



Bahrain condemns bloody terrorist attack in Somalia

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The Kingdom of Bahrain has condemned the terrorist attack that targeted a hotel, and the explosion of an ammunition storage south of Mogadishu, resulting in the death and injury of several people, including children.

In a statement, the Foreign Affairs Ministry expressed condolences to the Somali Government and people, as well as to the families and relatives of the innocent victims, wishing a speedy recovery for those injured.

The Ministry stressed its support for Somalia in its war against terrorism and extremism and backing of its efforts to achieve security and stability.

New instant e-visa options for Saudi Arabia visitors

Riyadh

Saudi Arabia has announced new instant e-visa options that from today, will facilitate UK, US, and Schengen visas holders.

Permanent residents of UK, US, and any EU country can also obtain tourist e-visas to Saudi through www.mofa.gov.sa.

Saudi has previously extended regulation to provide visas on arrival to the six categories, this is just the latest step as Saudi makes it easier than ever for visitors to experience the authentic home of Arabia and contribute to Saudi's vision of reaching 100 million visits annually by 2030.

Since opening to tourism in 2019, Saudi has become one of the fastest-growing tourism markets globally, recording 93.5 million visits in 2022.

Iran-US indirect talks continue

AFP | Tehran

Iran yesterday said it has continued indirect negotiations with the US through the Sultanate of Oman over its nuclear deal and a possible prisoner swap.

Iran's nuclear program has long been the subject of scrutiny from Western powers, resulting in sanctions that have crippled the country's economy.

Affordable housing units for citizens

HRH Prince Salman issues directive for expansion of Government Land Development Programme

Private sector is urged to help implement eight additional projects

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His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, directed the Ministry of Housing and Urban Planning to expand the Government Land Development Programme and implement eight additional projects in partnership with the private sector during 2023-2024.

This came as the Cabinet during its weekly session, chaired by HRH Prince Salman yesterday at Gudaibiya Palace, reviewed the evaluation of the pilot phase of the programme and affirmed the feasibility of its goals of providing units at prices suitable for the beneficiaries of the newly developed financing schemes.

His Royal Highness also directed the Housing Ministry to hold events and exhibitions that spread awareness on the housing financing services and programmes.

Royal meeting

The Cabinet highlighted the importance of the official meet-



HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister chairs the weekly Cabinet meeting

ing that took place between His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and His Majesty Haji Hassanal Bolkiah, the Sultan of Brunei Darussalam, and welcomed the Sultan of Brunei's successful visit to the Kingdom of Bahrain.

His Royal Highness instructed ministers to ensure the implementation of the MoUs and agreements signed that aim to enhance bilateral cooperation.

Congratulations

The Cabinet congratulated His Majesty the King and the Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces, HRH the Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces, Prime Minister, and HH Staff Lieutenant Commander Shaikh Isa bin Salman bin Hamad Al

Khalifa, on His Highness's successful completion of the Joint Command and Staff Course at the US Marine Corps University, in Virginia, USA.

The Cabinet also congratulated the Bahraini officers who graduated from the course, wishing them continued success. HRH Prince Salman expressed his gratitude for His Majesty's commitment to developing the skills and capabilities of the Kingdom's citizens. HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister also thanked their Highnesses, and Excellencies, members of the royal family, ministers, officials, and the people of Bahrain for their congratulations on this occasion.

Condemnation

The Cabinet strongly condemned and denounced the storming and vandalising of the headquarters of its embassy and the residence of the Kingdom of Bahrain's Ambassador in Khartoum, the Republic of Sudan. The Cabinet considered the act a serious violation of the rules of international law and diplomatic agreements.

The Cabinet affirmed the need to halt acts of violence and vandalism in Sudan and to provide full protection for the headquarters of diplomatic missions and civilian facilities. (Continued on Page 2)

Israeli draft bill

Palestinians concerned about move to divide Al-Aqsa Mosque

Ramallah

Palestinians are deeply concerned about a draft law being discussed in the Israeli Parliament to divide Al-Aqsa Mosque and aim to request the support of Turkiye, Malaysia, Indonesia and Egypt to prevent the law from being implemented.

Palestinian Prime Minister Mohammed Shtayyeh warned Israeli authorities against submitting the bill, proposed by Likud party member Amit Halevi, to the Israeli Knesset in the coming days.

His remarks came at the beginning of the Cabinet session in Ramallah.

Taking this step, he said, would result in "overwhelming anger," the consequences of which "cannot be predicted because of the sanctity and re-



The Al-Aqsa compound. (AFP)

ligious value of Al-Aqsa Mosque for the Palestinian people, Arabs and Muslims."

He called for Arab, Islamic and international action that goes beyond condemnation and

instead imposes sanctions that would prevent any change to Al-Aqsa Mosque and stop any

violation of Islamic and Christian holy sites in Jerusalem.

The draft bill seeks to divide Al-Aqsa Mosque between Muslims and Jews.

Halevi has proposed allocating the area stretching from the courtyard of the Dome of the Rock to the end of the northern border of Al-Aqsa Mosque to the Jews.

Palestinians are concerned that the plan represents only the beginning of a large and dangerous project that will transform the Palestinian-Israeli political conflict into a religious war, leading to widespread violence in the Palestinian territories.

Palestine and Jordan, which has custodianship of the Islamic and Christian holy sites, oppose any interference or change by the Israeli authorities inside Al-Aqsa Mosque.



Arab states, world cooperation 'vital'

Riyadh

Bahrain has affirmed the importance of enhancing multi-lateral cooperation between the Arab states and the world.

This was emphasised by Foreign Affairs Minister Dr. Abdullatif bin Rashid Al Zayani as he took part in the second Ministerial Meeting of Members of the Arab League and Pacific Small Island Developing States (PSIDS) yesterday in Riyadh.

The meeting was co-chaired by His Royal Highness Prince Faisal bin Farhan Al Saud, the Foreign Minister of Saudi Arabia, and Gustav Aitaro, the Foreign Minister of Palau whose country is currently chairing PSIDS; and attended by Ahmed Aboul Gheit, Arab League Secretary General.

In his remarks during the meeting, Dr. Al Zayani commended the efforts of Saudi



Dr Al Zayani speaks at the event

Arabia aimed at enhancing cooperation and building partnerships between Arab states and the world.

The minister said that expanding cooperation between Arab and PSIDS states in trade, industry and development and exploring joint opportunities in the sectors of tourism, culture and telecommunication; gains its importance from the strong

friendship between the two sides and the political, security and economic challenges currently witnessed by the world.

He highlighted the importance of cooperation whether through coordinating stances regarding pressing developments or exchanging support for nominations in the United Nations and other organisations. Bahrain supports signing a

memorandum of understanding between the Arabic League and PSIDS, to create a legal framework for cooperation between the two sides in multiple disciplines, said Dr. Al Zayani, adding that it was important to increase cooperation to address global challenges, mainly food security, climate change, terrorism and organised crime.

The Foreign Affairs Ministry delegation included Fawzia Abdullah Zainal, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Bahrain to Egypt and Permanent Representative to the Arab League; Shaikh Ali bin Abdul Rahman bin Ali Al Khalifa, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Bahrain to Saudi Arabia; Ambassador Talal Abdul Salam Al Ansari, Director-General of the Affairs of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs; and Ambassador Fatema Abdullah Al Dhaen, Chief of the Foreign Affairs Ministry's Asian and Pacific Ocean Affairs Sector.

Cabinet approves key memorandums

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The Cabinet discussed several memorandums during the meeting, approving the following:

1. A memorandum submitted by the Ministerial Committee for Development and Infrastructure Projects regarding the launch of 5 new e-services in the urban planning platform "Takhteet" as part of initiatives to re-engineer and digitise urban planning services to facilitate procedures for citizens and investors.

2. A memorandum submitted by the Ministerial Committee for Financial and Economic Affairs and Fiscal Balance regarding a draft decision to amend several provisions of the decision to purchase additional virtual years of service to the actual amount of years served for public sector employees.

3. A memorandum submitted by the Ministerial Committee for Financial and Economic Affairs and Fiscal Bal-

ance regarding the Kingdom of Bahrain's contributions to and participation in international organisations.

4. A memorandum submitted by the Ministerial Committee for Legal and Legislative Affairs regarding an MoU between the Kingdom's General Authority for Sport and the Ministry of Sports of the Republic of Serbia to strengthen cooperation and exchange expertise in the sports sector.

5. A memorandum submitted by the Minister of Municipalities and Agriculture Affairs regarding the acquisition of real estate for public use to provide the necessary spaces for urban development.

6. A memorandum submitted by the Minister of Works regarding the second phase of the National Assembly project.

7. A memorandum by the Ministerial Committee for Legal and Legislative Affairs on the government's response to four proposals submitted by the Council of Representatives.

NBR rules on molasses products trade

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The National Bureau for Revenue (NBR) has confirmed that as of June 18, the final phase of the tobacco "molasses" products within the Digital Stamps Scheme will be implemented.

All tobacco "molasses" products available for possession, trade, supply, or sale in the local markets must have valid and

activated digital stamps as part of their product packaging.

The NBR encourages all importers and traders in the local market to deal in appropriate quantities and to avoid the storage of waterpipe tobacco "molasses" products without digital stamps to be cleared prior to the last phase going into effect by June 18.

The possession, trade, supply or sale of waterpipe tobacco

"molasses" products without valid and activated digital stamp in the local market will be prohibited.

Starting from this date, any waterpipe tobacco "molasses" product in the supply chain that does not have a valid and activated digital stamp must be returned through the supply chain to either be destroyed or moved for sale outside the territories of Bahrain.

Bahrain protects children rights

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Arab Parliament Speaker Adel bin Abdulrahman Al Asoomi affirmed Bahrain's commitment to improving and protecting the rights of children and adolescents, in line with the royal directives of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister.

Bahrain has worked to implement programs and initiatives that provide a conducive environment for children and adolescents and prepares them for the future, he said in a statement marking World Day Against Child Labor on June 12.

Al Asoomi said these efforts include the implementation of the Restorative Justice for Children Law that aims to ensure the right of children within the judicial system.

Bahrain-Saudi ties



Minister of Foreign Affairs, Dr. Abdullatif bin Rashid Al Zayani, met his counterpart from the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Prince Faisal bin Farhan bin Abdullah, on the sidelines of the 2nd Ministerial Meeting between members of the League of Arab States and the Pacific Small Island Developing States, currently ongoing in Saudi Arabia. During the meeting, they discussed bilateral ties and the development momentum in both countries, focusing on ways to further expand cooperation to achieve common goals and the aspirations of the leaderships in the two countries. They also reviewed topics of common interest as well as the latest Arab and regional developments.

BDF-AAOIFI ties



Bahrain Defense Force (BDF) Commander-in-Chief, Field Marshal Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, received the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Accounting and Auditing Organization for Islamic Financial Institutions (AAOIFI), Shaikh Ebrahim bin Khalifa Al Khalifa.

Coast Guard awareness campaigns



As part of its annual plan to promote safety among seafarers, the Coast Guard held awareness campaigns at Malikiya, Jaw and Askar beaches. The activities were held in cooperation with Northern and Southern Governorate Police Directorates and the General Directorate of Media and Security Culture. The campaigns highlighted general safety instructions, including not leaving children alone, wearing lifejackets, and only swimming in swimming-permitted areas. They included the distribution of multi-language leaflets.



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iGA launches new features on bahrain.bh

Julia Cassano

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The Information and e-Government Authority (iGA) yesterday announced the launch of a revised national portal of Bahrain that includes news features aimed at improving user experience.

The launch was announced by the iGA's chief executive officer Mohammed Ali Al Qaed.

A key feature of the new portal is the ability for the user to create a personal profile that would allow him or her to access preferred services easily as well as modify the list of preferred services according to their needs. Allowing access based on a basic level of electronic key, the user can also view and update personal data through the portal, the Authority said.

Additionally, the user can view the notifications received from various government agencies and through the Government Notification System regarding appointments with government authorities and the upcoming expiry dates of official documents, such as the identity card, stated iGA.

A history of the financial transactions carried out by the user electronically as well as in person in the past six months



can also now be viewed at the portal. The portal also allows the use of multiple payment options such as BenefitPay, Apple Pay, etc.

iGA added that it is planning to introduce a feature by which multiple electronic transactions can be completed at once by converting them into a single payment.

The CEO said iGA is keen to continue developing the portal so as to include features that

help in providing a better user experience, in light of the expansion of digital-transformation operations, which includes the services provided by the government.

He also said the changes were implemented after considering the feedback received from users and that user experience will be monitored going forward too through electronic surveys and observations and suggestions of the users.

AI to power Bahraini satellite Al Munther

Julia Cassano

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The use of artificial intelligence to analyse images captured in space by Al Munther, the first fully Bahraini-built satellite, offers significant advantages and will result in lower cost, real-time results, and higher efficiency, according to an expert in AI. Talking to The Daily Tribune, Dr. Jassim Haji, President of the International Group of Artificial Intelligence, said the use of AI in the first-of-its-kind satellite in the Middle East offers significant advantages over traditional methods.

AI can automate the analysis process, thereby saving time and effort, he said.

"The AI algorithms are highly accurate and can consistently detect patterns and anomalies in the images. Moreover, AI algorithms can continuously learn to improve their accuracy



over time, which enables the AI algorithm to adapt to different types of images and changing conditions," Dr. Jassim said.

Another advantage of using an AI-based system is that it does real-time analysis, meaning that decisions can be made quickly based on the results, the expert added.

The AI system will also result in a significant cost advantage and the expense for overall operations would be lessened by its use, he said.

Not only does the use of AI reduce the need for manual work, it would lower the need for human resources, thus resulting in cost savings in hiring and training personnel, he added.

Furthermore, he said, AI can analyse large volumes of images quickly, which improves operational efficiency and reduces time-related costs.

The scalability of AI system allows modifying it to handle



increasing amounts of data without having to do significant investments for additional resources. This allows for optimising operations and allocating resources more efficiently, resulting in a reduction of unnecessary costs.

Al Munther, which has reached a 40-percent completion rate, will be a new milestone for the Kingdom in the space sector when ready.

Appeals Court begins hearing case of man accused of killing brother



Defendant receives life sentence for heinous crime

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The High Appeals Court began hearing the appeal of a young Bahraini man convicted of killing his own brother by stabbing him 26 times with a sword.

He has been sentenced to life for his crime after taking pity on him.

The defendant had earlier denied the charge of premeditated murder, but he admitted to using drugs and owning the murder weapon, claiming that on the day of the incident, he had imbibed alcohol.

The police station had received a report from the defendant confessing to stabbing his brother with a sword during a disagreement. Security forces headed to the location and found the victim in question already deceased.

One of the policemen interrogated the defendant about the incident and he disclosed that financial disagreements between them led to an altercation at home wherein the victim attempted to assault him with a knife. In response, he took out a sword and stabbed him multiple times.

The mother testified that there were disagreements be-

tween her sons that escalated when the victim threatened the defendant. While performing fajr prayer on the day of the incident, she heard yells from the courtyard and asked her sons to come inside.

She resumed her prayer but heard loud noises again. From outside, the defendant assured her that there was nothing wrong. When she inquired after the victim, he told her that the victim had fallen down. She requested that he take him to a hospital, and he answered that an ambulance was already on the way.

One of the neighbours stated that upon hearing the altercation he went out and witnessed the defendant standing next to his car outside their home talking to the police on the phone.

The neighbour asked about the situation so the defendant led him near the car where a man was lying face-down with grave bleeding injuries next to a knife and sword.

He asked about the identity of the victim and the defendant informed him that it was his brother, whom he killed for being a drug lord and causing trouble for their mother.

The witness added that he heard the defendant ask the paramedics whether or not the victim had a pulse. When they told him he'd passed away, the defendant turned to the other side of the road and smiled. Afterwards, the police arrived and arrested him.

Bahraini ordered to double alimony and housing allowance to ex-wife

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The Court of Cassation amended an alimony ruling, obligating a Bahraini man to pay an annual BD4,000 in alimony, custody and housing allowance to his former wife, instead of BD2,000.

The court decided that the previous amount was not commensurate with his financial capabilities while failing to meet the needs of his two children, furthermore amounting to less than the monthly sum he used to send them prior to the lawsuit for withheld payment.

Commenting on the case,

the appellant's lawyer said his client divorced the defendant and filed a lawsuit before a court of first instance requesting the handover of the two children's ID papers along with monthly alimony and allowance for Eid clothing, stationery, housing and custody.

The defendant had stopped providing for them despite the ease of his financial condition; thus, the Court of First Instance ruled that she receive a payment of BD50 per month for

each child, BD80 for stationery and BD10 for custody, amounting to a total of BD2,000.

The lawyer indicated that his client appealed the ruling before the Court of Appeal to amend the sum, however, the appeal was rejected. She then resorted to the Court of Cassation on the grounds that the defendant is well off and has sources of income other than his salary, as he owns assets and properties.

The woman reportedly later submitted proof that the defendant used to send his two

daughters monthly expenses of BD250 and BD300 before he began to withhold payment.

For its part, the court stated that a dependent is entitled to alimony which includes food, clothing, housing, and more, based on the capacity of the obligated party and the dependents' condition in order to cover basic needs, taking into account time, place and customs.

According to Sunni jurisprudence, the custodian living with the child is entitled to a housing allowance estimated by agreement, based on the material ease of the father, who is the obligated party.

American basketball player awaits verdict on appeal

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The High Appeals Court will issue its ruling on the appeal of a famous American basketball player convicted of smuggling drugs on June 26, 2023.

The defendant was sentenced to 10 years in prison for bringing two kilograms of marijuana into the Kingdom for the purpose of peddling them. He was also fined BD5,000.

A girl was involved in the case, but she was acquitted after the Count found that she

was not aware of the components stored in the shipment that was imported by the player.

The girl is said to have taken advantage of her relationship with employees in a foreign company, and she shipped the marijuana to their addresses in collaboration with the American man who is playing for a local Bahraini club.

The duo were detained after the Central Investigation Department received a complaint from a foreign establishment that a shipment registered un-

der the name of one of its employees arrived and contained illicit drugs.

Following investigations, the basketball player and the girl imported the marijuana from outside the Kingdom, and they exploited the relationship between her and the employee.

During questioning, both exchanged blaming each other. The girl denied involvement in bringing the marijuana, saying that the basketball player requested her to import some stuff for him from the US.

"I accepted, and I asked my

friend who works in a foreign company to provide me with his address in order to ship them to it. I didn't know what the shipment included," the girl said.

Meanwhile, the basketball player admitted to consuming marijuana but denied peddling it. He said that he brought the drugs for personal use, claiming that he paid the woman to do him this service.

"The marijuana was for personal use and we used the employee's address to reduce the shipping cost," he said.

Late Bahraini artist's artwork



In honour of the late Khalil Al Hashemi's distinguished artistic journey, the 49th Bahrain Annual Fine Arts Exhibition features a selection of the artist's most significant artwork that transcend cultural barriers. The exhibition is open for the public until July 10 where in addition to this year's entries from local artists, visitors can discover Al Hashemi's latest creations; featuring gold pieces from Devji Aurum Jewelry inspired by the late artist. Al Hashemi is also the designer of Al Dana Award statuette, which is a prize awarded every year to the first winner in the exhibition. With 55 Bahraini and expatriate artists participating this year, the exhibition showcases more than 100 works that include from paintings, sculptures, installation works, photography and video; all of which use a variety of materials, techniques, and belong to different art schools.

Five Bahrainis attending 2024 ESOL training program in US

Ashen Tharaka

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The First Regional English Language Officer (RELO) symposium 2023 was held at the Westin Hotel in Manama last week to select Bahrainis for the English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) program 2024.

As part of a regional English language program conducted under the supervision of the US Embassy in Manama, the top five Bahrainis get a chance to participate in the training program in the US.

The title of the symposium is "Preparing Students Today, For Tomorrow's World", a holistic approach to language education".

This event aims to build teachers' capacity and share best practices and innovative strategies in English language teaching.

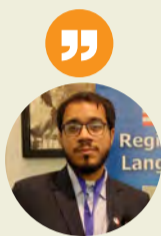
The symposium supports the efforts of the Regional English Language Office to provide the English language teaching community in Bahrain with opportunities for professional development and field-related training.

The Bahraini teachers who attended the US teaching program last year shared the experience and discussed the new trends of the English language with the new Bahraini teachers enrolled in this year's program.

"I went to the US in a program called Exploring American perspectives with American culture

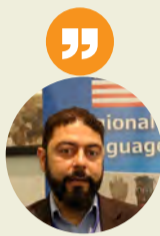


The training sessions in progress



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AHMED MAHDI, MATHEMATICS TEACHER IN PRIVATE SCHOOL



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ALAA AL NAJJAR, ENGLISH TEACHER IN A PUBLIC SCHOOL



Visual thinking strategy is the best way to learn a language, and I am happy to be in Bahrain

BETH CLARK-GARECA, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF TESOL AT BINGHAMTON UNIVERSITY IN NEW YORK

and it was a fantastic experience to see the amazing world," Ahmed Mahdi, Mathematics teacher in private school, told The Daily Tribune.

"I was able to learn about the US education system and its' productivity."

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Najjar, English teacher in a public school, said in his statement.

Beth Clark-Gareca, Associate Professor of TESOL at Binghamton University in New York, was the guest of the symposium and has been working in the field of TESOL for more than 25 years.

Clark-Gareca said that "visual thinking strategy is the best way to learn a lan-

guage, and I am happy to be in Bahrain."

During the event, Foreign Service Officer with the US Department, Sandra Story said: "We have sent more than four Bahraini participants to the US so far and next year we are planning to send more than five participants because of the popularity about the program in the Bahrain."

Relive your nostalgia with the Royal Circus



A merry mix of entertainment for both young and old

Aaditya Menon

TDT | Manama

Dainty little ice cream stalls, the smell of butter wafting from the popcorn stalls, and the laughter of children and parents with clowns waving their balloons are all images that come to one's mind when one thinks of a circus.

The Royal Circus taking place at Al Ahly Club in Zinj provides all that and more, letting children enjoy the entertainment of a circus and adults relive their past with a multitude of events taking place at the venue all accompanied by merry jingles of music taking one back to their childhood.

The Royal Circus is a travelling circus and is coming for the first time to Bahrain this year.

The Circus began in April and runs shows every day until Eid Al Adha. On weekdays, the circus has one show every day from 7 pm until around 8.30 pm while on weekends there

are two shows starting with

one at 7 pm.

Set in a sprawling sports field, the circus features several outdoor stalls which can allow one to enjoy ice creams or shawarmas in the cool evening breeze. It also features items like bouncy castles for children which can be used at the cost of BD1.

The Circus features various performances like clowns, acrobats, jugglers, artistic cycling, and balancing acts with performers from countries including Russia and Egypt. An official says there's usually a crowd of up to 100 people every day, with the number going up during the weekends.

Ticket pricing is BD3 for children from 3 to 10 years and BD10 for anyone 11 and above. VIP tickets cost BD15 and provide the ticket holder front-row seats and an opportunity to meet the performing artists. Limited time offers mean that the tickets now cost 2bd for children and 4bd for adults while VIP tickets cost BD10. For more information, contact 17473977.

BDF achievement



The Bahrain Defense Force (BDF) team achieved third place in the International Sniper Competition held in Turkey. The competition witnessed the participation of 32 international teams. The team was able to achieve distinguished results that reflects the General Command of the BDF keenness to raise Bahrain's status in various international forums.

GCC military meeting



Bahrain Defense Force (BDF) Chief of Staff, Lieutenant General Theyab bin Saqer Al Nuaimi, headed Bahrain's delegation to the second meeting of the Gulf Academy for Strategic and Security Studies, attended by Chiefs of Staff of the Armed Forces in the GCC states. The meeting reviewed the development of academic and training curricula and programmes and academic curricula, to contribute to unified GCC military efforts.

Council urges commitment for moderate religious discourse

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The Jaffari Endowments Council hailed the support and care provided to all places of worship and all religious seasons by His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, with the follow-up of the Government, chaired by His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister.

In a statement yesterday, it commended the role played by the Supreme Council for Islamic Affairs, as well as the Ministry of Interior, the Ministry of Justice, Islamic Affairs and Endowments and all other competent official authorities in providing the appropriate conditions for these religious events.

Jaffari Endowments Council Chairman Yusuf bin Saleh Al Saleh urged scholars, mosque khateebes and other platforms



Yusuf bin Saleh Al Saleh

to avail of the Islamic teachings to promote national unity, and adhere to the pure Hussein spirit during the upcoming Ashoora season.

He stressed the importance of promoting moderation and unity, underlining the need to steer away from any politicization of the event in order to safeguard national unity and social cohesion.

Project to develop IT infrastructure

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Interior Ministry Assistant Undersecretary for Planning and Organisation Shaikha Mashael bint Khalifa bin Hamad Al Khalifa, yesterday launched a project to develop the information technology infrastructure and electronic systems.

The project is part of the ministry's strategy for the

development and electronic transformation of police work, which contributes to enhancing technical services provided.

In a statement, she said that the project followed directives from the Minister of Interior General Shaikh Rashid bin Abdullah Al Khalifa to enhance the capabilities of security systems using modern technologies and increase efficiency.

LIC reports financial results for Q1, launches new products

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LIC (International) BSC (c), a prominent insurance company, convened its 134th Board of Directors meeting in Bahrain yesterday.

The meeting, conducted via video-conferencing, was attended by Siddhartha Mohanty, Chairperson of LIC of India and Deputy Chairman of the Board of LIC (International) BSC (c), along with other Directors.

During the meeting, a detailed review of the company's new business performance, financials, investment income, and operating performance for the first quarter of 2023 was conducted.

The unaudited financial results for the first quarter ending March 31, 2023, were also approved.

The company's premium income for the quarter was \$16.71 million, compared to \$23.8m for the same period in the previous year.

The company paid out \$45.79m in claims to policyholders during the quarter, compared to \$36.15m during the same period in the previous year.

The company's total invest-

LIC launched a new product (ULIP Plan) for Bahrain market, which the board members hope will help to boost new business growth in 2023

ment income for the quarter was \$19.29m, compared to \$22.32m for the same period in the previous year.

The company showed a net profit of \$8m during the quarter.

The company's total comprehensive income for the quarter was \$5.62m, compared to a comprehensive loss of \$17.5m for the same period in the previous year.

During the year 2023, the company launched three new products: two products (ULIP & Child Plan) were designed for the UAE market and one product (ULIP Plan) for the Bahrain market.

The board members expressed hope that with more new products in the pipeline, the company will revert back to normal growth in new business during the year 2023.

Pakistan gets first Russian crude under discount deal

● Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif calls the arrival of the Russian crude a 'transformative day' for the crisis-ridden country

AFP | Karachi

The first shipment of Russian oil to energy-starved and dollar-strapped Pakistan was due to be unloaded at Karachi port yesterday, Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif said.

Since Russia launched its invasion of Ukraine last year, economic sanctions have seen a significant cut in its oil and gas exports to the European Union and United States.

However Pakistan, in the midst of an economic downturn worsening a long-running energy shortage, in May confirmed it had struck a deal with Moscow to buy petroleum products.

State Minister for Petroleum



A Russian cargo ship carrying crude oil seen at the port in Karachi

Musadik Malik previously said shipments will be paid for in currencies of "friendly countries", with Pakistan's US dollar reserves dangerously low and Russia pivoting away from the greenback.

"This is the first ever Russian oil cargo to Pakistan and the beginning of a new relationship between Pakistan and Russian Federation," Sharif said on Twitter late Sunday.

Sharif, who is preparing for general elections later this year, said the first shipment of "discounted crude oil cargo" arrived in the southern city of Karachi on Sunday and was set to be unloaded yesterday.

Local media reported the cargo of 100,000 metric tons of oil left Russia a month ago and was split across two smaller ships in



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SHEHBAZ SHARIF

Oman before sailing to Karachi. Pakistan -- the world's fifth most populous country -- is currently on the brink of default with runaway inflation, the rupee tumbling and shrinking dollar reserves hobbling imports.

Meanwhile, negotiations to unlock the next tranche of a \$6.5 billion loan package agreed with the International Monetary Fund have been stalled for months.

Islamabad imports 84 per cent of its petroleum products and has historically relied on friendly Gulf states for shipments.

Alba wins Bonds, Loans & Sukuk Middle East Award



Alba officials receive the award

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Aluminium Bahrain BSC (Alba), the largest aluminium smelter in the world ex-China, was the proud winner of the 'Metals & Mining Deal of the Year' by Bonds, Loans & Sukuk Middle East Awards 2023 held on 7th June at Madinat Jumeirah Conference Centre, Dubai.

Alba was represented in the Awards ceremony by its Sr. Head of Treasury, Ali Al Hanan, who received the award on the behalf of the Company.

Commenting on this award, Alba's Chief Executive Officer Ali Al Baqali stated, "We are humbled to have been given this special recognition, which



Alba CEO Ali Al Baqali

attests our approach to 'thinking outside the box' with refinancing our loan and linking it to ESG targets. We believe that Sustainability knows no borders as we aim to boost our

efforts on all ESG fronts to meet the Kingdom's sustainability objectives."

Since 2014, the Bonds, Loans & Sukuk Middle East Awards have been recognising the most innovative financing deals from Sovereign, Corporate and Financial Institution issuers and borrowers.

This year, Alba stood out for being the first Bahraini Company to have successfully achieved sustainability-linked refinancing for its US\$1,247,475,000 Syndicated Loan Facility in connection to the Line 6 Expansion Project in April 2022.

The new syndication was oversubscribed by US\$2.6 billion and comprises 21 banks.

Ahli United Bank receives two STP elite quality recognition awards from JP Morgan

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Ahli United Bank BSC (AUB) has been awarded two STP Elite Quality Recognition awards by JP Morgan for the year 2022.

AUB said these awards acknowledge the bank's exceptional straight-through processing (STP) rates, an area in which it has a long and proven track record.

JP Morgan has been presenting this award since 1997 to recognize its clients' consistent and high-quality funds transfer operations.

In 2022, less than 1% of JP Morgan's total funds transfer clients qualified for a Quality Recognition Award. Ahli United Bank excelled in the two categories of this award.

Ahli United Bank achieved a perfect score of 100% in the MT202 category, which encompasses transactions over US\$8,000, and a score of 99.92% in the MT103 category,



AUB's Samih Abutaleb receives the award from JP Morgan's Sherif Abdelsalam

which covers transactions over US\$10,000.

Samih Abutaleb, Deputy Group Chief Executive Officer - Technology & Operations at AUB received the award from Sherif Abdelsalam - Executive Director and Regional Head of GCC and Turkey Financial Institutions at JP Morgan.

Samih Abutaleb said, "These awards are a testament to the superior efficiency of AUB's funds transfer operations, made possible by the perseverance, talent, and dedication of our team. This is also a natural

result of AUB's staunch belief in transformative initiatives across digital services, human capital, and data analytics."

This recognition adds to the Bank's recent achievements, including being named Best Bank in Bahrain 2023 by Global Finance, Best Bank in Bahrain 2022 by Euromoney, as well as Best Trade Finance Provider in Bahrain, Best SME Bank in Bahrain, Best Private Bank in Bahrain, and Best Bank for Treasury & Cash Management in Bahrain 2023 by Global Finance, among others.

Huawei showcases storage innovations and data protection strategies at IT Day

● Huawei proposes ways of evolving storage in the yottabyte era

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During the Huawei Middle East & Central Asia Tech Carnival 2023, Huawei held the Huawei IT Day under the theme 'Unleash Data Power, Towards the Yottabyte Era'.

A yottabyte is equal to a quadrillion gigabyte.

At the event, Huawei reinforced its leadership in storage technology by sharing its latest multi-cloud-oriented storage strategy.



Officials pose for a group photo

President David Shi of Huawei Enterprise Middle East and Central Asia highlighted the company's commitment to innovation and customer requirements in building leading data storage service capabilities.

"Enterprises' data infrastructure faces three key challenges: evolving data, new-age applications, and ransomware attacks. Huawei is committed to build-

ing a solution that caters to all of them, including managing diverse data, rapidly upcoming applications and defending all the data against ransomware attacks."

The digital transformation of public and private sector organizations is a priority across countries in the Middle East and Central Asia.

While this transformation is

crucial for economic development and social progress, data resilience remains a constant threat globally, with ransomware attacks proving to be particularly destructive.

Andrew Beklemishev, Vice President of IDC CIS, shared valuable insights on ransomware resilience strategies and data protection best practices to achieve reasonable immunity



David Shi delivers the welcome speech

from cyber threats.

A recent IDC/Huawei whitepaper revealed that two-thirds of global organizations experienced ransomware attacks in 2022, resulting in business disruptions lasting an average of five days.

At the event, experts presented the latest innovations in

next-generation storage architecture, emphasizing the power of data with all-flash solutions.

Huawei showcased its green and secure all-flash data center solution, along with the industry's first entry-level storage combination with A-A Architecture - Dorado 2000 and OceanProtect X3000.

The company also introduced the Huawei OceanStor Pacific series, demonstrating its ability to handle massive data and new data service loads in the Yottabyte era.

Overall, the Huawei IT Day event provided insights into storage advancements, data protection strategies, and the future of storage products for businesses of all sizes.

QUOTE OF THE DAY
PARENTS WERE INVENTED TO MAKE CHILDREN HAPPY BY GIVING THEM SOMETHING TO IGNORE
OGDEN NASH

TODAY IN HISTORY

1373

Anglo-Portuguese Treaty of Perpetual Alliance (world's oldest still in existence) signed in London between King Edward III of England and King Ferdinand I of Portugal

1878

Congress of Berlin begins, determines the territories of the states in the Balkan peninsula following the Russo-Turkish War of 1877-78

1956

The last British troops leave the Suez Canal Zone in Egypt



2000

South Korean President Kim Dae-jung meets leader of North Korea Kim Jong-il, for the beginning of the first ever inter-Korea summit, in the northern capital of Pyongyang

News in brief

New Zealand PM announces China trade visit
New Zealand Prime Minister Chris Hipkins announced yesterday a visit to China later this month aimed at boosting trade ties, despite deepening concerns about Beijing's actions in the Pacific. "Today I can announce that I'll be leading a major trade delegation to China at the end of this month," Hipkins said. With stops in Beijing, Tianjin and Shanghai, it will be the first visit to China by a New Zealand leader since the start of the Covid-19 pandemic. It is not yet clear whether he will meet his Chinese counterpart Xi Jinping, and an exact date has not yet been announced. Almost a quarter of New Zealand's export earnings come from China, making it one of the Western nations most dependent on ties with Beijing.

An 11-year-old British girl was shot dead and her father seriously wounded when their Dutch neighbour in northwestern France opened fire, according to authorities. The family was in the garden of their home in the village of Saint-Herbot near Quimper in Brittany on Saturday night when their neighbour appeared with a firearm, according to the initial investigation. At around 10:00 pm (2000 GMT), law enforcement officials intervened "following gunfire". Quimper public prosecutor Carine Halley said in a statement on Sunday. The 11-year-old was found dead at the scene, while her father had sustained life-threatening injuries, according to the magistrate.

Ten dead in Australia wedding bus crash
A bus carrying wedding guests overturned and killed 10 people in an "unimaginable" night-time crash as it travelled through a wine-growing area north of Sydney, police said yesterday, announcing a string of charges against the driver. The white Linq Buses coach was ferrying 35 passengers from a wedding at a local winery when it flipped onto its left side late on Sunday, coming to rest on the pavement alongside roadside barriers at the entrance to a major roundabout. It was Australia's deadliest road accident in 16 years. Police said they had charged a 58-year-old man with 10 offences relating to dangerous or negligent driving "occasioning death" and denied him bail ahead of a court hearing at nearby Cessnock on Tuesday.

CURIOSER & CURIOSER

Ecuadoran woman wakes up inside coffin at her own wake



A video grab shows medical workers leaving with the woman's coffin as her relatives look on

AFP | Quito

"My mom is on oxygen. Her heart is stable. The doctor pinched her hand and she reacted. They tell me that this is good, because it means that she is reacting little by little"

GILBERT BALBERAN

An elderly Ecuadoran woman who woke up inside a coffin at her own wake is being treated at the same state hospital that declared her dead two days earlier, her son said on Sunday.
A video posted on Twitter shows Bella Montoya, 76, in her open coffin breathing heavily while two men assist her.
Her son, Gilbert Balberán, said "she was hitting the box" with her left hand after the five-hour wake.
Balberán had to arrange for the donation of a coffin for the impoverished family after the Martin Icaza public hospital, in the coastal town of Babahoyo, declared Montoya dead on Friday.
"They even gave us a death certificate," he said in a video broadcast by local media.
Ecuadoran media reported the unusual incident, with headlines celebrating the woman's "resurrection."
"My mom is on oxygen. Her heart is stable. The doctor

British man arrested after climbing skyscraper in Seoul



A man climbs the exterior of the 123-story Lotte World Tower in Seoul
AFP | Seoul

A British man was arrested in South Korea yesterday after he attempted to climb the country's tallest skyscraper -- the fifth highest in the world -- without equipment, police said.
The man was scaling the 123-story Lotte World Tower in southern Seoul early yesterday when staff spotted him, forcing him to stop his ascent as he reached the 73rd floor.
"Lotte staff had to go on a gondola lift to persuade him to stop when he was still climbing above the building's 70th floor," an official from the National Police Agency told AFP.

"He finally gave in and we arrested him at the scene for obstruction of official business. He is currently being questioned at a police station in Seoul's Songpa district."
The 555-metre (1,820-foot) Lotte World Tower is the world's fifth tallest building.
Alain Robert, widely known as the "French Spider-Man", was jailed in 2018 after climbing the same building without permission. He ascended to the 75th storey.
Local media, including newspaper Chosun Ilbo, have identified the British man in custody as George King-Thompson.

North Korea's Kim offers 'full support' to Putin on Russia Day

AFP | Seoul

North Korean leader Kim Jong Un offered his country's "full support and solidarity" to Moscow in a message to Russian President Vladimir Putin yesterday, state media reported.
Kim sent the message of congratulations on the national day of Russia, one of a handful of nations that maintain friendly relations with Pyongyang.
His message, published by the official Korean Central News Agency (KCNA), did not directly



Russian President Vladimir Putin speaks with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un
AFP | Seoul

Former Italian PM Berlusconi dies at 86

Putin, Orban lead global tributes for Italy's Silvio Berlusconi

AFP | Milan



Former Italian PM and leader of the right-wing party Forza Italia Silvio Berlusconi leaves the polling station after casting his vote in Milan (file photo)

Silvio Berlusconi, the former prime minister who reshaped Italy's political and cultural landscape while fending off multiple legal and sex scandals, died yesterday aged 86.
The billionaire media mogul had been suffering from a rare type of blood cancer.
Mourners laid flowers and notes outside Villa San Martino, Berlusconi's home near Milan, with one reading simply "we will miss you".
Berlusconi will have a state funeral in Milan's gothic Duomo Cathedral on Wednesday.
He had suffered ill health for years, from heart surgery in 2016 to a 2020 hospitalisation for Covid-19. Despite being re-elected to the Senate last year, he was rarely seen in public.

But he remained the official head of his right-wing Forza Italia party, a junior -- and occasionally troublesome -- partner in Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni's coalition government.
"Berlusconi was above all a fighter," Meloni said in a video message posted on Twitter.
"He was a man who was not afraid to defend his convictions, and it was precisely that courage and determination which made him one of the most influential men in Italy's history," she said.
As Berlusconi's body was moved from the hospital to Villa San Martino, tributes flowed from in from international leaders.
Russian President Vladimir Putin -- whom Berlusconi controversially defended following the 2022 invasion of Ukraine -- said his death was an "irreparable loss" and he hailed him as a "true friend."
Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orban tweeted: "Gone is the great fighter", while Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said "Silvio was a great friend of Israel and stood by us at all times".
"Loved him, hated him"
Berlusconi led Italy three times between 1994 and 2011,



YOU KNOW WHAT
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His influence extended well beyond politics, thanks to his extensive TV, newspaper and sporting interests, while his playboy antics kept him in the headlines even in his final years.
Italian ex-prime minister Matteo Renzi said that Berlusconi had "made history", even if he was controversial.
"Many loved him, many hated him: everyone today must recognise that his impact on political but also economic, sporting and television life was unprecedented," he said.
Elly Schlein, leader of the centre-left opposition Democratic Party, said Berlusconi's death "marks the end of an era".

Pakistan orders mass evacuations ahead of cyclone landfall

AFP | Karachi



Policemen wait to evacuate villagers to government relief camps before the due onset of cyclone, in Sujawal district, Sindh province

Pakistan authorities yesterday began an evacuation effort to move 80,000 citizens out of the path of an approaching cyclone, which is expected to bring winds of up to 120 kilometres per hour.

The cyclone is making its way across the Arabian Sea towards the coastlines of Pakistan and India, forecast to make landfall later this week.
Swathes of coastal communities in southern Sindh province are set to suffer storm surges up to 3.5 metres (12 feet), which could inundate low-lying settlements, as well as up to 30 centimetres of rain.
Sindh Chief Minister Murad Ali Shah said an emergency has been declared and the army drafted in to help relocate "more than 80,000 people" at risk.
"We will not request people but demand them to evacuate," Shah told reporters, adding that the order was being issued through social media, mosques and radio stations.
A spokesman for Shah said around 2,000 people have already been evacuated to "safe places" from the area of Shah Bandar, a fishing town nestled among mangrove deltas 45

kilometres (28 miles) west of India's Gujarat state.
However, in the nearby village of Gul Muhammad Uplano, authorities struggled to persuade families to leave.
"We will become helpless in the government camps, that is why we are better off at our own place," said 46-year-old Gul Hasan.

UK's Sunak in slanging match with predecessor Johnson

AFP | London



Rishi Sunak

British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak yesterday became embroiled in a public war of words with Boris Johnson, in a spat over the former leader's controversial awards to his key political allies.
Johnson's long-awaited political honours list was published on Friday, rewarding Brexit diehards and even those implicated in the "Partygate" scandal that contributed to his downfall last year.
But its failure to feature several expected names prompted accusations from Johnson's camp of meddling from Sunak and Downing Street before it was submitted.
Sunak's spokesman told reporters it was "entirely untrue" that the prime minister or officials removed names from

"Boris Johnson asked me to do something that I wasn't prepared to do, because I didn't think it was right. That was to either overrule the House of Lords Appointments Commission, or to make promises to people. I wasn't prepared to do that. As I said I didn't think it was right, and if people don't like that then tough"
RISHI SUNAK

Johnson's list before it was sent to a House of Lords vetting committee.
The prime minister himself then lashed out at Johnson, accusing him of asking him to overrule the committee, which rejected eight of his nominations to the unelected upper chamber of parliament.
"Boris Johnson asked me to do something that I wasn't prepared to do, because I didn't think it was right," he said at a tech conference in London.

The Philippines: Discover its Islands, People and Opportunities

Philippine Ambassador Anne Jalandoni Louis



Boracay Island in Aklan

The Republic of the Philippines is an archipelago state in Southeast Asia, with 7,641 islands spanning more than 300,000 square kilometres of territory. It is divided into three island groups: Luzon, Visayas, and Mindanao. The Philippines was named after Prince Philip (later King Philip II) of Spain by the Spanish explorer Ruy Lopez de Villalobos during his 1542-1546 expedition to the islands.
The Philippines is a unitary presidential constitutional republic, with the President of the Philippines acting as both the head of state and the head of government. The Philippines is a republic with a presidential form of government wherein power is equally divided among three branches: executive, legislative, and judicial. It proclaimed its independence from Spain on 12 June 1898, following the culmination of the Philippine Revolution. It is a founding member of both the United Nations (UN) and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN). It has embassies

and consulates in 62 countries around the world.
The total population of the Philippines is 113 million spread across its main geographic regions, Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao. The Filipino diaspora all over the world accounts for 10% of the population. Almost 80% of Filipinos are Roman Catholic, 6.5% are Muslims, and the rest belong to various religious denominations.
Filipinos are younger than the rest of the world. The median age in the Philippines is 23.1 years old. It is home to a talented English-speaking workforce, skilled in all areas. The Philippine government's commitment to the development of this workforce is reflected in the rise of the Philippines' global talent ranking. Year after year, well-educated, highly motivated young people are added to the Philippines' workforce.
Among famous Filipinos in the world are the late national hero, Dr. Jose Rizal, boxing champion Manny Pacquiao, singing sensation Lea Salonga, and billiards star Efren "Bata" Reyes, to name a few.
The Filipino people are hospitable, friendly, family-oriented, resilient and forever optimistic. True to their nature of being fun-loving and accommodating, the Filipino people are known to be friends to everyone and an

enemy to none.
There are two official languages in the Philippines--Filipino and English. Filipino which is based on Tagalog, is the national language. English is also widely used and is the medium of instruction in higher education. Among the almost 200 established languages in the Philippines, there are also eight (8) major languages spoken by majority of the Filipinos: Tagalog, Cebuano, Ilocano, Hiligaynon or Ilonggo, Bicol, Waray, Kapampangan, and Pangasinanese.
The climate of the Philippines is tropical and maritime. It is characterized by relatively high temperature, high humidity and abundant rainfall. The first half of the year, from January to May, is the best time to visit the country. November to February is cool, while March to May is hot and dry. June to October is rainy, with the months between July and September characterized by typhoons. Average temperature is 78 degrees F/25 degrees C; average humidity is 77%. Some parts of the country, such as Cebu, are warm and comfortable in all seasons and can be visited throughout the year.

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Visit the Philippines
The Philippines is rich in natural resources and scenic locales, from its captivating coastlines to

picturesque mountains, enchanting forests, beautiful native crafts, and unique gastronomic experience. In the Philippines, everybody is welcome to be part of the fun, giving truth to the saying "It's more fun in the Philippines".
Among the Philippines' top tourist drawers are Boracay Island in Aklan, El Nido and the Puerto Princessa Underground River in Palawan, Chocolate Hills in Bohol, Mayon Volcano in Albay, Siargao Island in Surigao del Norte, and the Banuae Rice Terraces in Ifugao, as well as the cities of Manila, Baguio, Vigan, Cebu, Bacolod and Davao.
Another important reason to visit the Philippines is its food. Influenced by different cultures throughout its history, the Philippines has developed a unique cuisine distinct from that of its Southeast Asian neighbors. Filipino cuisine is a melting pot of flavors and influences, reflecting the country's rich history and cultural diversity. It is a unique fusion of Malay, Chinese, Spanish and American culinary traditions that has evolved over the centuries. From the tangy and savory adobo, sinigang and lechon, to



Puerto Princessa Underground River in Palawan

the sweet and creamy leche flan, and the lively halo-halo, Filipino cuisine is a feast for the senses.
Invest in the Philippines
The Philippines is an ideal investment destination, offering businesses unique access to a large consumer market and excellent trade options both within Asia and beyond. Its business-friendly laws attract international companies. There has never been a better time to invest in the Philippines.
With its talented English-speaking workforce and strategic location, the Philippines provides the best opportunity to access one of the world's major hubs for manufacturing and trade. With strong macroeconomic fundamentals, an improved business environment, and favourable policy reforms, a variety of opportunities are available to any investor. Steps have been taken to enhance the liquidity, depth and resilience of capital markets to support funding for sustainable and responsible growth-enhancing projects. Economic reforms have also integrated the Philippines into global capital markets

and supported the adoption of international best practice. This has resulted in the healthy growth and expansion of the market for government securities, corporate bond issuances, equities and trust assets. Relevant and updated laws have been put in place to improve access to investment products enabling capital market gains to be enjoyed more widely.
The country's primary exports include electronics, semiconductors, transport equipment, construction materials, and minerals. As an open economy, the Philippines trades with other economies around the world. It considers Japan, the United States, China, South Korea, and Germany as its top export markets.
The Philippines looks forward to Bahraini investments in the following sectors: Agribusiness/ Agriculture, Energy Efficiency Technologies and Renewable Energy, Infrastructure PPP Projects (Real Estate Development and Logistics), Innovation (Artificial Intelligence), IT-BPM (including Shared Services), Oil and Gas, Processed and Specialty Food (Halal Food), and Tourism (including Hospitality).

TOP 4 TWEETS
01
Looking to hire a VP of Witchcraft & Propaganda
@elonmusk
02
I am saddened by the news of the passing of former Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi. He led Italy in a time of political transition and since then continued to shape his beloved country. I extend my condolences to his family and the Italian people.
@vonderleyen
03
A huge surge in online mis- & disinformation and hate speech is harming our world. Lies spread on social media have leached from the margins into the mainstream & poisoned our whole info ecosystem. It is time for social media platforms to step up.
#NoToHate
@MelissaFleming
04
With £100 million for our AI Taskforce, we are dedicating more funding to AI safety than any other country in the world. We'll also work with @DeepMind, @OpenAI and @Anthropic who will give us early or priority access to models for research and safety purposes.
@RishiSunak
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CAMPUS

Indian Embassy Seniors, ISB Juniors win ISB Floodlit Cricket Tournament



Indian Ambassador Piyush Srivastava bats as he inaugurates the event



Indian Embassy Team Captain Ravi Kumar Jain receive the trophy from ISB Chairman Prince S Natarajan

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The Indian Embassy Seniors Team and ISB Juniors Team won the inaugural cricket matches of the Floodlit Cricket Tournament held at the Indian School Ground on Friday as part of the ISB Community Sports Fest 2023.

In the first show match, the Indian Embassy Seniors Team defeated ISB Seniors Team by 35 runs.

Batting first the Embassy Seniors Team scored 78 for 4 wickets in 8 overs. Chasing the target, the ISB Seniors Team could score only 43 runs losing 5 wickets.

In the second match, the ISB

Juniors Team showed a brilliant batting display. Chasing the target 38/7 set by the Embassy Juniors Team, the ISB finished with 39 losing only 3 wickets.

Earlier Indian Ambassador Piyush Srivastava inaugurated the Floodlit Cricket Tournament under the patronage of the Indian Embassy in the ISB athletic grounds in Isa Town campus.

Inaugurating the match, the Indian Ambassador displayed his batting and bowling skills.

He said such sports events can bring the community together, increasing strong social bonds.

ISB Chairman Prince S Natarajan, Secretary Saji Antony, Executive Committee Mem-



Indian School Team with Ambassador Piyush Srivastava

ber-Sports Rajesh MN, EC Member-Finance Binu Mannil Varughese, EC Member-Academics Muhammad Khurshheed Alam, EC Member-Transport Mohammed Nayaz Ullah, Riffa Campus Principal Pamela Xavier, Bahrain Cricket Federation (BCF) Advisory Board Chairman Mohammed

Mansoor, BCF Secretary General Anoop Kewalram, Community Leaders Muhammad Hussain Malim, Vipin PM, Organizing Committee General Convener Tawfeeq, Vice-Principals and parents attended the inaugural ceremony.

After winning the opening

match, Indian Embassy Second Secretary and Seniors Team Captain Ravi Kumar Jain received the trophy from ISB Chairman Prince Natarajan.

The cricket tournament is held in association with Bahrain Cricket Federation for Indian nationals in the Kingdom

as part of the ISB Community Sports Fest 2023 under the patronage of the Indian Embassy in Bahrain.

Approximately 32 teams have registered for the tournament which will be held on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays in the coming weeks.

Al Noor International School CBSE Section holds Graduation Day



Indian Ambassador Piyush Srivastava awards certificates to graduating students

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The CBSE Section of Al Noor International School celebrated its Graduation Day, on 7 June, 2023.

It was a momentous day for the school with great flair and splendor.

The event was a collaboration of creativity, confidence, and celebration of the hard work, dedication and achievements of our graduating students.

His Excellency Mr. Piyush Srivastava, Ambassador of India to the Kingdom of Bahrain, was the esteemed Chief Guest for the

evening.

The function was also graced by the presence of the School Chairman Mr. Ali Hasan, School Director Dr. Muhammad Mashood, the Principal Mr. Amin Hulaiwah, Vice Principal, Members of the Quality Assurance Department, Head Teachers and parents.

The proud graduating students smartly marched onto the stage in their caps and gowns. They looked exceptional as they took the center stage.

The programme commenced with the National Anthems of Bahrain and India, followed by



the recitation of verses from the Holy Quran.

The School Toppers of AISCE Illakiya Nehru of Science stream, Savio Martin of Commerce stream and AISSE topper Adwaith Joby received Mementos and Graduation Certificates from the School Chairman Mr Ali Hasan and H.E. Mr Piyush Srivastava. Graduation certificates were also awarded to all students of the outgoing batch of Grade X and XII of the Academic session 2022-2023.

The Chief Guest, His Excellency Mr. Piyush Srivastava, congratulated the school, teach-

ers, parents and the students on the excellent results in the CBSE Board exams.

He lauded the vision of the school and the relentless hard work done by students and their mentors for presenting such an exemplary result. He advised the students to build their future after taking time in exploring options and avenues and be highly adaptable to a world that they would be facing ahead in their career.

The School Chairman, Mr Ali Hasan, congratulated the students on their accomplishments and wished them success

in their future endeavours. He thanked the Head Teachers, Coordinators and teachers of the school for the time and energy they devoted to the education of the students.

In his address to the gathering, The School Director, Dr. Muhammad Mashood congratulated the outgoing meritorious students for their dedication and hard work. He praised the outstanding results obtained by the CBSE students and mentioned the school's achievements during the course of the past academic year. The school Principal, Mr. Amin Mohamed Ahmed

Heliwa wished the graduating students the very best as they take their next step to a bright future. Valedictory speeches were delivered by Illakiya Nehru, Dhawani Mehta, Soofia Saber Golshani and Rasika Miky Shaji.

The mesmerizing evening saw a magnificent confluence of confidence and achievements of the graduating students and left the audience spell bound with the colourful and emotional overtones.

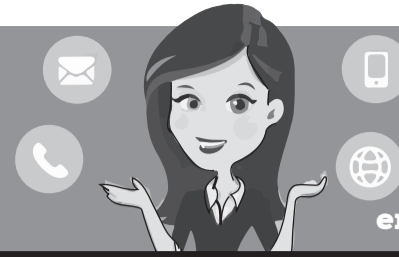
The programme concluded with a vote of thanks proposed by Mrs Monika Sethi, the Head Teacher of the CBSE section.

NMS - Bahrain conducts achievement award ceremony



New Millennium School, Bahrain held the Achievement Award Ceremony on 8th June to felicitate the meritorious students from Grades KG I to V (2022-23 session), who excelled in academics. Honouring the awardees, The Chief Guest for the function Geetha Pillai appreciated the efforts of outstanding students and teachers. Principal, Arun Kumar Sharma motivated the students to continue working hard towards attainment of their goals for a bright future

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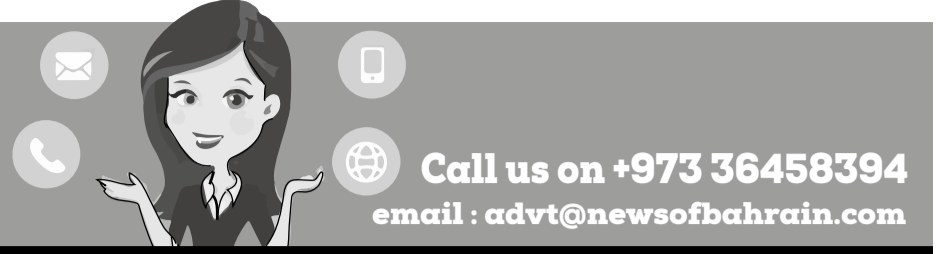
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Australia hailed for 'momentous' WTC title but told: now win Ashes



Australia's Pat Cummins (C/L) lifts the ICC Test Championship Mace as he celebrates with teammates

AFP | London

Australia's World Test Championship triumph was hailed yesterday as "momentous" -- but warned it will quickly be forgotten if they do not win the Ashes.

Pat Cummins' side crushed India by 209 runs in the final at The Oval in a show of strength ahead of the Ashes against arch-rivals England starting on Friday.

The Sydney Daily Telegraph said Australia "deserve praise" for routing Rohit Sharma's team, but warned: "Deep down they know that the main prize is still to be won."

"Because the brutal truth is this fine accomplishment from Pat Cummins' men will soon be forgotten if Australia doesn't win the Ashes," said the tabloid.

"The good news is, performing in the pressure of a Test Championship final seems a pretty good way to warm up for England."

Australian selectors now face a major decision on whether to stick with seamer Scott Boland for the first Test at Edgbaston or bring back pace spearhead Josh Hazlewood, who is returning from injury.

YOU KNOW WHAT

Australia's victory was the culmination of a two-year programme of Tests that saw them win 12 out of 20 matches, with five draws and three defeats

After Boland's second-innings exploits at The Oval, including the prize scalp of Virat Kohli on Sunday on his way to figures of 3-46 in 16 overs, local media agreed it would be almost impossible to drop him.

Australia's victory was the culmination of a two-year programme of Tests that saw them win 12 out of 20 matches, with five draws and three defeats.

Local media said there had been "turbulence and reinvention" after former skipper Tim Paine stepped down over a sexting scandal in late 2021 and Justin Langer quit as coach in acrimonious circumstances months later.

'Disrespectful to say I'm greatest', says Djokovic

AFP | Paris

Novak Djokovic insists it is "disrespectful" to hail him as the greatest player of all time after clinching a record-breaking 23rd men's Grand Slam title on Sunday.

The 36-year-old Djokovic defeated Casper Ruud in straight sets in the French Open final, breaking the tie of 22 majors he shared with longtime rival Rafael Nadal.

A third Roland Garros title added to his 10 Australian Open trophies, seven Wimbledons and three at the US Open.

He is the only man to win all four Slams on at least three occasions and yesterday he returned to the world number one ranking and start a 388th week on top of the pile.

"I don't want to say that I am the greatest, because I feel it's disrespectful towards all the great champions in different eras of our sport that was played in completely different way than it is played today," said Djokovic.

"So I leave those kind of discussions of who is the greatest to someone else. I have of course huge faith and confidence and belief in myself and for everything that I am and who I am and what I am capable of doing."

However, despite becoming the oldest ever French Open champion, he warned he is far from finished.

When asked if he could win 24 or 25 majors, he replied: "Why not?"

Eleven of his Grand Slam titles have been secured since he turned 30.

Retirement is a long way off for a man who has already seen Roger Federer hang up his racket with 20 majors to his name while 37-year-old Nadal, sitting out the

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rest of the season with injury, has already said 2024 will be his last as a professional.

"Of course the journey is still not over," said Djokovic. "I feel if I'm winning Slams, why even think about ending the career that already has been going on for 20 years."



"So I still feel motivated, I still feel inspired to play the best tennis in these tournaments. Those are the ones that count I guess the most in history of our sport."

"I now look forward to Wimbledon," added Djokovic where he will look to equal Federer's record of eight titles.

Djokovic's coach Goran Ivanisevic hailed the Serbian star for being able to install special "software" every time a Grand Slam tournament rolls around.

"It's fascinating to see, because sometimes you think, okay, now you have 23. But he's gonna find, again, some kind of motivation to win 24, maybe 25, who knows where is the end," said Ivanisevic.

'Not an easy guy'

"He's keeping his body great, he's in great shape. He's unbelievable, and he's still moving like a cat on the court. He's there, like a Ninja."

BETTER YOU KNOW

Djokovic arrived in Paris having endured a mediocre clay court season, failing to get beyond the quarter-finals of any of the three events he played

However, the former Wimbledon winner admitted Djokovic is "not an easy guy" such is his intensity to make history.

"Especially when something's not going his way. But we are here to put our back and to get beaten, we are here for him to feel better, for him to perform better."

"Sometimes not easy. Sometimes it's very complicated. But overall, this is for what you live, you know, the tournaments like this, the finishing like this."

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There was the added worry of the recurrence of a long-standing wrist injury.

"The day we arrived here, he was better, he was more motivated, he was more hungry. Every day he played better and better," said Ivanisevic who believes Djokovic's victory over world number one Carlos Alcaraz in the semi-finals was key in his title push.

"I thought against Alcaraz one-and-a-half hours he played unbelievable smart and unbelievable tennis," said Ivanisevic.

"And today he just finish what we started actually in Monte Carlo, to practise, and now it's payday. We cash the cheque."

Ruud says 'ridiculous' Djokovic not done winning Grand Slams



Norway's Casper Ruud poses with his trophy

AFP | Paris

French Open runner-up Casper Ruud tipped Novak Djokovic to break the all-time record for Grand Slam titles after the Serb claimed his 23rd major on Sunday by winning at Roland Garros for the third time.

Djokovic, 36, moved out in front of Rafael Nadal as the man with the most Grand Slam triumphs, drawing level with Serena Williams and to within one of Margaret Court's record of 24.

He is the first man to win all four majors at least three times and is once again halfway to the first calendar Grand Slam since Rod Laver in 1969.

"He holds all the records and these stats that are just ridiculous," said Ruud, the 24-year-old Norwegian who lost 7-6 (7/1), 6-3, 7-5 to Djokovic.

"Just shows how complete of a player he is. He can win on any surface, anywhere, any balls that we play with. He will be up for the challenge.

"And now it's probably the most significant record that he breaks of 23 Slams. But I'm sure he will aim for even more if I know him the right way."

"He's not done yet, I think," added Ruud, who has yet to take a set off Djokovic in five meetings.

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CASPER RUUD

fully one day I can beat him. But at the Grand Slam level, it's going to be tough, for sure."

'Can't sit and make excuses'

Twelve months on from losing in the final to Rafael Nadal, Ruud finished as runner-up for the third time in five Grand Slam tournaments after also being defeated by Carlos Alcaraz at the 2022 US Open.

"Anyone you play in a Grand Slam final is going to be a good player," said Ruud.

"But the three players I've played is just Rafa going for, at the time, the record for 22, and then Carlos who was just on fire in New York, and then here, Novak, going for 23. I played very tough players."

"I can't just sit and make excuses," he added.

"I think this is maybe the most important final that I reached. Here I sort of proved that whatever happened last year is just not like a one-time case."

Ruud will head to Wimbledon with limited expectations having won just one match in three visits to the All England Club.

He went out in the first round in 2019 and 2021 before falling in the second round a year ago as the third seed.

But he hopes his latest run in Paris will further boost his standing within the sport and eventually help him go all the way at a Grand Slam.

Bahrain getting set for U21 volleyball worlds

Kingdom to host prestigious FIVB competition next month



Bahrain's junior national team players and officials at the airport prior to their departure

● Bahrain's junior national team depart for overseas training camp in Slovenia until June 24

● Bahrainis in Pool A of tournament's preliminary round along with Iran, Thailand and Tunisia

TDT | Manama

Bahrain is getting all geared up to host one of the biggest international volleyball tournaments next month, featuring 16 of the top junior men's national teams from around the world.

The FIVB Men's U21 World Championship is scheduled to take place in the Kingdom from July 7 to 16.

The junior nationals have qualified for the event as hosts and are stepping up their preparations this week, having departed yesterday for Slovenia to conduct an overseas training camp.

The travelling delegation is headed by Bahrain Volleyball Association (BVA) board member and financial secretary Habib Mohammed, and includes national team director Abdulla Al Mahroos and head coach Saber Abdulwahed and his staff.

Sixteen players are on the team for the camp, which will continue until June 24. They are Hussain Ehsan, Sayed Hashem, Sayed Ahmed Murtadha, Ali Al Bostas, Sadeq Marhoon, Hassan Alaiwi, Abbas Ehsan, Hussain Issa Hassan, Hussein Ramadan, Ali Habib, Hassan Al Warqa, Ali Abdulwahab, Mohammed Hassan Ali, Mahdi Hussain Hassan, Ali Hussain Isa and Hussain Ismail.

During the camp, the nationals are expected to play a number of friendly games against Slovenian and international teams.

This year's event will be the fourth time the prestigious junior competition is being held in Bahrain. It also took place here in 2019, 1997 and 1987.

The Bahrainis are in Pool A along with Iran, Thailand and Tunisia. Pool B features defending champions Italy, Brazil, Egypt and Mexico. Pool C consists of Poland, Bulgaria, Canada and India; while Pool D



The 2023 FIVB Men's U21 World Championship will be the fourth time the prestigious junior competition is being held in Bahrain. It also took place here in 2019, 1997 and 1987

comprises Argentina, Belgium, the Czech Republic and the US.

The top two teams from each pool will advance to round-robin Pools E and F of the second phase, while the rest will move to Pools G and H to continue the battles for classification from eighth to 16th. The winners and runners-up of Pools E and F will progress to the semi-finals

and eventually determine the medallists.

Schedule

Meanwhile, the tournament's match schedule has been released by the BVA, who are organising the tournament in co-operation with the International Volleyball Federation (FIVB).

Eight games a day are to be held between two playing courts at the Isa Sports City in Riffa.

The preliminary round will take place from July 7 to 9, after which a rest day will be held ahead of the next stage, which will also be played over three days from June 11 to 13. After another rest day, the semi-finals and classification play-offs are scheduled for July 15, followed by the gold and bronze medal matches, along with the final classification contests, on the final day on July 16.

On each day, the first fixtures are scheduled for 11am starts, with the last games set to begin no earlier than 8pm.

PRELIMINARY ROUND SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, JULY 7

Court A: 11am India vs Poland; 2pm Canada vs Bulgaria; 5pm Thailand vs Iran; 8pm Tunisia vs Bahrain
Court B: 11am Mexico vs Italy; 2pm Egypt vs Brazil; 5pm USA vs Argentina; 8pm Czech Republic vs Belgium

SATURDAY, JULY 8

Court A: 11am Canada vs Poland; 2pm Bulgaria vs India; 5pm Iran vs Tunisia; 8pm Bahrain vs Thailand
Court B: 11am Egypt vs Italy; 2pm Brazil vs Mexico; 5pm Czech Republic vs Argentina; 8pm Belgium vs USA

SUNDAY, JULY 9

Court A: 11am Bulgaria vs Poland; 2pm India vs Canada; 5pm Tunisia vs Thailand; 8pm Iran vs Bahrain
Court B: 11am Brazil vs Italy; 2pm Mexico vs Egypt; 5pm Belgium vs Argentina; 8pm USA vs Czech Republic

Nuggets must defy human nature to close out series, says Malone

AFP | Denver

Denver Nuggets head coach Michael Malone knows the mind can play tricks on players when it comes to crunch time in the NBA Finals, so he's trying out some mental games himself.

His team needs one more win against the Miami Heat to secure their first NBA championship title, after Friday's victory in South Florida gave them a 3-1 lead in the series.

Back on home court yesterday, the odds favour the Nuggets who in the last two games have had the measure of Miami in every department of the game.



Head coach Michael Malone of the Denver Nuggets talks with Jamal Murray #27

The home crowd will turn up expecting a celebration and the pundits will talk of Denver needing to simply wrap-up the

“My biggest concern going into any close-out game is human nature and fighting against that. You're up 3-1. Most teams, when you're up 3-1, they come up for air. They relax and they just kind of take it for granted that, 'oh, we're going to win this

MICHAEL MALONE

series but Malone knows that kind of mood spells danger.

"My biggest concern going into any close-out game is human nature and fighting against that," he told reporters.

"You're up 3-1. Most teams, when you're up 3-1, they come up for air. They relax and they just kind of take it for granted that, 'oh, we're going to win this,'" he said.

"The neat thing for us is that going back to the (Covid) bubble, we've been down 3-1. We've come back and won. We know anything is possible," he said.

Three years ago the Nuggets pulled off the relatively rare series comeback twice in the same post-season.

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HH Shaikh Khalid receives Asian cycling president

Deputy Chairman of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports, General Sports Authority (GSA) Chairman and Bahrain Olympic Committee (BOC) President, His Highness Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa received the President of the Asian Cycling Confederation, Osama Al-Shafar, at Al-Wadi Palace. GSA Deputy Chairman, HH Shaikh Salman bin Mohammed Al Khalifa, GSA Chief Executive Officer, Dr. Abdulrahman Sadiq Askar, and BOC Secretary-General, Faris Mustafa Al-Kooheji, were present. HH Shaikh welcomed Osama Al-Shafar to his second country, Bahrain, commending his efforts to develop cycling in Asia and strengthening cooperation among national federations. His Highness commended the prominent role played by sports leaders of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) in continental and international federations and organisations.

India, Australia fined heavily for slow WTC over rates



India's captain Rohit Sharma (2R) and India's Shubman Gill stand as they wait for the result of an umpires review

AFP | London

India have been fined 100 percent and Australia 80 percent of their match fees for slow over rates in the World Test Championship final, the International Cricket Council said yesterday.

Indian batsman Shubman Gill was also docked 15 percent of his match fee for a social media outburst after he was controversially caught in the match at The Oval which India lost by 209 runs on Sunday.

The ICC said: "India were ruled to be five overs short of the target after time allowances were taken into consideration while Australia were found to be four overs short."

India skipper Rohit Sharma and his Australian counterpart Pat Cummins "pled guilty and accepted the proposed sanctions, so there was no need for formal hearings", it added.

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Replays indicated Green had his fingers under the ball, but Gill posted a less definitive still image of the catch on Twitter shortly after stumps -- accompanied by two magnifying glasses and a "face palm" emoji.

The ICC said Gill's reaction amounted to "public criticism of, or inappropriate comment in relation to an incident occurring in an international match".

One demerit point was added to Gill's disciplinary record.

Manama win over Chennai Heats by default

● Bahraini club take first victory in FIBA West Asia Super League Final Eight in Dubai

TDT | Manama

Bahrain's Manama Club won their game yesterday against Chennai Heats from India by default in the FIBA West Asia Super League (WASL) Final Eight, being held in Dubai.

The Indian outfit is no longer taking part in the tournament, the FIBA Regional Office has confirmed.

It stated: "The recent challenges being faced by the basketball family in India has affected the Indian National Basketball League (INBL) champions' participation in the inaugural meet. Still, the remaining games of the Final Eight will take place as scheduled."



Manama team members prior to their opening game against Al Riyadi

Manama now have one win in the competition to go with their opening game loss against Al Riyadi of Lebanon 84-112 in Group A. The Bahrainis fell behind by as many as 29 points in the contest.

They are now scheduled to play their last fixture of this stage tomorrow against Beirut

Club of Lebanon, slated for a 6pm start, Bahrain time.

Group B in the WASL Final Eight features Kuwait SC of Kuwait, Shabab Al Ahli of the UAE, Shahrday Gorgan from Iran and BC Astana from Kazakhstan.

Following a single round-robin, the top two teams from each group move on to the knockout

semi-finals on Friday, while the gold and bronze medal games are to be held Saturday evening.

In this maiden edition of the competition, the WASL Final Eight also acts as a qualifier for FIBA Asia Champions Cup 2023, on the road to FIBA Intercontinental Cup 2023, FIBA's highest club competition.

Bahrain1 win two in a row!

Kristopher Thorne powers 2021 Camaro to Pro Mod victory in NHRA Thunder Valley Nationals in US

● Kristopher Thorne knocks off Mike Castellana in final run to claim Pro Mod victory

● Bahrain1 Racing drivers win four of five Pro Mod rounds so far this 2023 season

TDT | Manama

Bahrain1 Racing team have made it two victories in as many days in a National Hot Rod Association (NHRA) meeting in the US, with Kristopher Thorne powering to first place in the Pro Mod category at the NHRA Thunder Valley Nationals at Bristol Dragway in Tennessee.

Just a day after Bahrain1 teammate Justin Bond won in the same championship in a delayed NHRA New England Nationals meeting at the same venue, Thorne followed suit to keep the Bahrain flag flying high in the world's most prestigious drag



Kristopher Thorne shows off his Wally Trophy for his victory at the NHRA Thunder Valley Nationals yesterday

racing series.

Thorne, the defending world champion, knocked off Mike Castellana in the final run early yesterday morning, Bahrain time, to claim his win.

The event was the fifth of 10 races in the 2023 season of the FuelTech NHRA Pro Mod Drag Racing Series, presented by Type

A Motorsports, and four of those have now been won by Bahrain1, which is owned by His Majesty the King's Personal Representative His Highness Shaikh Abdul bin Hamad Al Khalifa.

Bond has taken three wins and Thorne has picked up the maiden win of this campaign—and fifth in his career. Castellana

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KRISTOPHER THORNE

went red in the final round, but Thorne would have been tough to beat regardless, going for a 5.816 seconds time at 245.32mph in his Bahrain1 Camaro.

Following his triumph, Thorne commented: "I've just got to keep digging and not stop.

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"I really appreciate everyone. Not much makes me emotional, but this stuff is tough, and I really dig it (when we can win)."



Kristopher Thorne in action in his Bahrain1 Racing 2021 Camaro

Thorne was one of three Bahrain1 drivers competing in the Thunder Valley Nationals, joined by Bond and Khaled Al Balooshi.

Thorne booked his ticket to the final after defeating Dymtry Samorukov in the third and penultimate elimination round, with Castellana overcoming Tony Wilson.

In round two, Thorne defeated Bond by the narrowest of margins, finishing his run in 5.827s with Bond going for a 5.852s mark. Samorukov defeated Todd Tutterow, Castellana beat Mar-

cus Birt and Wilson overcame Stan Shelton to advance.

The first elimination round saw Thorne beat Eric Dillard, Bond defeat Jerico Baldof, Tutterow win against Dwayne Wolfe, Samorukov beat Rickie Smith, Birt defeat JR Gray Jr, Castellana win against Sidnei Frigo, Shelton defeat Billy Bana and Wilson overcome Mike Thielen.

Bahrain1's Al Balooshi didn't make it into the top 16 for the eliminations, having been classified 18th in qualifying amongst 20 participants.