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## Bahrain world's 'fourth best travel destination'

TripAdvisor report

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nowned TripAdvisor index.

and travelers.

A report released by TripAd-

expanding economy.

#### **Cultural heritage**

itage. Manama, Bahrain's cap- of shops. This prestigious ranking placital, stands out for its vibrant es Bahrain just behind Japan, nightlife and diverse range of from oriental perfumes and Malaysia, and Argentina, based restaurants, cafes, and shopping spices to exquisite gold jewelon the opinions of global tourists centers, drawing visitors from ry, making it a must-visit desaround the globe.

pressive position, attributing it viting atmosphere for tourists to the country's status as a global looking to experience both confinancial hub with a robust and temporary entertainment and cultural exploration.

#### **Attractions**

The Kingdom of Bahrain has In addition, the report points Among the standout attractions are to the kingdom's wealth of tions is the historic Bab Al Bahthe best travel destinations in unique tourist attractions that rain Souq, renowned for its narthe world, according to the re- showcase its rich cultural her- row alleyways and eclectic mix

Visitors can find everything tination for those in search of The city's blend of tradition authentic heritage alongside visor highlights Bahrain's im- and modernity creates an in- modern shopping experiences.



Bahrain offers travelers a mix of history, culture, and modern luxury

#### **Stage set for Global Women Economic Forum**

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Inder the patronage of Her Royal Highness Princess Sabeeka bint Ibrahim Al Khalifa, Consort of His Majesty the King and President of the Supreme Council for Women (SCW), the Global Women Economic Forum and Exhibition will commence tomorrow at the Four Seasons Hotel in Bahrain Bay.

The event is organised by the Bahrain Businesswomen's Society to mark its silver jubilee, and will run until January 15.

The four-day forum will feature five key discussion panels focusing on diverse topics: "Innovative Diplomacy: Women Shaping Legal Landscapes", "Future-Ready: AI's Role in Shaping Education and So-", " Investing in Security - The Future of Cyber Ventures & Transactions", " Inclusive Growth: Financial Strategies for Entrepreneurial Success ", and " Innovation: The Economic Impact of Creativity and Orange Economy".

#### LA fire engulfs more areas

AFP | Los Angeles

The largest of the Los Angeles' fires spread toward previously untouched neighborhoods yesterday, forcing new evacuations and dimming hopes that the disaster was coming under control.Across the city, at least 11 people have died as multiple fires have ripped through residential areas since Tuesday.

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## Housing 'worries'

Soaring construction material costs in Bahrain alarm real estate experts

**H** Naser TDT | Manama

eal estate developers and industry professionals in Bahrain are warning of a looming crisis in affordable housing due to soaring construction material prices.

The construction business is facing sharply rising costs for several key materials such as gravel and bricks, and leading business figures are sounding alarm bells.

Jasem Mohammed Kadhem, CEO of Dar Al Sultan Real Estate, notes a significant gap between available financing and market prices, hindering sales despite strong buver interest.

sector," he warned, expressing many families can access. hopes that financial institutions will move to increase lending and raise financing limits to reflect current market realities.

Kadhem highlighted the dif- Hamla reaching BD70,000. ficulty for low-income fami-



He pointed to a sharp rise in Prices of gravel and bricks are rising sharply

entire real estate development the BD100,000 financing limit in construction.

#### **Small plots**

While alternative pro- crease in the cost of concrete rising from BD85 per square me- homeownership.

the price of ready-mix concrete lies to afford homes, even with grammes like land purchase as- (from BD5.5 to BD7.5), a BD12 "This casts a shadow over the reaches BD125,000, exceeding land requires further investment increase in brick prices.

#### **Price hikes**

Another developer, who pre- 30 other sectors. He also noted the high cost ferred to remain anonymous,

due to shortages, further driving existing programmes, as the sistance exist, these don't solve increase (approximately 30%) in up the cost of new housing units. cost of the cheapest units now the housing crisis for many as ready-mix concrete, and a 50%

> These increases, he claims, are unjustified and affect not hensive study and adjust housonly social housing but around

He reported a 20% increase in

A significant gap between available financing and market prices hinders sales despite strong buyer interest JASEM MOHAMMED KADHEM, CEO OF DAR AL SULTAN REAL ESTATE

ter last year to over BD100 today.

#### **Pessimism**

The developer expressed pessimism about prices decreasing, citing a black market for readymix concrete and delays of up to 10 days for delivery, forcing contractors to rent formwork for extended periods.

Developers are calling on the Ministry of Housing and Urban Planning to conduct a compreing finance levels to reflect the increased costs.

They fear that without inof land, citing small plots in Al confirmed the price hikes, not- overall construction costs, with tervention, many low-income ing a BD2 per square meter in- the cost of basic construction families will be priced out of

Health Ministry plan

## Bahrainis to replace expats in government hospitals

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workers with Bahraini nationof jobs in the public and private

als in government hospitals, achired between 2020 and 2023, ment hospitals.

While 594 Bahrainis were graduates to work in govern-

As per the response, 36% of The Ministry attributed in its ternal medicine (10 employees), on Page 3)

the workforce in government response the difficulty in replac- general surgery (9 employees), hospitals (1,951 employees) are ing foreign workers to a lack of radiology (9 employees), neurolforeign nationals, including 111 Bahraini applicants, insufficient ogy (7 employees), gynecology The Ministry of Health has doctors, 1,738 nurses, 85 support graduates, retirements of Bah- (6 employees), orthopedic (4 a plan to replace foreign staff, and 17 administrative staff. raini staff, and reluctance among employees), pathology (4 employees), and HBDC (1 employee), is contingent on securing cording to its response to the 930 foreign nationals were also The Ministry's plan, focusing sufficient budget, maintaining parliamentary committee in- hired, resulting in a 44% in- on replacing foreign workers in service levels, graduate availavestigating the nationalisation crease in foreign employment. anesthesiology (29 employees), bility, and accounting for em-However, 672 foreign employ- accident and emergency (21 em- ployee turnover, the response ees left during the same period. ployees), ICU (10 employees), in- stressed. (More related reports Doctors performing a surgery at



Salmaniya Medical Complex

## Historic milestone

The Indian School unveils plans for 75th anniversary celebrations this year with exciting activities

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he Indian School, Bahrain (ISB), is set to celebrate a significant milestone in its journey, marking its 75th anniversary this year.

As part of the celebrations, a series of events will be held to honour the school's rich history, achievements and its enduring commitment to the community.

The celebration details were a press conference held yester-

Committee Convener Prince S ed the press conference. Natarajan, Hon. Secretary V. Raber-Academics Ranjini Mohan, Jubilee logo will be unveiled. Hon. Member-Finance & IT Bonny Joseph, Hon. Member-Transport Mohammad Nayaz Ullah, G Satheesh, Middle Section year. Vice-Principal Jose Thomas,



ISB Hon. Chairman Adv. Binu Mannil Varughese speaks at the press conference

Mannil Varughese, Organising mar, and Shafi Parakatta attend-

japandian, Hon. Vice-Chairman this historic event will take place & Hon. Member HSSE and Sports on Thursday, January 23, 2025, Dr. Mohammed Faizal, Hon. at the school's Isa Town campus, Asst. Secretary & Hon. Mem- where the exclusive Platinum

#### Activities

The opening event will kick Principal VR Palaniswamy, Jun- off a series of exciting activities, ior Wing Principal Pamela Xa- including a variety of competivier, Senior School & Academic tions, workshops, and cultural Administration Vice-Principal programmes throughout the

In his announcement, ISB

announced by the school during Junior Wing Vice-Principal Pri- Hon. Chairman Adv. Binu Manya Laji and Staff Representative nil Varughese shared, "Our Parvathi Devadas, former Hon. school is home to students from ISB Hon, Chairman Adv. Binu Secretary Saji Antony, Vipin Ku- 18 nationalities, representing every state and union territory of India, creating a unique blend of The inaugural ceremony for cultures. As part of the celebra-



showcase organized.

75 schools across the Gulf will pation from parents. showcase their artistic talents.

#### **Artistic skills**

develop students' artistic skills, guages and cultures. tions, stu- including poster design and credents will ative writing contests, will be

from dif- trends and developments in the

ferent Indian states, reflecting education sector. Other exciting the cultural diversity of our na- events include quiz contests, intion." One of the key highlights ter-school competitions for stuof the celebrations will be the dents, teachers, and parents, as Aalekh Painting Contest, a major well as community sports events event to be held at the Isa Town aimed at fostering teamwork campus, where students from and encouraging active partici-

A Literary Festival is also planned, which will see a book exhibition in 75 languages, to Additionally, workshops to celebrate the diversity of lan-

#### Dance performance

One of the most anticipated The Education Conclave will spectacles of the year will be range of bring together leading educators a record-setting dance perforart forms and experts to discuss the latest mance at the National Stadium, where students will perform 75 different dance forms representing the cultural heritage of India.

A Global Alumni Meet will be organized to strengthen the bond between the school and its alumni, with an invitation extended to former students to register via a Google form circulated through the media.

The alumni meet will be an important occasion to discuss how alumni can continue to support and contribute to the growth of the school.



Organising Committee Convener Prince S Natarajan discusses the event's activities



## Bahrainisation a reality!

#### Local workforce success in 15 government entities

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ployment.

The report highlights the Tourism. significant progress made in these sectors towards com- Affairs, Capital Municipality plete nationalization of the Council, Muharraq Municipal workforce.

Council Affairs, Ministry of thority.

Labour, Ministry of Industry and Commerce, Ministry of report released by the Electricity and Water, Min-Aparliamentary committee istry of Housing and Urban investigating job nationalisa- Planning, Ministry of Sustaintion in Bahrain reveals that able Development, Ministry 15 government entities have of Social Development, Minachieved 100% Bahraini em- istry of Justice, Islamic Affairs and Endowments, Ministry of

Ministry of Youth and Sports Council, Northern Municipal The 15 entities achieving Council, Southern Municipal full nationalisation are the fol- Council, Real Estate Regulalowing: Ministry of the Shura tory Authority and Bahrain Council and Representatives Tourism and Exhibitions Au-

#### **GPIC** hires more Bahrainis in 2023, aims for 95% by 2025



GPIC provides recently graduated Bahraini employees with intensive training

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dustries Company (GPIC) has announced a significant contracting companies have increase in its Bahraini work- achieved 100% Bahraini emforce, reaching 93.6% in 2023, ployment, while a third boasts up from 86% in 2021.

In a response to a parliamentary committee investigating job nationalisation, the company stated its aim to achieve 95% Bahraini employment by

Over the four-year period 1492 Bahraini employees compared to 284 foreign employ- hiring foreign experts.

The company highlighted 1423 average salary for foreign to bridge any skills gap.

employees.

GPIC further emphasised **¬**ulf Petrochemicals In- its commitment to nationalisation, noting that two of its a 57% nationalisation rate.

#### Strategy

The company detailed its strategy for replacing foreign workers with Bahraini nationals. GPIC acknowledged that a shortage of local technicians from 2020 to 2023, GPIC hired and engineers with specialised skills sometimes necessitates

However, the company stated that it rigorously selects rethat the average salary for Bah- cently graduated Bahraini emraini employees is BD1,983, sig-ployees, providing them with nificantly higher than the BD intensive training programmes

## 82% of expats work in jobs shunned by locals

Most earn under BD200 a month

**Mohammed Darwish** TDT | Manama

ighty-two per cent of expats in Bahrain are working in jobs avoided by locals, with most earning less than BD200 a month, the Ministry of Labour has revealed.

Responding to a parliamentary investigation into Bahrainisation, the ministry said the labour market depends heavily on foreign workers in lowskilled roles.

It pointed out that 72 per cent of expats earn below BD200, while only 7 per cent are in highly skilled jobs earning more than BD600.

#### **Breakdown**

The ministry provided a de- placements planned. tailed breakdown, showing that 350,000 expats — making up 74 per cent of the foreign workforce – are employed in sectors such as construction, restaurants, hotels, workshops, and garages.

Most of these workers have qualifications no higher than high school.

In the public sector, the Civil Service Bureau confirmed that foreign workers are required by contract to train Bahraini counterparts, ensuring a transfer of skills and paving the way for locals to take over their roles.

#### **Foreign expertise**

This policy supports the government's efforts to prioritise Bahraini talent while benefiting from foreign expertise.

Currently, there are 6,390 foreign workers in government roles, representing 16 per cent of the public sector workforce. Most are employed in educa-

tion and healthcare. Bahrainis have already fully

replaced foreign staff in healthcare centres, with further re-



**Ministry of Labour** 

#### **Retirement scheme**

up 82 per cent of government raini recruits time to meet job employees, their numbers have requirements, and part-time dropped to 41,000 due to a voluntary retirement scheme.

However, public sector recruitment remains focused on Bahrainis, with 6,036 locals employed between 2020 and 2023, including over 1,000 last year.

Foreign workers in the public sector are hired only when qualified Bahrainis are unavailable.

The Bureau ensures this by conducting internal postings and checking its job database, 14,000 applications.

#### **Contracts**

interviews to assess whether a 7,000 to 6,390. Bahraini is ready to take over.

Foreign staff include 60 in advisory positions, alongside 3,525 in education, 2,157 in healthcare, 417 in engineering, and 231 in technical roles.

The Bureau stressed the need find jobs due to a mismatch becent are women.

for a steady approach to Bahrainisation to avoid disruption.

Temporary contracts are of-Despite Bahrainis making ten issued to allow new Bahcontracts are used for task-specific roles.

#### Clauses

All foreign workers' contracts include clauses mandating training for Bahrainis.

Budget constraints remain an obstacle in some cases, though the Bureau said it processes recruitment requests quickly when a clear need arises.

It also oversees Bahrainisawhich currently holds over tion plans implemented by government entities to ensure compliance with legal requirements.

Since 2019, the number of for-Renewal of contracts for for- eign public sector workers has tween their qualifications and eign workers is conditional on dropped by 15 per cent, from market demands.

#### Challenges

The Ministry of Labour also addressed challenges in the pri-rain's 18,218 registered job seekvate sector, noting that many ers, 70 per cent of whom are

The Ministry of Labour is working with the Labour Fund, Tamkeen, to train job seekers and support private companies in covering salaries for Bahraini employees.

Fields like law, media, and literature were singled out as having limited opportunities.

This has contributed to Bah-Bahraini graduates struggle to university graduates, and 73 per

#### Asry's nationalisation efforts face big challenges despite progress

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A parliamentary committee investigating job nationalisation in Bahrain has released a report revealing that while Arab Shipbuilding and Repair Yard Company (Asry) has increased its Bahraini workforce, significant challenges remain.

The report shows that Asry's nationalisation rate reached 33.3% in 2023, up from 25.3%

ued high number of foreign employees.

foreign employees compared manual labour, technical, and

to 672 Bahraini employees. many foreign workers, with quantitative surveying.



68 having had their contracts However, this progress is renewed five times, 169 four overshadowed by the contin- times, 118 three times, 92 twice, and 114 once.

Foreign workers are pre-The company reported 1344 dominantly employed in specialised roles requiring The report highlights the skills in electricity, mechanics, long-term employment of welding, maritime work, and

#### Reduces foreign employees by 986 in four years

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A parliamentary committee report investigating job nationalisation reveals that the Ministry of Education has made significant progress in replacing foreign workers with Bahraini nationals.

Ministry employed 2,672 Bah- education, French language in- in the public or private sectors raini citizens while simultane- struction, and music education. instead. ously reducing its foreign workforce by 986 employees.

Currently, 3,074 foreign na-

these foreign teachers fill crucial roles in specialised areas currently lacking Bahraini expertise, including industrial



Between 2020 and 2023, the Initiatives are underway to develop new teacher training programmes

**Education Ministry employs 2,672 locals** 

A key challenge highlighted tionals remain employed by the uates, particularly those spon- to increase its capacity. Ministry, primarily as teachers. sored by the Ministry for over-The Ministry clarified that seas studies, to pursue teaching two academic years have been

#### **Positions**

Many opt for other positions accelerate nationalisation.

in the report is the reluctance of is actively collaborating with highly qualified Bahraini grad- the Bahrain Teachers College

All new students in the past enrolled in the Bachelor of Ed- in Education (General Sciucation programme to meet the ence) programme will also be Ministry's immediate needs and launched in the 2024-2025 ac-

The Ministry plans to reopen the Bachelor of Education "To address this, the Ministry programme for science, mathematics, Arabic, Islamic studies, and English, increasing student intake in the coming years," the Ministry's response stated.

"A new Bachelor of Science ademic year.

## news of bahrain

#### Shura set to debate today tax treaty with Hong Kong

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taxation under a new agree- ensure fairer tax practices. ment with Hong Kong, which Shura Council will discuss to-

economic collaboration, as Bahrain looks to add to the 45 double taxation treaties it has signed with countries around the world.

The proposed agreement ation on income and curb tax system. dodging.

and Economic Affairs Committee of the Shura Council, vovernment investments the pact represents a shared and income from natural ambition by both governments resources will be exempt from to deepen economic ties and Barriers

By removing barriers like overlapping tax obligations, The arrangement is part of the agreement is expected to a broader effort to encourage benefit residents and businesses in Bahrain and Hong Kong

The Ministry of Finance and National Economy stated that these agreements are part of a wider effort to bring fairness aims to eliminate double tax- and transparency to the tax

They also aim to prevent According to the Financial profit-shifting to tax havens.

#### Court rejects claim for BD3.5m Manama hotel purchase refund



**H** Naser TDT | Manama

A Gulf national's attempt to reclaim BD3.5 million paid for a Manama hotel three and a half years ago has been rejected by the High Civil Court.

The buyer claimed fraud in the sale agreement, citing a subsequent violation that led to the revocation of the hotel's

that the violation, which occurred more than three years after the sale, was the buyer's responsibility and not grounds for a refund.

seller concealed building code time of purchase. violations that prevented the renewal of the hotel's license.

He claimed he had cancelled the existing commercial registration in order to obtain a improvements, furniture, fixnew one in his name, but was tures, and equipment, but not unsuccessful due to the out- the tourism license itself. standing violations requiring demolition of parts of the hotel, effectively rendering it unsuitable for hotel operations.

that the seller had concealed related to the sale of the propthese violations.

However, the seller's lawyer, Zuhair Abdullateef, present- that the buyer had inspected ed evidence contradicting the the property before the purbuyer's claims.

He pointed out that the pre- and paid the full price.



However, the court ruled Zuhair Abdullateef, seller's lawyer

sale agreement was signed on March 7, 2019, while the buver received the tourism license for the hotel on April 5, 2019, demonstrating that the viola-The buyer alleged that the tions were not concealed at the

> Abdullateef highlighted that the agreement between both parties explicitly stated that the sale included the building,

"The buyer's attempt to obtain a new license in his name The buyer's lawyer argued was a separate action and not erty," Abdullateef argued.

> The court's decision stressed chase, accepted its condition,

# Ledger's revelations on drug distribution

Narcotics smuggling scheme exposed in Bahrain involving Asian man and girlfriend

**H** Naser TDT | Manama

meticulously kept ledger detailing drug transactions has become a key piece of evidence in the case against an Asian man and his girlfriend, both of whom are accused of smuggling and distributing narcotics in Bahrain.

The High Criminal Court, which heard the initial proceedings, adjourned the trial until January 13 to allow the defense time to respond to the evidence, which includes the ledger that allegedly documents sales, profits, and distribution methods.

The ledger, discovered during a search of the Asian suspect's residence, revealed a sophisticated operation spanning several years.

#### Intelligence

The Anti-drugs Directorate of the Ministry of Interior had received intelligence suggesting the man was involved in drug trafficking, using a network of



Image used for illustrative purposes only

narcotics smuggled internally similar operations. from his home country.

The ledger confirmed this ous transactions and providing network. crucial insights into the scale of the operation.

allegedly smuggled drugs on The money was good, so I conmultiple occasions between tinued," the woman told pros-2022 and 2024, earning between ecutors, although she pleaded BD400 and BD1,700 per trip.

#### Operations

He confessed to years of drug use and admitted to smuggling, from the Public Prosecution, January 13th to hear the de-"dead drops" to distribute the identifying others involved in uncovered drug parapherna- fense's arguments.

His female accomplice, who he met at a nightclub, allegedinformation, detailing numer- ly assisted in the distribution

"He introduced me to this business and the idea of mak-The accused Asian national ing money from it when we met. not guilty in the trial.

#### **Search warrant**

A search warrant, obtained



The ledger details numerous transactions and provides crucial insights into the scale of the operation.

lia at the suspect's residence, including cutting agents, packaging materials, and various

The prosecution alleges that the defendants operated as part of a larger international drug trafficking network.

The court will reconvene on

### Blow over Hajj registration system failures

**Mohammed Darwish** TDT | Manama

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m ahrain's}$  newly introduced Hajj registration system has drawn criticism for causing disruption to long-standing campaigns, some of which have been operating for more than 80 years.

Five MPs are now calling for a parliamentary investigation to scrutinise the system's rollout and address complaints of technical failures and a lack of fairness.

The MPs behind the request — Mohammed Al Olaiwi, Zainab implemented, and managed. AbdulAmeer, Abdulwahid Qa-Fardan — have pointed to the platform's technical issues. system's flawed introduction, which they claim caused widespread confusion among Hajj contractors and pilgrims alike.

#### Examination

The request for the inquiry, day.



MP Hanan Fardan

calls for a thorough examination

rata, Hamad Al Doy, and Hanan expressed frustration over the trants.

According to the explanatory memorandum, the registration system crashed during its first cerns about transparency. hours of operation, and the elec-



MP Mohammed Al Alaiwi

of how the system was planned, offline again at 9 a.m., reopening official registration records and late in the night without prior applications submitted by pil-Campaign organisers have notice to organisers or regis- grims.

#### **Concerns**

The request also raises con-

Hajj contractors were allegtronic key required for access edly unable to view how many that damaged the reputations was deactivated on the opening registrants were allocated to of campaigns with decades of their campaigns, while discrep- service.



MP Zainab AbdulAmeer

The platform reportedly went ancies were found between the

Adding to the frustration, the filtering results were published 12 days before the registration window closed, leading to what organisers described as misleading promotional efforts



Palakkad Toastmasters hosted a grand finale event for its Youth Leadership Program (YLP) 2024, showcasing the remarkable talents of 21 young leaders. The event, held at Ahlia University, provided a platform for these young individuals to demonstrate the communication and leadership skills they developed throughout the program. The program was attended by Toastmasters District 20 officials and General Secretary of Palakkad Arts and cultural theatre (PAACT). The finale was a resounding success, with the young participants delivering impressive speeches, engaging in thought-provoking debates, and demonstrating their newfound confidence in front of an audience of parents, Toastmasters, and esteemed guests.

## FL00SS signs agreement with LuLu Retail PLC

To provide "Buy Now, Pay Later" services via "PIE" Point of Sale Systems



Officials following the deal signing TDT | Manama

LOOSS, the leading provider of digital financial solutions in Bahrain, has announced a landmark agreement with LuLu Retail PLC. This partnership will enable customers at LuLu hypermarkets in Bahrain to purchase items on an installment basis through the "Buy Now, Pay Later" service recently

LuLu is committed to offering the best deals as part of its efforts to make quality lifestyle choices affordable to shoppers. The FLOOSS Buy-Now-Pay-Later option enhances responsible spending patterns and is a win-win choice for LuLu as well as our customers. We are also happy that LuLu is the platform for promoting a home-grown Bahraini financial App and service like FLOOSS because we take our corporate responsibility in supporting Bahraini enterprise seriously- and

this is one cutting-edge example.

MR. JUZER RUPAWALA LULU RETAIL DIRECTOR

innovative solutions designed instalments, thereby empower- enhancement of local trade. to facilitate purchasing and en- ing them to acquire what they hance the shopping experience need without straining their budgets. Through this agree-

launched by FLOOSS as part of its the option to pay in convenient consumers and contribute to the Central Bank of Bahrain, which in Bahrain. With the 'Buy Now, their evolving needs." specializes in accepting com- Pay Later' service, we aim to FLOOSS will further this partmercial payments and serves facilitate access to products and nership by delivering new and as an exclusive sales arm for services, allowing customers to innovative experiences that The service will be available FLOOSS. PIE offers payment ac- enjoy a seamless and convenient bolster local trade and satisfy This service will allow cus- ment, FLOOSS reaffirms its com- via the point-of-sale systems ceptance services to over 6,000 shopping experience. We be- consumer needs, thereby contomers to buy products immedi- mitment to delivering flexible provided by PIE, a payment ser- merchants, providing innova- lieve that this service will make tributing to the development of

Bahrain.

On this occasion, Mr. Fawaz Ghazal, CEO of FLOOSS, stated: laboration with PIE will enable "We are excited to announce us to expand our service offerour partnership with LuLu In- ings and drive further innovaternational Group, which rep- tion in payment solutions. We resents a significant step for- are committed to providing the ward in enhancing the shop- best services to our customers ping experience for customers and are always striving to meet ately while providing them with financial solutions that support vices provider licensed by the tive solutions for transaction a substantial difference in the the Bahraini market.

processing. These point-of- local market, and we look forsale systems will be available ward to achieving further sucacross LuLu hypermarkets cesses in collaboration with our partners."

Mr. Ghazal added: "Our col-

#### UK treasurer says London 'natural home' for Chinese finance

British treasurer Rachel Reeves said Saturday that London was a "natural home" for Chinese finance during a visit to Beijing in the shadow of bond market turmoil back

Reeves, whose formal title is chancellor of the exchequer, is the most senior British government official to visit China since then-prime minister Theresa May held talks with President Xi Jinping seven years ago.

The trip comes as the yield on British government bonds reached a 17-year high this week, further complicating the efforts to revitalise growth.



**British Finance Minister Rachel Reeves** (L) shakes hands with Chinese Vice **Premier He Lifeng** 

Speaking at the reopening of giving specific details. long-suspended finance talks ruling Labour Party's sputtering between the two countries, Vice Premier He Lifeng, said mission of this government, to Reeves said London was a "nat- experience showed that "as long make our country better off," The increase makes it more ural home for China's financial as China and the UK respect she said, adding that her visit costly for the government to services firms and your clients each other... relations between would "unlock tangible benefits

for Chinese firms seeking to in a healthy way". build a global footprint".

markets, but said both countries financial crisis, but a spokesneeded to work more closely on "regulatory cooperation".

At a later press briefing, Reeves said "common ground" had been found on financial serchange and other areas.

repay debt, raising risks it will be worth £600 million (\$732 the last few days", but said the have to make spending cuts or million) for the British economy fiscal rules she set out in her over the next five years, without

Her Chinese counterpart,

Reeves faced pressure from She hailed "opportunities to the parliamentary opposition deepen connections" on capital to stay home and address the person for Prime Minister Keir Starmer said this week she had not planned to cancel her "long-standing" trip.

On a visit to British bicyvices, trade, investment, climate cle-maker Brompton's Beijing showroom earlier Saturday, She said the total value of Reeves acknowledged "moves what had been agreed would in global financial markets over October budget were "non-negotiable".

"Growth is the number one finance current operations and raising capital, and a launchpad our two countries can develop for British businesses".

#### Thousands of flights cancelled, delayed over US storm

San Francisco, United States

More than 3,000 flights Lwere cancelled Friday and thousands more hit by delays due to a storm in the southern United States, airlines and tracking website FlightAware reported.

Delta Airlines said a "worse-than-expected mix of cause of an engine problem. winter weather" prompted the shutdown of all five runways at and crew aboard the Boeing Atlanta International Airport 757-300 had to exit via emerfor more than two hours.

"Delta canceled approximately 1,100 flights across our Saturday"

abort take-off at Atlanta be- ing to FlightAware.



Representative picture

More than 200 passengers

gency slides, US media report-

ed citing a company statement. Dallas Fort Worth (Texas) network" Friday, the carrier and Charlotte Douglas (North said as it was "working to re- Carolina) were also affected cover the airline heading into by the bad weather, with more than 1,200 flights cancelled A Delta plane also had to across the two airports accord-

"father of the nation"

years, and becomes known as the

tory of Southeast Asia

begins his final fast

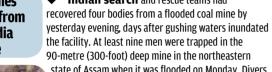
Earthquake devastates Haiti killing approximately 160,000 and destroying the majority of the capital Port-au-Prince

#### **News in brief**

 Ukraine said vesterdav that investigators were questioning two wounded North Korean soldiers after they were captured in Russia's Kursk region, saying they provided "indisputable evidence" that North Koreans were fighting for Moscow. It is not the first time that Kyiv has claime the capture of North Korean soldiers during its Kursk incursion but it has not reported being able to question any before. In December it said it took several captive but they died from serious wounds."Our

questioning 2 soldiers captured North Korean soldiers in the Kursk region. These are two soldiers

who, although wounded, survived and were brought to Kyiv, and are talking to SBU investigators," Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky wrote on social



Disaster Response Force told AFP, speaking on condition of anonymity as they were not authorised to

talk to media. "Waters are still very high inside. But we could see see three bodies

**♦ The new Lebanese** President Joseph Aoun said yesterday his first official overseas trip would be to Saudi Arabia during a call with the Gulf kingdom's de facto leader, the president's office said. Lawmakers elected the 61-year-old army chief on Thursday, bringing to an end two years without a president for the multi-confessional, crisis-wracked that Saudi Arabia would be his "first destination", his office said. Analysts say Saudi Arabia's last-minute support was decisive in Aoun's election.



Lebanon's new

summit snubbed by Taliban



Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Malala Yousafzai (C) attends an international summit on 'Girls' Education in Muslim Communities', in Islamabad

Islamabad, Pakistan

hosted by Pakistan has brought "The entire Muslim world together education officials has agreed that girls' educafrom dozens of Muslim-ma- tion is important, and those jority countries, but without who say that girls' education is Afghanistan -- the only coun- un-Islamic are wrong," he said. try in the world where girls are Roza Otunbayeva, the head banned from school.

ing Pakistan faces significant (UNAMA), urged leaders of challenges in ensuring equi- Islamic countries to support table access to education for Afghan girls. girls," Prime Minister Shehbaz "I really call on all these

extended an invitation to Ka- a panel.

bul, "but no one from the Afghan government was at the

stan's Taliban government. -- said religion was no grounds

of the United Nations Assis-"The Muslim world includ- tance Mission in Afghanistan

It said it targeted the premises because "the school had been

Sharif said at the opening of ministers ... who came from the summit in the capital Is- all over the world, to offer scholarships, to have online Pakistan Education Minis- education, to have all sorts of ter Khalid Maqbool Siddiqui education for them. This is told AFP that Islamabad had the task of the day," she told

## S. Korea says Jeju Air jet black boxes stopped recording before crash

AFP | Seoul, South Korea

he black boxes holding the flight data and cockpit voice recorders for the crashed Jeju Air flight that left 179 people dead stopped recording four minutes before the disaster, South Korea's transport ministry said vesterday.

The Boeing 737-800 was flying from Thailand to Muan, South Korea, on December 29 carrying 181 passengers and crew when it belly-landed at the Muan airport and exploded in a fireball after slamming into a concrete barrier. It was the worst-ever aviation

disaster on South Korean soil. "The analysis revealed that both the CVR and FDR data were not recorded during the four minutes leading up to the aircraft's collision with the localiser" the transport ministry said in a statement, referring to the two record-

The localiser is a barrier at the



The cockpit voice recorder (CVR) retrieved from Jeju Air flight 2216



Firefighters take part in a search operation near the site where a Jeiu Air Boeing 737-800 aircraft crashed and burst into flames end of the runway that helps with at Muan International Airport in Muan, some 288 kilometres southwest of Seoul

aircraft landings and was blamed holding clues to the flight's final national outpouring of mourning

The damaged flight data re- out what happened corder had been deemed unre- "Plans are in place to invesportation Safety Board laboratory. gators are still probing the cause happened.

sent it to the United States for vestigation," the ministry said. added they would not give up on "As the minister responsible analysis at the US National Trans- South Korean and US investi- trying to find out why the crash for aviation safety, I feel a heavy

coverable for data extraction by tigate the cause of the data loss Investigators said the boxes Sang-woo offered his resignation South Korean authorities, who during the ongoing accident in- were crucial to their probe but this week.

for exacerbating the crash's se- moments experienced data loss, with memorials set up across the country leaving authorities trying to find country.

But it appears that the boxes of the crash, which prompted a "The investigation will be conthis tragedy," he said.

ducted through the examination and analysis of various data. The Committee is committed to doing its best to accurately determine the cause of the accident," the ministry said.

Investigators have pointed to a bird strike, faulty landing gear and the runway barrier as possi-

The pilot warned of a bird strike before pulling out of a first landing, then crashed on a second attempt when the landing gear did not emerge.

This week, lead investigator ee Seung-yeol told reporters that feathers were found" in one of the plane's recovered engines, but cautioned a bird strike does not lead to an immediate engine

Authorities have raided offices at Muan airport where the crash took place, a regional aviation office in the southwestern city, and Jeju Air's office in the capital

They also barred Jeju Air's chief executive from leaving the

sense of responsibility regarding

Rival parties later formed a joint task force to probe the crash, while Transport Minister Park

### Indonesia's Mount Ibu erupts, spews hot lava and smoke



Mount Ibu spewing volcanic material approximately 4,000 meters high during an eruption

**AFP** | Jakarta, Indonesia

Avolcano in eastern Indo- told to vacate a zone four nesia erupted on Saturday, to 5.5 kilometres from the spewing hot lava and releasing peak. a column of smoke and ash four kilometres (3.1 miles) into ple to wear face masks and the air, an official said.

Mount Ibu, on Halmahera volcanic ash rain. island in North Maluku prov- Ibu is one of Indonesia's ince, erupted at 7:45 pm cen- most active volcanoes, erupttral Indonesia time (1145 GMT), ing more than 2,000 times last sending a tall flaming column year.

soaring into the sky. kilometres away from the of 2022, according to official eruption centre," Geological figures.

monitoring post showed a due to its position on the Pabright red column of flame and cific "Ring of Fire". thick, dark smoke billowing Last year, Mount Ruang

tors and villagers have been

protective goggles in case of

evacuation order, but visi-

More than 700,000 people "The lava was spotted two lived on Halmahera island as

high above the volcano crater. in North Sulawesi province The volcano is currently still erupted more than half a dozon the second highest alert en times, forcing thousands of

There has been no new evacuate.

The agency also urged peo-

Agency head Muhammad Indonesia, a vast archipelago Wafid said in a statement. nation, experiences frequent Images from the volcano seismic and volcanic activity

residents of nearby islands to



We have just endured the hottest decade on record. Individual years pushing past the 1.5 degree limit do not mean the long-term goal is shot. It means we need to fight even harder to get on track. @antonioguterres



Dresident Jimmy Carter's resolute and humble leadership saved millions of lives. I hope his legacy will serve as a guide for the world and Center art museum. generations to come.

into dry brush.

Los Angeles residents have over their own houses.

LA fires expand as winds forecast to pick up



Kyle Kucharski hugs his partner Nicole Perri as they stand on the ruins of their house destroyed by the Palisades Fire in the Pacific Palisades neighborhood of Los Angeles, California

AFP | Los Angeles, United

The largest of the Los An-Residents like Nicole Perri, ■ geles' fires spread toward whose home in the upscale previously untouched neigh- Pacific Palisades burnt down, new evacuations and dimming pletely let us down." coming under control.

fires have ripped through res- in Altadena.

Despite huge firefighting as "deeply troubling." efforts, the Palisades fire's ex- "We need answers to how pansion prompted evacuation that happened," he wrote in an orders in ritzy neighborhoods open letter. along its eastern flank, which

Winds were forecast to pick up again on Saturday after a have already been made across brief lull, posing the risk of Los Angeles, where some resnew fires as embers are blown idents have organized street

disaster as they grapple with enforcement.

borhoods yesterday, forcing told AFP that officials "comhopes that the disaster was "I don't think the officials

the ruin and local anger rises

over officials' preparedness

and response.

were prepared at all," said Across the city, at least 11 James Brown, a 65-year-old people have died as multiple retired lawyer across the city

idential areas since Tuesday, California Governor Gavin razing thousands of homes in Newsom on Friday ordered destruction that US President a "full independent review," Joe Biden likened to a "war describing the lack of water supplies during the initial fires

As reports of looting grew, a include the famous Getty sunset-to-sunrise curfew was

imposed in evacuated areas. Around two dozen arrests patrols and kept armed watch

increasingly demanded to The National Guard has know who is at fault for the been deployed to bolster law

## Gaza rescuers say eight dead in Israel strike on school building Eight students recovering after Japan university hammer attack



A police car sits at the entrance to Hosei University's Tama campus af AFP | Tokyo, Japan

hammer-wielding woman in told Japanese broadcaster TV a classroom are recuperating Asahi. and none required hospitali- "Everyone was panicking. I sation, their school has said. was so scared at first that my A 22-vear-old student who hands were shaking."

identified herself as South Ko- The eight who were hurt rean was arrested on the spot all received medical treat-Friday on suspicion of assault, ment and ended up requira Tokyo police spokesman told ing no hospitalisation, Hosei

ing investigative sources. campus safety".

The attacker began swinging a hammer in the classroom Eight Tokyo university "all of a sudden", a student students attacked by a who witnessed the incident

University said in a statement Several reports had said late Friday. "We will cooperate people were seen bleeding with police investigations and from the head after the attack, care for students and faculwhich public broadcaster NHK ty shocked by the incident," said had been motivated by the institution said, adding effrustration over bullying, cit- forts would be made to "ensure

## mocracy in Venezuela



Nicolas Maduro clearly

lost the 2024 presidential

election and has no right

to claim the presidency

today. We stand ready to

support a return to de-

@SecBlinken

Nederal disaster assis-**\Gamma** tance is available for those who have been impacted by the wildfires in Southern California. @KamalaHarris

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#### Sudan army says entered key RSF-held Al-Jazira state capital



People displaced by conflict bid farewell to locals from Port Sudan in northeastern Sudan

AFP | Port Sudan, Sudan

"congratulated" the Sudanese city's eastern entrance". Madani this morning".

itaries have been at war since cember 2023.

The Sudanese military displacement crisis and dec-**1** and allied armed groups larations of famine in parts of launched an offensive Sat- the northeast African country. urday on key Al-Jazira state A video the army shared on capital Wad Madani, entering social media showed fighters

April 2023, leading to what

the UN calls the world's worst

the city after more than a year claiming to be inside Wad of paramilitary control, the Madani, after an army source army said. The armed forces told AFP they had "stormed the people in a statement on "our The footage appeared to be

forces entering the city of Wad shot on the western side of Hantoub Bridge in northern Sudan's army and Rapid Wad Madani, which has been Support Forces (RSF) paramil- under RSF control since De-

**Ukraine savs** captured North Korean soldiers

◆ Indian search and rescue teams had

state of Assam when it was flooded on Monday. Divers spent the following days scouring the tunnels for signs of any survivors. Rescuers retrieved the first body on Tuesday with three more taken out on Saturday. "The water level is receding inside the mine as pumps have been drawing out water," an official from the National

today and retrieved them.'

president says to country. Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman called to congratulate Aoun on Saturday and invited him to visit his country, the Lebanese presidency and official Saudi news agency SPA said. Aoun responded



SPOTLIGHT Malala Yousafzai at Muslim girls' education



Nobel Peace Prize laureate conference".
Malala Yousafzai yester- Muhammad al-Issa, a Saudi day joined a global summit on cleric and secretary general of the education of Muslim girls the Muslim World League -that was snubbed by Afghani- which has backed the summit

The two-day conference for blocking girls from school.

a strike on the facility. It said the air force "conducted a precise strike on a command-and-control centre" that had previously served as the Halwa school in Jabaliya.

Hamas.

used by Hamas to plan and execute attacks". The attack was the latest in a buildings housing displaced peo- Strip



series of Israeli strikes on school Palestinians gather to receive aid food being distributed along the roadside at the Nuseirat refugee camp in the central Gaza

ple in Gaza, where fighting has A strike on the United Na- tral Gaza on September 11 drew agency for Palestinian refugees, Israeli figures, which includes raged for more than 14 months. tions-run Al-Jawni school in ceninternational outcry after the UN UNRWA, said six of its staff were hostages killed in captivity.

At least 46,537 Palestinians, a majority of them civilians, have been killed in Israel's military campaign in Gaza since the war began, according to data provided by the health ministry. The United Nations has acknowledged these figures as reliable. The October 7 attack that triggered it resulted in the deaths of

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military campaign in Gaza

since the war began.

among the 18 reported dead.

The Israeli military accus-

es Hamas of hiding in school

buildings where thousands of

Gazans have sought shelter -- a

charge denied by the Palestinian

#### 1,208 people on the Israeli side, most of them civilians, according to an AFP tally based on official

#### Rihanna claps back at social media troll



Rihanna

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Rihanna has hit back at a social media troll who referred to her as "forehead".

The 36-year-old singer lashed out at the troll, after she posted a video of herself on Instagram celebrating her own sobriety and the start of 2025.

In the video - which was filmed from inside a hotel room in New York City -Rihanna says: "Y'all I didn't drink all year. I didn't drink all year!'

But in response, one user - named Lorenzo - called on the chart-topping star to release her long-awaited new album, while he also mocked her appearance.

Lorenzo's message read: "We want an album forehead (sic)"

However, Rihanna - who hasn't released an album since 'Anti' in 2016 - was quick to fire back at the

She said: "Listen, Lorenzo! You ain't cute enough to be calling me by my Black name, you dizzy f\*\*\*! (sic)"

Rihanna has largely focused on her fashion and beauty brands in recent years.

The singer has enjoyed huge success with her Fenty Beauty brand, and Rihanna previously revealed that she's very hands-on with the company's products.

The award-winning star - who founded the beauty brand back in 2017 - told TIME magazine: "I have 100 percent involvement in this process, which is what makes this so special and very fun.

"I have so much creative freedom from products to packaging, and that's really the only way this brand will stay true to my vision for it."

## Ryan Reynolds insists women are 'held to different standards'

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m R}$  yan Reynolds has insisted women are "held to a different set of standards".

The 48-year-old actor - who Ends With Us' director is married to fellow star Blake and co-star of sexual har-Lively - has claimed women assment, and the talent both in the industry and in agency has now denied every day life have to "hide claims made in their strength" in order to suc-

Speaking as he presented the Ryan and best film of the year prize to Blake pres-'Wicked' at the National Board sured the of Review Annual Awards Gala company to on Tuesday, he said: "'Wicked' is indeed wicked, It dares to as a client. centre on two powerful women.

"It examines a nuanced, complex relationship which has res- m e n t onated with people for over two given decades on stage...

"Stories about women seem Hollyto be held to a different set of standards, and that is to say that R e they're often held to the standards women are held to in life.

"You must be perfect. You said: must must hide your strength. "In Bal-You must shape-shift or pla-

Meanwhile, WME has rub- a claim that bished the idea that Ryan Reyn- Reynolds

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**Ryan Reynolds** 



**Dwayne Johnson welcomes the 'global** embrace of Polynesian culture'

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wavne 'The Rock' Johnson loves showcasing Polynesian culture through the 'Moana' franchise.

The 52-year-old actor voices Maui in the Disney animated film franchise, and Dwayne has admitted to being particularly proud of the movies, which are set in Polynesia. The Hollywood

star - whose dad was Nova Scotian and whose mother was Samoan - told E! News: "The thing about 'Moana' - and I think the success about 'Moana' - and I wanna thank everybody out there, it's just been this global embrace of our

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vere emotional

distress".

Polynesian culture, and it's really cool."

Dwavne also loves that the movies can inspire young girls. The actor - who has Jasmine, nine, and Tiana, six, with

his wife Lauren Hashian, as well as Simone, 23, with Dany Garcia - said: "Of everything that I love about Moana, the thing that I love most is my daughters, all three of my daughters, see themselves

> in Moana. And I think this idea of emboldening and empowering our young women and how important

> > that is. "And I get to run around, with my long hair as Maui, and go, 'Cheehoo,' and embolden our young girls - it's awesome." **Dwayne Johnson**

#### Jennifer Lopez's children can be 'brutally honest' with her about various things

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**J**ennifer Lopez's children are often "brutally honest"

and admitted that while they can be absorbed in their own lives some of the time, they are willing to give their opinion on her work.

She told E! News: "I think kids are like kind of wrapped uр i n their own lives a bit, but if you ask them, they will give you their honest opinion about everything, you know what I

mean? "They're ready to be brutally honest Jennifer Lopez

with you at times."

The 'Unstoppable' star even noted that she enjoys hearing what her children have to say The 55-year-old pop su- about what she has done and perstar has twins 15-year-old will even encourage it because twins Max and Emme with she wants to get the perspecher ex-husband Marc Anthony tive of those from a different

generation. She said: " like my kids to see my work and know what I'm doing, and I'll

share certain things with them and say, 'What do you think of this?' or, 'What do you think of that? And they always

have an interesting perspective, because they're from a different generation."

### Selena Gomez feels 'lucky' to work with Steve Martin and Martin Short

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🗬 elena Gomez feels "so lucky" Oto work with Steve Martin and Martin Short.

The 32-year-old actress stars alongside the veteran comedy stars on 'Only Murders in the Building', and Selena relishes the experience of working with Steve, 79, and Martin, 74.

During an appearance on 'Jimmy Kimmel Live!', Selena shared: "I'm so lucky to be with Steve and Marty every day."

Steve actually congratulated his co-star on her recent engagement to Benny Blanco, the Selena Gomez with Steve Martin and Martin Short record producer, by sending a actress, Selena replied: "Well, to prioritise her acting career. message to Selena's assistant.

The brunette beauty - who made sure he sent my assistant a little text." an email, so my assistant could tell me congratulations. That's how he communicates."

Asked whether Steve intended to send the message to Selena's assistant or directly to the recently revealed that she plans acting.



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plays Mabel Mora on their hit to be polite and it's very kind. is separate. However, I don't see TV show - explained: "Steve But sometimes it's OK to send that being a forever thing."

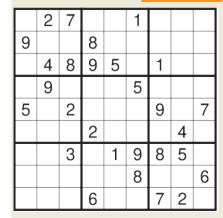
> cant success as a singer and as ceded that she's now "a little too an actress during the course of old for the pop-star life". her career.

> But the former Disney star think my strong suit is probably

She told Variety: "I love sto-She added: "He always tries rytelling, and my music career

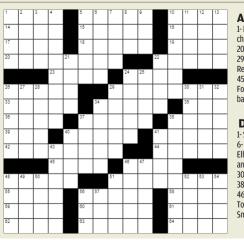
Selena considers acting to be Selena has enjoyed signifi- her "strong suit", and she con-She explained: "I definitely

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## Sri Lanka crush New Zealand in finale

Sri Lanka salvages ODI series pride with a commanding 140-run victory in Auckland

New Zealand collapsed to 21-5 early in their chase

Nissanka top-scored for Sri Lanka with 66

New Zealand won the three-match series 2-1

**AFP** | Auckland

🦳 ri Lanka razed New Zealand's top-order yesterday to comfortably win the third one-day international in Auckland by 140 runs and salvage a lone victory in the series.

The home side's hopes of chasing down Sri Lanka's 290-8 nosedived when they crumbled to 21-5 at Eden Park, before being dismissed for 150 off 29.4

Sri Lanka rebounded after suffering heavy defeats in the first two games to cede the threematch series.

It mirrored the pattern of the pable of.



Sri Lanka's Asitha Fernando celebrates a wicket

preceding T20 series, which New Zealand also won 2-1.

Asalanka was pleased his side both series," he said. could show what they are ca-

"I think it's always great to make comeback like this but unlethal seam bowling from Asitha Sri Lanka captain Charith fortunately, we lost first two of Fernando and Eshan Malinga,

to watch."

The visitors were led by some who claimed three wickets each, "But today, this was a pleasure as did spinner Maheesh Theek-



Sri Lanka's Pathum Nissanka top-scored with 66 off 42 balls despite retiring hurt with an apparent hip injury, and then returning to add more runs

Fernando (3-26) was the chief destroyer with the new ball as overs.

The victory margin would batsman the last out when he batting effort. was bowled by Theekshana (3-

reached 20, with five of the top

#### **Scorecard**

Sri Lanka 290 for 8 (Nissanka 66, Kusal 54, Liyanage 53, Henry 4-55, Santner 2-55) beat New Zealand 150 (Chapman 81, Asitha 3-26, Malinga 3-35, Theekshana 3-35) by 140 runs

Earlier, injured opener Pathum Nissanka top-scored for Sri Lanka with 66 off 42 balls.

Nissanka, was on 50 off 31 balls when he retired hurt after suffering an apparent hip injury, having got his team off to a flying start at 66 without loss in 10 overs.

He recovered and returned in New Zealand's first five wickets the 34th over to add a further 16 tumbled inside the first seven runs, hitting six fours and five sixes in total.

There were half-centuries have been greater, were it not for from Kusal Mendis (54 off 48) Mark Chapman's 81 off 81 balls, and Janith Livanage (53 off 52) the number three New Zealand in a vastly improved Sri Lankan

New Zealand seamer Matt Henry continued a fine series, No other New Zealander claiming 4-55 to lift him to 150 ODI wickets, while captain six dismissed for two runs or Mitchell Santner took 2-55 with his spin.

#### Lee McIlear claims back-to-back wins at Awali Golf Club



Tournament Director Rashed Al Qutami (L), Overall winner Lee McIlear (C), and Captain Steve Newall

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Golf Club with 42 points, while also breaking par with a stunning round of 69.

Playing off a 5 handicap, at 70. McIlear showcased exceptionee McIlear continued his al form, combining powerful come the mental barriers of ing course, where par is set inching closer to the milestone currently holds the Cup.



From left: Abdullah Al Hasan, Mohammed Sultan Faraj, captain Steve Newall, Susan Scott, Paul Mclean, Lee McIlear and Melanie Swain

The competition was fierce, with four players—Susan Scott, an Cup will be contested next ⊿hot streak, winning the Sta- drives, precise approach shots, Abdullah Al Hasan, Paul Mclean, Friday, followed by the annual bleford competition at Awali and sharp putting to over- and Melanie Swain-posting im- Royal vs. Awali "Green Brown pressive 41-point scores. Mclean Challenge" yesterday, a 9-hole breaking par on the challeng- achieved a personal best of 82, match on each surface. Awali

of breaking 80.

Looking ahead, the Kore-

#### Zain Esports racks up another year of success with impressive growth in gamers, viewers and social media fans

TDT | Manama

Zain Group, a leading pro-vider of innovative technologies and digital lifestyle and ICT solutions operating in eight markets across the Middle East and Africa, announces the end of another successful year for Zain Esports, the e-gaming arm of the Group.

During 2024, Zain Esports undertook 50 tournaments and activations across Zain operations in Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, first launching in 2021, Zain Esports has attracted around 70,000 participants and garnered over 160 million social media impressions regionally.

Moreover, Zain Esports currently has 210,000 social me-

Zain has invested heavily in



network upgrades in recent with universities in Bahrain Bahrain, Jordan, and Iraq. Since years, with gaming being one to launch the Zain University of the most significant business League within the Kingdom, use cases for 5G and fiber-to-seeing more than 300 up and the-home (FTTH).

impressions.

coming gamers participate in this is no different. Zain remains Notably during 2024, Zain Es- various tournaments and work- committed to supporting the ports partnered with Riot games shops held in the recently estab- growth and development of this in more than 15 venues across lished Zain Esports Lab within exciting, often youth-oriented eight countries to launch the the Zain HQ offices. The Zain activity, and we are extremedia followers and during 2024, League of Legend MENA servers Esports Lab is the Kingdom's ly grateful to our partners and over 820,000 unique viewers that saw more than five-thou- first dedicated Esports facili- collaborators with whom we watched Zain Esports tourna- sand gamers participate and ty equipped with state-of-the- organize events, which capture ments streamed live on Twitch received more than 45 million art technology to enhance the the imagination and translate gaming experience. It regularly into successful opportunities for Zain Esports partnered hosts events and tournaments, Zain Esports."

providing a platform for youth to connect, develop their skills, and compete on both national and international levels.

Zain Esports conducted multiple offline FC (football) tournaments in Kuwait throughout 2024 with hundreds of gamers competing in the 62 matches that were played.

Zain Esports local arm PLAY-HERA continued to support the Saudi gaming system

Malek Hammoud, Zain Group Chief Investment and Digital Officer said, "Gamers around the world are a passionate community, and in the Middle East

#### **Bahrain Paralympic Committee** celebrates achievements in 2024



Paralympic athletes celebrate after an event

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The Bahrain Paralympic Committee marked a landin para-sports.

cured 129 medals in interna- Athletics Championship. tional competitions, including prominence.

into a hub of expertise in para-sports.

Through comprehensive programs, the Committee premark year in 2024, achieving pared athletes to compete at remarkable success and show- the highest levels, including casing the nation's leadership the Paralympic Games in Paris and major regional events such With a focus on inclusion as the West Asian Para Games and excellence, Bahrain se- and the Fazza International

The Committee also es-41 golds, 44 silvers, and 44 tablished Bahrain as a prime bronzes, underlining its com- destination for hosting intermitment to global sporting national para-sports events, including the Arab and World Founded in 2017 by decree Para-Badminton Championfrom His Highness Shaikh ships and the inaugural World Nasser bin Hamad Al Khali- Para-Taekwondo Poomsae fa, the Committee has grown Championship.



Officials and athletes of Bahrain Paralympic Committee

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## Liverpool cruise into FA Cup 4th round

Captain Alexander-Arnold's stunning goal leads Liverpool to a 4-0 victory over Accrington Stanley

Trent Alexander-Arnold scored a stunning top-corner strike

Jota, Danns, and Chiesa also scored

AFP | London

rent Alexander-Arnold's stunning strike lit up Liverpool's 4-0 win over League Two Accrington Stanley to cruise into the FA Cup fourth round yesterday.

The England international was named captain in the absence of Virgil van Dijk in a much-changed side named by Arne Slot and led by example after a being criticised for his display in a 2-2 draw against Manchester United last weekend.

Slot made eight changes after



suffering just his second defeat Liverpool's English striker #76 Jayden Danns celebrates scoring the team's third goal

in charge of the Reds in Wednesday's League Cup semi-final first leg against Tottenham.

The Dutchman had warned the Premier League leaders that a trip to Anfield would be Accrington's "Champions League

A mammoth 86 league positions behind Liverpool in the 92-team English league system, Stanley held out for nearly half

Diogo Jota was left with a simple task to tap in from Darwin Nunez's low cross to open the floodgates.

Alexander-Arnold then stepped forward to double the of some rare game time to net lead with a sumptuous hit into his first goal for the club with the top corner from outside the a long range strike in off the far box.

Jayden Danns made the most of just his second appearance of ton forward and Liverpool fan the season to fire in the third 14 minutes from time

career has so far failed to get stop."



Federico Chiesa scored his first goal for Liverpool with a long-range strike that went in off the far post

going due to injury problems. But the Italian took advantage post.

"It was surreal," said Accring-

"They are world-class players Federico Chiesa's Liverpool and on the counter it is hard to

#### Real Madrid must avoid mistakes from Clasico thrashing: Ancelotti

**AFP** | Riyadh

 $R^{
m eal\,Madrid}$  coach Carlo Ancelotti said his players could avenge their thrashing earlier this season by Barcelona to win the Spanish Super Cup on Sunday, if they avoided making the same mistakes.

Hansi Flick's Barcelona routed Los Blancos 4-0 at the Santiago Bernabeu in October in La Liga, although a slump before the winter break helped Real Madrid overtake them.

"We have to think about that game obviously, they beat us, we had a clear evaluation of what happened," Ancelotti told a news conference yesterday ahead of the clash in Jeddah,

pressured when it's a final, Jude Bellingham and Rodrygo tive work -- defending. we've played a lot against Barce- Goes, the four players give Malona and playing a final against drid a significant edge going more chance of winning." them is always something spe- forward but can hurt the team Ancelotti previously said continental Cup already this



Real Madrid's Kylian Mbappe shoots from an offside position

Madrid are still searching sively. "We started the game well, for a balance between attack repeat the good things we did star Kylian Mbappe from Paris celotti. and avoid the mistakes we made. Saint-Germain last summer.

"The Clasico is even more Along with Vinicius Junior, row will be balance and collec-

"(In recent Clasicos) individthen had problems in the sec- and defence in their game af- ual quality has prevailed over ond half, so we have to try and ter the arrival of French super- team balance," continued An-

"An important aspect tomor-

"If you defend well,

if they are not focussed defen- his worst memory from a suc- season.

We have to think about that game obviously, they beat us, we had a clear evaluation of what happened. We started the game well, then had problems in the second half, so we have to try and repeat the good things we did and avoid the mistakes we made

CARLO ANCELOTTI

cessful 2024, in which Madrid won La Liga and the Champions League, was the beating by

We're close to another trophy, we're thinking positively, but we know that in football anything can happen, above all when the opponent is strong and competes well like Barcelona," added Ancelotti, whose side have won the European Super Cup and Inter-

#### Auger-Aliassime and Keys take out Adelaide titles ahead of Melbourne



Madison Keys holds the winner's trophy after her victory

AFP | Adelaide

 $F^{
m elix}$  Auger-Aliassime and Madison Keys completed the perfect preparation for the Australian Open yesterday when they claimed top honours at the Adelaide International.

Keys upset top seed and world number seven Jessica Pegula to win the event for a second time in a major confidence-boost ahead of the opening Grand Slam of the

The world number 20 duplicated her 2022 trophy at Pegula, last year's US Open Memorial Drive by defeating her American compatriot 6-3, 4-6, 6-1 for a ninth WTA crown.

nal, earning his sixth career can, Ann Li.

number four Taylor Fritz at the United Cup.

"We've known each other for a while, we always push and I'm looking forward for each other," said Auger-Aliassime of Korda, who was competing in his first tournament (Adelaide) since 2022 when I since undergoing elbow surgery in October.

Keys came back from a medical timeout in the second set clearly outplayed.

Jess had an amazing week, coming out of the gates in the first week and making the final. I also got off to a good start and I'm looking forward for what's to come this

> season MADISON KEYS

after treatment on her left knee to watch her good friend finalist, take the final into a deciding set.

But she rallied to deliver the Canada's Auger-Aliassime win on her first match point, fired down 10 aces to beat setting her up nicely for an American Sebastian Korda Australian Open first-round 6-3, 3-6, 6-1 in the men's fi- clash against another Ameri-

"Jess had an amazing week, He is on a five-match win coming out of the gates in streak which began last week the first week and making with his victory over world the final," said Keys, who won her last title in May at Strasbourg.

"I also got off to a good start what's to come this season.

"I haven't been back here won the title. I feel I should be back every year in Adelaide."

Pegula admitted she was

### Raducanu rejects insect bite treatment over doping fears

AFP | Melbourne

oping fears prevented former US Open champion Emma Raducanu from treating insect bites on the eve of the Australian Open, she said, with players increasingly wary about ingesting contaminated substances.

The British player, who faces a tough first round match against Russian 26th seed Ekaterina Alexandrova, was speaking in the wake of high-profile doping cases involving Iga Swiatak and Jannik Sinner.

"I would say all of us are probably quite sensitive to what we take on board, what we use," said the 22-year-old, recalling



Emma Raducanu serves during a practice session

an incident on Friday.

don't know what, like ants, mos-"I got really badly bitten by, I quitoes, something. I'm allergic, tion.

"They flared up and swelled up really a lot. Someone was giving me this antiseptic spray, natural, to try to ease the bites.

"I didn't want to take it. I didn't want to spray it. I was, like, I'm just going to tough it out because I don't want to risk

Five-time Grand Slam winner Swiatek's reputation was rocked last vear when it was revealed she tested positive for a banned heart medication.

The International Tennis Integrity Agency (ITIA) accepted that the violation was not intentional, and the Polish star escaped with a one-month sanc-