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Israel attacks in Gaza kill dozens on Day 98 of war

AFP | Jerusalem

Telecommunication services were cut across besieged Gaza yesterday, as Israeli strikes killed dozens in southern cities where hundreds of thousands are struggling to survive hunger and cold on day 98 of the war between Israel and Hamas.

The fighting between Hamas fighters and Israeli forces raged after a night of heavy Israeli shelling, and came amid growing fears of the conflict widening after US and British forces struck pro-Hamas Houthi rebels in Yemen after attacks on Red Sea shipping.

In Gaza, strikes and shelling hit areas between the territory's southern cities of Khan Yunis and Rafah, which is crowded with people who have fled from the north.

UN warns 2024 could be 'hotter' than record 2023

AFP | Geneva

This year could be hotter under El Nino's influence than the record-shattering 2023, the United Nations warned yesterday, as it urged drastic emissions cuts to combat climate change.

The UN's World Meteorological Organization said new monthly temperature records were set every month between June and December, and the pattern is likely to continue due to the warming El Nino weather phenomenon.

The US National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) predicted there is a one in three chance that 2024 will be warmer than 2023 - and a 99 percent certainty that 2024 will rank among the five warmest years ever.

Over 30 left dead in Khartoum violence

AFP | Al-Jazira State, Sudan

Fighting between rival Sudanese forces, including air strikes on the capital Khartoum, have killed at least 33 civilians, pro-democracy lawyers said overnight yesterday. Sudan has been gripped by nearly nine months of war.

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Graduate gains or business drain?

Bahrain eyes mandatory graduate training in private sector, sparking debate on job market shakeup



"The absence of mandatory vocational training in the private sector has led to a high percentage of unemployed graduates. It has become necessary for the legislative authority to intervene and establish a robust legal system."

- PROPOSAL STATEMENT

The outcome of Shura Council's debate will shape the future of Bahrain's workforce

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train Bahraini university grad- workers. uates is set to ignite debate at the Shura Council tomorrow.

practical experience, tackling foreign workers. the issue of graduate unemploy-

ment head-on.

The plan mandates compaproposed law demanding nies to train Ministry-nominat- centage of unemployed gradprivate companies with ed graduates for three months, Lat least 50 employees at a ratio of one trainee per 50

only equip young graduates with system." The ambitious legislation, valuable skills but also fulfill championed by five lawmakers, companies' "desired social role" aims to bridge the gap between in boosting national employacademic qualifications and ment and reducing reliance on

"The absence of mandatory nesses. Concerns about addi- industries.

vocational training in the pri-tional costs and administrative vate sector has led to a high perhas become necessary for the ment practices. legislative authority to inter-Proponents argue this will not vene and establish a robust legal

Concerns

burdens are likely to be raised, cil's debate promises to be lively, alongside questions about the pitting pragmatic economic conuates," the proposal states. "It law's impact on existing recruit-

need to "activate the social func- workforce. tion of capital" within the framework of constitutional justice. becomes reality remains to be This echoes a broader govern-seen, but it's certain to spark ment aim to prioritize Bahraini a much-needed conversation This intervention, however, citizens in the job market, poten- about bridging the gap between might not sit well with all busitially creating ripple effects across

Ultimately, the Shura Counsiderations against a vision for empowering local graduates and The proposal emphasizes the shaping the future of Bahrain's

Whether the proposed law education and employment in the kingdom.

Military intervention

US and UK defend strikes against Iran-backed Houthis

AFP | Washington

The US does not seek con-▲ flict with Iran despite carrying out strikes on Yemen's Tehran-backed Houthi rebels to stop their attacks on Red Sea shipping, the White House said yesterday.

"We're not looking for conflict with Iran. We're not looking to escalate and there's no reason for it to escalate beyond what happened over the last few days," National Security Council spokesman John Kirby told MSNBC.

"That said... we know that Iran supports the Houthis. We drones, the same things they've ships.

used to attack shipping. "And we have made it very Lawful and proportionate clear Iran should stop that sup-



The US launches air strike against Houthi targets in Yemen

know that they're supplying the strikes were designed to end

overnight US-led strikes against US President Joe Biden said Houthi rebels were lawful and them with the missiles and the the Houthis' ability to attack allies faced criticism for the military action.

Britain yesterday insisted that behind the joint strikes, the UK that it had assessed the attacks is necessary and proportionate."

The air strikes on taren killed five people

gets in rebel-held Yemand wounded six.

government said the Houthis have conducted dozens of "se-"proportionate", as the Western rious attacks on shipping in the in such circumstances where Red Sea for a sustained period".

London noted that British Publishing what it called a flagged vessels had been threat- actual or imminent armed atsummary of the "legal position" ened in those incidents, and tack and where the force used

would continue "unless action is taken to deter them".

'Military intervention to strike carefully identified targets in order to effectively downgrade the Houthi's capabilities and deter further attacks was lawfully taken," the brief from Prime Minister Rishi Sunak's office stated.

"It was necessary and proportionate to respond to attacks by the Houthis and this was the only feasible means available to deal with such attacks," it added, using an alternative spelling for the rebel group.

"The UK is permitted under international law to use force acting in self-defence is the only feasible means to deal with an

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US-UK joint attacks in Yemen draw experts' deep scrutiny

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he US and UK joint strikes against Houthi rebels in Yemen sparked a flurry of questions and assessments from experts at London's International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS), highlighting the operation's complexities and potential ramifications.

Assessing the Strike's Scope and Impact

Fabian Hinz, Research Fellow for Defence and Military **Analysis at IISS**

The US military stated that it had attacked about 60 targets in several regions in Yemen, including command and control nodes, munition storage sites, launchers, production facilities and air defence systems. The scope of the attack makes clear that this was not merely a symbolic strike but an attempt to seriously degrade Houthi anti-shipping capabilities.

However, the types of systems can be dispersed and concealed Navy will be hard-pressed to age of Houthi anti-ship missile are spread quite thin as it is in spond now. The shipping inand UAV systems the joint Brit- terms of the potential area of ish-American system managed sea at risk. to neutralize.

Sustaining Naval Presence and Maritime Trade

Security at IISS



"Airstrikes over time could force behaviour change by the Houthi in a way that defensive action in the Red Sea was not achieving."

- SIR TOM BECKETT



"How long such a mission can be sustained will depend on how many other governments and navies are also ready to take a meaningful share of the burden."

- NICK CHILDS



"The US and UK's attempt to paint the conflict in the Red Sea as being wholly unconnected to the war in Gaza has so far been unsuccessful in the region."

- HASAN ALHASAN



"The scope of the attack makes clear that this was not merely a symbolic strike but an attempt to seriously degrade **Houthi anti-shipping** capabilities."

- FABIAN HINZ

used by the Houthis for their at- of freedom of navigation. But mission is sensible, or whether involved well beyond the region indirectly how will escalation tacks in the Red Sea are relative- all navies are stretched. Both other measures like further air that will bear on calculations of further Tehran's goal to drive the conflict in the Red Sea as ly compact, mostly mobile and the US Navy and the UK Royal relatively easily. It therefore re- maintain their current commitmains uncertain what percent- ment indefinitely and their ships ments as they judge how to re-

> How long such a mission can many other governments and

All this adds to the potential open and safe. stresses and strains on governdustry, too, will be looking at how the threat develops. There **Director, IISS-Middle East** is a debate over what impact a

Escalation Risks and Houthi Deterrence

Sir Tom Beckett, Executive

Notwithstanding the chance be sustained will depend on how prolonged disruption will have of miscalculation leading to eson the global economy, and the calation, from the Axis of Renavies are also ready to take a extent to which the shipping sistance standpoint, Tehran is Nick Childs. Senior Fellow meaningful share of the burden. community will adapt. That likely to be thinking two things: two aims for the Yemen cam-role in hosting the US Fifth Fleet for Naval Forces and Maritime Another issue is how the threat could include returning to us- 1) what will regional escalation paign. To restore the 'legitimate' and Combined Maritime Forces may evolve. And for all there is ing the Red Sea if the threat can mean directly for Iran (will it government of Yemen and, con- es, and September 2023 attack This is clearly seen internathe question of whether continbe returned to acceptable levels. be attacked, by whom, from sequently, to defend Saudi terriby the Houthis that killed five tionally as a major threat to glob- uing to denude their resources in In the end, this is a major ship- where, at what targets, at what tory. To achieve this, it needed to Bahrain servicemen in southern al maritime trade and an issue ships and missiles in a defensive ping route, and there are stakes scale, and for what duration) and achieve a level of territorial con- Saudi Arabia.

part of 1) above.

trol of Yemen, which it has failed to do. The US/UK and aligned OPG countries do not need to do this. Airstrikes over time could force behaviour change by the Houthi in a way that defensive action in the Red Sea was not achieving.

Regional Reaction, Especially from Gulf States

Hasan AlHasan, Senior Fellow for Middle East Policy at IISS

Traditional US partners in the region including Saudi Arabia, Oman, Kuwait, Jordan, and Turkiye have issued statements over the past 24 hours expressing concern over the potential for US and UK strikes against the Houthis in Yemen to lead to further escalation in the region.

While the Gulf states recognize the need to maintain the freedom of navigation in the Red Sea, they appear to believe that a de-escalatory pathway involving a ceasefire in Gaza would lead to an overall lowering of the temperature in the region including the Red Sea. This suggests that the US and UK's attempt to paint and missile strikes are necessary. what needs to be done to keep it the US from the ME regions; and being wholly unconnected to 2) how will escalation further the war in Gaza has so far been Iran's goal to destroy the State unsuccessful in the region. Bahof Israel. It is hard to see how it rain, which is playing an active can be optimistic about either. role in supporting US and UK Perhaps more important for Iran military operations logisticalcurrently, will be to pressure ly, is the only exception to this Iraq to expel US forces. This regional trend so far. Bahrain's would be a 'strategic victory' as position can be explained by its recent signing of a CSIPA agree-The Saudi led coalition had ment with the US, its traditional

Bahrain congratulates Morocco on UNHRC **Presidency**

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Bahrain congratulated Morocco for winning the election to lead the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC) for the year 2024.

This reflects Morocco's international recognition of its foreign policy, human rights achievements, efforts to consolidate tolerance and peaceful coexistence, and support for the Sustainable Development Goals.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs expressed Bahrain's appreciation for Morocco's diplomatic and legal efforts and initiatives on a regional and international level, as well as its confidence in its ability to lead the intergovernmental body and to promote and protect human

The ministry wished Morocco and its people further success and prosperity, under the leadership of His Majesty King Mohammed VI.

Real estate sector holds promise for Bahraini jobseekers

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The Labour Minister, His Excellency Jameel bin Mohammed Ali Humaidan, affirmed the importance of hiring Bahraini employees in various sectors, including in real estate, which attracts jobseekers due to its promising career

launched initiatives by the Laly those related to the develop- Al Mushaima, Director General



He called for the real estate HE Ali Humaidan with Al Mushaima and Bahraini employees

sector to benefit from the newly ment of national competencies. of Grnata Real Estate Group, acgroup's achievements in em-This came as the Labour companied by several Bahraini bour Fund, Tamkeen, particular- Minister met with Hassan Ali employees.

ploying more than 83 Bahrainis during the recent period in su- keen's efforts in supporting the The meeting reviewed the pervisory, technical, adminis- private sector.

trative, and marketing positions. Al Mushaima noted that the expansion plan for the group will require the recruitment of more than 70 Bahrainis, in both administrative and technical positions.

Humaidan commended the group for cooperating with the ministry in recruiting Bahraini employees in various directorates and divisions.

The Director General commended the ministry's and Tam-

Boosting health sector



Her Excellency Dr. Jaleela bint Al Sayyed Jawad Hasan, Minister of Health, met with Dr. George Cheriyan, CEO and Chief Medical Officer of the American Mission Hospital. The meeting discussed investment opportunities in the health sector as well as ways to strengthen cooperation with regard to training national competencies and supporting medical research. Dr. Jaleela affirmed the importance of promoting partnerships between the public and private sectors to improve the quality and efficiency of health services. Dr. Cheriyan expressed his appreciation to the minister for her continuous support for the hospital.

Accreditation certificate

Verdict Enforcement and Alternative Sentencing briefed a Moroccan delegation about steps taken to get the accreditation certificate by the American Correctional Association (ACA). The brief took place during participation in the association's conference in Maryland, USA, including mechanisms to obtain the certificate and its positive effect on the world environment. The delegation hailed the achievement. stressing the importance of exchanging expertise.

The General Directorate of



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Kingdom's security and stability aligned with royal vision

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The Interior Minister, His Excellency General Shaikh Rashid bin Abdullah Al Khalifa, has asserted that Bahrain is blessed with security and stability in line with the royal vision of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and the follow-up of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime



HE General Shaikh Rashid bin Abdullah with the Austrian Federal Minister and other officials

tance of continuing these efforts friendly countries. He pointed out the role of joint to improve comprehensive se-

General Shaikh Rashid bin Karner.

Minister of the Interior, Gerhard

efforts in enhancing security curity within the framework of Abdullah made the statement Acting Chargé d'Affairs at the ities in all areas of security work laration through communication through purposeful programmes security cooperation and coorduring his visit to Austria where Mission of the Kingdom of Bah- in light of the security chang- and coordination between the and initiatives and the impor- dination between brotherly and he was received by the Federal rain to the United Nations in es and challenges the world is two sides.

and members of the delegation contributes to maintaining and accompanying HE the Interior strengthening security, in addi-Minister attended the event.

comed HE the Interior Minister, security. asserting the importance of the visit to promote cooperation and his Austrian counterpart signed coordination to achieve common a "Declaration of Intent" be-

Cooperation

The meeting discussed cooperation, exchange of experienc- forcement and criminal justice. es, and development of capabil- It was agreed to activate the dec-

Geneva, Hassan Musa Shafi'i, witnessing, and in a way that tion to the importance of build-The Austrian official wel- ing on future visions to achieve

HE the Interior Minister and tween the Ministries of the Interior of the two countries as part of work to strengthen security cooperation in law en-

Asian woman on trial for attacking policewoman



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The High Criminal Court harm at a café in the Qudaibiya has commenced the trial area. of an Asian woman accused of assaulting a policewoman.

The alleged incident took café in the Qudaibiya area.

her actions, claiming self-defense. The court has adjourned allowed to review the recorded ing her glasses to fall off. footage of the incident.

duty in the police patrols, re- the defendant struck her with ceived a request for assistance her hand, causing scratches at the location due to the pres- and pain in her right hand.

ence of the defendant who was allegedly exhibiting abnormal behaviour and attempting self-

Crime scene

The officer proceeded to the place when the latter attempt- scene and witnessed the deed to control the defendant's fendant holding a knife to her behaviour while she was at a own neck. The defendant had closed the café's doors using The defendant caused chaos chairs and set fire to one of and set fire to chairs in the the café's chairs, while also atcafé. The defendant justified tempting to assault passersby and customers.

The officer immediately the next session until January filmed the defendant to doc-16 for further review and re- ument the situation and atsponse, while the defendant tempted to calm her down. remains in custody. Mean- However, the defendant while, the defense team will be punched her in the face, caus-

The witness stated that she The victim, as part of her tried to retrieve her glasses, but

Breaking barriers: Shura Council debates key law

Proposes doubling quota for disabled workers, tailored job placement and support programs

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landmark proposal set for Shura Council debate this week aims to shatter glass ceilings for persons with disabilities in the Bahraini workforce.

Championed by five council members, the ambitious legislation proposes a 100% increase in the mandated quota for disabled employees, alongside tailored job placement and support pro-

Currently, private companies with 50 or more workers are required to employ at least 2% of their workforce from the disabled community. This new proposal seeks to double that quota a more inclusive and equitable employment landscape.

"The integration of persons with disabilities into the labour market and society is not just a legal obligation, but a moral



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national economy."

to 4%, a significant step towards a comprehensive framework for With 105 individuals with intype and job requirements.

Dedicated decree

Furthermore, it calls for the imperative," declared Sabeeka Minister of Labour, in collabora- ed, wouldn't simply offer jobs productive Bahrain. The Shu-Khalifa Al Fudalah, one of the tion with relevant stakeholders, - it would offer hope. It would ra Council's upcoming debate proposal's proponents. "This law will bridge the gap between specifying suitable positions for abilities to break free from the specifying suitable positions for abilities to break free from the specifying suitable positions for abilities to break free from the specifying suitable positions for abilities to break free from the specifying suitable positions for abilities to break free from the specifying suitable positions for abilities to break free from the specifying suitable positions for abilities to break free from the specifying suitable positions for abilities to break free from the specifying suitable positions for abilities to break free from the specifying suitable positions for abilities to break free from the specifying suitable positions for abilities to break free from the specifying suitable positions for abilities to break free from the specifying suitable positions for abilities to break free from the specifying suitable positions for abilities to break free from the specifying suitable positions for abilities to break free from the specifying suitable positions for abilities to break free from the specifying suitable positions for abilities to break free from the specifying suitable positions for abilities to break free from the specific properties abilities to break free from the specific properties and the specific properties are specific properties.

powering individuals with The Ministry of Labour, and discrimination, paving the by not just Bahrain, but the en-

unique talents and skills to our ing 2% quota, highlighted the challenges faced in integrating The proposal, however, goes individuals with intellectual beyond mere quotas. It outlines disabilities into the workforce. job placement, ensuring com- tellectual disabilities currently patibility between disability seeking employment, the ministry emphasizes the need for specialized training and support programs.

This proposed law, if adoptpotential and opportunity, emindividuals with disabilities. shackles of underemployment and economic justice, watched disabilities to contribute their while acknowledging the exist- way for a more inclusive and tire region.

"The integration of persons with disabilities into the labour market and society is not just a legal obligation, but a moral imperative. This law will bridge the gap between potential and opportunity, empowering individuals with disabilities to contribute their unique talents and skills to our national economy."

- SABEEKA KHALIFA AL FUDALAH, ONE OF THE PROPOSAL'S PROPONENTS

Bahrain affirms commitment to preserving environment

Supreme Council for Environment hosts symposium in collaboration with **United Nations**

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The Supreme Council for the Environment has affirmed the Kingdom of Bahrain's unwavering dedication to fulfilling its Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer.

This resolute commitment Industrial Development Or- the field.



Participants in the forum

ganization (UNIDO) to address chemicals used in the foam and thermal insulation sector.

auguration of a symposium or- ufacturers and suppliers from year 2025. ganised by the Supreme Council European and regional counfor the Environment in collabo- tries, along with the presence national plan's endorsement. Over the past three years, the sation of their collective goals ration with the United Nations of distinguished specialists in of multiple environmentally Supreme Council for the Envi- in advancing sustainable devel-

was emphasised during the in- tensive participation from man- cessation of their usage by the impediments.

The event underscored the Collaborative efforts

The symposium focused on been developed over the past obligations under the Montreal the disposal of ozone-depleting deliberating strategies to com- decade, ensuring a seamless pletely eliminate chemicals that transition for end users in the inimpact the ozone layer from the dustrial and thermal insulation lauded the active participation The symposium garnered ex- industrial sectors, aiming for full domains without encountering of stakeholders from both local

friendly alternatives that have ronment has actively engaged opment.

with industrial sectors and investors to facilitate a smooth transition to new alternatives.

Notably, in collaboration with UNIDO, the Council has successfully procured suitable quantities of alternative chemicals for use in thermal insulation.

Rigorous laboratory testing has ensured their compatibility with Bahrain's climate and regulatory standards, establishing them as viable replacements for ozone-depleting substances.

The Council expressed gratitude to UNIDO for its ongoing environmental support and and international sectors.

The Council extended its best wishes for the successful reali-

Verdict set for man charged with knife attack

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The High Criminal Court has set January 29, 2024 as the date to announce its ruling in the case of a 24-year-old Asian man accused of inflicting a permanent disability on his roommate, as determined by medical committees, estimating it to be around 5% disability.

The incident occurred when the accused struck his roommate's face with a knife due to disputes over payment of the electricity bill.

The victim had filed a complaint, stating that they shared a residence, and the electricity bill was shared between them.

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Captivating artistic journey

18th Spring of Culture Festival commences with spectacular "Bahraini Sound Art' ceremony



Bahraini artists, orchestrated by the Bahrain Music Band, mesmerise the crowd

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The event witnessed the embodies for the Kingdom. grand inauguration of the "Bah- The distinguished Bahraini epicenter of this art, from where raini Sound Art" ceremony in artists Ahmed Al Jumairi, Mu- it radiated across the region. the esteemed presence of His hammad Al Tamimi, and Abdul Excellency Shaikh Khalifa bin Rahman Awad actively partic- cal singing and music scene, the Ahmed bin Abdullah Al Khal- ipated in the ceremony, which art of voice in Bahrain has preifa, Chairman of the Bahrain was orchestrated by the Bahrain served its originality and artistic Authority for Culture and Antiq- Music Band under the guidance uities (BACA), alongside several of Maestro Ziad Ziman. other dignitaries.

Intangible heritage

This groundbreaking ceremony and Muhammad Zuwaid. he 18th Spring of Culture marks the first instance of sound Festival, renowned as the art being showcased on such a cant place in ancient Arabic singlargest cultural season in grand platform, underscoring ing and serves as the local form the Kingdom of Bahrain, com- BACA's commitment to high- of popular singing for the Gulf menced on Thursday evening lighting the importance of this art region, particularly the Kingat the Bahrain National Theater. form and the intangible heritage it

filled with high-level diplomats turing various musical excerpts vocal artists in the region. and a large audience, signifying the showcasing the seminal works festival's significance and appeal. of Bahraini sound art pioneers thusiastic engagement from the and the La Fontaine Center for the festival's program.

mad bin Faris, Dhahi bin Walid, the captivating presentation of

dom of Bahrain. Muharrag city is recognized as the cradle and

Despite the evolution of the lo-

and founders such as Muham- audience, particularly during Contemporary Art.

Resounding applause

Deal" also evoked a strong re- workshops, as well as literary, sponse from the attendees, evident in the resounding applause, ings, among other offerings. underscoring the rhythmic allure that distinguishes this au-strategic sponsorship from the thentic art form. Notably, the Economic Development Board. Spring of Culture Festival is set with gold sponsorship from the to continue until March 1.

essence to this day. It is revered by BACA, the Shaikh Ibrahim bin rain (Alba), the Bank of Bahrain as the art of the "elite," with its Mohammed Al Khalifa Center and Kuwait (BBK), and the Nation-Attendees were treated to a early pioneers in the Kingdom for Culture and Research, and al Bank of Bahrain (NBB). Several The theater's 1,000 seats were captivating artistic journey, fea-being regarded among the finest the Dana Theater, in collabora-embassies in the Kingdom, includtion with Al Rawaq Arts Space, ing those of the US, Italy, France, The ceremony garnered en- Al Bareh Fine Arts, Art Concept, and Japan, actively contribute to

The diverse array of programs "Al-Zafna," the traditional dance and events featured in the fes-The art of voice holds a signifi- accompanying Bahraini vocal art. tival spans various cultural venues across Bahrain, encompassing art exhibitions, musical The performance of "The and theatrical performances, intellectual, and poetic gather-

This esteemed festival enjoys Labour Fund, Tamkeen, and silver The festival is jointly organised sponsorship from Aluminum Bah-

Bahraini envoy granted 'Order of Friendship' medal by Putin



HE Ambassador Al Saati

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Russian President Vladimir Putin has conferred the prestigious "Order of Friendship" upon His Excellency Ahmed Abdulrahman Al Saati, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Bahrain to the Russian Federation.

This award stands as one of the highest honours bestowed by the Russian President upon foreign officials and diplomats.

Ambassador Al Saati emphasised the solid relations between Bahrain and Russia, underscoring the unwavering support and attention these ties receive from His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister.

Bhavans-Bahrain Indian School celebrates annual day with enchanting stories



Ms. Lulwa receiving memento from BIS Director



Lamp ligthing by dignitaries



Bhavans-Bahrain Indian School (BIS) celebrated its 10th annual day with an enchanting theme of stories-Katha, captivating the audience with a magical journey through the realms of imagination.

The event took place on 11th January 2024 at Bahrain Cultural Hall and was graced by Students present cultural program Lulwa Ghassan Al Muhanna, Director, Directorate of Licensing and Follow-up of Private began with the distinguished schools-Ministry of Education dignitaries and the school's manas the chief guest.

licitated the Chief Guest with wisdom. a bouquet. Principal Mr. Saii



agement lighting the ceremonial BIS Director Mr. Himanshu lamp, symbolizing the illumi-

spectacular show.

This act set the stage for an

the esteemed presence of Mr. and welcomed everyone for a and creativity as the students and commendable efforts in the presented a spectacular display The annual day festivities of storytelling through various performances and presentations.

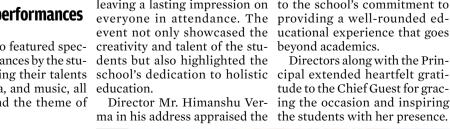
The school's annual report added a sparkle as the proud parents were delighted to wit-Verma and Mrs. Ritu Verma fe-nating power of knowledge and ness the school's progress and dents, showcasing their talents achievements of the students.

Jacob addressed the gathering evening filled with inspiration the school for its achievements

field of education.

Spectacular performances

The event also featured spectacular performances by the stuin dance, drama, and music, all The Chief Guest applauded centered around the theme of stories.



The annual day celebration at audience that the annual day cel-BIS was a resounding success, ebration was indeed a testament leaving a lasting impression on to the school's commitment to everyone in attendance. The providing a well-rounded edevent not only showcased the ucational experience that goes

school's dedication to holistic cipal extended heartfelt gratitude to the Chief Guest for grac-Director Mr. Himanshu Ver- ing the occasion and inspiring ma in his address appraised the the students with her presence.







Oil prices surge on Red Sea escalation

AFP | London, United Kingdom

il prices surged four% vesterday after US and UK forces launched strikes against Iran-backed Huthi rebels following their attacks on ships in the Red Sea, fuelling worries about a wider conflict in the crude-rich region.

Wall Street opened higher as earnings season got underway in earnest with a slew of banks reporting results and wholesale inflation unexpectedly dipping in December.

JPMorgan Chase's profits dropped in the fourth quarter to \$9.3 billion, but that was due to a one-off special levy of \$2.9 billion by US regulators after the failures of Silicon Valley Bank and Signature Bank.

Both revenues and operating profits rose.

got underway in New York.

Tokyo ended the week with traders brushed off data show- was down 1.0 percent. ing that US inflation rose more than expected in December.

in focus after British fashion day after weeks of attacks on Red analyst at SEB bank.

Key figures around 1430 GMT

Brent North Sea Crude:	▲ 2.8% at \$79.55 per barrel						
West Texas Intermediate:	▲ 2.9% at \$74.10 per barrel						
New York - Dow:	▲ 0.2% at 37,778.17 points						
New York - S&P 500:	▲ 0.3% at 4,796.33						
New York - Nasdaq:	▲ 0.3% at 15,009.02						
London - FTSE 100:	▲ 1.0% at 7,649.52						
Paris - CAC 40:	▲ 1.0% at 7,463.69						
Frankfurt - DAX:	▲ 1.1% at 16,722.51						
EURO STOXX 50:	▲ 0.9% at 4,483.82						
Tokyo - Nikkei 225:	▲ 1.5% at 35,577.11 (close)						
Hong Kong - Hang Seng Index: ▼ 0.4% at 16,244.58 (close)							
Shanghai - Composite:	▼ 0.2% at 2,881.98 (close)						
Euro/dollar:	▼ at \$1.0967 from \$1.0969						
Dollar/yen:	▼ at 144.61 yen from 145.29 yen on Thursday						
Pound/dollar:	▲ at \$1.2771 from \$1.2770						
Euro/pound:	▼ at 85.91 pence from 85.94 pence						

stage in London.

That fed through to peers,

brand Burberry posted a profit Sea shipping by the Iran-backed The bank's share price warning, sending its share price Huthis, who say they are acting climbed around 2.5% as trading sliding more than nine% at one in solidarity with Palestinians in tacks were unsuccessful in de- the Gaza war erupted in October. war-ravaged Gaza.

stock markets were higher as ing 2.1% in Paris, where LVMH predictable escalating path, barrels will be locked in transit where at some point down the The oil market was in sharp road supply of oil will indeed in \$5-10 per barrel. focus as US and British forces the end be lost," noted Bjarne The luxury sector was also struck rebel-held Yemen on Fri-Schieldrop, chief commodities a growing number of strikes on gains.



A woman walks past an electronic board showing a share price of the Tokyo Stock Exchange along a street in Tokyo

He noted that if the allied atternational shipping route, since stroying Huthi weapons, and -- sending prices up as much as

vessels in the Red Sea, a key in-

The attacks have affected "The fear in the oil market oil tankers need to go around trade flows at a time when supstrong gains while European with Gucci-owner Kering los- is that the region is on an un- Africa, then up to 80 million ply strains are putting upward pressure on inflation globally.

> After rising more than 4% --The Huthis have carried out \$80 per barrel -- oil prices pared

The jump in oil prices sparked land.

concerns about a fresh spike in inflation that could complicate central bank efforts to cut in-

Data out Thursday showed that US consumer price index rose more than forecast in December, dimming prospects that the Federal Reserve would start its rate-cutting cycle in

But data out Friday that US wholesale prices defied predictions to edge lower in December last year.

"The key takeaway from the report is that inflation at the wholesale level has been brought under wraps, with deflation appearing in several components, and is expected to translate into friendlier inflation readings for the PCE Price Index that is the Fed's preferred inflation gauge," said Briefing.com analyst Patrick O'Hare.

Investors are keenly waiting for a drop in interest rates, which central banks hiked in 2022 and 2023 in a bid to cool decades-high inflation.

While rates of price rises have with Brent crude rising above slowed, inflation remains above target for the Fed, European Central Bank and Bank of Eng-

Tesla's German factory suspends production over **Red Sea delays**

Berlin, Germany

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m E}$ lectric car manufacturer Tesla has announced it is suspending for two weeks the bulk of production at its factory in Germany, citing a shortage of parts due to shipping delays caused by Houthi rebel attacks in the Red Sea.

The suspension was disclosed just hours before the United States and Britain announced early Friday they had carried out air strikes against the Iranbacked rebels over their repeated threats to vessels in the key waterway.

The Red Sea attacks had led to delays that created a "gap in the supply chains", resulting in production at the facility southeast of Berlin being suspended "with the exception of a few sectors", Tesla said in a statement sent to

"From February 12, production will resume in full," it added.

China deflation extends into a third straight month in December

AFP | Beijing, China

eflation in China continued for the third month in a row in December, according to official figures released yesterday, bucking the trend in other major inflation-hit economies.

The consumer price index (CPI) fell 0.3% on-year last month, according to the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS).

China slipped into deflation in July for the first time since 2021 and following a brief rebound the following month, prices have been in constant decline since September.

Analysts surveyed by 0.5% in November. While destood at 3.4% in December. flation suggests goods were



People select vegetables at a supermarket in Beijing

Bloomberg expected a drop of same. By way of comparison, 0.4% last month, having sunk inflation in the United States

Inflation in China for the cheaper, it poses a threat to the whole of 2023 rose by an averbroader economy as consumers age of 0.2%, in contrast to other tend to postpone purchases, major economies, which saw hoping for further reductions. prices soar once again.

A lack of demand can then The NBS also said producer force companies to cut pro- prices sank 2.7%, marking the duction, freeze hiring or lay 15th consecutive month of deoff workers, while potentially clines. The PPI index, which also having to discount existing measures the cost of goods leavbility even as costs remain the insight into the health of the vember.



stocks -- dampening profita- ing factories and provides an economy, fell three% in No-

IMF okays \$700 m disbursement for Pakistan

AFP | Washington, United

agreement reached in July statement.

2023 to help Pakistan weather a balance-of-payments crisis and service crippling external The IMF's executive board debt. Thursday's disbursement brings the total released under disbursement of around \$700 the agreement to around \$1.9 million for Pakistan Thursday billion, the Fund confirmed as part of a program to sup- in a statement. Pakistan's port the cash-strapped South advancement under the pro-Asian country through an eco-gram "has supported signifnomic crisis. The funds were icant progress in stabilizing unlocked after the Internathe economy following sigtional Monetary Fund board nificant shocks," IMF Deputy approved the first review of Managing Director Antoinette a nine-month, \$3 billion loan Sayeh said, according to the

UK economy rebounds in November

AFP | London, United Kingdom

vious month. Gross domes- raising fears of a recession beterm picture remains one of an group.

economy that has shown little growth over the last year," he ${f B}^{
m ritain's}$ recession-threat- added. Separate data showed Britain's economy shrank in in November from the pre- the third quarter of last year, tic product expanded 0.3% in fore UK elections expected in November after contracting by 2024. Recession is defined as 0.3% in October, the Office for two straight quarters of neg-National Statistics said. "GDP ative economic growth. "The bounced back..., led by servic- 0.3%... rebound in real GDP in es with retail, car leasing and November probably means the computer games companies economy escaped a recession all having a buoyant month," in 2023," noted Ruth Gregory, noted ONS chief economist deputy chief UK economist at Grant Fitzner. "The longer- Capital Economics research

US bank Citigroup to cut 20,000 jobs in medium term

AFP | New York, United States

itigroup plans to cut 20.000 → jobs over the next couple of years as part of a corporate reorganization designed to boost profits and return cash to shareholders, the US bank said yesterday.

The downsizing was laid out in a presentation released in connection with the New York-



Representative picture

results in which it reported a time period, down from 240,000 namex. The move will put headcount reflecting the expected spinoff Fraser has unveiled a corporate clients and unlock value for our sponds to 7,000 job cuts over morning trading.

based lender's fourth-quarter at about 180,000 in the 2026 of Citi's Mexico subsidiary, Ba-

overhaul with five business lines shareholders." instead of two.

The bank has also significantbanking footprint, divesting assets in China, Vietnam and other markets. "Last month we announced consequential changes that align our organizational structure with our strategy and changes how we run the bank," Fraser said.

"When completed, we will

Overall, Citi reported a fourth-quarter loss of \$1.9 bil- a \$1.7 billion special assessment ly shrunk its global consumer lion compared with profits of to replenish a Federal Deposit \$2.5 billion in the 2022 period. Insurance Corporation (FDIC) Revenues fell three percent to emergency fund after the fail-\$17.4 billion.

The results were weighed Signature Bank. down by several cost items, in-

have a simpler firm that can ficer Mark Mason said the the Argentine peso. at the end of 2022 -- while also
Citi Chief Executive Jane operate faster, better serve our fourth-quarter charge corre-

the next year.

Other one-time costs included ures of Silicon Valley Bank and

Citigroup also booked recluding \$780 million for sever- serves of \$1.3 billion associated ance and other costs expenses with risks connected to Argenticonnected to the reorganization. na and Russia, plus a hit of \$880 Citi Chief Financial Of- million from the devaluation of

Shares of Citi rose 0.8% in

EU to debate sending naval mission to Red Sea

News in brief

◆ France has ordered 42 new Rafale fighter jets, Defence Minister Sebastien Lecornu said yesterday, with the first to be delivered in 2027. Bringing the total number of Rafales bought by Paris to 234, the fivebillion-euro (\$5.5 billion) order for the latest version of the Dassault planes would offer "modernised operational

capabilities" to the French air force, Lecornu said. The Rafale is a "multi-role" fighter that can be used to hunt enemy planes, strike ground and sea targets, carry out reconnaissance and even carry France's nuclear warheads. Friday's announcement is the first major purchase under France's 413-billion-euro military procurement plan for

passed by parliament last July. ◆ **The nine-month war** between Sudan's rival generals could create a "generational catastrophe" for the country's 24 million children, UNICEF's representative in Sudan has told AFP. "The conflict in Sudan is severely putting

said in an interview late Thursday. The fighting will not only have a serious impact on the future of Sudan. but will also "heavily (affect) the wider region",

against his former deputy, paramilitary commander Mohamed Hamdan Daglo. The war has claimed at least 12,190 lives according to a conservative estimate by the Armed Conflict Location & Event Data project, and the United Nations says more than seven million people

♦ Visiting British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak yesterday announced

£2.5 billion (\$3.2 billion) in new military aid for Ukraine, saying it sent a "strong signal" of UK for the coming year is £200 million higher than the £2.3 billion pledged per year in both 2022 and 2023. It will ensure the "largest ever commitment of drones", Sunak's office said in a statement. The UK prime minister said the aid was designed "to send a strong signal of support to the Ukrainian people". Russian President Vladimir Putin "needs to recognise we're not going anywhere", he added. "I'm here with one clear message: the United Kingdom stands with

Ukraine," he said after touring damaged buildings in the Ukrainian capital. Sunak met emergency service workers responding to the aftermath of Russian air strikes and praised Ukrainians' "great courage". The British leader was set to sign a "historic" security cooperation pact with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky while in Kyiv, his office said.

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Pingtan Island, the closest point in China to the main island of Taiwan. in China's southeast Fujian province

AFP | Beijing, China

statement.

from the United States.

cy of 23 million people is sep-slammed as a form of interferarated by a narrow 180-kilo- ence in the crucial poll.

communist-ruled China, "The Chinese People's Liber-conductors -- as it manages ties

metre (110-mile) strait from



US and British forces struck sites associated with the Houthis' unmanned aerial vehicle, ballistic and cruise missile, and coastal radar and air surveillance capabilities

The National Geographic Society is founded in Washington, D.C. for "the increase and diffusion of geographic knowledge'

Iran condemns 'arbitrary' US,

strikes against Yemen by US ed Kingdom this morning on sev- well as "diverting the world's at-

Houthi rebels were "arbitrary" arbitrary action, a clear violation the Palestinian territory's Hamas

The overnight strikes followed tion of international laws and ternational community to take

ships in the Red Sea, claiming said in a joint statement follow- In Tehran after Friday prayers,

to act in solidarity with Pales- ing the air strikes that their goal hundreds rallied in support of

tinians in the war-ravaged Gaza "remains to de-escalate tensions the people of Gaza and Yemen

man Nasser Kanani said in a Kanani warned that the attacks according to an AFP journalist.

"These attacks have endan-

iners, and our partners, jeop-

further measures to protect our

people and the free flow of inter-

said in a statement.

and a "violation" of international of the sovereignty and territorial rulers.

tacks by Houthi forces targeting The United States and its allies of war".

weeks of missile and drone at-regulations".

Iran's foreign ministry spokes- Sea".



statement that Tehran "strongly on Yemen "will have no result

condemned the military attacks other than fuelling insecurity

integrity of Yemen, and a viola- The spokesman urged the in-

and restore stability in the Red and chanted slogans against the

Henri Farman becomes the first person to fly an observed circuit of more than 1km, winning the Grand Prix d'Aviation

Adolf Hitler declares "Total War"

aside as chief executive and promotes company president Steve Ballmer to

France

orders 42 new Rafale fighter iets 2024-30. An increase of 40 percent over the previous seven-year period, it was

at risk the health and wellbeing of Sudan's 24 million children," Mandeep O'Brien

risks 'catastrophe'



British Prime support for the war-torn nation. The funding package extra \$3.2 bn for **Minister Rishi Sunak Ukraine on Kyiv**

said the Huthis' breach of international law merited a "strong signal" in response AFP | Brussels, Belgium

China's military says will 'crush' any Taiwan 'independence' efforts



Thina's military yester- which has vowed to retake the day vowed to "crush" any island one day. Saturday's presefforts to promote Taiwan's idential contest is being closely independence, a day before watched around the world as a crucial election on the self- the winner will lead the straruled island which Beijing tegically important island -- a claims is part of its territory. major producer of vital semi-

ation Army maintains high vig- with an increasingly assertive ilance at all times and will take China. Beijing in recent years all necessary measures to firm- has maintained a near-daily ly crush 'Taiwan independ- military presence around Taience' attempts of all forms," wan, sending in warplanes and defence ministry spokesper- ships to its surroundings in son Zhang Xiaogang said in a so-called "grey zone" harassment actions which fall short Zhang accused Taiwan's rul- of outright provocation.

ing Democratic Progressive The weeks leading up to Party of pushing the island "to-Saturday's vote have also ward the dangerous conditions seen a flurry of Chinese balof war" by purchasing arms loons crossing the Taiwan Strait's sensitive median line, Taiwan's bustling democra- which Taipei authorities have



base near the southern city of kilometres) south of Chennai. refuelling and is the Indian Air

Search and rescue efforts at be conforming with an An-32 aircraft. the time failed to find any trace aircraft", the ministry said in An IAF source told AFP in of the aircraft after its disap- a statement, adding that the 2016 that radar data from the discovery "at the probable crash missing aircraft showed it mak-The ministry of defence said site" pointed to the debris as ing a sharp left turn before rapa deep-sea drone surveying "possibly belonging to the idly losing altitude.

UK strikes on Yemen rebels Tran vesterday lambasted of the United States and the Unit- and instability in the region", as and British forces, saying that the eral Yemeni cities". attacks against Tehran-backed He said the strikes were "an where Israel has been fighting

the return of RAF Typhoon aircraft at RAF Akrotiri in Cyprus, after striking military targets in Yemen

AFP | Paris, France

Originating in the north of Yemen, the Houthis were founded as a movement in the 1990s to fight the alleged marginalisation of their minority Zaidi community

ly heavy responsibility for the

regional escalation," the for-

It urged the Houthis to "imme-

Houthis bear 'responsibility' for

Mideast escalation, France says

 $F^{\text{rance said Iran-backed Hou-}}_{\text{this were responsible for an}} \stackrel{\text{eign ministry said, referring to}}{\text{weeks of attacks on perceived}}$

escalation in the Middle East Israel-linked ships in what the

"Through these armed actions, diately end" these attacks.

geted them in Yemen on Friday estinians in Gaza.

after US and British strikes tar- Huthis say is solidarity with Pal-

The group's military strength was estimated several years ago at around 200,000 fighters, a force which is well-trained and accustomed to combat in Yemen's arid and mountainous terrain.



Biden warns Huthis of further steps after strikes

Huthi fighters brandish their weapons

in the region was necessary as danger freedom of navigation the 81-year-old added.

American military intervention the Huthi attacks would "en- national commerce as necessary,"

Since the start of the Israel-Hamas war on October 7. the Houthis have launched numerous attacks against commercial shipping they say is linked to Israel, in solidarity with Palestinians in the Gaza Strip.

Despite thousands of its fighters being killed, the Huthis continue to attract young recruits in a country of about 30 million people struggling with one of the world's worst humanitarian disasters.

action "to prevent the spread

United States, Britain and Israel,

Madrid gave no official reason, but Spanish media reported that domestic politics was behind the refusal, with a hard-left partner in Spain's governing coalition, the

gered US personnel, civilian mar-US foreign policy. Diplomats said EU foreign minardized trade, and threatened isters could strike an agreement on establishing the new naval mission at the coming meeting besieged Gaza Strip. "I will not hesitate to direct

Sumar party, generally opposed to

mission focused on protecting October 7, when Hamas's unprecallies.

Oman condemns US, UK strikes on rebel-held Yemen



مراسلنا في صنعاء: عدوان أمريكي بمشاركة بريطانية يستهدف قاعدة لديلمي الجوية شمال العاصمة

An image grab taken from a video made available by Yemen's Al-Masirah elevision of the Houthi rebels shows fire and smoke billowing in Yemen ollowing US and British strikes.

AFP | Muscat, Oman

escalating conflict in the region. territories," it said.

Oman, a mediator in attempts Kuwait's Foreign Ministry also to end Yemen's long-running expressed "great concern" about civil war, expressed its "worry" the strikes, echoing the view of at the strikes on Houthi rebel Yemen's powerful neighbour military targets that, according Saudi Arabia, which is trying to to the Huthis, left five people extricate itself from a nine-year war with the Huthis.

The Gulf sultanate "can only The kingdom voiced its condemn the use of military own concern after the UK and action by friendly countries" US military action, calling for while Israel pursues war against "self-restraint and avoiding Hamas in the Gaza Strip, said escalation".

scope of any EU mission remain to would take place in Brussels on not take part in any EU naval mis- Robles, said that "Spain's position The EU last year initially mulled shipping off Somalia, but that edented attack on Israel sparked The pre-dawn air strikes could hear heavy strikes in Ho-

a foreign ministry spokesman, according to official media.

"Oman has warned several Oman condemned American times about the risk of the exten-and British strikes on tar-sion of the conflict in the region gets in rebel-held Yemen yes- due to the ongoing Israeli agterday, warning of the risk of gression against the Palestinian

The rebels, who have seized fears of wider conflict in the The Iran-backed Houthis have control of a major portion of Yem-region. carried out a growing number of en since a civil war erupted in The strikes targeted an airbase, attacks on what they deem to be the country in 2014, are part of airports and a military camp, the Israeli-linked shipping in the key a regional Iran-backed "axis of Huthis' Al-Masirah TV station international trade route since resistance" against Israel and its said, with AFP correspondents

the war which is still raging in the Friday by the United States deida and Sanaa

Bullfighting to return to Mexico City

and Britain add to escalating

and witnesses reporting they

India finds apparent wreckage from 2016 military plane crash

for attacking Red Sea shipping.

the Houthis bear the extreme-

The details of the size and diplomats said a first discussion Spain said Friday that it would

AFP | New Delhi, India

Tndia said yesterday it had Llikely found wreckage from an Indian Air Force transport plane that went missing over the sea almost eight years ago with 29 people aboard. A Russian-built Antonov An-

Hamas said it will hold

Britain and the United

States "responsible

for the repercussions

Turkish President

described the strikes

as disproportionate"

and said: "It is as if they

aspire to turn the Red

Sea into a bloodbath."

locations were hit by

• 60 targets at 16 Huthi

more than 100 precision-

guided munitions, US

Central Command said

E week a plan to set up a naval mission to help protect Red

Sea shipping following attacks

from Yemen's Huthi rebels, dip-

The proposal -- in the pipeline

in Brussels for several weeks --

was mooted before US and British

forces struck rebel-held Yemen

Any EU effort would seek to

complement a US-led coalition,

which includes numerous coun-

tries from the bloc, that is already

operating in the vital shipping

be hammered out and European Tuesday.

lomats said yesterday.

early on Friday.

Recep Tayyip Erdogan

on regional security

32 was carrying service personnel and six crew members during a routine courier service An Indian Air Force Antonov An-32 transport aircraft

to India's remote Andaman and the ocean floor in the Bay of crashed IAF An-32". Nicobar Islands in July 2016. Bengal had found debris from No other aircraft have been It last made contact with air a crashed aircraft at a depth reported missing in the area. traffic control 15 minutes af- of 3,400 metres (11,150 feet) The An-32 is capable of flying ter taking off from an air force around 140 nautical miles (310 for up to four hours without

The images were "found to Force's workhorse transport

Gaza's devastated Al-Shifa hospital reestablishes some services: WHO

on this subject has always been a plan to expand its "Atalanta" move was blocked by Spain.

AFP | Geneva, Switzerland

President Joe Biden said Thursday that US and British

air strikes against Yemen's Huth-

of further measures if the Iran-

ships in the Red Sea.

backed rebels keep attacking

Biden, who is seeking reelec-

tion in November, said the latest during a march

Its defence minister, Margarita clear".

is were "defensive" and warned

aza's largest hospital, which Thas been hard-hit by Israel's war against Hamas, has partially reestablish services, the World Health Organization said vesterday after reaching the facility for the first time in over two weeks.

The UN health agency said it and partners had reached the Al-Shifa hospital in the north of the Gaza Strip on Thursday, delivering desperately-needed fuel and medical supplies.

"The team reported that Al-Shi- the southern Gaza Strip fa, previously Gaza's premier hos-medical staff, Tedros said.

A girl carrying a bird cage reacts as people flee following an Israeli strike in Rafah in theatres, basic emergency obstet- for more than two weeks to reach

cover 1,000 trauma and 100 kidpital, has (partially) reestablished It also has "a surgical and med-ney dialysis patients, according services," WHO chief Tedros ical ward with 40 beds, an emerto his post. Adhanom Ghebreyesus said on gency department, four operating The agency had been striving

The hospital, which WHO de- ric and gynaecologic services". Al-Shifa and other hospitals in scribed as "a death zone" after it The WHO-led convoy to the northern Gaza, and said earlilargely ceased operations follow- hospital on Thursday had deliv- er this week it had to cancel six ing raids and occupation by Israeli ered 9,300 litres (2,500 gallons) planned missions there due to troops in November, now has 60 of fuel and medical supplies to lacking security.

AFP | Mexico City, Mexico **D**ullfighting will make a **D**comeback in Mexico City this month after a legal tussle led to a more than one-year suspension at the world's largest

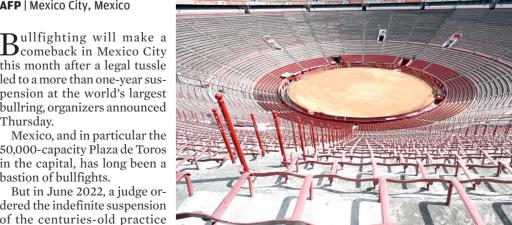
after legal battle

Thursday Mexico, and in particular the 50,000-capacity Plaza de Toros in the capital, has long been a bastion of bullfights.

But in June 2022, a judge ordered the indefinite suspension of the centuries-old practice in Mexico City, agreeing with animal rights activists who had filed suit.

media the judges only ruled on news conference.

though according to Mexican Mario Zulaica announced at a said



View of the Plaza de Toros Mexico in Mexico City

tradition brought by Spanish in our constitution. Thousands Last month the Supreme conquistadors five centuries of people were unable to en-Court revoked the decision, al- ago, Plaza de Toros director joy their right to culture," he

Following the Supreme Court technical aspects and have yet During the suspension, decision, President Andres Mato decide on the case's merits. "thousands of people could not nuel Lopez Obrador proposed On January 28, matadors in freely exercise their profession, a referendum on the future of Mexico City will resume the a fundamental right enshrined bullfighting in Mexico City.

their homes in Sudan since the war broke out in April 2023. As the scale of the crisis continues to grow, the world must not forget the people of Sudan.

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on the advice of the @ WHO Technical Advisory Group on Malaria Elimination and Certification and the WHO Malaria Policy Advisory Group, I have certified Cabo Verde as malaria-free.

@DrTedros



We are fighting terrorists, and we are fighting lies. Today, again, we saw an upside down world, in which the State of Israel is accused of genocide at a time when it is fighting genocide. @IsraeliPM

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E-bike craze in high gear at CES gadget fest

AFP | Las Vegas, United States

lectric bicycle makers at CES touted slick features ☐ like ChatGPT as they rode a trend of people wanting to enjoy a breeze in their face without sweat on their brow.

Some 44 million "e-bikes" were sold worldwide last year, and that number is expected to top 77 million by the year 2030. according to market tracker Sta-

E-bike sales are outpacing sales of electric cars, according to data and companies pitching their latest models at the Consumer Electronics Show (CES) that ends in Las Vegas on Friday.



Urtopia chief executive Bo Zhang poses with an electric bicycle

"There is something about the freedom of being on a bicycle, to map a rider's route, with the out in the open air feeling the sun and wind on your skin."

And with e-bikes, that exhilaration comes with knowing you on the road. won't have to pedal hard up hills

attention at this year's AI-ob- latest model. sessed CES with the introducchatbot capabilities built in.

Riders can speak to a smartphone-size control panel er-maker Okai started making to be laid-back, to be lazy," Ren mounted to the center of the e-bikes after seeing the trend said.

Group research director Olivi- requests such as finding a fun when cities began reopening in er Blanchard, a self-confessed one-day bike tour around Las

> The bike could also be asked CES booth. right or left handle bar grip viturn so they can keep their eyes

or exert much energy at all if you another normal e-bike," Urtopia chief executive Bo Zhang said China-based Urtopia grabbed with a hand on his company's

"Everything is connected; tion of an e-bike with ChatGPT everything is smart. That is definitely the future."

Also based in China, scoot-

"Bikes are fun," said Futurum handlebars, prompting it with picking up speed in Europe the wake of Covid-19 shutdowns, Jia Ren said at the company's

> People wanted the convenience and cost-savings of getting brating to signal which way to around cities by bicycle, and were averse to public transport given Covid concerns, Ren "I don't think the world needs said. E-bikes are particularly popular with younger folks accustomed to the mode of transportation, and with "the senior crowd" that wants to stay active but may be dealing with aging issues such as knee trouble, she added.

"E-bikes give people a chance

Talking heads, airlifts and checkpoints for pets

AFP | Las Vegas, United States

Whether dreaming of an artificial friend available around the clock, lifting off from traffic jams or doing without your cat's dead bird "gifts," CES inventors have no shortage of imagination.

Here are a few highlights from the Consumer Electronics Show, the world's biggest tech and consumer electronics trade fair, which runs in Las Vegas until Friday.

'Supportive, nonjudgmental' "I'm designed to be a supportive and nonjudgmental presence in your life," assured Wehead, a sort of computer creature made of a set of screens, mounted on a robotic head, projecting a human face and that uses artificial intelli-

The US startup of the same name developed this strange object that can be placed on your desk like a paperweight or small sculpture and engage in human-like chit chat.

Sometimes you just need somebody to talk to and create your own solutions," said Wehead founder Ilya Sedoshkin.

body's listening to you," said paralyzed by traffic jams. Sedoshkin.

and more memory than the four passengers on board.



People view the XPeng AeroHT " modular flying car" which will enter mass production with pre-orders begininng in the fourth quarter of

famous OpenAI chatbot that produces text, sound or images from a simple query in everyday Los Angeles."

'If you discuss today what you will do at CES...in a week's time, it will ask you 'how was CES?' Sedoshkin said.

Enthusiasts can adopt a talking head on a subscription basis, for \$200 a month.

"Did it feel real? No," said flight. Alan Pierce, a retired professor attending the tech show, calling to check the integrity of the air- an existing hatch, is available in

Air taxi

"You can do that with and a plane, the electric pow- are considerable. ChatGPT, but you will not have ered S-A2 is pitted to become "It has never been done before nected

has real-time internet access vehicle. It has a pilot and up to Electronics Show (CES) in Las Vegas, Nevada



A woman photographs a Humanoid Robot from AI Life with Bio-Inspired communicative AI

"It's urban aerial mobility," Jaiwon Shin, head of Supernal, a subsidiary of South Korea's Hyundai Group, told AFP. "The biggest market is the United States -- cities like Las Vegas or

An hour-long car journey due to traffic jams can be replaced by a flight of just 10 minutes, departing from so called vertiports that would be dotted around

The aim is to make the flight less expensive than a helicopter

After landing, a robot scans it a cleverly designed "talking craft -- whose propellers are attached to a single long wing and rotate for take-off and landing.

Jaiwon hopes to launch in ble battery, a A cross between a helicopter 2028, but the regulatory hurdles solar panel

this natural feeling that some- the transport of choice for cities in aviation... It's really a revolu- to the tion and the battery is a techno- elec-Its real name is eVTOL - elec- The futuristic concept Alpha-Able electric Wehead runs on ChatGPT, tric vertical take-off and landing vehicle from LG is displayed at the Consumer



A vertical takeoff electronic aircraft from Supernal

logical challenge," he said.

Installing a door hatch to let cats and dogs roam freely in and out of the house also leaves the home open to wildlife.

For Martin Diamond, a resident of the desert state of Arizona, unwelcome visitors could include coyotes, venomous snakes and raccoons.

Not eager to meet one of these in his living room, Diamond invented Pawport, a hermetically sealed door that opens with a badge worn by the pet.

Pawport can be installed on







massage therapy device

trical grid. Available from May, it will cost a minimum of \$459.

Swiss twins Oliver and Denis Widler turned to other unpleas- celestial objects from deep space to ant surprises: the "gifts" -- birds and rodents in general -- that projectors in stunning detail and some cats proudly bring back to their owners.

With their Flappie access with a microchip. The device door, AI cameras keep an eye can be connected to an app so on things and block access if the feline's mouth isn't empty.

The AI also will spot snakes with images. and fish, the startup claims,

Flappie starts at 299 Swiss

as the world's first Intelligent Home

billed as the world's first Intelligent

Home Observatory, from Celestron,

smartphones, tablets or smart TV/

offers an onboard camera sensor and

AI-powered image processing bringing

the door opens only to those

that owners can track their pet's comings and goings, complete

Observatory. The Celestron Origin,



Honda unveils futuristic EV designs to hit US market in 2026

AFP | Las Vegas

Tonda unveiled a new elec-Haric vehicle series to launch commercially in 2026, revealing a futuristic concept car at the Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas.

"We have gone back to basics and formulated the Honda 0 Series with a design for the new era," Shinji Aoyama, global vice president, said of the snazzy offerings. "A bold and pure Japanese automaker Honda unveils its electric vehicle glance is overwhelmingly dif- (CES) in Las Vegas, Nevada ferent from other EVs to evoke a new perspective for people."



proportion that from the first concept Space-Hub during the Consumer Electronics Show

capacity to introduce "new ad- press release. The firm plans to second concept car dubbed the The "Saloon" model features vancements in design, automatintroduce a commercial mod- Space Hub that employs some a low platform with a wide in- ed driving, connected technolo- el based on the Saloon in the of the same visual motifs as nounced in October, "dozens" woman who had been knocked terior and sleek silhouette, with gies, performance, and battery United States in 2026. The Japthe Saloon, but in a larger form of the taxis were expected to be in front of it by a hit-and-run efficiency," according to a Honda anese company also presented a akin to the sport utility vehicles launched in Tokyo in early 2026. driver in San Francisco.



joint venture between Sony Group Corp. and Honda Motor Company to produce battery electric vehicles.

currently popular in the United

tweaking its signature "H" mark from the current incarnation, time frame. which dates to 1981. The new design evokes "two outstretched hands" to represent "Honda's ing self-driving vehicles into an commitment to expand the pos- urban environment," he said, sibilities of mobility and con- according to Bloomberg. tinue to meet the needs of its

sales by 2040. The company is also working vehicles. with US auto titan General Mo-

Bloomberg TV in Las Vegas on To mark a new era, Honda is Tuesday, Honda CEO Toshihiro Mibe no longer gave a specific

> "We're thinking of sometime in the late 2020s for introduc-

The robotaxi project is being customers," the company said. developed by GM's self-driving Three years ago, Honda set an car subsidiary Cruise, whose ambitious target of achieving operations have been on hold 100 percent electrified vehicle since October 27 after California halted testing of the

The venture has been under tors on a driverless taxi service. scrutiny since a self-driving car When that plan was an- operated by Cruise ran over a

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Loeb takes Dakar stage win

Bahrain Raid Xtreme star outpaces leader Sainz as gruelling rally reaches half-way point

Sebastien Loeb takes 25th stage success in Dakar

BRX driver climbs to third place on overall rankings

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he Dakar Rally reached the halfway point in Saudi Arabia vesterday as Sebastien Loeb claimed his second stage victory for Bahrain drama in the Empty Quarter.

the BRX Prodrive Hunter coma 2 mins 01 secs winning margin to the start this morning. over outright rally leader Carlos Sainz in an Audi.

him level with Japan's Hiroshi decorated driver on the world's biggest rally-raid event.

While Loeb climbed again to third place overall, Nasser Al Attivah's hopes of completing a hat-trick of Dakar victories were shat-

Sebastien

Loeb and

Fabian

Lurquin

in action

in their

Bahrain

Prodrive

Hunter

Raid Xtreme



 $Raid\ Xtreme\ following\ more \quad \text{Sebastien Loeb and the rest of the Dakar drivers erected their own tents at the}$ overnight bivouac separating the two parts of the 48-hour Chrono stage

halted his Prodrive Hunter for remind him that the gap to Sainz pleted the second part of the more than two hours 40 min- is far from insurmountable. new two-day Chrono stage with utes en-route from the bivouac

The rally now has a rest day in Riyadh before restarting with It was Loeb's 25th stage a 483km stage to Al Duwadimi ing six successive best times in success on the Dakar, taking tomorrow, with Sainz holding Saudi last year at the wheel of a 20 minutes 21 seconds lead Masuoka as the joint sixth most over Audi team-mate Mattias with six more stages remaining points as possible, and that he Ekström heading for the finish this time, could be on another in Yanbu next Friday.

Having finished runner up to Al Attiyah for the last two years, from second place again, was had two good days in the determined from the start to go tered one better this time, and

Loeb and Fabian Lurquin in when mechanical problems developments yesterday will

World champion The nine-time World Rally Champion, who was fastest on stage four, set a recorded-breakhis BRX Prodrive Hunter, and

He said at the finish yesterday: "It's great to win the difficult Loeb, who is nine minutes away 48h Chrono stage after we've

dunes. We knew 550kms in the Empty Quarter would be very hard for the car so I tried to take it a bit easier for the first part and not break anything on the first day.

"But for today it was more like a sprint, so I pushed quite hard to gain some time. Overall, it was good to do a strategy, but maybe we went a little bit too far as what we see is that others gained a bit of time in other ways, but OK. We are still in the game and that was the main objective to be within 30 mins of the lead, but we will see as there is still a long way to go."

Five-time Dakar winner Al Attivah broke a steering arm on a hub carrier in his vehicle and had to wait for his assistance truck to arrive to carry out repairs, allowing him to continue in the first round of this year's World Rally-Raid Champion-

He said that his objective is the W2RC championship, that he will try to pick up as many will be ready to help fellow Prodrive Hunter driver Loeb if

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mins of the lead, but we will see as

there is still a long way to go

SEBASTIEN LOEB

McIlroy fights back to maintain **Dubai Invitational lead**

Dubai, United Arab Emirates

Rory McIlroy battled back four-time major champion. after a quadruple-bogey "Hit some good iron shots." to remain two shots clear at the halfway stage of the Dubai to the way I played yesterday. Invitational yesterday in his first appearance of the year.

The world number two made a flying start with an trickier." opening nine-under-par 62 and stretched further clear lier this week when he claimed early in the second round with a "world tour" was his "dream birdies on the third and fourth scenario" for golf as talks

water on the par-three eighth circuit LIV Golf continue. en route to a potentially ruinous seven.

won five European Tour titles in five holes in his round of 70. in Dubai, restored his advantage with three more birdies joint-best round of the day on the back nine to card a with a 66 to join Paul in a tie one-under 70 for a 10-under for second place, with Tommy

"I think if I look at the other a shot further back.

17 holes that I played, I played very, very well again," said the "Hit some good iron shots.

"Played not too dissimilarly I maybe holed a couple more putts yesterday but the conditions were getting a little

McIlroy made headlines earaimed at ending the split in But he hit two balls into the the sport caused by breakaway

German Yannik Paul remained two strokes behind However McIlroy, who has despite a run of three bogeys

Dane Jeff Winther fired a Fleetwood one of five players

S.Africa strips U19 cricket skipper of captaincy over Gaza protest fears

Johannesburg, South Africa

nder-19 Cricket World Under-19 Clicket
Cup host South Africa said yesterday it has stripped its skipper of the captaincy over fears he could be

targeted by protesters over his pro-Israeli views. David Teeger was

cleared of wrongdoing last month after he praised Israeli soldiers fighting in Gaza at an award ceremony for Jewish achievers.

Cricket South Africa (CSA) said it has been advised that protests over the conflict are likely to

target the tournament's venues and focus on the teenager, with a risk of "conflict or even violence".

"CSA has decided that David should be relieved of the captaincy for the tournament. This is in the best interests of all the players, the SA U19 team and David himself," it said.

> Teeger will remain a member of the squad and a new captain will be announced in due course, it added.

David Teeger

Muharraq eke into Top Six!

Al Ahli also triumph last night to stay in title contention in 2023/2024 Zain Bahrain Basketball League

Tvler Wilkerson carries Muharraq against Al Hala with 30 points

Al Ahli more than double Bahrain Club output in massive victory

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uharrag and Al Ahli were both victorious last night as the Top Six line-up was completed in the ball League.

fourth quarter to defeat Al Hala All three teams ended the reg-76-73 and eke into the next stage. ular season with identical 6-4 Ahli, meanwhile, secured their win-loss records, but Muharberth following a massive 125-62 raq and Najma advanced as they lah—despite being a liability ofvictory over Bahrain Club.

Yesterday's games wrapped from their 10 games. up the regular season schedule in the current league campaign. it out for a place in the Golden run to get to within 58-60. Muharrag and Ahli joined de- Square semi-finals. The schedfending champions Manama, Al ule for this phase's games has the teams marching through to Basketball Association. the Top Six and staying in title contention.

STANDINGS

	Р	W	L	+/-	Pts
Manama	10	10	0	312	20
Al Ettihad	10	7	3	188	17
Al Ahli	10	7	3	155	17
Al Hala	10	7	3	92	17
Muharraq	10	6	4	118	16
Al Najma	10	6	4	95	16
Nuwaidrat	10	6	4	32	16
Samaheej	10	3	7	-140	13
Bahrain Club*	10	2	8	-299	12
Isa Town	10	1	9	-219	11
Sitra	10	0	10	-334	10
*One of Bahrain	Club's	losses v	was a forfe	it due to a	no-show

2023/2024 Zain Bahrain Basket- Muharraq's Mohammed Juma'a goes for a lay-up as Al Hala's Alex Young goes for a block

had superior points differentials fensively—Muharraq stormed seconds.

Ettihad, Hala, and Al Najma as yet to be released by the Bahrain

Muharraq's victory earned last night but they showed their seconds to play to give Muhar- Nash scored 18 and took down ing 33-9 lead. They stretched

Muharraq roared back from them a place along with Najma heart and fought back in their raq the lead for good at 75-73. 17 boards, but it was not enough a 15-point deficit entering the while eliminating Nuwaidrat. game's final stanza, when they were down 45-60.

> back to begin the fourth and The Top Six will be battling went on a game-changing 13-0

Hala responded and both sides traded jabs, but then American ers. Muharraq appeared to be on professional Ra'shad James the brink of being booted out buried a three-pointer with 50 a game-high 39 while Tyrone the first quarter for a command-

Inspired by the hustle and 39 seconds left to ice the contest,

for much of the night, scoring 30 points while grabbing nine none of their other players fin- record. ished with more than six mark-

For Hala, Alex Young had

Countryman Tyler Wilkerson to lift Hala, who finished the sank one of two free throws with regular season with a 7-3 record.

In Ahli's big victory, they scrappy defence of Ali Shukral- as Hala were unable to put up claimed their seventh win in an attempt to tie in the closing 10 games and went to 17 points, safely putting them in the upper Wilkerson carried Muharraq half of the 11-team standings. Bahrain Club were already out of the running for a Top Six place rebounds. James added 20 and and finished with a 2-8 win-loss

> Ahli burst out of the gate in their fixture while holding their opponents to just single digits in

that advantage to 66-21 at the half and never let up the rest of the way, leading by as many as

American professional Unique McLean scored 26 points to spearhead Ahli, while Jamaican import Adrian Uter added 23 to go with 12 rebounds and seven assists. Five others finished in double figures, including Ali Hussain who had 15 and Ahmed Aldurazi who chipped in with 12 points.

For Bahrain Club, who were playing with a foreign professional, Mansoor Jaber scored 23 points and Sayed Mohammed Habib had 10.



Muharraq and Al Ahli join Manama, Al Ettihad, Al Hala and Al Najma in the Top Six. Following Muharraq's victory last night, they tied Najma and Nuwaidrat with identical 6-4 win-loss records, but Muharrag and Najma advanced with superior points differentials

Hosts Qatar ease past Lebanon to open Asian Cup

Doha, Qatar

non in the tournament's opening months ago. game vesterday.

before Almoez Ali doubled their team winning. lead after the break and Afif

bagged a late third.

Over 80,000 fans initially

Qatar's win over Lebanon did

swathes of empty seats.

replacing Carlos Queiroz.

Akram Afif rifled in a shot on not have the same drama and 2019 final in the United Arab in 2019, had the ball in the net as the stroke of half-time to put the some spectators left as early as Emirates, lifting the trophy after early as the sixth minute. 2022 World Cup hosts ahead, half-time, even with the home winning every game they played at the tournament.

at the World Cup, making a first- the 56th minute. But it was a welcome start for round exit after losing all three efending champions and packed into the Lusail Stadium, a team that claimed their first games. Qatar were far more as-Phosts Qatar got their Asian where a Lionel Messi-inspired Asian Cup five years ago and sured against a Lebanon side Cup campaign off to a flying Argentina beat France on pen- only changed their coach last playing in only their third Asian Afif for Qatar's third goal in the start with a 3-0 win over Leba- alties in the World Cup final 13 month, with Tintin Marquez Cup. Ali, who scored an Asian 96th minute, putting the final Australia tak-Qatar stunned Japan in the named player of the tournament ual performance.

> break and were rewarded with Group A. By the final whistle there were But they flopped on home soil their second goal of the game in

The huge crowd began to filter out after Qatar's second goal.

They missed a deft finish from Cup-record nine goals and was touch on an impressive individ-

They will face Tajikistan in their next game on Wednesday, istan and Qatar hit their stride after the with China the other team in Uzbekistan

Saturday's action begins with

Qatar's forward #11 Akram Afif celebrates

ing on India,

before China

play Tajik-

face Syria.

Dar Kulaib rally in win over Al Nasser

Defending champions claim sixth win in seven games in league's Top Six round

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ar Kulaib posted a hardvictory in four sets against Al Nasser last night in the Top Six stage of the 2023/2024 Isa bin Rashid Bahrain Volleyball League. The defending champions gave up the opening frame but rallied in the next three to capture the win with a 3-1 (22-25, 25-19, 25-21, 25-23) score line.

Dar Kulaib's Bahrain national team superstar Mohammed Yaqoob closed out the contest for Dar Kulaib with a brilliant spike. His attack was one of the key plays that helped his team come away with the win.

Dar Kulaib were also spearheaded by top talents Ali Mohammed, Hassan Alaiwi, Ali Habib, Hassan Al Warqa, Abdulla Mohammed, Mahmoud Abdulwahed and Brazilian import Caio Oliveira.

Nasser tried to overcome the

tough challenge behind their signed import Pelegrin Vargas this Top Six stage of the league, continues tonight with Al Ahli with five wins from six games,

attacks Al Nasser's blockers during

leading players Ebrahim Mo- from Puerto Rico, but they could while Nasser suffered their sixth taking on Nabih Saleh at 6.30pm. while Nabih Saleh have three Par Kulaib posted a hard-leading players Editable Mo-not carry on the momentum loss to go with just one win so Ahli head into the contest wins from three outings. hammed Omar, and newly from their strong start. Dar Kulaib's Mohammed Yaqoob

Dar Kulaib posted their sixth

The Top Six is being played win in seven games so far in in a double round-robin to determine the cast for the Gold-







John Quinn-trained gelding leads home one-two for North Yorkshire in Al Wasmiya Cup of Bahrain Turf Series

First Bahrain Turf **Series success for Italian** jockey Alberto Sanna riding Brazen Bolt

Zagato claims Al Adiyat Cup for Al Mohamediva Racing, ridden by jockey Neil Callan

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three of the 2023/2024 Bahrain Turf Series was won by John Quinn-trained Brazen Bolt, who showed blistering speed to burn off all of his 17 rivals in the 1,000m Al Wasmiya Cup yesterday at Rashid Equestrian and Horseracing Club (REHC) in Sakhir.

Among those in attendance at the meeting was REHC honorary president His Highness Shaikh Abdulla bin Isa bin Salman Al Khalifa and other high-ranking

In recording his impressive win, Brazen Bolt jumped to the

est standings of the Bahrain Turf

not for catching.

year-old gelding was following up a good second last time out and led home a one-two for he sprint division of round North Yorkshire trained horses, with the runner-up spot taken by Squealer, trained by Nigel

Bahrain has made it very appealing for people to bring horses here. There is great prize money and we thought if we had suitable horses we'd come

JOHN QUINN

YESTERDAY'S SCORES

top of the leaderboard in the lat- Tinkler. Speaking afterwards, to try and go for the rail. I Quinn, who was enjoying his want to thank connections Series, having now accumulated first visit to REHC, said of Bra- for giving me the chance to 30 points from just three runs. zen Bolt's victory: "He seems to ride this magnificent horse, One of five internationally thrive in the sun and he loves he was an easy ride, beautrained horses running in the fast ground. Bahrain has made tiful. He's a tough horse 18-horse race, Brazen Bolt and it very appealing for people to too and keeps going. jockey Alberto Sana barely saw bring horses here. There is great When he got to the rail it another horse, jumping smartly prize money and we thought helped him gallop all the from stall five, the pair led from if we had suitable horses we'd way through to the line." early on and after making their come. I am also delighted for way across to the far rail were the owners who are here today. round three of the mid-Peter (Furr) who owns him, bred dle-distance division in the Bah-Ouinn's consistent seven- him as well, which is wonderful.

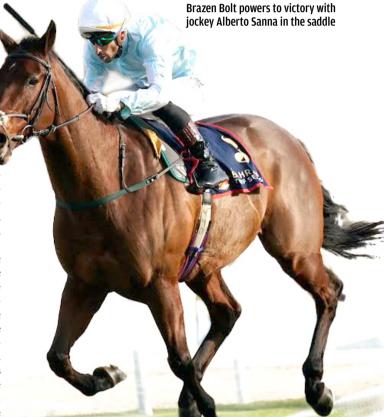
"We have been very pleased with the horse since he arrived and he's been running better and better. Ahead of today's race, he'd been training nicely and lengths in the 1,800m race. Isle although his best form is at six of Jura, a winner and a runfurlongs (1,200m) he's never ner-up in his two starts to date been slow and he loves top of retains his place at top of the the ground."

The win was a first in the Bahrain Turf Series for Italian born jockey Sanna, who said after- season is the third edition of the wards: "It's an amazing feeling ten-race Bahrain Turf Series. because people can forget your abilities very quickly, so you have domestic programme in Bahrain to prove yourself all the time and prove you are in good form.

The Al Adiyat Cup, rain Turf Series, was won impressively by the strong galloping Zagato, ridden by Neil Callan and trained by Fawzi Nass for Al Mohamediya Racing.

The son of champion sire Frankel won by nearly five leaderboard for the middle-distance division of the Turf series.

Launched in 2021/2022, this The series runs alongside the with international horses com- race is worth



Each peting in the series also eligible \$80,000 with bonus prizes for "I was drawn five and when I to run in other Bahrain Turf Club the horses accumulating most sprint and middle distance. spoke with the trainer he agreed races open to imported horses. points in the two divisions,

Qatar triumph to begin title-defence

Defending champions aiming to secure record sixth successive Asian handball crown

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Defending champions Qatar defeated Chinese Taipei 33-26 yesterday to kick off their bid for an unprecedented sixth straight title in the 21st Asian Men's Handball Championship.

The Qataris, winners of the tournament's past five editions, lived up to their tag as one of the favourites with their opening triumph in Group A of the competition's preliminary round.

They raced out to a quick 6-1 lead early in the contest and never looked back. A Zarko Markovic goal gave them a 17-11 advantage at the half, and they the final 30 minutes for the final seven-goal winning margin.

ready for this championship, and thinking about the next game." we will take it game by game and

Group A: Qatar defeat Chinese Taipei 33-26 Half-time: 17-11 Best Player of the Game: Ahmad Madadi (Qatar) Group B: Iran defeat New Zealand 40-13 Half-time: 20-7 Best Player of the Game: Milad Ghalandari (Iran)

Group A: Kuwait defeat Oman 27-26 Half-time: 13-11

Best Player of the Game: Hasan Safar (Kuwait)

Group B: South Korea defeat China 32-30 Half-time: 12-12

Best Player of the Game: Yeonbin Kim

did well to close things out in Qatar's Youssef Ben Ali goes for goal in their match against Chinese Taipei yesterday

Youssef Ben Ali told TDT.

Markovic top scored for the I hope in the final we will be in Qataris in yesterday's win with top performer for Chinese Tai-

contributed five each, including while Huang Chun-Wei added "We are now thinking only Ahmad Madadi, Frankis Marzo four. We know that this compe- about this competition; we keep and Moustafa Heiba. Allaeditition is special for us and it is going, keep positive, and today ne Berrached and Wajdi Sinen very hard. Now all the teams are we won and now we are only scored three apiece, while Ben Ali finished with two goals.

Chao Hsein-Chang was the

Qatar are aiming to beat the record of nine-time champions

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competition is special

for us and it is very

hard. Now all the teams

are ready for this

championship, and we

will take it game by

game and I hope in the

final we will be in first

place

YOUSSEF BEN ALI

2016, 2018, 2020 and in 2022. Qatar are back in action tomorrow when they face off with Al Ahmad Al Sabah Cup. Gulf rivals Oman, while Chinese Taipei take on Kuwait.

South Korea of five straight Omanis 27-26 in yesterday's oth- are welcome to attend. Entrance Asian titles, won in 1983, 1987, er Group A fixture. Meanwhile, to the venue is completely free first place," Qatar's veteran pivot six goals, while three others pei with nine goals yesterday, 1989, 1991 and 1993. The Qataris in Group B, Iran beat New Zea- of charge.

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

1pm: Group C, Saudi Arabia vs India 3pm: Group D, UAE vs Kazakhstan 5pm: Group C, Iraq vs Japan

7pm: Group D, Bahrain vs Hong Kong

land 40-13, while South Korea came up with the key late-game plays in a tight 32-30 win over China, also in Group B.

The preliminary round continues until Tuesday next week. The field has been divided into four groups for this stage, at the end of which the top two from each move on to the main round and stay in contention for the coveted title.

had been successful in 2014, The bottom two squads will compete for the Martyr Fahad

Today, Bahrain are in action against Hong Kong at 7pm in the The Kuwaitis edged past the last of the day's four games. All