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US, South Korea and Japan to share North Korea missile threat warning data

The defence chiefs of the US, South Korea and Japan agreed yesterday to activate a real-time data-sharing operation on North Korean missile launches next month, the allies said.

US Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin, who is in Seoul for annual security talks, met with his South Korean counterpart Shin Won-sik while Japanese Defence Minister Minoru Kihara joined the meeting online.

"The three ministers assessed ... that preparations for the operation of real-time missile warning data sharing mechanism is in the final stages and agreed to officially activate the mechanism in December," Seoul's defence ministry said in a statement.

The top officials also agreed to put in place a multi-year plan for regular trilateral drills by the end of 2023 for more "systematic and effective" training starting January, it added.

The three leaders assessed regional security issues, including the growing nuclear and missile threats from the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

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HM King, HRH Prince Salman condole with Saudi Monarch

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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, sent cables of condolences to King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, over the passing of His Royal Highness Prince Yzeed bin Saud bin Abdulaziz Al Saud. HRH the Crown Prince



HM the King



HRH Prince Salman



King Salman

Bahrain offered sympathy to Saudi Arabia over the death of His Royal Highness Prince Yzeed bin Saud bin Abdulaziz Al Saud.

and Prime Minister sent a similar cable to the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, His Royal Highness Prince Mohammed bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud.

'We protect religious freedom for all nationalities in Kingdom'

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His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, emphasised that the Kingdom of Bahrain is committed to protecting religious freedom and strengthening intercultural communication between different cultures.

HRH Prince Salman was speaking as he visited yesterday the Muljimal, Kewalram, Thaker, and Kavalani families to mark the festival of Diwali.

His Royal Highness affirmed that the visions of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, have made Bahrain a symbol of pluralism and coexistence, which strengthened its position as a haven for peace and harmony.

He noted that the Kingdom's celebration of Diwali, along with many other occasions, shows



HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister visits families to mark the Diwali festival

its commitment to preserving diversity in Bahraini society.

HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister commended the longstanding relationships established by these families in Bahraini society, as well as their contributions to the Kingdom. He affirmed that Bahrainis'

tolerance and respect have enhanced the Kingdom's openness to cultural and religious diversity across the country.

His Highness Shaikh Isa bin Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Isa bin Salman Education Charitable Trust, and Chair-

man of the Board of Directors of the Labour Fund (Tamkeen), also visited a number of families on this occasion and conveyed the greetings of HRH Prince Salman to the Bhatia, Vaidya, Nair, and Asarpota families.

HRH Prince Salman and HH Shaikh Isa bin Salman were

accompanied by several senior officials.

The families expressed their gratitude for HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister's and HH Shaikh Isa bin Salman's visits and wished the Kingdom of Bahrain and its people continued progress and development.

Gaza hospitals out of fuel

Death toll rises to 11,180, and 28,200 wounded

AFP | Gaza

Israeli troops waged fierce battles against Hamas yesterday near Gaza's biggest hospital, where thousands were trapped and a lack of fuel forced a nearby major medical centre out of service.

The Palestinian government in the Gaza Strip said yesterday the death toll from fighting had risen to 11,180.

The government media office said the dead included 4,609 children and 3,100 women, whilst a further 28,200 people have been wounded.

In Gaza City, Al-Shifa hospital is caught in Israel's ground offensive aimed at destroying Hamas, and the compound has been repeatedly hit by strikes, one of which Gaza's health ministry said destroyed the cardiac ward yesterday.



Civilians and rescuers look for survivors amid the rubble of a destroyed building following an Israeli bombardment in Khan Yunis in the southern Gaza Strip yesterday. (AFP)

Fears intensified for Palestinians seeking shelter and patients needing treatment after Gaza City's Al-Quds hospital went out of service due to lack of gen-

erator fuel, the Palestinian Red Crescent said. "The hospital has been left to fend for itself under ongoing Israeli bombardment, posing severe risks to the medi-

cal staff, patients and displaced civilians," it added.

Witnesses at Al-Shifa hospital told AFP by phone that "violent fighting" had raged around the

hospital the whole night.

And inside, doctors said Saturday that two babies had died in the neonatal unit after power to their incubators was cut off, and a man had also died when his ventilator shut down.

"No one can enter or leave" the hospital, said Mohammad Zaqt, who oversees all hospitals in the Gaza Strip.

Safe passage

A "safe passage" was to be opened from Al-Shifa to allow people to flee toward the south, the Israeli military said yesterday.

But "the situation in Al-Shifa is catastrophic", Zaqt told AFP. Twenty of Gaza's 36 hospitals are "no longer functioning", according to the UN's humanitarian agency.

Very little aid has made it into Gaza during the war, with the densely populated coastal territory effectively sealed off by a total blockade that Israel has vowed to maintain until the hostages are freed.

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HRH Prince Salman bolsters Bahrain-India cooperation

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His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, highlighted the Kingdom of Bahrain's commitment to furthering Bahrain-India multisectoral cooperation, noting the role of private sector partnerships in advancing bilateral relations and collaboration.

This came as HRH Prince Salman yesterday met with the Chairman of Poonawalla Group, Dr Cyrus Poonawalla, at Riffa Palace.

HM the King's Representative for Humanitarian Work and Youth Affairs, National Security



HRH Prince Salman receives Dr Poonawalla

Advisor and Royal Guard Commander, Lieutenant-General HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Isa bin Salman Education Charitable Trust and Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Labour

Fund (Tamkeen), His Highness Shaikh Isa bin Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, and the Minister of Finance and National Economy, HE Shaikh Salman bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, also attended the meeting.

HRH the Crown Prince and



Prime Minister highlighted the potential for further private sector cooperation due to long-standing bilateral relations. He noted the commitment of leading businessmen of both countries in furthering Bahrain-India economic and investment

opportunities.

Dr Poonawalla expressed his gratitude for the opportunity to meet with HRH Prince Salman, noting His Royal Highness's commitment to furthering private sector collaboration between both countries.

His Royal Highness highlighted the successful partnership between Bahrain and India during the COVID-19 pandemic as part of the National Vaccination Campaign. HRH noted the contributions of Poonawalla Group as a global vaccine manufacturer.

Remembrance Day Service commemorated

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The annual Remembrance Day Service was commemorated yesterday with a wreath-laying ceremony at the British Embassy in Manama.

The event, which is held annually to remember British and Commonwealth servicemen and women who have given their lives in the line of duty, was attended by Foreign Minister, His Excellency Dr. Abdullatif Al Zayani.

The Service was hosted by British Ambassador to Bahrain, HE Alastair Long and attended

by other diplomats, officials and expatriate communities. The commemorations remember the armed forces community, British and Commonwealth veterans, the allies who fought alongside the UK and the civilian men and women involved in the two world wars and later conflicts.

Remembrance Day, also known as Armistice Day or sometimes Poppy Day, is commemorated every year on and around the 11th November.

On the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month in 1918, the guns of the Western Front fell si-



HE Dr. Al Zayani with British Ambassador Long and dignitaries, along with children, at the event

lent after more than four years of continuous warfare during the First World War. In many parts

of the world, people observe a two-minute silence at 11am every 11 November, to remember

those who lost their lives during the First World War, World War II and in more recent conflicts. If a ceremony is impractical on 11 November a service is often performed on the nearest Sunday, as for this year.

Long history of partnership

Marking the day, Ambassador Alastair Long said: "Thousands of Remembrance services have been taking place this weekend across the UK and in British Embassies all over the world. I am honoured to host this service

here in Bahrain where we have a long history of partnership and where His Majesty The King continues to show international leadership on peaceful co-existence.

"The poppies that many of us are wearing today are both a reminder of those who have died fighting for a better tomorrow and also a symbol of hope for peace today and in future. Today we remembered the brave Bahraini soldiers that recently lost their lives on the Yemen/Saudi border, and we also held in our thoughts other conflicts including that in Israel and Gaza".

Cityscape Bahrain: A Fusion of Luxury Living, Real Estate Excellence, and Sustainability

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The upcoming edition of Cityscape Bahrain at Exhibition World Bahrain promises to be an enriching experience that blends luxury living and real estate excellence. With over 40 exhibitors, 30 industry experts, and over 10,000 expected visitors across three days, the event is set to showcase the best of Bahrain real estate across all asset classes.

While the exhibition is scheduled from November 14th to 16th (Tuesday to Thursday) at Hall 9, the conferences would be held from November 15th and 16th (Wednesday and Thursday) at the Grand Hall, said Alexander Edwards, Exhibition Director - Cityscape.

Sustainable and Digitally Transformed Real Estate

This year's conference theme, "Sustainability and Digital Transformation in the Real Estate Sector," reflects the evolving landscape of the industry. The two-day conference will feature in-depth discussions on sustainable development, urban planning, community building initiatives, proptech, and practical insights into achieving Bahrain's Economic Vision 2030, officials said.



Unveiling Luxury Residential Projects and Investment Opportunities

Visitors can expect to discover a variety of luxury residential projects and promising investment opportunities, ranging from large-scale developments to individual units. Attendees can also participate in the Start-Up Showcase and Acceleration Program, which highlights the next generation of trailblazers in the industry, the organizers revealed.

Global Real Estate Presence

For those interested in the UK property market, several developers, including Regal London Properties and Flambard Williams, will be present at the event. Additionally, Cityscape Bahrain coincides with Jewellery Arabia



Alexander Edwards
Exhibition Director - Cityscape

and Scent Arabia, granting attendees free access to both experiences, stated the officials.

The Architect of Tomorrow

For the first time, Cityscape Bahrain will feature The

Architect of Tomorrow, showcasing the future architects of tomorrow. Students will have the opportunity to create an architectural design that demonstrates Sustainable Architecture, which can be displayed in the form of a poster or a model.

Sustainability at the Forefront

Sustainability is becoming increasingly important to real estate developers, investors, and occupants alike. Cityscape Bahrain will feature expert insights on understanding the severity of the current greenhouse impact and how real estate can contribute to Bahrain's sustainability goals. Proptech technology and innovation will also be discussed as tools to unlock sustainable goals and enhance the standard of living.



Green financing and investment strategies will be another key focus area, the organizers disclosed.

Connecting with Real Estate Leaders

Cityscape Bahrain is the ideal event to connect with local and regional leading real estate developers and explore the latest residential projects. Attendees can also get direct access to financial institutions to discuss their offerings and benefits for those looking to buy or invest in a property, officials said.

Fostering Momentum and Collaboration

The event highlights the strength and resilience of the Bahrain real estate market and will help solidify Bahrain's position as a leading real estate

investment destination. Buyers and investors can connect with leading developers to bridge the gap and cater to aspiring homeowners. The event will provide groundbreaking insights on critical topics to foster an ecosystem of pioneering thought exchange, leading to potential partnerships and collaborations, a statement from Cityscape said.

Cityscape Bahrain: A Hub of Real Estate Opportunities

Cityscape Bahrain is a must-attend event for anyone interested in the real estate sector. With its focus on luxury living, real estate excellence, sustainability, and digital transformation, the event promises to provide an enriching experience for all attendees.



Third Quarter Financial Results 30 September 2023 (Reviewed)

Interim Consolidated Statement of Financial Position

	All Figures in US\$ Thousand	
	Reviewed 30 September 2023	Audited 31 December 2022
ASSETS		
Bank balances	26,926	13,080
Investments	952,146	882,235
Murabaha receivables	1,306,271	1,351,965
Ijarah	87,003	93,678
Musharaka financing	5,082	5,087
Equipment	273	132
Other assets	79,638	69,090
TOTAL ASSETS	2,457,339	2,415,267
LIABILITIES, EQUITY OF INVESTMENT ACCOUNT HOLDERS AND OWNERS' EQUITY		
Liabilities		
Murabaha and other payables	287,469	234,539
Other liabilities	12,277	15,912
	299,746	250,451
EQUITY OF INVESTMENT ACCOUNT HOLDERS		
Owners' equity		
Share capital	132,500	132,500
Reserves	67,104	62,880
Retained earnings	135,137	134,896
	334,741	330,276
TOTAL LIABILITIES, EQUITY OF INVESTMENT ACCOUNT HOLDERS AND OWNERS' EQUITY	2,457,339	2,415,267

Interim Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows

	All Figures in US\$ Thousand	
	Reviewed Nine months ended 30 September	
	2023	2022
OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Net income for the period	35,119	29,609
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation	66	51
Gain on sale of investments - net	(3,259)	(3,866)
Charge / (reversal) of expected credit losses - net	264	(4,039)
Operating income before changes in operating assets and liabilities	32,190	21,755
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Due from financial institutions	-	5,000
Murabaha receivables	44,815	(73,178)
Ijarah	6,714	17,179
Other assets	(4,797)	(64,798)
Other liabilities	(2,825)	60,945
Murabaha and other payables	52,930	(77,613)
Equity of investment account holders	(11,688)	135,264
Net cash generated from operating activities	117,339	24,554
INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Purchase of investments	(211,920)	(140,500)
Proceeds from sale / redemption of investments	143,512	115,612
Purchase of equipment	(207)	-
Net cash used in investing activities	(68,615)	(24,888)
FINANCING ACTIVITY		
Dividend paid to the shareholder	(34,878)	(26,878)
Cash used in financing activity	(34,878)	(26,878)
NET CHANGE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	13,846	(27,212)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the period	13,080	46,590
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT THE END OF THE PERIOD	26,926	19,378

Interim Consolidated Statement of Income

	All Figures in US\$ Thousand			
	Reviewed Three months ended 30 September		Reviewed Nine months ended 30 September	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
OPERATING INCOME				
Income from financial institutions	-	10	-	68
Income from investments	17,124	7,925	47,927	18,369
Income from Murabaha receivables	20,184	10,922	56,663	23,835
Ijarah income - net	1,847	1,527	5,454	3,806
Income from Musharaka financing	33	-	98	-
	39,188	20,384	110,142	46,078
Profit on Murabaha and other payables	(3,489)	(1,374)	(6,873)	(2,520)
Return on equity of investment account holders	(23,103)	(10,199)	(66,377)	(19,205)
	12,596	8,811	36,892	24,353
Gain on sale of investments - net	24	-	3,259	3,866
Fee commission and other income - net	736	172	3,955	3,886
Net operating income before credit losses	13,356	8,983	44,106	32,105
(Charge) / reversal of expected credit losses - net	(580)	2,061	(264)	4,039
NET OPERATING INCOME	12,776	11,044	43,842	36,144
OPERATING EXPENSES				
Staff costs	1,623	1,507	4,768	4,559
Depreciation	23	15	66	51
Other expenses	786	506	3,564	1,609
Total operating expenses	2,432	2,028	8,398	6,219
INCOME FOR THE PERIOD BEFORE ZAKAH	10,344	9,016	35,444	29,925
Zakah	(108)	(106)	(325)	(316)
NET INCOME FOR THE PERIOD	10,236	8,910	35,119	29,609

Interim Consolidated Statement Of Changes In Owners' Equity

	All Figures in US\$ Thousand					
	Reserves					
	Share capital	Statutory reserve	Investments fair value reserve	Total reserves	Retained earnings	Total owners' equity
As at 1 January 2023	132,500	41,070	21,810	62,880	134,896	330,276
Net income for the period	-	-	-	-	35,119	35,119
Cumulative changes in fair value of equity investments	-	-	1,358	1,358	-	1,358
Cumulative changes in fair value of debt type investments	-	-	2,866	2,866	-	2,866
Total comprehensive income for the period	-	-	4,224	4,224	35,119	39,343
Dividends paid*	-	-	-	-	(34,878)	(34,878)
At 30 September 2023 (Reviewed)	132,500	41,070	26,034	67,104	135,137	334,741
As at 1 January 2022	132,500	37,195	344	37,539	126,895	296,934
Transition adjustment on adoption of FAS 38 as of 1 January 2022	-	-	23,137	23,137	-	23,137
As at 1 January 2022 (Restated)	132,500	37,195	23,481	60,676	126,895	320,071
Net income for the period	-	-	-	-	29,609	29,609
Cumulative changes in fair value of equity investments	-	-	(46)	(46)	-	(46)
Cumulative changes in fair value of debt type investments	-	-	(4,249)	(4,249)	-	(4,249)
Total comprehensive income for the period	-	-	(4,295)	(4,295)	29,609	25,314
Dividends paid	-	-	-	-	(26,878)	(26,878)
At 30 September 2022 (Reviewed)	132,500	37,195	19,186	56,381	129,626	318,507

*During the period, the Bank paid dividend of US\$ 26.32 (2022: US\$ 20.29) per share amounting to US\$ 34.88 million (2022: US\$ 26.88 million) upon approval by the shareholder at the Annual General Meeting dated 30 March 2023.

The above Interim Consolidated Statement of Financial Position, Interim Consolidated Statement of Income, Interim Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows and Interim Consolidated Statement of Changes in Owners' Equity have been extracted from the Interim Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements of ABC Islamic Bank (E.C.) for the period ended 30th September 2023, which were approved by the Board of Directors and on which an unqualified review conclusion was issued by Ernst & Young, Kingdom of Bahrain, on 12 November 2023.

Horses used for beachside riding activities 'exhausted'

Concerns growing as lack of proper nutrition and care may be contributing to animals' condition

Zahra Ayaz
TDT | Manama

The popularity of horse riding near beaches and parks has soared, attracting both locals and tourists seeking leisurely activities. However, the well-being of the horses involved in these ventures has become a subject of growing apprehension.

Witnesses have noted that these horses, which should be robust and healthy, often display signs of physical and mental exhaustion.

Speaking to The Daily Tribune, Osama Al Ali, Partner at Aali Equestrian Club and Horse Riding School, shed light on the situation.

He pointed out that limited budgets in some stables could result in insufficient funds to purchase adequate and proper feed for the horses. Additionally, a lack of experience in implementing a suitable diet system

“Teeding proper nutrition based on the horse’s activities, daily cleaning of the stables, providing a comfortable environment, regular worming every six months, and round-the-clock grooming are all part of our commitment to ensuring the horses’ optimal health.”

- OSAMA AL ALI, PARTNER AT AALI EQUESTRIAN CLUB AND HORSE RIDING SCHOOL



duce the amount of feed during the summer months when activities are minimal. Furthermore, certain horses may require a specific type of feed, but they are forced to consume a regular feed, which can negatively impact their health. It is crucial for owners and grooms to be knowledgeable about the dietary requirements of each horse.”

Al Ali emphasised the importance of stables and clubs having a comprehensive understand-

ing of horse dieting. He recommended that horses undergo health checkups at least twice a year. Moreover, he stressed that the proper care of horse hooves should be a top priority.

Dietary needs

“Different breeds of horses have different dietary needs,” Al Ali continued. “Thankfully, our country provides a wide range of feed and nutrition options. We tailor the feed based on the breed and conduct regular health checkups to ensure the horses’ well-being.”

When asked about the measures taken at his club, Al Ali outlined several practices aimed at maintaining the horses’ health. “We administer vaccinations to all horses every six months and prioritise hoof care, scheduling trimming and shoeing at least once a month.”

He said that feeding proper nutrition based on the horse’s

activities, daily cleaning of the stables, providing a comfortable environment, regular worming every six months, and round-the-clock grooming are all part of our commitment to ensuring the horses’ optimal health.

Al Ali concluded by highlighting the cultural significance of horses in the Kingdom. “Horse riding is deeply ingrained in our society. It is a common activity, hobby, and even a business for many.

“Bahrain has always been at the forefront when it comes to horses, and it is not uncommon to find a significant number of people owning or riding horses. Equestrianism is widely available throughout the country.”

As concerns grow regarding the welfare of horses at local stables and clubs, it is expected that stricter regulations and increased awareness will be implemented to safeguard the well-being of these majestic animals.

Three Asians held for theft

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The Capital Governorate Police Directorate arrested three Asians for stealing cash from companies and shops.

The value of the stolen items is estimated to be around BD14,000.

The Directorate’s police explained that they received a number of reports in this regard, after which they began search and investigation operations and collected information and evidence, which resulted in identifying the aforementioned persons, arresting them, and identifying a fourth person suspected of his involvement.

Initial information indicated their involvement in theft cases in various regions of the Kingdom.

The necessary legal measures are being taken and the case is being referred to the Public Prosecution.

Two arrested for online blackmailing

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The Cybercrime Department of the General Directorate of Anti-Corruption and Economic and Electronic Security arrested a 30-year-old man and a 33-year-old woman for blackmailing individuals by threatening to circulate private videos on social media.

The department explained that upon receiving complaints in this regard, it immediately started search, investigation operations that led to identifying the identities of the mentioned individuals and arresting them.

The General Directorate of Anti-Corruption and Economic and Electronic Security Indicated that the necessary legal measures are being taken to refer the case to the Public Prosecution.

Kingdom keen to fight trafficking in persons

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Labour Market Regulatory Authority (LMRA) CEO Nibras Mohammed Talib, stressed the importance of continuing work and coordination between various parties to develop the work environment in line with the rapid changes in the labour market, and enhance the efforts of the Kingdom of Bahrain to proactively address all forms of trafficking in persons.

Also Chairman of the National Committee to Combat Trafficking in Persons, Talib added that Bahrain was able to gain the trust and respect of countries around the world for its advanced measures in this field.

Thought it, he noted, the Kingdom was enabled it to achieve the first category in the annual US State Department report on the classification of countries in the field of combating trafficking in persons, as the first country in the Middle East and North Africa region to reach this category and maintain it for six consecutive years within Years (2018-2023).

This came during his chairmanship of the third meeting of the National Committee to Combat Trafficking in Persons during the current year, where Talib explained that maintaining the position the Kingdom has achieved in terms of combating trafficking in persons requires sustained efforts in following up on market developments.

Court grants Arab woman divorce on grounds of husband’s constant assault

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The High Sharia Appeals Court has ruled for the divorce of an Arab woman from her husband on the grounds of harm after he admitted to physically assaulting her.

The court stated that it was satisfied with the corroborating witnesses’ testimonies without the need for rebuttal witnesses, and that the removal of harm would be achieved by separating the couple through divorce.

The lawyer, representing the wife, stated that her client

married the defendant as a second wife, and he provided her with accommodation. However, they constantly had disputes, and he would physically assault her, even during her pregnancy.

She filed police reports against him, after which he expelled her from the marital home, leaving her with no option but to travel to her mother’s country.

The lawyer further added that her client filed a lawsuit seeking divorce from her husband due to the harm inflicted upon her.

He consistently subjected her to physical abuse, verbal insults, and had doubts about her behavior, to the point where their relationship became unbearable, the lawyer stressed.

Appeal

However, the court of first instance rejected the lawsuit, prompting an appeal. The appellant’s lawyer requested the court to refer the case for investigation to prove the harm suffered by her client. A witness from the appellant’s relatives

attended the reconciliation council held at the appellant’s aunt’s house.

The aunt confronted the husband regarding his physical assault on the appellant, striking her three times, and expelled her from the house, forcing her to leave with her clothes.

The husband admitted to two assaults but denied the third, promising not to repeat the abuse. The woman had to be hospitalised after the defendant attacked her again. As a result, the court ruled in favour of the woman.

BD53,600 restaurant fees ruling overturned

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The Court of Cassation has overturned a lower court’s ruling that ordered a Manama restaurant to pay municipal fees totaling BD53,600.

The Capital Municipality had filed a lawsuit seeking unpaid fees accrued over a 20-month period when the restaurant was closed. The lawyer, representing the restaurant owner, appealed the lower court’s decision upholding the fees owed.

He argued the email notification sent to the commercial registry on file was invalid as registration had been cancelled over a year earlier.

The Court of Cassation found that the restaurant owner was not properly notified of the case, as the lower courts failed



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to verify whether the commercial registration and contact email were still valid before using them to issue summons.

As a result, the ruling was

overturned for lack of verification of current registration and contact details, depriving the defendant of a fair defense against the alleged unpaid fees.

Workshops on addiction and internet security

● Cooperation with foreign communities highlighted

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The Crime Prevention Directorate of the Public Security Presidency, in coordination with the Capital Governorate, has held two workshops on addiction risks and internet security at the Philippine Embassy.

Assistant Chief of Public Security for Community Affairs, Col. Mustafa Al Sayed, highlighted during the workshops the significance of cooperation with foreign communities as one of the Interior Ministry’s priorities to limit crimes. He said that cooperation promotes community partnership



Col. Mustafa Al Sayed

and security awareness.

Meanwhile, the Philippine Ambassador to Bahrain, HE Anne Louis, hailed the workshops for protecting people and general safety by adopting preventative measures.

After the workshop, the participants toured an exhibition by Maan (together) programme against violence and addiction.

Trafco Group reports Q3, nine-month profits

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Trafco Group reported a net profit attributable to the shareholders of Trafco of BD 269k for 2023 third quarter compared to BD 301k in the year-earlier quarter, a decrease of 10.6%.

Earnings per share were 4 fils compared to 4 fils during the third quarter of previous year.

The total comprehensive income attributable to the shareholders of Trafco was negative by BD 98k compared to BD 361k of the third quarter of previous year with a decrease of 127.2%.

Ebrahim Zainal, Chairman of Trafco Group stated that the decrease in the net profit for the third quarter of 2023 was mainly due to summer seasonal reasons with total volume of sales decreasing plus depressed



Ebrahim Zainal - Chairman



Azzam Moutragi

market conditions and lower GP due to tough competition particularly in the frozen chicken sector. With regard to the reduced comprehensive income, it was due to general downward trend in value of our investment portfolio.

Earnings per share were 22 fils compared with 20 fils in the same period of the previous year.

The total comprehensive income attributable to the shareholders of Trafco was BD 1.58m compared to BD 2.34m of the same period of the previous year, with a decrease of 32%.

Azzam Moutragi, CEO of Trafco Group stated that the increase in the net profit for the nine months ended 30th September 2023 was driven by good investment income as well as better performance of group subsidiary companies in spite of continuous impact of high financial cost besides market situation. He adds that the total comprehensive income decrease was due to fair valuation of Quoted and Unquoted Investments at the closing date.

Nine-month results

Nine-month net profit attributable to the shareholders of Trafco was BD 1.65m compared with BD 1.46m in the same period of the previous year, with an increase of 13%.

Bank ABC Islamic posts US\$35.1m 9-month profit

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Bank ABC Islamic yesterday reported a third quarter net profit of US\$10.2 million compared to US\$8.9 m in the third quarter of last year.

Quarterly net operating income before credit losses was US\$13.4m compared to US\$9.0m for the same period of last year.

Operating expenses were US\$2.4 m, compared to US\$2.0m for the same period of last year.

Nine-month results

Net profit was US\$35.1m, 18.6 % higher than same period last year.

Net operating income before credit losses was US\$44.1m, 37.4% higher than the same period in 2022.

Allowances for credit losses for the period were a charge of US\$0.3m compared to a write back of US\$4.0m reported during the same period last year.

Operating expenses were US\$8.4m, 35.0% higher compared to US\$6.2m for last year.

The Banks said the growth in



Hammad Hassan

income and profitability is at the back of higher profit rate environment as well as stable core customer business.

Hammad Hassan, Managing Director of Bank ABC Islamic said, "The year-to-date performance of the Bank is promising and is based on stable performance from core client business as well as favorable higher profit rate environment. Capital markets activity picked up this year after a subdued 2022."

NBB to participate at Cityscape Bahrain 2023

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The National Bank of Bahrain (NBB) will be participating at Cityscape Bahrain 2023, the Kingdom's flagship real estate event and one of the leading property exhibitions in the MENA region.

The event is being held under the patronage of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Crown Prince and Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Bahrain, and will take place at Exhibition World Bahrain between 14th and 16th November.

NBB's presence at Cityscape will give visitors the opportunity to learn about the Bank's extensive property mortgage offering, enabling them to identify potential properties during the exhibition and conveniently explore financing options.

The Bank will also review the most important investment opportunities through its platform, which forms part of NBB's objectives to cultivate strategic partnerships with local and regional real estate developers and agents.

NBB, ServiceNow join for Advanced Digital Workflow Solutions

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The National Bank of Bahrain (NBB) has partnered with ServiceNow to develop systems that optimise the Bank's processes and operations. As part of the agreement, NBB will leverage the capabilities of the ServiceNow Platform to further streamline both IT and customer workflows.

By partnering with ServiceNow, NBB will enhance the efficiency of its operational processes in line with its focus on customer centricity and its 2024-2026 strategy, ultimately



Officials following the deal signing

enabling the Bank to better serve its customers.

Razi Amin, NBB Group Chief Technology Officer, commented; 'Digital transformation is at the core of our strategy which aims to drive operational excellence across the organisation and elevate our offering to our customer base.'

Reflecting on the partnership, Ali Kaddoura, Country Manager - GCC at ServiceNow said; 'These will undoubtedly have a marked positive impact on employee productivity and efficiency and customer acquisition, retention and satisfaction.'

INTERIM CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 30 SEPTEMBER 2023 (REVIEWED)

INTERIM CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS ACCOUNT AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME	Three-month period ended 30 September		Nine-month period ended 30 September	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
For the period ended 30 September 2023 (Reviewed)	BD	BD	BD	BD
Revenue from contracts with customers	11,229,334	11,599,630	34,838,115	31,276,735
Costs of revenue	(8,929,565)	(9,218,596)	(28,075,141)	(24,885,938)
GROSS PROFIT	2,299,769	2,381,034	6,762,974	6,390,797
Other operating income	43,620	32,398	128,576	76,907
Personnel costs	(1,071,660)	(1,060,387)	(3,233,238)	(2,891,995)
General and administration expenses	(291,693)	(316,500)	(846,936)	(751,195)
Selling and distribution expenses	(352,791)	(334,840)	(889,701)	(870,505)
Depreciation on property, plant and equipment	(101,293)	(119,381)	(302,382)	(333,129)
Depreciation on right-of-use assets	(55,489)	(66,373)	(158,427)	(219,418)
PROFIT FROM OPERATIONS	470,463	515,951	1,458,866	1,392,462
Investment income	142,871	53,365	1,218,580	706,507
Other income	-	-	-	231,672
Share of results of an associate	-	-	-	(138,319)
Finance costs	(85,815)	(79,787)	(321,172)	(164,761)
Finance costs on lease liabilities	(47,829)	(53,077)	(144,835)	(147,248)
Foreign exchange gains, net	12,885	13,254	46,843	37,330
PROFIT FOR THE PERIOD	492,575	449,706	2,258,282	1,917,643
of which profit attributable to non-controlling interests	(223,314)	(148,508)	(607,940)	(461,754)
PROFIT FOR THE PERIOD ATTRIBUTABLE TO SHAREHOLDERS OF TRAFCO GROUP B.S.C.	269,261	301,198	1,650,342	1,455,889
BASIC AND DILUTED EARNINGS PER SHARE (FILS)	4	4	22	20
OTHER COMPREHENSIVE (LOSS) INCOME	-	-	-	-
Items not to be reclassified to profit or loss in subsequent periods:	-	-	-	-
- Gain on disposals of investment at fair value through other comprehensive income	712	9,965	108,600	9,965
- Net change in fair value of investment through other comprehensive income	(365,141)	65,286	(166,008)	931,489
- Share of associate's other comprehensive loss	-	-	-	(11,063)
Other comprehensive (loss) income for the period	(364,429)	75,251	(57,408)	930,391
Items to be reclassified to profit or loss in subsequent periods:	-	-	-	-
- Exchange differences on translation of foreign operations	(21,640)	(23,873)	(23,360)	(79,107)
Other comprehensive (loss) income for the period	(386,069)	51,378	(80,768)	851,284
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME OF THE GROUP FOR THE PERIOD of which attributable to non-controlling interests	106,506	501,084	2,177,514	2,768,927
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE (LOSS) INCOME FOR THE PERIOD ATTRIBUTABLE TO SHAREHOLDERS OF TRAFCO GROUP B.S.C.	(98,043)	361,013	1,583,743	2,340,691

INTERIM CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION	(Reviewed)		(Audited)	
	30 September	31 December	2023	2022
At 30 September 2023 (Reviewed)	BD	BD	BD	BD
ASSETS				
Non-current assets				
Property, plant and equipment	9,623,864	9,273,189		
Right-of-use assets	3,267,815	3,699,121		
Investment at fair value through other comprehensive income	14,612,194	14,998,073		
Current assets				
Inventories	10,040,889	10,547,968		
Trade and other receivables	11,455,764	10,574,155		
Cash, bank balances and short-term deposits	3,193,398	3,693,128		
TOTAL ASSETS	52,193,924	52,785,634		
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES				
Equity				
Share capital	8,067,505	8,067,505		
Treasury shares	(1,706,644)	(1,706,644)		
Share premium	3,386,502	3,386,502		
Reserves	19,078,792	18,607,893		
Equity attributable to shareholders of Trafco Group B.S.C.	28,826,155	28,355,256		
Non-controlling interests	5,513,209	4,919,438		
Total equity	34,339,364	33,274,694		
Non-current liabilities				
Lease liabilities	3,040,403	3,389,399		
Employees' end of service benefits	1,543,541	1,531,760		
Term loans	2,085,380	1,546,485		
Government grant	37,298	40,965		
Current liabilities	6,706,622	6,508,609		
Trade and other payables	6,655,051	7,298,611		
Import loans	2,725,450	3,759,063		
Lease liabilities	523,010	545,450		
Contract and refund liabilities	349,158	295,986		
Bank overdrafts	79,183	550,420		
Term loans	812,419	549,134		
Government grant	3,667	3,667		
Total liabilities	11,147,938	13,002,331		
TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES	45,487,302	46,277,025		

INTERIM CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY	Attributable to shareholders of Trafco Group B.S.C.													
	Share capital	Treasury shares	Share premium	Statutory reserve	General reserve	Fair value reserves	Foreign currency reserves	Retained earnings - distributable	Retained earnings - not distributable	Proposed appropriations	Total reserves	Total Trafco's shareholders	Non-controlling interests	Total equity
For the period ended 30 September 2023 (Reviewed)	BD	BD	BD	BD	BD	BD	BD	BD	BD	BD	BD	BD	BD	BD
2023														
Balance at 1 January 2023	8,067,505	(1,706,644)	3,386,502	4,033,753	1,565,000	7,339,975	(38,048)	4,047,633	496,736	1,162,844	18,607,893	28,355,256	4,919,438	33,274,694
Profit for the period	-	-	-	-	-	(54,685)	(11,914)	1,650,342	-	-	1,650,342	1,650,342	607,940	2,258,282
Other comprehensive (loss) income for the period	-	-	-	-	-	(54,685)	(11,914)	(66,599)	-	-	(66,599)	(66,599)	(14,169)	(80,768)
Total comprehensive (loss) income for the period	-	-	-	-	-	(109,369)	(23,828)	1,583,743	-	-	1,583,743	1,583,743	593,771	2,177,514
Dividends	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(1,112,844)	(1,112,844)	(1,112,844)	-	(1,112,844)
Transfer to general reserve	-	-	-	-	50,000	-	-	-	-	(50,000)	-	-	-	-
Gain on disposals of investments at fair value through other comprehensive income	-	-	-	-	-	(108,600)	-	108,600	-	-	-	-	-	-
Balance at 30 September 2023	8,067,505	(1,706,644)	3,386,502	4,033,753	1,615,000	7,176,690	(49,962)	5,806,575	496,736	-	19,078,792	28,826,155	5,513,209	34,339,364
2022														
Balance at 1 January 2022	8,067,505	(1,706,644)	3,386,502	4,033,753	1,515,000	6,976,287	(19,157)	3,638,863	496,736	1,088,766	17,730,248	27,477,611	4,660,051	32,137,662
Profit for the period	-	-	-	-	-	925,147	(40,345)	1,455,889	-	-	1,455,889	1,455,889	461,754	1,917,643
Other comprehensive (loss) income for the period	-	-	-	-	-	925,147	(40,345)	884,802	-	-	884,802	884,802	(33,518)	851,284
Total comprehensive (loss) income for the period	-	-	-	-	-	1,850,294	(80,690)	2,340,691	-	-	2,340,691	2,340,691	428,236	2,768,927
Deemed disposal of associate	-	-	-	-	-	41,546	-	-	-	41,546	41,546	41,546	-	41,546
Dividends	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	112	-	(1,038,766)	(1,038,766)	(1,038,766)	-	(1,038,766)
Transfer to general reserve	-	-	-	-	50,000	-	-	-	-	(50,000)	-	-	-	-
Gain on disposals of investments at fair value through other comprehensive income	-	-	-	-	-	(9,965)	-	9,965	-	-	-	-	-	-
Balance at 30 September 2022	8,067,505	(1,706,644)	3,386,502	4,033,753	1,565,000	7,933,015	(59,502)	5,104,829	496,736	-	19,073,831	28,821,194	5,088,287	33,909,481

The above Interim Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements were reviewed by Ernst & Young and approved by the Board of Directors on 12th November 2023.

Ebrahim Mohamed Ali Zainal | Yusuf Saleh Abdulla Alsaleh | Azzam Moutragi | Ernst & Young
Chairman | Vice Chairman | Group CEO | Auditor



Check-in and tag luggage from home through 'Hala Bahrain'

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Expatriates often encounter various challenges when traveling by air, including the hassle of managing luggage, navigating through legal procedures, and the stress of the journey. Bahrain International Airport has introduced a solution that addresses these issues.

With the 'Hala Bahrain' service, passengers can now complete the check-in process and tag their luggage from the comfort of their homes.

An assigned agent from Hala Bahrain will visit the passenger's accommodation to handle the inspection and issue the boarding pass. This service allows for the convenience of managing luggage without the need to discard items at the airport. It includes services like bag weighing, tagging, passenger check-in, and boarding pass issuance.

Moreover, Hala Bahrain ensures that the luggage is safely delivered to the air-

Home Check-In Rates		
Sr No	Service Description	Per Service
1	1 - 2 Pax Up to 4 Bags	BHD 22.000
2	3 - 7 Pax Up to 14 Bags	BHD 33.000
3	Additional Bags Per Bag	BHD 5.500

port and loaded onto the flight. Upon airport arrival, passengers can bypass the check-in desks and proceed directly to immigration, saving valuable time and reducing pre-journey stress.

This service not only minimises waiting time and congestion at the airport terminal but also enables passengers to focus on and enjoy their journey without unnecessary distractions.

Travellers departing from Bahrain International Airport can avail of this service up to 12 hours before their flight's departure and can make bookings up to 30 days in advance.

The service should be booked by sending an email to homecheckin@halabahrain.bh. A Hala Bahrain agent will arrive at your doorstep at a convenient time.



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Al Salam Bank quarterly and nine-months profits surge

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Al Salam Bank yesterday announced third quarter 2023 profits attributable to shareholders of BD 10.45 million (US\$ 27.72m) compared to BD 6.77m (US\$ 17.95m) in the same quarter in 2022, reflecting a significant increase of 54%.

The increase is predominantly driven by the growth in core banking activities and additional earnings derived from key strategic initiatives, including uplifts from the acquisition of a majority stake in Al Salam Bank Algeria.

Earnings per share increased to 4.2 fils (US\$ 11.1 cents) from 2.9 fils (US\$ 7.7 cents) in the year-earlier quarter. Total operating income was BD 71.44m (US\$ 189.50m) – a 62% increase from the BD 44.16m (US\$ 117.15m) recorded in the third quarter of 2022.



Shaikh Khalid bin Mustahil Al Mashani



Rafik Nayed

Nine-month results

Nine-month net profits attributable to shareholders was BD 31m (US\$ 82.24m) compared to BD 20.29m (US\$ 53.81m) for the same period in 2022, reflecting an increase of 53%.

in 2022, reflecting an increase of 100%.

Shaikh Khalid bin Mustahil Al Mashani, Chairman of Al Salam Bank, commented: "We have confidence that we will sustain our growth trajectory by implementing strategic initiatives centered around customer-centricity, digitization, and continued market share acquisition. The Bank is well positioned to deliver value to our shareholders despite market conditions and increased competition."

Rafik Nayed, Group Chief Executive Officer of Al Salam Bank, said: "The Bank is now well positioned to continue to deliver strong results on a sustainable basis. We are committed to implementing our forward-looking initiatives enabling us to capitalize on emerging opportunities and to drive shareholder value."



United Gulf Investment Corporation BSC

Condensed interim consolidated statement of financial position as at 30 September 2023 (Reviewed) (Expressed in Bahrain Dinars)

	30 September 2023 (Reviewed)	31 December 2022 (Audited)
ASSETS		
Non-current assets		
Property, plant and equipment	28,044,053	29,732,644
Investment in associates	2,398,432	2,286,100
Right-of-use assets	209,497	252,079
	<u>30,651,982</u>	<u>32,270,823</u>
Current assets		
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	256,000	256,000
Inventories	23,756,537	13,685,442
Trade and other receivables	7,686,882	7,848,110
Mudaraba deposits	1,547,739	1,909,577
Cash and bank balances	2,495,839	7,702,113
	<u>35,742,997</u>	<u>31,401,242</u>
Total assets	<u>66,394,979</u>	<u>63,672,065</u>
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES		
Capital and reserves		
Share capital	20,000,000	20,000,000
Statutory reserve	3,400,568	3,400,568
Share premium	116,328	116,328
Other reserves	7,682,701	6,235,195
Equity attributable to shareholders of the Parent	31,199,597	29,752,091
Non-controlling interest	7,811,996	7,346,835
	<u>39,011,593</u>	<u>37,098,926</u>
Non-current liabilities		
Non-current portion of term loans	17,424,575	17,028,950
Non-current portion of lease liabilities	378,560	436,118
Employees' terminal benefits	813,659	758,669
	<u>18,616,794</u>	<u>18,223,737</u>
Current liabilities		
Current portion of term loans	1,010,000	1,910,625
Current portion of lease liabilities	79,015	85,418
Trade and other payables	7,677,577	6,353,359
	<u>8,766,592</u>	<u>8,349,402</u>
Total equity and liabilities	<u>66,394,979</u>	<u>63,672,065</u>

Condensed interim consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income for the quarter and nine months period ended 30 September 2023 (Reviewed) (Expressed in Bahrain Dinars)

	Nine months ended 30 September 2023 (Reviewed)	Nine months ended 30 September 2022 (Reviewed)	Quarter ended 30 September 2023 (Reviewed)	Quarter ended 30 September 2022 (Reviewed)
Sales	27,524,959	43,284,145	7,646,416	10,540,207
Cost of sales	(23,404,960)	(31,062,490)	(7,329,272)	(9,040,825)
Gross profit	<u>4,119,999</u>	<u>12,221,655</u>	<u>317,144</u>	<u>1,499,382</u>
Other income	489,109	79,436	419,724	62,201
	<u>4,609,108</u>	<u>12,301,091</u>	<u>736,868</u>	<u>1,561,583</u>
Expenses				
Indirect expenses	(2,141,972)	(1,088,291)	(667,706)	(256,447)
Finance costs	(212,832)	(214,761)	(67,007)	(70,901)
	<u>(2,354,804)</u>	<u>(1,303,052)</u>	<u>(734,713)</u>	<u>(327,348)</u>
Net profit for the period before tax and share of profit from investment in associates	<u>2,254,304</u>	<u>10,998,039</u>	<u>2,155</u>	<u>1,234,235</u>
Share of profit/(loss) from investment in associates	112,863	9,688	5,216	(14,855)
Net profit for the period before tax	<u>2,367,167</u>	<u>11,007,727</u>	<u>7,371</u>	<u>1,219,380</u>
Provision for zakat	(454,500)	(220,996)	(151,500)	(8,896)
Net profit/(loss) and other comprehensive income/(loss) for the period	<u>1,912,667</u>	<u>10,786,731</u>	<u>(144,129)</u>	<u>1,210,484</u>
Net profit/(loss) attributable to:				
Shareholders of the Company	1,447,506	8,192,702	(109,077)	945,748
Non-controlling interest	465,161	2,594,029	(35,052)	264,736
	<u>1,912,667</u>	<u>10,786,731</u>	<u>(144,129)</u>	<u>1,210,484</u>
Basic and diluted earnings/(loss) per share	<u>7.23 fils</u>	<u>40.96 fils</u>	<u>(0.54) fils</u>	<u>4.73 fils</u>
Total comprehensive income/(loss) attributable to:				
Shareholders of the Company	1,447,506	8,192,702	(109,077)	945,748
Non-controlling interest	465,161	2,594,029	(35,052)	264,736
	<u>1,912,667</u>	<u>10,786,731</u>	<u>(144,129)</u>	<u>1,210,484</u>

Condensed interim consolidated statement of cash flows for nine months period ended 30 September 2023 (Reviewed) (Expressed in Bahrain Dinars)

	Nine months ended 30 September 2023 (Reviewed)	Nine months ended 30 September 2022 (Reviewed)
Operating activities		
Net profit for the period	1,912,667	10,786,731
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation	1,955,787	2,013,875
Amortisation of right-of-use assets	42,582	42,582
Reversal of provision for slow-moving inventories	(1,555,181)	(1,361,842)
Impairment of investment in associate	-	24,535
Share of profit from investment in associates	(112,863)	(9,688)
Bank interest income	(121,879)	(51,795)
Finance costs	212,832	214,761
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Inventories	(8,515,914)	(10,329,461)
Trade and other receivables	161,228	3,349,689
Trade and other payables	1,324,218	2,172,188
Employees' terminal benefits, net	54,990	32,422
Net cash (used in)/provided by operating activities	<u>(4,641,533)</u>	<u>6,883,997</u>
Investing activities		
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(267,196)	(415,881)
Advances to investment in associates	-	(444,400)
Additions to investment in associates	(75,908)	-
Dividends received during the period	76,439	91,179
Net movement in Mudaraba deposits	361,838	(252,477)
Bank interest income received	121,879	51,795
Net cash provided by/(used in) investing activities	<u>217,052</u>	<u>(969,784)</u>
Financing activities		
Finance costs paid	(212,832)	(209,666)
Repayment of term loans	(505,000)	(4,786,351)
Repayment of lease liabilities	(63,961)	(68,712)
Net cash used in financing activities	<u>(781,793)</u>	<u>(5,064,729)</u>
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents	<u>(5,206,274)</u>	<u>849,484</u>
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of the period	7,702,113	7,145,725
Cash and cash equivalents, end of the period	2,495,839	7,995,209

Condensed interim consolidated statement of changes in shareholders' equity for nine months period ended 30 September 2023 (Reviewed) (Expressed in Bahrain Dinars)

	Equity attributable to shareholders of the Parent					Non-Controlling Interest	Total	
	Share capital	Statutory reserve	Share premium	Revaluation reserve	Retained Earnings			
At 31 December 2021 (Audited)	20,000,000	3,134,426	116,328	4,329,043	(489,124)	27,090,673	6,499,883	33,590,556
Total comprehensive income for the period	-	-	-	-	8,192,702	8,192,702	2,594,029	10,786,731
At 30 September 2022 (Reviewed)	20,000,000	3,134,426	116,328	4,329,043	7,703,578	35,283,375	9,093,912	44,377,287
At 31 December 2022 (Audited)	20,000,000	3,400,568	116,328	4,329,043	1,906,152	29,752,091	7,346,835	37,098,926
Total comprehensive income for the period	-	-	-	-	1,447,506	1,447,506	465,161	1,912,667
At 30 September 2023 (Reviewed)	20,000,000	3,400,568	116,328	4,329,043	3,353,658	31,199,597	7,811,996	39,011,593

These unaudited condensed interim consolidated financial information were approved, authorised for issue by the Board of Directors and signed on their

Rashed Abdulla Al Suwaiket Al Hajri
Chairman

Abdulla Fahad. Al-Subaie
Vice - Chairman

Zain Bahrain hosts Cybersecurity panel discussion

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In efforts to mark Cybersecurity Awareness month, Zain Bahrain recently hosted a cybersecurity panel discussion for its employees to raise awareness and enrich their knowledge.

The panel discussion included professionals in the industry from the National Cyber Security Center (NCSC), Quantic Technologies, NGN Training Center, and Kerne. It aimed to raise awareness and enrich the attendees' knowledge on how to protect themselves and the company from cyber threats.



In pictures, participants at the event



Rana Al Majed, Zain Bahrain Chief Human Resource Officer said, "Zain Bahrain will remain committed to providing the necessary learning opportunities for its workforce to keep pace with today's advanced digital transformation." Aysha Ahmed bin Haji, Director of the Outreach and Awareness Directorate at the National Center for Cybersecurity, Ministry of Interior, emphasized the importance of cooperation between the public and private sectors in enhancing security preparedness against cyber threats.

Al Baraka Group, subsidiaries organise second Annual Al Baraka Day

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The second annual charity "Al Baraka Day" was held in all the countries where Al Baraka Group operates. It is a day that brings together families and friends of the Group's employees and Banks to carry out charitable activities centered around serving their local communities.

The Group and its Banks have organized their charitable activities under the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UNSDG), which is "No Poverty" (SDG 1). In Bahrain, ABG's employees visited the Muharraq Social Welfare Center and organized several recreational activities for the elderly.

Houssem Ben Haj Amor, CEO



and Board Executive Member at Al Baraka Group commented: "This initiative aims to support our endeavors to achieve the first goal under the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, which is 'No Poverty'."

Over 100 employees contributed to community projects that positively impacted over 5,000 people across different countries. The projects included: donating clothes, footwear, blankets, computers in schools, devices to speed up the process of examining children in public hospitals, installing devices and lights that save energy, providing meals, building a children's playground, and others.

Participants during a group photo opportunity

Condensed consolidated interim statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income for the quarter and nine months period ended 30 September 2023		Condensed consolidated interim statement of financial position as at 30 September 2023		Condensed consolidated interim statement of cash flows for the nine months period ended 30 September 2023	
(Reviewed) (Expressed in Bahrain Dinars)		(Reviewed) (Expressed in Bahrain Dinars)		(Reviewed) (Expressed in Bahrain Dinars)	
Quarter ended 30 September 2023	Quarter ended 30 September 2022	Nine months ended 30 September 2023	Nine months ended 30 September 2022	30 September 2023	31 December 2022
(Reviewed)	(Reviewed)	(Reviewed)	(Reviewed)	(Reviewed)	(Audited)
Operating income	1,306,320	1,646,889	4,009,966	4,064,260	
Operating costs	(1,309,620)	(1,537,765)	(3,895,787)	(3,731,026)	
Operating gross (loss)/profit for the period	(3,300)	109,124	114,179	333,234	
Income from investments, net	223,894	486,612	1,643,219	1,057,014	
Other income	88,020	132,271	251,145	465,114	
	311,914	618,883	1,894,364	1,522,128	
General and administrative Expenses	(326,163)	(443,464)	(1,131,578)	(1,184,722)	
Finance costs	(74,344)	(12,113)	(204,697)	(147,723)	
	(400,507)	(455,577)	(1,336,275)	(1,332,495)	
Net (loss)/profit and other comprehensive (loss)/income for the period	(91,893)	272,430	672,268	522,867	
Basic (loss)/earnings per share	(1)fil	3fil	9fil	7fil	

Condensed consolidated interim statement of changes in shareholders' equity for the nine months period ended 30 September 2023	
(Reviewed) (Expressed in Bahrain Dinars)	
	Total
At 31 December 2021 – audited	59,753,995
Dividend for the year 2021	(1,183,706)
Charity paid	(7,000)
Transfer to charity reserve	(20,759)
Net profit and other comprehensive income for the period	522,867
At 30 September 2022 – reviewed	59,086,156
At 31 December 2022 – audited	59,705,774
Dividend for the year 2022	(1,183,623)
Charity paid	(65,000)
Purchase of treasury shares	(9,691)
Net profit and other comprehensive income for the period	672,268
At 30 September 2023 – reviewed	59,102,209

Condensed consolidated interim statement of cash flows for the nine months period ended 30 September 2023	
(Reviewed) (Expressed in Bahrain Dinars)	
	Nine months period ended 30 September 2023
	(Reviewed)
Operating activities	672,268
Net profit for the period	522,867
Adjustments for:	
Depreciation	615,167
Amortisation of cost to right-of-use assets	733,228
Profit on sale of property, plant and equipment	(1,998)
Net share of profit from investment in an associate	(428,111)
Dividend income	(521,795)
Unrealised (gain)/loss on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	574,624
Profit from fixed deposits	(15,980)
Liabilities no longer payable written-off	(101,563)
Loss on lease termination	79,340
Rent concessions	(17,408)
Interest income from bonds and sukuk	(665,752)
Interest income – discount amortisation	(23,751)
Interest income on long term receivables	(212,784)
Interest income on loan to a related party	(64,106)
Finance costs	147,723
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:	
Inventories	507
Trade and other receivables	(283,619)
Employees' terminal and other benefits	35,698
Trade and other payables	(337,219)
Net cash used in operating activities	(188,696)
Investing activities	(105,779)
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(12,969)
Additions to investment properties	14
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment	212,784
Interest income on long term receivable	-
Interest income on loan to a related party	15,980
Profit from fixed deposit received	-
Proceeds from sale of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	723,772
Interest income from bonds and sukuk	665,752
Purchase of financial assets at amortised cost	(13,950,627)
Purchase of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	(498,337)
Dividend income received	521,795
Net cash provided by/(used in) investing activities	(12,427,615)
Financing activities	(1,034,162)
Amount repaid against Murabaha facility	(495,655)
Lease liabilities paid	10,425,000
Term loan (paid)/obtained	(7,000)
Charity paid	-
Treasury shares purchased	-
Dividends paid	(1,183,706)
Finance costs paid	(147,723)
Net cash (used in)/provided by financing activities	7,556,754
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(5,059,557)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of the period	3,966,736
Cash and cash equivalents, end of the period	(1,092,821)
Comprising: Cash and bank balances	215,490
Bank overdrafts	(1,308,311)
	(1,092,821)

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News in brief

King Charles III

led Britain in a two-minute silence to honour its war dead in his first remembrance service since being crowned, a day after violence marred commemorations. The memorial was at the centre of ugly confrontations on Saturday, Armistice Day, when police scuffled with a group of counter-protestors -- opposed to a huge pro-Palestinian march -- as they attempted to reach the site. Almost 10,000 veterans marched past the Cenotaph memorial in central London, while thousands more members of the public gathered in tribute to British and Commonwealth servicemen and women who have died in battle. The king, along with Prime Minister Rishi Sunak and opposition Labour leader Keir Starmer, laid wreaths on the Cenotaph shortly after the nation fell silent at 11:00 am (1100 GMT).



King Charles III leads silence for British war dead

Lebanon

says seized 800 kilos of Kuwait-bound drugs

Lebanon has seized more than half a tonne of drugs destined for Kuwait, authorities said yesterday, as Beirut seeks to combat narcotics trafficking, particularly to Gulf countries. Authorities "seized around 800 kilogrammes (1,760 pounds) of drugs" bound for Kuwait via the Netherlands, the office of Interior Minister Bassam Mawlawi said in a statement carried by Lebanon's official National News Agency (NNA). The drugs were "professionally" concealed in wooden figures inside a bulletproof box, the statement said, without specifying the type of narcotics seized. An individual allegedly involved in the trafficking operation was arrested, it added.



Five American service members were killed when a military aircraft crashed into the Mediterranean during a training exercise, EUCOM said yesterday.

Five US service members killed in Mediterranean plane crash

EUCOM did not specify the type of plane or where it was flying from, but the United States has deployed a carrier strike group to the area as part of efforts to prevent the Israel-Hamas war from spiraling into a regional conflict. "During a routine air refueling mission as part of military training, a US military aircraft carrying five service members suffered a mishap and crashed into the Mediterranean Sea. All five of the service members onboard the aircraft were killed," EUCOM said in a statement on the November 10 accident. President Joe Biden, in a statement from the White House, paid tribute to the victims, who as he noted died on the weekend when Americans annually honor military veterans. "Our service members put their lives on the line for our country every day," Biden said.



CURIOSER & CURIOSER

At least 40 Indian workers trapped in tunnel collapse



Rescue teams working to remove huge piles of concrete blocking the tunnel

AFP | Dehradun, India

At least 40 construction workers were trapped yesterday after the road tunnel they were building collapsed in northern India, with rescuers scrambling to reach them beneath piles of debris.

The collapse occurred early Sunday morning in the Himalayan state of Uttarakhand when a group of workers were moving out and replacement workers were going in.

"About 200 metres (218 yards) of the tunnel have collapsed," Durgesh Rathodi, a state disaster response official, told AFP from the site.

"About 40 to 41 workers are trapped inside. Oxygen is being supplied through the debris, but more rubble is coming down as rescuers try to remove the obstruction."

The 4.5-kilometre (2.7-mile) tunnel is being constructed between Silkyara and Dandalgaoon to connect two of the holiest Hindu shrines of Uttarakhand and Yamnotri.

Photographs released by the government rescue teams showed huge piles of concrete blocking the wide tunnel, with twisted metal bars on its broken roof poking down in front of the rubble.

"Pray to god that those workers trapped inside the tunnel are brought out safely," Uttarakhand chief minister Pushkar Singh Dhami wrote on social media platform X.

Rathodi, the disaster response official, said a message was sent to the trapped workers through a tube that is pumping oxygen into the blocked portion of the tunnel, assuring them "all efforts are being made for your safety".

Gaza patients 'in streets'

AFP | Jerusalem, Undefined

Patients are out "in the streets without care" after "forced evacuations" of two paediatric hospitals in Gaza, an official in the Hamas-held territory said Sunday, countering the Israeli army which said it secured safe passage for civilians.

"The forced evacuations of Al-Nasr and Rantisi paediatric hospitals have left sick people on the streets without care" in Gaza City, Mohammed Zaqut, director-general of hospitals in the Palestinian territory, told reporters.

"We have completely lost contact with the caregivers" at these two hospitals, he added.

Earlier yesterday, the Israeli military said it had "enabled the evacuation" of the two hospitals and opened an additional route to



Patients and internally displaced people are pictured at Al-Shifa hospital in Gaza City



Palestinians arrive south of Gaza City

facilitate the safe passage of the civilian population to the south of the Gaza Strip.

Zaqut also described a "cata-

strophic" situation inside Gaza's largest hospital, Al-Shifa, saying "no one can enter or leave it" amid heavy fighting.

Doctors and aid groups on Saturday said two out of 39 babies died in Al-Shifa's neonatal unit after power to their incubator was cut off.

Netanyahu tells NBC 'there could be' potential deal to free hostages

AFP | Washington, United States

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu told US media yesterday a deal could be afoot to free hostages being held in the Gaza Strip, but declined to provide details for fear of scuttling the potential plan.

"We heard that there was an impending deal of this kind or of that kind and then we learned that it was all hokum. But the minute we started the ground operation, that began to change," Netanyahu told NBC show "Meet the Press."

Asked whether there is a potential deal to free more of the hostages being held by Hamas militants, Netanyahu replied: "There could be."

But the leader stopped short of providing specifics about any plan that might be coming together to free some or all of the 239 hostages that Israel says are



Civilians and rescuers look for survivors amid the rubble of a destroyed building

being held captive.

"I think the less I say about it, the more I'll increase the chances that it materializes," he said.

A source close to Hamas said this week that negotiations have occurred over a

possible three-day ceasefire in exchange for the release of a dozen hostages, including six Americans, held by the Islamists, but Netanyahu has flatly rejected calls for a ceasefire in Gaza without the release of the hostages.

500 dual nationals Gaza to Egypt as ev



A man waits with a child at the traveller's Rafah border crossing with Egypt

AFP | Rafah, Palestinian Territories

Around 500 foreigners and dual nationals, as well as several wounded Palestinians, were evacuated from the Israeli-bombed Gaza Strip to Egypt yesterday, reports from both sides of the border said.

Some "500 foreign nationals from 15 different countries en-

Displaced Gazans live in d

AFP | Khan Yunis, Palestinian Territories

At first Youssef Mehna thought the war would quickly be over. Then he was wounded, his house was destroyed, and he was forced to survive "25 days without anything".

So like thousands of others, Mehna finally fled north Gaza for the south.

Perched on trucks, crammed into cars, pulled by donkeys on carts, and on foot, tens of thousands of Palestinians are fleeing Israeli army strikes on the territory squeezed between Israel, Egypt and the Mediterranean.

At the Bani Suheila crossroads in Khan Yunis, on the immense Salah Al-Din road that threads Gaza top to bottom, the processions are growing still.

People fleeing Gaza City are



Palestinians arrive south of Gaza City after fleeing their homes in Gaza City and the Northern Gaza Strip

joined by those leaving Khan Yunis heading further south, towards Rafah, the last city before Egypt.

Mehna left the Jabalia refugee camp at seven in the morning, in the north of Gaza City, also hoping

to reach Rafah.

But his journey finished in Khan Yunis, after eight hours of travel covering only 25 kilometres (15 miles).

"I already paid 500 shekels

(\$130) to come from Jabalia and I have nothing more to carry on Rafah," he said with a drawn face surrounded by his six children.

'Not even a morsel of bread'

Because his sick wife is in a wheelchair, he had to rent "carts" pulled by donkeys, trucks, cars, to transport her.

Each trip was short, as fuel shortages prevent drivers from accepting long-distance fares.

Sometimes, between car rides they were forced to go on foot. "It was me who pushed my wheelchair," he told AFP.

Around him, hundreds of families were waiting.

Children sleep on the floor while parents wonder how they will live in a territory where more than 1.5 million people are displaced and nearly one house in ten has been destroyed, according



ets without care'



Israel's ground offensive and repeatedly hit by strikes.

But Melanie Ward, chief executive of the group Medical Aid for Palestinians, questioned how such an evacuation could be undertaken safely.

"The transfer of critically ill neonates is a complex and technical process," Ward said.

"With ambulances unable to reach the hospital -- particularly those with the skills and equipment needed to transfer these babies -- and no hospital with capacity to receive them, there is no indication of how this can be done safely."

For days, Al-Shifa officials have said that dozens of bodies have been abandoned near the hospital and in its courtyard.

An Al-Shifa ambulance driver, speaking to AFP by telephone, said ambulances had come under snip-

er fire while trying to approach the bodies.

"We asked to be able to bury the bodies, but anyone who goes out into the courtyard of Al-Shifa hospital gets shot," Zaqt said.

The Gaza health ministry, he added, is "no longer able" to report on the dead and injured due to lack of access.

According to last toll from the ministry released on Friday, more than 11,000 people have died in Israel's relentless bombing campaign on the Gaza Strip, mostly civilians and including thousands of children.

The military campaign came after Hamas fighters broke through the militarised border with Israel on October 7, killing around 1,200 people, mostly civilians, and taking about 240 people hostage, according to the most recent Israeli figures.

"We must save premature babies," Zaqt said.

Israel pledged on Saturday to help evacuate babies from the facility, which has been caught in

leave war-torn evacuations resume



terminal on the Palestinian side of the

tered Egypt," an Egyptian security official told AFP on condition of anonymity.

AlQahera News, an outlet close to the Egyptian intelligence services, reported the crossing of an additional "seven wounded Palestinians" through the terminal.

Rafah is the only crossing out of Gaza not controlled by Israel, and had been closed on Friday and Saturday.

Israeli jets strike south Lebanon after Hezbollah attack: army



Displaced Palestinian children gather for breakfast at a refugee camp in Rafah

AFP | Jerusalem, Undefined

Israeli fighter jets pounded Hezbollah hideouts in southern Lebanon with air strikes yesterday, after an incoming anti-tank missile wounded Israeli civilians near the border, the army said.

The Israeli army said "a number of civilians were wounded" in the anti-tank missile strike near the village of Dovev, just half a mile

(800 metres) from the frontier with Lebanon.

In response, "fighter jets struck a number of Hezbollah terror targets" including "military infrastructure used by Hezbollah to direct its terrorist activity", the army said. The Israel Electric Corporation said that the missile from Lebanon had "hit employees" who were in Dovev to repair power lines downed by earlier strikes.

ust, fear and hunger

the United Nations.

In southern Gaza, overflowing with displaced from the north, rents of \$150 a month are now up to \$500 to \$1000.

"I don't even have a morsel of bread to feed my kids," said Umm Yaaqub. "Since six in the morning I have been looking everywhere."

"I can't give them anything to eat," added the 42-year-old, who arrived in Khan Yunis three days ago with her husband and seven children from Gaza City.

The UN has said access to bread in the south is "challenging" because "the only operative mill in Gaza remains unable to grind wheat due to a lack of electricity and fuel".

Before the war, a little over 80 per cent of Gazans lived in poverty and almost two-thirds were dependent on international aid, especially for food, according to the UN.

Now, 50-kilo sacks of flour have increased in price from 40 shekels to 150 shekels, so it's worse still.

'Not a single shekel'

But hunger is not the only worry for Umm Yaaqub. "My husband has heart problems," she says.

And her 20-year-old daughter Rim "is normally in a medical bed". "But we all sleep on the ground, in the dust, and we don't have a single blanket even though the nights are very cold."

Her husband Atef Abu Jarad, 47, remains in a classroom on the first floor of a school where the family camps now, next to dozens of other displaced.

"I'm the head of the family, but I don't have a single shekel to buy something for my kids to eat," he laments.

Shops across southern Gaza are running out of everything. Bottled

water, milk for children, nappies, pasta and juices are now nearly impossible to find.

A little food aid is trickling through to Abu Jarad: "a portion of rice to share between seven" members of his family.

"So I take a small spoon of rice and I tell them I'm full so they can eat," he says.

Water flows from a tap where long crowds of displaced people queue. "People push and I don't have the strength to resist," he says.

His daughter Rim had to give up the painkillers she has taken since birth, because she suffers spinal and shoulder malformations.

"The pain prevents me from sleeping but we can't buy medicines," she says.

She too forgoes meals because her brothers and sisters "have more need to eat".

LEGAL VIEWPOINT

Liability of board directors



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At the end of the year commercial companies, are required by law, to call their shareholders for the Annual General Assembly. One of the main duties of the Assembly of a joint-stock company is to issue a very important "Resolution" absolving all Directors from any responsibility in relation to what they have done during the year. This "Resolution" is normally issued, as part and parcel of other Resolutions to be issued during the Annual Meeting of the company. This "Resolution", we say, is an important Resolution because it absolves members of The Board from all legal liabilities. In fact, this Resolution works as a certificate of good conduct and excellent behavior issued by the shareholders to the Board.

However, such "Resolution" shall not give Members of the Board full freedom and immunity in cases of gross negligence or criminal offences. In relation to this "Resolution" we have to distinguish at this juncture, between the civil liability of Members of the Board and their criminal responsibility. In relation to civil liability, the Resolution absolves them from the responsibility in relation to all acts exercised during their work, except acts of gross negligence. This, legally speaking, means that the "Resolution" gives partial release or "pardon" and not full complete release. Tort-feasors shall not rejoice and assume that they are not questionable for their tortuous wrongdoing and malpractice.

In connection to what we say regarding the responsibility of the Board, an interesting question arises, that is to say for how long this responsibility follows (the wrongdoing) Members? In other words, can a shareholder or a third-party lodge a claim of negligence against a Member after, say, five or six years. Legally speaking, the civil right to sue in cases of gross negligence is time-barred after one year from the date of the "Resolution" absolving Members from liability. This protects them from being constantly under the dreadful impression that they can be sued at any time. Nobody would like to be under such an impression, and this is why the Legislature closes the civil right after one year from the date of that Resolution. But this is not the end of the matter. The one-year limitation principle applies only if the shareholders issue the "Resolution" absolving Members. In case there is no such Resolution, for any reason whatsoever, the limitation period shall be extended for a term of five years. As we can see, this indeed constitutes a big difference.

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The moral clarity that I was talking about is the fact that the American people, through the Senate and the Congress, and in broad swaths of the American public, understand that this is a battle of civilization against barbarism

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Diwali becomes even more special thanks to our cricket team! Congratulations to Team India on their fantastic victory against the Netherlands! Such an impressive display of skill and teamwork. Best wishes for the Semis! India is elated.

@narendramodi

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On Kherson Liberation Day, we honor all of our brave men and women who resisted the occupiers, liberated Kherson, and continue to work to protect people from Russian terror.

@ZelenskyyUa

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Over the course of generations, South Asian Americans have woven Diwali traditions into the fabric of our nation - symbolizing the message of seeking the light of wisdom, love, and unity over the darkness of ignorance, hate, and division.

@POTUS

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Israel announces sale of air defence system to new NATO member Finland

AFP | Jerusalem, Undefined

Israel's defence ministry on Sunday announced a 317 million euro (\$340 million) deal for the sale of its David's Sling air defence system to new NATO member Finland.

Calling it a "historic agreement," the ministry said the system jointly developed by Israeli and US companies can intercept ballistic and cruise missiles, aircraft and drones.

The announcement comes af-



Representative picture

ter Israel in September signed a \$3.5-billion deal -- the biggest ever for the small country's out-sized arms sector -- to sell its Arrow 3 hypersonic missile system to Germany.

The long-range Arrow 3 system was also jointly developed and produced by companies in Israel and its top ally the United States, and the sale had to be approved by Washington before it could be finalised.

That deal came as Germany has led a push to bolster NATO's



The Arrow 3 or Hetz 3 is an exoatmospheric hypersonic anti-ballistic missile, jointly funded, developed and produced by Israel and the United States. Undertaken by Israel Aerospace Industries and Boeing, it is overseen by the Israeli Ministry of Defense's "Homa" administration and the U.S. Missile Defence Agency.

air defences in Europe after the Russian invasion of Ukraine last year, urging allies to buy defence systems together.

Newly minted NATO member Finland was also quick to an-

nounce plans to buy an Israeli defence system against aircraft, rockets and missiles. Analysts say the ongoing war in Ukraine is likely to further increase European demand for Israeli arms.

UN says 'significant' deaths in strike on one of its Gaza compounds

AFP | Jerusalem, Undefined

The United Nations said several people have been killed and wounded in strikes on a UN facility in Gaza City, where hundreds of Palestinians have taken refuge to escape the war.

"The shelling has reportedly resulted in a significant number of deaths and injuries," the United Nations Development Programme said in a statement issued late Saturday.

"The ongoing tragedy of death and injury to civilians ensnared in this conflict is unacceptable and must stop."

In a separate incident, AFP TV footage showed a crater in the middle of a compound of a school run by the UN agency for supporting Palestinians (UNRWA) in Beit Lahia in north Gaza.

Thousands of people displaced by the war had taken refuge in the school.

German chancellor opposed to 'immediate' ceasefire in Gaza

Frankfurt, Germany

German Chancellor Olaf Scholz said yesterday he opposed an "immediate" ceasefire in the Gaza Strip, as calls multiply globally to halt the conflict triggered by Hamas's unprecedented attack on Israel.

"I don't think the calls for an immediate ceasefire or long pause -- which would amount to the same thing -- are right," Scholz said in a debate organised by the German regional daily Heilbronner Stimme.



Olaf Scholz

"That would mean ultimately that Israel leaves Hamas the possibility of recovering and obtaining new missiles," he added, calling instead for "humanitarian pauses".

Israel has been bombing targets across the Gaza Strip since

Hamas fighters carried out an unprecedented deadly attack on

southern Israeli communities on October 7.

About 1,200 people, mostly civilians, were killed in the Hamas attacks and around 240 people taken hostage, according to Israeli officials.

In retaliatory Israeli strikes more than 11,000, also mostly civilians, have been killed in Gaza, according to Hamas health ministry in the territory.

The ministry has not given updated casualty figures for 48 hours, saying it has been unable to establish contact with hospitals.

It said dozens of bodies are scattered on the streets while ambulances have been unable to reach the casualties due to intense fighting and bombings.

UNRWA announced on Friday that more than 100 of its employees had died in the Gaza Strip since the start of the war.

Icelandic volcano could destroy town of Grindavik: experts



The town of Grindavik on the southwestern coast was evacuated in the early hours of Saturday

AFP | Reykjavik, Iceland

An Icelandic town home to some 4,000 people near the capital Reykjavik could be heavily damaged by a volcano expected to erupt within hours or days, experts said on Saturday.

The town of Grindavik on the southwestern coast was evacuated in the early hours of Saturday after magma shifting under the Earth's crust caused hundreds of earthquakes in what was believed to be a precursor to an eruption.

"We are really concerned about all the houses and the infrastructure in the area," Vidir Reynisson, head of Iceland's Civil Protection and Emergency Management told AFP.

The town -- around 40 kilometres (25 miles) southwest of Reykjavik -- is located near the Svartsengi geothermal plant, the main supplier of electricity and water to 30,000 residents on the Reykjanes peninsula, as well as a freshwater reservoir.

Grindavik is also near the Blue Lagoon geothermal spa resort, a popular tourist destination which closed as a precaution earlier this week.

"The magma is now at a very shallow depth, so we're expecting an eruption within a couple of hours at the shortest, but at least within a couple of days," Reynisson said.

The most likely scenario would be a fissure opening in the ground near Grindavik.

"We have a fissure that's about 15 kilometres long, and anywhere on that fissure we can see that an eruption could

happen," Reynisson said.

However he did not rule out the possibility of an eruption on the ocean floor, which would likely cause a large ash cloud.

"It's not the most likely scenario, but we can't rule it out because the end of the... fissure goes into the sea," he said.

The quakes and ground lift caused by the magma intrusion have already caused damage to roads and buildings in Grindavik and its surroundings.

A large crack also tore up the greens on the Grindavik golf course, an image widely shared on social media networks.

Iceland, which has 33 active volcanic systems, has declared a state of emergency and ordered the mandatory evacuation of Grindavik early Saturday.

Emergency shelters and help centres have opened in several nearby towns, but most Grindavik residents were staying with friends or relatives, media reported.



A massive eruption in April 2010 at another Iceland volcano -- Eyjafjallajokull, in the south of the island -- forced the cancellation of some 100,000 flights, leaving more than 10 million travellers stranded.

Greta, tens of thousands, in 'biggest ever' Amsterdam climate demo

AFP | Amsterdam, Netherlands

Environmental activist Greta Thunberg joined tens of thousands in the "biggest ever" climate march through Amsterdam Sunday, aimed at pushing the climate crisis up the political agenda 10 days ahead of crunch national elections.

Carrying placards reading: "Our house is on fire", "In 2050: Daddy, what are trees?", and "Climate Justice Now," demonstrators packed into Amsterdam's central square and set off through the streets.

Around 70,000 people took part, smashing previous records for such a march, said organisers, a coalition of pressure groups, including Extinction Rebellion, Fridays for Future, Oxfam, and Greenpeace.

"We are not standing on the brink of a catastrophe, we are living in it," Thunberg told the crowd.

"People on the front lines of the climate crisis have been experiencing the first-hand consequences of it for decades now and they have been sounding the alarm, but we have not been



Around 70,000 people took part, smashing previous records for such a march

listening," she added.

Her speech was briefly interrupted by a protester, who said the demonstration was focusing too much on politics rather than the climate.

"The atmosphere is amazing. I can feel the energy of a lot of young people who want to change the world," 19-year-old

political science student Tijn Veenhoven told AFP.

"I'm just angry because the world is angry and no one is doing anything about it," said physics student Ieke Snel, 18.

Polls show the Netherlands election is currently a dead heat between the centre-right VVD of outgoing Prime Minister Mark

Rutte and a new party, the NSC, led by anti-corruption champion Pieter Omtzigt.

A coalition of the Greens and the leftist PvdA is sitting in third place, according to the polls. This party is led by former European Commission heavyweight Frans Timmermans, the architect of the EU's Green Deal agenda.

Surveys show the key issues of the election campaign have been the ongoing housing crisis in the Netherlands, living standards, and immigration.

According to the most recent poll by I&O research, climate change came in fifth of the issues on voters' minds, behind housing, healthcare, immigration, and poverty.

Climate change is now considered less of a key topic than was the case at the last election in 2021, according to the I&O research poll.

"With the crises continuing to stack up and a measly six years to achieve the Dutch climate goals in 2030, the upcoming elections are the most crucial ever," organisers said in a joint statement.

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Bhavans-Bahrain Indian School clinch glory in CBSE Cluster Inter-School Sports Competition



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Students of Bhavans - Bahrain Indian School (BIS) put up a brilliant show in the recently concluded CBSE Cluster (Bahrain Chapter) Inter School Sports Competition.

All CBSE schools in the Kingdom of Bahrain participated in the multi-disciplinary sports event which is conducted every year. BIS's Boys & Girls Team lifted the Table Tennis title in the Under-14 Category.

BIS Boys' team consisting of talented trio of Sujay Sunil Bayalan (Grade VI), Suyash Sunil

Bayalan (Grade VI), and Daksh Choudhary (Grade VIII) secured the gold medal by defeating the team from New Millennium School.

The triumphs continued with the Under 14 Girls Table Tennis team, comprising of Anaya Joem (Grade VI), Veda Harisankar Menon (Grade VI), and Sarah Joji (Grade VIII), Eshal Fathima (Grade VIII) clinching the Gold Medal defeating the Asian School team.

The school's Under 17 Boys Tennis team of Sunish Sunil Bayalan (Grade IX), Shubh Dimri (Grade IX) and Ahan

Prabhu (Grade VII) won silver medal.

The under-14 badminton team of Bahrain Indian School consisting of Krishnan Manikandan (VIII), Pranav Vijay Sagar (Grade VIII) and Tanish Sharma (VIII) emerged as champions, securing the gold medal after beating New Millennium School team.

BIS chess team clinched gold medal in Under 14 Girls and silver medal in the Under 17 Boys Chess competitions, respectively.

U14 Girls Team consisting of Ayushi Dash (Grade VIII), Gargi Kandikatla (Grade VII), Hanna

Rachel Tom (Grade VI), Hansika (Grade VII) outwitted Al Noor International School in the finals to clinch gold medal.

The Under 17 Boys Chess team comprising Kaushik Redla (Grade IX), Anugrah Roy (Grade IX), Pranav Bobby Sekhar (Grade IX) and Ishan Jinesh (Grade IX) secured the silver medal after the final with New Millennium School team.

In Athletics, Sunish Sunil Bayalan of Grade 9 secured a Gold medal the 1500-meter race in Under 17 Boys category.

Syeda Hiba Fathima Arshad of Grade 7 clinched a Gold medal in

the 100-meter race in the Under 14 Girls category.

Parvathy Cherupullil Bibin of Grade 12 won a Bronze medal in 100-meter race in Under 19 Girls category.

In the Under 14 girls' 4x100-meter relay race, the team comprising Meagan Prabhu of Grade 8, Hanna Rachel Tom of Grade 6, Mayookha Roopchand of Grade 8, and Syeda Hiba Fathima Arshad of Grade 7 secured a Bronze medal.

In the U-17 boys 3000-meter race, Sunish Sunil Bayalan of Grade IX clinched gold.

Alton Victor of Grade XI se-

cured silver medal in U-19 boys' 5000-meter race.

Mayookha Roopchand of Grade VIII won silver in 800-meter race in the U-14 age group while Meagan Prabhu secured bronze medal in 200-meter race.

All Gold Medalist got the eligibility to represent Bahrain and participate in the 'Indian National CBSE Schools Championships' which is scheduled to be held in India.

The Directors of the school, Himanshu Verma, Ritu Verma, and Principal Saji Jacob congratulated the winners and the Physical Education Teachers.

UTB collaborates with the Northern Governorate for beach cleaning campaign



University of Technology Bahrain (UTB) collaborated with The Northern Governorate in a joint effort to carry out a beach cleaning campaign along Jid Al Haj Beach. The joint initiative aimed to raise awareness about the importance of preserving Bahrain's biodiversity particularly protecting its coastal areas. The event witnessed a remarkable turnout with volunteers including students, parents, faculty, and staff members of UTB actively engaging in the campaign.

AUBH kicks off first edition of entrepreneurship week

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The American University of Bahrain (AUBH) kicked off its first AUBH Entrepreneurship Week, under the theme of "Entrepreneurship in the Digital Era".

The AUBH Entrepreneurship Week focused on attracting students and graduates to explore opportunities for investment, entrepreneurship, and expansion.

This inaugural edition of the AUBH Entrepreneurship Week comes in line with the University's efforts to bolster Bahrain's status on the entrepreneurship landscape and promote the entrepreneurial culture amongst the youth in the Kingdom.

The week-long activities served as a platform to foster and enhance the entrepreneurial ecosystem and included several panel dis-

cussions, seminars, a podcast screening, an entrepreneurship competition for high school students, and a youth market.

On this occasion, Dr. Bradley J. Cook, AUBH President, commented, "Celebrating the first AUBH Entrepreneurship Week is a steppingstone for what's to come next. This will be a landmark event for future entrepreneurial activities that are a part of our mission. We hope this initiative inspires youth to take the initiative, think outside the box, and navigate their path towards business ownership while being armed with the right approach and knowledge."

Dr. Fatema Alaali, Dean of the College of Business and Management emphasized the importance of shedding light on Bahrain's entrepreneurial landscape stating, "Bahrain's

2030 vision has cultivated a solid foundation and a strong entrepreneurial climate over the past few years. AUBH is keen to provide a holistic entrepreneurial experience through relevant academic courses, seminars, competitions and industrial opportunities, for students, that will enable them to generate innovative ideas and have the opportunity to launch their business during their university years."

Speakers included Nawaf Al Kooehji, CEO of Tenmou; Faisal Al Arrayedh, Head of Creative Sectors, Business Development, Tamkeen; Mahmood Qannati, CEO of Qannati Objet d'Art; Ali Farooq, Co-founder of Local BH; Ahmed Mahmood, Co-founder of Doctori app, Naser Al Hamer, Founder of Doobi, and Aida AlMudaifa, Founder of Early Riser.

The British School of Bahrain receives GESS Education award

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The British School of Bahrain (BSB) has won its third international award in a month, making it the most decorated school in Bahrain.

The school won the GESS Education Award for its remarkable leadership in utilising digital learning to enhance education in its classroom.

The latest award is a testament to the school's creative approach to integrating innovation into education, and the exceptional impact it has made in transforming the learning experience for students.

Digital learning is spearheaded by the Inspired Education Group, which aims to embed the latest pedagogical and technological teaching methods within all of its 111 schools around the world.

The creation of a school in the Metaverse, alongside the delivery of a revolutionary Artificial



Intelligence learning platform, are part of the innovations and developments being implemented within the British School of Bahrain.

"Our commitment to digital learning reflects our aim to provide our students with the best possible education in a rapidly evolving digital landscape," said John Maguire, Executive Headmaster of BSB. "We firmly believe that by leveraging technology, we

can empower our students to become critical thinkers, collaborators, and problem solvers, paving the way for their future success."

The latest award was given out at the annual GESS Awards dinner, hosted in the H Hotel in Dubai as part of the weeklong GESS exhibition. This award is the seventh award given to BSB during this year and further reinforces BSB's position as the Kingdom's most awarded private school in 2023.

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New Millennium School celebrates Diwali



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The New Millennium School, Bahrain, wore a festive look as the staff and the students celebrated the festival of lights, Diwali.

The school heralded their solidarity to the concept of 'Green Diwali' in the special assemblies and activities conducted.

Various activities such as Diya Decoration, Diya Painting and Diwali Card Making were organised while Students made attractive and colourful rangolis.



The students of kindergarten participated in "Anti Cracker and Green Diwali Campaign" where they walked around the school with slogans on Green Diwali, advising their fellow students to refrain from bursting crackers.

The students and the staff took up a pledge to celebrate a

Safe and Green Diwali.

The staff were presented with attractive gifts by the management on the occasion.

Chairman Dr Ravi Pillai, Managing Director Geetha Pillai and Principal, Arun Kumar Sharma shared festive wishes with the staff and the students.

Bhavans-Bahrain Indian School commemorates Diwali



Bhavans-Bahrain Indian School celebrated Diwali, the festival of lights, with several activities. Students engaged in group songs, dances, Rangoli designing to mark the day. Students also presented a special assembly wherein the message of celebrating eco-friendly Diwali was iterated through a skit and speech. Director Himanshu Verma and Ritu Verma and Principal Saji Jacob shared the message of celebrating ecofriendly Diwali



New Horizon School salutes artists in Bahrain



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New Horizon School organised an event to celebrate talent and creativity, and to salute all the eminent Artists in the Kingdom of Bahrain.

'Walls Of Inspiration' featured an art contest for students and various cultural activities.

The school inaugurated an 'Art Gallery Exhibition' featuring a collection of thirty-eight renowned Artists from all over Bahrain. The exhibition com-



prised the portraits of the leaders of the world.

These portraits will be adorned on the walls of the school's corridor, as the Walls of Inspiration, inspiring students



with the unveiling of portraits, honouring His Majesty the King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister.

Chief Guest, Abbas Almosawi, the Guests of Honour, Madam Dr. Masooma Abdulrahim, Nir-mala Jose, Niju Joy and Noufal Adatill and school Chairman, Joy Mathews, were present.

Artists were honoured with mementos, acknowledging their exceptional contributions to Art.

Students of NMS enjoy trip to Lost Paradise of Dilmun



The students from grades 6 to 12 of New Millennium School, Bahrain, went on a fun-filled and exciting trip to the Lost Paradise of Dilmun. The impressive amusement facility allowed the students to enjoy a fun-packed outing with each other and offered a wide range of activities for them to revel in



ISB celebrates Malayalam and Sanskrit Days



Malayalam and Sanskrit Days were celebrated at the Indian School Bahrain (ISB), showcasing a diverse array of culture on Tuesday. The event featured group songs, dances, recitations, solo performances and several competitions for students. Trophies and certificates were awarded to the talented winners at the end of the event organised by Malayalam and Sanskrit departments

NMS Bahrain marks World Kindness Day



New Millennium School, Bahrain celebrated World Kindness Day with the aim to orient students to understanding the value of kindness, cultivate compassion and empathy in every phase of their lives. Students from the primary section made "Thank you cards" for cleanliness helpers at the school while middle school students wrote slogans related to kindness. Principal Arun Kumar Sharma, Chairman Dr Ravi Pillai and Managing Director Geetha Pillai appreciated the school for conducting such activities



Iyer, Rahul tons keep India perfect

Kohli, Rohit take World Cup wickets as India crush Netherlands to continue perfect nine wins in nine matches

● India defeated the Netherlands by 160 runs

AFP | Bengaluru

Centuries from Shreyas Iyer and KL Rahul powered India to a 160-run World Cup win over the Netherlands yesterday as they completed the group stage with a perfect nine wins in nine games.

Iyer (128 not out) and Rahul (102) put on 208 runs to guide India to 410-4.

India then employed nine bowlers, including part-timers Virat Kohli and Rohit Sharma, to dismiss the Dutch for 250 in the tournament's concluding league match in Bengaluru.

The hosts will face New Zealand in the first semi-final in Mumbai on Wednesday followed by the second last-four clash between Australia and South Africa the next day in Kolkata.

"We focused on one game. We are playing in (nine) different venues and play accordingly and that's what we did," Rohit said of the perfect league stage.

"Very pleased at how we've played in these nine games. Very clinical from game one to today."

He added: "We are playing in India, there will be expectation. We wanted to do the job at hand.



India's Virat Kohli reacts during the match

It's one thing to talk about it but for everyone to buy into it is very important."

Iyer smashed his first World Cup ton in a match where all the top-five Indian batsmen went past the fifty mark on a batting-friendly pitch.

He reached his hundred -- his fourth in ODI cricket -- off 84 balls. He ended with 10 fours and five sixes.

Bengaluru-born Rahul raced to his ton with two sixes for the fastest Indian hundred in World Cups off 62 balls.

He departed four balls later as India fell short of their highest ever World Cup total of 413-5 v Bermuda in 2007.

Kohli reached his half century but fell for 51, silencing the crowd who had been anticipating the star batsman's 50th ODI ton after he equalled Sachin Tendulkar's record of 49 in the team's previous win over South Africa.

Skipper Rohit, who hit 61, and Shubman Gill laid the foundations for the total in an opening stand of 100 with the pair hitting regular boundaries.

Gill fell for 51 off Paul van Meekeren and fellow quick Bas de Leede dismissed Rohit after the cap-

Scorecard

India 410 for 4 (Shreyas 128*, Rahul 102, Rohit 61, Kohli 51, Gill 51) beat Netherlands 250 (Nidamanuru 54, Engelbrecht 45, Siraj 2-29, Bumrah 2-33, Kuldeep 2-41, Jadeja 2-49) by 160 runs

tain reached his fourth 50-plus score including a ton in the tournament.

Part-time success

Bas overtook his father Tim de Leede, who took 14 wicket for the Dutch in the World Cup, and claimed one more to finish as the highest World Cup wicket-taker for his nation with 16 scalps.

The in-form Kohli reached the 71st ODI fifty of his career only to be bowled four balls later by Roelof van der Merwe's left-arm spin.

Kohli



Shreyas Iyer in action



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ROHIT SHARMA

surpassed South Africa's Quinton de Kock (591) as the leading batsman of the 2023 tournament with 594 runs.

Iyer kept up his blazing form to register his fourth successive score of 50 and above in the tournament and received support from the other end with Rahul joining the charge.

In reply, the Dutch were never in the chase and kept losing regular wickets including Kohli striking with the his gentle medium-pace to claim a first ODI wicket in nine years.

With the Dutch crawling in their reply, Rohit threw the ball

to Kohli who sent back opposition captain Scott Edwards, caught behind in his second over off a ball drifting down the leg side.

It was only Kohli's fifth career ODI wicket from his gentle medium-pace and first since 2014.

Sybrand Engelbrecht made 45 and Teja Nidamanuru hit 54 before the innings folded in 47.5 overs with Rohit ending using his part-time off spin to send back Nidamanuru.

Rohit last picked an ODI wicket in 2012 and this was only his ninth career wicket.

"We are pretty confident with the style we play but the tournament was always going to be tough," Edwards said of the Dutch who stunned South Africa early in the tournament but ended bottom of the 10-team table.

Najma eighth in IHF Super Globe



Al Najma's Hasan Madan attacks the Kuwait SC goal

● Hasan Madan scores five goals to pace Bahrainis in loss

● Najma could not match seventh-place finish from 2018

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Bahrain's Al Najma Club claimed eighth overall on the final classification of this year's prestigious IHF Men's Super Globe, held in Dammam, Saudi Arabia.

The Bahrainis bowed to Kuwait Sporting Club 24-29 in their tournament-concluding ranking match, played at Dammam Sports Hall.

Najma trailed 12-15 at the half and could not recover in

the final 30 minutes.

Hasan Madan finished as Najma's top scorer with five goals, while Mahdi Saad and Ali Ali added three apiece. Adel Mohammed, Mohammed Habib Ahmed, Abdulla Al Zaimour, Hassan Ali and Saud Aljunaid contributed two goals each.

Frankis Marzo had nine goals to pace Kuwait, while Abdulaziz Alshammar finished with six.

Najma participated in the IHF Super Globe for the second time, following the 2018 edition when they finished seventh. They could not match that classification yesterday.

The global competition, organised by the International Handball Federation (IHF), was held for the 16th time. Najma were the only Bahraini participants.

Sitra book place in play-off

● Sitra beat Isa Town to book place in play-off for quarter-final spot in Khalifa bin Salman Cup

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Sitra booked their place in the play-off game for a quarter-final spot in this year's Khalifa bin Salman Cup basketball tournament.

Sitra claimed the spot after defeating Isa Town 88-68 in their preliminary round contest at Zain Basketball Arena in Um Al Hassam.

Sitra now take on Nuwaidrat for a spot in the last eight. Both teams are looking to join the

seven already-qualified sides, including Khalifa bin Salman Cup holders Manama, Muharraq, Al Ahli, Al Ettihad, Al Najma, Bahrain Club and Al Hala.

Sitra led 21-16 at the end of the first quarter and stayed 34-32 ahead at the half. In the third, they began to pull away and headed into the final period with a 58-51 advantage. They then closed the game out strong, outscoring Isa Town 30-17 in the fourth and enjoying a biggest lead of 22 points.

Ali Eid paced Sitra with 26 points while Abbas Fadhel Jasim had 15 and Ebrahim Murad Ebrahim scored 13. Hussain Mahdi was Isa Town's top scorer with 19 points, while Abdulla Ali came off the bench to contribute 18.



Isa Town's Jihad Ahmed looks to drive past Sitra's Ebrahim Murad Ebrahim during their game

Lewandowski rescues Barca and ends drought with Alaves double

AFP | Barcelona

Barcelona striker Robert Lewandowski ended his barren goalscoring spell with a brace to rescue the Spanish champions a 2-1 win over visiting Alaves in La Liga yesterday.

Samu Omorodion sent the visitors ahead in the first minute against a dire Barcelona but Lewandowski's second half double rescued the hosts three points.

The victory keeps Barcelona in touching distance of shock leaders Girona, who are four points ahead, and second place Real Madrid, who have a two-point advantage, after both won Saturday.

Veteran forward Lewandowski scored a brilliant header early in the second half and thrashed home a penalty in the 77th minute to reach seven



Robert Lewandowski shoots the ball

league goals.

Catalonia is in drought and Lewandowski was enduring one too, with the striker on his worst stretch of form for over a

decade, having failed to score in six appearances prior.

Barcelona are also on their own miserable run of performances.

"When you start off by going behind, as has happened to us various times this season, you have to row against the current," Barca midfielder Pedri Gonzalez told Movistar.

"We came into it after some complicated results, above all in the Champions League, but we have to continue like this, taking all three points."

Xavi said the team were not in crisis despite the recent Clasico defeat and a stumble against Shakhtar Donetsk in mid-week, and that it was up to him to bring the team out of their slump.

The coach handed Pedri his first start after injury, deployed Joao Cancelo at left-back for the first time and brought 16-year-old starlet Lamine Yamal back into the side.

Bahrain gearing up for Manama Masters

Kingdom to make highly anticipated debut on this year's FIBA 3x3 World Tour

● **HH Shaikh Isa bin Ali bin Khalifa Al Khalifa makes inspection visit to competition site**

● **Bahrain to be represented by two teams with Al-Riffa men's side, Al-Manama women's team**

TDI | Manama

The Kingdom of Bahrain continues to step up its preparations for the inaugural edition of the Manama Masters, part of this year's FIBA 3x3 World Tour.

The prestigious basketball event is scheduled to take place November 16 and 17 at a specially constructed venue at Bahrain Financial Harbour (BFH) amidst significant participation from various countries around the world.

Bahrain Olympic Committee (BOC) vice-president and supreme organising committee chairman His Highness Shaikh Isa bin Ali bin Khalifa Al Khalifa



A view of the playing court at Bahrain Financial Harbour

yesterday paid an inspection visit to the competition's site.

Dedicated 3x3 basketball courts have been put up along with grandstands and a series of facilities and tents that provide all logistical services, sales booths, and amenities.

HH Shaikh Isa was accompanied by General Sports Authority (GSA) CEO Dr Abdulrahman Askar, BOC secretary general Faris Al Kooheji, Bahrain Basketball Association (BBA) president Captain Waleed Al Alawi,

and a number of representatives and officials from FIBA, basketball's international governing body, the BBA, sponsoring companies and media.

The Manama Masters will be an entertaining celebration of basketball that will strengthen Bahrain's status as a leading regional tourist destination.

It will be the Kingdom of Bahrain's first-ever appearance on the FIBA 3x3 World Tour, and it is taking place under the patronage of Supreme Council for



Youth and Sports first deputy chairman, GSA president and BOC chief His Highness Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa.

This inaugural event will be the first for the next three years for the Kingdom on the FIBA 3x3 World Tour. The series' 2023 calendar got underway in April in Japan, with other destinations all over the world throughout the year. Bahrain is the world tour's fourth destination in the GCC, joining Saudi Arabia, the UAE and Qatar.

Bahrain will be represented by two teams in the event, includ-



HH Shaikh Isa bin Ali bin Khalifa Al Khalifa inspects the competition venue alongside other officials

ing a men's side named "Al-Riffa" and a women's team named "Al-Manama".

Al-Riffa men's team consists of national team star Mustafa Hussain and three professionals, namely Nemanja Draskovic, Milan Skundric, and Anže Srebvt. Al-Manama women's team will be composed of players Hessa Al Jaber and Marian Samir, along with two professional players, Julia Jorritsma and Loyce Bettonvil.

Both teams will be coached by

experienced coach Abdul Kareem Al-Anzoor, who has previously led our national teams in various international events of this nature.

The event is open to all citizens, residents, and communities to attend.

In September of last year, the BOC signed its agreement with FIBA to host the FIBA 3x3 World Tour. HH Shaikh Isa penned the agreement with Ignacio Soriano, FIBA's Events and Partnership 3x3 president.

Al Alawi and Al Salehi crown winners of Al Fursan Dressage Qualifier Show



Winners celebrate after the event

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Under the patronage and support of Shaikha Noora bint Hamad Al Khalifa, Captain of Al Fursan team, the Bahrain Royal Equestrian and Endurance Federation (BREEF) organised the first dressage championship in the current equestrian season in the BDF Equestrian Arena at the Rashid Equestrian and Horseracing Club.

Al Fursan Dressage Qualifier Show witnessed qualifiers in different levels, featuring wide

participation and a good fan turnout.

Ghalib Al Alawi, Secretary of BREEF and Tawfiq Al Salehi, Director of HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa Media Office and Information Centre and Head of the Public Relations, Media and Marketing Committee in BREEF crowned the winners of all levels in the event.

In the Intro competition, first place went to Albane Lecat with the horse Maahir after scoring 51 points. In second place was Reema Aljahromi with the horse

Capri Color (49 points), while third place was occupied by Yasmeen Alkhali with the horse Ruby (48 points).

In the same category for seniors, Waleed Alansari finished first on Lamona More (54 points), followed by Shatha Al Qassim (52 points) on Catalina, and Salah Majeed on Madrid Vii (52 points) respectively.

In the preliminary competition for juniors, rider Reema Aljahromi came in first place with the horse Capri Color with a score of 49 points, and in second



Action from the event



A winner is awarded

place was Tegan Harrison with the horse Ruby (47 points).

In the same category for seniors, rider Carlijn Lee-flang achieved first place with the horse Jairo (61 points), while Camille Lecat came second with the horse Alfie Moon (60 points), and in third place was Abdullah Al Sakran with the horse Happy Call (59 points).

The latter went on to win the Novice level, scoring 58 points on the horse Mandor. Carlijn Lee-flang on the horse Jairo and Faisal Moosa on the horse Os-

borne cen came second and third respectively.

In the Intermediate category, rider Mohammed Alamiri finished in first place on the horse Puma cen, while second place was taken by Mohammed Saeed on the horse Mananero noble. First-place winner Alamiri bagged third place too on the horse Osborne cen.

Megan Black triumphed in the Medium category on the horse Cajou, while Mohammed Almeabad came first in the advanced medium class on the horse Mariscador cen.

Rematch of the year set! Jose Torres vs Nkosi Ndebele 2 to headline BRAVE CF 80

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BRAVE Combat Federation's final fight of 2023 will be a huge one. Bantamweight world champion Jose Torres will defend his title against Nkosi Ndebele in a rematch of both men's last fight, when Torres won a razor-thin split decision over Ndebele in Colombia. Now, they will rematch in Bahrain as the fight will serve as the main event of BRAVE CF 80, the organization's last event of the year, set for December 15.

BRAVE CF 80 serves as the last event of the historic BRAVE International

Combat Week, with the big-gest combat sports festival in the world also hosting BRAVE CF 77 and BRAVE CF 79, as well as the IMMAF Asian Championships – all in a period of 10 days.

"Shorty" Torres is one of BRAVE CF's biggest names, with the American finally realizing his full potential with the first professional world title of his career, following belts in Titan FC and also two amateur championships under IMMAF.

He comes in against Nkosi Ndebele, who was left frustrated after two of three judges in Colombia gave their initial vacant title fight to Torres. What

was initially a friendly rivalry between Jose and Nkosi developed into a bitter conflict, with Ndebele claiming Torres is "a fake champion".

However, the fight was close enough to warrant a rematch with both men exchanging momentum throughout an amazing 25 minutes. Nkosi scored early on with several front kicks and straight lefts, but as the fight progressed, Shorty used his judo techniques to take the bout to the ground and almost finished Ndebele on a couple of occasions.

In the end, it was a split decision in favor of Torres, who will now have the opportunity to shut his rival up for

good. As for Ndebele, he will attempt to become the first full-grown BRAVE CF world champion, as "The Future" has spent his entire professional career under the BRAVE CF banner following a huge amateur career that saw him leave the IMMAF ranks as the best African amateur fighter pound-for-pound.

The co-main event will feature the much-anticipated return of a BRAVE CF legend. Former Super Welterweight world champion Jarrar Al-Silawi will face Nenad Avramovic at Middleweight, as the best Arab fighter of all time returns home for a special feature bout.



Nation's Pride eyes Bahrain glory

Champion jockey William Buick says Nation's Pride is his best chance of glory in \$1m Bahrain International Trophy

● Fourteen-horse line-up confirmed for Friday

● Godolphin's Nation's Pride heads field on ratings

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The runners and riders for the 2023 Bahrain International Trophy have been confirmed and 14 horses are set to go to post in what is the strongest field yet in the race's five-year history.

The runners are headed by three-time Group 1 winner, Nation's Pride, the mount of British champion jockey William Buick, who is hoping for a change in luck in what will be his fourth attempt to win Bahrain's showpiece event.

The \$1m Bahrain International Trophy takes place this Friday at Rashid Equestrian and Horseracing Club (REHC).

The 14-runner field will be competing for a \$1m prize fund,



William Buick on Nation's Pride

and the race has attracted overseas trained horses from France, Great Britain, Ireland and the UAE, as well as two locally trained runners.

Retained as first jockey to the Godolphin operation and recently crowned British cham-

pion jockey for the second year in a row, William Buick is one of seven current or former champion jockeys from Great Britain, France or Ireland engaged to ride in the race.

In three previous attempts in the Bahrain International Tro-

“I love going to Bahrain. It is a very fair track and they do a great job with the ground and the crowd there love their racing, they're very enthusiastic. I am looking forward to it

WILLIAM BUICK

phy, Buick has yet to finish closer than seventh, but he believes Nation's Pride represents his best chance yet.

Buick said: "Nation's Pride is a very good horse. He was a classy three-year-old and went into the 2021 Derby as a genuine contender but on the day he probably didn't stay. But he has always been held in high regard and he has performed really well since."

This season, Nation's Pride has won two Group 1 races, the Grosser Dallmayr-Preis-Bayerisches in July in Germany and then last month the Canadian International.

Winner

Buick added: "When he won the Group 1 in Germany, he gave me a really good feel. He beat the German Derby winner in good style. Then,

last time out in Canada, the soft ground was not to his liking, but he still won.

"He's a very straightforward horse to ride. I have not had much luck in the race previously but this fella is different, he's a mile and quarter specialist and I think he is a real good candidate.

"Nation's Pride is the best chance I have had in the Bahrain International Trophy but it is a strong line-up, a really competitive field, and on good, fast ground, you are going to need to have the margins in your favour.

"I love going to Bahrain. It is a very fair track and they do a great job with the ground and the crowd there love their racing, they're very enthusiastic. I am looking forward to it."

Charlie Appleby, trainer of Nation's Pride, also saddles Highland Avenue, while Saeed Bin Suroor's two runners, last year's Bahrain International Trophy winner Dubai Future and the Group 1 placed Real World, complete a four-strong challenge from Godolphin.

Among the horses travelling from Europe is the French Classic winning colt, Marhaba Ya Sanafi, who as well as winning a Group 1 over a mile was third in the French Derby. Representing the powerful Coolmore operation from Ireland are two horses, Point Lonsdale, trained by Aidan

O'Brien and the mount of Ryan Moore, and Above The Curve, trained by Joseph O'Brien.

The strength of the line-up combined with the quality of jockeys travelling to Bahrain for the race has delighted those who have overseen the race's development since its inception in 2019.

His Highness Shaikh Isa bin Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Chairman of REHC, said: "The Bahrain International Trophy is the showpiece event in our racing calendar. This year it is more valuable than ever and the growth of the race's stature on the world stage has been recognised with its upgrade to Group 2 status.

"The progress we have made in recent years is evident through the calibre of horses attracted and the increasing scale of international participation.

"Following an increase in the prize fund, the Bahrain International Trophy will be the first \$1million race to be run in the Kingdom and the line-up is the strongest in the race's history. We extend a warm welcome to all the connections of overseas trained horses overseas and look forward to a memorable race on Friday."

The draw to establish each runner's starting gate takes place on Wednesday evening.

Salah extends scoring streak to send Liverpool joint top of Premier League

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Liverpool moved level on points with Manchester City and Arsenal at the top of the Premier League as Mohamed Salah extended his scoring streak at Anfield with a double in a 3-0 win over Brentford yesterday.

The Egyptian took his tally for the season to 12, nine of which have come at Anfield, as Liverpool continued their perfect record at home this season.

Nine of Salah's goals have come from Darwin Nunez assists and the Uruguayan played provider to break the deadlock after being frustrated in front of goal earlier in the first half.

Twice Nunez had the ball in the net only to be ruled offside.

But his clever pass into Salah was met with a calm finish into the far corner to open the floodgates on 39 minutes.

Salah is the first player ever to score in each of Liverpool's first six home league games of a season.

Brentford had their chances as Alisson Becker was needed to make great saves to deny Ethan Pinnock and Bryan Mbeumo.

However, there was no way back for the Bees once Salah was left unmarked to head in Kostas Tsimikas' cross to the back post on the hour mark.

Diogo Jota then fired in the third 16 minutes from time as Liverpool made it nine wins and 27 goals from nine games



Liverpool's Egyptian striker #11 Mohamed Salah (C) vies with Brentford's German midfielder #27 Vitaly Janelt (R)

eased past Fulham 3-1.

Antonee Robinson's own goal and a sweet strike from outside the box by Villa captain John McGinn put the hosts in command by half-time.

A superb counter-attack, rounded off by Ollie Watkins, secured the points midway through the second half, before Raul Jimenez pulled a goal back for Fulham.

Victory lifts Villa up to fifth and within a point of the top four.

West Ham snapped their streak of three consecutive Premier League defeats with a thrilling 3-2 victory over Nottingham Forest.

Lucas Paqueta's fine strike had given the Hammers a perfect start after three minutes, but they needed to rely on their threat from set-pieces to turn the game around in the second half.

at Anfield in all competitions this season.

City can restore their three-point lead at the top of the table when the champions travel to Chelsea later yesterday.

Fortress Villa Park

Aston Villa made it 13 consecutive home wins in the Premier League as Unai Emery's side

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Salah is the first player ever to score in each of Liverpool's first six home league games of a season

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