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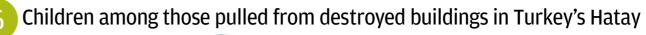
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Bahrain International Circuit all geared up to host three full days of F2 and F3 pre-season tests | **P12**





BUSINESS

Bank ABC profit surges 54% to US\$154 million

Earthquake death toll tops 33,000 Antakya, Turkey

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m escuers}$ pulled more survivors from the rubble yesterday, nearly a week after one of the worst earthquakes to hit Turkey and Syria, as Turkish authorities sought to maintain order across the disaster zone and began legal action over

building collapses. With chances of finding more survivors growing more remote, the toll in both countries from Monday's earthquake and major aftershocks rose above 33,000 and looked set to keep growing. It was the deadliest quake in Turkey since 1939.

Displaced residents in the Turkish city of Kahramanmaras, near the epicentre, said they had set up tents as close as they could to their damaged or destroyed homes in an effort to prevent them from being looted.

Royal Guard search and rescue mission **Ankara**

The Royal Guard's search and rescue taskforce continues its humanitarian mission "Sawaed Al-Ghaith" in Turkey.

It is under the supervision of Major General His Highness Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the National Security Advisor, Royal Guard Commander.

The mission aims to cushion the impact of the earthquake which rocked Turkey and Syria recently.

The team, which is working round the clock, is dealing with the rubble very professionally out of keenness to apply the highest standards of safety while unearthing survivors and the victims caught under the rubble in the devastated areas.

Bahrainis are back home from Turkev

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second group of Bah-Araini citizens have returned to Bahrain from the cities of Urfa and Hata in Turkey.

The Embassy of Bahrain in Ankara stepped in to fly them back home.

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Ready to extend a 'helping hand'

HM King Hamad praises Bahrain's humanitarian relief mission in quake-hit Turkey and Syria



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-M King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa commended Lthe Royal Humanitarian Foundation's humanitarian mission to provide assistance and support to the people in Syrian and Turkey who were affected by the earthquakes.

HM the King expressed deep thanks and gratitude to all the people in Bahrain who supvictims. He stressed that this Prince and Prime Minister. reflected the values of solidarity, the Bahraini society.

al Highness Prince Salman bin and their endeavours to ease the sistance to all countries under National Security Adviser and core of all development plans.



ported and participated in the HM the King receives HRH Prince Salman national campaign to help the Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown

HM King Hamad hailed the follow-up. mutual support, and coopera- participation of the Bahrain

suffering of the victims and HH various circumstances. Shaikh Nasser's supervision and

Palace, was attended by HM the and competitiveness in a way He lauded the RHF's role King's Personal Representative tion with all that characterise Defence Force (BDF) in the and stressed that the initiative HH Shaikh Abdullah bin Hamhumanitarian relief mission reflects Bahrain's humanitar- ad Al Khalifa, HM the King's progress and prosperity. His Majesty was speaking as in Turkey through the Royal ian presence and readiness to Representative for Humanihe received yesterday His Roy- Guard search and rescue team extend a helping hand and as- tarian Work and Youth Affairs, Bahraini citizens remain at the

Commander of the Royal Guard HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Royal Court Minister Shaikh Khalid bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, and Minister of Foreign Affairs Dr Abdullatif bin Rashid Al Zayani.

National matters, mainly moving forward to achieve the goals of the Kingdom's progress, were reviewed.

HM the King praised HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister's achievements for the nation and dedicated endeavours The meeting, at the Sakhir to consolidate Bahrain's status that contributes to fulfilling the people's aspirations for further

HM King Hamad stressed that

HRH Prince Salman: Kingdom invests in Bahraini citizens

His Royal Highness inaugurates Citi Bahrain **Global Technology Hub new offices**

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Tis Royal Highness Prince His Royal Highliess Finece Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, has emphasised that investing in Bahraini citizens and providing promising opportunities is an essential pillar of the Kingdom's ongoing comprehensive development.

HRH Prince Salman was speaking as he inaugurated yes-Bahrain Global Technology Hub in Manama.

Finance and National Econo-Mohamed Al Maraj and a num- contribution to the Kingdom's tor and positioning Bahrain as banking services technologies development.



terday the new offices of Citi HRH Prince Salman with Shaikh Salman, Governor Al Maraj and senior officials

His Royal Highness stressed Khalifa. my Minister Shaikh Salman bin the importance of enhancing

Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al

He highlighted the role of fi-

ber of senior officials were also development goals, led by His an attractive business and investment destination.

HRH Prince Salman outlined how the Kingdom's advanced to the Kingdom's banking and Khalifa Al Khalifa, Central Bank the private sector's role as a nancial and banking institutions and innovative digital infra-financial sector, which has conof Bahrain Governor Rasheed strategic partner to increase its in supporting the economic sec-structure supports financial and tributed greatly to the sector's

regionally and globally.

His Roval Highnesss emphasised the role financial and banking institutions play in creating job opportunities for Bahrainis and highlighted the capabilities of Bahraini professionals in the sector.

He noted that the Kingdom's economic diversification efforts continue to advance by developing various plans and strategies for all sectors, and attracting investments, which contribute to the creation of new job opportunities for Bahraini citizens in accordance with the goals of the Economic Recovery Plan and Bahrain's Economic Vision

Citi Bahrain's CEO, Michel Sawaya, expressed his appreciation to HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister for his commitment and support