balance sheet of the banking system, comprising retail banks and wholesale sector banks, expanded to \$229.4 bn at the end of October 2023, indicating a 3.1% increase from the end of October 2022.

### POS transactions surge

Point of Sales (POS) data revealed a surge in transactions during the first ten months of

2023, totalling 151.0 million transactions, with 77.5% being contactless—a 13.1% increase compared to the same period in 2022. The total value of POS transactions amounted to BD 3.4 bn, with 50.5% being contactless—a 7.0% increase from the same period in 2022.

### Capital adequacy ratio at 19.4%

The banking sector maintained robust capital adequacy and liquidity, with the capital adequacy ratio reaching 19.4% at the end of Q3 2023. Specific ratios for different banking



Hassan Khalifa Al Jalahma

sectors were reported as follows: 21.7% for conventional retail banks, 17.2% for conventional wholesale banks, 20.5% for Islamic retail banks, and 17.9% for Islamic wholesale banks. As of the end of October 2023, the total number of Collective Investment Undertakings (CIUS) stood at 1,672, with the total net asset value (NAV) decreasing from US\$ 11.5 bn at the end of Q3 2022 to US\$ 10.9 bn at the end of Q3 2023—a 5.2% decrease. However, the NAV of overseas domiciled CIUS increased from US\$ 6.0 bn at the end of Q3 2022 to US\$ 6.6 bn at the end of Q3 2023, reflecting a 10.0% increase. Furthermore, the NAV of Shari'a-compliant CIUS increased from US\$ 1.2 bn at the end of Q3 2022 to US\$ 1.7 bn at the end of Q3 2023, indicating a substantial increase of 41.7%.

## BCFC launches 'Sahel' APP



Abdulla Bukhwa, CEO of Bahrain Commercial Facilities Company

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BCFC has announced the launch of Sahel, an app developed in partnership with Codebase Technologies, a top-tier API solution provider.

Announcing the move, BCFC said it aims to offer customers unparalleled flexibility in managing their financing, credit card, and insurance transactions around the clock.

Sahel leverages advanced technology to deliver a secure, convenient, and personalized digital experience.

BCFC stated that the "Sahel" app, utilizing the cloud-based services offered by AWS, incorporates a robust security framework with a two-factor authentication secure login process. The app empowers customers to seamlessly apply for loans, credit cards, and insurance products through a streamlined and expeditious process, eliminating the need for branch visits or prolonged approval waits. Moreover, it allows users to access and manage details related to credit cards, personal loans, car loans, and insurance. "Sahel" ensures instant access to and utilization of virtual credit cards, both for online transactions and in-store purchases.

Moreover, the app stream-

lines the process of swiftly repaying loans and settling insurance and credit card dues. Through the app, users can execute loan and credit card payments utilizing "Benefit Pay" or explore a diverse array of other user-friendly payment options.

An additional feature includes the service of linking government e-salary details through "Benefit," an offering in which the Commercial Facilities Company stands out as a pioneer, ensuring a swift and smooth process to accelerate app credit approvals. Furthermore, the app integrates with the "open banking" system, further enhancing the efficiency and convenience of financial transactions.

Abdulla Bukhwa, CEO of Bahrain Commercial Facilities Company, said: "With the introduction of our new application, 'Sahel,' our customers now enjoy seamless access to our services. They can effortlessly apply for loans, credit cards, and insurance products, eliminating the need for branch visits or adherence to traditional routines."

It is worth noting that the "Sahel" application is accessible on both Android and iOS mobile phones.

## Mumtalakat adds two Bahrainis to leadership roles

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Bahrain Mumtalakat Holding Company (Mumtalakat), the sovereign wealth fund of Bahrain, has named Khalid Taqi as Managing Director of Local Impact Investments and Isa Hasan Maseeh as Managing Director of Risk and Portfolio Construction, effective January 2024.

Shaikh Abdullah bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, CEO of Mumtalakat, said: "We are pleased to have two esteemed Bahraini professionals join our team. This further demonstrates our steadfast dedication to recruiting local



Shaikh Abdullah

Isa Hasan Maseeh

Khalid Taqi

talents whose capabilities we believe will positively impact the growth of our portfolio and continue to generate sustainable returns."

Khalid Taqi possesses extensive knowledge and exper-

tise in the field of investments. Prior to joining Mumtalakat, he worked at Osool, where he held a succession of positions, the most recent being that of Chief Investment Officer. Khalid commenced his profes-

sional journey as a member of the Transaction Advisory Services team at Ernst & Young, Bahrain.

Isa Hasan Maseeh brings over 25 years of commercial and investment banking experience in risk management, credit and compliance. He most recently served as the Group Chief Risk Officer at the National Bank of Bahrain (NBB). He has also held various leading risk positions with Al Salam Bank, BMI Bank, United Gulf Bank, and Gulf Finance House. Isa is currently a Board Member of the Bahrain Islamic Bank (BISB).

## Bahrain All Share Index closes higher



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Bahrain All Share Index closed at 1,942.56 points, marking an increase of 0.21 points above the previous closing.

This increase was due to the rise in the industrial sector and material sector.

Bahrain Islamic Index has

closed at 732.28 points, marking a decrease of 1.30 points below the previous closing.

Results indicated that 38 equity transactions took place with a volume of 652,780 worth BD 219,056.

Investors traded mainly in the financial sector representing 48.21% of the total value of securities traded.

QUOTE OF THE DAY  
HE WHO IS NOT COURAGEOUS ENOUGH TO TAKE RISKS WILL ACCOMPLISH NOTHING IN LIFE  
MUHAMMAD

TODAY IN HISTORY

1620

Mayflower Pilgrims come ashore in Plymouth Bay, traditionally thought to be at Plymouth Rock, Massachusetts [NS: Dec 21]



1792

France's King Louis XVI goes on trial, accused of high treason and crimes against the state

1913

"Mona Lisa" recovered two years after it was stolen from the Louvre Museum

1946

United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) is established by resolution 57(1) of the UN General Assembly

News in brief

◆ Polling stations opened yesterday for Egyptians to vote in a presidential election overshadowed by war in neighbouring Gaza and with little doubt the incumbent Abdel Fattah el-Sisi will secure a third term. Voting will take place from Sunday until Tuesday, between 9:00 am and 09:00 pm each day, with the official results announced on December 18. In front of the Cairo polling station, posters bore messages to "get out and participate" while a DJ played nationalist songs. Some 67 million people are eligible to vote, and all eyes will be on turnout after successive previous elections mustered low participation figures. Sisi, a retired field marshal in the Egyptian army, came to power in 2013 after leading the overthrow of elected Islamist president Mohamed Morsi following mass protests. In both the 2014 and 2018 elections, he won landslide victories with over 96 percent of the vote, according to officials.



Egyptians head to polls in election likely to give Sisi third term

◆ Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu yesterday voiced Israel's "dissatisfaction" to President Vladimir Putin over Russia's vote in favour of a UN Security Council resolution calling for a Gaza ceasefire. "The prime minister expressed his dissatisfaction with the positions expressed against Israel by Russian representatives at the UN and in other forums" when he spoke with Putin on Sunday, Netanyahu's office said in a statement. "Any country that had been struck with a criminal terrorist assault such as Israel experienced would have reacted with no less force than Israel is using," he told Putin.

◆ Iranian authorities have accused a Swedish EU diplomat, held in a Tehran prison for more than 600 days, of conspiring with Iran's arch-enemy Israel to harm the Islamic republic, the judiciary said yesterday. "Johan Floderus is accused of extensive measures against the security of the country, extensive intelligence cooperation with the Zionist regime and corruption on earth," the judiciary's Mizan Online news agency said. Corruption on earth is one of Iran's most serious offences which carries a maximum penalty of death. "The defendant has been active against the Islamic Republic of Iran in the field of gathering information for the benefit of the Zionist regime in the form of subversive projects," Mizan quoted the prosecution as saying. Earlier Sunday, the European Union's foreign policy chief Josep Borrell called for the immediate release of the Swedish diplomat, arguing "there are absolutely no grounds for keeping Johan Floderus in detention."

Iran accuses jailed Swedish EU diplomat of conspiring with Israel



CURIOSER & CURIOSER

Original Asterix cover for auction despite legal challenge



An employee hangs a drawing by late French cartoonist Albert Uderzo, which appeared on the original cover of "Asterix and Cleopatra"

Brussels, Belgium

An original cover painting from the 1963 comic book Asterix and Cleopatra was to go under the hammer on Sunday despite a legal challenge from the artist's daughter. The famous gouache, showing a reclining ancient Egyptian ruler and the two Gaulish heroes Asterix and Obelix was to be sold by the Brussels auction house Millon. Measuring 32 by 17 centimetres, it is expected to fetch between 400,000 and 500,000 euros - but the sale was almost blocked by the daughter of the late French illustrator Albert Uderzo. Sylvie Uderzo argued that if her father had given the painting away he would have signed and dedicated it, and thus the work on behalf of the son of a man who was given it more than 50 years ago by Uderzo, the co-creator of the Asterix series who died in 2000. The daughter lodged a complaint with Belgian prosecutors on November 27 but, according to a letter seen by AFP, they found no grounds to suspect a crime had been committed. Sylvie Uderzo's lawyer Orly Rezman had warned that any buyer of the cover painting could be prosecuted for receiving stolen goods, an idea rejected by the auctioneers.

Gaza war having 'catastrophic' health impact: WHO chief

● Hamas said Sunday that Israel had launched a series of "very violent raids" targeting the southern city of Khan Yunis and the road from there to Rafah, near the border with Egypt

● Mediation efforts are continuing to secure a new Gaza ceasefire despite ongoing Israeli bombardment that is "narrowing the window" for a successful outcome, Qatar's prime minister said Sunday.

● UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres said the Security Council was "paralysed by geopolitical divisions" that were undermining solutions to the Israel-Hamas fighting.

● The UN humanitarian agency OCHA said 100 trucks carrying aid entered Gaza from Egypt on Saturday, "well below" the daily average before the war.



Palestinians use a donkey-pulled cart to flee Khan Yunis in southern Gaza Strip further south toward Rafah, along the Salah Al-Din road



An Israeli army self-propelled artillery howitzer fires rounds from a position near the border with the Gaza Strip in southern Israel

Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus told a special session of the World Health Organization's executive board the Palestinian territory's health system was in free fall. "The impact of the conflict on health is catastrophic," Tedros told the Geneva meeting. "As more and more people move to a smaller and smaller area, overcrowding, combined with the lack of adequate food, water, shelter and sanitation, are creating the ideal conditions for disease to spread," he said. The UN health agency's chief said there were worrying signs of epidemic diseases -- and the risk was expected to worsen with the situation deteriorating and winter conditions approaching. "Gaza's health system is on its knees and collapsing," Tedros said, with only 14 out of 36 hospitals functioning with any capacity at all, and only two of those in the north of the coastal territory. Only 1,400 hospital beds out of an original 3,500 are still available, while the two major hospitals in southern Gaza are operating at three times their bed capacity. "No health without peace"

Tedros said that since October 7, the WHO had verified more than 449 attacks on healthcare in Gaza and the occupied West Bank, and 60 on healthcare in Israel. "The work of the health workers is impossible and they are directly in the firing line," he said, with medics who are "physically and mentally exhausted, and are doing their best in unimaginable conditions". "There is no health without peace, and no peace without health," Tedros concluded. The special session was called by 17 of the 34 countries on the executive board, which normally meets twice a year. Its main job is to advise the World Health Assembly, the WHO's decision-making body, and then implement its decisions. A draft resolution proposed by Afghanistan, Morocco, Qatar and Yemen calls for the immediate, sustained and unimpeded passage of humanitarian relief into the Gaza Strip and the granting of exit permits for patients. It seeks the supply and replenishment of medicine and medical equipment to the civilian population and for all persons deprived of their liberty to be given access to medical treatment. It voices "grave concern" at the humanitarian situation, deplores the "widespread destruction" and urges protection for all civilians.

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US business leaders start to rally around Republican candidate Nikki Haley

New York, United States

A growing number of US business leaders are rallying behind former South Carolina governor Nikki Haley as the Republican Party's presidential hopeful, seeing her as more stable than rival Donald Trump, and more favorable to business interests than incumbent Joe Biden. "Even if you're a very liberal Democrat, I urge you: help Nikki Haley too. Get a choice on the Republican side that might be better than Trump," said Jamie Dimon, who as head of JPMorgan Chase bank is often seen as one of the country's most powerful CEOs. For the last month or so, a growing list of entrepreneurs and business leaders have been lining up behind Trump's former UN ambassador, stumping for her, swelling her campaign coffers or considering doing so as her standing in polls strengthens. Among them are Charles Koch, one of the biggest donors in US politics, and billionaire investor Stanley Druckenmiller. In early December, during a fundraiser in a luxury apartment on the Upper West Side of New York, Haley raked in more than \$500,000 in pledges from members of the city's business elite.



Former UN ambassador and 2024 Presidential hopeful Nikki Haley speaks to Iowa residents during a visit in Spirit Lake, Iowa

"I think a lot of donors, including business people, were initially sitting on the sidelines, waiting to see how it would shake out, who could be left standing" after months of campaigning, said David Primo, a political science professor at Rochester University. As of late October, Haley was polling at less than 10 percent for the Iowa caucuses, the first vote on the US political calendar, on January 15. Now she stands at nearly 18 percent, almost on par with Florida Governor Ron DeSantis, who has around 19 percent. Haley was "impressive in the debates," said Primo, adding that "business leaders are concerned about the potential instability of another Trump presidency." "It seems that she will adhere to the guardrails much more than others," said Daniel Kinderman, a professor at the University of Delaware. "That is something that business leaders, I think, by and large, do appreciate. They do not like it when things get too crazy," he said.

Israeli army dismisses outcry over stripped Gaza men footage



Footage of the Palestinian men stripped down to their underwear was aired by Israeli media on Thursday. (Freemalaysiatoday/AFP)

AFP | Jerusalem, Undefined

Israel's army yesterday dismissed outcry over footage showing scores of stripped Palestinians in Gaza, saying it was part of routine searches, while Hamas insisted the men were "unarmed civilians". Footage of the men stripped down to their underwear, with some of them appearing to hand over weapons, was aired by Israeli media on Thursday, reporting the alleged surrender of Hamas militants. The latest video clips have already circulated and sparked outrage on social media. A preliminary AFP Factcheck review suggested one of the scenes was filmed in Beit Lahia, in the northern Gaza Strip, though geolocating the footage precisely was difficult. The arm of a soldier appeared in the foreground in one clip, suggesting it was filmed by a member of the military. In another clip, which AFP was unable to confirm the location, a group of blindfolded men are seen sitting with their hands tied behind their backs as Israeli soldiers watch them. Hamas on Sunday countered the reported Israeli claims, saying the men were not militants of its armed wing, Ez-Zeitoun al-Qassam Brigades. "The (Israeli) occupation's claims that they are from al-Qassam Brigades are unfounded lies," said Izzat al-Rishq, a senior member of the Hamas political bureau. The Israeli army said it often strips people it deems could pose a threat to ensure they do not carry arms or explosives.

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UN agency chief says Israel trying to force Gazans into Egypt

AFP | Washington, United States

The head of the United Nations agency for Palestinian refugees has accused Israel of laying the groundwork for the mass expulsion of Gazans into Egypt, an accusation Israel said was "simply not true". In an opinion piece published on Saturday in the Los Angeles Times, UNRWA chief Philippe Lazzarini pointed to the worsening humanitarian crisis in Gaza and the increasing concentration near the border of displaced civilians who fled the fighting, first in the north and then further south. "The United Nations and several member states, including the US, have firmly rejected forcibly displacing Gazans out of the Gaza Strip," Lazzarini said. "But the developments we are witnessing point to attempts to move Palestinians into Egypt, regardless of whether they stay there or are resettled elsewhere." The widespread destruction in the Palestinian territory's north and the resulting displacements were "the first stage of such a scenario", he added, while forcing civilians from the southern city of Khan Yunis closer to the Egyptian border was the next. "If this path continues, leading to what many are already calling a second Nakba, Gaza will not be a land for Palestinians anymore," Lazzarini said, using the Arabic term for the exodus or forced displacement of 760,000 Palestinians during the war that coincided with Israel's creation in 1948.

Five Bangladesh opposition figures die in prison

AFP | Dhaka, Bangladesh

Five members of Bangladesh's main opposition party have died in prison in the past two weeks, officials and relatives said yesterday, as thousands took to the streets before next month's general election. The Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) is boycotting the January 7 vote, leaving the re-election of incumbent Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina a foregone conclusion. The BNP says its entire leadership and more than 20,000 politicians have been arrested over the past five weeks in "an unprecedented crackdown" that followed a massive opposition rally in the capital on October 28. Police have rejected the BNP's arrest figures, while not disclosing how many opposition activists have been detained. A few thousand BNP supporters, including detainees' family members, gathered Sunday in central Dhaka to demand the activists' release.

Over 300 Rohingya refugees stranded on Indonesian beaches

AFP | Banda Aceh, Indonesia

More than 300 Rohingya refugees, mostly women and children, were stranded on the coast of western Indonesia yesterday after being adrift at sea for weeks, the latest in the biggest wave of arrivals since 2015. A group of 180 refugees from the persecuted Myanmar minority arrived by boat at 3:00 am local time (2000 GMT Saturday) on a beach in the Pidie regency of Aceh province. Another boat carrying 135 refugees landed in neighbouring Aceh Besar regency hours later after being adrift at sea for more than a month. The mostly Muslim Rohingya were the target of a 2017 crackdown by Myanmar's military that is the subject of a UN genocide probe.

TOP 4 TWEETS



This week, I urged the Security Council to press to avert a humanitarian catastrophe in Gaza & I reiterated my appeal for a humanitarian ceasefire. Regrettably, the Security Council failed to do it. But that does not make it less necessary. I promise: I will not give up.

@antonioguterres



Gaza's health system is on its knees and collapsing. The @WHO Executive Board Members are discussing a resolution to protect the health of the people in the occupied Palestinian territory.

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LEGAL VIEWPOINT

Bonds & stock exchanges



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Government institutions or big companies, including central or commercial banks and investment houses, normally issue bonds with the aim of collecting money from third parties as kind of debt for certain specified time. This debt, normally takes the form of a bond, to be repaid in due course with the accrued interest. Almost in all cases the issuers of bonds look positively for good response and they are certainly interested in many investors to come-in. The investors could be private individuals, private or institutional investors, banks or others.

Generally speaking, bonds that are intended to reach a large number of potential investors should be listed in certain stock exchange(s). The listing of bonds therein makes them known to the public-at-large who are supposed to start the investment process, according to the regulations in the concerned stock market. As per the concerned laws in many Arab countries such as Bahrain, Abu Dhabi, Dubai, Qatar and others... The Securities Market Commission in these countries is authorized to list bonds according to the regulations and procedures issued by the Regulatory Board of the market.

At the international level if we take Eurobond issues, for example, the most common famous stock exchanges for their listing are London "Stock Exchange", Luxembourg Stock Exchange & other active Stock Exchanges include Singapore, Frankfurt, Zurich... etc. The choice of each one of these Stock Exchanges, of course, depends on the type of investors targeted by the issuers and the required or the best available market for that issue depending on the rules and regularities governing that particular market.

It is important to mention that New York Stock Exchange is not available nor appropriate, in most cases, for Eurobond issues because the requirements issued by the Securities Exchange Commission (SEC) make the listing of the Eurobonds impracticable. This shows that each Stock Exchange is having its own "flavor \ appetite" and, moreover, regulations and procedures for listing any bonds therein.

A question arises here, why bonds are to be listed in stock exchanges? To begin with we could say that there are many advantages for listing bonds. The primary main objective of listing bonds is the appropriate access to some potential investors. Listing of bonds could help to enlarge the number of investors to whom the concerned bonds can be sold. Moreover, many institutional investors as banks, insurance companies, pension funds, public corporations are required by their by-laws (memorandum of association or others) not to invest in unlisted securities. The aim of this prohibition is to protect these institutions from investing in unknown securities associated with many risks... From this point it appears that listing of bonds improves their marketability and also credibility to a great extent, thereby it brings the existence of the bonds to the attention of potential investors in a save way....

Another advantage to the benefit of investors comes from the fact that the stock exchange quotes, after or at the time of listing, the current price of the bonds based on the prices at which the securities have changed hands so that potential investors benefit from a reasonably objective assessment of the current price.

We cannot rule out completely the existence of certain disadvantages to the listing of bonds. In fact, there are some disadvantages with reference to the issuer of the bond. This disadvantage could include the fact that the issuer must comply with the stock exchange disclosure requirement or other similar requirements. The issuer, also, must enter into a listing undertaking or its equivalent with the stock exchange whereby the issuer, among other things, commits himself to produce continuing information and to notify certain events which may lead to false market in the securities e.g. adverse events which are not public knowledge or public information and which may significantly affect the issuer's ability to meet his obligations.

A stock exchange's listing requirements may change during the currency of the bonds (the securities) and accordingly impose more onerous disclosure obligations. The issuer may be limited by the terms of the subscription agreement from de-listing or listing elsewhere. Listing, in certain cases, may impede a rapid issue to take advantage of a "window" in the market. This is because the stock exchange authorities, in most cases, may require certain listing particulars to be submitted, to the concerned dept. or staff, in advance so as to be checked by them before listing and trading. Regulatory matter that needs to be met by compliance.

As mentioned above Governments or big companies particularly banks, investment companies or insurance companies, normally issue bonds. However, according to the commercial company's law and the securities market law in the countries listed above all big companies are eligible to issue bonds whenever they deem appropriate or necessary according to their financial and investment policies.

Each bond shall include certain details and terms that are commonly found in international bonds. To begin with, the face of each bond shall clearly explain that the issuer of the bond, for value received, promises to pay to the bearer the amount of the bond. Also, the issuer undertakes to pay the interest at the prescribed rate in accordance with the detailed terms and conditions on the back of the bond. All potential investors should read these terms and conditions of each bond very carefully before starting any business related to the bond. All above matters, are regulatory obligations and must be followed strictly by all concerned parties. Issuance of bonds, in the region, is getting momentum and it is a save way of getting big amounts of money within short period. You could benefit from this process, as it is beneficial to the issuers and potential investors at the same time.

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# CAMPUS

## AUBH achieves official recognition from Jordan

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The American University of Bahrain (AUBH) has officially received recognition from the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, which will recognize the University and the qualifications it offers to its students.



Dr. Bradley J. Cook, AUBH President

In this regard, Dr. Bradley J. Cook, AUBH President affirmed that this recognition in the University's fourth year of operation confirms the quality of education provided by the University to students and enhance its academic reputation locally and regionally.

He also added that the recognition of Bahraini universities by Arab countries highlights the distinguished reputation of the higher education sector in the Kingdom of Bahrain.

Dr. Cook also highlighted, "The higher education sector in Bahrain is witnessing a real revival in light of the wise Leadership's interest in supporting education and strengthening the role of universities. I would like to thank the Ministry of Education, Higher Education Council,

and Education and Training Quality Authority, for their tireless efforts in developing education in Bahrain and their constant perseverance in supporting the educational system to achieve the vision of placing Bahrain as a knowledge center and an oasis for education in the region."

He also explained that the decision to recognize the University would open the way for Jordanian students in Bahrain and KSA to receive a degree officially recognized by Jordan.

This will also pave the way to more collaboration opportunities between AUBH and Jordanian universities, hence, facilitating scientific, cultural, and student exchange programs, as well as, attracting students from Jordan to study in Bahrain.

## Bhavans-Bahrain Indian School honoured its budding Artists

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Bhavans- Bahrain Indian School (BIS) congratulated its budding artists who exhibited an exceptional performance at the recently concluded SPECTRA 2023 Art Carnival.

The Faber Castell SPECTRA 2023 Art Carnival, hosted at the Indian School Campus on the 24th of November under the auspices of the Indian Community Relief Fund, witnessed an impressive display of artistic finesse, with Bhavans Bahrain Indian School emerging as a beacon of creativity and talent.

Chinmayi Manikandan of Grade III secured the 2nd position and bagged a trophy, medal



Winners with School Directors Himanshu Verma and Ritu Verma, Principal Saji Jacob and Art Teacher Bhupendra Pathak

and a certificate.

Navya Chaudhary and Khianaa Sharma of Grade II, Aarohi Rajith Palappathadathil, Advika Howlader and Chaitra Pournami of Grade III were also bagged medal and certificate in

Group 1 category.

In Group 2, Adhuna Banerjee and Yosha Shivpuje of Grade IV also bagged a medal and a certificate.

In Group 3, Satakshi Dev and Vaishnavi Gutulla of Grade VII

displayed exceptional talent, and earned the medal and a certificate adding to the school's list of accolades.

The winners were congratulated by the school Management.

## Bhavans- BIS organises Youth Leadership Program



Week long Youth Leadership Program (YLP) culminated at Bhavans- Bahrain Indian School with a message 'Speak with confidence, inspire with words'. The culminating event of the Youth Leadership Program- Advanced Level was truly awe-inspiring. The students delivered speeches that were not only humorous but also thought-provoking, demonstrating their unwavering confidence, eloquence, and grace. In addition, the table topics further showcased the students' exceptional speaking abilities. Evaluating such talent and potential in young leaders was a formidable challenge for the toastmasters, who served as judges for the event. All the participants were given certificates and the winners bagged the trophies and certificates for International Speeches and Table Topics. Director Ritu Verma, Principal Saji Jacob and the panel of Toastmasters felicitated the Youth Leaders with trophies for their outstanding performance. Director Himanshu Verma also applauded the students for their performance. On left, students along with judging panel and school officials. On right, Director Ritu Verma along with Principal and judging panel during the event

## ISB Riffa Campus holds KG sporting gala



The Indian School Riffa campus organised Kindergarten Sports Day themed 'Colour Splash' season 4 on Friday. Over 1,300 KG students participated in the event aimed to promote an all-inclusive, participatory healthy living project for KG students. ISB Chairman Prince S Natarajan, Honorary Secretary Saji Antony, and Executive Committee Members Binu Mannil Varughese, Rajesh MN, and Ajaykrishnan V were present on the occasion. Riffa Campus Principal Pamela Xavier extended her gratitude to the Executive Committee, parents, and well-wishers

## New Millennium School, Bahrain hosts Quarks 2023-annual inter school quiz contest



New Millennium School, Bahrain hosted its Annual Inter School Science Quiz QUARKS 2023, for the students of Classes VI to XII on 9th December wherein students from the CBSE schools in Bahrain participated. The New Millennium School team comprising Chris Ivan, Sanchey Manoj, Aadhav Rakshita Krishnen emerged as winners of Grades VI to VIII SCIENCE BEE contest. The Bahrain Indian School team bagged the first position in Grades IX TO XII SCIENCE QUIZ. The winners were awarded with the trophies. School Chairman Dr. Ravi Pillai, Managing Director Geetha Pillai, and Principal Arun Kumar Sharma congratulated the winning teams for their commendable performance

## CBSE section of Al Noor International School celebrates Annual Day

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The CBSE Section of Al Noor International School celebrated its Annual Day on 05th and 07th of December for the Primary and Secondary Sections respectively.

Vinod K Jacob, the Ambassador of India to the Kingdom of Bahrain, was the Chief Guest for the day.

The School Chairman Ali Hasan, School Director Dr. Muhammad Mashood, Principal Abdul Hakim Al Shayer, officials from the Ministry of Education, officials from the Indian Embassy, Principals of various CBSE Schools across the island, Head Teachers of all sections



and parents were present on the occasion.

The evening saw a magnificent confluence of drama and music and left the audience spell

bound with the colourful and emotional overtones.

The show conceptualized with the theme 'RESPECT' as students presented a resplendent

pageant of artistic skills through various programs.

More than 75 students were awarded with trophies for their Academic excellence and suc-

cess in Talent competitions, by

Vinod K. Jacob in the presence of the School Chairman, Ali Hasan and the esteemed parents. The Indian Ambassador laud-

ed the vision of the school and the persistent hard work done by students and their teachers for presenting such a message oriented programme.



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## VACANCIES AVAILABLE

**KAMILIA FALAFEL** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 38881181 or [ABUMAHHER60@HOTMAIL.COM](mailto:ABUMAHHER60@HOTMAIL.COM)

**AL MUSANED COLD STORE** has a vacancy for the occupation of SALESMAN, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39696411 or [abuhassans600@gmail.com](mailto:abuhassans600@gmail.com)

**AL SHOMOOS ELECTRICAL CONTRACTING** has a vacancy for the occupation of ELECTRICIAN, suitably qualified applicants can contact 32212876 or [ALWESAM71@HOTMAIL.COM](mailto:ALWESAM71@HOTMAIL.COM)

**LEBANESE RESTAURANT W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of LABOURER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39605220 or [HMCS2005@BATELCO.COM.BH](mailto:HMCS2005@BATELCO.COM.BH)

**MC 6 CONSTRUCTION W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of EMPLOYEE (OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY), suitably qualified applicants can contact 17402050 or [operation@mcsix.me](mailto:operation@mcsix.me)

**D C C CONTRACTING W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of CLEANER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 34345361 or [SIVAWIN@HOTMAIL.COM](mailto:SIVAWIN@HOTMAIL.COM)

**Saleh Al Abdullah Al Muhanna & Partners Trading & Contracting Co** has a vacancy for the occupation of LABOURER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39977021 or [INFO@SMCOCONTRACTING.COM](mailto:INFO@SMCOCONTRACTING.COM)

**NEW DIMENSION CONTRACTING CO. W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of CLEANER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 34403380 or [FISHERMANSENSE@GMAIL.COM](mailto:FISHERMANSENSE@GMAIL.COM)

**GULF GREEN PLANTS** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17531471 or [gulfgreenplants@gmail.com](mailto:gulfgreenplants@gmail.com)

**BAHRAIN COMPUTER SUPPORT CENTRE W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of TECHNICIAN, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17826644 or [ARJUMA@UNECCO.COM](mailto:ARJUMA@UNECCO.COM)

**WHITE RESTAURANTS** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39456969 or [UMZAAL1975@GMAIL.COM](mailto:UMZAAL1975@GMAIL.COM)

**HAJER CAFETERIA** has a vacancy for the occupation of FOOD SERVICE WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39900084 or [alwahacity@gmail.com](mailto:alwahacity@gmail.com)

**SAHAR ALUMINUM** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39665753 or [saharaluminum@gmail.com](mailto:saharaluminum@gmail.com)

**SEVEN ELEVIN BARBER** has a vacancy for the occupation of BARBER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 36787812 or [J\\_98891@HOTMAIL.COM](mailto:J_98891@HOTMAIL.COM)

**ALQASSAR MARINE SERVICES** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17297371 or [ALQASSARMARINE@GMAIL.COM](mailto:ALQASSARMARINE@GMAIL.COM)

**YOUSF TAIL GARAGE** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39406776 or [YOUSFIAHMEDTALEB@GMAIL.COM](mailto:YOUSFIAHMEDTALEB@GMAIL.COM)

**MAXEL INTERNATIONAL CONTRACTING** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39944412 or [ABUTHAR1975@GMAIL.COM](mailto:ABUTHAR1975@GMAIL.COM)

**LUCK ADVERTISING W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17874760 or [BINGLY@FOGPUBLISHING.COM](mailto:BINGLY@FOGPUBLISHING.COM)

**AL AMEEN GATE LAUNDRY** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 33354664 or [MOHAMEDSALEMMOOSA@GMAIL.COM](mailto:MOHAMEDSALEMMOOSA@GMAIL.COM)

**Golden Bee Contracting** has a vacancy for the occupation of MASON, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39208838 or [NOORA.ABDULLA2001@GMAIL.COM](mailto:NOORA.ABDULLA2001@GMAIL.COM)

**Jaser Construction** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 34349799 or [JASERCONT@GMAIL.COM](mailto:JASERCONT@GMAIL.COM)

**BU HAYA COLD STORE AND BAKARY** has a vacancy for the occupation of BAKER (GENERAL), suitably qualified applicants can contact 17694351 or [AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA@GMAIL.COM](mailto:AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA@GMAIL.COM)

**SHAMAR TRADING W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 35452582 or [SHAHULPALAKKAL2014@GMAIL.COM](mailto:SHAHULPALAKKAL2014@GMAIL.COM)

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

**YOUNG JIN ENTERPRISE COMPANY LIMITED** has a vacancy for the occupation of

LABOURER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17700711 or [JEONG.DONGJIN.0102@GMAIL.COM](mailto:JEONG.DONGJIN.0102@GMAIL.COM)

**QUICK ZEBRA SERVICES** has a vacancy for the occupation of CLEANER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 36094012 or [hrd@dreamgroup.bh](mailto:hrd@dreamgroup.bh)

**CIRCLE INTEGRATED SERVICES W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of CLEANER (GENERAL), suitably qualified applicants can contact 17822218 or [INFO@CIRCLE.BH](mailto:INFO@CIRCLE.BH)

**Ce Curato General Services Co. - Partnership owned by Maadh Sale** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 36441188 or [CURATOSERVICES@GMAIL.COM](mailto:CURATOSERVICES@GMAIL.COM)

**INTERNATIONAL MARKETING COMPANY W.L.L. CLEANTEC** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 36636640 or [HANANKHALAF84@GMAIL.COM](mailto:HANANKHALAF84@GMAIL.COM)

**QUITO CAFE** has a vacancy for the occupation of SALES WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17784080 or [sandra@tammam.com](mailto:sandra@tammam.com)

**FLORA CONTRACTING MAINTENANCE SERVICES W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17623882 or [accounts@florabh.com](mailto:accounts@florabh.com)

**ALHAMAD CONSTRUCTION & DEVELOPMENT CO. W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of CLEANER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17226618 or [ACKR007@GMAIL.COM](mailto:ACKR007@GMAIL.COM)

**NEW DIMENSION CONTRACTING CO. W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 34403380 or [FISHERMANSENSE@GMAIL.COM](mailto:FISHERMANSENSE@GMAIL.COM)

**RAJA MALLAIAH FASHION DESIGN W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 37017484 or [G.SAIFUL255@GMAIL.COM](mailto:G.SAIFUL255@GMAIL.COM)

**A B A R SERVICES W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 36384774 or [AQIB.BH.PK@GMAIL.COM](mailto:AQIB.BH.PK@GMAIL.COM)

**AMSAM INTERNATIONAL CONTRACTING W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39485623 or [MANJEEESHMANGALAN@GMAIL.COM](mailto:MANJEEESHMANGALAN@GMAIL.COM)

**SUKHCHAIN CLEANING W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 33353070 or [CHAINAPUNJABI2013@GMAIL.COM](mailto:CHAINAPUNJABI2013@GMAIL.COM)

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

**GREEN COMPLEX MANAGEMENT CONSULTANCY W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 36968234 or [MRMJANNATUL@GMAIL.COM](mailto:MRMJANNATUL@GMAIL.COM)

**SILVER ENGINE GARAGE** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 33260008 or [HESHAMRASHED12345@GMAIL.COM](mailto:HESHAMRASHED12345@GMAIL.COM)

**mitsubishi power Bahrain branch BRANCH OF A FOREIGN COMPANY** has a vacancy for the occupation of TECHNICIAN ADVISOR, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17503109

**MILESTONE DYNAMIC COMBINED SERVICES W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 38881547 or [lee\\_hyuna@yahoo.com](mailto:lee_hyuna@yahoo.com)

**AAMAR MAINTENANCE CO W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 35062030 or [AS0329096@GMAIL.COM](mailto:AS0329096@GMAIL.COM)

**ALQATAN LAUNDRY W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of LAUNDERER/PRESSER (GENERAL), suitably qualified applicants can contact 33272827 or [ABDULHUSAIN72@GMAIL.COM](mailto:ABDULHUSAIN72@GMAIL.COM)

**MOHAMMEDISHAQESTAR TRADING W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 36995401 or [MUHAMMADISHAQ61900@GMAIL.COM](mailto:MUHAMMADISHAQ61900@GMAIL.COM)

**SUHA TRADING W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of SALES EXECUTIVE, suitably qualified applicants can contact 34573404 or [P.MUHAMMADSHAMI@GMAIL.COM](mailto:P.MUHAMMADSHAMI@GMAIL.COM)

**CRAZY HAIR SALON W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 34664669 or [JAHANGIRANDSONSRESTAURANT@GMAIL.COM](mailto:JAHANGIRANDSONSRESTAURANT@GMAIL.COM)

**AL-ALA TRADING COMPANY** has a vacancy for the occupation of LABOURER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 36969019 or [ALALA@BATELCO.COM.BH](mailto:ALALA@BATELCO.COM.BH)

**ARAB SHIPBUILDING & REPAIR YARD CO. JASRY** has a vacancy for the occupation of SUPERVISOR, suitably qualified applicants can

contact 37225247 or [ZAHERYZZ2018@GMAIL.COM](mailto:ZAHERYZZ2018@GMAIL.COM)

**WHITE BEARD GEANT SALOON** has a vacancy for the occupation of HAIR DRESSER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 33111014 or [ATEKA595@GMAIL.COM](mailto:ATEKA595@GMAIL.COM)

**ONE STEP BUSINESS SUPPORT SERVICE W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 36657757 or [MUHAMMADSAIF3581@GMAIL.COM](mailto:MUHAMMADSAIF3581@GMAIL.COM)

**ALMUBIN GARAGE CARS W.L.L. W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 34103333 or [MM.SHQQ@GMAIL.COM](mailto:MM.SHQQ@GMAIL.COM)

**MR. CUT W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of SUPERVISOR, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39661894 or [ABDUL33883621@GMAIL.COM](mailto:ABDUL33883621@GMAIL.COM)

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**MOHAMED RASHED CONSTRUCTION OF BUILDINGS** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 33051349 or [MOHAMEDRASHEDBH50@GMAIL.COM](mailto:MOHAMEDRASHEDBH50@GMAIL.COM)

**AHMED ALI YAQOUB ALHAMAR (BAHAR ALGHAZAN 1 / 11720)** has a vacancy for the occupation of SEAMAN, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17675135 or [HLA-SHABAB@HOTMAIL.COM](mailto:HLA-SHABAB@HOTMAIL.COM)

**AHMED MANSOOR ALAALI** has a vacancy for the occupation of DRIVER/OPERATOR (SHOVEL), suitably qualified applicants can contact 36881555 or [adeel.hameed@al-aaali.com](mailto:adeel.hameed@al-aaali.com)

**Arkan Ithad Development Co. W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of DRIVER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 13300444 or [HROFFICER@AIMSBAHRAIN.COM](mailto:HROFFICER@AIMSBAHRAIN.COM)

**KARTEC SERVICES W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of LABOURER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17823236 or [KHALIDAR@KAR-GROUP.COM](mailto:KHALIDAR@KAR-GROUP.COM)

**SEVEN HILLS SERVICES W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39697979 or [HASSAN800@GMAIL.COM](mailto:HASSAN800@GMAIL.COM)

**Bahrain Al Arabi International Decoration Co. W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of PAINTER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17715919 or [daaji@alarabi-bh.com](mailto:daaji@alarabi-bh.com)

**A.ALI ESSA ALDAAYSI CO. W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 33661030 or [hr@aldayyisiholding.com](mailto:hr@aldayyisiholding.com)

**EBRAHIM HAMAD ALTHAWADI TRADING & CONT.** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17274404 or [deepupathepparampil@gmail.com](mailto:deepupathepparampil@gmail.com)

**MARBLE RESTORATION CO. W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of TECHNICIAN, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39468574 or [aqeel@basma.com.bh](mailto:aqeel@basma.com.bh)

**TOP CLASS RESTAURANT** has a vacancy for the occupation of COOK (GENERAL), suitably qualified applicants can contact 17400108 or [alnamuthajya@gmail.com](mailto:alnamuthajya@gmail.com)

**CIRCLE INTEGRATED SERVICES W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of CLEANER (GENERAL), suitably qualified applicants can contact 17822218 or [INFO@CIRCLE.BH](mailto:INFO@CIRCLE.BH)

**BAHRAIN GUARDING SOLUTIONS W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of SECURITY GUARD, suitably qualified applicants can contact 37722894 or [GOVERNMENT@mrre.co](mailto:GOVERNMENT@mrre.co)

**AL BARI DOCUMENT CLEARANCE** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 35145454 or [WMOHAMMED660@GMAIL.COM](mailto:WMOHAMMED660@GMAIL.COM)

**FORCE POINT SECURITY W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of SECURITY GUARD, suitably qualified applicants can contact 66767587 or [Forceps17@gmail.com](mailto:Forceps17@gmail.com)

**APURBO COMPANY W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 36675632 or [MRMJANNATUL@GMAIL.COM](mailto:MRMJANNATUL@GMAIL.COM)

**PAK GLOBAL CONSULTANT W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 37499420 or [MAFZAAL8200@GMAIL.COM](mailto:MAFZAAL8200@GMAIL.COM)

**BRIDES WORLD SALON** has a vacancy for the occupation of RECEPTIONIST, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39998973 or [MONAYAN9030@GMAIL.COM](mailto:MONAYAN9030@GMAIL.COM)

**AL-ALA TRADING COMPANY** has a vacancy for the occupation of LABOURER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 36990032 or [plazza.auto@gmail.com](mailto:plazza.auto@gmail.com)

**Almualem Star Excavation** has a vacancy for the occupation of HEAVY DRIVER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 66622888 or [sadiqahs@hotmail.com](mailto:sadiqahs@hotmail.com)

contact 37787773 or [duajimkhalifa@ASRY.NET](mailto:duajimkhalifa@ASRY.NET)

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

**AL JAMRI A C WORKSHOP** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39407577 or [ALJAMRI57@GMAIL.COM](mailto:ALJAMRI57@GMAIL.COM)

**Eastern Asphalt & Mixed Concrete Co. W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of PIPEFITTER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17252078 or [S.RADHI@EAMCO.BH](mailto:S.RADHI@EAMCO.BH)

**MASHALLA CITY JEWELLERY CO. W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of SALESMAN, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39622368 or [SEEFMJJ@YAHOO.COM](mailto:SEEFMJJ@YAHOO.COM)

**Jawad habib & co. specialized partnership** has a vacancy for the occupation of ACCOUNTANTS, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17253077 or [info@BDO.BH](mailto:info@BDO.BH)

**AL SHAGAEQ CARPENTRY WORKSHOP** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39886780 or [AIR.ALRAFSAFI@HOTMAIL.COM](mailto:AIR.ALRAFSAFI@HOTMAIL.COM)

**AHMED ISA CARPENTRY WORKSHOP** has a vacancy for the occupation of CARPENTER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 36604447 or [AECONT@HOTMAIL.COM](mailto:AECONT@HOTMAIL.COM)

**ALSADIQ ALUMINIUM** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 36637734 or [zakialqassab@gmail.com](mailto:zakialqassab@gmail.com)

**MATAR STYLE RESTAURANT** has a vacancy for the occupation of WAITER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 33313303 or [KHLDMATTAR@GMAIL.COM](mailto:KHLDMATTAR@GMAIL.COM)

**DOMESTIC RECRUITING MANPOWER AGENCY** has a vacancy for the occupation of CLEANER (GENERAL), suitably qualified applicants can contact 36697990 or [MYCOMPUTERBHQ@GMAIL.COM](mailto:MYCOMPUTERBHQ@GMAIL.COM)

**YATEEM AIRCONDITIONING COMPANY W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of TECHNICIAN, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17253177 or [hr@yateemac.net](mailto:hr@yateemac.net)

**The Convoy Contracting Co. W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of SUPERVISOR (SITE), suitably qualified applicants can contact 33933779 or [CONVOYCONTRACTING@GMAIL.COM](mailto:CONVOYCONTRACTING@GMAIL.COM)

**WADI ALMELOK GENTS SALON** has a vacancy for the occupation of BARBER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 3323737 or [JSARHAN123@GMAIL.COM](mailto:JSARHAN123@GMAIL.COM)

**KARBABAD SANDWICHES** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39677738 or [ALSINDI.92@HOTMAIL.COM](mailto:ALSINDI.92@HOTMAIL.COM)

**KARTEC SERVICES W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of LABOURER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17823236 or [KHALIDAR@KAR-GROUP.COM](mailto:KHALIDAR@KAR-GROUP.COM)

**Arkan Ithad Development Co. W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of DRIVER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 13300444 or [HROFFICER@AIMSBAHRAIN.COM](mailto:HROFFICER@AIMSBAHRAIN.COM)

**SEVEN HILLS SERVICES W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39697979 or [HASSAN800@GMAIL.COM](mailto:HASSAN800@GMAIL.COM)

**MOKLASUR GAZI PUBLICITY AND ADVERTISING W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 36103555 or [MOSTOFABHAI9003@GMAIL.COM](mailto:MOSTOFABHAI9003@GMAIL.COM)

**A R M R SERVICES W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 33209293 or [AM.786.BH@GMAIL.COM](mailto:AM.786.BH@GMAIL.COM)

**ABDULHADI ALAFOO WLL** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17874756 or [alafoo@bateleco.com.bh](mailto:alafoo@bateleco.com.bh)

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**ALMOAYYED CLEANING & MAINTENANCE W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of CLEANER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39770606 or [profice@almoayyedcg.com](mailto:profice@almoayyedcg.com)

**RED CAR GARAGE** has a vacancy for the occupation of AUTOMOBILE PAINTER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 36990032 or [plazza.auto@gmail.com](mailto:plazza.auto@gmail.com)

**Almualem Star Excavation** has a vacancy for the occupation of HEAVY DRIVER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 66622888 or [sadiqahs@hotmail.com](mailto:sadiqahs@hotmail.com)

**M I CONTRACTING** has a vacancy for the occupation of LABOURER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 66600200 or [M.I.75@HOTMAIL.COM](mailto:M.I.75@HOTMAIL.COM)

**HARLEEN SPECIALIZED CONTRACTING W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 33615001 or [BITTUSANDHU530@GMAIL.COM](mailto:BITTUSANDHU530@GMAIL.COM)

**NUASIA W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of WAITER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 38700027 or [salwa@al-abraaj.com](mailto:salwa@al-abraaj.com)

**Juffair Grand Hotel W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of WAITER/BARTENDER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 38188806 or [HRD@THEJUFFAIRGRAND.COM](mailto:HRD@THEJUFFAIRGRAND.COM)

**JAHECON W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17244111 or [JAHECON@BATELCO.COM.BH](mailto:JAHECON@BATELCO.COM.BH)

**REEMA LADIES TAILORING** has a vacancy for the occupation of TAILOR, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39396633 or [KHAWLA@HOTMAIL.COM](mailto:KHAWLA@HOTMAIL.COM)

**MAISAN VEGETABLES AND FRUITS CENTRE** has a vacancy for the occupation of SALES EXECUTIVE, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39653135 or [AJIMANSY@GMAIL.COM](mailto:AJIMANSY@GMAIL.COM)

**AAA HOMES W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of SUPERVISOR ASSISTANT, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17811353 or [aaahomes@bateleco.com.bh](mailto:aaahomes@bateleco.com.bh)

**HETHERO ALUMINIUM FACTORY** has a vacancy for the occupation of WELDER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17311146 or [BIGBOSSVIP911@GMAIL.COM](mailto:BIGBOSSVIP911@GMAIL.COM)

**ALMODHIF COLD STORE.** has a vacancy for the occupation of SALESMAN, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17232858 or [EMANHAMMAD391@GMAIL.COM](mailto:EMANHAMMAD391@GMAIL.COM)

**FAISAL WORLD FOR BUILDING DEVELOPMENT** has a vacancy for the occupation of CLEANER (GENERAL), suitably qualified applicants can contact 17008303 or [FAISAL-ALALI2010@HOTMAIL.COM](mailto:FAISAL-ALALI2010@HOTMAIL.COM)

**AL AMJAD CONSTRUCTION** has a vacancy for the occupation of MASON, suitably qualified applicants can contact 36609992 or [alamjadhb@gmail.com](mailto:alamjadhb@gmail.com)

**AL MANSOORI AUTOMATIC MARKETING** has a vacancy for the occupation of SALESMAN, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39966665 or [FAISALYOUSIF2009@HOTMAIL.COM](mailto:FAISALYOUSIF2009@HOTMAIL.COM)

**PK ONE TRADING** has a vacancy for the occupation of SALES SUPERVISOR (RETAIL TRADE), suitably qualified applicants can contact 39447272 or [YOUSIFALFAKHRO@HOTMAIL.COM](mailto:YOUSIFALFAKHRO@HOTMAIL.COM)



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**MAGIC SHINE CLEANING CO. W.L.L** has a vacancy for the occupation of CLEANER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 36509129 or [info@magicshinebh.com](mailto:info@magicshinebh.com)

**CONSTRUCTION LAB CONTRACTING Company W.L.L** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39992297 or [fadi@constructionlab.com](mailto:fadi@constructionlab.com)

**SPLASH SWIMMING POOL Co. W.L.L** has a vacancy for the occupation of STEEL FABRICATOR, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17736870 or [splashpools.bh@gmail.com](mailto:splashpools.bh@gmail.com)

**PUNJAB CITY CONSTRUCTION** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39252020 or [SHAREF.WORKS@GMAIL.COM](mailto:SHAREF.WORKS@GMAIL.COM)

**ZUHAIR MECHANICAL WORKSHOP** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17555189 or [ROHAILASGHAR@YAHOO.COM](mailto:ROHAILASGHAR@YAHOO.COM)

**UNICAREINTERNATIONAL CONSTRUCTION W.L.L** has a vacancy for the occupation of CLEANER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17292626 or [furqanshahid@gmail.com](mailto:furqanshahid@gmail.com)

**CAFETERIA GOLDEN TEA** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 33508750 or [KHALID15158@GMAIL.COM](mailto:KHALID15158@GMAIL.COM)

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**Glass Tech Industries B.S.C** closed has a vacancy for the occupation of QUALITY

INSPECTOR, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39697800 or [manaignr@manaignroup.net](mailto:manaignr@manaignroup.net)  
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Bahrain Motor Federation (BMF) president and FIA vice-president for sport for MENA Shaikh Abdulla bin Isa Al Khalifa congratulated Bahraini motorsport official Sadiq Kalawadh for receiving the FIA Outstanding Official of the Year award at the annual FIA Prize Giving. This year's ceremony took place in Baku, Azerbaijan, with motor racing's top accolades being handed out, including the drivers' and teams' championships trophies of Formula 1, the World Endurance Championship, and other top global series. Kalawadh was handed his award at the ceremony by BMF general manager and FIA Volunteers and Officials Commission president Abdulaziz Al Thawadi. Above, Kalawadh, right, with his award alongside Al Thawadi at the FIA Prize Giving

## Forde propels West Indies to series-clinching win over England

AFF | Bridgetown

A dream debut by Matthew Forde helped guide the West Indies to a series-clinching four-wicket win over England in the decisive third and final match of their One-Day International series at Kensington Oval in Barbados.

In a rain-affected encounter, the 21-year-old Barbadian delighted the few home supporters among a majority English audience with figures of three for 29 as the tourists were restricted to 206 for nine off 40 overs after being put in.

## Bahraini free diver Hussein Sardar sets three national records

Zahra Ayaz  
TDT | Manama

In a stunning display of skill and unwavering determination, Bahraini free diver Hussein Sardar has secured his name into the annals of sporting history by securing three national records for his country.

Sardar's remarkable achievements were accomplished in the demanding disciplines of Free Immersion (FIM), Constant Weight with Bi-Fins (CWTB), and Constant Weight without Fins (CNF).

Over the course of a grueling 12-week journey, Sardar showcased his extraordinary prowess in these physically and mentally demanding freediving techniques.

With sheer determination, he reached an astounding depth of 62 meters using the Free Immersion technique, gracefully descended to 55 meters with bi-fins, and effortlessly glided to 33 meters without fins.

In an exclusive interview with The Daily Tribune, Sardar expressed his deep-rooted passion for the ocean and his unwavering motivation to pursue freediving, ultimately aiming to set national records. "I have always felt drawn to being in the water," he revealed.

"Growing up in Bahrain, a country with a rich diving history, it was only natural for me to be



Hussein Sardar during a diving event

captivated by the underwater world."

Sardar's journey into freediving began during his college years when he first ventured into scuba diving. As a divemaster with multiple scuba certifications, he was inspired by the free divers he encountered during his underwater explorations. "I believe it is crucial to continuously challenge oneself and strive to surpass personal limits," he explained.

The lack of representation for Arab and Bahraini free divers on the global stage further fueled Sardar's ambition. "I wanted



Hussein Sardar celebrates after diving

to do something that would put free diving on the map for the Middle East and, specifically, for my beloved country, Bahrain."

Sardar acknowledged the financial challenges associated with the sport, including the costs of equipment and self-funding his training. Moreover, Bahrain's shallow waters necessitated frequent travel to access suitable diving locations. However, his unwavering determination propelled him forward, undeterred by the obstacles he faced.

The three national records Sardar achieved stand as a testament to his unwavering dedication and relentless pursuit of excellence. In the challenging Free

Immersion discipline (FIM), he reached an impressive depth of 62 meters, with a dive time of 2 minutes and 25 seconds.

With Constant Weight Bi-Fins (CWTB), he gracefully descended to 55 meters, spending 1 minute and 52 seconds beneath the surface.

In the Constant Weight without Fins (CNF) category, Sardar elegantly swam to a depth of 33 meters, completing the dive in just 1 minute and 31 seconds.

Looking ahead, Sardar's sights are firmly set on bringing a world record home to Bahrain. He hopes to inspire younger generations of Bahrainis to embrace freediving, encouraging them to aim for national and world records.

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## BTC to host National Day championship

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In celebration of the Kingdom's National Day, Bahrain Tennis Club (BTC) is organising the National Day Tennis Championship on Saturday, sponsored by Gulf Marcom Group (Khamis

Al Muqla).

Gulf Marcom Group vice-chairman of the board Thamer Khamis Al Muqla expressed his sincere congratulations to His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and to His Royal Highness Prince Salman

bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Crown Prince and Prime Minister, on the occasion.

On the day of the tournament, the organising committee will begin registering club members and guests who wish to participate from 4pm, after which

matches will begin from 4.30pm and continue until 6.30pm.

Winners will be honoured in a ceremony scheduled for 7pm, to be followed by a dinner party.

BTC invites all members and their guests to attend and participate in this occasion.

## Team UK win Nations Cup in Rotax MAX karting

● **Total of 384 drivers from 62 nations battle over 16,174 laps for 22,870 kilometres in Rotax MAX Challenge Grand Finals at BIKC**

TDI | Manama

Team UK were crowned winners of the Nations Cup as the Rotax MAX Challenge Grand Finals (RMCGF) 2023 came to a close at Bahrain International Circuit (BIC) in Sakhir.

After a full week of top-class karting action at BIC's world-class grassroots motorsport facility, Bahrain International Karting Circuit (BIKC), it all came down to the last day of thrilling, wheel-to-wheel action.

Team UK drivers were joined on their podium by Team Canada in second and Team Belgium in third, while Team USA won the Team Video Contest.

Meanwhile, the individual drivers' champions included Jenson Chalk from the UK in the 125 Micro MAX category, Rory Armstrong from the UK in the 125 Mini MAX class, Timo

Jungling from the UK in the 125 Junior MAX, Andrej Petrovic from Serbia in the 125 Senior MAX, Ragnar Veerus from Estonia in the 125 MAX DD2, Ben Cooper from Canada in the 125 MAX DD2 Masters, Mats Johan Overhoff from Germany in the E20 Senior, Joao Goncalves from Brazil in the E20 Master, and Veeti Salmi from Finland in the E10 category.

This year's RMCGF featured a total of 384 drivers from 62 nations who battled all week at the Sakhir karting facility. They covered a total of 16,174 laps for a total distance of 22,870 kilometres.



Drivers from Team UK, Team Canada and Team Belgium in the Nations Cup podium ceremonies

# Bahrain1 claim fantastic double

Bahrain1 Racing drivers Justin Bond, Jordan Lazic triumph in season-opener of 2023/2024 Bahrain Drag Racing championship

● **More than 200 drag racers from Gulf and beyond compete in 12 categories**

● **Competitors from Bahrain, Saudi Arabia and Kuwait take other class wins**

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The 2023/2024 Bahrain Drag Racing Championship (BDRC) kicked off at Bahrain International Circuit (BIC), and leading outfit Bahrain1 Racing found themselves in familiar territory at the end of the season-opening race day held over the weekend in Sakhir.

The Bahrain1 pair of Justin Bond and Jordan Lazic, both from Canada, headlined the list of winners in the meeting's 12 competition categories featuring both cars and motorbikes. Bond triumphed in the highly competitive Pro Mod class while Lazic took first place in the Competition 4.5 category.

Close to 250 competitors from Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, the UAE, Kuwait, Qatar and beyond took part in the BDRC's first round. They lit up the world-class quarter-mile drag strip at "The Home of Motorsport in the Middle East", which is a member of the prestigious NHRA Worldwide Network of the U.S.-based National Hot Rod Association



Winners from the opening round celebrate on their podium

(NHRA). The BDRC is a sanctioned NHRA championship.

Following all the meeting's action, the winners were presented their respective trophies in podium ceremonies attended by officials from BIC, the Bahrain Motor Federation (BMF), the Bahrain Drag Racing Commission, and Bahrain Motorcycle Club (BMC).

Bond led an all-Bahrain1 trio onto the podium in the Pro Mod class. He won the final with a pass of 3.735 seconds at 321.41kph, beating teammate Khalil Al Ansaari from the UAE who had a time of 3.790s at 317.98kph. Khaled Al Balooshi was classified third.

Lazic followed suit in the Competition 4.5, winning with a mark of 4.525s at 244.00kph. He defeated Ebrahim Abbas from Kuwait in the decider, with Abbas going for 4.551s at

242.22kph. Mubarak al Awwad, also from Kuwait, took third place.

Meanwhile, drivers from Bahrain, Saudi and Kuwait took to the top step of the podium in the other categories.

Bahraini Hussain Abdul Jalil won the 8.5 Index class after beating Abdulaziz Al Suwailem of Kuwait in their final. Abdul Jalil had an 8.513s run at 247.88kph, overcoming Al Suwailem's 8.525s pass at 248.54kph. Ahmed Malallah made it two Kuwaitis on the podium.

Yousif Al Zayani was the other homegrown talent to triumph. The veteran Bahraini racer clinched first place in the Outlaw 6-Cylinder category, posting a time of 4.287s at 284.57kph to defeat Mohamed Nawar of Kuwait, who had a 4.719s time at 245.29kph. Ali Khunaizi from



Justin Bond in his Bahrain1 Racing challenger lines up at the start for an elimination run

Bahrain joined them on the podium.

Elsewhere, six Kuwaitis won their categories, including Khalaf Al Saad, Fahad Khwari, Jaber Ahmed, Majed Al Harbi, Mohammed Al Awad and Fahad Al Harbi.

Al Saad had a 10.138s time at 185.36kph to beat countryman Thamer Al Khaldi in the 10.0 Index final, with Bahrain's Abdulla Al Doseri taking third. Khwari won the 9.0 Index class with a mark of 9.097s at 217.33kph to defeat Ahmed Al Harbi in their last elimination, with Ahmed Al Yaqoub taking third for an all-Kuwaiti podium. Ahmed won the 7.5 Index with a 7.909s final pass at 272.89kph to beat Sayed Hussain Al Haddad, with Abdulrahman Bo Alwa taking third for another all-Kuwait top three.

Majed Al Harbi defeated

Yousif Al Ali of the UAE in the Pro 29.5 V8 final with a 4.545s time at 270.96kph, while Qatar's Khalid Al Sultan claimed the other podium step. Al Awad won his Outlaw Bikes class with a 4.075s final pass at 257.43kph to defeat Saudi's Mishari Al Turki in the final, with Kuwait's Abdulla Abdulaziz in third place. Fahad Al Harbi then took the Pro Street Bikes win against Saudi's Mishari Mohammed with a 4.587s run at 270.00kph in the final. Yaqout Saad, also from Kuwait, joined them on the podium.

The round's Saudi winners were Fadi Abu Jamous and Khalid Ali. Abu Jamous had a final elimination run of 9.514s at 219.94kph to beat countryman Waleed Al Badeer in the Street Fight Bikes 9.5 final, with Bahrain's Hasan Ali taking third.



**Bahrain Drag Racing Championship's 2023/2024 calendar features five rounds. Round two is scheduled for 9-12 January, round three from 30 January-2 February, round four from 6-9 February, and finale from 19-22 March**

Khalid Ali then triumphed in the 8.5 Index Bikes with an 8.555s run at 249.51kph to beat Kuwait's Naser Bader. Bahraini Mohammed Hasan was also on the podium in third place.

The BDRC is organised by BIC in cooperation with the BMF, the Bahrain Drag Racing Commission and the BMC.

The 2023/2024 calendar features five rounds in all and it continues until March of next year. Round two is scheduled for 9 to 12 January, to be followed by the third round to be held from 30 January to 2 February. Round four will be the following week from 6 to 9 February, and then the championship finale will take place 19 to 22 March.

## Team Victorious crowned with Best Horse Condition Award for National Day Endurance Ride

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Under the patronage of Her Highness Shaikha Noora bint Hamad Al Khalifa, Captain of Al Fursan Team, the Bahrain Royal Equestrian and Endurance Federation (BREEF) organised the Best Horse Condition Award for the glorious National Day Endurance Ride Championship.

The event took place concurrently with the Kingdom's celebrations of the National Day and the anniversary of His Majesty the King's Accession to the Throne.

The race was held at the Bahrain International Endurance Village, covering 120 km local race.

Team Victorious won the



Winners during the awarding ceremony

award through Isa Al Anzi whose horse Birandiana was deemed the fittest horse among the other participants, thus, was

given the accolade.

The special committee responsible for selecting the best horse condition oversaw the



A horse is being examined for the Best Horse Condition Award

criteria for the award, which were met by the winning horse.

The team was crowned by

Ghaleb Al Alawi, Secretary of BREEF, Dr Khaled Ahmed Hassan, Assistant Secretary of BREEF, who is also the Manager

of the Royal Endurance Team, and Tawfiq Al Salehi, Director of His Highness Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa Media Office and Information Centre and the Head of Media, Marketing, and Public Relations Committee of BREEF.

The award is handed out based on several criteria, including heart rate, cooling time, dehydration rate, intestinal movement, and evaluation of appearance.

These evaluations are performed in the first hour after the horse's arrival, considering the first-place horse and the subsequent positions. Any horse that does not meet the required health standards after a one-hour rest is disqualified.

## Bahrain set for friendlies ahead of Asian Cup

● **National team to face Australia in international tune-up on 6 January and then face Angola in informal training game, both in Dubai**

TDI | Manama

Bahrain's senior men's national football team will be playing a pair of friendly matches against top global opponents next month as part of their final lead-up to the AFC Asian Cup, to be held in Doha from 12 January

to 10 February.

A team official confirmed yesterday that the nationals will be playing a training game with Angola in Dubai after their previously announced official international tune-up against Australia on 6 January.

The match against the Angolans, who are currently ranked 117th in the world, will be an informal contest with the date still to be confirmed, but to be held before the Bahrainis travel to the Qatari capital for the AFC Asian Cup on either 10 or 11 January.

The nationals will be in the UAE from 2 January for their final preparations for the con-

tinental showcase.

Bahrain and Australia are among the 24 teams competing in Doha. The tune-up with the Aussies, nicknamed the Socceroos, will pit the nationals against one of the highest-ranked teams in the world, with the Aussies currently being 25th and fourth-best in Asia. The Bahrainis are currently 86th in the world and 13th in the Asian Football Confederation.

The Bahrainis are in Group E for the Asian Cup along with South Korea, Malaysia and Jordan. The nationals kick off their campaign against the South Koreans on 15 January, and then take on their Malaysian coun-

terparts on 20 January. They complete the preliminary stage against Jordan on 25 January.

Bahrain need to finish amongst the top two in their group to automatically advance to the knockout stage, or be one of four of the best-ranked third-placed teams from the six pools.

Bahrain will be making their seventh appearance in the AFC Asian Cup next year, having qualified for the competition's sixth straight edition. Their first appearance came in 1988, and then also played in 2004, 2007, 2011, 2015 and 2019. Their best finish to date was fourth overall in the 2004 tournament held in China.



Bahrain forward Abdulla Al Hashash in action during their previous match

# Manama, Al Ittifaq march through

Victors complete quarter-final line-up in 2023/2024 His Majesty the King's Cup football tournament

● **Manama claim last eight berth with resounding 4-0 victory against East Riffa**

● **Al Ittifaq edge past Hidd 4-1 on penalties after match ends 2-2 in regular time**

TDI | Manama

Manama and Al Ittifaq last night completed the quarter-final line-up of the 2023/2024 His Majesty the King's Cup football tournament.

Manama advanced to the last eight after defeating East Riffa 4-0 in their round-of-16 clash, while Ittifaq edged past Hidd 4-1 in a penalty shootout after their match was deadlocked at 2-2 at the end of regular time.



Manama's Omar Daij Mahwarfi looks to control the ball as he is defended by East Riffa's Fares Ahmed Ghatasheh

Both winners will now face one another in the quarters, which have yet to be scheduled by the Bahrain Football Association.

The other pairings in the competition's next stage see Busait-een take on Al Ahli, reigning

league champions Al Khaldiya face Al Ettihad, and Riffa go up against Muharraq in an exciting titanic clash between two national giants.

The HM the King's Cup is the richest football competition in the Kingdom, with the winners

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**In the quarter-finals of the 2023/2024 His Majesty the King's Cup, Manama will take on Al Ittifaq, Busait-een face Al Ahli, reigning league champions Al Khaldiya go up against Al Ettihad, and Riffa play Muharraq in a titanic clash**

taking home BD100,000 in prize money and BD50,000 going to the runners-up.

In Manama's win last night, Elvis Marley Aparecido Bittencourt was on target before the break and then Facundo Agustin

Tobares and substitutes Suelynton Thiago Silva De Lima Brito and Welsen Junior Faustino De Melo scored late in the second half.

Bittencourt opened Manama's account in the 22nd minute with a brilliant solo charge into the box to score from close range. Manama then enjoyed some luck prior to half-time, after Abdulwahab Ali brought down Ahmed Kory in the area, earning East Riffa a penalty. But Thiago Augusto's effort was masterfully saved by Manama goalkeeper Fayeze Issa Al Rashidi to preserve their advantage.

Manama made it 2-0 in the 77th minute. Tobares made no mistake with his shot after a perfectly timed assist from Ebrahim Al Khattal released him in the face of goal. Brito scored Manama's third in the 90th minute after a defensive error gave him a clear path towards goal, and De Melo applied the final nail in the coffin in the third minute of

stoppage-time.

Meanwhile, in Ittifaq's triumph, a late penalty from Hidd, converted by captain Talal Al Sherooqi, right before the end of regular time sent the match into the shootout.

First-half goals forged a tie at the interval, with Ittifaq's Agbomere Victory Omodiagbe scoring in the 13th minute on a quick counterattack after catching Hidd goalkeeper Abdulla Al Kaabi off his line, and Hidd equalising in 25th through Jacques Medina Iemopele, who guided the ball in after a shot from Obus Prince Aggreh flew past the face of goal.

Ali Hassan Muftah then fired in five minutes after the hour-mark to put Ittifaq back in front, but Al Sherooqi was able to keep his team alive with his penalty.

In the shootout, Ittifaq converted their first four penalties, which was enough to seal the win after Hidd missed two of their opening three attempts.

## IMMAF President Kerrith Brown arrives in Bahrain to attend BRAVE International Combat Week

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Kerrith Brown, the President of IMMAF, has arrived in the Kingdom of Bahrain to attend BRAVE CF 80 taking place on 15 December, and the IMMAF Asian Championship at BRAVE International Combat Week 2023. Brown was elected as president of the International Mixed Martial Arts Federation (IMMAF), following election by a unanimous board vote in Berlin on 20 June 2015.

Brown was a six-time champion of Great Britain, winning the British Judo Championships in 1979, 1980, 1982, 1983, 1987, and 1990, over three different weight categories.

He represented Great Britain at the 1984 Summer Olympics in Los Angeles, where he claimed the bronze medal in the men's lightweight division, alongside Brazil's Luis Onmura.

In 1986, he won the gold medal in the 71 kg weight category at the judo demonstration sport event as part of the 1986



Kerrith Brown

Commonwealth Games.

Brown is an active advocate for MMA to get Olympic recognition.

Under his leadership, IMMAF has introduced a robust governance structure, establishing a democratically elected board, audited accounts, general assemblies, an anti-doping program, and a qualifying number

of recognized members.

While a new sport by most measures, IMMAF already has membership across 110 countries and the responsibility for organizing elite amateur world championships.

BRAVE CF attracts a host of diplomats, global businessmen, athletes, artists, celebrities, and more as the organization has made history as the only global mixed martial arts organization to host events in 30 different nations.

The organization has more diverse global talent than any MMA organization in the world, featuring nearly 800 athletes from over 80 countries across the globe.

Since its inception in 2016 under the leadership of His Highness Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa, BRAVE CF has secured strategic relations and recognition from governments, promotions, businesses, and organizations to enhance the status of the sport and its athletes

## 2 Seas put both cars on podium in Gulf 12 Hours

● **#14 crew of Jules Gounon, Maximilian Gotz and Fabian Schiller, finish third overall, third in Pro category**

● **#3 trio of HH Shaikh Isa bin Abdulla Al Khalifa, Ian Loggie, Al Faisal Al Zubair ninth overall, second in Am class**

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Bahraini-British motor racing team 2 Seas Motorsport put both their cars on the podium last night at the end of a gruelling Gulf 12 Hours endurance race, held at Yas Marina Circuit in Abu Dhabi.

2 Seas' crew of Jules Gounon, Maximilian Gotz and Fabian Schiller, driving the team's #14 Mercedes AMG-GT3 car, finished third overall and also claimed third place in the Pro



2 Seas' #3 car in action during yesterday's endurance race

class at the chequered flag.

Meanwhile, teammates His Highness Shaikh Isa bin Abdulla Al Khalifa, Ian Loggie and Al Faisal Al Zubair, competing in 2 Seas' #3 car, powered into the overall top 10 in ninth place, while also taking second in the Am category.

It was a sensational result for the team's pair of challengers in what was their final race of the year.

Gounon-Gotz-Schiller completed 347 total laps, and crossed the finish line two minutes 14.471 seconds behind winners GruppeM Racing, featuring Luca Stolz, Mikael Grenier

and Maro Engel. Team WRT, consisting of seven-time MotoGP World Champion Valentino Rossi, Dries Vanthoor and Nick Yelloly were the overall winners. They also completed the Pro class' top three.

HH Shaikh Isa-Loggie-Al Zubair completed the event with 343 laps in total.

A total of 24 cars lined up on the grid at the beginning of yesterday's event, with two competitors not starting.

The Gulf 12 Hours was also held as the final round of the Intercontinental GT Challenge season.