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**HM King visits BDF General Command**

His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, the Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces, visited the General Command of the Bahrain Defence Force (BDF). Upon arrival, HM the King was received by Field Marshal Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, the Commander-in-Chief of BDF, Lieutenant General His Highness Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the National Security Advisor and Royal Guard Commander, Colonel His Highness Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Commander of the Royal Guard's Special Force, Lieutenant-General Abdullah bin Hassan Al Nuaimi, Minister of Defence Affairs and senior BDF staff. HM the King praised the continuous development of the BDF in various disciplines and the high efficiency of its staff. He expressed his confidence and appreciation to BDF's staff, wishing them further success in performing their duties.

**Kuwait finance minister steps down in latest political turmoil**

AFP | Kuwait City

The finance minister of Kuwait has resigned only three months after his appointment by the prime minister, state media said yesterday.

Manaf Al Hajeri's resignation comes against a backdrop of perpetual political turmoil in the only Gulf Arab state with a fully elected parliament.

The official KUNA news agency did not specify a reason for the resignation, and Al Hajeri was not immediately available to comment.

"A decree was issued in Kuwait accepting the resignation of Minister of Finance," the official Kuna news agency said.

**UK Minister: Britain 'not Amazon' for Ukraine weapons**

AFP | Vilnius, Lithuania

UK Defence Secretary Ben Wallace sounded an off note in London's normally harmonious relationship with Kyiv yesterday, suggesting Ukraine should show more gratitude to its allies and gripping Britain is not an "Amazon" for military supplies.

British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak denied that London was annoyed by President Volodymyr Zelensky's lobbying at the NATO summit for more Western support.

**Zelensky praises 'security victory'**

Declaration of support as G7 vows long-term arms supplies to help Ukraine defeat Russia

AFP | Vilnius, Lithuania

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky yesterday welcomed a commitment by G7 nations to support Ukraine for as long it takes to defeat Russia, insisting it was a step on the road to Kyiv eventually joining NATO.

"We will not waver," US President Joe Biden said in a speech in Vilnius aimed at showing resolve to Russia's President Vladimir Putin after meeting Zelensky at a NATO summit.

"Putin still doubts our staying power. He's still making a bad bet that the conviction and the unity among the United States and our allies and partners will break down."

Zelensky insisted that the promises from the Western leaders amounted to a "significant security victory" that he could take home to Kyiv.

But he did not disguise the fact that he would have preferred the 31-member Atlantic alliance to have agreed a firm timetable for Ukraine to join its ranks once the 16-month old Russian invasion has been de-



Ukrainian President Zelensky, third, with US President Joe Biden, left, Japan's Prime Minister Fumio Kishida, and Canada Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, right, at the event yesterday. (AFP)

feated and peace restored.

"The best guarantee for Ukraine is to be in NATO," Zelensky said, expressing confidence that once the war is over Ukraine would be welcomed, but warning that the G7 commitments should be seen "not instead of NATO, but as security guarantees

on our way to integration."

On Tuesday, the NATO leaders agreed that Ukraine could join the alliance once certain conditions are met, and US and German officials in Vilnius made it clear that these would include Kyiv carrying out reforms to protect democracy and the rule

of law.

"No country is exempt from them," Germany's Chancellor Olaf Scholz told reporters referring to the reforms.

This could frustrate Zelensky, who insisted Ukraine's understanding was that the tests that Kyiv must still pass were simply

"security conditions", that peace must be restored and the Russian aggression ended.

"We understand that Ukraine cannot become a member of NATO while the war is ongoing. But then it will be for our common strength when Ukraine joins the alliance," he tweeted.

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# Kingdom's hospitality boosts tourism sector

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Media Affairs Advisor to His Majesty the King Nabil bin Yaqub Al Hamar visited the Vatel Hospitality and Tourism Business School in Al Jasra, and discussed the rich history of hospitality in the Kingdom and its significant role in nurturing competencies across Gulf countries.

The visit took place in the presence of Tourism Minister Fatima bint Jaffar Al Sairafi, Bahrain Tourism, Exhibitions Authority (BTEA) Chief Executive Officer Dr. Nasser Qaedi, and Shaikh Khalid Khalifa Al Khalifa, Vatel Bahrain Director General.

Touring the establishment, Vatel's curricula, programmes, and accomplishments in terms of education and scientific research were highlighted.

Al Hamar engaged with the foundation year students at the school, actively listening to their experiences and opinions regarding the educational programs provided by the college.

He emphasised that the Kingdom's legacy of hospitality dates back numerous centuries, noting that the values of hospital-



Al Hamar with Al Sairafi, along with Tourism Ministry, BTEA and Vatel Bahrain officials

“The Kingdom's legacy of hospitality dates back numerous centuries, and the values of hospitality and generosity are deeply cherished national customs and traditions among all Bahrainis.”

- NABIL BIN YAQUB AL HAMAR, MEDIA AFFAIRS ADVISOR TO HIS MAJESTY THE KING

ity and generosity are deeply cherished national customs and traditions among all Bahrainis.

HM the King's Advisor added that this cultural aspect serves as a crucial factor in attracting tourists to the Kingdom, and enhancing the hospitality and tourism sector.

He encouraged students to capitalise on their academic journey at the college and strive for exceptional outcomes in their studies.

Al Hamar offered valuable advice and guidance on how to succeed in their future careers, emphasising the significance of hard work, diligence, and acquiring the necessary skills to excel in their respective fields of study.

He commended the role played by Vatel Hospitality and Tourism Business School in

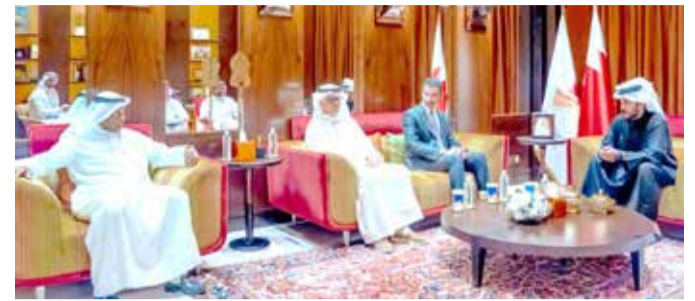
training and preparing national professionals in accordance with the highest international standards upheld within the hospitality and tourism sector.

## Media promotes tourism

Al Sairafi commended the pivotal role played by the national media in promoting the achievements of the tourism sector, including the dedicated professionals working within the industry.

She highlighted the contribution of Vatel Bahrain to honing students' skills and expertise, effectively integrating them into Bahrain's hospitality and tourism sector.

## Support for sports



His Highness Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa, First Deputy Chairman of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports (SCYS), General Sports Authority (GSA) Chairman and Bahrain Olympic Committee President, received the Minister of Municipalities Affairs and Agriculture, Wael bin Nasser Al Mubarak, at Al Wadi Palace yesterday. HH Shaikh Salman bin Mohammed Al Khalifa, GSA Deputy Chairman, Shaikh Mohammed bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, the Municipalities Affairs and Agriculture Ministry's Undersecretary, Khalid Ahmed Hassan, Undersecretary for Agriculture and Marine Resources at the same ministry, and Dr. Abdulrahman Sadiq Askar, GSA's CEO, were present. HH Shaikh Khalid was briefed about the development projects the Municipalities Affairs and Agriculture Ministry is planning to implement to support the sports system in the kingdom, as part of the integrated efforts of various government entities to serve the sports movement in the kingdom.

## Bahrain-US relations



Foreign Affairs Minister, Dr. Abdullatif bin Rashid Al Zayani, received yesterday a delegation from the US-based Council for a Secure America (CSA), led by Fred Zeidman, currently on a visit to the kingdom. They discussed aspects of the deep-rooted Bahrain-US relations and strategic partnership, praising the steady growth of bilateral ties thanks to the two countries' keenness to strengthen them in various fields, particularly energy, economy and investment. They also reviewed ways to enhance bilateral relations further to benefit the two countries and serve their interests.

## Advance military and combat systems



Field Marshal Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, Bahrain Defence Force (BDF) Commander-in-Chief chaired the first meeting of the Military Institution for the Development of Warfare Industries. Present were Lieutenant General His Highness Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, National Security Advisor, Secretary General of the Supreme Defence Council, and Royal Guard Commander, and Lieutenant General Abdullah bin Hassan Al Nuaimi, Defence Affairs Minister.

# Bahrain shows the way in women empowerment



H.E. Shaikh Abdulla bin Rashid Al Khalifa



David Brownstein



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Bahrain can be named as a leading country in terms of women's empowerment and inclusion in the country's workforce, H.E. Shaikh Abdulla bin Rashid Al Khalifa, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Bahrain to the US, said yesterday.

Addressing the Atlantic Council's WIn Fellowship workshop via online, the Ambassador said that today the Kingdom is moving fast to include Bahraini women in the workforce to boost the economy.

The WIn Fellowship is led by the Atlantic Council's EmpowerME Initiative in cooperation with Georgetown University's McDonough School of Business with support from the US Embassy in Manama.

Female leadership in Bahrain, progress, potential and sustainability were discussed during the meeting held at Fintech Bay premises yesterday.

Bahrain has more than 54% female participation in the public sector, and 45% of women hold executive positions in oth-



Participants at the event

er linked institutions, according to information shared during the meeting.

In the private sector, more than 35% of the workforce are occupied by women. The Council of Representatives consist of 20% women, and 25% women in the Shura Council.

According to the Global Gender Gap report 2023, Bahrain is second best country among the Arab region.

"This program goes beyond our Free Trade Agreement and takes it to the next level. We are investing in Bahraini women. We are proudly supporting Bahrain's national strategy on

gender equity and equality," Deputy Chief of Mission at the US Embassy in Manama, David Brownstein told The Daily Tribune.

"Still we are working on the future challenges in the region," Amjad Ahmad, Chairman of EmpowermentME at the Atlantic Council's Rafik Hariri Center for the Middle East, said in the meeting.

The year-long program from June 2023 to March 2024 will enable 22 Bahraini women entrepreneurs to enhance their networks, gain practical knowledge, and develop US-Bahrain people to people.



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# Health Ministry issues warning against scam calls and messages

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The Ministry of Health raised concerns over suspicious WhatsApp calls and messages using its logo to trick vulnerable people and steal sensitive and private information.

Internet users in Bahrain have been warned of falling prey to scam messages that use disguises to mislead victims into stealing sensitive information.

"The Ministry of Health warned of phone calls and messages via WhatsApp bearing its logo or the logo of the application BeAware from numbers inside and outside the Kingdom of



Beware of dubious Whatsapp calls and messages. (Image used for illustrative purposes only)

Bahrain, as these calls speak on behalf of the Ministry of Health and collect special information about vaccination doses against



Suspicious communications are requesting people to download a fake app that allegedly collects information about COVID-19 vaccination doses, to facilitate and speed up additional dose registration. This allows the fake app to access mobile information, bank account information, and accounts linked to the device.

the coronavirus (COVID-19)," said the statement on the Ministry's official Instagram page.

The statement further said that suspicious communications are requesting people to download a fake app that allegedly collects information about COVID-19 vaccination doses, to facilitate and speed up additional

dose registration. This allows the fake app to access mobile information, bank account information, and accounts linked to the device.

Confirming that these communications are fraudulent, the Ministry stressed that the matter is being handled in coordination with the Anti-Cybercrime De-

partment.

"We are confirming that the only app approved in Bahrain for Coronavirus vaccination doses is the BeAware App. The app has been designed to update automatically and programmed to maintain the highest levels of security and privacy," the statement concluded.

## Islam advocates for tolerance, coexistence and respect for all



Dr. Bucheeri  
TDT | Manama

Tolerance, brotherhood and humanity are among the core values and messages of the Holy Quran, and the Islamic religion advocates for coexistence and respect for others.

This was emphasised by Ambassador Dr. Yusuf Abdulkarim Bucheeri, Director-General for Legal Affairs and Human Rights at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, as he took part in the United Nations Human Rights Council's urgent debate.

The debate was convened by an urgent request from the Organization of Islamic Cooperation to discuss the alarming rise in premeditated and public acts of religious hatred as manifested by the recurrent desecration of the Holy Quran in some European and other countries, on the sidelines of the 53rd session of the Human Rights Council.

Dr. Bucheeri also underscored that these repeated incidents of burning copies of the Holy Quran are unacceptable attacks and reprehensible practices that constitute an insult to Islam and Muslims.

He stressed that such incidents are inconsistent with religious freedom and the values of tolerance and human coexistence, and generate hatred, extremism, and violence, in addition to being inconsistent with international charters and laws.

## Bahrain, Finland keen to bolster cooperation

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The steady growth of Bahrain-Finland bilateral ties over the past four decades reflects the two countries' keenness to bolster their cooperation and partnership across political, economic and cultural fields, as well as support global efforts to consolidate security, stability and peace in the Middle East and the world.

This was emphasised by Dr. Shaikh Abdulla bin Ahmed Al



Dr. Shaikh Abdulla bin Ahmed with From-Emmesberger

Khalifa, Political Affairs Undersecretary at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, as he held talks with Sofie From-Emmesberger, Director General of the Department for Africa and the Middle East at the Finnish Foreign Affairs Ministry.

They co-chaired the third round of political consultations meeting between Bahrain and Finland, which the Kingdom

Dr. Shaikh Abdulla bin Ahmed lauded the solid Bahrain-Fin-

land relations, stressing that both countries are committed to strengthening them.

From-Emmesberger expressed her country's pride in the progress made in its political and economic partnership with Bahrain, as well as appreciation for its initiatives to promote the peace and tolerance culture, in addition to encouraging dialogue among countries and peoples. She wished the kingdom continued progress and prosperity.

## Disabled woman to testify against alleged rapist at Appeals Court

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A disabled woman who was allegedly sexually assaulted will testify at the High Appeals Court in on August 7, 2023, in the presence of the man accused of raping her.

The defendant had been acquitted by the Court of First Instance, but the Public Prosecution challenged the verdict, leading to the case being referred to the High Appeals Court.

In the initial trial, the court dropped the charges against the defendant, a Bahraini man, after medical reports were presented indicating that he was not aware of the victim's



disability, which places her mental cognition below the age of 14.

The reports revealed that her condition was a specialised one that only experts could diagnose. The Public Prosecution had charged the defendant with sexually assaulting the victim, who is mentally under-aged,

following a report from the victim and her attorney. She stated that she became acquainted with the defendant and that he assaulted her several times.

The defendant acknowledged his relationship with the victim but claimed to have been unaware of her medical condition since she did not inform him or display any signs of being mentally disabled.

During the trial, the court heard a statement from a psychiatrist and reviewed additional medical reports that indicated that the victim has a permanent mental disability that places her mental cognition between the ages of 8 to 10 years.

## Asian drug smuggler trial postponed to hear witnesses

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The High Criminal Court adjourned the case of an Asian drug trafficker until July 18, 2023 to hear the prosecution witnesses.

The defendant allegedly attempted to smuggle drugs in children's toy boxes. According to a parcel company employee, the accused brought a box containing drugs to be sent to a European country and was asked to pay 150 Bahraini dinars.

The employee asked the accused about the box's contents,

and he claimed it contained toys for children. The witness requested proof of identity from the accused to complete the parcel's shipping procedures, but he claimed not to have the necessary documents at the time.

The employee grew suspicious and cut the box open, causing the crystalline substance to spill out. He then informed his supervisor, who reported the incident to the

authorities.

Subsequently, a criminal investigation was launched into the matter, and it was discovered that the accused had intended to traffic drugs outside the country and was in possession of narcotics and drug paraphernalia when arrested at his residence.

The Public Prosecution has charged the defendant with drug trafficking and possession of narcotics for personal use.

## Bahrain to host first-ever SDMX Global Conference in Middle East in October

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Bahrain will be hosting the ninth SDMX Global Conference on Statistical Data and Metadata Exchange from October 29 to November 2 on the theme of Empowering Data Communities.

The event is co-organised by the SDMX Sponsors and the Bahrain Information & eGovernment Authority (IGA) with support of ESCWA and Banca d'Italia, and will bring together a broad range of official statistics compilers and users from national, regional and international agencies, academia and the private sector.

The Global Conference is a bi-annual event for the official statistics community worldwide to share information on recent and upcoming SDMX developments leveraging SDMX tools and technologies for enhanced collaboration and knowledge sharing.

It will include three days of plenary sessions followed by two days of statistical capacity building for statisticians at beginner and advanced levels. It is set to attract various levels of statisticians, SDMX experts, and data professionals, the conference is a major global event in the statistics field, providing an opportunity to discuss the latest international developments and specifi-



The first edition of this conference was held in 2007 in the US, with subsequent events hosted by France, the US, Thailand, Ethiopia, and Hungary. The eighth edition was organised remotely in Mexico due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

It will also enable participants to stay up to date with the latest developments related to national data and information exchanges and enhance the capabilities of those working in the field through specialized workshops and general discussions.

Registration via [www.sdmx2023.org](http://www.sdmx2023.org) to attend event. Call for presentations to submit at the conference is available till July 31 via its website or via email: [sdmx2023@sdmx.org](mailto:sdmx2023@sdmx.org).

# Bahrain Polytechnic launches first set of masters degree programmes

## Boost for labour market

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The Minister of Municipalities and Agricultural Affairs, Wael bin Nasser Al Mubarak, announced the launch of the first set of masters degree programmes offered by the Bahrain Polytechnic ever since its establishment in 2008.

At Bahrain Polytechnic's press conference, Al Mubarak, who is also Chairman of Bahrain Polytechnic's Board of Trustees, said that the programmes include the Master of Science in Engineering (Applied) in Sustainable Energy Systems; Master of Science in Artificial Intelligence, and the Master in International Trade and Strategy.



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- WAEL BIN NASSER AL MUBARAK, MINISTER OF MUNICIPALITIES AND AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS

comprehensive and sustainable development process," Al Mubarak said.

The programmes were launched to further strengthen efforts to develop human capital, in line with the approach of the Government of Bahrain and are designed to equip students with the knowledge and skills needed to succeed in today's rapidly evolving job market, he added.

"The programme has been designed in collaboration with industry experts to ensure that graduates have the knowledge and skills required to succeed in the workforce," the minister said.

Professor Ciarán O Cathain, Bahrain Polytechnic CEO, said that the Polytechnic aimed to launch these master programmes to meet the emerging needs for qualified Bahraini employees in different sectors



of the labour market. He added that the programmes enhance the image of the Kingdom as a leading hub for technology and international trade in the region.

He said that admission for the masters' programmes will start in August, emphasising that the Polytechnic aspires to receive

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- PROFESSOR CIARÁN O CATHAIN, BAHRAIN POLYTECHNIC CEO

research students looking for excellence, creativity, and a modern international education.

## Speaker affirms support for national press

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Council of Representatives Speaker Ahmed bin Salman Al Musallam lauded the role played by the Bahrain press, citing its contributions to highlighting parliamentary achievements in the kingdom.

Al Musallam was speaking as he received yesterday Al-Ayam newspaper Editor-in-Chief, the Bahrain Journalists Association (BJA) Chairman, Isa Al Shayji.

The Speaker highlighted the commitment of the Bahraini press to undertaking its national responsibility by adopting issues that serve the kingdom and its citizens and raising public awareness.

He affirmed parliamentary support for the work of the national press.

## Bahrain, Kuwait expand security cooperation

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Ministries of Interior in the Kingdom of Bahrain and the State of Kuwait have agreed to form joint executive working teams to discuss a number of areas of security cooperation and coordination, including criminal security, cybersecurity, and combating terrorism, in addition to issues of traffic, operations, electronic connectivity, passports, visas, and ports.

The work teams shall submit reports on the results of their work to the Joint Security Committee.

This came during the first meeting of the committee, which was held in the Kingdom of Bahrain over two days, chaired by Chief of Public Security Lieutenant-General Tariq bin Hasan Al Hasan, and Undersecretary of Ministry of Interior in Kuwait Lieutenant-General Anwar Abdullatif Al Barjas.

Chief of Public Security delivered a speech in which he welcomed Undersecretary of



The meeting in progress

the Kuwaiti Ministry of Interior and the accompanying delegation, expressing his pride in the distinguished relations between the two brotherly countries, and extending sincere congratulations to Shaikh Talal Khaled Al Ahmad Al Sabah on the occasion of renewing his appointment as First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Interior. He praised the success of the Kuwaiti Ministry of Interior in organising the democratic

process for the recent National Assembly elections.

Lt. Gen. Tariq bin Hasan expressed his appreciation for the support of Interior Minister General Shaikh Rashid bin Abdulla Al Khalifa to all public security fields, which contributed to the development of security cooperation regionally and internationally through the activation of agreements and memoranda of understanding.

He also pointed out that the

meeting of the joint security committee came within the framework of the joint approach to confirm the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) countries' cohesion, and strengthen the historical fraternity ties that unite the GCC states, explaining that the security and regional data and the accelerating challenges in the Gulf region, impose the continuation of the joint approach to protect security, stability and enhance public safety.

## Lanes set for closure today

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The Ministry of Works, in coordination with the General Directorate of Traffic at the Ministry of Interior, announces that the development works of Al Fateh Street at the intersection necessitate the closure of some lanes, according to the following details:

1. Closing the right turn lane from Al Fateh Street towards Juffair Street towards Juffair and diverting traffic to the surrounding roads (Al Ghuraifa and Awal Street entrances).

2. Closing the left turn from Al Mahooz Street to Al Fateh Street towards Manama and diverting traffic right towards Mina Salman for a reverse turn towards Manama.

Work will take place at the aforementioned site starting from today and run for a period of two months.

## Traffic signs and poles installation and maintenance completed

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The Ministry of Works has completed the installation and maintenance of 312 traffic signs and 202 iron and concrete poles from January to June this year, which aims to raise the level of traffic safety and improve traffic flow.

Engineer Maha Khalifa Hamada, Director of the Roads Planning and Design Department at the Works Ministry, said that the ministry periodically conducts a comprehensive survey of the traffic signs, poles and land lines on the road network in the Kingdom.

She added that the ministry prepares an annual program for the maintenance of traffic signs and poles, and repaints the land lines and heights to reduce speed.

Eng. Hamada noted that during the first half of this year, the



The Works Ministry regularly conducts maintenance of traffic signs for public safety

installation and maintenance of 64 reflective mirrors was completed; 470 speed-reducing ramps were repainted; and 189 km of land lines and 67 km of sidewalks were painted.

She pointed out that the ministry has received about 1,625

requests regarding traffic signs and land lines from members of the Municipal Council, citizens and residents through the national system for complaints and suggestions, Tawasul, or through direct contact, during the first half of 2023, which con-



Eng. Maha Khalifa Hamada

tributed to the speed Monitor damaged traffic signs and poles and maintain them as soon as possible.

The Director affirmed that the ministry will spare no effort in carrying out its role to raise the level of safety on the road network to preserve the lives and property of road users.

## LMRA conducts five joint inspection campaigns



The Labour Market Regulatory Authority (LMRA) conducted five joint inspection campaigns in coordination with the Ministry of Interior and the Social Insurance Organization (SIO) in the Capital and Muharraq Governorates. The inspection campaigns included visits to a number of shops and work sites, to determine the extent of compliance with laws and regulations in order to preserve the competitiveness, stability and productivity of the labour market. The campaigns resulted in reporting violations related to the Labour Market and Residency laws. The cases were referred for legal action. LMRA renewed its call to all members of the society to report violations via the electronic form on the authority's website [www.lmra.gov.bh](http://www.lmra.gov.bh) or by calling the authority's call centre on 17506055.

# Fitch affirms Bank ABC's IDR at BB+ with a stable outlook

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Fitch Ratings has affirmed Bank ABC's Long-Term Issuer Default Rating (IDR) at 'BB+' with a 'Stable Outlook' in addition to its Viability Rating at 'bb+' driven by the Bank's standalone strength.

The rating reaffirmation is underpinned by Bank ABC's 'adequate regional corporate franchise, geographical diversification, solid management, adequate capitalisation, healthy asset quality, well-managed li-



quidity and stable funding' according to Fitch Ratings. Announcing the rating, Fitch

**The reaffirmation by Fitch Ratings reflects Bank ABC's strengthened profitability, driven by the strong fundamentals that underpin our operations and the accelerated performance across our global network**

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noted that Bank ABC's risk appetite is reasonable across its diversified markets and its ex-

posure to volatile markets is well-managed. With prudent underwriting standards, the Bank continues to focus on high-quality borrowers and short-term lending. The Bank's strengths are also reflected in its well-defined risk controls and healthy asset quality, with its stabilised loan quality across most of its operating environments.

Sael Al Waary, Group CEO of Bank ABC, remarked: "The reaffirmation by Fitch Ratings reflects Bank ABC's strengthened profitability, driven by the strong fundamentals that underpin our operations and the accelerated performance across our global network." In other highlights, Fitch Ratings observed that Bank ABC has adequate capital ratio with a common equity Tier 1 ratio of 13.7% at the end of first quarter 2023, which is well above the regulatory minimum. Core capital accounted for a significant 84 per cent of the capital base as of end Q1 2023. Other notable strengths of the Bank include stable funding profile and strong liquidity position.

## Zain Bahrain Q2 profit rises 3.2 %

● Quarterly net profit was BD 1.32 million

● H1 revenue increased 10.5%.

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Zain Bahrain, a telecommunications industry innovator in the Kingdom, yesterday reported a net profit that grew 3.2% in the second quarter of 2023, as revenues rose thanks to a 12.5% growth in customers.

The company said it added 127 thousand customers to serve a total of 1.14 million, a 12.5% Year on Year growth.

### Quarterly results

Second quarter net profit rose 3.2% to BD 1.32 m from BD 1.28 m

**Zain Bahrain remains committed to staying at the forefront of the telecommunications industry, delivering innovative solutions and exceptional services to its customers while upholding our responsibilities towards sustainability**

SHAIKH AHMED BIN ALI AL KHALIFA

in the same-quarter a year ago. Earnings per share remained stable at 4 fils.

EBITDA increased by 1.7% reaching BD 5.44 m compared to BD 5.35 m in Q2 2022.

Revenue increased 15.7% to BD 18.95 m from BD 16.39 m in



Q2 2022. Data Revenue was up by 8.6% compared to Q2 2022.

### H1 Results

For the first six months, net profit was BD 2.75 m, a 3.6% decrease from BD 2.85 m in the same period as in 2022. Earn-

ings per share were breakeven at 8 fils.

Revenue reached BD 37.12 m, an increase of 10.5% compared to BD 33.59 m for the same period in 2022. Data Revenue increased 7.0% compared to the same period in 2022.

Commenting, Zain Bahrain Chairman, Shaikh Ahmed bin Ali Al Khalifa, said, "Our second quarter results demonstrate the resilience and the success of Zain Bahrain as we continue the expansion of our network, including in seven new areas in Bahrain, allowing residents to enjoy the best 5G and 4G mobile experience."

He added, "Our investments in renewable energy and green technologies have reduced our environmental impact and resulted in substantial cost savings, contributing to our sustainable business practices."

## Pakistan gets \$1 bn boost from UAE ahead of IMF decision



The deposit comes a day after Saudi Arabia transferred \$2 billion to Islamabad, and brings the state's foreign reserves to \$7.5 billion -- more than double last week's account balance.

Islamabad

Pakistan's state bank coffers were further boosted yesterday by a \$1 billion deposit from the United Arab Emirates, officials said, ahead of a key International Monetary Fund (IMF) board meeting to approve new funding.

The economy has been stricken by a balance-of-payments crisis as it attempts to service crippling external debt, while months of political chaos have scared off foreign investment.

Inflation has rocketed, the rupee has plummeted, and the country is struggling to afford imports, causing a severe decline in industrial output.

Securing financial support from friendly nations has been a key condition of the IMF for approving a new standby deal for Pakistan worth \$3 billion.

The package will be considered for approval by the IMF's executive board meeting in Washington this week.

"As a time-tested friend & brotherly country, the UAE has always come forward to support Pakistan," Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif tweeted late Wednesday.

"We deeply acknowledge this kind gesture & consider it critical to our efforts to stabilise the economy," Finance Minister Ishaq Dar said the UAE deposit would be reflected on the books by Friday.

## Alba joins forces with Nasser Artificial Intelligence



In pictures, the honouring ceremony held at Alba's premises

TDT | Manama

Aluminium Bahrain (Alba), one of the world's largest aluminium smelters, underlined its commitment to advance in Artificial Intelligence (AI) within its operations with the successful completion of "Green Anode Density Prediction" -- one of the many joint projects with Nasser Artificial Intelligence Research and Development Centre.

To celebrate this remarkable achievement, an honouring ceremony was held at Alba's premises where Alba's Chief Executive Officer, Ali Al Baqali, and Nasser Artificial Intelligence R&D Centre CEO, Dr Abdulla Naser Al Noaimi, honoured the Centre's team involved in the project, in the presence of the

Centre's AI Executive Advisor, Dr Jassim Haji, as well as other Alba and Nasser Vocational Training Centre (NVTC) officials.

Commenting, Alba's Chief Executive Officer, Ali Al Baqali, said: "Artificial Intelligence is a tool we want to adopt as without it, we won't be able to advance and disrupt the norms in our business. We believe that the choices which we make today will simply give us more data about what to do next."

Adding Further, Nasser Artificial Intelligence Research & Development Centre CEO, Dr Abdulla Naser Al Noaimi, indicated that the Centre aims at becoming one of the main pillars of Artificial Intelligence system in the Kingdom through its unique projects and smart



solutions that contribute to the digital transformation initiatives in both government and private sector organizations and companies.

The completed project consists of an artificial intelligence model that predicts green anode

density based on process variables, in addition to a dashboard that allows users to enter the values of process parameters and get the predicted density, which helps users to optimise the process and achieve the desired density of green anodes.

## UN chief blasts 'outdated' global financial structure

United Nations

UN chief Antonio Guterres denounced yesterday a global financial system where nearly half the world's people live in countries whose governments spend more on debt than education or health.

"Half our world is sinking into a development disaster, fuelled by a crushing debt crisis," said the secretary-general, presenting a United Nations report on the state of the world's debt.

"Some 3.3 billion people -- almost half of humanity -- live in countries that spend more on debt interest payments than on education or health," he lamented.

Guterres added that "because most of these unsustainable debts are concentrated in poor countries, they are not judged to pose a systemic risk to the global financial system."

"This is a mirage. 3.3 bn people is more than a systemic

risk. It is a systemic failure," he said. According to the report, titled "A World of Debt", total global public debt reached \$92 trillion last year, a five-fold increase on the year 2000.

Developing countries hold nearly 30% of this debt, and theirs is also growing faster. Despite a lower level of debt in relation to their GDP, they are paying more interest, in part because of higher interest rates, the report found.

A total of 52 countries, almost 40% of the developing world, are in serious debt trouble, Guterres noted.

Rebeca Grynspan, who heads the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, pointed out that the "composition" of developing countries' debt had changed.

In 2010, private creditors accounted for 47% of the external debt of developing countries, but by 2021 that had grown to 62%.

News in brief

◆ **Damage from riots**

sparked by the police killing of a teenager in France has resulted in a \$715 million insurance bill, an industry body said Tuesday. The government battled days of unrest after a police officer shot dead 17-year-old Nahel M. during a traffic stop in a Paris suburb on June 27. Nahel had Algerian roots, and the killing rekindled long-standing accusations of systemic racism in France. There have been 11,300 claims linked to the riots, said the head of the France Assureurs federation Florence Lustman -- who put the bill at 650 million euros. Last week, Lustman gave a figure of at least 280 million euros, stressing that many claims had yet to be made. Around a third of the damage being claimed for took place on local authority property, France Assureurs said. Earlier this month, Finance Minister Bruno Le Maire urged insurers to extend the deadline for claims.



**France riot damage racks up \$700 mn insurance bill: industry body**

◆ **More than 3 million** people have now fled their homes in Sudan due to the nearly three-month-old conflict between rival armed forces, the United Nations said yesterday. Figures from the UN's International Organization for Migration (IOM) showed that more than 2.4 million people were now displaced within Sudan, while nearly 724,000 have escaped across the country's borders.

**More than 3 million have fled Sudan unrest: UN**

The fighting in Sudan broke out on April 15. The army, led by Abdel Fattah al-Burhan, has been battling the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces commanded by his former deputy Mohamed Hamdan Daglo, after the two fell out in a power struggle. "We have surpassed the 3 million figure of people displaced due to the conflict in Sudan," IOM spokeswoman Safa Msehli told AFP.

◆ **Companies and individuals** polluting Britain's rivers and other ecosystems will be liable for unlimited fines, the UK government announced yesterday, with the nation's water firms in particular under fire.

Environment Secretary Therese Coffey in April announced plans to allow unlimited fines for polluting water companies but the policy has since been expanded to include other parties such as energy and waste operators. The current maximum fine stands at £250,000 (\$325,000), while the change allows environmental regulators to avoid lengthy criminal prosecutions. "Polluters must always pay," Conservative party MP Coffey said in a statement. "It builds on action being taken right across government to stand up for our environment -- tackling pollution, protecting delicate ecosystems and enhancing nature," she added. The move comes amid a long-running scandal over privatised water firms pumping raw sewage into waterways.

**Polluting firms to face unlimited fines: UK govt**



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France to pay bonus for shoe, clothes repairs to cut waste



Representative picture

AFP | Paris

From October, France will pay a bonus to encourage people to have their clothes and shoes repaired rather than throwing them away, the government said.

The move aims to cut down on the 700,000 tonnes of clothes thrown away by French people each year, two-thirds of which ends up in landfills.

"From October, consumers will be able to be supported in the repair of their clothes and shoes," secretary of state for ecology Berangere Couillard said Tuesday during a visit to the Paris premises of La Caserne, a hub for responsible fashion.

She invited "all sewing workshops and shoemakers to join the system", to be labelled by eco- organisation Refashion.

Under the scheme, customers will be able to claim seven euros (\$7.7) for mending a heel

and 10-25 euros for clothing repairs from a 154 million euro fund set up to cover 2023-2028.

In France, 3.3 billion pieces of clothing, shoes and household linen were put on the market in 2022, according to Refashion, which has been instructed by the government to support a more sustainable industry.

"The goal is to support those who do the repairs," Couillard said, referring to sewing workshops but also those brands which offer repair services.

Modelled after the household appliance repair bonus, the aid is part of a vast reform of the textile sector, one of the most polluting industries on the planet, initiated by the French government since the end of 2022. Its objectives include forcing brands to have more traceability and to financially support organisations specialising in reusing and recycling clothing.

NASA celebrates Webb telescope anniversary with stellar birth



A small star-forming region in the Rho Ophiuchi cloud complex, the closest star-forming region to Earth.

● **The picture is of the Rho Ophiuchi cloud complex**

● **Webb's image shows around 50 young stars, of similar mass to our Sun or smaller**

AFP | Washington

Jets of red gas bursting into the cosmos, and a glowing cave of dust: NASA marked a year of discovery by the James Webb Space Telescope Wednesday with a spectacular new image of Sun-like stars being born.

The picture is of the Rho Ophiuchi cloud complex, the nearest stellar nursery to Earth, whose proximity at 390 light-years allows for a crisp close-up by the most powerful orbital observatory ever built. "In just one year,

the James Webb Space Telescope has transformed humanity's view of the cosmos, peering into dust clouds and seeing light from far-away corners of the universe for the very first time," said NASA Administrator Bill Nelson.

"Every new image is a new discovery, empowering scientists around the globe to ask and answer questions they once could never dream of."

Webb's image shows around 50 young stars, of similar mass to our Sun or smaller. Some have the signature shadows of circumstellar disks -- a sign that planets may eventually form around them.

Huge jets of hydrogen appear horizontally in the upper third of the image, and vertically on the right. "These occur when a star first bursts through its natal envelope of cosmic dust, shooting out a pair of opposing jets into space like a newborn first stretching her arms out into the world," the US space agency said in a statement.

"At the bottom of the image,

you can see a young star that's energetic enough that it's blowing a bubble in the cloud of dust and gas from which it was born," Christine Chen, an astronomer at the Space Telescope Science Institute, which operates Webb, told AFP.

It does so through a combination of its light and a stellar wind linked to it, she added.

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Webb was launched in December 2021 from French Guiana, on a 1.5 million kilometer (nearly one million mile) voyage to a region called the second Lagrange point.

Interstellar space is filled with gas and dust, which in turn serves as the raw material for new stars and planets.

"Webb's image of Rho Ophiuchi allows us to witness a very brief period in the stellar life cycle with new clarity. Our own Sun experienced a phase like this, long ago, and now we have the technology to see the beginning of another star's story," said Webb project scientist Klaus Pontoppidan. Webb boasts a primary mirror measuring more than 21 feet (6.5 meters) that is made up of 18 hexagonal, gold-coated segments, as well as a five-layer sunshield the size of a tennis court. Unlike its predecessor Hubble, it operates primarily in the infrared spectrum, allowing it to look back nearer towards the start of time, and to better penetrate dust clouds where stars and planetary systems are being formed today. Webb has enough fuel for a 20-year mission, promising a new era of astronomy.

Iran summons Russian envoy over

AFP | Tehran

Iran yesterday summoned the Russian ambassador in Tehran to protest a recent statement by Gulf countries and Moscow on three islands controlled by Iran but claimed by the United Arab Emirates.

On Monday, foreign ministers from



An aerial view of Abu Musa island

the Gulf Cooperation Council and Russia held talks and called for "a peaceful solution" to the issue of the Greater and Lesser Tunb islands and Abu Musa. They urged a resolution through "bilateral negotiations or the International Court of Justice, in accordance with the rules of international law and the United Nations Charter".

The three strategic islands in the Gulf near the Strait of Hormuz, which has fifth of world oil for years been a point of contention between the two sides. On Wednesday, Iranian Foreign Ministry said it summoned the Russian ambassador to protest a recent statement by Gulf countries and Moscow on three islands controlled by Iran but claimed by the United Arab Emirates.

1772

Captain James Cook begins his second voyage to the South Seas aboard HMS Resolution to search for Terra Australis (Southern continent)



1832

Source of Mississippi River discovered by American geographer Henry Schoolcraft

1966

A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada founds the International Society for Krishna Consciousness (Hare Krishna movement) in New York City

1923

The Hollywood Sign is officially dedicated in the hills above Hollywood, Los Angeles. It originally reads "Hollywoodland" but the four last letters are dropped after renovation in 1949

# India shoots for the moon with latest rocket launch

● The latest iteration of the Chandrayaan ("Mooncraft") programme comes four years after an earlier attempt

AFP | Bengaluru



An engineer works on a component at a Godrej Aerospace manufacturing plant, which manufacture various parts for the Vikas and cryogenic engines for the Indian Space Research Organisation's (ISRO) space missions, in Mumbai

India tomorrow launches its latest attempt at an unmanned moon landing, the next frontier of a burgeoning, cut-price aerospace programme rapidly closing in on the milestones set by global superpowers.

If successful, the mission would make the world's most populous nation only the fourth country after Russia, the United States and China to achieve a controlled landing on the lunar surface.

The latest iteration of the Chandrayaan ("Mooncraft") programme comes four years after an earlier attempt ended in failure, with ground crew losing contact moments before landing.

"We're sure this one will be successful and will bring pride and recognition to everybody who has worked for it," Anil G. Verma of Godrej & Boyce, ISRO's principal engine and components supplier, told AFP.

The 14-day mission comes with a price tag of \$74.6 million, according to media reports, and aims to successfully land a rover to explore the lunar surface.



Chandrayaan-2, its previous attempt at a lunar landing in 2019, cost \$140 million -- nearly twice Friday's launch, but a much smaller price tag than similar ventures by other countries.

A huge crowd is expected to attend the launch, scheduled for 2:35 pm local time (0905 GMT) from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre north of Chennai.

"I am very happy and hopeful," K. Sivan, the ISRO chief during India's last lunar landing attempt, told AFP.

India's space programme has

grown considerably in size and momentum since it first sent a probe to orbit the moon in 2008.

In 2014, it became the first Asian nation to put a satellite into orbit around Mars, and three years later, the ISRO launched 104 satellites in a single mission.

## Google AI health chatbot passes US medical exam: study

AFP | Paris, France

Google's artificial intelligence-powered medical chatbot has achieved a passing grade on a tough US medical licensing exam, but its answers still fall short of those from human doctors, a peer-reviewed study said yesterday.

Last year the release of ChatGPT -- whose developer OpenAI is backed by Google's rival Microsoft -- kicked off a race between tech giants in the burgeoning field of AI.

While much has been made about the future possibilities -- and dangers -- of AI, health is one area where the technology had already shown tangible progress, with algorithms able to read certain medical scans as well as humans.

Google first unveiled its AI tool for answering medical questions, called Med-PaLM, in a preprint study in December. Unlike ChatGPT, it has not been released to the public.

The US tech giant says Med-PaLM is the first large language model, an AI technique trained on vast amounts of human-produced text, to pass the US Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE).



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I wish a very happy birthday to our @UN Messenger of Peace, @Malala! Thank you for your work and relentless commitment to girls' education worldwide, at a moment when they're needed more than ever.

@antonioguterres

02



Pleased to have met P.H.E. Sheikh @MhmdAlissa, Secretary General of @MWLorg and Chairman of the Organisation of Muslim Scholars. We had a great exchange of views on furthering inter-faith dialogue, countering extremist ideologies, promoting global peace, and deepening partnership between India and Saudi Arabia.

@narendramodi

03



One year ago, NASA released an image from the James Webb Space Telescope that reminded us America can do big things. Today, they've done it again.

@POTUS

04



NATO is where Ukraine belongs.

@RishiSunak

## Abbas vows to rebuild Jenin camp after Israeli raid

AFP | Jenin

Palestinian president Mahmoud Abbas vowed Wednesday to rebuild the Jenin refugee camp during a rare visit that came a week after an Israeli raid left much of it destroyed.

Abbas described the camp as an "icon of struggle" during his first visit in over a decade to the camp in the northern West Bank city.

Twelve Palestinians and one Israeli soldier were killed last week in the two-day raid on Jenin, the largest in years by Israeli forces.

The raid on the camp, which Israel views as a "terrorism hub", employed hundreds of troops as well as drone strikes and army bulldozers that tore up streets and damaged scores of houses.

Several top officials of Abbas's Fatah party, including deputy chairman Mahmoud Aloul, had visited the camp



Abbas (2nd-R) recites a prayer as he lays a wreath of flowers by the graves of Palestinians killed in recent Israeli military raids

soon after the raid, only to be heckled by crowds of angry residents.

On Wednesday, Abbas expressed determination to back Jenin's reconstruction and security.

He described the camp as an "icon of steadfastness and struggle", in a short address as crowds of supporters cheered.

"We have come to say that we are one authority, one state, one law," he said, warning against anyone who "tamper with the unity and security of our people".

He further vowed to oversee the reconstruction of the camp and the city to restore it "to what it was or even better".

## Over statement on islands

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bassador Alexey Dedov and voiced the Islamic republic's "objections on the content of the statement".

It further "called for a correction of the Russian Federation's stance on this issue".

The three strategic islands -- located in the Gulf near the entrance to the Strait of Hormuz, through which a

fifth of world oil output passes -- have for years been a source of contention between the UAE and Iran.

Iran's foreign ministry spokesman Nasser Kanani on Tuesday said the islands "belong to Iran forever and issuing such statements goes against the friendly relations between Iran and its neighbours".

## 'Extremely angry' BBC star in scandal faces new claims



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AFP | London

Allegations mushroomed yesterday against a star BBC presenter accused of paying a teenager for sexually explicit pictures, as three more people came forward with complaints.

Fellow BBC star Jeremy Vine urged the presenter to publicly identify himself to prevent further reputational damage to the broadcaster and false accusations against others.

"I know his survival instinct has kicked in... but my God look at the damage to the BBC, look at the damage to his friends, to those falsely accused -- and the longer he leaves it the worse it will be for him," the radio show host said Wednesday on a television show he hosts for another channel.

Former BBC North America editor Jon Sopel, meanwhile, described the star at the centre of the scandal as "extremely angry" over how the story had unfolded.

"It is fair to say that the presenter at the heart of this is also extremely angry over a lot of The Sun coverage and is convinced they're trying to dig and find new dirt," Sopel said on LBC Radio's The News Agents podcast.

The BBC itself reported on Tuesday that another person in their 20s had come forward to say they received "threatening messages from the unnamed high-profile figure".

Hours later, The Sun daily -- which broke the original story last Friday -- alleged he also broke Covid lockdown rules to meet another young person he met on a dating site.

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## Clean-tech minerals market surges to USD320 bn: IEA

Paris

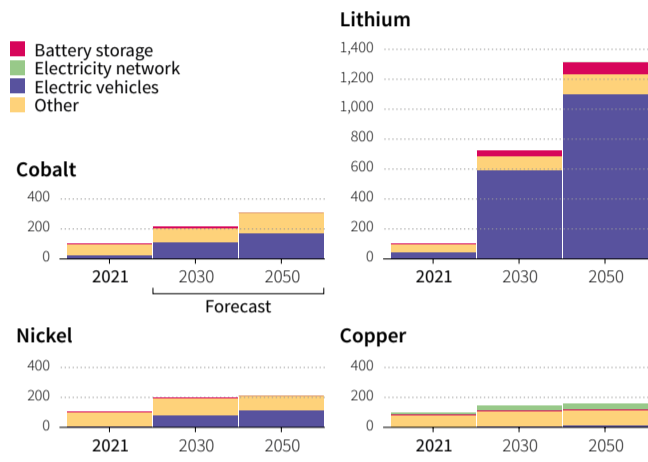
The market for the minerals key to the clean energy transition soared to \$320 billion last year but faces challenges including volatile prices, supply chain snarls and geopolitical tensions, the International Energy Agency said.

The market for minerals such as lithium, cobalt, nickel and copper doubled between 2017 and 2022, fuelled by the record deployment of clean technologies such as solar panels and electric car batteries, according to the IEA.

“Rapid growth in demand is providing new opportunities for the industry,” the Paris-based agency said in its first annual IEA Critical Minerals Market Review. “But a combination of volatile price movements, supply chain bottlenecks and geo-

### Demand for strategic minerals

Change in the global demand for four minerals needed in the clean energy transition to reach net-zero emissions by 2050  
Baseline 100 in 2021



Source: International Energy Agency (IEA)

AFP

political concerns has created a potent mix of risks for secure and rapid energy transitions,” it

added. The IEA, which advises developed nations on energy policies, said the “affordability

and speed of energy transitions” will depend on the availability of critical mineral supplies.

Prices rose in 2021 and early 2022 as the Covid pandemic caused bottlenecks across supply chains and Russia’s invasion of Ukraine wreaked havoc in commodity markets.

Most prices began to moderate in the latter half of 2022 and into 2023, but they remain well above historical averages, the IEA said.

“As things stand, 2023 could be a crucial year for clean energy technology prices,” the report said.

“Whether and how quickly they resume a downward trajectory will depend on the speed of innovation and on the stability of mineral markets that witnessed significant volatility in 2022 after two years of pandemic-related supply chain disruptions followed by the onset of global geopolitical uncertainty.”



A self-driving automobile is displayed at the booth of JD Cloud during the World Artificial Intelligence Conference (WAIC) in Shanghai



People look at an electric car displayed during the launch of VinFast electric car models in Hanoi



Hisashi Takeuchi, Managing Director and CEO of Maruti Suzuki India Ltd, attends the launch of the new Maruti Suzuki Invicto SUV car in Gurugram, India

### Maruti Suzuki goes upmarket in India with new seven seater

Reuters | New Delhi

Maruti Suzuki, India’s biggest automaker, is looking to break into the premium car segment with its new seven seater, as a growing number of buyers opt for bigger, feature-packed cars.

Maruti, known for small and compact cars that are mostly priced below 1 million rupees (\$12,000), on Wednesday launched the In-

victo seven seater with a hybrid powertrain starting from around 2.5 million rupees (\$30,000).

Maruti, majority owned by Japan’s Suzuki Motor, made its name as a mass market car brand offering affordable prices and low maintenance costs. When it comes to premium cars, or those typically priced above 2 million rupees, buyers tend to turn to the likes of Toyota Motor or Volkswagen, say analysts.

## Latest US Takata death prompts dire warning on some 2003 trucks

New York

Stellantis urged owners of thousands of 2003 Dodge Ram pickups to “immediately stop” driving the vehicles if their Takata airbags have not been replaced, the company said.

The “Do Not Drive” consumer alert follows a May 13 fatal accident involving one of the trucks that US regulators said constituted the 26th death in the United States tied to the defective part. The company, then known as Chrysler, recalled 385,686 of the vehicles in 2015.

US regulators estimate that roughly 84,000 of the vehicles remained unrepaired, according to The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. An estimated 29,000 are still on US roads, Stellantis said.

Stellantis sent six recall notices, but “all went unheeded,” the



A deployed airbag is seen in a 2001 Honda Accord at the LKQ Pick Your Part salvage yard in Medley, Florida

company said. “NHTSA is urging ALL vehicle owners to immediately check to see if their vehicle has an open Takata air bag recall,” the agency said. “If it does, owners need to contact their dealership to schedule a FREE repair as soon as possible and follow any warnings from the vehicle

manufacturer.” The Takata brand disappeared in 2018 following a bankruptcy in the wake of the airbag scandal, which affected almost every major global automaker, including Toyota and General Motors, and triggered the auto industry’s biggest-ever safety recall.

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The “Do Not Drive” consumer alert follows a May 13 fatal accident involving one of the trucks that US regulators said constituted the 26th death in the United States tied to the defective part.

The airbag defect was linked to ammonium nitrate, the chemical used as a propellant in Takata’s airbag inflator canisters.

The chemical degraded, especially in humid conditions, meaning that in some cases the airbag did not inflate properly and sometimes ruptured, firing metal shrapnel at the vehicle’s occupants.

## Musk predicts self-driving Tesla cars later this year

AFP | Shanghai

Electric car giant Tesla is set to realise fully autonomous vehicles “later this year”, CEO Elon Musk said, in the billionaire’s latest forecast for the long-anticipated milestone.

“In terms of where Tesla is at this stage, I think we are very close to achieving full self-driving without human supervision,” Musk said via video link at the opening ceremony of an artificial intelligence conference in Shanghai.

“This is only speculation, but I think we’ll achieve full self-driv-



Representative picture

ing, maybe what you would call four or five, I think later this year,” the billionaire added, referring to two of the most advanced levels of autonomous driving technology.

The mercurial entrepreneur and Twitter owner admitted that he had been wrong in previous predictions on this timeline, but added: “I feel like we’re closer to it than we ever have been.”

Musk has missed his own deadlines for a fully autonomous vehicle -- and Tesla’s driver-assistance technology has provoked regulatory probes in the United States.

China is the world’s biggest



Musk electric vehicle market and Tesla announced in April it would build a second massive factory in Shanghai.

His appearance at the World

Artificial Intelligence Conference in Shanghai marks his latest effort to maintain close links to China, following a visit to the country in May.

Electric vehicles make up a quarter of car sales in China, the world’s largest car market, and dozens of new models from domestic and Western brands were unveiled in April at the country’s first auto show since Covid restrictions were lifted.

Tesla reported a drop in first-quarter earnings this year, with the company undertaking a series of price cuts in the face of competition from other automakers.



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## Top seed Alcaraz reaches first Wimbledon semi-final

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Carlos Alcaraz saw off Holger Rune in straight sets yesterday to stay on course for a Wimbledon title showdown against defending champion Novak Djokovic.

The top seed won the key moments during the quarter-final on Centre Court to progress 7-6 (7/3), 6-4, 6-4 and will play Russian third seed Daniil Medvedev in the semi-finals. The Spaniard faced just one break point in the entire match, which he snuffed out, hitting 35 winners against 13 unforced errors.

"Honestly, it is amazing for me," said Alcaraz after beating his friend. "It's been a dream since I started playing tennis."

The US Open champion, who now has 10 straight wins on grass, was delighted with his performance against his fellow 20-year-old.

The start of the breaker was tight but Rune's double-fault gave Alcaraz a 4/3 lead and he won the next three points to take the first set.

It was a similar story in the second set until Rune dumped a forehand smash into the net in the ninth game to give the Span-



**YOU KNOW WHAT**

**Alcaraz is the youngest semi-finalist at Wimbledon since Djokovic in 2007.**

iard break point.

Alcaraz made no mistake, smoking a backhand down the line to break and holding with ease to move two sets up.

He broke again in the fifth game of the third set, giving Rune a mountain to climb.

The Danish star saved one match point on his own serve but was powerless to stem the tide as Alcaraz served out to reach the last four at the All England Club for the first time.

The Serbian faces Italian eighth seed Jannik Sinner in Friday's other semi-final. Alcaraz is aiming to become the third-youngest player to win the Wimbledon men's singles crown in the Open Era.

If he captures his second major at the All England Club, he is guaranteed to remain as world number one.

## Ashwin's double strike puts West Indies in trouble

AFP | Roseau, Dominica

Ravichandran Ashwin made an immediate impact with two wickets on his return to Test cricket as India reduced the West Indies to 68 for four at lunch on the first day of the opening Test in Dominica yesterday.

Omitted for the World Test Championship final against Australia a month earlier, the 36-year-old spinner removed openers Tagenarine Chanderpaul and Kraigg Brathwaite having being brought into the attack after just 40 minutes' play on what looked a placid pitch offering little assistance for the faster bowlers.

However seam bowling all-rounder Shardul Thakur then had Raymon Reifer caught behind in his first over

while Jermaine Blackwood's luck ran out when he was brilliantly caught by a leaping Mohammed Siraj at mid-off to the bowling of Ashwin's spin partner Ravindra Jadeja in what proved to be the final ball before the interval.

Blackwood was dropped first ball off Ashwin by wicketkeeper Ishan Kishan, one of two debutants for the Indians, the other being 21-year-old Yashasvi Jaiswal, selected to open the batting with captain Rohit Sharma.

Sharma's opposite number, Brathwaite, will be regretting his decision to bat first at this stage as the home side resumes in the afternoon session with local boy and debutant, Alick Athanaze (13 not out) seeking to impress against a confident Indian side.



Ravichandran Ashwin (L) and Rohit Sharma (R), of India, celebrate the dismissal of Tagenarine Chanderpaul, of West Indies, during day one of the First Test between West Indies and India at Windsor Park in Roseau, Dominica

## Messi mulls international retirement, but not quite yet

AFP | Buenos Aires

Argentina World Cup winning captain Lionel Messi says he has no idea when he will finally call time on his international career.

"Even I don't know when. It'll happen when it happens," the 36-year-old said in an interview broadcast on Argentine television on Wednesday.

"After winning everything I want to enjoy the moment and wait for time to tell me when it's the moment," said the seven-time Ballon d'Or winner.

"Logically, given my age, one would expect it to be soon, but I don't know for sure.

"Now that we are American champions (Argentina won the 2021 Copa America) and world champions we have to enjoy that."

He reiterated earlier comments that he was unlikely to be in Argentina's squad when they defend their World Cup title in 2026.

The interview was conducted in China last month, when Messi scored the quickest goal of his career after just 79 seconds in a 2-0 friendly win against Australia in Beijing.

On Tuesday, Messi arrived in Florida to put the final touches on his move to US Major

League Soccer club Inter Miami from Paris Saint-Germain.

He is expected to put pen to paper on a two-and-a-half year deal, reported to be worth \$60 million a year,

before being presented to fans at a stadium event on Sunday.



# Bahraini women capture table tennis gold

● **Maryam Al A'ali, Fatima Al A'ali, Phadke Amruta and Rayan Rashed win all four of their matches en route to securing title**

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Bahrain's women's national table tennis team captured the gold medal in the teams' event at the 15th Arab Games in Algeria.

The Bahrainis consist of Maryam Al A'ali, Fatima Al A'ali, Phadke Amruta and Rayan Rashed.

They captured the title after winning all four of their matches, capping their unbeaten run with a 3-0 result against Syria. They had earlier also triumphed against Iraq, Tunisia, and Jordan

to secure first place.

The nationals were awarded their gold medals at the podium ceremony by Bahrain Olympic Committee member and Bahrain Table Tennis Association (BTTA) president Shaikha Hayat bint Abdulaziz Al Khalifa. Also on hand was Bahrain's director at the Arab Games Noman Al Hassan, and BTTA vice-president Ali Al Madeh.

The women's team's gold medal was Bahrain's first in the sport at the Arab Games, and it brought the delegation's tally to 36 in all sports so far. These include 17 gold medals, 10 silver medals and nine bronze medals.

Two of the medals Bahrain have won were in athletics for people of determination. These were gold by Elias Alyassi and silver by Amal Fardan. The medals won in this sport are not counted on the overall table for the nations' final classification.



Bahrain players and officials celebrate on the podium with their gold medals

# Pizzi named new Bahrain coach

Argentinian tactician takes over helm of senior men's national football team

● **Juan Antonio Pizzi to arrive later this month to officially sign contract**

● **BFA to sign national team technical staff based on Pizzi recommendations**

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Bahrain has named Argentinian tactician Juan Antonio Pizzi as the new head coach of the Kingdom's senior men's national football team.

This was announced yesterday by the Bahrain Football Association (BFA) in a statement issued by BFA secretary general Rashid Al Zoubi.

Al Zoubi said that the BFA's executive management, under the guidance of BFA president Shaikh Ali bin Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa and BFA vice-president His Highness Shaikh Khalifa bin Ali bin Isa Al Khalifa, prepared the contract with the Argentinian coach as per the terms agreed upon.

Al Zoubi added that Pizzi will arrive in Bahrain later this month to officially sign his deal and to work on all arrangements necessary for the national team's preparations in the coming period.

Al Zoubi noted that the rest of the squad's coaching staff, who will be working under Pizzi, will be selected based on his recommendations.

Al Zoubi expressed his best wishes to Pizzi for success in his upcoming mission with the national team.

The BFA began its discussion with Pizzi after talks broke down with his countryman Ricardo Gareca, who was the first

choice to be the replacement of departed Portuguese coach Helio Sousa. Negotiations were in the advanced stages with Gareca, but he eventually turned down the BFA's offer.

The BFA then turned its focus to Pizzi.

The 55-year-old is a former player, born in Argentina but represented Spain at the international level. He began his coaching career in 2005.

Prior to joining Bahrain, Pizzi was the manager of UAE Pro League club Al Wasl. He was also in charge of the national teams of Chile and Saudi Arabia in the past, during which he guided the Chileans to the final of the 2017 FIFA Confederations Cup. During his stint with Saudi, he was in charge of the team at the 2018 FIFA World Cup and the



**Juan Antonio Pizzi will have big shoes to fill in Bahrain, with former coach Helio Sousa being one of the most successful head coaches in the history of the national football team. Sousa's four-year stint with the senior squad was highlighted by their victory in the 24th Gulf Cup in 2019**

2019 AFC Asian Cup.

The BFA had also announced that the board of directors has approved the appointment of Rashid Al Zayani as the new national team manager. He will be assisted by Adel Al Saadoun and Yahya Buallay as administrators.

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The highlight of Sousa's four-year stint with the senior squad was their victory in the 24th Gulf Cup in 2019—the first time Bahrain ever claimed the coveted trophy, ending a wait of nearly 50 years.

Sousa's contract with Bahrain ended in June and was not renewed by the BFA.

# Bahrain Victorious' Bauhaus claims Tour de France stage podium

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Team Bahrain Victorious rider Phil Bauhaus returned to the podium yesterday in the 2023 Tour de France.

The German claimed third overall at the end of the 179.3-kilometre 11th stage.

He was amongst the leaders on the furious sprint to the finish, but had to settle for his final classification behind winner Jasper Philipsen of Alpecin-Deceuninck and runner-up Dylan

Groenewegen of Team Jayco AlUla.

Bauhaus claimed his third podium on this year's tour. He was the only Bahrain Victorious rider to finish in the top 20 yesterday.

His closest teammate was Mikel Landa in 31st, while Nikias Arndt came 35th overall.

Pello Bilbao was classified 38th, Fred Wright 58th, and Jack Haig 101st, while completing the team's riders were Woert Poels and Matej Mohoric in 140th and 141st,

respectively.

Following yesterday's stage, Bilbao was fifth on the individual general classification. Bahrain Victorious, meanwhile, stayed first overall on the team's leaderboard with 1,971.7km complete.

The Tour de France continues today with stage 12, covering

168.8km over a generally hilly terrain.

This year's Tour de France features a total of 3,404km and over 55,000 vertical meters of climbing across 21 stages. The race is the second of three Grand Tour events on this year's Union Cycliste Internationale (UCI) World Tour. A Grand Tour

event is a road cycling race that is one of the three major European professional stage races. The first of the season was the Giro d'Italia held in May, and the third, following the Tour de France 2022, will be the Vuelta a Espana from August 26 to September 17.

Phil Bauhaus competes amongst the leaders down the final sprint during yesterday's stage





Italy's Alessandro Alberto Bovolenta goes for the kill against Brazil



Bulgaria players, led by star Aleksandar Nikolov, second from right, celebrate their win against Poland

# Italy, Bulgaria, Iran in semis

Brazil and Argentina to battle for final spot in final four in 2023 FIVB Men's U21 World Championship

● **Hosts Bahrain come up short against Tunisia in consolation pool**

● **Canada, Egypt, and the Czech Republic all victorious yesterday**

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Defending champions Italy were joined by Bulgaria and Iran last night as teams to have punched their tickets to the semi-finals of the 2023 FIVB Men's U21 World Championship, currently being hosted by the Kingdom of Bahrain.

The trio secured their berths after each winning their second matches in the tournament's elite eight.

The Italians put in an impressive performance to take down previously unbeaten Brazil in four sets. Bulgaria, meanwhile, defeated Poland in straight sets and in the process eliminated their rivals from further title contention, with Iran doing the same against Thailand.

The last spot in the semis will be decided tonight between just two teams: Brazil and Argentina. The Argentinians kept their hopes alive after winning a five-set

thriller over Belgium.

Today marks the conclusion of this second stage of the tournament, with action wrapping up in Pools E and F amongst the elite eight, as well as in Pools G and H in the consolation bracket. The games are being held between two arenas from 11am, with the last fixtures starting at 8pm. Entrance is free and all are invited to watch the action.

Italy showed their class in their 3-1 (25-23, 31-29, 18-25, 25-21) Pool F triumph over Brazil.

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ALESSANDRO ALBERTO BOVOLENTA

It was a doubly sweet victory for the Italians, who got their paycheck from a preliminary round loss and ensured their place in the final four.

"This is special revenge," said opposite spiker and Italy's star player Alessandro Alberto Bovolenta. "This is a game we studied. The third set was not like we usually do, but we won and we are in the semi-finals. We are very happy and I can't wait for the final four."

Bovolenta put on a fantastic display of his limitless potential by scoring 35 points to spearhead the Italians, while outside hitter Riccardo Iervolino added 13 markers. Middle blocker Thiery Felipe Oliveira Morais had 14 to pace Brazil.

The Bulgarians secured their berth in the final four with a resounding 3-0 (25-18, 35-33, 25-18) win against Poland in a fiery Pool E contest.

**Attack**

Star skipper Aleksandar Nikolov scored 18 points, all in attack, to

spearhead the victors, while Venislav Antov had 17, with four block points. Aliaksei Nasevich scored 15 to pace Poland, who will now contest for fifth to eight places.

Bulgarian official Francesco Cadeddu commented: "We played better today. It was a very strong and difficult match with Poland. They have very good players. We can do and we can master in this world championship. I can say good job to our team, and we are waiting for the final four."

Iran asserted themselves against Thailand in a convincing 3-0 (25-11, 25-16, 25-19) win in Pool E. Three players scored nine points apiece for the Iranians, including outside hitters Mastanabad Mobin Nasri and Khanzadeh Firouzjah Poriya, along with middle blocker Fard Shayan Sepehri. Jakkrit Thanomnoi paced the Thais with 11 markers.

In Argentina's tight Pool F decision against the Belgians, they battled back from a set down twice in the game to eke out a 3-2 (21-25, 25-21, 23-25, 28-26, 15-9) result. Opposite German Alfredo Gomez had 28 points for the victors, while middle blocker Imanol Salazar added 18. For the Bel-

gians, outside hitter Pierre Perin had 21, while team captain Ferre Reggers scored 19.

Argentina face off with the Brazilians this evening at 8pm, with the winner booking the last ticket to the final four. The Belgians play Italy, but not even a win will put them through.

In the consolation pools, Tunisia, Canada, Egypt, and the Czech Republic were all winners yesterday.



The Tunisians upset hosts Bahrain 3-2 (25-21, 21-25, 18-25, 25-19, 15-12) in a tight Pool G encounter. Middle blocker Tahar Mahdi Ben had 23 markers for Tunisia while Bahraini opposite Sayed H a s h e m scored 28.

Canada's Iran's Khanzadeh Firouzjah Poriya in action against Thailand

da beat India 3-1 (25-22, 23-25, 25-12, 25-21) in the other Pool G clash. Outside hitter Kaden Schmidt top scorer with 24 points, while opposite Brendan Mills added 20. Aman Kumar had 16 for the Indians in the game.

Canada move on to play for ninth to 12th place following today's concluding games of this second stage. Bahrain, Tunisia and India are vying for the other spot, with the bottom two in their group contesting for 13th to 16th.

Egypt and Mexico played to a thrilling finish, with the Egyptians taking a 3-1 (25-12, 25-15, 22-25, 35-33) victory in Pool H. Ziad Mohamed had 26 points and Hamza Awad 11, while Angel Ivan Dominguez Carrillo scored 21 to lead Mexico.

In the other Pool H match, the Czech Republic outplayed the US 3-0 (25-19, 25-16, 25-17) for their third successive win since the preliminaries. Opposite David Kollator had 14 points and outside hitter Jiri Benda had nine, while Dillon Klein scored 13, all in attack, for the US.

The Czechs and Egyptians will contest for ninth to 12th, while the Americans and Mexicans will play for 13th to 16th following this stage.

**TODAY'S MATCHES**

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

## Bahrain cruise against the Philippines

● **Senior men's national volleyball team claim straight-sets win**

● **Bahrainis to next face Australia in tournament's round of six**

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Bahrain breezed past the Philippines 3-0 (25-20, 25-17, 25-23) yesterday to qualify for the top six in the fourth AVC Men Challenger, currently being held in Chinese-Taipei.

The Bahrainis put in a class performance in the match to secure their place in the next elimination stage.

They will have a tough task ahead when they take on Australia in their follow-

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ing fixture, scheduled for today. The Bahrain team in the tournament includes Mohammed Yaqoob, Mahmood Al Afia, Ali Habib, Nasser Anan, Mahmood Abdulhussain, Mahmoud Abdulwahed, Ali Ebrahim, Ebrahim Mohammed, Abbas Al Khabbaz, Mohammed Jassim, Mohammed Omar, Hani Ali, Ayman Haroona and Abbas Sultan.

They are being guided by head coach Ruben Adrian Wolochin from Argentina.



Bahrain's Mohammed Yaqoob in action against the Philippines yesterday