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Leaders posing for a group picture ahead of an emergency meeting of the Arab League and the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), in Riyadh yesterday

Stop 'aggression'

Bahrain, Arab and Gulf states reject Israel's claims of 'self-defence'; urge immediate halt to war

Saudi slams 'double standards' in world's response

Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

Saudi Arabia yesterday denounced what it described as "double standards" in the world's response to the Israel-Hamas war, saying Israel was getting a pass on violations of international law.

"We are watching and observing the double standards and we are reassessing based on this the credibility of international systems. If there is no commitment binding everyone to these foundations, it is difficult to speak of these foundations as unifying foundations," Saudi Foreign Minister Prince Faisal bin Farhan told a press conference following a summit in the capital Riyadh.

Israel warns Hezbollah that Beirut could face similar fate to Gaza
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Israeli Defence Minister Yoav Gallant yesterday warned Hezbollah that launching a war would result in widespread destruction in Lebanon similar to that in Gaza, where Israel battled Hamas militants.

"If it (Hezbollah) makes this kind of mistake here, the ones who will pay the price will be first and foremost Lebanese citizens," Gallant told soldiers on Israel's northern border in remarks relayed by his office. "What we're doing in Gaza, we can also do in Beirut."



HRH Prince Salman during a meeting with Palestine President yesterday



HRH Prince Salman during talks with Jordan King yesterday

- HRH said the war violates International resolutions and conventions

- Prince Salman called on Israel to "stop forced displacement of civilians"

- Urges to resume peace process towards a two-state solution

- Gaza health ministry says Israeli fighting has killed more than 11,000 people, also mostly civilians and thousands of them children

- Reports said gun battles and intense bombardment around Al-Shifa hospital

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HRH Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa yesterday called for immediate end to Gaza siege with the Crown Prince and Prime Minister asking Israel to steer away from "collective punishment" in the strip.

Addressing the summit of Arab leaders which condemned Israeli forces' "barbaric" actions



Doctors Without Borders (MSF) said on X, formerly Twitter, that "the attacks against Al-Shifa Hospital have dramatically intensified. Our staff at the hospital have reported a catastrophic situation inside."

The final declaration yesterday rejected Israeli claims that it is acting in "self-defence" and demanded that the United Nations Security Council adopt "a decisive and binding resolution" to halt Israel's "aggression".

Hezbollah's chief Hassan Nasrallah said the group was using new weapons in its attacks against Israel

in Gaza, on behalf of HM King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, HRH said Bahrain stands with the people of Palestine in this "dire humanitarian situation" in Gaza.

The summit took place against a backdrop of widespread anger in the Middle East and beyond over Israel's aerial and ground offensive in Gaza, which has killed more than 11,000 people, mostly civilians and many of them children, according to the Hamas-run health ministry.

The final declaration on yesterday's summit rejected Israeli claims that it is acting in "self-defence" and demanded that the United Nations Security

Council adopt "a decisive and binding resolution" to halt Israel's "aggression". It also dismissed out of hand any future political resolution to the conflict that would keep Gaza separate from the Israeli-occupied West Bank.

In his address, Prince Salman termed Israeli attacks on Gaza as a violation of international resolutions and conventions that threatens the path towards a just and comprehensive peace process. Urging immediate international intervention for truce, HRH called on Israel to "stop forced displacement of civilians" that dethrones the regional

security as well.

Addressing Arab, Muslim leaders at the summit, HRH stressed the need for establishing an emergency and independent international committee to supervise the safety of the Palestinian people.

The committee, HRH said, should impartially investigate the escalating violence, pursue the release of all prisoners and detainees on both sides, and determine the extent of the damage.

The Crown Prince and Prime Minister highlighted that efforts must also be focused on re-building and re-focus on a

comprehensive peace process that brings a new era of regional security and stability.

His Royal Highness reiterated Arab nations' support for resuming a comprehensive peace process towards a two-state solution that guarantees Palestinian people rights to an independent state based on the 1967 borders, with East Jerusalem as its capital.

HRH concluded by expressing his gratitude and appreciation to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, its leadership, and for its sincere efforts and unwavering support for the Palestinian cause and regional peace.

Saudi Arabia's Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman told the summit he "holds the occupation (Israeli) authorities responsible for the crimes committed against the Palestinian people."

Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi, on his first trip to Saudi Arabia since the two countries mended ties in March, said Islamic nations should designate the Israeli army a "terrorist organisation" for its conduct in Gaza.

Syrian President Bashar al-Assad said no Middle Eastern country should engage in any "political process" with Israel, including developing economic relations, until a lasting ceasefire is reached. Turkey's President Recep Tayyip Erdogan said "it is a shame that Western countries, which always talk about human rights and freedoms, remain silent in the face of the ongoing massacres in Palestine".



Municipalities have not surveyed underground wells since 1980

Oversight report reveals lack of inspection and monitoring

Zahra Ayaz
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A recent oversight report from the Bureau of Financial and Administrative Control has revealed a noteworthy negligence in the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Agriculture's assessments of underground wells in Bahrain spanning the last forty years, said a report published by our sister paper, Al Ayyam.

In response to the report, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Agriculture, in collaboration with the Capital Secretariat and the three municipalities, has explained that a public tender was initiated in November 2022 for a well survey project.

However, the bids received exceeded the allocated budget, and the bidders did not meet the tender conditions. Consequently, the ministry plans to reissue the tender in coordination with the Survey and Land Registration Authority to leverage their expertise in the field.

The oversight report also highlights the Ministry's discontinuation of monitoring the quality and characteristics of



groundwater extracted from production wells since December 2020. This lack of oversight poses potential implications for public health and safety.

In response, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Agriculture has stated that it is currently developing a draft ministerial decision that would require the industrial and commercial sector to submit certified laboratory reports on the quality of groundwater used in their facilities.

Additionally, the ministry aims to provide field inspectors with a device capable of analyzing

the percentage of dissolved solids in water (TDS) and its pH during their visits.

Another significant finding in the report indicates that the Ministry has failed to take action against owners of groundwater wells who have not installed meters to measure the amount of water extracted, which is a violation of Article 20 of the Groundwater Law.

The Ministry has affirmed its commitment to address this issue and hold well owners accountable for installing meters and ensuring compliance with regulations.

Moreover, the report reveals that the ministry has stopped taking readings from the 2,480 mechanical groundwater well meters since March 2022, making it impossible to determine the quantity of water being withdrawn from these wells.

To rectify this situation, the Ministry has pledged to resume regular meter readings and emphasised the importance of encouraging well owners to install smart meters for streamlined data collection.

The report also highlights the Ministry's failure to inspect licensed groundwater well sites since January 2020. With a total of 2,660 unmonitored wells, the ministry's inability to identify potential violations poses a significant threat to Bahrain's groundwater resources.

In response to these concerns, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Agriculture has initiated a restructuring process for all its departments. With the issuance of Decree No. (15) Of 2023, the ministry aims to strengthen its human resources and enhance its capacity to effectively carry out inspection tasks.

MP urges corrective action on violations for improved efficiency

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MP Dr. Maryam Al-Dhaen stressed the critical need for addressing the reported violations in the Financial and Administrative Audit Bureau's report for the year 2022-2023.

"This would raise the efficiency of government work and reduce violations," Dr Al Dhaen said, adding that it would significantly contribute to sustainable development, in line with the vision of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and reform project.

Al-Dhaen commended the Financial and Administrative Control Bureau for its exemplary oversight and professionalism, evident in the unqualified opinion on all final accounts and financial statements of the ministries and government agencies under its purview for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2022. This included the unified final account of the state and the reserve account for future generations.

Emphasising the report's significance in enhancing oversight and serving as a crucial reference for MPs in their



MP Dr. Maryam Al-Dhaen

oversight responsibilities, she underscored the potential for improving and evolving the government's operational framework under the leadership of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince, and Prime Minister.

Dr. Al-Dhaen stressed the necessity to diligently address violations and undertake essential measures against violators, advocating for adherence to principles of transparency, control, and the preservation of public funds.

Shura chairman calls for peace, international intervention for Palestinian Rights

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Ali bin Saleh Al Saleh, Chairman of the Shura Council, yesterday voiced Bahrain's steadfast commitment to the rightful claims of the Palestinian



people, in line with the two-state solution, international legitimacy resolutions, and the Arab Peace Initiative.

Al Saleh highlighted the imperative of peace as a strategic pathway ensuring regional populace protection, particularly for the Palestinian community, necessitating an international and humanitarian intervention to quell escalating conflicts.

In this regard, he commended the speech delivered on behalf of HM King Hamad by

The Shura Chairman highlighted the kingdom's call for the establishment of an independent international committee, as put forth in HM's speech, to oversee the safety of Palestinians, conduct an impartial investigation into the rising violence, facilitate the release of prisoners from both sides, and assess the extent of damages. This effort reflects Bahrain's unwavering commitment to devising avenues and mechanisms to safeguard innocent civilians.

Shura to review response to Royal Speech, amend Arab Charter on Human Rights

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The Shura Council will today review a report responding to the Royal Speech delivered by His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa.

The report, by the committee chaired by Jamal Muhammad Fakhro, the First Deputy Speaker of the Council, will be considered during the second session of the sixth legislative term of the Shura and Representatives Councils.

The committee comprises several members, including Dr. Jihad Abdullah Al-Fadil, the Second Deputy Speaker of the Shura Council, and others such as Dr. Jamila Muhammad Redha Al-Salman, Khaled Hussein Al-Maskati, Dalal Jassim Al-Zayed, Reda Ibrahim Monfardi, Reda Abdullah Faraj, Sabika Khalifa Al-Fadala, Talal Muhammad Al-Mannai, Abdul Rahman Muhammad Jamsheer, and Dr. Abdulaziz



Abdullah Ajman.

The Council will also discuss a report presented by the Human Rights Committee concerning a draft law for amending the Arab Charter on Human Rights, aiming to rename the "Arab Human Rights Committee" to the "Arab Charter Committee for Human Rights." The amendment aligns with the decision made by the Council of the League of Arab States at the ministerial level.

Countries extending aid to Gaza!

Zahra Ayaz
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The Egyptian Red Crescent has released an official statement detailing the generous humanitarian aid contributions from various countries to support the people of Gaza.

Leading the charge, Bahrain, under the directives of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, dispatched an impressive 79 tons of aid to Gaza. This substantial contribution sets the stage for the collective international effort that unfolds.

Algeria, Brazil, Britain, Colombia, Denmark, Egypt, the United Arab Emirates (UAE), France, Greece, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Japan, Jordan, Kuwait, Libya, Malaysia, Morocco, Pakistan, Qatar, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, and Venezuela have all responded to the urgent call for assistance.

Together, these nations have amassed a staggering total of nearly 9,000 tons of aid. The contributions span a range of crucial resources, including food, medical supplies, and re-



lief materials that will provide much-needed relief to the beleaguered population of Gaza. Egypt, at the forefront of aid provision, has exemplified its commitment by dispatching a monumental 6,944.29 tons of aid to Gaza.

This substantial contribution underscores the country's unwavering support for its neighbors in times of distress.

The collective efforts of these countries signify a resounding message of compassion and solidarity.

As the international community rallies to address the dire situation in Gaza, hopes are rekindled for a brighter future. The aid serves as a lifeline for the vulnerable population, offering them a glimmer of hope amidst the challenges they face.

Bahrain Riders Club



The Bahrain Riders Club, in collaboration with the King Hamad American Mission Hospital, organized a special lecture and discussion titled "Men's Health Awareness." The event, held on Friday at the auditorium of the King Hamad American Mission Hospital in A'Ali, welcomed club members and fellow riders. The lecture and discussion centered around key topics: Psychological health, Suicide prevention, Testicular cancer, and Prostate cancer. Hospital consultants, Dr. Monish Cherian (Consultant Urologist) and Dr. Vivek Mathew (Psychiatrist), presented and engaged with participants on these vital subjects. This event coincided with the International Day Against Men's Disease and the "November Movement," an annual initiative dedicated to raising awareness throughout November to reduce the incidence of reproductive diseases and prostate cancer in men. The Bahrain Riders Club regularly organizes such sessions in conjunction with international forums to conduct educational campaigns aimed at reducing the occurrence of childhood cancer, breast cancer in women, and reproductive diseases in men.

Deadly cigarette leads to tragic hotel death

Police traces fatality in hotel to lethal pre-rolled cigarette sold by drug peddler

● Court awards 15 year jail term, BD10,000 fine, drug peddler files appeal

● Victim's friend gets a year in jail, BD1,000 fine

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A young man found dead in a hotel room in the Kingdom was determined by police to have been killed by a lethal cigarette he smoked before going to sleep.

Authorities disclosed that the victim and his friend had purchased a contaminated pre-



Representative picture

rolled cigarette from a drug peddler whom they encountered outside their hotel.

According to the police, the victim, an Asian national who arrived in Bahrain just last year,

had a habit of purchasing and smoking illegal drug-filled cigarettes from such peddlers.

A competent court in the Kingdom sentenced the drug peddler to a 15-year jail term and fined him BD10,000, while the deceased's friend received a lighter sentence of a year in jail and a BD1,000 fine.

However, the drug peddler has appealed the verdict, which the High Criminal Appeals Court is set to hear on the 19th of this month.

Both individuals also faces deportation after their jail terms conclude, with a ban on re-entry imposed by the court.

Court files say, police were notified of the death by the hotel

reception, who were alerted by the victim's friend sharing the same room.

During interrogation, the friend revealed that the victim had smoked a cigarette they purchased for BD5 from an acquaintance outside the hotel, out of curiosity, unaware of the lethal substance in the cigarette.

"After smoking, my friend went to sleep but didn't wake up," he told the police, adding, "I immediately alerted the hotel reception."

Law enforcement officers, who reached the scene immediately, rushed the victim to a hospital while questioning the friend.

Police said they also discov-

ered undisclosed quantities of illegal drugs during a search of the hotel room.

Later, the victim's friend admitted to regular drug purchases from a dealer near the hotel.

Following his description, the police identified and apprehended the drug peddler, later confirmed by the deceased person's friend as the one who sold them the deadly cigarette.

Further investigation revealed the drug peddler's operations in the hotel vicinity, targeting customers on the streets.

The Public Prosecution charged the suspects with possession and distribution of illegal substances within the Kingdom.

Man steals BD11,000 given for converting to US dollar; Court upholds year in jail

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The Court of Cassation has confirmed a one-year prison sentence awarded to a man found guilty of embezzling money from an associate.

The incident traces back to a year ago when the victim enlisted the accused's services to convert 11,000 Bahraini dinars into US dollars.

As per court records, the accused had agreed to handle the currency exchange and return the equivalent funds to the victim. Regrettably, after receiving



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the money, the accused allegedly reneged on the transaction, failing to return the funds as agreed.

Prosecutors assert that the accused diverted the money for personal use instead of honouring the agreed-upon arrangement, despite repeated pleas from the victim.

Faced with unresponsiveness, the victim lodged a formal complaint, submitting social media exchanges as evidence of the transaction. An investigation ensued.

Following a thorough review of evidence, the lower court

Despite the victim's intent to convert BD11,000 into US dollars through an agreed-upon exchange, the accused not only failed to fulfill this but allegedly diverted the funds for personal use.

found the accused guilty of embezzlement, resulting in a one-year prison sentence last year.

Unsatisfied, the convicted individual appealed the ruling, but the appellate court dismissed the plea.

With no other recourse, the defence escalated the case to the Court of Cassation, Bahrain's

highest judicial authority.

In a recent ruling, the Court of Cassation upheld the initial one-year jail term. This decision marks the culmination of legal proceedings, affirming the convicted individual's imprisonment for misappropriating entrusted funds meant for a service previously agreed upon.

KYC update fraud strikes yet again: Victim loses BD1,800 to scammers

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Despite numerous awareness campaigns, a bank date update fraud case has struck yet another victim in the Kingdom, resulting in the loss of BD1,800 after divulging sensitive banking details to scammers.

The victim, an Asian national, lamented the loss of BD1,800 from his account after submitting personal information via an electronic link, purportedly for updating his banking data.

Investigations revealed that the deceptive message falsely claimed association with a finance service provider known to the victim. Succumbing to the ruse, the victim keyed in his account number, ID card specifics, and a verification code received for the update.



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police.

Authorities' probe identified an Asian individual, primarily employed as a private driver, with ties to fraudulent activities.

Police said the suspect had accumulated a total of 5,000 dinars, including the amount siphoned from the victim's account, through previous fraudulent operations.

During interrogation, the suspect admitted to deceiving victims by sending fraudulent messages soliciting bank detail updates, effectively confessing to the scam. Another implicated individual disclosed receiving BD1,000 from the primary suspect, later transferring the sum to undisclosed accounts.

The High Criminal Court is slated to review the case on the 13th of this month.

Shockingly, the victim said he received after some time text notifications confirming the withdrawal of BD1,800 in two separate instalments from his account.

Swiftly, he contacted the bank to freeze his account and reported the incident to the

Direct flights to Shanghai, Guangzhou

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The Bahrain Tourism and Exhibitions Authority (BTEA) revealed plans to introduce direct flights to Shanghai and Guangzhou in January 2024 during the World Travel Market (WTM) London.

Dr. Nasser Qaedi, CEO of BTEA, highlighted the intention to establish connections between Bahrain and China via Gulf Air, anticipating a significant upsurge in economic growth and improved global connectivity with the world's second-largest economy. This move aims to attract a substantial influx of Chinese tourists, enhancing Bahrain's tourism strategy for 2022-2026.

Jeffrey Goh, Gulf Air Group Holding CEO, said the operation of new flights linking Bahrain to Shanghai and Guangzhou will foster enhanced commercial and tourism collaboration between the two nations.



Officials during a group photo opportunity

BTEA is actively partnering with Chinese tourism operators, destination management companies, and agencies to position Bahrain as a premier tourist destination, designing tailored tourism packages to entice more Chinese visitors.

These packages cater to Chinese tourists flying via Gulf Air,

encompassing visits to Bahrain, accommodations ranging from five-star to three-star, transportation services, and curated experiences across diverse regions. Additionally, plans for a roadshow in China are in the pipeline, aimed at promoting the Kingdom of Bahrain as a sought-after tourist hotspot.

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Building blocks for business success

Time and again we hear that entrepreneurship is the touchstone of national development and the small and medium industry is the lifeblood of progress.



CAPTAIN MAHMOOD AL MAHMOOD

Bahrain has a long and illustrious history of independent business. It is embedded in the story of our pearling industry when fleets borrowed money to equip themselves and sail to search for the finest treasures in the sea and make their profits by selling the pearls to royalty, famous jewellers and nobility around the world.

In turn, the exposure to technology of that time such as electric generator sets, air coolers and automobiles sparked a brisk series of new business ventures and built the fortunes of several families and led the way towards the modernising of Bahrain.

I am sure the day is not far when the Manama Entrepreneurial Model will take on the world.

This week, we saw the Board of Directors of the Entrepreneurs Organisation reiterate their commitment to keeping the flame of business adventure alive with support and nurturing of the entrepreneurial spirit in Bahrain. In a key meeting with HRH the Crown Prince and PM, the global mentoring body discussed future plans where the spotlight will be firmly on sharing success lessons and guiding new and future entrepreneurs.

The EO is not a school for entrepreneurs - that is a phrase that comes loaded with hierarchy and patronising overtones. Instead, it represents a global camaraderie that mentors fellow entrepreneurs and inspires them to push the envelope and build new success. After all, Bahrain has the ingredients for a great entrepreneurial story - the right business environment, the correct geographic location and the vital human resources - educated and eager to put their shoulder to the wheel - to use as building blocks for entrepreneurship.

I am sure the day is not far when the Manama Entrepreneurial Model will take on the world.

(Captain Mahmood Al Mahmood is the Editor-in-Chief of The Daily Tribune and the President of the Arab-African Unity Organisation for Relief, Human Rights and Counterterrorism)

Kingdom to raise SME financing to 20% of retail banks' portfolio by 2025



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Bahrain will raise the share of SME financing to 20% of retail banks local finance portfolio by end 2025, said the Minister of Industry and Commerce.

Abdulla bin Adel Fakhro said the move is part of the Kingdom's financial services sector development strategy 2022-2026 and will be done in a phased manner.

"Bahrain believes in the importance of this vital sector, and has made significant efforts towards providing innovative, sustainable financing services that support SMEs," the minister stressed.

The minister said this as he opened an event to support Small and Medium-sized Enterprises by Bahrain Islamic Bank



In pictures, minister during the opening ceremony of the event to support SMEs (BisB) and the SMEs Development Board.

Bahrain's SMEs Development Board strategy 2022-2026 focuses on the 'Access to Finance' pillar through which 13 initiatives have been established by the Board of which 10 have been completed. "The initiatives include 'Al Waha' Fund of Funds, Women Banking Solutions, the Crowdfunding Platform, the

required to achieve these objectives, and BisB has focused on offering simplified, innovative banking solutions to support these enterprises.

Yaser Alsharifi, Chief Executive Officer of BisB, said: "We are committed to continue to provide simplified and innovative financial solutions for our corporate customers that will facilitate their growth and unlock possibilities.

Jawad Humaidan, Chief Corporate and Institutional Banking Officer at BisB, said: "This event reflects our commitment towards SMEs in the Kingdom. Jointly with our partners we are offering an integrated solution for our corporate customers that will enable growth through fully digital banking and financing solutions and exclusive and discounted service by our partners."

The minister added that work is still underway to expand SME financing solutions and increase the loan portfolio of local banks, for which partnerships are re-

CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF BAHRAIN KUWAIT INSURANCE COMPANY (B.S.C.) FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2023



Interim Consolidated Statement of Financial Position					Interim Consolidated Statement of Profit or Loss					Interim Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows				
As at 30 September 2023 (in thousands of Bahraini dinars)					For the nine month period ended 30 September 2023 (in thousands of Bahraini dinars)					For the nine month period ended 30 September 2023 (in thousands of Bahraini dinars)				
	30 September 2023 (Reviewed)	31 December 2022 (Restated)	30 September 2022 (Reviewed)	1 January 2022 (Restated)	Three months ended		Nine months ended				30 September 2023 (Reviewed)		30 September 2022 (Reviewed)	
					30 September 2023 (Reviewed)	30 September 2022 (Reviewed)	30 September 2023 (Reviewed)	30 September 2022 (Reviewed)						
ASSETS									OPERATING ACTIVITIES					
Cash and balances with banks	34,843	53,399	51,177	49,418	Insurance revenue	28,267	24,863	80,100	75,040	Premiums received net of commission	79,576	77,134	77,134	(15)
Statutory deposits	3,281	3,380	3,357	4,771	Insurance service expenses	(14,123)	(16,602)	(44,610)	(13,492)	Paid to insurance and reinsurance companies	(46,164)	(50,341)	(50,341)	(35)
Insurance contract assets	-	797	-	-	Insurance service result before reinsurance contracts held	14,144	8,261	35,490	61,548	Claims paid	(35,143)	(38,289)	(38,289)	(1)
Reinsurance contract assets	47,074	40,697	49,765	72,052	reinsurance contracts held	14,144	8,261	35,490	61,548	General and administrative expenses paid	(4,755)	(6,574)	(6,574)	(1)
Other receivables and prepayments	7,795	7,904	6,654	4,196	Insurance expenses for reinsurance contracts held	(16,745)	(14,230)	(45,433)	(42,270)	Statutory deposits	(4,238)	(1,665)	(1,665)	(1)
Investment in an associate	373	319	312	309	for reinsurance contracts held	3,633	6,509	12,959	(15,767)	Net cash flows from operating activities	5,368	2,325	2,325	(1)
Investments	58,824	37,208	35,806	37,273	Net expense from reinsurance contracts held	(13,112)	(7,671)	(32,474)	(58,037)	INVESTING ACTIVITIES				
Property and equipment	3,925	3,751	3,756	3,878	Investment income - net	891	828	3,450	2,643	Dividends and interest received	3,701	2,516	2,516	(1)
Investment Property	2,163	2,193	2,123	2,149	Share of results of an associate	21	7	55	23	Proceeds from sale of investments	8,033	6,934	6,934	(1)
Intangible Assets	1,359	-	-	-	Total investment income	912	835	3,505	2,666	Payments for investments purchased	(30,802)	(6,915)	(6,915)	(1)
Right of use asset	252	227	258	-	Net insurance and investment result	1,777	821	5,006	5,724	Investment in an associate	54	90	90	(1)
TOTAL ASSETS	159,889	149,875	153,208	174,158	Other expense - net	(295)	(18)	(1,046)	(733)	Proceeds from sale of property and equipment	1	19	19	(1)
					Profit including participants' share	1,482	803	4,560	4,991	Purchase of property and equipment	(949)	(72)	(72)	(1)
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY					Less: Participants' share of profit	(254)	220	(476)	(313)	Net cash flows used in investing activities	9,758	(10,509)	(10,509)	(1)
Liabilities					Profit for the period	1,228	1,023	4,084	4,678	FINANCING ACTIVITY				
Insurance contract liabilities	107,506	94,393	101,733	123,328	Insurance finance expenses	(691)	(709)	(2,887)	(176)	Dividend paid	(3,803)	(3,065)	(3,065)	(1)
Reinsurance contract liabilities	1,230	3,333	3,138	2,212	Insurance contracts issued	(691)	(709)	(2,887)	(176)	Cash flows used in financing activity	(3,803)	(3,065)	(3,065)	(1)
Payables and accrued liabilities	6,448	7,325	5,490	5,563	Reinsurance finance income / (expenses) for reinsurance contracts held	524	157	1,972	(277)	NET DECREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	(8,787)	(8,757)	(8,757)	(1)
Due from participants	826	182	178	86	Net insurance and investment result	1,777	821	5,006	5,724	Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the period	28,843	35,052	35,052	(1)
Lease liabilities	269	242	273	129	Other comprehensive income / (loss) attributable to shareholders of the parent	(254)	220	(476)	(313)	CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF THE PERIOD	20,056	26,305	26,305	(1)
Total liabilities	115,979	105,475	110,812	131,317	Shareholders of the parent	1,183	968	3,962	4,522	COMPRISING:				
Equity					Non-controlling interests	45	57	122	116	CASH AND BALANCES WITH BANKS				
Share capital	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	Basic and diluted earnings per share	8 Fils	6 Fils	27 Fils	30 Fils	Cash and balances in current accounts	15,637	16,268	16,268	(1)
Treasury shares	(273)	(165)	(165)	(165)	Share of results of an associate	21	7	55	23	Bank deposits with original maturities of three months or less	4,419	10,037	10,037	(1)
Share premium	4,362	4,362	4,362	4,362	Profit for the period	1,228	1,023	4,084	4,678	CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	20,056	26,305	26,305	(1)
Statutory reserve	5,828	5,403	5,303	4,833	Impact of initial application of IFRS 9	-	-	-	-	Bank deposits with original maturities of more than three months	14,787	24,772	24,772	(1)
General reserve	1,358	1,358	1,358	1,358	Restated balance as at 1 January 2023	15,000	(165)	4,362	5,403	Cash and balances with banks as per the interim consolidated statement of financial position	34,843	51,177	51,177	(1)
Investments fair value reserve	885	1,573	868	2,640	Restated balance as at 1 January 2022	15,000	(165)	4,362	4,933					
Currency translation reserve	(1,348)	(1,204)	(1,290)	(1,075)	Profit for the period	-	-	-	-					
Retained earnings	16,182	16,157	15,095	13,931	Other comprehensive (loss) / income	-	-	-	-					
Equity attributable to shareholders of the parent	41,994	42,454	40,531	40,964	Total comprehensive (loss) / income	-	-	-	-					
Non-controlling interests	1,916	1,916	1,865	1,857	Dividend for the year 2022	-	-	-	-					
Total Equity	43,910	44,400	42,396	42,841	Purchase of treasury shares	(637)	(108)	-	-					
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	159,889	149,875	153,208	174,158	Transfer to statutory reserve	-	-	425	-					
					Balance at 30 September 2023	15,000	(273)	4,362	5,828					

Interim Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income					Interim Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity												
For the nine month period ended 30 September 2023 (in thousands of Bahraini dinars)					For the nine month period ended 30 September 2023 (in thousands of Bahraini dinars) (Reviewed)												
	Three months ended		Nine months ended														
	30 September 2023 (Reviewed)	30 September 2022 (Restated)	30 September 2023 (Reviewed)	30 September 2022 (Restated)	Share capital	Treasury shares	Share premium	Statutory reserve	General reserve	Investments fair value reserve	Currency translation reserve	Retained earnings	Equity attributable to shareholders of the parent	Non-controlling interests	Total		
Profit for the period	1,228	1,023	4,084	4,638													
Other comprehensive (loss) / income reclassified / to be reclassified to consolidated statement of profit or loss in subsequent periods																	
Fair value through other comprehensive income investments:																	
Fair value changes arising during the period	(299)	87	(465)	(1,166)													
Recycled to the interim consolidated statement of profit or loss as an disposal/impairment	10	(235)	(44)	(637)													
Currency translation differences	(96)	(85)	(144)	(215)													
Other comprehensive income / (loss) for the period reclassified / to be reclassified to consolidated statement of profit or loss in subsequent periods	(385)	(233)	(653)	(2,018)													
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE PERIOD	843	790	3,431	2,620													
Attributable to:																	
Shareholders of the parent	896	763	3,387	2,589													
Non-controlling interests	(12)	27	44	31													
Total	844	790	3,431	2,620													

The above Consolidated Financial Statements have been audited by Ernst & Young and approved by the Board of Directors at their meeting held on Thursday, 9th November 2023.

Murad Ali Murad
Chairman

Hassan Mohammed Zainatabedin
Director

Dr. Abdulla Sultan
Chief Executive Officer

Beyon Group wins 3 MEA Business Technology Achievement awards

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Beyon has been recognised by MEA Business in its annual Technology Achievement Awards, which highlights organisations for their exceptional innovation, leadership, and excellence in technology in the Middle East and Africa region. The achievement awards attract leading organisations in the tel-



ecoms and technology sector vying for honours in 15 different categories including eCommerce, Telecoms, Technology, Cloud Services, Sustainability and more.

This year Beyon has won three achievement awards, for its sustainability programme, innovative Mobile app and eSIM technology.

In the Sustainability Pro-

grammes category Beyon was the recipient of the Exceptional Products and Services Achievement Award for its outstanding contribution to energy saving initiatives, centred on reducing carbon through its Solar Park, introducing innovative robotic cleaning, powering off-grid mobile sites 24/7, and using smart inverter cooling, which all showcase Beyon's commitment to a

cleaner living environment.

Batelco, part of the Beyon Group, won the Outstanding Sector Leadership and Growth Award in the Software category for Batelco's Mobile App, which combines informative, interactive and transactional features, enabling users to manage all their telecom services seamlessly and conveniently.

In the Telecoms Category

Batelco was the winner of the Innovative Collaborations and Partnerships award for its collaboration with BMW to enable the use of eSIM technology in BMW Vehicles, turning the latest BMW model into a smartphone on wheels. Batelco was the first in Bahrain and the GCC and among 9 pioneering operators worldwide to launch the innovate service.

BKIC posts nine-month profit of BD3.96 million

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Bahrain Kuwait Insurance Company (BKIC) reported profits for third quarter and nine-month period of 2023, as premiums and investments grew, despite being impacted by change of IFRS17 discounting rate used in 2022 when reinstating the financials, which resulted in a one-time exceptional increase in profit for that period in 2022.

Third-quarter results

Q3-2023 net profit attributable to the shareholders was BD 1.184 million compared to BD 0.966m for the same period last year, representing an increase of 23%. Earnings per share were 8 fils compared to 6 fils for the same period of last year. Total comprehensive income attributable to the shareholders reached BD 0.855m compared to BD 0.763m in Q3-2022, registering an increase of 12%. The increase was mainly due to increased fair value gains recorded in the 3rd quarter 2023 compared to the



Dr Abdulla Sultan



Murad Ali Murad, Chairman

same period in 2022.

The Company achieved 14% growth in Insurance revenue, from BD 24.863m in the 3rd quarter of last year to BD 28.267m in the 3rd quarter of the current year. The Insurance service results increased by 75%, from BD 0.590m in the 3rd quarter of last year to BD 1.032m in the 3rd quarter of the current year. The Total investment income increased by 9%, from BD 0.833m in the 3rd quarter of last year to BD 0.912m in the 3rd quarter of the current year.

Nine months results

Nine-month net profit attributable to the shareholders was BD 3.962m, compared to BD 4.522m (reinstated) of the same period last year, representing a decrease of 12%. Earnings per share were 27 fils during the current period compared to 30 fils of the same period last year. The total comprehensive income attributable to the shareholders was BD 3.386m compared to BD 2.589m for the same period last year, registering an increase of 31%.

The company achieved 5% growth in gross premium revenue of BD 74,837m, compared

to BD 71.178m in the first nine months of last year.

The Insurance service result decreased by 14%, to BD 3.016m in the nine months of this year compared to BD 3.511m in the same period last year. The net investment income increased by 31%, from BD 2.666m in the nine months of last year to BD 3.505m in the same period of this year. Despite growth in premiums and significant improvement in investments performance, the company's net profit has declined compared to the previous year. This decline is primarily due to the change of IFRS17 discounting rate used in 2022 when reinstating the financials, which resulted in a one-time exceptional increase in profit for that period in 2022.

The Board of Directors expressed their satisfaction stating: "The Board of Directors is pleased with the results for the first nine months of 2023 as the company was able to achieve this result despite challenging new projects being implemented in 2023."

BKIC's CEO Dr. Abdulla Sultan commented: "We would also like to remind our shareholders that the company adopted completely new accounting standards in 2023 (IFRS 17) which resulted in a 9-month net profit of BD 3.962m while last year's audited financials based on IFRS 4, showed a 9-month net profit of BD 3.501m. The new accounting standards were put into effect on 1/1/2023 and the company had to reinstate its 2023 financials to reflect IFRS17 for comparison purposes. It is worth mentioning that the assumptions applied in 2022 differed greatly from those currently applied as these new standards are a learning experience and the company continues enhancing its assumptions to become more conservative in 2023. The gap between IFRS 17 net profit compared the same period last year, narrowed to BD 0.560m compared from the position of the first nine months, due to fine tuning of the assumptions as the standard is still evolving."

Dr. Mohammed bin Mubarak Bin Daina, Minister of Oil and Environment and Special Envoy for Climate Affairs, held talks yesterday with Matthew Luckhurst, Managing Director of APM Terminals Bahrain, the operating company of Khalifa bin Salman Port. Isa Al Qattami, Chief Government & Security Affairs Officer attended the meeting. The minister was briefed on the company's important programmes, plans, and ways to enhance cooperation to support Bahrain's development efforts. He emphasised the importance of strategic cooperation with companies and institutions for environmental protection and sustainable development, fostering technical and logistical capabilities. Luckhurst commended Bahrain's support for specialised companies and the minister's keenness to further enhance cooperation.



Nissan introduces new 2024 Nissan Sunny in Bahrain

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Y.K. Almoayed & Sons, the sole distributor of Nissan in Bahrain has introduced the new 2024 Nissan Sunny.

Visual enhancements to the 2024 Nissan Sunny include a redesigned front fascia with an updated version of the brand's immediately recognizable V-motion grille, new Nissan brand logos, and a new 17-inch alloy wheel design that fills the wheel arches. A striking color palette comprising of eight exterior colors is accompanied by five unique interior color options across different grades, with the



added option of cloth or leather, to suit varying preferences.

Available in five feature-packed grades, the 2024

Nissan Sunny is equipped with a number of innovative Nissan Intelligent Mobility (NIM) features, including Nissan Safety

Shield® 360 for comprehensive protection. Notable features include Intelligent Emergency Braking, Intelligent Forward Collision Warning, Intelligent Driver Alertness, Intelligent Around View Monitor with Moving Object Detection, Blind Spot Warning, and Rear Cross Traffic Alert.

Ahmed Al Dailami, General Manager, Nissan Bahrain, said: "Since its introduction over 50 years ago, the Nissan Sunny has consistently adapted to meet the evolving needs of our customers, remaining a preferred choice for individuals and small families due to its exceptional adaptabil-

ity and unmatched value. The 2024 Nissan Sunny continues to surpass expectations for affordable compact sedans, setting new standards with the most comprehensive array of safety technologies in its class, while continuing to be fun to drive."

More Features Across All Grades

Raising the bar for safety in the segment, the 2024 Nissan Sunny offers customers Rear Parking Sensors and Rear Seat Alert. A few notable convenience features include Cruise Control available as standard across all trims, Wireless Charger, USB-C charging port, Vehicle

Dynamic Control (VDC), Hill Start Assist, available Intelligent Key, and electronically adjustable side view mirrors with turn indicators.

Customers stand to benefit from a 7-inch infotainment display with Apple CarPlay and Android Auto connectivity, as well as an available Rear View Camera and Automatic LED Headlamps. The 2024 Sunny pushes the bar further with a new Intelligent Key and a six-speaker audio system, visually differentiating itself with a bold set of 17-inch Machined Alloy Wheels, Rear Spoiler, and a unique grille.

Moody's downgrades US debt rating outlook to negative

Washington, United States

Moody's on Friday downgraded its outlook on US debt to negative from stable, one week before crucial budget negotiations in Congress.

For now, the agency has maintained its Aaa rating on US government debt.

"In the context of higher interest rates, without effective fiscal policy measures to reduce government spending or increase revenues, Moody's expects that the US's fiscal deficits will remain very large, significantly weakening debt affordability," the agency said.

The US Treasury immediately voiced its disagreement with Moody's decision.

"The American economy remains strong, and Treasury securities are the world's preeminent safe and liquid asset," Deputy Secretary of the Treasury Wally Adeyemo in a statement.

"The Biden Administration has demonstrated its commitment to fiscal sustainability, including through the more than \$1 trillion in deficit reduction included in the June debt limit deal as well as President Biden's budget proposals that would reduce the deficit by nearly \$2.5 trillion over the next decade."

The US budget deficit, published last month for the 2023 fiscal year ending September 30, has widened to \$1.7 trillion.

Due to interest rate hikes by the US central bank to curb inflation, the cost of debt for the United States has ballooned, with Washington paying \$162 billion more for interest in the last fiscal year compared to 2022.

News in brief

Ally of Myanmar junta chief jailed for corruption: state media



A close ally of Myanmar's top general has been imprisoned for five years on corruption charges, state media said yesterday. In recent months, the military - which has faced armed resistance since seizing power in a 2021 coup - has detained a number of officials as the civil conflict batters the already struggling economy. The cash-strapped junta is also battling a recent offensive in the north by ethnic armed groups that has choked vital cross-border commerce with China and poses the most serious military challenge to the generals since they took power.

FBI agents seized the New York mayor's cell phones and other devices, his campaign lawyer said Friday, in an apparent escalation of a federal investigation into campaign fundraising. The seizure appears to be part of a corruption investigation into whether Eric Adams' 2021 campaign conspired with Turkey's government and others. "On Monday night, the FBI approached the mayor after an event. The Mayor immediately complied with the FBI's request and provided them with electronic devices," said Boyd Johnson, the campaign's attorney.

FBI agents seized New York mayor's cell phones: lawyer



North Korea slams Blinken's comments on ties with Moscow



North Korea's foreign ministry yesterday slammed US Secretary of State Antony Blinken's comments on Pyongyang's relations with Moscow, saying the remarks would "only escalate the dangerous political and military tension" on the peninsula. Blinken was in Seoul earlier this week after attending a G7 foreign ministers' meeting in Japan. He met with South Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol and other top officials. During his visit to the South Korean capital, he said military ties between Pyongyang and Moscow were "growing and dangerous", and urged Beijing, Pyongyang's main ally, to restrain the nuclear-armed North. Pyongyang yesterday condemned Blinken and said his comments were "irresponsible and provocative".

SPOTLIGHT

Grain tune: Indian PM's millet music gets Grammy nod



Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi during a speech

AFP | New Delhi

India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi has made an entry into the halls of global music with a song featuring him and his passion for millet nominated for a Grammy. "Abundance In Millets" by Falu and Gaurav Shah, a tune the musicians say was "written and performed" with the prime minister, features speeches by Modi expounding the benefits of his favourite grain. India is the world's largest producer and second-largest exporter of millet, a gluten-free grain which can grow on marginal land with limited water, and Modi's government has been working to boost its production and consumption since coming to power in 2014. "Millets are a wonder", Falu and Shah sing, pondering "what if we could change the world?" The tune was nominated Friday in the Best Global Music Performance category, alongside six others, ranging from Nigerian Afrobeat star Burna Boy and Davido, to Mexico's Silvana Estrada and

Franco-Lebanese trumpeter Ibrahim Maalouf. Grammy-winning Indian-American singer Falguni Shah, popularly known as Falu, has said the song was a "smart idea" from Modi himself who collaborated in its making to realise his "vision" of helping overcome hunger and alleviate poverty in the world. The song was "written and performed with Honorable Prime Minister Narendra Modi to help farmers grow millets and help end world hunger", Falu said on X in June. Modi, 73, has called the tune "very creative" and said he believes it "will inspire more people to embrace millets for healthy living!" It was India's suggestion that the United Nations declare 2023 as the International Year of Millets, and at the G20 summit in September in New Delhi world leaders were served an all-vegetarian dinner dominated by millet. Millet was a staple food in many regions of India for thousands of years, and was eaten as porridge, flatbread, dosa pancakes and with lentils.

Two premature babies die at Gaza hospital: Israeli NGO citing doctors



A picture shows a view of the exterior of Al-Shifa hospital in Gaza City AFP | Jerusalem

Two premature babies have died due to power cuts at Gaza's largest hospital, Physicians for Human Rights Israel said yesterday, citing doctors there, as fighting rages around the Al-Shifa complex. "As a result of the lack of electricity, we can report that the neonatal intensive care unit has stopped working. Two premature infants have died, and there is a real risk to the lives of 37 other premature infants" at Al-Shifa hospital, the Israeli doctors' group said in a statement. No fuel has entered Gaza in more than five weeks of war, prompting multiple hospitals and clinics relying on generators to shut down. "The hospital is besieged, with no option to bring in the corpses and injured people sprawled outside. There is no movement in or out of the hospital," Physicians for Human

No fuel has entered Gaza in more than five weeks of war, prompting multiple hospitals and clinics relying on generators to shut down

Rights Israel said. The Israeli military has denied there is a siege at the hospital, where thousands of residents have taken shelter, as troops battle Palestinian militants in the area. Heavy gunfire and explosions were heard throughout yesterday from AFP's live camera, situated a few hundred metres from Al-Shifa hospital. "The picture we are now seeing at Shifa is no longer of a humanitarian catastrophe -- it is a collective death sentence," Physicians for Human Rights Israel said.

Combat hits as Israel co

Gaza's largest hospital, Al-Shifa, repeatedly hit, losing power for hours after a generator was targeted

AFP | Jerusalem

Gaza hospitals reported being under constant fire and running on nearly exhausted supplies as Israel rejected key allies' condemnation of a rising civilian death toll in the Hamas-controlled territory. The director of the besieged Palestinian territory's largest hospital, Al-Shifa, said yesterday the compound was struck repeatedly overnight and lost power for hours after its generator was hit. "We received calls about dozens of dead and hundreds wounded in air and artillery strikes, but our ambulances weren't able to go out because of gunfire," said hospital director Mohammad Abu Salmiya. Israel has denied targeting hospitals and its army has accused Hamas of using the medical facilities as command centres and



Patients and internally displaced people are in hideouts, a charge the Palestinian group denies. The Hamas-run Gaza health ministry said dozens of premature babies at Al-Shifa compound were at risk of dying because the lack of generator fuel meant their incubators could be shut down yesterday as fighting raged. They added one of the babies had died, and one person was killed and several others wounded in a strike on Al-Shifa early yesterday. The suffering in Gaza has

Thousands march in London at Armistice Day pro-Palestinian demo

AFP | London

Huge crowds marched through the British capital yesterday, as pro-Palestinian supporters made their latest mass call for a ceasefire, with police out in force to prevent clashes with counter-protesters. The "National March for Palestine", organised by the Stop the War Coalition, set off after a two-minute silence to remember Britain's war dead on Armistice Day was observed at The Cenotaph war memorial in central London at 1100 GMT. Huge crowds of protesters waved black, red, white and green Palestinian flags and held aloft placards proclaiming "Stop Bombing Gaza", just over a month since the crisis began.



Former Labour party leader Jeremy Corbyn (C) joins protesters with placards and flags taking part in the 'National March For Palestine' in central London

As the march set off, protesters shouted "free Palestine" and "ceasefire now". London's Metropolitan Police has made a total of nearly 100 arrests at previous pro-Palestinian marches. But yesterday's march has gen-

erated concern because it coincides with Armistice Day, commemorating the end of fighting in World War I in 1918 -- and political criticisms about the policing operation. Prime Minister Rishi Sunak made a late plea for calm late on Friday, calling for protesters to do so "respectfully and peacefully". Met Police deputy assistant commissioner Laurence Taylor said march organisers had changed the route from Hyde Park to the US Embassy in south London to ensure it will not pass any landmark memorials. Previous events have seen "small groups break away" and that "their behaviour has been escalating and becoming more violent", Taylor, who is leading the policing operation, told reporters.

Israel drone strikes deep into Lebanese territory: official media

AFP | London

An Israeli drone struck yesterday a vehicle deep in Lebanese territory, official media in Lebanon said, after weeks of skirmishes mainly limited to border areas since the Israel-Hamas war began. Lebanon's National News Agency (NNA) said "an enemy drone targeted a pick-up truck" on a farmland in the Zahrani area on Lebanon's coast, some 45 kilometres (28 miles) from the Israeli border, without reporting any casualties. The frontier between the two countries has seen daily exchanges of fire, mainly between Lebanon's Iran-backed Hezbollah



Shells fired from northern Israel fall close to the village of Yarine near Lebanon's southern border with northern Israel

movement and Israel, since October 7 when attacks on Israel by Palestinian militant group Hamas sparked war. Yesterday's was the deepest Israeli strike on Lebanese territory

since the latest hostilities began. It also came hours before Hezbollah chief Hassan Nasrallah was due to make a televised address at 3:00 pm (1300 GMT). The Lebanese army prevented journalists from approaching the area, which is near the Zahrani power plant, one of Lebanon's ailing energy facilities. The NNA reported Israeli attacks on areas near the border yesterday, while an AFP correspondent in northern Israel reported apparent incoming rocket fire after air raid sirens sounded. Hezbollah said it carried out two cross-border attacks on Israeli troops yesterday, claiming they caused casualties.

Tibetan troops occupy Chang'an for 15 days, capital of the Chinese Tang Dynasty

Leon Trotsky is expelled from the Soviet Communist Party, paving the way for Joseph Stalin to consolidate complete power



Cyclone Bhola makes landfall in East Pakistan (Bangladesh) killing up to 500,000, making it the deadliest tropical cyclone ever recorded

The World Wide Web is first proposed by CERN computer scientists Tim Berners-Lee and Robert Cailliau

As Gaza hospitals confronts toll fears



As pictured at Al-Shifa hospital in Gaza City

prompted growing calls for a halt in five weeks of fighting in order to protect civilian lives and allow humanitarian aid into the densely populated territory.

French President Emmanuel Macron said Israel had the right to defend itself but urged it to stop strikes on civilians in Gaza: "These babies, these ladies, these old people are bombed and killed."

The Gaza health ministry says Israeli fighting has killed more than 11,000 people, also mostly

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Lack of generator fuel endangers dozens of premature babies in incubators at Al-Shifa hospital

civilians and thousands of them children.

Islamic Jihad, another Palestinian armed group present in Gaza, said yesterday its "fighters are engaged in fierce clashes in the vicinity of Al-Shifa hospital complex" and other areas of Gaza City, claiming to have caused "casualties in the ranks of the (Israeli) enemy forces".

'Far too many' deaths

Concern over the civilian toll has also come from staunch Israel ally Washington, with US Secretary of State Antony Blinken saying Friday: "Far too many Palestinians have been killed."

The conflict has stoked regional tensions, with deadly cross-border exchanges between the Israeli army and Lebanon's Hezbollah movement.

In northern Gaza, the director of the Indonesian hospital said lack of fuel forced the facility to cut power to things like their desalination plant, scanners and lifts.

"The hospital is working with 30-40 percent of its capacity," Atef Al-Kahlot said.

"We call on the honourable people of the world, if any of them are left, to put pressure on the occupation forces to supply the Indonesian hospital and the rest of the hospitals in the Gaza Strip."

Hospitals have become key sites for Palestinians seeking refuge from the intense gun battles and bombardment.

A wounded boy at the Indonesian hospital, Youssef Al-Najjar, said he was waiting for surgery but the necessary machines were off due to lack of power.

"I'm very thirsty but I'm not allowed to drink or eat until the operation is done," he added.

Twenty of Gaza's 36 hospitals are "no longer functioning", the UN's humanitarian agency said.

Moscow targets Kyiv region after a long period of calm



Police inspect the scene of Russian shelling in Kyiv, Ukraine

AFP | Kyiv

A missile targeted Kyiv yesterday, ending nearly two months of relative calm in the Ukrainian capital, while frontline regions fended off waves of drone attacks overnight.

Ukraine is bracing for a renewed Russian aerial onslaught this winter, after systematic strikes last year targeted the country's energy grid, leaving thousands without heating or electricity in freezing temperatures for long periods.

"After a long pause of 52 days, the enemy renewed missile attacks on Kyiv," said the head of the Kyiv city military administration Sergiy Popko.

He added that the Russians had launched a missile attack on the capital yesterday morning.

AFP journalists in central

Kyiv heard two strong explosions and saw trails in the sky at dawn.

Air sirens sounded soon after that.

Asked why the alarm had gone off after the explosion, air force spokesman Yuriy Ignat said on television that "ballistic missiles fly extremely fast and are not as visible as cruise missiles on the radars."

The air force said it was clarifying whether the capital had been targeted by an Iskander ballistic missile, or by an S-400 anti-aircraft missile.

President Volodymyr Zelensky said Tuesday that Ukraine had deployed more Western air defence systems, as it braces for a second full winter of Russian attacks on energy facilities. Air defences last downed a missile in Kyiv on September 21. The falling debris wounded seven people, including a child.

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TOP 4 TWEETS

01

Hospitals must be places of greater safety, not of war. #Gaza @UNReliefChief

02

Today, we honor the story of our veterans – the story of our nation at its best. On Veterans Day, let's recommit to fulfilling our one sacred obligation as a nation: to prepare those we send into harm's way and care for them and their families when they come home.

@POTUS

03

1.11.11. stands for the end of a World War, but also Europe's inability to prevent the next... Ending the cycle of war means rising above national or religious barriers and historic hatreds. Never is that message more necessary than in today's world!

@guyverhofstadt

04

We cannot address the climate catastrophe without tackling its root cause: fossil fuel dependence. Leaders must #ActNow to save humanity from the worst impacts of climate chaos & profit from the extraordinary benefits of renewable energy.

@antoniouterres

Paris protesters call for end to Gaza massacre



Protesters march in Paris
AFP | Paris

Several thousand people demonstrated in Paris yesterday under the rallying cry "Stop the massacre in Gaza".

The left-wing organisers called for France to "demand an immediate ceasefire" between Israel and Hamas militants.

"I came to support the Palestinian cause, for a ceasefire in Gaza," said engineer Ahlem Triki, a Palestinian flag over her shoulders.

"It is elementary that as activists or simple citizens, you go out on to the street to support the Palestinian people," said 85-year-old trade unionist Claude Marill.

Sudan fighting destroys strategic Khartoum bridge

AFP | Khartoum

A strategic Nile bridge in Sudan's capital has collapsed, the army and rival paramilitaries said in separate statements yesterday, trading blame for its destruction nearly seven months into their devastating war.

Witnesses reported "clear signs of destruction on the Shambat Bridge" which crosses the White Nile and connecting Khartoum's sister cities of Khartoum North and Omdurman.

Images posted online, which AFP was unable to immediately



Smoke rises from north of Khartoum (file photo)

verify, showed a section of the bridge about halfway across the river had disappeared. Vehicles, apparently damaged, lay on the part of the bridge still standing.

Croatian defence minister seriously injured in car crash

AFP | Zagreb

Croatia's defence minister was seriously injured yesterday in a car collision that killed the driver of the other vehicle, his ministry said.

Mario Banozic was travelling in his private car and was leaving the town of Vinkovci, 276 kilometres (172 miles) east of the capital Zagreb, when it rammed into a van, a statement said.

Banozic suffered serious head injuries and was rushed to hospital, government spokesman Marko Milic said, adding: "According to the doctors, his life is out of danger".

Pope dismisses US bishop who was prominent critic

AFP | Vatican City

Pope Francis yesterday dismissed US bishop Joseph Strickland, a prominent conservative who has repeatedly criticised his papacy, the Vatican announced.

The rare decision to remove a senior Catholic figure came after Francis sent two US bishops to visit Strickland's Texas diocese in June.

"The Holy Father has relieved from the pastoral governance of the diocese of Tyler (US) Joseph E. Strickland," the Vatican said in a statement.

It said the bishop of Austin, Joe Vasquez, had been named as apostolic administrator of the diocese, but gave no further details.

The Vatican has not said what sparked the apostolic visitation



Pope Francis

this summer -- which Strickland himself made public -- or what conclusions were drawn.

But Strickland, appointed by former pope Benedict XVI in 2012, was one of the most prominent critics of Pope Francis.

The Argentine pope, 86, has sought to forge a more compassionate Church, open to different views.

But he has faced intense opposition from critics -- particularly in the United States -- who accused him of causing confusion and failing to uphold key Catholic beliefs.

In a message earlier this year on X, formerly Twitter, Strickland accused the pope of "undermining the deposit of faith".

In a blog posted on his website in September, the bishop addressed rumours that he was being encouraged by the Vatican to step down.

"I cannot resign as bishop of Tyler because that would be me abandoning the flock" under his care, he wrote.

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BKS-DC Books book fest begins



Indian Ambassador H.E. Vinod K. Jacob joined Huda Alalawi, Director of Communications & Promotions of Bahrain Authority for Culture and Antiquities, inaugurated the BKS- DC Books & Literature Fest 2023 at DJ Hall of Bahrain Keraleeya Samajam at Segaya. BKS President P V Radhakrishna Pillai presided over the function. The book fair has assembled a collection of over 100,000 books encompassing more than 5,000 titles from leading publishers in India and abroad. In English and in various Indian languages. The International Book Fair and Cultural Festival concludes on 18th November. It offers a platform for renowned writers, cultural icons, and political activists to engage with readers and the general public. Distinguished figures such as PS Sreedharan Pillai, MA Baby, Sagarika Ghosh, Santhosh George Kulangara, VJ James, Chef Pillai, MV Nikesh Kumar, Ravunni, and others will participate as guests on various days.



'Visit Embassy' programme held



The second edition of the 'Visit Embassy' program initiated by the Indian Embassy, Bahrain was held at its premises in Seef. As a part of the program students from the Indian School Bahrain visited the Embassy. During the session, students were briefed about various roles and different sections where Ambassador H.E. Vinod K. Jacob interacted with the students.

National Constitution Day observed



Bangladesh Embassy, Bahrain celebrated its National Constitution Day with various events. M. Mahiuddin Kayes, Charge D Affairs gave the keynote address. Officers and employees of Bangladesh Embassy in Bahrain attended the program.

Film screening begins



Bangladesh Embassy organised a preview of the film 'Mujib: A Nation Rupkar' at the EPIX cinema hall in Dana Mall. Around 250 people, including diplomats, government officials and businessmen attended the preview show. M. Mahiuddin Kayes, Charge D Affairs of Bangladesh Embassy welcomed the gathering. The movie will be screened until November 15th 7pm at Dana Mall's EPIX theatre.

BCICAI conducts men's health awareness camp



Bahrain Chapter of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India in Bahrain conducted a Men's Health Awareness Session under the theme "BLUE NOVEMBER", aimed to promote prevention, diagnosis and treatment of prostate cancer in collaboration with King Hamad American Mission Hospital, A'ali. Dr. Monish Cherian & Dr. Shamik Shah gave insightful speeches on the topics.

Palakkad Pravasi Association organizes blood donation camp



Palakkad Pravasi Association, a family association of Palakkad expatriate residents in Bahrain, in collaboration with Blood Donors Kerala Bahrain Chapter, organized a Mega Blood Donation Camp at King Hamad University Hospital. The ceremony was attended by many blood donors and was inaugurated by Mr. Edathody Bhaskaran, a member of Palakkad Pravasi Association who donated blood for the 25th time.

SNCS launches membership campaign



Aiming at Women's empowerment, Sri Narayana Cultural Society Bahrain, a registered expatriate social organisation, has started issuing memberships to women who are interested in participating in the socio-cultural activities of the society. The first 12 memberships were handed over by Amina E Al Jasim, the acting director of NGO at Bahrain Social affairs ministry, during the Members Night event held at Bangsangathai Auditorium, Adliya. Various artistic performances by members were also staged along with this. General Secretary V. R. Sajeew gave the welcome address while Chairman Suneesh Sushilan presided over the event.

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BRAVE CF president meets Mauritius Deputy PM, discusses building sports economy

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Mohammed Shahid, Advisor to the President of the Bahrain Olympic Committee, President of BRAVE Combat Federation and CEO of KHK Sports, travelled to Mauritius last week to discuss BRAVE CF's role in the development of the sporting and tourism scene in the African country as Mauritius prepares to host a BRAVE CF mixed martial arts show for the first time in 2024.

The global reach of BRAVE CF is expected to play a key role in the next few years as the country looks to increase its tourism and sporting awareness worldwide, develop its industries on a national level, and attract foreign investment opportunities.

While in the country, Shahid met with the Honorable Steven Obeegadoo, the deputy Prime Minister of Mauritius, and several other dignitaries, such as Sooroojdev Phokeer, Speaker of the National Assembly; Stephan Toussaint, Minister of Youth Empowerment, Sports and Recreational; and the CEO of the Economic Development Board of Mauritius, Ken Poonoosamy.

At these meetings, Shahid spoke about the connection between BRAVE CF and Mauri-



Mohammed Shahid (left) with Stephan Toussaint, Minister of Youth Empowerment, Sports, and Recreational of Mauritius

tius and how the organisation can bring in a new upheaval of economic investments, but also establish ancillary business meetings, summits, and conventions to further Mauritius' bid to develop economically through sports and tourism.

Mohammed Shahid met with the Steven Obeegadoo, Deputy Prime Minister of Mauritius, who was keen to emphasize the opportunity at hand to develop the tourism sector of both Mauritius and Bahrain with the upcoming BRAVE CF event.

He also conveyed his congratulations to His Highness Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa for his exemplary work in leading BRAVE Combat Federation to

become the most global MMA organisation in the world. He believes that the first edition of BRAVE CF in Mauritius will be extremely important in consolidating the friendly ties between Mauritius and Bahrain, as well as to stimulate the tourism sector.

Stephan Toussaint, Minister of Youth Empowerment, Sports, and Recreational of Mauritius, met with Mohammed Shahid, with the two discussing the level of international awareness that a BRAVE Combat Federation event will bring to Mauritius and how the show will be the perfect opportunity for the country to enjoy sports development opportunities with the goal of building a



Mohammed Shahid (left) with Speaker of the National Assembly, Sooroojdev Phokeer (centre) and Avinash Ramtohol (right)

true sports economy.

Toussaint also touched on the organization of the event itself and has proposed to set up a working committee that will be responsible for organizing BRAVE Combat Federation's first-ever show in Mauritius.

During his meeting with Mohammed Shahid, the Speaker of the National Assembly of Mauritius, Sooroojdev Phokeer, welcomed BRAVE Combat Federation to Mauritius and spoke of his desire to bring the company's events to Mauritius on a regular basis.

He believes that the upcoming

show will be the perfect opportunity for Mauritius and Bahrain to further develop diplomatic ties and praised His Highness Shaikh Khaled bin Hamad Al Khalifa's efforts in the field of combat sports.

During their meeting, both parties spoke of the potential impact that BRAVE CF's event can have on several sectors. The development of a true sports ecosystem in the country that will put Mauritius potentially as the face of African MMA worldwide, as well as impacting and educating the youth of the country as a social benefit to the organiza-

tion's arrival in Mauritius.

Ken Poonoosamy, CEO of the Economic Development Board of Mauritius, expressed his satisfaction in providing the EDB's support for BRAVE CF's first event in Mauritius. In a meeting with Mohammed Shahid, Poonoosamy reveals his high expectations regarding the partnership with the Bahraini organization, and both have agreed that BRAVE CF's event in Mauritius will bring a high level of international awareness to the country via the massive media coverage of BRAVE CF, showcasing Mauritius as a sports, event, and entertainment destination.

Poonoosamy also stressed the diverse opportunities that the BRAVE CF event will offer to Mauritius, most notably, but not exclusive to trade and business development opportunities, bilateral relations, and tourism support increase, as well as the further expansion of Mauritius' relationship with Bahrain on various fronts.

Furthermore, Poonoosamy is excited at the prospect of having a highly experienced and professional sports team land in Mauritius to organize an event and share their expertise and know-how to the local talent available.

BKS gears up for international badminton tournament



BKS officials during the press meet

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The Bahrain Keraleeya Samajam (BKS) announced that it will organise its international badminton tournament from November 21 to 26.

The Al Sharif Group Bahrain International Challenge 2023 will be conducted under the patronage of Bahrain Badminton and Squash Federation (BBSF).

The event is a Level 3 sanctioned tournament under the Badminton Asia Confederation and attracts players from the top 50 world rankings regularly.

Nearly 250 players from 32 different countries have regis-

tered for the tournament.

The Tournament Referee will be India's Gaurav Khanna, a senior Badminton World Federation accredited referee. He is also the recipient of Dhronacharya Award, India's highest award for coaches.

The event is organised by BKS led by its President, PV Radhakrishna Pillai and General Secretary Vargheese Karakkal.

This year's tournament sees some exciting talent from around the world. Mens Single top seeds are both from Spain, Pablo Abian and Luis Enrique ranked 65 and 66 in the world respectively. Indian Sankar Sub-

ramanian in third seed will be the crowd favourite. The Bahraini Number 1 Adnan Ebrahim also finds a spot in the qualifying rounds

Womens singles top seed is the returning champion Malavika Bansod and Jenira Stadelmann from Switzerland.

Mens Doubles sees for the first time an Irish top seed in Paul Reynolds and Joshua Magee and sees diverse entries from China, Algeria, Japan, Sri Lanka and many more. Womens Double top seeds are Bulgarian Gabriela Stoeva and Stefani Stoeva along the Chinese pair of Zi Meng Wang and Key un Ding.

Ministry of Interior clinches title in grand competition of Show Jumping Championship

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The Ministry of Interior's show jumping team achieved first place in the grand competition of the Show Jumping Championship, which was held at the Military Sports Federation Square in Al-Raffa, at the opening of the Royal Endurance and Show Jumping Federation season.

On this occasion, Brigadier General Abdulaziz Mayouf Al Rumaihi, supervising the team, dedicated the victory to Lieutenant General Shaikh Rashid bin Abdullah Al Khalifa, Minister of Interior. He also highlighted the follow-up by Lieutenant General Tariq bin Hassan Al Hassan, Head of Public Security.

He also thanked HH Shaikh Isa bin Abdullah Al Khalifa,



Winners with their trophies



Action from the event

President of the Royal Equestrian and Endurance Racing Federation, and Shaikh Abdullah bin Mohammed Al Khalifa, Chairman of the Show Jumping Committee, for the good preparation, organisation, and interest in following up on the preparations that led to the success of the championship activities, and to the Military Sports Federation for their efforts.

England knocks Pakistan out

Stokes and Willey shine as England concludes World Cup title defence, leaving Pakistan eliminated

● England defeated Pakistan by 93 runs in their final World Cup match

AFP | Kolkata

England sent Pakistan crashing out of the World Cup with a convincing 93-run win as Ben Stokes and David Willey helped their team end their miserable title defence on a high in Kolkata yesterday.

Stokes, who came out of ODI retirement for the World Cup, scored 84 while Joe Root hit 60 to lift England to an impressive 337-9 in their 50 overs before Pakistan folded on 244 in 43.3 overs.

Willey, who already announced he will retire from international cricket after the World Cup, removed Pakistan openers Abdullah Shafique (nought) and Fakhar Zaman (one) before dismissing Agha Salman for 51 to finish with 3-56.



England's Ben Stokes plays a shot

With Salman's wicket, Willey also completed 100 wickets in his 73rd ODI.

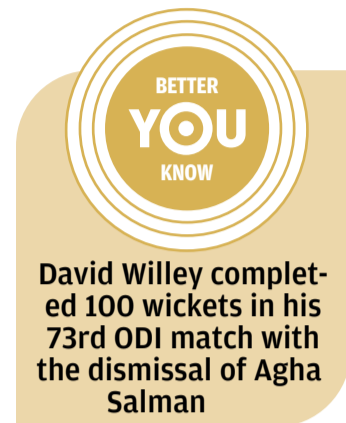
Fellow fast bowler Gus Atkinson (2-45) had Babar Azam for 38, caught at short mid-wicket off a miscued pull to end the Pakistan skipper's below-par tournament on 320 runs with four fifties but without a century.

Spinners Moeen Ali (2-60) and Adil Rashid (2-55) took care

of the middle-order as only Salman defied the bowling with a fighting 45-ball knock studded with six boundaries and a six.

Tail-enders Shaheen Shah Afridi scored 27 and Haris Rauf made 35 to at least take Pakistan past the 200-mark.

Ali removed Mohammad Rizwan for a 51-ball 36 and Iftikhar Ahmed for three while Rashid had Saud Shakeel bowled round



BETTER YOU KNOW
David Willey completed 100 wickets in his 73rd ODI match with the dismissal of Agha Salman

his legs for 29 before bowling Shadab Khan for four with a googly.

Pakistan started the day needing to beat England by 287 runs in order to squeeze into the semi-finals on net run-rate but that escape route was immediately closed when Jos Buttler won the toss and chose to bat first.

As a result, New Zealand became the fourth team into the semi-finals and will face undefeated India in Mumbai on November 15.

Scorecard

England 337 for 9 (Stokes 84, Root 60, Bairstow 59, Rauf 3-64) beat Pakistan 244 (Salman 51, Willey 3-56) by 93 runs

A day later, Australia and South Africa will meet in the other semi-final in Kolkata.

Stokes -- dropped on 10 by Shaheen off his own bowling -- rode his luck during a 76-ball innings.

Wayward bowling

Root added a 72-ball 60 after England won the toss and batted.

Stokes and Root built on a solid opening stand of 82 between Jonny Bairstow (59) and Dawid Malan (31), taking full advantage of a slow Eden Gardens pitch and some wayward bowling.

Bairstow hit seven boundaries and a six in his 61-ball knock -- his second fifty in an otherwise lacklustre performance in the tournament.

Malan was the first to go, mis-

cuing a reverse sweep off spinner Iftikhar Ahmed while Bairstow was caught in the covers off Rauf, Pakistan's best bowler with 3-64.

Once Stokes, who came out of ODI retirement for the World Cup, got a life he continued to bat like he did during his century against the Netherlands in Pune three days ago, cracking 11 boundaries and two sixes.

He was finally yorked by Shaheen in the 41st over after adding 132 for the third wicket with Root.

Root hit four boundaries in his third half century of the World Cup before he was caught off a leading edge against Shaheen who finished with 2-72.

Harry Brook made 30, with two sixes and as many fours, and Buttler hit 27 with a six and three boundaries as the pair added a quick 45 with England scoring 97 runs in the last ten overs.

Pakistan finished in fifth place in the 10-nation table while England are a further two places down, but still able to qualify for the 2025 Champions Trophy.

Marsh's hundred ensures Australia cruise past Bangladesh

AFP | Pune

Mitchell Marsh's career-best 177 not out sent Australia into next week's World Cup semi-finals with a convincing eight-wicket win over Bangladesh in Pune yesterday.

Marsh's second hundred of the World Cup ensured Australia, already guaranteed a last-four clash with South Africa, made light of their target of 307 to win with 32 balls remaining.

This was just Marsh's third hundred in 87 one-day internationals and surpassed his 121 against Pakistan earlier in the tournament as the 32-year-old's highest score.

The all-rounder, strong on the drive and square of the wicket, faced 132 balls including 17 fours and nine sixes.

Marsh also shared a stand of 120 with David Warner (53) and put on an unbroken 175 with Steve Smith, the star batsman hitting the winning boundary in a morale-boosting 63 not out after returning from vertigo.

Victory meant Australia ended the group stage with a seventh successive win after their campaign for a record-extending sixth men's World Cup title started with two defeats.



Australia's Mitchell Marsh plays a shot

Bangladesh's 306-8, their highest total of the tournament, left Australia needing to surpass their record World Cup-winning chase of 292 against Afghanistan in Mumbai on Tuesday -- a match where Glenn Maxwell's stunning unbeaten 201 sealed an astounding three-wicket win after they had collapsed to 91-7.

Maxwell was rested yesterday, but Australia had no need of his heroics as they overpowered a Bangladesh attack missing captain Shakib Al Hasan after

the all-rounder was ruled out with a broken finger.

Nasum Ahmed's 10 wicketless overs cost 85 runs, with this loss leaving Bangladesh dependent on other results for a top-eight finish that would qualify them for the 2025 Champions Trophy in Pakistan.

Australia lost Travis Head (10) early in their chase when he played on trying to slog Taskin Ahmed.

Warner plundered runs on an excellent batting pitch before the left-handed opener, follow-

Scorecard

Australia 307 for 2 (Marsh 177*, Smith 63*, Warner 51) beat Bangladesh 306 for 8 (Hridoy 74, Shanto 45, Zampa 2-32, Abbott 2-61) by eight wickets

ing a 52-ball fifty, surprisingly chipped Mustafizur Rahman to stand-in skipper Najmul Hossain Shanto at mid-off.

The powerful Marsh however, pressed on, pounding spinner Mehdi Hasan Miraz for a six and a four before suffering cramp, although nothing as severe as the attack that afflicted Maxwell against Afghanistan.

Earlier, Towhid Hridoy's 74, his maiden World Cup fifty, was the cornerstone of a Bangladesh innings where several batsmen gave away their wickets.

Adam Zampa was the pick of Australia's attack with 2-32 as the leg-spinner became the leading bowler in the tournament with 22 wickets, while Marnus Labuschagne derailed the innings by expertly running out the well-set Najmul (45) and Mahmudullah (32).

Hridoy's 79-ball innings ended when he holed out off Marcus Stoinis, his exit sparking a flurry of wickets.

Kane scores brace as Bayern go top

AFP | Munich

Harry Kane scored two first-half goals as Bayern Munich beat promoted Heidenheim 4-2 yesterday, sending the Bavarians to the top of the table.

Heidenheim replied with two goals in three second-half minutes to equalize and Bayern needed late goals from Raphael Guerreiro and Eric Maxim Choupo-Moting to secure victory.

Bayern finish yesterday atop the table but Bayer Leverkusen -- who have won 15 and drawn one of their 16 matches in all competitions this season -- can return to the top

Harry Kane



with a win on Sunday over Union Berlin.

"It was a changing match," said Thomas Mueller. "At one point we had it in our grip, then we didn't, then we did again."

"What was nice is that we were able to react, that we managed to switch to a higher gear."

"It brought us to the top of the table and I hope that Leverkusen drop points sometime."

Kane now has 17 goals in 11 league games since joining the German champions from youth club Tottenham in the summer.

Mbappe bags hat-trick as PSG go top of Ligue 1

AFP | Paris

Acclinical Kylian Mbappe scored a hat-trick as Paris Saint-Germain won 3-0 away to high-flying Reims yesterday and moved to the top of the Ligue 1 table.

Mbappe opened the scoring in the third minute in Champagne country and then netted twice more in the second half to give PSG a win which moved the reigning champions to the summit a point above Nice, who drew at Montpellier on Friday.

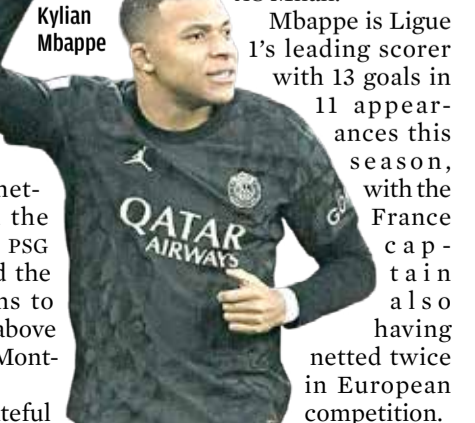
PSG were also grateful

to goalkeeper Gianluigi Donnarumma who denied Reims a route back into the game with a string of superb saves, as Luis Enrique's team recovered from their midweek Champions League loss away to AC Milan.

Mbappe is Ligue 1's leading scorer with 13 goals in 11 appearances this season,

with the France captain also having netted twice in European competition.

Kylian Mbappe



Bora Bakici of Turkey and Alina Sogomonyan were both crowned champions of their respective singles categories yesterday in the Bahrain ITF Juniors 2023 tournament, which came to a close at the Bahrain Tennis Federation (BTF) hard courts in Isa Town. Sixth-seeded Bora claimed the boys' singles crown after defeating Andres Pereiro Lopez of Spain 2-6, 6-3, 6-2. His win earned him a sensational title double in the tournament. Seventh-seeded Alina, meanwhile, clinched the girls' singles championship after beating top seed Ariana Gogulina of Kazakhstan 6-3, 6-4. Following both finals, the winners were awarded their respective medals and trophies by BTF secretary general Fouad Al Rowaie and BTF board member Mohammed Salman. Above, the winners with officials at the awarding

Bahrain kick off final qualifiers' lead-up

Senior men's national football team begin final training gathering ahead of their continental qualifiers for FIFA World Cup 2026

● Bahrainis to kick off qualifiers against Yemen on Thursday in Abha, Saudi Arabia

● Head coach Juan Antonio Pizzi selected 26 of Kingdom's top names for matches

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Bahrain's senior men's national football team kicked off their local training gathering last night in the final lead-up to their continental qualifiers this coming week-and-a-half for the FIFA World Cup 2026.

The Bahrainis are set to play against Yemen on Thursday at Prince Sultan bin Abdulaziz Sports City in Abha, Saudi Arabia. They then go up against the UAE at the National Stadium in Riffa on 21 November.

Thursday's contest is scheduled for a 9pm kick-off, Bahrain time, while the Bahrainis' ensuing home match will get



Bahrain midfielder Mohammed Jassim Marhoon does drills during training last night

underway at 6.30pm.

The nationals have begun their final preparations under the supervision of head coach Juan Antonio Pizzi.

There are five rounds in the FIFA World Cup qualification format for the Asian Football Confederation (AFC), which will have eight teams book their tickets to the global showcase, plus potentially another following an inter-confederation play-off.

Bahrain are directly in the

second round of qualifiers in Group H with the UAE, Yemen and Nepal.

There are 36 nations in this stage, divided into nine groups of four. The teams will play against each other on a home-and-away basis. The nine group winners and group runners-up advance to the third round. In addition to this, they will also automatically qualify for the AFC Asian Cup 2027.

After Bahrain's upcoming

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matches this month, the nationals only resume their qualification bid next year. They take on Nepal on 21 March, and then face off with the Nepalese again on 26 March. They then face Yemen on 6 June, before completing this stage against the UAE



Veteran goalkeeper Sayed Mohammed Jaafar during national team practice

on 11 June.

Pizzi has called up 26 of Bahrain's biggest names for the upcoming qualifiers. The team includes Ali Madan, Mohammed Marhoon, Abdulla Yusuf, Moses Atede, Mahdi Humaidan, Ahmed Bughammar, Mohammed Adel, Mohammed Al Hardan, Abdulkarim Al Fardan, Ali Hassan, Sayed Mahdi Baqer, Hussain Al Aker, Komail Al Aswad, Jassim Al Shaikh, Mohammed Abdulqayoom, Hazza Ali, Sayed Mo-

ammed Jaafar, Amine Hasan, Waleed Al Hayyam, Abdulla Al Khalasi, Mubarak Mohammed, Ebrahim Luthfallah, Abdulla Al Hashash, Ebrahim Al Khattal, Mohammed Abdulwahab and Ebrahim Al Wali.

Aside from FIFA World Cup qualification, Bahrain are also gearing up for the next edition of the AFC Asian Cup, to be held in Doha in January of next year. These are the national team's first official games under Pizzi.

Nuwaidrat keep quarters hopes alive in Khalifa bin Salman Cup

● Imports Sameen Swint, Lamar Mallory combine for 63 points in 92-72 victory over Samaheej

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Nuwaidrat kept their quarter-final hopes alive last night in this year's Khalifa bin Salman Cup basketball tournament.

Nuwaidrat claimed their place with a 92-72 preliminary round victory over Samaheej at the Zain Basketball Arena in Um Al Hassam.

Nuwaidrat extended a 22-17 lead at the end of the first quarter to 47-33 at the half and never looked back. They went up by



Nuwaidrat's Sameen Swint looks to dribble past Samaheej's Sayed Ali Mahmood during their game last night

as many as 22 points the rest of the way.

Imports Sameen Swint and Lamar Mallory combined for 63 points between them to spearhead the victors. Swint finished with a game-high 32 to go with 10 rebounds and four steals. Abbas Jameel Ebrahim had an impressive nine points and 10 assists in the win.

For Samaheej, Basel Adel scored 25 points as their top performer. Ahmed Adel Abbas chipped in with 11 in the loss.

They now take on the winner of the other contest in the preliminaries between Sitra and Isa Town. The victor of that game will book a berth in the final eight, where they join the seven already-qualified sides, including holders Manama, Muharraq, Al Ahli, Al Ettihad, Al Najma, Bahrain Club and Al Hala.

Najma lose to Saudi's Khaleej Club



Al Najma's Mohammed Habib Ahmed looks to score against Khaleej Club

● Bahrain champions to face Kuwait SC for seventh place overall today in IHF Men's Super Globe in Dammam

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Bahrain's Al Najma Club lost to Khaleej Club of Saudi Arabia 24-27 yesterday in the prestigious IHF Men's Super Globe, currently being held in Dammam.

It was the first game for the Bahrainis in their fifth-to-eighth classification bracket. They will now play Kuwait SC today at 1.15pm, Bahrain time, for seventh place overall to end the 12-club competition. The Kuwaitis lost to Al Ahly of Egypt 25-35 yesterday.

Najma trailed 10-14 at the half against Khaleej and never recovered and did well to outscore their opponents in the final 30 minutes. But their efforts came up short in the end for a tough defeat.

Mohammed Habib Ahmed was their leading scorer with seven goals, while Mahdi Saad had five and both Belal Basham and Hassan Madan each finished with three.

Mujtaba Al Salem paced Khaleej with five goals, while Shinnosuke Takuda had four. Najma are participating in the IHF Super Globe for the second time, following the 2018 edition when they finished seventh. They will be hoping to match that result with a win today.

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

Man Utd ease pressure on Ten Hag, Spurs stunned

AFP | London

Manchester United eased the pressure on under-fire boss Erik ten Hag with a nervy 1-0 win against Luton, while Premier League title challengers Tottenham crashed to an agonising 2-1 defeat at Wolves yesterday.

Rocked by Wednesday's devastating Champions League group stage loss in Copenhagen -- the latest embarrassment in a season of low moments -- United gave Ten Hag some much-needed breathing space thanks to Victor Lindelof's second-half winner.

United had suffered five defeats in their previous 10 home games this season, their worst start to a campaign at Old Traf-



Manchester United's Victor Lindelof celebrates with teammates after scoring since 1930-31 when they also lost five of 10 and were relegated from the top flight.

They were also reeling from three losses in their last four games in all competitions as the heat was turned up on Ten Hag.

Against that depressing backdrop, and with the latest 'Glazers out' protests from fans outside Old Trafford before kick-off, struggling Luton's first visit to United since 1991 was well-timed for Ten Hag and his

troubled team.

Sixth-placed United made their pressure count in the 59th minute as Bruno Fernandes' corner was cleared to Marcus Rashford, whose cross fell kindly for Lindelof to lash home.

"It is a good day. We needed the win and we got it, but we could make life more easy by scoring early on and getting a second," Ten Hag said.

"I have to compliment the team that they kept going, kept organised and didn't give anything away."

Wolves' stunning late show denied Tottenham the chance to return to the top of the table as a pair of stoppage-time goals sealed a dramatic win at Molineux.