



Ukraine Soviet-era famine a 'genocide': Council of Europe

AFP | Kyiv

The Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe yesterday recognised the 1930s starvation of millions in Ukraine under Soviet leader Joseph Stalin a "genocide".

The text was voted through almost unanimously with 73 votes in favour and one against at the meeting in Strasbourg, which followed a similar resolution approved by the European Parliament in December last year.

The 1932-33 "Holodomor" - Ukrainian for "death by starvation" - is regarded by Kyiv as a deliberate act of genocide by Stalin's regime with the intention of wiping out the peasantry.

House Republicans struggle to muster support for nominee

AFP | Washington

The Republican nominee to lead the US House of Representatives struggled yesterday to find enough support to win a vote of the full chamber, underlining the mountain he will have to climb to unite the deeply fractured party.

House Republicans picked Majority Leader Steve Scalise as their replacement for ousted speaker Kevin McCarthy in a secret ballot on Wednesday - but only by a narrow margin of 113-99 over hardline rival Jim Jordan.

With just a little over half of Republicans supporting Scalise, the party's hopes for a moment of unity dissolved into more chaos and infighting, nine days after McCarthy's unprecedented removal in a mutiny by right wing lawmakers.

UK economy rebounds

AFP | London

Britain's economic output rebounded in August, powered by the services sector, official data showed yesterday.

Gross domestic product grew 0.2 percent compared with a contraction of 0.6 percent in July, the Office for National Statistics said in a statement.

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Focus on economy, tourism, labour and telecommunications plan



The Deputy King, His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, chaired the 466th Government Executive Committee meeting. The implementation of the Economic Recovery Plan's 2022-2026 tourism sector strategy, labour market regulations development, and the sixth National Telecommunications Plan were reviewed.

45 die, dozens hurt in Israeli air strike

Gaza humanitarian crisis worsens: No electricity, no water, no food, and no hope

Israel's ultimatum: Release hostages in exchange for basic necessities for Palestinians

Agencies

An Israeli air strike yesterday afternoon in the Jabaliya refugee camp collapsed a residential building on families sheltering inside, killing at least 45 people, Gaza's Interior Ministry said.

At least 23 of the dead were under the age of 18, including a month-old child, according to a list of the casualties.

Ministry spokesman Eyad Bo-

zum said dozens were wounded and the death toll was likely to rise as rescue workers were still pulling bodies from the rubble.

The humanitarian crisis in Gaza, where around 2.3 million people reside, further deepened yesterday, with food and water running out and Israel taking the stance that it will not restore electricity, water, or food supply to the Palestinian enclave without the release of hostages allegedly held by Hamas activists.

By noon, the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) said the humanitarian situation in Gaza will become unmanageable very quickly. By yesterday morning, hospitals in Gaza stopped providing care to all but emergency cases, faced with the lack of electricity and



A fireball erupts from an Israeli airstrike in Gaza City yesterday. (AFP)

supplies.

Rafah, Gaza's border crossing point with Egypt, remains closed, thereby making replenishment of fuel to run generators impossible. Hamas health ministry said yesterday afternoon that the death toll has risen to 1,354, as dozens were killed following a massive Israeli bombardment and over 6,000 have suffered injuries.

Yesterday morning, HRH Prince Mohammed bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, Crown Prince and Prime Minister of Saudi Arabia, spoke to Iran President Ebrahim Raisi by phone about the Israel-Palestine conflict, AFP said quoting Saudi state media.

(Detailed coverage on World page).

Digital cosmos journey



Visitors are seen during the new digital exhibition 'Destination Cosmos - An Infinite Journey' at the former gas plant Phoenix West in Dortmund, western Germany yesterday. In 2023, production company Culturespaces created an immersive art centre at the Phoenix Halle, a former gas treating plant, part of the famous Phoenix West blast furnace. The exhibition is open to the public until January 5, 2024. (AFP)

NASA probe set to journey to 'metal-rich asteroid'

AFP | Washington

It's a world like no other: a metal-rich asteroid that could be the remnants of a small planet, or perhaps an entirely new type of celestial body unknown to science. A NASA probe is set to blast off today bound for Psyche, an object 2.2 billion miles (3.5 billion kilometres) away that could offer clues about the interior of planets like Earth.

"We've visited either in person or robotically worlds made of rock, worlds made of ice and worlds made of gas...

but this will be our first time visiting a world that has a metal surface," lead scientist Lindy Elkins-Tanton told reporters during a briefing this week.

NASA and SpaceX are targeting Friday at 10:19 am Eastern Time (1419 GMT) for launch off today bound for Psyche, an object 2.2 billion miles (3.5 billion kilometres) away that could offer clues about the interior of planets like Earth.

The van-sized probe should arrive at its destination in the Asteroid Belt, between Mars and Jupiter, in July 2029.

HM King, HRH Prince Salman receive cables of thanks

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, received cables of thanks from Chinese President Xi Jinping, in reply to their congratulations on his country's National Day.

HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister received a similar cable from the Premier of the State Council of China, HE Li Qiang.

HM the King and HRH Prince Salman received cables of thanks



HM the King



HRH Prince Salman



Chinese President



Morocco King

HM King Hamad and HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister for their sincere feelings

and prayers, wishing Bahrain and its people further security and prosperity.

His Majesty received a cable of thanks from President Kim Jong Un of North Korea, in reply to HM's congratulations on North Korean National Day.

His Royal Highness received a cable of thanks from the President of the Republic of Armenia, HE Vahagn Khachaturyan, in response to HRH's cable of congratulations on Armenia's Independence Day.

HRH Prince Salman received a similar cable from the Prime Minister, HE Nikol Pashinyan.

from His Majesty King Mohammed VI of Morocco, in reply to

their condolences over the victims of the earthquake.

HM King Mohammed expressed his appreciation to

HRH Deputy King restructures Labour Fund board of directors

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The Deputy King, His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, yesterday issued Decree (94)

of 2023, restructuring the Board of Directors of the Labour Fund, based on a proposal by the Prime Minister, and following the approval of the Cabinet.

The decree stipulates the fol-

lowing:

Article (1)

The Board of Directors of the Labour Fund shall be restructured under the chairmanship of His Highness Shaikh Isa bin Salman

bin Hamad Al Khalifa, and the membership of: HE Hamad bin Faisal Al Malki, HE Nour bint Ali Al Khulaif, Waleed Ibrahim Kano, Bassem Mohammad Al Saei, Mohammad Farouq Al Moayyad,

Dr. Youssef Yaqoub Al Mas, Yaqoub Youssef Muhammad, and Hassan Abdullah Al Halwaji.

The term of their membership in the Council shall be four years.

Article (II)

The Prime Minister shall implement the provisions of this decree, which takes immediate effect and will be published in the Official Gazette.

BDF unit inspection



Field Marshal Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, Bahrain Defence Force Commander-in-Chief, paid an inspection visit to a BDF unit. The commander-in-chief was briefed on the unit's military preparedness, as well as its workflow. Field Marshal Shaikh Khalifa said that the BDF continues the military development at various levels thanks to the constant care of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, the Supreme Commander, and the follow up of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander, and Prime Minister.

Praise for royal support



General Shaikh Rashid bin Abdullah Al Khalifa, the Interior Minister, received the Director-General of Verdict Enforcement and Alternative Sentencing, Shaikh Khalid bin Rashid Al Khalifa. The minister affirmed that the reform approach of the alternative sentencing and the open prisons programmes were supported by His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, commending the ongoing support of the government headed by HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister for these initiatives. General Shaikh Rashid appreciated the professionalism and high performance of the directorate's affiliates, noting that the graduation of the first batch of the open prisons programme was a success story that made the alternative sanctions project a reformation and rehabilitation an exemplary model in human rights and community service.

Investment opportunities



Dr. Mohammed bin Mubarak Bin Daina, Minister of Oil and Environment and Special Envoy for Climate Affairs, received Alastair Long, UK Ambassador to Bahrain. The meeting discussed enhancing investment opportunities in the oil and environmental sectors. Dr. Bin Daina affirmed Bahrain's keenness to strengthen cooperation with various countries to consolidate and develop strategic partnerships in various fields, especially in the oil and environmental sectors. Ambassador Long commended Bahrain's achievements in the oil and environmental sectors, wishing the Kingdom success within the framework of its comprehensive development process.

MP Al Dhaen congratulates His Highness Shaikh Isa bin Salman on new position

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empower them.

Empowering Bahrainis

MP Dr. Maryam Al Dhaen has congratulated His Highness Shaikh Isa bin Salman on his appointment as the President of the Board of Directors of the Fund for Action to Empower.

The appointment marks a new era of empowerment for Bahrainis, prioritising citizens and providing them with support and opportunities in the labour market.

Dr. Al Dhaen believes that the appointment of His Highness has brought about a sense of optimism among the citizens of Bahrain, as it signals the start of a new era that aims to fulfil their aspirations and

The Fund will now actively work towards supporting and empowering Bahrainis in the labour market.

Under His Highness' chairmanship, the Fund will be able to contribute significantly to the betterment of Bahraini society by providing the necessary support and opportunities in the labour market.

Furthermore, Dr. Al Dhaen expressed her optimism that the Fund for Action will now focus its support on Bahrainis, rather than foreigners who have exploited the Fund for personal gain. It is time to redirect the re-



MP Dr. Maryam Al Dhaen

sources of the Fund towards the citizens and help them thrive in the labour market. She placed her full confidence in His Highness' ability to address any irregularities or abuses that have affected the Fund in the past.

This includes filling any gaps or deficiencies that have occurred over the years and steering the Fund back on track to achieve the best national achievements possible. This appointment marks a turning point for the Fund for Action to Empower, signalling a new era of empowerment for Bahrainis.

Dr. Al Dhaen believes that under His Highness' chairmanship, the Fund will be able to contribute significantly to the betterment of Bahraini society by providing the necessary support and opportunities in the labour market. This appointment signifies a commitment to prioritise the citizens and ensure that they have the tools and resources needed to succeed.

Bahrain, Kazakhstan hold talks on tolerance and coexistence

Astana | Kazakhstan

Dr. Shaikh Abdulla bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the King Hamad Global Centre for Peaceful Coexistence, held a meeting with Sarsenbayev Bulat Sergazievich, Chairman of the N. Nazarbayev Centre for Development of Interfaith and Intercivilisation Dialogue, on the sidelines of the 21st Session of the Secretariat of the Congress of Leaders of World and Traditional Religions, held here.

Dr. Shaikh Abdulla bin Ahmed affirmed the depth of the Bahraini-Kazakh relations, indicating that both countries are keen to promote the values and principles of tolerance and coexistence in the world, and to provide room for dialogue and rapprochement among various religions and cultures.

He underlined the impor-



Dr. Shaikh Abdulla bin Ahmed with Sergazievich

tance of developing constructive cooperation between the King Hamad Global Centre for Peaceful Coexistence and the N. Nazarbayev Centre for Development of Interfaith and Intercivilisation Dialogue.

This will achieve the goals of the Declaration of the Kingdom of Bahrain and the Congress of Leaders of World and Traditional Religions, as well as establish cognitive integration, and religious tolerance, in ad-

dition to spreading intellectual enlightenment, in a way that contributes to supporting global peace and security, and achieving growth and prosperity for all, he said.

The Board of Trustees Chairman of the King Hamad Global Centre for Peaceful Coexistence stressed the need to coordinate joint efforts related to increasing awareness of rapprochement, respecting cultural differences and diversity, instill-

ing spiritual and moral values among young people, as well as combating misconceptions and ideas, especially the issue of Islamophobia, in addition to taking the necessary measures to confront intolerance, racism and hatred.

Dr. Shaikh Abdulla bin Ahmed highlighted the positive role played by the King Hamad Global Centre for Peaceful Coexistence, as a global institution for defending human values without discrimination, and demonstrating the essence of the principles of moderation and human fraternity, noting that the centre reflects His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa's enlightened vision regarding the protection of religious freedoms and the dissemination of the values of tolerance and moderation, towards a more peaceful, secure and prosperous world.

Three Africans arrested over counterfeit currency scam

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The General Directorate of Criminal Investigation and Forensic Science has successfully apprehended three individuals of African nationality who were engaged in fraudulent activities.

They were falsely claiming to possess millions of counterfeit dollars and were attempting to sell them at half their purported value. Following received information about the activities of these three individuals, an investigation was launched, leading to the identification and subsequent arrest of the suspects.

They were caught red-handed while in the act of selling counterfeit currency. Upon their apprehension, author-



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ities discovered significant amounts of cash and tools used in the production of counterfeit notes in their possession.

The General Directorate of Criminal Investigation and Forensic Science stated that necessary legal measures are being taken in preparation for referring the apprehended individuals to public prosecution for further action.

Employee faces trial for alleged salary fraud scheme

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An employee of a private company is facing trial for allegedly obtaining an unauthorised salary increase by exploiting the firm's electronic payroll system.

The individual reportedly snatched a coworker's password to illegally access the system of the company. According to a police report, the employee used the credentials to inflate his salary without proper approval.

Investigators revealed that the scheme was uncovered when the company's IT manager noticed discrepancies in payroll records and flagged suspicious transactions. The



matter was referred to the Electronic Crimes Department, which conducted a forensic audit of the system and provided detailed evidence to prosecutors.

The Public Prosecution has now brought charges against the individual based on the findings of the audit and witness statements. The case will be heard in the Third Minor Criminal Court later this month.

US Congress delegation pays visit to Salman City



US Congress visitors are briefed about Salman City's housing units and infrastructure services

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A delegation of employees from the US House of Representatives and the Senate toured Salman City.

The delegation was introduced to the city's urban renaissance and witnessed the exemplary housing units and infrastructure services it offers. An informative video showcased the housing achievements made possible by the comprehensive devel-

opment process led by His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa.

During the visit, the delegation learned about the significant milestones in Bahrain's housing journey over the past 60 years, including meeting the housing needs of thousands of Bahraini families and the provision of 40,000 housing units through the royal directives of His Majesty the King. The majority of these units are part of residential city projects.

A grand tribute to three theatre icons

Bahrain festival to honour Khalifa Aloraifi, Abdullah Al-Saadawi and Abdulla Yousif next month



Abdullah Malik



Khalifa Aloraifi



Abdulla Yousif



Abdullah Al-Saadawi

● A fitting way to recognise the artistes' significant contributions and achievements

Mahir Haneef
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Three stalwarts of Bahrain's theatre industry will be honoured in the upcoming Bahrain Theatre Festival early next month.

The announcement was made by Abdullah Malik, President of Bahrain Theatres Union and Chairman of the Supreme Committee, while confirming the launch of the second edition of the annual festival.

Khalifa Aloraifi, Abdullah Al-Saadawi and Abdulla Yousif, being the three major artistes in Bahrain, will be honoured at the festival for their contributions and achievements in the Bahraini theatre industry, the president of the union said.

Bahraini actor, director, and author Khalifa Aloraifi is considered one of the pioneers of the theatrical movement in the Kingdom. His pivotal role resulted in the establishment of many cultural institutions such as the Family of Writers, Awal Theatre, and the National Cultural Forum. He also wrote short stories and novels, in addition to plays and television series, and directed many programmes.

Abdullah Al-Saadawi is a Bahraini actor whose notable theatrical works include "Hostages," "The Two Friends," "The Bottom," and "Men of the Sea." "Scorial," which was produced along with Al Sawari Theatre, won praise from the jury in the 1993 Cairo International Festival for Experimental Theatre. His play "The Gag" won the Award for Best Direction in the



Abdullah Malik and other officials at the press meet

international category the next year at the Cairo International Festival. He then went on to scoop awards for his plays 'The Communion' in 1996 and 'The Innocent Child' in 1998. Shortly after, he presented 'The Catastrophe' and followed it with three short plays in the next three years named 'My Fantastic Son', 'Por Treh', and 'Life is Not Serious'. Abdullah Al-Saadawi continues to play an active role in the theatre industry.

A visual and theatrical artist and television director, Abdulla Yousif has many theatrical works to his credit, including the plays 'Al-Baraha', Bint Al-Nukhatha, and 'Faces'. These plays were based on the works of Bahraini poet Qasim Haddad. Abdulla Yousif's dramatic works include 'The Cart', 'Salt and Ashes', and 'Bin Aql'. Through his works, he tried to document the reality of life and coupled it with strong portrayals based on his imagination that resulted in works showing modern and contemporary life. Being one of the distinguished plastic artists in Bahrain, he has a special visual artistic glimpse at the life around him that formed the basis of his theatrical and dramatic works. Many of his artworks are featured at the Bahrain National Museum and in many elegant airports and elegant places around the world.



The theatre festival in which the artistes will be honoured will be held from November 4th to 10th at Bahrain Cultural Hall in Manama. The festival will be named after the late Dr. Ibrahim Ghuloom in appreciation of his prominent role in enriching the theatrical movement in the region.

Being the masters of drama, the responses of the stalwarts to the decision to honour them at the festival was equally dramatic and reflected the artistic pain and suffering of a generation of artistes.

Abdullah Al-Saadawi asked, "Does an artist need to die for people to know him?" Khalifa Aloraifi said, "Life is a set of puzzles whose answers I am searching for."

Abdulla Yousif stated, "The

Gulf countries did not witness a real relationship between the literary and artistic movements."

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At the festival, Awal Theatre will present 'Bodies and Colours', Al-Sawari Theater will feature 'A Redundant Child', Gilgamesh Theatre will stage 'The Silence of Ishtar', Alreef Theatre will perform 'On the Other Bank', and Al Bayader Theatre will render 'Whispers'.

Held under the auspices of Bahrain Authority for Culture and Antiquities (BACA) and in cooperation with the Arab Theatre Institute, the festival will see participation from all five local theatre groups.

The jury committee includes Dr. Sameh Mahran from Egypt as the president and five Bahraini judges from different theatre groups, along with the president of the training and development committee.

The festival will also include a seminar about theatre and its impact on the culture, revealed the officials.

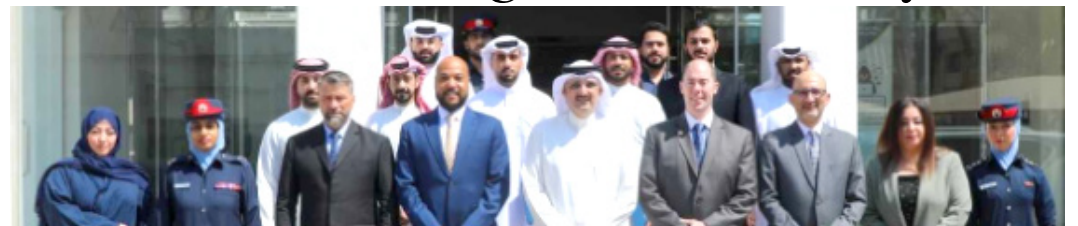
Training course on dark web investigation successfully ends

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The Training Directorate and the Joint Counterterrorism Centre have concluded a training on dark web investigation.

Held in coordination with the United States Embassy, the training covered the Interior Ministry's affiliates.

The Director-General of Anti-Corruption and Economic



Brigadier Bassam Al Miraj with event organisers and participants

and Electronic Security, Brigadier Bassam Al Miraj, asserted the importance of the training to

enhance the participants' skills to reach websites on the dark web that terrorists use on the inter-

net. He continued that the course was an opportunity to learn new investigation capabilities.

For cleaner environment and healthy community

Capital Governorate organises coastal clean-up campaign in Seef District

● Event celebrates Urban Month, 1,200 volunteers take part

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The Capital Governorate organised a successful campaign in the Seef District to clean the coasts in celebration of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme's Urban Month.

More than 1,200 volunteers participated in the event,



Participants in the eco-friendly activity

highlighting the governorate's commitment to preserving the environment and promoting a

healthy society. The campaign aimed to raise awareness about the importance

of cleanliness and community partnership in maintaining the coasts. Volunteers diligently worked to remove waste and collect plastic materials for recycling.

Dedication

Mr. Youssef Yacoub Lori, Director of the Information and Follow-up Department in the Capital Governorate, stressed the governorate's dedication to using global days and events

to promote environmental preservation and community health.

The campaign aimed to foster community partnership and improve coastal cleanliness by removing waste and collecting plastic materials for recycling.

Dr. Fernanda Lonardone, Head of the United Nations Human Settlements Program in Bahrain, commended the community's dedication to protecting the environment for a sustainable future.



Bahrain takes part in Russian energy forum

Moscow

Faihan Mohammed Al Faihani, Acting Undersecretary of the Ministry of Oil, and Ahmed Abdulrahman Al Saati, Bahrain's Ambassador to Moscow, participated in the sixth session of the International Forum (Russian Energy Week), held in Moscow, Russia.

The theme of this year's forum is (The New Reality of Global Energy: Building the Future). The forum included multiple activities, including workshops, lectures, and dialogue sessions.

Senior officials from Russia, foreign and Arab countries, heads of international energy companies and organisations, and experts representing many Russian and international companies, participated in the forum.

They highlighted topics related to sustainable development, the development of the fuel and energy industry, and digital transformation in the oil sector. The forum discussed the main challenges facing the energy sector such as development problems, and global energy development prospects programs.

The forum also discussed issues related to energy transition, climate protection, digital transformation of the energy industry, and training of cadres.

GCC justice meeting



Nawaf bin Mohammed Al Maawda, Minister of Justice, Islamic Affairs and Endowments, participated in the 33rd meeting of the Ministers of Justice of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) countries. The meeting reviewed the draft agreement on the extradition of accused persons in the GCC countries, and the project to develop the agreement on the enforcement of judgments, judicial cooperation and service in the GCC countries. They discussed Oman's initiative to enhance judicial integration among the GCC countries. The ministers issued several recommendations to be submitted to the Supreme Council in its next session.

First Bahrain Psychiatry Conference held

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Lieutenant General Dr. Shaikh Mohammed bin Abdullah Al Khalifa, Chairman of the Supreme Council of Health (SCH), inaugurated the First Bahrain Psychiatry Conference.

Dr. Jalila bint Sayed Jawad Hassan, Health Minister, Shaikh Hisham bin Abdulaziz Al Khalifa, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Governmental Hospitals, and Dr. Ahmed Mohammed Al Ansari, CEO of Government Hospitals, were present.

He highlighted that organising this event embodied the



Dr. Shaikh Mohammed bin Abdullah with Dr. Jalila and Dr. Al Ansari

Kingdom's distinguished position in hosting leading medical conferences to exchange

expertise. Twenty-eight speakers from the GCC and Egypt participated

in the conference, and over 30 research papers on psychiatry were presented.

Inspection campaigns



The Labour Market Regulatory Authority (LMRA) announced the implementation of three inspection campaigns, which resulted in monitoring a number of violations related to the provisions of a number of regulating laws, especially the Labour Market Regulatory Authority Law and the Residency Law in Bahrain. The authority continues to intensify joint efforts to activate regulatory tools to address illegal practices in the labour market, to ensure its fairness and stability, and enhance its productivity. The LMRA noted that legal measures were taken regarding the observed violations.

Caring for older persons



Col. Ammar Al Sayed, with participants at the event

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The Public Security Presidency, in cooperation with the General Directorate of Human Resources, has marked the International Day for Older

Persons at the General Directorate for Women Police.

Assistant Chief of Public Security for Community Affairs, Col. Ammar Al Sayed, asserted the importance of appreciating the elderly by providing initia-

tives to serve and provide them with their requirements.

The ceremony included security and health lectures and a film on the role of the Community Police in promoting community partnership.

'Kingdom Security 9' exercise

Bahrain Defense Force (BDF) concluded yesterday the joint exercise "Kingdom Security 9" carried out by the Royal Bahrain Naval Force and the Coast Guard Command at the Ministry of Interior. The exercise conducted a set of naval operations and tactical maneuvers and applied joint field training on direct response mechanisms, aimed at consolidating cooperation and coordination to counter piracy and smuggling and secure maritime navigation in regional waters.



BisB organises Commutation Finance event at Budaiya Financial Mall



Officials of BisB and SIO after signing the agreement

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Bahrain Islamic Bank (BisB), the leading provider of Islamic digital banking services in the Kingdom of Bahrain, signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Social Insurance Organisation (SIO) to provide Sharia-compliant commutation services starting October 2023.

The signing ceremony recently took place at the SIO headquarters in the presence of Yaser Alsharifi, Chief Executive Officer of BisB, and Eman Al-Murbati, Chief Executive Officer of the Social Insurance Organization.

In collaboration with the SIO, the Bank will be hosting an event focusing on its commutation finance services, set to take place today and tomorrow from 10 am to 6 pm at the Bank's Financial Mall in Budaiya.

The event will focus on offering facilitated, Sharia-com-

pliant commutation solutions from under one roof.

The initiative also aims to provide customers with convenient, streamlined services and to answer all their questions regarding the commutation offering.

Yaser Alsharifi, Chief Executive Officer at BisB, said: "We are pleased to be the first bank to partner with the Social Insurance Organization to launch commutation services for insured customers and pensioners. We are also delighted to be the first bank to organize this event with the SIO as we hope to better serve our citizens and offer exceptional, seamless services."

Eman Al-Murbati, Chief Executive Officer of the SIO, expressed her pleasure to begin collaborating with Islamic banks to deliver Sharia-compliant services for retirees in line with the terms and conditions displayed in insurance laws and amendments.

IEA says risk of oil supply disruptions is limited

AFP | Paris

The International Energy Agency said yesterday the risk of oil supply disruptions due to the conflict between Israel and Hamas is limited but that it stands ready to intervene in markets if necessary.

The Paris-based agency, in addition to its analysis and advisory roles, coordinates the release of emergency stocks held by its 31 mostly advanced-economy member nations.

A weekend attack by Hamas on Israel, and Israeli's military retaliation, have left thousands dead and rattled oil markets, amid fears that other nations might intervene and possibly disrupt shipments in the Middle East.

The region accounts for more than one-third of the world's seaborne oil shipments.



US troops patrol near an oil well in al-Qahtaniyah in Syria's northeastern Hasakah province (file photo)

"While the prospect that oil supply flows will be impacted currently remains limited, the deadly strikes prompted traders to price in a higher geopolitical risk premium," the IEA said in its regular monthly report.

"There has been no direct impact on physical supply," it added.

But with supply and demand on the oil market currently tightly balanced, the IEA said it "stands ready to act if necessary to ensure markets remain adequately supplied".

Oil prices jumped at the start of the conflict but have since eased as there was no immediate disruption to supply flows

and other nations have not intervened.

Yet prices remain relatively high as a result of supply cuts by Saudi Arabia and Russia, with the IEA also warning it was beginning to see signs of demand destruction.

The oil market has for months been caught in a tug-of-war between concerns about supplies and demand as high energy prices, combined with interest rate hikes in most advanced nations to combat inflation, leave consumers squeezed.

"There has been some evidence of large-scale demand destruction, especially in lower-income countries, like Nigeria, Pakistan and Egypt, and signs of accelerating declines within some OECD markets including the United States," said the IEA, referring to the OECD club of advanced economies.

Tamkeen supports Al Helli Supermarket expansion, creating 86 jobs

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The Labour Fund (Tamkeen) announced its support for Al Helli Supermarket with its latest expansion plan that includes the opening of three new outlets in Demistan, Salmabad, and Al Alawi Mall in Sanad.

This is facilitated through Tamkeen's Business Growth program and comes as part of its ongoing efforts to support the employment of local talent. The project will be executed through the parent company, Mirza Al Helli & Sons.

The expansion represents a



Officials of Tamkeen and Al Helli Supermarket pose for a photo

milestone in the supermarket's journey, and Tamkeen will support the employment of national talent across various positions in the organization. This expansion project will provide 86 jobs for Bahrainis, while 161

employees will benefit from wage increment support, and 13 employees will be promoted to leadership roles.

Khalid AlBayat, Chief Growth Officer at Tamkeen commented: "We are pleased to support Al

Helli Supermarket and incentivize the growing retail sector which contributes 4.2% to the overall GDP. The expansion project comes in line with our ongoing efforts to recruit and promote local talent."

Egg shortage leaves supermarket shelves empty in South Africa

AFP | Johannesburg

Supermarket retailers in South Africa said they were grappling with an egg shortage triggered by a major bird flu outbreak that has seen shelves going empty across the coun-

try in recent weeks.

Grocery store chains said they have been forced to hike prices and ration eggs, as producers contend with the disease, which has caused the loss of millions of chickens since April

Bahrain Chamber to join efforts to encourage Bahraini-Ethiopian trade relations

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Chairman of the Bahrain Chamber, Sameer Nass, met with the Consul General of Ethiopia to Bahrain Ambassador, Shiferaw Geneti, on Wednesday at the Bahrain Chamber Headquarters.

The meeting, held in the presence of Bahrain Chamber's Board Member, Prof. Waheeb Alkhaja, emphasized the strong ties between Bahrain and Ethiopia, particularly in the economic sector.

During the meeting, Nass commended the robust Bahraini-Ethiopian relations across various domains and praised Ethiopia's dynamic and growing economy.

He put forth a proposal to facilitate business-to-business (B2B) meetings between Bahraini and Ethiopian entrepreneurs, with the goal of enhancing and expanding



Chairman of the Bahrain Chamber, Sameer Nass speaks with the Consul General of Ethiopia to Bahrain, Ambassador Shiferaw Geneti

the business connections between the two nations.

Geneti expressed his gratitude for the warm welcome and acknowledged the already-existing business relations between Bahrain and Ethiopia.

He urged both sides to further enrich

and strengthen these ties, making full use of Ethiopia's diverse resources.

The Ambassador encouraged Bahraini businessmen to consider investments in Ethiopia's food sector, highlighting its potential for mutual benefit between the two countries.

Musk's X rebuffs disinfo claims on Israel violence

AFP | Washington

Elon Musk's social media platform X has defended itself against claims from the European Union that it is failing to tackle disinformation around the violence in Israel and Gaza.

The firm's CEO Linda Yaccarino wrote that the platform had "taken action to remove or label tens of thousands of pieces of content" and removed

hundreds of accounts linked to Hamas, which attacked Israel on Saturday.

She addressed the letter dated Wednesday to EU internal market commissioner Thierry Breton, who had traded barbs with Musk on social media on Tuesday after accusing the platform of allowing "violent and terrorist content" to circulate.

Tesla and SpaceX boss Musk bought the platform, then



An illustration photo shows the Twitter page of Elon Musk in front of the new X Twitter logo and old bird Twitter logo

known as Twitter, for \$44 billion last year and sparked widespread alarm by gutting its staff, including content moderators, in a bid to save money.

Breton, the EU's self-styled "digital enforcer", demanded on Tuesday that Musk and Mark Zuckerberg, whose Meta group includes Facebook and Instagram, provide details of how they were tackling "illegal content and disinformation".

Bahrain Chamber, Algerian Ambassador discuss bilateral business ties



Ambassador of Algeria to Bahrain, Dr. Mahmoud Braham with Chairman of the Bahrain Chamber, Sameer Nass and other officials

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The Chairman of the Bahrain Chamber, Sameer Nass, and the Ambassador of Algeria to the Kingdom of Bahrain, Dr. Mahmoud Braham, met on Wednesday at the Chamber's headquarters to discuss bilateral business relations between Bahrain and Algeria.

During the discussion, specific sectors such as industry, mining, food processing, banking, and tourism were identified as areas with significant potential for collaboration.

The importance of faci-

lating the exchange of business delegations and organising joint business events to strengthen relationships and promote mutual investments was emphasized.

The meeting also highlighted Algeria's new investment law, enacted in 2022, which offers promising opportunities for investors looking to access Algeria's thriving market.

The Chamber's First Vice-Chairman Khalid Najibi, Bureau members Bassim Al Saie and Ahmed Al Saloom, board member Prof Waheeb Al Khaja, and Acting CEO Atef Al Khaja were present at the meeting.

News in brief

Top court delays Madagascar presidential vote by a week



◆ Madagascar's top court yesterday ordered that presidential elections be postponed by one week, amid high political tensions after disputes over the regularity of the vote. For more than a week, opposition parties have held demonstrations against what they call an "institutional coup" to keep outgoing president Andry Rajoelina in power. "The Constitutional Court, by virtue of its regulatory power, orders the postponement of the first round of the presidential election to November 16, 2023," the court wrote in a ruling. Voters in the Indian Ocean island nation were initially due to head to the polls on November 9.

The Japanese government said yesterday it was seeking to strip official recognition from the Unification Church, the influential sect under intense scrutiny since the assassination of former prime minister Shinzo Abe.

Japan moves to strip Unification Church of government recognition



Prime Minister Fumio Kishida last year ordered a probe into the church after it emerged that Abe's alleged killer was motivated by resentment against the group. It has been accused of pressuring its followers into making hefty donations and blamed for child neglect among its members.

Two dead in suspected migrant smuggling accident in Hungary



◆ Two people died and six others were injured when a car thought to be smuggling people through Hungary overturned yesterday, Hungarian police said. Since July, there has been a rise compared to previous months in the number of undocumented migrants and asylum seekers crossing from Serbia into Hungary, which is a member of the European Union. The car driver refused to stop for a routine inspection and instead sped off, losing control at a nearby bend in the road, according to the police. The vehicle swerved, hit a tree and overturned.

CURIOSER & CURIOSER

Scientists pry a secret from the 'Mona Lisa' about how Leonardo painted the masterpiece



Journalists walk past Leonardo da Vinci's Mona Lisa during a visit of the Louvre museum (file photo)
AP | Paris

The "Mona Lisa" has given up another secret.

Using X-rays to peer into the chemical structure of a tiny speck of the celebrated work of art, scientists have gained new insight into the techniques that Leonardo da Vinci used to paint his groundbreaking portrait of the woman with the exquisitely enigmatic smile. The research, published Wednesday in the Journal of the American Chemical Society, suggests that the famously curious, learned and inventive Italian Renaissance master may have been in a particularly experimental mood when he set to work on the "Mona Lisa" early in the 16th century.

The oil-paint recipe that Leonardo used as his base layer to prepare the panel of poplar wood appears to have been different for the "Mona Lisa," with its own distinctive chemical signature, the team of scientists and art historians in France and Britain discovered.

"He was someone who loved to experiment, and each of his paintings is completely different technically," said Victor Gonzalez, the study's lead author and a chemist at France's top research body, the CNRS. Gonzalez has studied the chemical compositions of dozens of works by Leonardo, Rembrandt and other artists.

"In this case, it's interesting to see that indeed there is a specific technique for the ground layer of 'Mona Lisa,'" he said in an interview with The Associated Press.

Specifically, the researchers found a rare compound, plumbonacrite, in Leonardo's first layer of paint. The discovery, Gonzalez said, confirmed for the first time what art historians had previously only hypothesized: that Leonardo most likely used lead oxide powder to thicken and help dry his paint as he began working on the portrait that now stares out from behind protective glass in the Louvre Museum in Paris.

Israeli air strike kills 45 Palestinians

Israel deploys forces, tanks and other military hardware to Gaza border in preparation for possible ground invasion

● Blinken says Palestinians have "legitimate aspirations"

Agencies

An Israeli military airstrike on a residential building in the densely populated Jabaliya refugee camp in northern Gaza killed at least 45 people and wounded dozens of others yesterday.

The airstrike hit the centre of the Jabalia camp in the late afternoon, according to Eyad Bozum, a spokesperson for the Gaza Interior Ministry.

The building was packed with dozens of people, some of whom had fled earlier attacks, Bozum added.

The death toll is expected to rise as civil defence workers continue to search for bodies in the rubble.

Secretary of State Antony Blinken said the Palestinians also have "legitimate aspirations" but also vowed US support for Israel in its war with Hamas.

The attack killed 1,200 people in Israel while Hamas took about 150 hostages in their surprise on-



Smoke plumes billow during Israeli air strikes in Gaza City

slaught from Gaza Saturday. Israel has retaliated by raining air and artillery strikes on Hamas targets in Gaza for six days, claiming over 1,350 lives.

Israel has deployed forces, tanks and other military hardware to the Gaza border, AFP journalists said, as it prepared for a

possible ground invasion of the Palestinian territory after what has been labelled Israel's 9/11.

Israeli fighter-jets and drones flew above Gaza City in the relentless bombardment that has levelled entire blocks and destroyed thousands of buildings, while Hamas had now fired more

than 5,000 rockets at Israel from Gaza, the army said.

Blinken hinted at the need for an eventual peace settlement -- an idea that has long met resistance from the right-wing Netanyahu.

He said Palestinian people have "their legitimate aspirations to live with equal measures of secu-

Israel-Hamas war a 'new cloud' over world economy: IMF

AFP | Marrakesh

The war between Israel and Hamas has cast a shadow over the IMF-World Bank annual meetings in Morocco, with warnings yesterday that it has darkened the outlook for an already sluggish global economy.

The global lenders are holding their gathering, which brings together finance ministers and central bankers from around the world, in an Arab country for the first time in 20 years.

The conflict has raised concerns about its potential impact on the world economy.

Speaking at a press conference in Marrakesh, IMF Managing Director Kristalina Georgieva said the International Monetary Fund was "very closely monitoring how the situation evolves" and how it is affecting oil markets.

She said it was "too early" to assess the impact of the conflict, but "this is a new cloud on not the sunniest horizon for the world economy -- new cloud, darkening this horizon."

Georgieva noted that the IMF's World Economic Outlook, which was released earlier this week but drafted before the conflict broke out, already showed weak global growth.

Egypt receives humanitarian aid bound for Gaza

AFP | Cairo

The first shipment of humanitarian aid arrived in Egypt's Sinai yesterday from Jordan, state-affiliated media reported, to be transported into Gaza, which Israel has been bombarding for days following a surprise Hamas attack.

El-Arish airport, 50 kilometres (30 miles) away from the Rafah border crossing into Gaza, "has been designated by Egyptian authorities to receive international humanitarian aid from different parties and international organisations", Egypt's foreign ministry said in a statement yesterday.

It was not immediately clear when the aid would arrive in Gaza, after three Israeli air strikes on the Rafah border crossing -- the only entry point into Gaza not controlled by Israel -- resulted in its closure.

Calls for aid to Gaza have multiplied, including from United Nations chief Antonio Guterres, who spoke with Egyptian President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi on Wednesday.

Blinken says will visit Egypt, UAE on Hamas

AFP | Cairo

US Secretary of State Antony Blinken said yesterday he will visit Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Qatar and Jordan to put pressure on Hamas after the surprise attack.

Blinken announced the additional visit during a press conference after talks in Israel. He said the visit was part of a "diplomatic effort" to bring about a ceasefire. Blinken has previously announced visits to Jordan, where he met with King Abdullah II and Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas on Friday, and then Qatar late last week.

Blinken announced he would visit the United Arab Emirates and Saudi Arabia before the crisis had taken the form of a full-scale US-backed push to force a ceasefire in Israel.

In each stop, "we will continue to help prevent the conflict from escalating and to use their leverage on Hamas and unconditionally release their prisoners," Blinken told a news conference in Tel Aviv.

Over 40% of Antarctica's ice shelves lost mass in 25 years: study

AFP | London

More than 40 percent of Antarctica's ice shelves lost volume in 25 years, increasing the risk of sea levels rising and with human-induced warming the likely cause, scientists said yesterday.

Ice shelves are freshwater extensions of the ice sheets that cover much of Antarctica, floating on the seas that surround the vast and ecologically fragile continent.

They act as giant "plugs" stabilising massive glaciers, slowing down the flow of ice into the ocean.

When ice shelves shrink, these

plugs weaken and the rate of ice loss from the glaciers increases.

In a study published in the journal Science Advances yesterday, scientists analysed more than 100,000 satellite radar images to assess the health of Antarctica's 162 ice shelves.

They found that the volume of 71

ice shelves fell from 1997 to 2021.

"Acceleration of glaciers and ice shelf deterioration has a global impact, with about six millimetres of global sea level rise since the start of the 20th century," said Benjamin Davis, a research fellow at the University of Leeds in Britain who led the study.



Ke kills in Gaza

ration for a possible ground invasion

Israeli Energy Minister Israel Katz vowed the total siege of Gaza would remain in force until the hostages are freed.

"Humanitarian aid to Gaza? No electric switch will be turned on, no water tap will be opened and no fuel truck will enter until the Israeli abductees are returned home," he said.

Gaza's hospitals "risk turning into morgues", said the International Committee of the Red Cross Middle East chief Fabrizio Carboni, stressing "the human misery caused by this escalation is abhorrent".

UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres voiced concern about the "supercharged cycle of violence and horror", urged the release of all hostages and the lifting of the siege, and stressed that "civilians must be protected at all times".

There have been calls for a humanitarian corridor to allow Palestinians to escape ahead of a possible Israeli ground invasion that would spell brutal urban combat and house-to-house fighting.

If Israel does send ground forces into Gaza, it risks walking into a Hamas "trap", warned a former head of Britain's MI6 intelligence service, Alex Younger, speaking on BBC radio.

Jailed former Pakistan PM Imran Khan says 'stronger than ever'

AFP | Islamabad

Former Pakistan prime minister Imran Khan said he is "stronger and fitter than ever" since being jailed two months ago, according to a statement released by his family yesterday.

Khan was convicted of graft in August and jailed for three years, with the election commission subsequently banning him from contesting polls scheduled for January 2024.

"Let it be known that there's a difference of day and night between the Imran Khan of today and Imran Khan who was imprisoned on August 5," he said in the first statement to be released on his behalf since he was jailed.

"Today I am stronger and fitter; spiritually, mentally and physically, than ever before," added the former international cricket superstar.

The statement also appeared on Khan's X account.

Khan said he has spent his time in jail reading the Qur'an, adding that he has "adjusted well to prison conditions."

Since being ousted last year Khan has been tangled in a slew of legal cases he says are designed to stop him from contesting elections.

He was briefly detained in May, sparking nationwide protests that turned violent, with anger directed at the military for allegedly interfering in politics.

The establishment responded with a fierce crackdown - rounding up thousands of



Pakistan's former Prime Minister Imran Khan (C) leaves after appearing in the Supreme Court in Islamabad (file photo)



Today I am stronger and fitter; spiritually, mentally and physically, than ever before

IMRAN KHAN

supporters and forcing almost the entire central leadership underground. Many have since abandoned the party.

Although Khan's prison term for graft was overturned, he was kept in custody over a fresh arrest for leaking state documents, with his lawyers expecting he will be formally indicted next week.

It is a far more serious entanglement than graft and could see him imprisoned for 14 years.

The case relates to a cable that Khan had touted as proof that he was ousted as part of

a US conspiracy backed by the establishment, according to a report by the government's Federal Investigation Agency.

The United States and the Pakistan military have denied the claim.

Pakistan is currently led by an interim government, with polls already pushed back several months.

Khan's primary opponent, three-time prime minister Nawaz Sharif, is scheduled to return to Pakistan next week to lead his party through elections, ending four years of self-imposed exile in London.

Sharif was barred from contesting the last general elections, in 2018, which Khan won on a wave of popular support, an anti-corruption manifesto, and the backing of the powerful military establishment.

"Do not give up," Khan told his supporters in yesterday's statement.

Australian arrested in Singapore after bomb threat, returned flight: police

AFP | Singapore

An Australian passenger on a Perth-bound flight was arrested in Singapore yesterday for criminal intimidation, police said, after the plane was escorted back to the city-state by fighter jets due to a bomb threat.

Flight TR16, operated by budget carrier Scoot, departed Singapore at 4:11 pm (0811 GMT).

But about one hour into the flight, "a precautionary decision was made to turn the aircraft back to Singapore due to a bomb threat", Scoot, the budget arm of Singapore Airlines, said in a statement.

"The Republic of Singapore Air Force (RSAF) was activated to escort the aircraft back to Changi Airport. Emergency services were also activated," the airline added.

Scoot said the flight landed safely about two hours after takeoff, and security checks



One of two RSAF fighter jets escorting Scoot flight TR16 back to Changi Airport

were carried out.

The airline said it was assisting authorities with investigations, adding that it was unable to provide additional details as "this is a security matter".

Police later said officers completed security checks and arrested a 30-year-old Australian male passenger for criminal intimidation.

"The Police take security

threats seriously and will not hesitate to take action against those who intentionally cause public alarm," police added, without confirming whether the man had made any threats.

A 30-year-old passenger who was not named told local newspaper The Straits Times that police had escorted two individuals off the plane after it landed.

Greta Thunberg protests illegal wind turbines in Norway

AFP | Oslo

Swedish climate campaigner Greta Thunberg yesterday joined indigenous Sami activists protesting in Oslo against wind turbines still operating

on reindeer herding land two years after a court ruled them illegal.

In 2021, Norway's Supreme Court found that two wind farms in the Fosen region of western Norway -- on land used

by Sami reindeer herders -- violated the rights of the indigenous people, guaranteed by the UN, to practise their culture of reindeer husbandry.

Two years later, the 151 turbines are still operating.

YOU KNOW WHAT

Israel has called up 300,000 reservists and rushed forces to the Gaza border in response to Hamas' unprecedented attack

ity, freedom, justice, opportunity and dignity"

Israeli army spokesman Richard Hecht said the military was readying for a potential order to launch a ground invasion in the war with Hamas: "This has not been decided yet... but we are preparing for a ground manoeuvre if it is decided."

"Right now we are focused on taking out their senior leadership," he said.

Fears have grown for Gaza's 2.4 million people now enduring the fifth war in 15 years in the long-blockaded coastal enclave, which has also seen Israel cut off water, food and power supplies.

visit Saudi, Hamas war

ny Blinken said yesterday he raised with Israel the "humanitarian needs" of the Gaza Strip while defending the right to retaliate for the Hamas attack.

"We did discuss ways to address the humanitarian needs of people living in Gaza to protect them from harm, while Israel conducts its legitimate security operations to defend itself from terrorism and to try to ensure that this never happens again," Blinken told reporters after talks with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and other top officials in Tel Aviv.

"We also talked about possibilities for safe passage for civilians who want to leave or get out of the way," he said.

US officials are discussing safe passage both with Israel and Egypt, which also borders the Gaza Strip, ahead of an expected Israeli ground operation.



Tourists visit Half Moon island, Antarctica



TOP 4 TWEETS

01



As president, I have no higher priority than the safety of Americans at home and around the world. @VP and I spoke with our national security teams to discuss ongoing steps to protect the homeland, including Jewish, Arab, and Muslim communities, following the attacks in Israel. @POTUS

02



Inspiring exchange in Shanghai with European companies on economic and business challenges. We must address these challenges because neither we nor China can ignore each other's market. @JosepBorrellF

03



Today I spoke with media about the urgent need to allow medical supplies, food and humanitarian aid to reach civilians in Gaza. @DrTedros

04



It's always a pleasure to meet with my @NATO defense counterparts. NATO is the bedrock of enduring trans-Atlantic security. Together we will continue to strengthen deterrence and bolster NATO's defense capabilities. @SecDef

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celebs

Jada Pinkett Smith says separated from Will Smith since 2016

AFP | Los Angeles

Actor Jada Pinkett Smith has been separated from husband Will Smith since 2016 -- six years before the infamous "Oscars Slap" -- she revealed in an interview that aired Wednesday.

The Hollywood power couple's marriage came under intense spotlight at last year's Academy Awards, when Smith struck comedian Chris Rock on stage for making a joke about his wife.

But the pair had already been

living "totally separate lives" for years before the notorious incident, Pinkett Smith told NBC News.

"By the time we got to 2016 we were just exhausted with trying," she said, in an advance clip from an interview to promote her new memoir, "Worthy."

Rumors of affairs and an open marriage were repeatedly denied by the couple for many years.

But in 2020, Pinkett Smith openly discussed an extramarital "entanglement" she had with singer August Alsina



Will Smith and his wife Jada Pinkett Smith

some years earlier, during a period of separation from her husband.

According to Wednesday's snippet, that separation has endured up until the present day, although the pair remain legally married.

Asked why the couple had chosen to conceal their separation, Pinkett Smith said they were "just not... ready yet" and "still trying to figure out between the two of us how to be in partnership."

"We just got deep love for each other and we are going to figure

out what that looks like for us," Pinkett Smith told People magazine, in a separate interview.

Pinkett Smith also discussed the Oscars ceremony of March 2022, in an excerpt from her memoir published Wednesday.

Rock was presenting on stage when he made a crack about Pinkett Smith's closely cropped head. She has alopecia.

Smith mounted the stage and slapped the comedian hard across the face, before returning to his seat and yelling obscenities at the presenter.

Arnold Schwarzenegger warns future of America may be 'generation of wimps'

Fox | Los Angeles

Arnold Schwarzenegger thinks the future generations of America may be too sheltered.

The former California governor candidly spoke out, warning that if young people are over-pampered, this nation may be "creating a generation of wimps and weak people."

"You can only strengthen your character and become a really strong person inside if you have resistance, if you fail, if you get up again and if you work hard," Schwarzenegger, 76, said on

"The Howard Stern Show." The "Be Useful" author pointed out that the more someone "struggles" in life, the more they'll succeed. However, Schwarzenegger suggested that society is too sensitive to young people and ensuring that they feel safe from their insecurities.

"Anyone that tries to baby themselves and pamper them-



selves . . . it's over. You're never going to get there," he told Stern.

Schwarzenegger continued to say that once the younger generation learns how to "accept pain, misery and discomfort," they will be able to grow more and be "tougher" in life.

He went on to compare the different generations, and the

"
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ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER

accomplishments of first-generation Americans. "Is it people that slept in? Is it people that were wimping out? This, 'Oh, I want to feel good. Oh, I want to be comfortable.' No."

Motherhood is my number one priority, says Duchess of Sussex



Prince Harry and Meghan with their kids

Celebretainment | Los Angeles

Meghan, Duchess of Sussex considers motherhood to be the "most important thing in [her] entire life".

The 42-year-old duchess - who has Prince Archie, four, and Princess Lilibet, two, with Prince Harry - has admitted that motherhood is her number one priority.

Speaking at an event for their Archewell Foundation in New York City, the duchess shared: "Being a mom is the most important thing in my entire life."

Despite this, the duchess has concerns about the potentially damaging impact of social media on the lives of young people.

She explained: "They say being a parent, the days are long but the years are short, so it worries me ... but I'm also given a lot of hope and energy by the progress we've made in the past year being able to have these incredible parents, these

survivors of these experiences, share their stories and the more information gathering we're able to do, the more we can move the needle a little bit.

"Everyone is affected by the online world and social media, we all just want to feel safe. I'm confident that with more ears and awareness and visibility of what is really happening, we can make some significant change together."

Meanwhile, Harry revealed that he wants to turn "pain into purpose".

The 39-year-old royal - who married the duchess in 2018 - explained: "I think for us, for myself and my wife, with kids growing up in a digital age, the priority here is to again turn pain into purpose and provide as much support as well as a spotlight and a platform for these parents to come together, to heal, to grieve and to also collectively focus on solutions so that no other family anywhere has to go through what they've been through."

Lana Del Rey blasts troll accusing her of 'demonic witchcraft'

Celebretainment | Los Angeles

Lana Del Rey has blasted a troll who accused her of using "demonic energy" to knock over her fans.

The 'Summertime Sadness' hitmaker has been forced to defend herself after a Christian influencer called Traci Coston claimed the singer was "practicing witchcraft" at a recent concert.

In a video on Instagram, Traci accused Lana, 38, of using "spells" to make her music more "attractive".



Lana Del Rey

Gigi Hadid and Bradley Cooper 'share a similar sense of humour'

Celebretainment | Los Angeles

Gigi Hadid and Bradley Cooper "have a lot in common".

The 28-year-old model and Bradley, 48, were recently spotted together in New York City, and in spite of their 20-year age gap, the celebrity duo actually have quite a lot in common.

An insider told Us Weekly: "They're both single parents to a young daughter and they share a similar sense of humour."

Gigi has Khai, three, with ex-boyfriend Zayn Malik, while Bradley has



Gigi Hadid and Bradley Cooper

Lea, six, with Irina Shayk.

The source has revealed that the model has "no intention of introducing Khai to anybody she dates unless she's in a fully committed relationship".

Despite this, Gigi remains "open to the idea of getting to

know [Bradley] better".

Gigi and the Hollywood star have "been out a couple of times" after meeting through a mutual friend.

But the insider added that it's "far too early to know where things might be headed".

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Yesterday's solution

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Ex-PSG boss Galtier takes job in Qatar

AFP | Doha

Former Paris Saint-Germain coach Christophe Galtier has returned to management three months after leaving the French champions, taking over at Qatari side Al Duhail.

Galtier, 57, won the Ligue 1 title with PSG but lasted just one season at the club after a poor second half of the campaign.

The final weeks of his reign were marred by accusations of racism during his previous job at Nice. He has vehemently denied the accusations but will stand trial in December.

At Al Duhail he will inherit a squad including former Liverpool and Barcelona playmaker Philippe Coutinho.

Galtier succeeds Hernan



Christophe Galtier

Crespo after the club parted ways with the ex-Argentina international who won the league with Al Duhail last season.

The Frenchman will face an Al Nassr side spearheaded by Cristiano Ronaldo and Sadio Mane in the Asian Champions League group stage later this month. Al Duhail have just one point from two matches in the competition.

Bahrain Deaf Sports Federation unveils Deaf Futsal League

TDT | Manama

The Bahrain Deaf Sports Federation announced the launch of the highly anticipated Deaf Futsal League, which marks a significant milestone for the federation since its establishment in 2019.

The event is set to kick off on October 20 at Shaikh Isa bin Rashid Hall D.

In a press conference held at

The K Hotel on Tuesday, key details of the league were unveiled, including the number of participating players and the entities supporting the event.

The conference was attended by figures such as Basem Almuathen, Chairman of the Board of Directors, Jassim Hasan Mubarak, Vice Chairman, Khalid Mohammed Alhasan, Secretary General, Shaikh Ahmed bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, Executive Director, and Isa Abbas, the Deaf National Team Coach.

The event was also graced by the presence of numerous press, media, and sports account members.

During the conference, Basem Almuathen emphasized that the launch of the Deaf Futsal League aligns with the federation's goals and plans for the year, serving as the first of many

leagues, events, and activities to be organised in the near future.

Jassim Hasan Mubarak shed light on the federation's strategic objectives and plans.

Shaikh Ahmed bin Khalifa Al Khalifa emphasized that all players in the league belong to the deaf category, and assured that the league's organising committee is fully prepared to deliver a remarkable inaugural season.

Jabeur withdraws after reaching Zhengzhou last eight

AFP | Zhengzhou

World number seven Ons Jabeur withdrew from the Zhengzhou Open ahead of her quarter-final against Daria Kasatkina, blaming a knee injury that hampered her during a hard-fought victory over Lucia Bronzetti yesterday.

Playing with her right knee taped, the Tunisian three-time Grand Slam finalist failed to serve out the victory on three occasions and needed five match points to move past the 63rd-ranked Italian Bronzetti 6-3, 7-6 (7/5) in just under two hours.

Shortly after her victory, the 29-year-old Jabeur announced she had to pull out of the tournament, handing Kasatkina a walkover into the semi-finals.

Eighth seed Kasatkina beat home player Bai Zhuoxuan 6-2, 6-4.

Having qualified for the WTA Finals for a second consecutive year, Jabeur faces a race against time to be ready for the prestigious season finale, which kicks off in Cancun on Oct 29.

"I'm so sorry that I have to withdraw because my knee is not feeling so great. I just want to say that I love my time here in Zhengzhou and I hopefully I can come back next year," said the fourth seed.

A seesaw opening set saw a combined five breaks of serve but it was Jabeur who carved out a 5-2 gap and the Tunisian



Ons Jabeur

took a one-set lead after 45 minutes.

The fourth seed earned a double-break lead in the second set and looked on track for a smooth victory when she served for the match at 5-2.

But Bronzetti had other ideas and snatched the next three games, breaking Jabeur twice to level the frame for five-all, saving a match point along the way.

Jabeur stopped the bleeding as she used her signature drop shot to maximum effect to break Bronzetti and put herself in position to serve for the win for a third time.

Still the North African could not close it out as Bronzetti saved three more match points and broke serve on a Jabeur double-fault to take the set into a tie-break.

Korda holds off Shelton to battle into Shanghai semi-finals

AFP | Shanghai

Sebastian Korda reached his first Masters semi-final as he held his nerve to tame fast-rising fellow American Ben Shelton 6-7 (10/12), 6-2, 7-6 (8/6) in Shanghai yesterday.

The 26th seed finally sealed a thrilling quarter-final on his sixth match point and plays Poland's 16th seed Hubert Hurkacz for a place in Sunday's final.

The draw has opened up for the 23-year-old Korda as he closes on a second ATP title.

Top seed Carlos Alcaraz was turfed out in the last 16 to follow Daniil Medvedev -- beaten by Korda -- Holger Rune, Stefanos Tsitsipas and Jannik Sinner out the exit door.

Korda was more relieved than anything else afterwards, having let slip five match points in the deciding-set tie break.

"It was a super-high level from both of us and thrilled to get through an especially tricky tie break," said Korda, whose father Petr reached two in the world and won the Australian Open in 1998.

"That's probably one of the biggest things of having a father who played tennis -- to kind of understand certain moments.



Sebastian Korda hits a return

"I think in those certain moments you got to stay really calm. You can have such a big lead like that and you could just completely panic or get super down on yourself and just get lost."

With the court roof closed because of rain in Shanghai, the first set went to a tie break after the young Americans exchanged breaks in the 11th and 12th games.

US Open semi-finalist Shelton, who uncorked a serve clocked at 236 kilometres (150 miles) per hour earlier in the set, had Korda on the back foot throughout a gripping tie break.

The pressure finally told when the recently turned 21-year-old

Shelton unleashed an ace on his fifth set point that Korda could only watch whizz by.

Korda recovered to break Shelton's big serve at the start of the second set and raced to level the quarter-final at one set all.

Korda broke the 19th seed at the start of the deciding set and then dug himself out of a hole, saving three break points to extend his lead to 3-1 and then 4-2.

But Korda, whose only previous ATP title came in 2021 in Parma, allowed Shelton back in again and they went to another tie break.

Korda just about held his nerve in the tie break to belatedly seal an absorbing encounter

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in just under three hours.

In the first quarter-final, Hurkacz similarly fought back to defeat unseeded Hungarian Fabian Marozsan 4-6, 6-1, 6-3.

The Shanghai Masters is back after four years following the pandemic and has witnessed a succession of shocks.

There is only one player from the world's top 10 left in the draw in the form of seventh-ranked Russian Andrey Rublev.

The fifth seed faces 32nd seed Ugo Humbert of France in the quarter-finals while 18th seed Grigor Dimitrov -- who turfed out Alcaraz -- plays 22nd seed Nicolas Jarry.

Postecoglou 'gave up' on fight to change Australian football

AFP | London

Tottenham manager Ange Postecoglou says he "gave up" the fight to transform Australian football, speaking of his intense frustrations as he battled to raise the profile of the sport in his home country.

The former Australia men's boss, who has taken Spurs to the top of the Premier League table since taking over in July,



Ange Postecoglou

is pessimistic about the state of the game in the nation despite

its recent hosting of the Women's World Cup, at which the Matildas finished fourth.

Postecoglou said the Asian Cup win he masterminded on home soil in 2015 "didn't make an impact back there and that was kind of my frustration".

"When you look at what the Matildas did at the World Cup, unbelievable, but you still won't see an influx of resources to the game. You won't. I guarantee it,"

he added ahead of Australia's friendly match against England at Wembley on Friday.

"They'll build stadiums and other codes will use them. I just don't think the nation as a whole has that inside them to understand you can make an impact on the world of football but it requires a kind of nationalistic approach that I just don't think Australians -- at their core -- are really interested in."

De Kock stars as South Africa crush go-slow Australia in World Cup

South Africa made 311-7, with Quinton de Kock scoring his second successive century at the World Cup

● Australia lost six wickets with just 70 on the board and were eventually dismissed for 177 with 55 balls to spare

AFP | Lucknow

Quinton de Kock hit his second successive century at the World Cup yesterday as South Africa sent five-time champions Australia crashing to a 134-run defeat.

After the Proteas had made 311-7, Australia lost six wickets with just 70 on the board and then focused solely on attempting to limit the damage to their net run-rate.

They were eventually dismissed for 177 with 55 balls to spare.

For South Africa, it was a second win in two games while Australia have lost both of their matches.

"I'd be really greedy if I said there were areas to improve, a near-perfect game with the bat, and with the ball," said South Africa captain Temba Bavuma. Australia skipper Pat Cummins admitted his team had been "well off the mark".

He added: "Not much needs to be said tonight, everyone's hurting."

Australia, who lost by six wickets to India in their opener, saw five catches dropped when South Africa batted.



South Africa's Quinton de Kock (R) plays a shot

Scorecard

South Africa 311 for 7 (De Kock 109, Markram 56) beat Australia 177 (Labuschagne 46, Rabada 3-33) by 134 runs

Their mood did not improve once they began chasing a 312-run target, losing wickets on a regular basis as South Africa's fast bowlers ripped through their top order.

Marco Jansen and Lungi Ngidi sent back openers Mitchell Marsh (seven) and David Warner (13) before Kagiso Rabada took three quick wickets.

Rabada had Steve Smith lbw controversially on review for 19, clean-bowled Josh Inglis for five and had Marcus Stoinis smartly caught down the legside by wicketkeeper De Kock, also for five.

Australia were unhappy with the decision as Stoinis appeared to have his hand off the bat when the ball brushed his glove on its way to De Kock.

In between, off-spinner Keshav Maharaj claimed dangerous Glenn Maxwell off his own bowling as the Australian nicknamed "The Big Show" suffered stage fright and was out for just three.

With the match virtually lost, Australia went into damage limitation, hoping to ease the damage to their run rate with still seven pool matches to play in the marathon event.

At the halfway stage of 25 overs, they had crept to 95-6 before Marnus Labuschagne (46) and Mitchell Starc (27) put on 69 for the seventh wicket.

They fell in the space of seven balls before the innings collapsed with leg-spinner Tabraiz Shamsi wrapping up the tail.

Dropped catches

Earlier, 30-year-old De Kock reached his 19th ODI hundred off

“Not much needs to be said tonight, everyone's hurting. We were well off the mark. If we want to be challenging for this tournament you've got to adapt to all conditions”

PAT CUMMINS

90 balls with eight fours and five sixes having also made a century in South Africa's opening win over Sri Lanka.

De Kock, who will retire from international cricket at the end of the tournament, was batting in familiar surroundings at the Ekana Stadium where he plays in the IPL for the Lucknow Super Giants.

He was eventually dismissed for 109, bowled by off-spinner Maxwell while trying to reverse sweep in the 35th over.

South Africa were on 197-3 when De Kock departed before Aiden Markram then took up the charge.

Having made the fastest World Cup century off just 49 balls in the win over Sri Lanka, Markram raced to 56, making the most of being dropped by Cummins when he had made just a single.

It was a miserable day in the field for Australia as Bavuma was also dropped twice on 19 and 32.



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Bavuma's luck ran out on 35 when he was caught at midwicket by Warner off Maxwell.

With De Kock, the skipper put on 108 for the first wicket.

Once Markram was dismissed by Cummins, the Proteas saw Jansen (26) and David Miller (17) take them past the 300 mark.

Both Miller and Jansen fell in the final over, a double-wicket maiden bowled by Starc.

They should have been dismissed in the penultimate over when Starc dropped Miller and Stoinis gave Jansen a lifeline, both off Cummins.

Bagnaia expects intense fight for MotoGP lead in Indonesia

AFP | Lombok

Championship leader Francesco Bagnaia said yesterday he expected an intense battle at this weekend's Indonesia MotoGP to stay at the top of the standings, with rival Jorge Martin only three points behind.

Martin, of Ducati satellite team Pramac, reduced the Italian's lead with six races left after winning a Japan MotoGP cut short by rain this month.

"I think we can be competi-



Francesco Bagnaia

tive. The fight will be intense," Ducati's Bagnaia, 26, said before

the race at Pertamina Mandalika International Circuit.

"I feel good honestly, I think all the races in front of us are good for me," he told a news conference.

The Spaniard had already narrowed the gap in the previous race in India after his rival catastrophically crashed out just over halfway through the race.

"We are so close now in the battle. I think my mentality will be the same, trying to win, trying to win races," he told reporters.

"Hopefully we can keep the momentum."

The crash in India wasn't Bagnaia's first of the season, having come off at high speed at the Catalunya MotoGP at the start of September in a pile-up that also injured Italy's Marco Bezzecchi.

The race will be just one of the few left at Honda for six-time world MotoGP champion Marc Marquez after it was announced yesterday that he will join Ducati satellite team Gresini Racing for the 2024 season.

Stoinis dismissal 'confusing', says Labuschagne after record Australia loss



Marcus Stoinis seeks clarification from Joel Wilson after being adjudged

AFP | Lucknow

Marnus Labuschagne said the TV umpire's decision to give Marcus Stoinis out caught behind during Australia's record-breaking World Cup defeat by South Africa yesterday was "confusing".

Stoinis was dismissed for five, caught down the leg-side off Kagiso Rabada, to leave Australia 70-6 in their doomed chase of 312 to win.

Labuschagne was at the other end and said the players in the middle were bemused by the decision, with some replays appearing to show the ball hit Stoinis' glove while it was off the bat.

"It was certainly confusing

and I'm sure we'll get clarity or we're going to seek for clarity because it's a World Cup and we don't want small decisions that can be avoided to change the outcomes of games," said Labuschagne, who was later out for 46 as Australia were thrashed by 134 runs to slip to a second straight group-stage loss.

"Obviously in the situation we're in it's hard to say that it was going to change the outcome but for the future you certainly want to make sure we get them right."

Steve Smith also looked unhappy at being given out lbw, although the Hawkeye system showed the ball, also from Rabada, was crashing into leg stump.

Former world MotoGP champion Marquez to join Gresini Racing

AFP | Lombok

Marc Marquez will join Ducati satellite team Gresini Racing for the 2024 season, the team said yesterday, days after it was announced he would leave Honda, where he won six world MotoGP titles.

"The Gresini Family is pleased to announce the arrival of Marc Marquez for the 2024 season," the team said in a statement on the MotoGP website.

"Starting next season, he will be the new standard bearer of Gresini Racing MotoGP alongside his brother Alex," it said.

The 30-year-old Spaniard, who has been hampered by in-



Repsol Honda Team's Marc Marquez rides during a race

jury since the start of the 2020 season, had one year left on a four-year deal with Honda. Both parties agreed to go their

separate ways a year early.

"I'm excited about this new challenge. It wasn't an easy decision because it's a big change in every way," Marquez said in the statement.

"But sometimes in life, it's important to get out of your comfort zone and put yourself through the paces in order to keep growing."

Gresini owner Nadia Padovani said it was "a historical moment" for the team.

"The fact that Marc Marquez chose to race with us in the upcoming season is absolutely fantastic and I'm extremely happy to be able to make it official," she said.

Bahrain outclass Kyrgyzstan in friendly

Mohammed Abdulwahab, Abdulla Al Hashash on target for senior men's national team in victory

● Both goals scored in second half after missed opportunity with penalty before break

● Bahrainis to return to the pitch on Tuesday next week against the Philippines

TDT | Manama

Bahrain's senior men's national football team defeated their counterparts from Kyrgyzstan 2-0 last night in an international friendly match played at the Shaikh Ali bin Mohammed Al Khalifa Stadium at Mu-harraq Club in Arad.

Mohammed Abdulwahab and substitute Abdulla Al Hashash scored the game's goals in the second half after a goalless opening 45 minutes, during which they could not convert a penalty.

The tune-up was the first of two friendlies scheduled in the coming week for the nationals. They are also set to face the Philippines on Tuesday next week at the same venue. That game is scheduled for a 7pm kick-off.

Tomorrow, the visiting Kyrgyzstan and Philippine teams are also set to meet in a friendly game at Al Ahli Club Stadium in Zinj.

Bahrain are using these friendlies as part of their preparations for next month's start to their continental qual-



Komail Al Aswad competes against Kyrgyzstan

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Bahrain head coach Juan Antonio Pizzi has called up 33 players for the two friendlies.

In last night's match, he fielded a starting 11 of Sayed Mohammed Jaafar, Mohammed Adel, Waleed Al Hayyam, Amine Hasan, Abdulla Al Khalasi, Mohammed Al Hardan, Abdulwahab, Komail Al Aswad, Ali Madan, Mahdi Humaidan and Abdulla Yusuf.

The Bahrainis opened the scoring in the 59th minute through Abdulwahab, while Al Hashash came on after the break and secured the victory five minutes from full time.

The rest of the team features Moham-



Bahrain's Ali Madan looks to make a play against Kyrgyzstan last night

med Marhoon, Moses Atede, Ahmed Bughammar, Sayed Dhiya Saeed, Hus-sain Al Ekri, Hazza Ali, Mohammed Abdulqayoom, Jassim Al Shaikh, Ali Hassan Saeed, Abdulaziz Khaled, Salem Omar, Hamza Al Juban, Mubarak Mohammed, Ahmed Al Sherooqi, Ebrahim Al Khattal, Ebrahim Luthfallah, Hus-sain Abdulkareem, Hamad Al Doseri, Salem Hussain, Ebrahim Al Wali and Jassim Khelaif.

Aside from these upcoming tune-ups, Bahrain are also set to play an international friendly against Asian powerhouses Australia in January, as

part of their final lead-up to the Asian Cup. The game will be played in Dubai on 6 January, just a few days before the continental showcase kicks off in Doha on 12 January.

For the upcoming FIFA World Cup qualifiers, Bahrain will play directly in the second of five qualification rounds. They are in a competitive Group H along with the UAE, and either Yemen or Sri Lanka and Nepal or Laos.

For the AFC Asian Cup, Bahrain are in Group E in the tournament's preliminary round along with South Korea, Malaysia and Jordan.

Last chance for BIC's Early Bird discount on F1 2024 tickets

● Fantastic Early Bird promotion offering up to 15 per cent off on F1 Gulf Air Bahrain Grand Prix 2024 tickets to end at 11pm on Sunday

TDT | Manama

Bahrain International Circuit (BIC) is calling on Formula 1 fans to act now and take advantage of the last chance to get up to 15 per cent off on tickets to the F1 Gulf Air Bahrain Grand Prix 2024.

BIC is currently running the second phase of its Summer Early Bird offer for next year's mega race, and only a few days remain until the end of this promotion period at 11pm on Sunday.

The region's biggest sporting



The F1 Gulf Air Bahrain Grand Prix...motorsport spectacle

and social spectacle is scheduled to take place 29 February to 2 March at "The Home of Motorsport in the Middle East". It will be the season-opening round of the 2024 FIA F1 World Championship.

Bahrain is hosting its first-ever F1 Saturday night race while marking the 20th anniversary celebrations of the top flight in the Kingdom.

The response to the late-sum-

mer Early Bird offer has been tremendous since its launch. The discount will not be repeated, so fans are advised to act quickly and book their tickets at the circuit's official website, bahraingp.com, or call the BIC Hotline on +973-17450000.

Following the complete sell-out of Bahrain's historic 2023 race at BIC, it is never too early to secure your F1 seats for the 2024 event.

Rooney targets Premier League return with Birmingham

AFP | London

Wayne Rooney said he was targeting promotion to the Premier League "in the near future" after being unveiled as Birmingham's new manager on Thursday.

The former Manchester United star agreed a three-and-a-half year contract with the Championship club on Wednesday after leaving Major



Wayne Rooney

League Soccer side DC United at the weekend.

He replaces John Eustace, who was sacked despite guiding

Birmingham to sixth place in the early weeks of the season.

Rooney, who was previously in charge at Derby from 2020 to 2022, told a press conference at St Andrew's: "The goal, for the club, for myself, is to get this club back to the Premier League, of course.

"I think there's a lot of work to be done throughout the football club. The Premier League is where we want to get to.

Attieh goes atop leaderboard

● Khalid Attieh cards seven-under-par 65 over first 18 holes to lead countryman Ali Sakha by three shots

● Yousif Al Janahi ends first day as top-ranked Bahraini participant

TDT | Manama

Khalid Attieh from Saudi Arabia ascended to the top of the leaderboard yesterday after a sensational first round of play in the fifth Bahrain Amateur Open golf championship, currently taking place at the Royal Golf Club.

Attieh carded a seven-under-par 65 over the opening 18 holes to take a three-shot lead into day two today.

Countryman Ali Sakha followed in second place with a four-under 68 score, while a further shot back on three-under-par 69 was Saleh Al Kaabi of Qatar.

Attieh's round yesterday featured seven birdies, including four on the back nine, with no bogeys. Sakha had six birdies but bogeyed the 15th and 18th holes to drop him back.

Al Kaabi registered four successive birdies from the 10th to 13th holes but couldn't finish his day strong as he played a bogey on the 18th.

A field of 100 amateur players from all over the world are



Golfers prior to teeing off yesterday

competing in the 54-hole, individual stroke play event, including top names from across the region and the Kingdom's leading national team golfers.

In tied-fourth place were Ali Al Shahrani and Mousa Shana'ah of Jordan on one-under-par 71 scores, while in sixth was Jake Wiltshire from the UK with an even par 72.

Four players were tied-seventh with a one-shot-over 73, including Britain's Marcus Dutton, the UAE's Dan Byrne and Jay Mullane, and Yousif Al Janahi, Bahrain's top-ranked golfer after day one.

Four other Bahrainis were tied-12th, three shots over par, including Yaseen Le Falher, Fahad Al Hakam, Nasser Yaqoob Saleh and Khalifa Al Kaabi.

Former champion Khalifa Al Meraisi was amongst five players in tied-19th, and defending champion Ahmed Al Zayed was amongst another five in tied-24th.

Day two is scheduled to be held today, with the first group teeing off at 7am. A cut will be

made at the end of the second round's action for the leading 45 gross scores and ties.

The competition, which is a World Amateur Golf Rankings (WAGR) event, also acts as a qualifier for the 2023 King Hamad Trophy, set to take place 23 to 25 November at the same Colin Montgomerie-designed 18-hole championship course.

This year—following the mega announcement of the first-ever Bahrain Championship on the 2024 DP World Tour, also known as the PGA European Tour—the Bahrain Amateur Open offers an additional bonus.

The tournament's overall winner plus the leading Bahraini amateur will come away with spots at the Bahrain Championship, scheduled to take place 1 to 4 February next year with a US\$2.5million prize fund. The winner of the King Hamad Trophy as well as the leading Bahraini player will tee it up alongside DP World Tour Professionals in the much-anticipated tournament.