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HRH Prince Salman orders distribution of 6,800 housing units to citizens

Former Minister and Ambassador Ali Al Mahrous passes away



Ali Al Mahrous **TDT** | Manama

ormer Minister and FAmbassador Ali Al Mahrous, a prominent figure in the government, has passed away.

Al Mahrous held several significant positions throughout his career. He served as the Minister of Works and Agriculture in 1999.

Before his ministerial appointment, Al Mahrous was appointed as the first Ambassador of the Kingdom of Bahrain to the Republic of Lebanon in 1974.

He then went on to serve as the Ambassador of Bahrain to the United Kingdom in 1976 and later as the Ambassador to the French Republic in 1991.

In addition to his diplo-

HM King Hamad congratulated by Cabinet on National Day celebration

The Cabinet yesterday congratulated His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa on Bahrain's National Day celebration, in commemoration of the establishment of Bahrain as a modern state and Arab and Muslim country in 1783 by Ahmed Al Fateh, as well as the Anniversary of His Majesty the King's Accession to the Throne. His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, chaired the weekly Cabinet meeting at Gudaibiya Palace. (Full report on Page 2)



Plagiarism scandal rocks Parliament

Mahir Haneef TDT| Manama

****rom hallowed halls of academia to the highest seats of power, plagiarism has reared its ugly head, leaving a trail of shattered careers in its wake. Now, this academic the shores of Bahrain, casting a shadow over the very institution entrusted with upholding the Kingdom's intellectual integrity - the Parliament.

In a startling revelation, Maryam Al Dhaen, a Parliament member, has alleged that a bill submitted by her in August this year has been plagiarized by none other than the members of a Parliamentary committee designated to vet new bills for duplication with bills already submitted by others. While she submitted a bill on August 20th this year to register

trainee doctors under the social

Shadow over council's intellectual integrity

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scourge appears to have reached News about MP Maryam's bill in an Arabic newspaper of September 20th



ا منتعب الدهاني السيد تعدد بن سلمان راستي دولس الدو ا

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mittee once it gathered steam,

the MP has alleged. The bill originated from her

own experience as a doctor trained in the UK who found MP Maryam Al Dhaen several obstacles to employment provided by a group of similar would pass, the MP recalled. doctors who had met the MP grievances, the MP said.



in the Kingdom and the insights nobody was optimistic that it yam explained. The MP also alleged that the But the bill was viewed fa- vetting committee, which conand others highlighting their vourably by the government, sists of other MPs, had purposewith assurances being given that fully delayed her bill submitted it would be acted upon. In the in August and finally plagiarized Parliamentary session of De- it in December by introducing it cember 5th, an urgent bill was urgently and then claiming the After noting down the griev- introduced by none other than limelight through media, leaving members of the vetting commit- her no time to react to the plagia-MP included points from her tee and it was widely circulat- rism. She is planning to highlight first-hand experience of the sit- ed through the media, with the this in the Parliamentary session uation in the bill and submitted committee members claiming today, MP Maryam told The Daily it to the Parliament. At that point, ownership of the bill, MP Mar- Tribune.

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matic achievements, he also served as the Secretary-General of the Council of Ministers from 1995 to 1999.

Ali Al Mahrous began his illustrious career in the government in 1971 when he joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Three-year-old dies in traffic accident

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traffic accident in Athe Sanabis area has claimed the life of a threeyear-old girl.

The General Attorney of the Traffic Prosecution announced that the Public Prosecution has received the report of the incident. According to the ac-

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security system, it was plagia- Communication from MP Maryam's office to Parliament dated August 20th rized by members of the com-

Grievances

ances raised by the doctors, the

Raffles debuts in Bahrain with ambitious Areen master plan unveiled

Ashen Tharaka TDT | Manama

A midst a gathering of digni-taries, government officials, and industry leaders. GFH Financial Group made a momentous announcement yesterday, highly anticipated Raffles Hoits ambitious Areen project.

the patronage of His Highness Shaikh Abdullah bin Hamad bin audience, including senior gov- mental plans.



revealing the inauguration of the His Highness Shaikh Abdullah bin Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa attends the ceremonv

resentative of His Majesty the management, and subsidiary tels and Resort and the unveiling King and the President of the Su- Al Areen Holding Company, of the revamped masterplan for preme Council for Environment, alongside strategic partners The ceremony, held under the development of the project. platform for the comprehensive

marked a significant milestone in and media, the event provided a high-end destination encom-Attended by a distinguished disclosure of Areen's develop-

ed near Al Areen Wildlife Park and Reserve in the southern region, aims to emerge as a premier passing living spaces, hospitality, entertainment, and commerce. Covering an expansive 2 mil-

Isa Al Khalifa, Personal Rep- ernment representatives, GFH The project, strategically locat- lion square meters of land and

boasting 1.5 million square meters of built-up area, the Areen master plan envisions accommodating approximately 25,000 people.

Comprising 16 major clusters, the development integrates commercial offices, retail units, restaurants, hotels, health and education facilities, and diverse residential communities.

In a nod to contemporary trends, the masterplan has been enhanced to embrace new health and wellness concepts, featuring walkable shopping streets.

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Providing housing services to Bahrainis a 'priority'

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Work is ongoing to devel- Al Saleh, at Gudaibiya Palace. op government services, ernise mechanisms in all sectors services to citizens is a priority. through initiatives that ensure cy of the services.

al Highness Prince Salman bin

the Shura Council, HE Ali bin Saleh

HRH Prince Salman emphafacilitate procedures, and mod- sised that providing housing He commended Team Bahthe highest quality and efficien- rain's role across various sectors, affirming that their efforts are a This was affirmed by His Roy- constant source of pride.

His Royal Highness highlight-Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown ed the importance of continued Prince and Prime Minister, as he coordination and integration met yesterday with the Speaker between the Executive and



of the Council of Representatives, Legislative Authorities to serve HRH Prince Salman meets with HE Speaker Al Musallam and HE Chairman Al Saleh His Excellency Ahmed bin Salman the Kingdom of Bahrain and its achieving the Kingdom's com- under the leadership of His Khalifa. Al Musallam, and the Chairman of citizens, which contributes to prehensive development goals Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al

that the complementary work between the Executive and Legislative Authorities embodies the spirit of Team Bahrain, which reflects the advanced collaboration between both the authorities and supports various work streams.

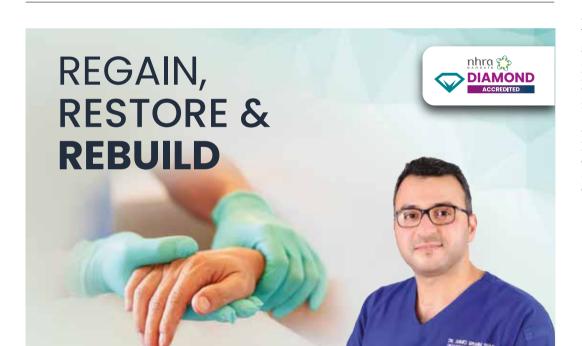
He commended the efforts of the members of the Legislative Authority in advancing the legislative system, furthering cooperation with the Executive Authority, and supporting various initiatives and development plans to achieve further accom-HRH Prince Salman emphasised plishments benefiting all.

Royal caring gesture

HRH Prince Salman orders distribution of 6,800 housing units to citizens starting from December 16



HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister chairs the weekly Cabinet meeting at Gudaibiya Palace



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ister, has ordered the distribu-National Day celebrations.

HRH Prince Salman said and assigned the Ministry of Bahrain" events. Housing and Urban Planning

rain as a modern state and Arab HM the King's commitment to is Royal Highness and Muslim country in 1783 by further GCC work to achieve its Prince Salman bin Ahmed Al Fateh, as well as the goals and consolidate GCC col-Hamad Al Khalifa, the Anniversary of His Majesty the laboration and integration. Crown Prince and Prime Min- King's Accession to the Throne.

It also congratulated the peotion of 6,800 housing units to ple of Bahrain on this national citizens. This comes following occasion, noting that the Kingthe Royal Directives of His dom also celebrates Bahraini cit-Majesty King Hamad bin Isa izens' accomplishments that fur- Royal Highness, and noted the Al Khalifa, and on the occasion ther the Kingdom of Bahrain's outstanding efforts of the Repof the Kingdom of Bahrain's comprehensive development, resentative of His Majesty the led by His Majesty the King.

The Cabinet expressed its and Youth Affairs, His Highness that ready housing units will thanks and appreciation to all Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al be distributed to beneficiaries the institutions and companies Khalifa, in furthering the Kingstarting from December 16, taking part in the "Celebrate

to make the necessary prepa- Day, the Cabinet paid tribute to tional Cybersecurity Conference rations to start the distribution. the Kingdom's fallen servicemen, and Exhibition, which was held The Cabinet, chaired yes- who made noble sacrifices for the under His Royal Highness's paterday by HRH the Crown security of Bahrain and its citizens. tronage and inaugurated by the

Prince and Prime Minister, The Cabinet noted the out- Minister of Interior, His Excelcongratulated HM King Ham- comes of the 44th session of the lency General Shaikh Rashid bin ad on Bahrain's National Day Supreme Council of the GCC, Abdullah Al Khalifa, on behalf of celebration, in commemora- in which HM the King led Bah- His Royal Highness.

tion of the establishment of Bah- rain's delegation and highlighted

The Cabinet then commended the exceptional organisation of the IRONMAN 70.3 Middle East Championship Bahrain, held under the patronage of His King for Humanitarian Works dom's sporting achievements.

The Cabinet highlighted the To mark Commemoration outcomes of the Arab Interna-

Raffles Al Areen Palace Bahrain inaugurated



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HH Shaikh Abdullah bin Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa with government officials and industry leaders

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Cterplan is the inauguration dullah bin Hamad bin Isa Al of Bahrain's newest five-star Khalifa, whose leadership and hotel, Raffles Al Areen Palace commitment to the Kingdom's Bahrain, which took place yes- sustainable growth and develterday. The hotel, designed to opment serve to inspire the es-Raffles' exacting standards, tablishment of new landmark promises to be a pinnacle of projects such as ours. opulence, capturing Arabian charm and world-class sophistication over 131,213 sqm.

With 78 villas and 120 rooms, relaxation for its guests.

man of Al Areen and CEO of with an outstanding group of ship, strategic partnerships, and GFH, added, "We are delighted partners, we look forward to a commitment to excellence, to unveil plans for Areen, our turning our vision and ground- Areen is poised to redefine unique, high-end, mixed-use breaking plan into reality." development that embodies Omer Acar, CEO of Raffles beyond.

our masterplan in the presence ▼entral to the Areen mas- of His Highness Shaikh Ab-

Proud

"We are also proud to aneach boasting private pools and nounce the establishment of gardens, the hotel offers a sublime Bahrain's newest five-star hotel experience. It also features five to be operated by the world-refood and beverage outlets, a roof- nowned Raffles, who are set to to unveil additional projects top restaurant, and an award-win- offer visitors from the region within the masterplan, signalning spa, ensuring unparalleled and around the world a new ling a continued commitment standard of excellence and lux- to transformative develop-Mr. Hisham Alrayes, Chair- ury at Areen. Working closely ment. With visionary leader-

(Continuation from Page 1) the finest of Bahraini ingenui- Hotels and Resorts, echoed the ty, natural beauty and drive. We excitement, expressing delight are especially grateful to launch at bringing the Raffles brand to Bahrain.

He highlighted the legendary service, culinary excellence, and exceptional amenities that Raffles Al Areen Palace Bahrain would offer, providing guests with an inspiring retreat to explore and connect with the country's rich culture.

"We are grateful to our partners at GFH Financial Group, whose collaboration and vision for Areen will help us elevate luxury hospitality within Bahrain," the CEO said.

Looking ahead, Areen plans luxury living in Bahrain and

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Initiative promotes child restraint seats in vehicles

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In line with community partnership and road safety promotion, the General Directorate of Traffic has launched an awareness campaign targeting kindergartens, highlighting the importance of using designated child restraint seats in vehicles.

On this occasion, Brigadier Shaikh Abdulrahman bin Abdulwahab Al Khalifa, Director General of the General Traffic Directorate, emphasised the significance of adhering to all safety aspects when transporting children in vehicles, including placing them in the designated rear seat to prevent injuries during sudden stops or unfortunate accidents.

safety rates.





The campaign aims to improve children's safety on the roads

The organisers highlighted He stated that partnerships the importance of supportwith the private sector con- ing national efforts aimed at tribute to achieving the desired achieving road safety through goals, expressing gratitude to a compliance with traffic laws bank for their contribution to and regulations, expressing achieving awareness objec- their wishes for continued cotives and enhancing traffic operation in serving the community.

Get ready for the spectacular show!

Bahrain shines bright as stage is set for colourful 52nd National Day celebrations

Zahra Ayaz TDT | Manama

iffa and Isa Town are ablaze with vibrant lights as Bahrain gears up to celebrate its 52nd National Day.

The Kingdom is enveloped in a festive atmosphere as people flock to the highways, eager to partake in the holiday season festivities.

On December 15, the eve of National Day, the night sky will be illuminated with a dazzling display of fireworks, serving as a prelude to the numerous festivities and programs planned for the celebrations.

Visitors are drawn to iconic locations such as the red and white Bahraini flag-inspired illuminations, landmarks, and shopping centers.

The allure of these vibrant displays prompts many to capture the moment, with people even taking snapshots from moving vehicles. It is not uncommon to witness cars adorned with red and white spray paint and stickers of Bahrain's flag, displaying their patriotic fervour.

National pride

The surge in national pride is evident in the demand for the Bahrain flag, with shops across the Kingdom witnessing a remarkable increase in sales.

From small stationary shops to bustling tailor's establishments, flags of various sizes A mesmerising display of colours igniting the spirit of patriotism and prices are prominently fills. Medium-sized flags are displayed. The smaller flags, measuring a few inches, can while larger flags range from holiday in honour of National be purchased for as low as 500 BD1.5 to BD.







Day.

To facilitate the festivities, available at approximately BD1, Bahrain has announced a public



Bahrain's iconic flag-inspired illuminations, landmarks, and shopping centers attract visitors who capture the vibrant displays, even from moving vehicles, showcasing their patriotic fervour.

Holiday circular

As per the circular, ministries and public institutions will remain closed from December 16 to 18, with December 16 falling on the weekend.

This extended break will provide ample opportunity for citizens and residents alike to participate in the celebrations and reflect on the nation's achievements.

The nation, which commemorates the founding of the modern Bahraini Kingdom as an Arab and Muslim state in 1783 by Ahmed Al Fateh, is also celebrating the anniversary of His Majesty the King's accession to the throne. The forthcoming December 16 and 17 hold great significance as the country pays homage to its rich history and heritage.

Appeals Court upholds drug smuggler's jail time

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drugs substances from abroad them into loudspeakers.

began when a customs em- to others who sold them in ployee received an unknown exchange for sums of money. package through airspace Tests confirmed that the subthrough Bahrain Internation- stances were psychotropic in al Airport containing a loud- nature, and that the defendant speaker with headphones. He passed it through the X-ray machine after suspecting the contents of the package, him with unlawful possession which included a set of capsules wrapped and concealed inside the headphones.

cotics Directorate was contact-The High Appeals Court ed, which verified the pres-L upheld a young Bahraini ence of drugs and arrested the man's five-year sentence fol- defendant after confirming lowing his attempt to smuggle that he was the package owner. Security investigations rein agreement with an un- vealed that the defendant known individual by stuffing worked within a drug dealing group. The defendant's role

Accordingly, the Anti-Nar-

The details of the incident was to deliver those packages had also used hashish.

The court convicted him after Public Prosecution charged of psychotropic drugs with the intention of trafficking, and unlawful possession of hashish.

Amendments on rights of elderly discussed

Asian man to spend three years in prison for phone fraud scheme

develop human rights framework Geneva

Kingdom keen to

The Minister of Foreign Affairs, His Excellency Dr. Abdullatif bin Rashed Al Zayani, has affirmed that the Kingdom of Bahrain is developing a comprehensive national human rights framework with a well-defined road map and timeframe to implement its commitments and initiatives.

Dr. Al Zayani, was speaking as he took part in the Human Rights 75 high-level event, commemorating the 75th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR), held at the Human Rights Council headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland on December 11-12.

In his speech at the meeting, the minister said Bahrain also pledges to continue working on consolidating the values of peace and tolerance in cooperation with the legislative authority, he said.

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The Services Committee of L the House of Representatives held its 11th meeting in the second regular session of the sixth legislative term.

The meeting was headed by Deputy Chairman of the Committee, MP Lulwah Al Rumaihi. MP Al Rumaihi stated that the committee discussed the draft $law \, amending \, Article \, (9) \, of \, Law$ $\,$ Image used for illustrative purposes only No. (58) of 2009 regarding the law amending Article (4) of tain the necessary information rights of the elderly (prepared Law No. (19) of 2006 regarding regarding them, which are: the based on the proposal for a law regulating the labour market, proposal for a law regarding the "as amended" submitted by and the proposal with a desire Bahrainisation of some profesthe House of Representatives) to develop a strategy for pro- sions in the private sector, the and the committee discussed moting media for children, and replies of the Legislative and the committee submitted two some provisions of the Labour Legal Affairs Committee, the reports on them to House of Law in the Private Sector prom-Financial and Economic Affairs Representatives Bureau. Committee, the Ministry of Social Development regarding it proposals for a law and decided and the committee decided to to continue discussing them for retirees, a proposal to abolish approve it and submitted the and to address their sponsors the parallel system of Bahrainizafinal report on it to the office. to respond to further inquiries

The committee also dis- regarding them. cussed and decided to approve The committee also addressed children and adolescents during



The committee reviewed four

two topics: the proposal for a the concerned authorities to ob- the summer vacation.

proposal for a law amending ulgated by Law No. (36) of 2012, and the proposal for a law regarding Economic protection tion, and a proposal to develop intensive programs to embrace

Deportation follows after completing jail term

other person via phone call.

ing that he had won a financial

his bank account.

the prize.

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The High Appeals Court has upheld a three-year amount from his bank account prison sentence followed by using his PIN for two payments deportation for an Asian man that were transferred outside implicated in defrauding an- the Kingdom of Bahrain by the defendant through an ex-He lured the victim by claim- change company.

prize to withdraw money from Perpetrator

The Public Prosecution re-Through a statement from ceived a report from the An- the digital wallet company ti-Cybercrime Department of which traced the defendant's the General Directorate of An- transaction down to the last ti-Corruption and Economic person who withdrew the & Electronic Security stating money from an exchange comthat the victim was defraud- pany and transferred the sum ed by an individual contact- abroad, investigations found ing him under the pretext of the perpetrator, and with secuwinning a financial prize. He rity camera footage, he was arwas asked for some details to rested. Alongside an unknown register his name and receive person outside Bahrain, the defendant defrauded victims

However, he was surprised in exchange for agreed rates by the withdrawal of an and commissions.

news of bahrain metribune **Muharraq Governorate hosts National Day event celebration**

Citizens, expats and visitors enjoy activities

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n the spirit of the Kingdom of Bahrain's National Day celebrations, the Governorate of Muharraq organised a grand event in the Diyar Al Muharraq area.

The event was attended by His Excellency Mr. Saleh bin Isa bin Hindi Al Manaei, advisor to His Majesty the King for Youth Mr. Salman bin Isa bin Hindi Al dom of Bahrain, and to His Roy- ernorate are witnessing national included various exciting ac- tations, and exhibitions of varand Sports, and featured wide Manaei, Governor of Muharraq, al Highness Prince Salman bin celebrations in honour of this tivities, such as a performance ious products from productive participation from residents, extended his sincere congrat- Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown cherished occasion, which is by the equestrian troupe af- families and handicrafts. It expatriates, and visitors to the ulations and greetings to His Prince and Prime Minister. kingdom.

Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al He emphasised that all cities and residents.

HE Mr. Saleh bin Isa bin Hindi Al Manaei and Muharraq Governor, H.E. Mr. Salman bin Isa bin Hindi Al Manaei, at the event

On this national occasion, H.E. Khalifa, the King of the King- and villages in Muharraq Gov-

The celebration programme dents, folk groups, poetry reci- children.

close to the hearts of citizens filiated with the Ministry of concluded national and herit-Interior, shows by school stu- age competitions dedicated to

Celebrating national achievements and promoting value of patriotism

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The Isa Cultural Centre has **L** announced that festivities are held across the kingdom during the month of December, as the citizens from various social groups celebrate the milestone achievements of the kingdom's comprehensive development process, led by His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, and supported by His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister.

kingdom's celebration of its Ahmed Al Fateh in 1783, and the establishment of the mod- Accession to the Throne.



Isa Cultural Centre

ern Bahraini State as an Arab Its statement highlights the and Muslim state founded by

provide an opportunity to draw inspiration from the kingdom's to the nation and pride in the National Days on December 16 the anniversary of His Majesty national history and heritage national identity as well as to and 17, in commemoration of King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa's laden with the values of loy- consolidating belonging to the alty, dedication and tolerance, homeland.

under the leadership of HM the King, whose pioneering vision has enabled Bahrain to attain unprecedented progress at all levels, the Centre said.

During the same month, the kingdom also marks the Commemoration Day and the Bahrain Police Day, as a token of gratitude to the fallen heroes who had sacrificed their lives while valiantly defending the kingdom's security, achievements and progress march.

The Centre indicated that the The nation-wide festivities celebration of the national days contributes to deepening loyalty

Al Ghaf seedlings planting



One hundred and fifteen Al Ghaf seedlings have been planted by the national afforestation campaign (Forever Green) along Alhunayniyah hill. The campaign is organised by the National Initiative for Agricultural Development (NIAD), in partnership with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Agriculture and the Supreme Council for Environment. Al Ghaf trees are associated with the cultural and environmental heritage of Bahrain. Thev have been selected by by specialists from the Southern Municipality chose Al Ghaf trees for its benefits in combatting desertification, reducing carbon emissions, improving air quality and providing shade.



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Excellency Mr. Osama bin isations. Ahmed Khalaf Al-Asfour, Minister of Social Development, the (PWA) is one of the charitable Ministry organised a ceremony organisations honoured.

on the occasion of International Volunteer Day to honour some T Inder the patronage of His distinguished charitable organ-

Pakistani Women Association

President of PWA, Mrs. Shahmeen Islam, received this significant honour from Mr. Al-Asfour.

President of PWA, Mrs. Shah- our from Mr. Al-Asfour. meen Islam, received this hon-

praised the efforts of the peo- potential and capabilities to ple of Bahrain who set the most achieve progress for the Kingwonderful examples of sin- dom, to support the comprecerity and giving in service to hensive development process society, presented a pioneer- under the prosperous era of His ing model in the field of volun- Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al In his speech, the Minister teer work, and employed their Khalifa.

GOPIO, AMH hold discussion on gynaecology and psychology

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■ lobal Organization of Peo-**U**ple of Indian Origin (GO-PIO) Bahrain, in collaboration with American Mission Hospital, hosted a transformative event titled "Breaking Barriers - Nurturing bodies, and Inspiring souls" on 8 December at the King Hamad American Mission Hospital in A'Ali, to discuss critpsychology.

Renowned Dr. Bhanu Vasude-Hospital, led discussions on gy- nu Vasudevan. naecology.



GOPIO and American Mission Hospital officials with participants

ical issues in gynaecology and and stress were supported by rience.

experts Mrs Rekha Utham, Ms. Anne-Laura Renard and Ms. van, from American Mission Svetlana Prodanova and Dr. Bha-

The highly interactive event A panel discussion on psy- facilitated engagement between chological factors such as de- panelists and attendees, providpression, trauma, harassment, ing an enriching learning expe-

VMB Bros sponsored giveaways for the participants, further reinforcing the message of self-care and wellbeing.

Groundbreaking event

person for American Mission itive change." Hospital. "The discussions today are of great importance, as Roy.

with GOPIO to host this ground- break barriers, lead to greater support and efforts to make this breaking event," said the spokes- understanding, and inspire pos-

MC for the event was TM. Ritu Tina Mathew, VP Samuel Paul,

they address issues that are of- GOPIO EXCOM extended warm Secretary Ms Manisha Panten swept under the rug due to wishes and thanks to all the jala, and PR Secretary Ameesocietal norms or stigma. We volunteers and AMH staff and na Rahman was present at the "We are thrilled to partner believe that open dialogue can management for their valuable event.

event successful.

GOPIO Bahrain President GS Roshan George, Admin

BisB partners with Naseej for Al Basateen project financing

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Bahrain Islamic Bank (BisB) has announced its partnership with Naseej BSC which will offer its customers a competitive mortgage financing solutions for "Al Basateen" project in Al Saya, Muharraq.

One of the key benefits for customers interested in this project is a one-year grace period on their installments, 6

Fatema AlAlawi, Chief Retail tailored experience." Banking Officer at BisB, said:



Mohammed Al Shaikh

months of which will be pro- "This installment grace period Mohammed Al Shaikh, Head vided by BisB and the remaining is designed to provide our cus- of Investments, said; "We are through a network of 8 branches 6 months will be paid by Naseej. tomers with a comfortable and delighted to collaborate with and user-friendly digital plat-

Speaking on behalf of Naseej, offer on Naseej's residential and a mobile app.



Fatema AlAlawi

BisB in offering this exclusive forms, including online banking

project Basateen Villas. Naseej and BisB endeavor to provide our valued customers with a real estate solution that enables them to make their property purchase in an easy and flexible manner, and giving them a grace period to make re-payment orders."

Al Shaikh also added, "Our Basateen Villa Project is located in a developed area within Busaiteen, in Muharraq."

BisB offers its services

CBB re-elected as GFIN Coordination Group Member **TDT** | Manama



Yasmeen Al Sharaf, Director of Fintech and Innovation Unit at

The Central Bahrain (CBB) has been re-elected as a member of the Global Financial Innovation Network's ("GFIN's") Coordination Group for a third term, alongside 11 other regulators from across the globe.

The voting process took place during the GFIN's annual general meeting that was hosted by the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau in Washington DC in November 2023. The Financial Conduct Authority ("FCA") UK have also been re-elected as the Chair and the Secretariat of GFIN, for a third term.

NBB Group holds 'Innovation Challenge' for employees



NBB Innovation Challenge

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N^{BB} Group, comprising of ous departments as part of the third place; Mert Kabadayi and Zahra Almeshaima from NBB rain (NBB) and Bahrain Islamic Bank (BisB) recently held an finale was hosted at the HQ internal 'Innovation Challenge' Seef Mall, where 15 shortlisted were awarded the first place competition based around the candidates pitched their contheme of 'Digital Growth.' The cepts. Judging the finale were of the 'Innovation Challenge' competition was introduced to Usman Ahmed, NBB Group Usman Ahmed, NBB Group CEO encourage corporate innova- Chief Executive Officer, Yaser said; "Congratulations to all the tion and provided a platform Alsharifi, Chief Executive Offor employees to share ideas ficer of BisB and Razi Amin, that support the organisation's NBB Group Chief Technology exceptional ideas." future digital growth strategy.

Working individually or as finalists. part of a team, NBB and BisB mitting their final ideas for as- with Shaikh Abdulla bin Khal- dustry expertise."

sessment. In total 70 concepts ifa Al Khalifa, CEO of Mumta-

The 'Innovation Challenge' Officer, who named the three

employees explored different nouncing the winners was also ture as we encourage our team creative concepts before sub- held at NBB's Headquarters members to showcase their in-

were submitted from individ- lakat in attendance. Maryam uals and groups across 10 vari- Ebrahim from BisB came in came in second place; and Elias Murad and Ahmed AlKooheji prize. Reflecting on the success winners and we look forward to working on implementing their

Yaser Alsharifi, CEO of BisB, said: "We look forward to host-An awards ceremony for an- ing similar initiatives in the fu-

Mine Diamond Festival from Malabar Gold & Diamonds

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ous exclusive diamond & pre- jewellery. cious gem jewellery brands val, customers can get assured January, 2023.

worth BD 500 customers will gm Gold Coin.

strengthened with new de- Diamonds is a one stop destionly as an adornment but as an Gold & Diamonds.

investment as well.

Embracing the spirit of alabar Gold & Diamonds, the holiday season, the Sea-Malabar Gold & Diamonds, the noneary security the 6th largest jewellery son's Gifting collection that retailer globally with over 335 the brand has unveiled conshowrooms across 12 coun- sists of an amazing array of tries, has launched their Mine elegant & trendy designs that Diamond Festival as part of the are perfect for gifting. The holiday season, with a wide special, light weight designs array of the latest jewellery have been made in 18K Gold, designs and exclusive offers on diamond & precious gem jewjewellery purchase. A magnifi- ellery across Malabar Gold & cent new collection of designs Diamonds' numerous brands has been introduced by the such as Mine diamond jewelbrand for the Mine Diamond lery, Era uncut diamond jew-Festival, across their numer- ellery & Precia precious gem

"The holiday season is upon such as Mine, Era & Precia. As us and that means its the occapart of the month-long festi- sion for gifts. And what better gift that an amazing piece of gold coins with their diamond jewellery that boasts of ex-& precious gem jewellery ceptional quality and craftpurchase. The brand has also manship? We have launched unveiled their latest Season's the Mine Diamond Festival gifting collection, offering cus- specifically for the holiday tomers trendy and lightweight season, encouraging our muljewellery perfect for gifting. titude of customers to indulge The limited period offer can in the wide array of diamond be availed across all Malabar jewellery that we are offering Gold & Diamonds outlets in throughout our showroom. the Middle east, Far east, the With the aspirational value USA, the UK & Canada till 06th of diamond jewellery on the rise, it is quickly becoming For every diamond or pre- as favoured as gold amongst cious gem jewellery purchase jewellery connoisseurs. The additional offer of gold coins get free 1gm Gold Coin and that we are providing with difor diamond and precious gem amond & precious gem jewjewellery purchase worth BD ellery purchase is the perfect 300 they will be eligible for $\frac{1}{2}$ incentive for customers to add to their diamond collection Crafted exclusively with or even own their very first natural diamonds that are pair. Moreover, the season's internationally certified, the gifting collection that we have exquisite array of ornaments unveiled in conjunction with amongst the brand's diamond the Mine Diamond Festival jewellery collection is being ensures that Malabar Gold & signs and collections as part nations for all your needs; be it of the Mine Diamond Festival. for buying the perfect gift for Malabar Gold & Diamonds is your loved ones or a self-gift also offering 100% Value on to fully immerse in the spir-Diamond exchange across all it of the season", commented its showrooms, making dia- Shamlal Ahamed, MD-Intermond jewellery attractive not national Operations, Malabar



ila Bank collaborates with Gulf Air to offer Falconflyer Miles

TDT | Manama

la Bank, a digital mobile-only **l**bank powered by Bank ABC, has tied up with Gulf Air to provide customers personalised rewards on their credit card





Tamkeen's Executive Management visited the Ebrahim K Kanoo company to highlight Tamkeen's newly launched bundle of programmes, and what Tamkeen has on offer to support the development of local talents in the labor markets. The meeting is part of ongoing visits carried out by Tamkeen to the private sector to introduce the new enhanced programmes, how to benefit from support packages to employ national talents as well as provide quality and rewarding job opportunities for Bahrainis, which will reflect positively on the growth and development of the local economy. Ebrahim K Kanoo is one of the largest and most important family companies in Bahrain. The company currently employs over 2,600 employees with a history dating back over 60 years specialising in the sales, maintenance and rental of cars in addition to administrative consultancy services, information technology and cyber security, industrial equipment and more.

spends.

The Bank's new credit card rewards programme, 'ila Re- Captain Waleed Al Alawi wards', enables customers to converted into miles and cred- in pioneering this unique taiaccording to their preferences flyer Programme with Gulf Air. our valued customers in Bahtheir unique lifestyle needs.

Customers have the flexibil- ila Tokens and can choose to of Bahrain, Gulf Air." ity to choose how they want to convert them to Gulf Air miles be rewarded for their Credit as and when they require. ila ficer, Captain Waleed Al Alawi, Card purchases, from auto- Tokens are valid for three said: "In line with our digital mated Airmiles program, au- years and offer the flexibility transformation strategy, we are tomated cashback or collect ila of choosing how many tokens continuing to adapt our Falcon-Tokens. When enrolling with are to be redeemed as miles. the Airline Miles Programme, Mohamed Almaraj, ila Bank bers' needs and exceed their all purchases are automatically CEO, said, "We take great pride expectations."

Mohamed Almarai

choose their reward blueprint ited into the customer's Falcon- lored rewards programme for and priorities, thereby suiting Customers who choose ila To- rain in partnership with the kens can keep collecting their national carrier of the Kingdom

Gulf Air Chief Executive Offlyer program to meet mem-



Aluminium Bahrain launched on Sunday its mini-Safety and Health Campaign 'Safety is Driven by You' to emphasise on the bottom-up Safety communication as well as address challenges associated with the winter across the production processes. The 3-day Campaign is being held under the directives of the Chief Executive Officer Ali Al Bagali, and will feature safety visits by Alba's top officials, to interact with employees and contractors' workers across the Company, as well as lectures by non-supervisory employees and contractor workers on topics such as Hand Injuries, Molten Metal Handling and Electrical Hazards.

Alba launches 'Safety is Driven by You' Campaign

QUOTE OF THE DAY

WHEN WE DO THE BEST WE CAN, WE NEVER KNOW WHAT MIRACLE IS WROUGHT IN OUR LIFE OR THE **LIFE OF ANOTHER** HELEN KELLER

News in brief

• India's top court yesterday upheld a move by Prime Minister Narendra Modi's government to revoke the limited autonomy of Kashmir. The 2019 declaration was "a culmination of the process of integration and as such is a valid exercise of power", the Supreme Court said in its verdict. The court upheld removing the region's autonomy, but said Jammu & Kashmir should be restored to the same statehood as any other Indian state -- with no separate autonomy rights -- "at the earliest and as soon as possible". The court ordered state elections to take place by September 30, 2024.

• British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak yesterday defended his scheme to encourage people to eat out following the first coronavirus wave, saving it was not responsible for a second wave of infections. Sunak, who was finance minister during the crisis, told the public inquiry into the UK's handling of the nandemic that he was "deeply sorry" for those who lost family to the disease. But he said

defends pandemic hospitalitv scheme at Covid



UK PM Sunak there was no evidence his August 2020 "Eat Out to Help Out" scheme, which picked up a chunk of the bill for those eating out, had led to more infections in the winter. He pointed out that other countries suffered a similar wave and that experts had said another bout was inevitable. He also claimed that scientific advisers had not raised concerns at the time and that the scheme had secured millions of hospitality jobs hit by

> weeks of Covid lockdowns and restriction. • A US F-16 fighter jet crashed yesterday in South Korea during a routine training exercise after experiencing "an in-flight emergency", the US military

> > **US F-16 fighter**

jet crashes in

push the issue to a vote under

"That's enormous," Lunds-

next June.

said, adding the pilot had been rescued. The incident involving an F-16 Fighting Falcon assigned to the 8th Fighter Wing happened S. Korea during early Monday over the Yellow Sea, the US Air Force said in a statement. "The pilot ejected the aircraft. **training exercise** The pilot has been recovered by Republic of Korea Maritime Forces, awake and in stable condition," the statement said, adding he would be evaluated further back at base. "We are grateful for the safe recovery of our Airman by our ROK Allies and that the pilot is in good condition." said Colonel Matthew C. Gaetke. the 8th fighter wing's commander, according to the statement. The USAF said that the cause of the in-

flight emergency was unknown. "The incident will be thoroughly investigated," it said, adding that the name of the pilot would not be released, nor would further details about his condition.

CURIOSER & CURIOSER

Swiss village set to vote to keep cowbells ringing AFP | Aarwangen, Switzerland -- about 380 signatures -- to

• ows grazing on lush pas- Switzerland's famous direct Utures with ornate metal democracy system. bells gently tinkling around Instead, they showed up their necks may be one of the with 1,099 signatures for their ultimate symbols of Switzer- "Bell Initiative", aimed at land, but not everyone is en- maintaining the right of farmchanted by such traditional ers to use cowbells at all hours.

In the village of Aarwan- gaard-Hansen said. gen in central Switzerland, The initiative will be offia complaint was filed earlier cially presented before village this year over the noise levels voters at a municipal assembly from a herd of around 15 cows on Monday, with the popular grazing overnight on a field vote expected to take place next to a residential area.

Two couples in rental apartments overlooking the field asked authorities to intervene and ensure the farmer removed the bells at night.

The reaction was swift and fierce, with overwhelming demands for a local vote to protect the traditional use of bells.

"My first reaction when I heard about the complaint was one of surprise," Aarwangen mayor Niklaus Lundsgaard-Hansen, who lives near the field in question, told AFP. "I wasn't aware that cows

made a lot of noise, but I have learned that they can disturb some people."

He was even more surprised at the massive re-

sponse Petitioners only needed to gather backing from 10 per-

cent of those eligible to vote in the village of 4,800 people



India's Supreme **Court upholds** revocation of Kashmir's autonomy

ficial news agency SUNA. In recent weeks, pro-army demonstrators and high-ranking officials loyal to army chief Abdel Fattah

al-Burhan have accused the United Arab Emirates of supporting the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces, led by Burhan's former deputy Mohamed Hamdan Daglo. The two forces have been

Sudan orders

diplomats

expulsion of 15 UAE

AFP | Port Sudan, Sudan

Cudan's foreign ministry

Ddeclared 15 UAE dip-

lomats persona non grata

Sunday, demanding they

leave Sudan "within 48

hours," according to the of-

at war since April 15, killing 12,000 people and displacing seven million, according to the United Nations.

The UAE in August denied a Wall Street Journal report claiming weapons were found in its aid shipments to Sudan, and said Abu Dhabi "does not take sides in the current conflict".

In late November, General Yasser al-Atta, second-in-command to army chief Burhan, accused the UAE of "supporting the RSF in its war against the army," through airports in Uganda, Chad, and the Central African Republic.

UN mission in Mali officially ends after **10 years**



UN peacekeeping mission in Mali Bamako, Mali

The United Nations mis-**L** sion in Mali officially ended a 10-year deployment in the country on Monday, its spokesperson said, in a pullout ordered by Mali's military leaders.

The mission, known as MINUSMA, lowered the UN flag on its headquarters in the capital Bamako, its spokesperson Fatoumata Kaba told AFP.

The symbolic ceremony marks the official end of the mission, she said, even though some elements of it are still there.

A "liquidation phase" vill take place after the withdrawal deadline of January 1, involving activities such as handing over remaining equipment to the authorities.

Mali's ruling junta, which seized power in 2020, in June de-

manded the departure of the mission, despite being in the grip of jihadist violence and other crises.w

'I'm destroyed': UN envoys meet victims of war

Around a dozen ambassadors took part from countries including Russia and Britain

More than 100 Israeli soldiers have been killed since the beginning of the ground offensive in the Gaza Strip, the Israeli army said yesterday

The World Health Organization's executive board on Sunday adopted a resolution calling for immediate, unimpeded humanitarian access to Gaza after the WHO chief said medics faced unimaginable conditions.

• WHO Director-**General Tedros Adhanom** Ghebreyesus said the board had managed to achieve "the first consensus resolution on the conflict... since it began two months ago."

The UN General Assembly will meet today to discuss the humanitarian crisis in Gaza, officials and diplomats said Sunday

AFP | El-Arish, Egypt



Palestinians injured following Israeli strikes on al-Maghazi refugee camp receive care at Al-Agsa hospital in Deir Balah in the central Gaza Strip



resolution.

Shops, schools and government offices shut across the occupied West Bank and annexed east Jerusalem Monday as Palestinians staged a general strike protesting against Israel's relentless onslaught in the Gaza Strip.

victims of the war between Is- not send a representative and nei- told AFP. rael and Hamas, days after the ther did France.

in El-Arish near the Rafah bor- her newborn niece laying on a bed The informal one-day trip der crossing with Gaza, treating beside her. organised by the United Arab people who had been evacuated Emirates and Egypt came amid from the conflict.

a spiralling humanitarian crisis Among the people they met was the visit to the hospital. in war-torn Gaza, described as Wafaa Asaad, a 27-year-old from Secretary-General Antonio Gu- when her house was hit by an girl who is wounded," he said. She was evacuated to Egypt rible."

-N Security Council ambas- But the US, which vetoed the for medical treatment and had The diplomats were later due to the humanitarian situation before survive the conflict unless Israel sadors travelled to Egypt Security Council resolution call- an arm and leg amputated, but visit the Rafah crossing, the only he headed to Gaza for his third meets its demands and frees more yesterday to meet Gazan ing for a ceasefire on Friday, did miraculously managed to give gateway into Gaza.

Gaza deaths pass 18,200 as battles rage

including Russia and Britain.

AFP | Jerusalem

T Teavy urban battles raged yesterday in the bloodiest-ever war in Gaza, with more than 18,200 Palestinians and 104 Israeli soldiers reported dead amid a spiralling humanitarian crisis. Hamas has warned the remaining 137 hostages won't survive unless Israel more Palestinian prisoners.

jamin Netanyahu called on the for a tunnel shaft. group to "surrender now".

ic Jihad militants saying they victims, including dozens of health care or hygiene are 'safe blew up a house in the southern screaming children, after Israe- zones' does not mean they are



Ramallah city

Israeli Prime Minister Ben- Israeli soldiers were searching hazi refugee camp. Lynn Hastings, UN humani-

The conflict has devastated tarian coordinator for the Pal-"It is the beginning of the end health services, with only 14 of estinian territories, condemned

Gazan city of Khan Yunis where listrikes on the nearby Al-Mag- safe," she said.

of Hamas. I say to the Hamas Gaza's 36 hospitals functioning the mapping software as inadeterrorists: It's over," the right- at any capacity, according to UN quate. "A unilateral declaration wing premier said Sunday. humanitarian agency OCHA. by an occupying power that But brutal fighting continued Al-Aqsa hospital in Deir patches of land where there is Monday in Gaza, with Islam- al-Balah was inundated with no infrastructure, food, water,

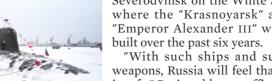
Local media showed Egyptians celebrating in droves, waving flags and blasting patriotic songs from speakers around polling stations Egyptian president Abdel Fattah al-Sisi across the country."Today is like a casting his vote in the presidential holiday, a very beautiful carnival," election at Mustafa Yousry Emmera voter Hamud Abu El-Maaty said School in Cairo outside a polling station in the Republican People's Party. upscale Cairo district of Zamalek. The vote set to conclude Tues-The former army chief is run- day and results are announced ning against three relative un- on December 18. This election knowns: Farid Zahran, leader of would secure Sisi's third -- and. the left-leaning Egyptian Social according to the constitution, fi-Democratic Party; Abdel-Sanad nal -- term in office.Some 67 mil-Yamama, from the Wafd, a cen- lion people are eligible to vote in tury-old but relatively marginal the Arab world's most populous party; and Hazem Omar, from the country.

Russian President Putin unveils two new nuclear submarines

AFP | Moscow, Russia

Dussian President Vladimir **K**Putin Monday promised to reinforce Russia's "military-naval might" as he attended the inauguration of two nuclear submarines in the country's Far North. The Russian leader took part

in a flag-hoisting ceremony in The new Krasnoyarsk nuclear submarine Putin last week said he was In addition to these two vessels, in 2024.



rines in the frozen Arctic waters. in the Caspian."

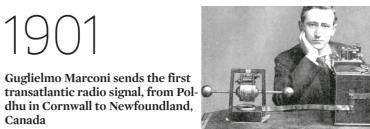
Severodvinsk on the White Sea running for re-election in 2024, which will join the Pacific fleet, where the "Krasnoyarsk" and almost two years after launching Russia is building eight nuclear 'Emperor Alexander III" were the ongoing offensive in Ukraine. submarines. He said the submarines would With the fighting in Ukraine "With such ships and such "strengthen the combat readiness now approaching its second year, weapons, Russia will feel that it of the Russian navy, our naval Russian lawmakers in October is safe," Putin told navy officers, power in the Arctic, in the Middle backed a record increase in miliwhile visiting one of the subma- East, in the Black and Baltic Seas, tary spending, which will account for almost a third of all outlays

gyptians returned to polling L stations yesterday, the second day of a presidential election in which the incumbent is expected to secure a landslide victory despite it being overshadowed b various crises.



HISTORY

Canada





Last Qajar Shah of Iran is deoosed; Reza Shah Pahlavi takes over

States



The United Nations accepts six Manhattan blocks as a gift from John D. Rockefeller Jr.

COP21 climate change summit in Paris reaches a deal between 195 countries to limit the rise in the global average temperature to less than 2°C above pre-industrial levels

Antique stoves in Gaza the only way to cook during war Rafah, Palestinian Territories

n a workshop in the war-torn 📲 and besieged Gaza Strip, Ibrahim Shouman is bringing old brass stoves back to life, giving 💋 hope to displaced people deprived of gas for cooking.

With a squeeze of pliers, a new wick, and a refill of homemade fuel, a flash of fire miraculously begins to crackle.

old times and are bringing their inside a damaged house in Rafah on the brass camping stoves for repair southern Gaza Strip journalist in Rafah in the south water and medicine. of Gaza, near the border with Egypt.

United States blocked a ceasefire The envoys visited a hospital want the war to stop," Alaa said, Gaza in most circumstances.

Ecuador's envoy Jose de la Gas-



"People have gone back to the A Palestinian woman bakes bread

because there is no gas or fuel people have been displaced, fac- a mix of motor oil and home available," Shouman told an AFP ing dire shortages of food, fuel,

1.9 million of Gaza's 2.4 million a higher price, and people have searching for it.

birth just hours after cross- Departures via the crossing October

'Lack absolutely everything'

and personal" initiatives.

visit since the start of the war in Palestinian prisoners.

very little money left." In his workshops, clients wait patiently as he rubs, twists and adjusts parts of decades old stoves' pistons, burners and fuel tanks.

"These camping stoves were used 100 years ago, this is how far we've regressed," said Adnan Abu al-Aish, 55, who has been desperately searching for a way to cook his meagre rations of semolina and vegetables.

With a shortage of kerosene, Shouman fuels the stoves with heating oil.

"There is diesel available but "People have been searching it's very hard to find," he said. all over for firewood, but it's no "A litre costs around 30 to 35 Vast areas of Gaza have been longer available," Shouman said. shekels (7.5 to 8.7 euros) and devastated and the UN estimates "They would have to buy it for you need to spend an entire day

ing the border, her sister Alaa are tightly controlled, with only There is "deep frustration, disforeign nationals and severely appointment and some outrage... "Our message to the UN is we wounded people allowed to leave (that) we can't even reach a consensus for a ceasefire," Lazzarini said.

"There is no real safe place Speaking at the start of the trip, in the Gaza Strip. Even the UN ca told AFP he was "destroyed" by UAE envoy Lana Nusseibeh said premises currently hosting more the trip was not official Security than one million people have been "I just met a young mother who Council work, and members were hit," he added. Hamas, which triga "graveyard" by United Nations Gaza who was heavily pregnant lost a kid and has another little taking part on their own "national gered the war with its October 7 attacks in which 1,200 people terres. Around a dozen ambas- Israeli strike, killing her husband "I dont ever want to see again Philippe Lazzarini, head of the were killed in southern Israel, sadors took part from countries and injuring her two daughters. what I have just seen. It's hor- UN's Palestinian refugee agency warned that the remaining 137 UNRWA, briefed the envoys on hostages held in Gaza would not

Egyptians vote for second day in election

AFP | Cairo, Egypt





French journo stripped of award over Israel comments



Zineh El Rhazoui AFP | Paris, France

The Paris region has stripped a French journalist and anti-Islamism activist of an award after she shared a controversial post comparing Israel's bombardment of Gaza to

the Holocaust. Zineb El Rhazoui was in 2019 awarded the Simone Veil prize, named after the French Holocaust survivor and trailblazing feminist politician, for her work "defending secularism, fighting against all forms of obscurantism and for equality between women and men"

The Moroccan-born writer and television commentator on Saturday reposted a statement on X, formerly Twitter, appearing to accuse Israel of "genocide" and describing its policies against Palestinians as similar to those of the Nazis against Jews during World War II.

'Nothing more to say': Trump cancels plan to testify in NY fraud trial AFP | Washington, United

Donald Trump changed his mind about testifying in his own defense in his New York fraud case yesterday, he said, announcing that he will not take the stand as expected because he has "nothing mo to say."

The 77-year-old posted the surprise statement on Trut Social on Sunday, adding tha he has "already testified to everything" in the ongoing trial against him, his eldest sons speaks to the media before departing Don Jr and Eric, and other the civil fraud trial against the Trump Organization executives.

Trump was questioned last month by the prosecution, rent Republican front-runner which has accused him and that "this is not a political ralthe other defendants of ex- ly." On Sunday, Trump said aggerating the value of their that he had already testified real estate assets by billions of "very successfully & concludollars to obtain more favora- sively" in the case. ble bank loans and insurance terms.

6, Trump sparred with pros- New York Attorney General ecutors -- with his acrimoni- Letitia James and one of a slew ous answers at times earning of serious legal actions facing rebukes from Judge Arthur Trump ahead of next year's Engoron, who warned the cur- presidential vote.

Biden invites Zelensky to White House Tuesday as war funding dries up

AFP | Washington, United States

administration warned it will coming year." lawmakers act.

cuss Ukraine's urgent needs" servatives balked at the excluas it fights off a Russian inva- sion of immigration reforms sion, and "the vital importance they had demanded as part of of the United States' contin- the package. It was a setback ued support at this critical for Biden, who had urged lawmoment," White House Press makers to approve the funds Secretary Karine Jean-Pierre warning that Russian Presisaid in a statement on Sunday. dent Vladimir Putin would not said in its own statement that and could even attack a NATO the meeting will focus on key nation.

Original Asterix cover fails to find buyer after legal challenge AFP | Brussels, Belgium

An original cover painting from the 1963 comic book "Asterix and Cleopatra" went failed to find a buyer after a legal challenge from the artist's

ing the ancient Egyptian ruler An employee hangs a drawing by reclining and the two Gaulish Uderzo heroes Asterix and Obelix, was plaint of the daughter of the to be sold by the Brussels auc- late French illustrator Albert

Measuring 32 by 17 centi- that if her father had given the was expected to fetch 400,000 signed and dedicated it, and to 500,000 euros (\$430,000- thus the painting must have 540,00) but no bid matched been stolen.



Former US President Donald Trump Trump Organization, at the New York State Supreme Court in New York City

The Trump real estate empire has been put in jeopardy For four hours on November by the civil suit, brought by

issues such as "further defense cooperation between Ukraine and the United States, particu-President Joe Biden has in- larly through joint projects on the production of weapons and

terpart Volodymyr Zelensky air defense systems, as well to the White House today, a as the coordination of efforts spokeswoman said, after the between our countries in the

run out of money for Ukraine Republican senators last aid in weeks unless feuding US week blocked \$106 billion in emergency aid primarily for The two leaders "will dis- Ukraine and Israel after con-The Ukrainian presidency stop with victory in Ukraine



Uderzo. Sylvie Uderzo argued

the reserve price and it re- Millon said it is selling the work on behalf of the son of Millon director general Ar- a man who was given it more naud de Partz told AFP that than 50 years ago by Uderzo, buyers had perhaps been the co-creator of the Asterix



n a divided world #COP28 can show multilateralism remains our best hope to tackle global challenges. It's time to seek compromise for solutions - without compromising on the science or on the need for the highest ambition: Ambition on reducing greenhouse gas emissions & ensuring climate justice.

@antonioguterres 02



thank the @WHO Mem Lber States for adopting the resolution on access for life-saving aid into #Gaza and respect for laws of war. The resolution is a starting point. It does not resolve the crisis. But it is a platform on which to build. Without a ceasefire, there is no peace. And without peace, there is no health. #EBSpecial



want to assure the re silient people of Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh that our commitment to fulfilling your dreams remains unwavering. We are determined to ensure that the fruits of progress not only reach you but also extend their benefits to the most vulnerable and marginalised sections of our society who suffered due to Article 370.



As the child of im-migrants, I understand why people want to come to the UK. But my parents came here legally. We cannot have criminal gangs exploiting the vulnerable.

@RishiSunak Disclaimer: (Views expressed by columnists are personal and need not necessarily reflect our editorial stance)

under the hammer Sunday but The famous gouache, show-

daughter.

tion house Millon. metres (12.6 by 7 inches), it painting away he would have

mained unsold.

scared off by the legal com- series, who died in 2020.

Britney Spears finds it 'weird' to be single

Celebretainment | Los Angeles

Britney Spears finds it "weird" being single.

The 'Toxic' singer split from Sam Asghari - who she first met on the set of her 'Slumber Party' after just a year of marriage and she's realised being on her own seem silly sometimes ... (sic)" has caused her to reflect on her flaws and bad habits, so she is little braver.

She wrote on Instagram: "It's so weird being single ... I've had a lot of time to really look back with all the good and bad ... I've realized I don't talk to myself that nicely at all ... I'm easily manipulated and I wear my heart on my sleeve ... But I'm definitely changing all that ... I have to make time to stop and look

around to re-evaluate myself and say is this good for me śśś like a routine and I usually

do the same thing every day I'm honestly bored but I'm also scared of a lot of things ... The

way I live my life is mine ... I've had so many people interfere with that ... But to know it's ok to be selfish with my life music video in 2016 - in August and enjoy it is amazing !!! I will say my routine and daily affairs

Britney's post was accompanied by a photograph of a determined to change in order nun sipping on a drink and the to be nicer to herself and also a 42-year-old star - who has sons Sean Preston, 18, and

17-year-old Jayden with ex-husband Kevin Federline explained it had reminded her of the way her garden always

memory.

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easily manipulated and I wear my heart on my sleeve ... But I'm definitely changing all that ... I have to make time to stop and look around to re-evaluate myself and say is this good for me ???

BRITNEY SPEARS

She added: "My mom always sparks a use to visit the sisters at St. particular Mary's Catholic School ... She childhood used to go to when I was younger and the nuns always gave me cookies ... I liked going there because the sun was always out and it was beautiful there ... It's weird because I have a small garden with flowers on my balcony outside my room ... When I take a picture of it the illusion is that it's connected to the trees outside ... It's pretty beautiful when the sun hits at the right spot ... The pictures look like diamonds glistening everywhere ... Every time I go out there I think of the sisters at the church I used to go to . I'm honestly not even sure why I'm writing this nonsense !!!?? Oh this picture [face palm emojis] (sic)" **Britney Spears**

Kim Kardashian just wants her kids to he 'happy'

Celebretainment | Los Angeles

im Kardashian wants her Kids to do whatever makes anything. them "happy".

The 43-year-old reality sueight, Chicago, five, and fouryear-old Psalm with ex-husshe has amassed an estimated business ventures, does not expect her children to necessarilv follow in her footsteps.

Speaking on 'Maver-

icks with Mav Carter', she said: "I want them to do whatever makes them happy. I already see what they're into and like the creative energy from them and I kind of can tell maybe where my two older ones are going to go. North, for sure, feels like a creative. Saint feels like a creative.

"The little ones, Chicago and Psalm? If you ask Psalm what he wants to do, he wants to be like a truck driver or anything with a truck. That's like been his Halloween costume for like three vears."

However, the Skims founder did go on to admit she sees entre-

preneurial potential in her eldest, although she would never "push" her into doing

She said: "But I definitely see it in North. And I think that perstar has North, 10, Saint, I won't ever push her to do anything. It's whatever she finds her passion in. ... It's more band Kanye West and whilst about what she cares about. I grew up so normal, not in the fortune of \$1.7bn with various fame world. I couldn't even imagine.

> "I want to make sure I can protect her as much as I can. with her parents being who

they are.' Just last month, North explained that in terms of her future career, she would like to emulate the success of her mother's shapewear brand as well as her father's Yeezv venture Asked what she

wants to do in the future. she told i-D Magzine: "A basketball player, a rapper, um... Well, when I was seven, I wanted to be a boxer. But now I don't want to be a boxer. I'm going to do art on the side. When I'm, like, thirteen, I want to walk dogs, to make money to buy art supplies, because everything around here is so expensive. Kim Kardashian

Emily Blunt: I want to make a movie about a stutterer **Celebretainment** | Los Angeles

Emily Blunt would love to make a movie "about a stutterer".

The 40-year-old actress struggled with stuttering as child and she's now keen to help "destigmatize" the speech disorder.

Emily told BBC Radio Four's 'Woman's Hour': "The emotional trauma of living with the inability to speak will limit you in ways, that are for someone who speaks fluently, pretty unimaginable. "There's so much shame

about it." Emily believes there's a

lot of misinformation that continues to surround the condition. She shared: "There's so much shame about it because there's not enough information it's neurological. People really deem it psychological. So you're sort of deemed off-putting or unconvincing in order to get a job, or anything like that."

Emily Blunt

Women get sexier as they age, says Jennifer Lopez

Celebretainment | Los Angeles

Jennifer Lopez thinks wom- 30' is so ridiculous, it's en "get sexier as they get the opposite of right. It older"

The 54-year-old star believes that there are a growing ized that women just number of on-screen roles for get sexier as they

ing really valuable about watching a woman over just makes me laugh.

"People have real-

Gigi Hadid and Bradley Cooper 'are genuinely happy'

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▼igi Hadid and Bradley Cooper have "similar per-

Bradley, 48, have been romaninsider has now revealed

sonalities".

The 28-year-old model and tically linked to each other over recent months, and an

have introduced each other to their immediate, close-knit circles. Yolanda and Bella could not be more supportive."

In October, a source claimed that Bradley felt "excited" about getting to know Gigi.

The Hollywood actor loves spending time with Gigi and she is "exactly his type".

older women in Hollywood, get older. They and Jennifer is keen to con-get more learned tinue working for many years and more rich to come.

She told ELLE's December/ All of that is very January 2023 Women in Hol- beautiful and atlywood issue: "It has changed tractive, and not a lot, and I think it's appropriate.

"As you get older and you side, the beauty have more experience, you that you gain as become a richer human being you get older, and you have more to offer. the wisdom you The idea of, 'There's noth-

with character. just physically, but on the in-

gain."

Jennifer Lopez

that they are "genuinely happy" when they're together.

The source told 'Entertainment Tonight': "Gigi and Bradley get along well and have similar personalities. Underneath it all. they are both goofy, love to laugh, travel, and spend time with their family and friends. They are genu-



Bradley Cooper and Gigi Hadid

inely happy and taking things day by day.

"Fame doesn't phase either both supportive of her new roone of them and they admire mance with the movie star. that about each other."

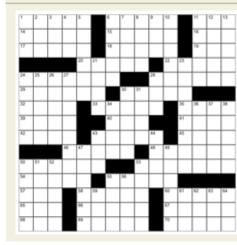
The source told DailyMail. com: "Bradley is excited about getting to know Gigi.

"He hasn't felt this excitement about a woman in a very long time.

"They are taking it slow, but he's very into her. She is exactly his type."

Bradley and Gigi - who previand her sister Bella Hadid are ously dated pop star Zayn Malik - were said to be "having fun" together, in spite of their 20-The insider explained: "They year age gap.

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Yolanda Hadid, Gigi's mom.

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Sports business delegation from Slovenia, Serbia and Indonesia arrives in Bahrain ahead of BRAVE CF series of events

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¬ lobal Diplomatic Delega-**U**tions from Slovenia, Serbia, and Indonesia land in the Kingdom of Bahrain to attend BRAVE CF 80, and the Bahrain BRAVE International Combat Week 2023 (BICW 2023).

The delegates attended BRAVE CF 79 at the Khalifa Sports City in Isa Town. BRAVE CF 80 is hosted during the BRAVE International Combat Week 2023 which BRAVE CF president Mohammed Shahid with delegation from Indonesia has a series of 3 shows between



who are destined to become the biggest names in the future of completed yet another milemixed martial arts.

The organization has more records in 2023. With over diverse global talent than any 500,000 viewers tuning in solely MMA organization in the world, through its homegrown digital featuring nearly 800 athletes platforms. from over 80 countries across the globe.

diplomats, global businessmen, reaching audiences through varathletes, artists, celebrities, and ious platforms and television more as the organization has channels. On the digital front, made history as the only global BRAVE CF offers live streams on

Further, the organisation stone by breaking viewership

The organization broadcasts its events across 160+ coun-BRAVE CF attracts a host of tries to 848 million households,

5 December and 15 December. gates from their nation to ex- Federation (BRAVE CF). Also, the Slovenian National tend their support to athletes BRAVE CF 79 witnessed the highest level of the sport show- to host events in the most num- maf) and its own OTT platform, Karting Team joined the dele- competing at the BRAVE Combat most raw talent in the history of casing athletes from 14 nations ber of nations.

NMS students showcase skills at sports day events

the promotion competing at the mixed martial arts organization its YouTube channel (@bravem-

Brave TV.









New Millenium School's Sports Day for the Senior and Senior Secondary Students of Grades IX -XII was held on December 2 at the new school ground. The Sports Day was formally declared open by the school Principal Arun Kuumar Sharma. The highlight of the day was to honour the students, the coach and the team manager, for winning silver medals in the National CBSE Chess Championship held at Gyanshree School, Noida, India. Students competed in various athletic events and all winners were felicitated with medals and certificates. The Chairman Dr. Ravi Pillai and the Managing Director, Geetha Pillai appreciated the participants for their highest standards of sporting behaviour



BIC chief congratulates Kalawadh for FIA honour

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ecutive Shaikh Salman bin (BMF). Isa Al Khalifa congratulated BIC's Events Senior Manager Salman commented: "I offer honoured with a prestigious for this tremendous honour award at the annual FIA Prize from the FIA. Giving ceremony, held this year in Baku, Azerbaijan.

Kalawadh was named the dedication and passion he FIA Outstanding Official of has put in over the years in the Year, recognising the role the many responsibilities he he plays as one of the leading undertakes in our motor-

figures in the Kingdom's motorsport community, work-**B**ahrain International ing with BIC as well as the Circuit (BIC) Chief Ex- Bahrain Motor Federation

On this occasion, Shaikh Sadiq Kalawadh for being my congratulations to Sadiq passion he has put in

"His award is in recognition of the endless hours.

His award is in recognition of the endless hours, dedication and

over the years in the many responsibilities he undertakes in our motorsport family in **Bahrain**

BIC CHIEF EXECUTIVE SHAIKH SALMAN BIN ISA AL KHALIFA

sport family in Bahrain. beloved sport."

Kalawadh said: "I am sin- without them." cerely honoured and thank-

Shaikh Salman bin Isa Al 'We wish Sadiq even fur- Khalifa, along with my loving ther success in the future and family and the Bahraini marmay this award be an inspira- shalls, for all the tremendous tion to others in the Kingdom support and inspiration. This to become involved in our wonderful achievement would not have been possible

Kalawadh was presented ful to the FIA for being pre- his FIA Outstanding Official sented this incredible award. of the Year trophy at the FIA "I thank all my colleagues Prize Giving by BMF General at BMF and the BIC, particu- Manager and FIA Volunteers larly BMF President Shaikh and Officials Commission Abdulla bin Isa Al Khalifa President Abdulaziz Al Thaand BIC Chief Executive wadi.



Sadig Kalawadh, right, receives his award from Abdulaziz Al Thawadi

Lewis relishes grand finals experience

Bahrain-based karting sensation reaches world top 12 in Rotax MAX Challenge Grand Finals 2023

Lewis Smith firstever e-kart entry from Bahrain to compete in RMCGF

Briton classified 12th in E20 Senior Final after 10 laps of heated battle

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ahrain-based karting sensation Lewis Smith is ready for greater chalexperience" in the recently con-Grand Finals (RMCGF) 2023.

Circuit (BIKC) in Sakhir.

The British School of Bahrain student was making national tion GSE. sporting history as the first-ever he impressed all throughout the Senior class. week.



Lewis Smith with his kart at the RMCGF 2023

his own against the best in the accomplish for my status in the lenges ahead in his young mo- world, and in his E20 Senior Fi- Rotax world rankings. My team- of those runs was 55.749 seconds torsport career, having taken nal on the concluding day of the mates and I definitely showed around BIKC's 1.414-kilometre full advantage of "an invaluable event, Lewis gained many places what the Bahrain motorsport CIK-FIA track. from his starting grid position family is made of and that we can cluded Rotax MAX Challenge to finish 12th in a heated battle. compete against anybody in the

Eighteen-year-old Lewis, who has been, full of emotion and can continue to build on what impressive fourth in classificahails from the UK but resides in so many lessons and memo- we did in the RMCGF 2023. Bahrain with his family, was part ries I can take with me moving of a nine-man Team Bahrain in forward in my racing career," indeed an invaluable experience, the global karting meeting, held said Lewis, who is sponsored by especially being the first from at Bahrain International Karting Bahrain Airport Services (BAS) Bahrain to compete in an e-kart then cost him a fourth-place finand European Airline Solutions class. It motivates me even more ish in the E20 Senior Qualifying talented yet humble youngster. companies for sponsorship op-(EAS), expert providers of avia- to strive harder to reach my dreams in motorsport."

"It was an honour to be able e-kart entry from the Kingdom to be a part of Team Bahrain and events placing no lower than tion in the e-kart. to compete in the RMCGF, and compete in the grand finals' E20 seventh on the timesheet in

Lewis showed that he can hold pleased with what I was able to Senior action. His best lap time to a continuing malfunction is- knit motorsport community 32200420.

anybody in the world, and we are confident we LEWIS SMITH

My teammates and

I definitely showed

what the Bahrain motorsport family is

made of and that we

can compete against

Lewis maintained his strong pace in the final three Non-Qual-"What a wonderful week it world, and we are confident we ifying Practices, before going an tion in the Qualifying Practice, where he put in an ultra-quick lap 53.560s.

A five-second time penalty Heat 1, and then had an unlucky Lewis kicked off the week's failed to finish due to a malfunc-

sue, which put him on the back here in the Kingdom." classify 12th after 10 laps.

"There was a lot that happened this week that I can learn from, and these are the kinds of karting skills at BIKC since a experiences I need to be able to young age. He is now a regular go on and take the next leap in in national, regional and intermy racing career, even though national championships and it was extremely disappointing continues to excel at all levels. having so many malfunction issues with the E20 Kart," said the ing for support from Bahrain

outing in Qualifying Heat 2 as he sponsors, Bahrain Airport Ser- exposure all across Europe and On the final two days of the support. I also thank my family, a rising talent in the motorsport each of the three Non-Qualify- RMCGF, Lewis was unable to friends and colleagues in Team sector can contact Lewis's par-"I did my very best and I am ing Practices on day one in E20 race in the Pre-Final, again due Bahrain along with our tight- ent Tony Smith on mobile +973-

of the grid for the Final. But Lewis now has his sights set there, he bounced back in style on challenging for yet another and moved up many places to Rotax MAX title when he competes in the 2023/2024 Bahrain Rotax MAX Challenge season.

Lewis has been honing his

Lewis is continuously look-"I would like to thank my portunities, which would offer vices and European Airline within the Kingdom of Bahrain. Solutions, for their incredible Those interested in backing such

can continue to build on what we did in the Lewis Smith, in kart no. 611, competes at the front of the field in E20 Senior class **RMCGF 2023**

Dar Kulaib edge past Najma in thriller

Defending champions battle back from set down to defeat fellow titlehopefuls in four sets

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Defending champions Dar Kulaib made a winning start last night to the Top Six in the 2023/2024 Isa bin Rashid Bahrain Volleyball League.

Dar Kulaib posted a comefrom-behind 3-1 (29-31, 25-20, 34-32, 25-23) victory over last season's losing finalists Al Naima.

It was a marathon encounter between the two title-contenders with the game running for more than two-and-a-half hours Sports City in Riffa.



Dar Kulaib's Hassan Alaiwi goes for an attack against Al Najma last night

wahed spike.

Najma then went ahead ear- Jacob Link secured the hardat Isa bin Rashid Arena at Isa ly in the third but Dar Kulaib earned 2-1 advantage. clawed their way back. Both Dar Kulaib then rode their After narrowly losing the first teams lost a number of set- momentum into the fourth set, set, Dar Kulaib roared back in points late on until a double and sealed the win with another the second and tied the pro- block between Mohammed brilliant defensive play at the be scheduled by the Bahrain ceedings on a Mahmoud Abdul- Yaqoob and Hassan Abbas on net.

Najma's Swedish professional

"It was a wonderful time and

Also playing key roles for Dar Kulaib were Hassan Alaiwi, Ali Habib and Abdulla Mohammed; while amongst Najma's other top performers were Fadhel Abbas, Hassan Dhahi, Hussain Mahdi and Mahmood Hassan. Dar Kulaib qualified for the

league's Top Six after finishing first in Group A of the preliminary round with an undefeated record in six games. Najma, meanwhile, won four of their six assignments in Group B to eke into this phase.

Top Six action continues tonight with Al Ahli taking on Muharraq at 6.30pm.

On Sunday next week, Najma are back in action against Muharraq, while Dar Kulaib take on Al Nasser. Al Ahli then face Nabih Saleh on Monday next week.

This stage of the league will be held in a double round-robin. The first round continues until the first week of next month, with the second round still to Volleyball Association.

BTA organises junior tennis camp

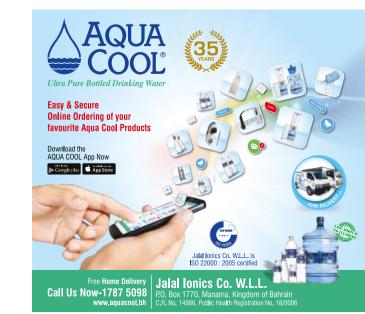
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rain Tennis Academy (BTA) skills. will be running an 5-day tennis mun Club, Saar.

games designed to improve general athletic skills such as $\mathbf{F}^{\mathrm{rom\,Sunday\,17th\,to\,Thurs-}}_{\mathrm{day\,\,21st\,December,\,Bah-}}$ balance, coordination and agil-ity as well as tennis specific

The sessions are open to all camp for children at the Dil- boys and girls ages 4-15 years and no previous experience is

The camps will feature fun necessary.



Hussain Ayyad set to lead **Team Bahrain at BRAVE CF 80**

Hussain Ayyad to spearhead Team Arab Legends against UK & Ireland at biggest MMA event of the year

Ayyad also leads Team Bahrain in a show of national pride

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t BRAVE CF 80, a team of Arab Legends will take on a team of fighters from the UK & Ireland - and leading the way for the former will be none other than Hussain Ayyad. However, he will also be leading the charge for Team Bahrain.

As part of BRAVE International Combat Week, BRAVE CF 80 will emanate from the Khalifa Sports City Arena in Isa Town, Bahrain. The show will be headlined by Jose Torres vs Nkosi Ndebele in a blockbuster rematch for matchups when Arab Legends go to war with UK & Ireland.



Hussain Ayyad with Team Bahrain

resented, ten fighters will compete, and who will be taking part, but the de facto CF. Now, with the lights shining down the bantamweight title, but in addition when all is said and done, we'll have one captain for Arab Legends will be none on him in the Kingdom of Bahrain, to that, we'll get a series of fascinating team that stands tall above the other. other than Hussain Ayyad.

ultimately coming out on top. There Ayyad has been waiting for his oppor- at BRAVE CF 80.

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After battling injuries and setbacks, Hussain Ayyad is ready to lead Team Arab Legends and Team Bahrain to victory at BRAVE CF 80. He embodies the spirit of a true warrior, inspiring his teammates and capturing the hearts of fans

Four different divisions will be rep- are plenty of fascinating characters tunity to really make a mark in BRAVE himself. he has the chance to lead this team to that cage door shuts, he aims to prove It's a four-fight series with one team Between injuries and postponements, victory when he battles Gerard Burns why he has earned his spot at this level

Alongside this, Ayyad will also be the head of the table for Team Bahrain. The nation will be represented by an all-star line-up of incredible fighters including Abbas Khan, Sabrina De Sousa and Fabiola Nascimento, as this great country continues to prove itself on the world stage.

The Kingdom of Bahrain has been the home of BRAVE Combat Federation for years now, and the Pearl of the Persian Gulf is beginning to emerge as one of the most exciting hotspots for MMA on the planet.

The 30-year-old has fought back from some real adversity with his biggest hurdle being a leg injury sustained at BRAVE CF 29. He's been through rehab and tough results, but through it all, he's never lost the self-belief he has in

Ayyad has the heart of a champion and the spirit of a warrior and when - as will his Team Bahrain teammates.

German football legend Boateng to attend BRAVE CF 80

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rerman professional foot-**U**baller, Jerome Boateng lands in the Kingdom of Bahrain to attend BRAVE CF 80 taking place on 15 December at the Bahrain BRAVE International Combat Week 2023.

During his illustrious career, Boateng has played for Manchester City and Bayern Munich. Currently, he has signed with the French club, Lyon.

Boateng played in the Germany under-21 side which won the 2009 Euro U-21 Championship and was soon promoted to the national side. Boateng has since accumulated over 70 caps and represented Germany at UEFA Euro 2012, Euro 2016, Jerome Boateng



and organizations to enhance the status of the sport and its athletes.

In 2023, the organization exceeded viewership records with over 500,000 viewers tuning in solely through its homegrown digital platforms. The organization broadcasts its events across 160+ countries to 848 million households, reaching audiences through various platforms and television channels. On the digital front, BRAVE CF offers live streams on its You-Tube channel (@bravemmaf) and its own OTT platform, Brave TV.

In 2023, BRAVE CF expanded its reach by establishing strategic partnerships with leading OTT platforms across Asia and

Zlatan Ibrahimovic returns to AC Milan as advisor



AC Milan's Swedish forward Zlatan Ibrahimovic acknowledges the public during a farewell ceremony (file photo)

2010 World Cup, 2014 World Cup, and 2018 World Cup. He made history as the only global across the globe. was a key member of his coun- mixed martial arts organization try's victory in the 2014 World to host events in 30 different under the leadership of His nesia, and Airtel TV in Nigeria. Cup.

BRAVE CF attracts a host of more diverse global talent than Hamad Al Khalifa, BRAVE CF strate BRAVE CF's commitment diplomats, global businessmen, any MMA organization in the has secured strategic relations to digitalization and its dedicaathletes, artists, celebrities, and world, featuring nearly 800 ath- and recognition from govern- tion to bringing its high-quality more as the organization has letes from over 80 countries ments, promotions, businesses, action to fans worldwide.

Africa.

These include Jio and MX Since its inception in 2016 Player in India, Vidio in Indonations. The organization has Highness Shaikh Khalid bin These collaborations demon-

Batelco Fitness on Track tonight at BIC

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 B^{ahrain} International Circuit will be able to take part under the (BIC), "The Home of Motorsport lights at BIC. in the Middle East", is offering anin the latest edition of Batelco Fitness on Track.

Members of the public will be able to exercise either on foot or on a bicycle and enjoy the world-class also making for a safe and controlled environment.

Tonight's event is scheduled for a 6pm start and will continue until BIC Hotline.

10pm. Families, groups of friends, or individual participants of all abilities

Runners and walkers will be utiother chance to get physical tonight lising BIC's 2.550-kilometre Inner Circuit, while cyclists will get to ride their bikes along the 3.543-kilometre Outer Circuit, with another dedicated area for children's cycling.

BIC's Batelco Fitness on Track Seafacilities of BIC as the setting, while son Pass is still also available. The pass is a great way to save money over the course of the year. Season Passes

can be purchased by contacting the



Cyclists at a previous Batelco Fitness on Track

AFP | Milan

 $Z^{
m latan}$ Ibrahimovic has returned to AC Milan as an advisor to the Serie A club's management, owners RedBird Capital Partners confirmed vesterday.

In a statement, American investment firm RedBird said that the former Sweden striker, who won a host of trophies as a player in Italy, will "serve as a senior advisor to AC Milan ownership and senior management".

media and entertainment investment portfolio".

"will include player development and high-performance training, advancing AC Milan's curtain down on his eventful interests, and supporting spe- last season, in which he was cial projects of strategic im- dogged by injury and netted portance, including the club's just once for Milan.

Ibrahimovic was a key figure in Milan's resurgence to the top of Italian football after his return as a veteran forward in 2019, helping to bring them back from the doldrums and eventually win the Serie A title in 2022

new stadium."

Within RedBird, Ibrahi-The 42-year-old has also movic "will help source and been hired as "Operating Part- evaluate new investment opner" for RedBird's "sports and portunities for the firm, and will advise RedBird portfolio companies on commercial pro-RedBird said that Ibra- jects, digital content strategies himovic's mandate at Milan and strategic brand building initiatives".

Ibrahimovic brought the global brand and commercial playing career at the end of

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