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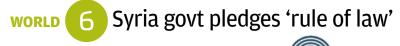
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### **Visitors arrive** for 'Celebrate **Bahrain' festival**

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Bahrain International Airport (BIA), managed and operated by Bahrain Airport Company, welcomes visitors to the Kingdom of Bahrain arriving to attend the "Celebrate Bahrain" festival, organised by the Bahrain Tourism and Exhibitions Authority

The festival will feature a variety of events and entertainment activities throughout December, celebrating Bahrain National Day and the Silver Jubilee of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa.

To mark this special occasion, arriving and departing passengers at BIA are greeted with the melodious tunes of a traditional Bahraini band, warm Arabic hospitality, and special giveaways, creating a festive and joyous atmosphere.

These celebrations showcase the airport's commitment to highlighting Bahrain's rich cultural heritage and inviting the world to experience the Kingdom's unique

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### **Abbas at Vatican**

AFP | Vatican City

Pope Francis yesterday received Palestinian president Mahmud Abbas.

They discussed peace efforts during a private halfhour audience, according to the Vatican, which released images of them smiling together.

Abbas then met the Holy See's Secretary of State Cardinal Pietro Parolin and the Vatican's equivalent of a foreign minister, Paul Richard Gallagher.

### Syria pledges 'rule of law'

**AFP** | Damascus

Syria's interim government vowed yesterday to institute the "rule of law" after years of abuses under ousted president Bashar al-Assad, as G7 powers pushed for an inclusive transition.

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### **Bahrain-Pakistan enduring partnership**



His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces, and Prime Minister, highlighted the longstanding relations between the Kingdom of Bahrain and Pakistan, noting that this enduring partnership is based on close collaboration across sectors, particularly in the military and defence. HRH Prince Salman was speaking as he met yesterday with the Chief of the Naval Staff of the Pakistan Navy, Admiral Naveed Ashraf, at Gudaibiya Palace. His Royal Highness emphasised the mutual commitment to further bilateral relations and cooperation across various sectors, noting the importance of building on existing partnerships to benefit both countries and their people. He also commended the contributions of the Pakistani community to furthering the Kingdom's development. Ways to enhance bilateral relations, the latest regional and international developments, and issues of common interest were discussed.

### HRH Prince Salman hails Saudi for hosting 2034 World Cup

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Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Cup. Prime Minister, congratulated Mosques, King Salman bin Ab- the Kingdom of Bahrain and confidence that the 2034 World dulaziz Al Saud, and the Crown the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Cup will be a resounding suc-

ness Prince Mohammed bin Isa Al Khalifa and the Custodian organising major international standing in the global sports is Royal Highness Prince on Saudi Arabia's successful Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud. His Royal Highness Prince on Saudi Musical Salman bin Hamad Al bid to host the 2034 Fifa World

HRH Prince Salman praised

Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, of the Two Holy Mosques, King sporting events, as well as its arena.

### Confidence

HRH the Crown Prince and Saudi Arabia, His Royal High- of His Majesty King Hamad bin en excellence in hosting and its efforts to elevate the region's sports.

ambitious vision and capabilities demonstrated through previous tended his best wishes for

the Custodian of the Two Holy the enduring relations between Prime Minister expressed his bia's prominent role in advanc- ternationally acclaimed sporting sports development on the ing event, which will further international stage, emphasising strengthen Saudi Arabia's Prince and Prime Minister of strengthened by the leadership cess, given Saudi Arabia's prov- that this achievement reflects global position in the field of

His Royal Highness exsuccess to Saudi Arabia in its He commended Saudi Ara- preparations to host this in-

# Tech thieves beware!

Proposed law seeks tougher punishments for stealing digital devices and personal data

### **Mohammed Darwish** TDT | Manama

arsher penalties of up to two years in prison could await thieves who steal smartphones, laptops, or

tablets in Bahrain if their crime involves personal data, under amendments backed by the Shura Council's Foreign Affairs, Defence, and National Security Committee.

The committee has supported changes to the Penal Code that would treat thefts of mobile phones, laptops, and other gadgets containing personal or financial details more seriously.

The proposed law, tied to Decree No. (7) of 2024, amends the Penal Code first issued under Decree-Law No. (15) of 1976.

Under the proposed rules, delivered electronic devices. taking a phone, tablet, or laptop would be treated as aggravated theft, with a minimum sentence of three months behind

### Sentence

The law would also cover ments. those who keep lost or wrongly



The Shura Council in session

crime is and whether personal data is misused, offenders could face up to two years in prison, a BD500 fine, or both.

lamic Affairs, and Waqf, the gal Affairs Committee reviewed If the thief intends to access Ministry of Interior, and the the proposed law and found it sensitive data such as banking Ministry of Transportation and legally sound and in step with records or private photos, the Telecommunications all supsentence would start at one year. ported the proposed amend-

They stressed the pressing growing threat from tech-relat- tim's privacy, finances, and even amendments soon.

Depending on how serious the increasingly dependent on electronic devices.

### **International norms**

Legal experts from the Shura The Ministry of Justice, Is- Council's Legislative and Leinternational norms.

need for legal shields in a world ed crimes, which have become livelihood if misused. common worldwide.

> Committee members said the changes would close a legal gap to today's growing reliance on by imposing targeted penalties technology for both work and for tech thefts, which are curpersonal life. rently dealt with under general

### **Private details**

theft laws.

Officials involved in drafting gadgets often hold private de- the Shura Council, which is exthe amendments warned of the tails that could jeopardise a vic-pected to take a final vote on the

The proposed changes, they added, are a direct response

Current laws, they argued, must keep pace with modern realities.

The committee has now They stressed that stolen passed its recommendation to

### 'Celebrate Bahrain' Festival inaugurated at Heritage Village



HH Shaikh Mohammed bin Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa at the event

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His Highness Shaikh Molim state in 1783 by Ahmed Alhammed bin Salman bin Fateh, and marking the anniver-Hamad Al Khalifa inaugurated sary of His Majesty King Hamad ing, and national identity of the ister. the "Celebrate Bahrain" Festival bin Isa Al Khalifa's Accession to at the Heritage Village in Ras the Throne. Hayyan, organised by the Ministry of Information.

Days, commemorating its found- several senior officials. ing as a modern Arab and Mus-

Upon arrival, His Highness was welcomed by the Minister of tribute to the Kingdom's com- kh Mohammed bin Salman ex- folklore and heritage, embod- in their endeavours during The festival celebrates the Information, HE Dr. Ramzan bin prehensive development under tended his congratulations to ying the rich cultural legacy of the Kingdom's National Day



people of Bahrain.

The events also highlight Bahrain's achievements that con-

the King, with the support of Salman, expressing his wish- passed down to future gener-His Highness noted that the His Royal Highness Prince Sal- es for the Kingdom's contin- ations. National Day celebrations reflect man bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the ued progress and prosperity the values of citizenship, belong- Crown Prince and Prime Min-

### **Congratulations**

Kingdom of Bahrain's National Abdullah Al Noaimi, along with the leadership of His Majesty HM the King and HRH Prince Bahrain, which continues to be celebrations.

under the leadership of His

On this occasion, HH Shai- showcases authentic Bahraini for their continued success

He expressed his gratitude and appreciation to all members of the Ministry of Informa-HH Shaikh Mohammed bin tion for organising the festival Salman noted that the festival and extended his best wishes

## Bahraini retirees and dedication









H.E. Shaikh Khalifa bin Salman bin Mohammed Al Khalifa with the retirees

**TDT** | Manama

of Labour, participated in the development and progress. second honorary ceremony for retirees organised by the Free tinguished group of retirees,

Chairman of the Executive serving the country after a ca-Council of the Free Federa- reer in which they gave much tion of Bahraini Trade Unions, with sincerity and dedication. the Bapco Club.

Shaikh Khalifa bin Salman honoured the retirees at the second edition of this annual His Excellency Shaikh event, appreciating their ef-Khalifa bin Salman bin forts and dedication through-Mohammed Al Khalifa, Un- out their careers in serving the dersecretary of the Ministry nation and contributing to its

The honoring of this dis-Center for Bahraini Retirees. both male and female, comes The event was attended by as recognition of their valuable Yaqoub Yusuf Mohammed, contributions and efforts in

Saleh Ali, Chairman of the It also reflects the impor-Center, along with a number tance of maintaining a spirit of invited guests, yesterday at of gratitude and loyalty to their rich history of giving.

# Bahraini retirees honoured for service Securing Bahraini Securing Bahraini

Interior Minister attends Bahrain Police Day celebration, ensures Kingdom's safety and stability

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The Minister of Interior, His Excellency General Shaikh Rashid bin Abdullah Al Khalifa, emphasised ongoing efforts to enhance the police force's capabilities, ensuring security and stability for Bahrain's citizens while safeguarding the nation's achieve-

He highlighted the comprehensive development process led by His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, which has strengthened political openness, coexistence, and respect, fostering a secure and inclusive

The Minister made these re-Ministry's Bahrain Police Day to public safety. celebration.

by Ahmed Al Fateh in 1783 and Minister. the anniversary of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa's accession.



H.E. General Shaikh Rashid bin Abdullah Al Khalifa delivers a speech at the event

Abdullah noted the develop- rain's police officers and fallen ment of Bahrain's security servicemen, emphasising their framework, focusing on organ- dedication and professionalism. isational restructuring, leadertrust with the community to to the officers and their families, dullah was received by Lieutenmarks during his speech at the create a collaborative approach acknowledging their commit- ant General Adel bin Khalifa Al

The event coincided with support from HM King Hamad rain's citizens for their loyalty Tariq Hassan Al Hassan, Chief Bahrain's National Day, marking and His Royal Highness Prince and contribution to maintaining of Public Security, along with the founding of modern Bah- Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, security. rain as an Arab Islamic state the Crown Prince and Prime

### **Sacrifices**

The Interior Minister paid

Gen. Shaikh Rashid bin Abship development, and fostering dullah extended his gratitude ment to national service, and Fadhel, Deputy Minister of In-He lauded the unwavering expressed appreciation to Bah- terior, and Lieutenant General

> The event included a parade the Ministry. showcasing the operational skills of various police units.

personnel who achieved excel- minister. General Shaikh Rashid bin tribute to the sacrifices of Bah- lence at the Arab, local, and in-



ternational levels, recognising their contributions to the nation and wishing them continued success.

### Warm welcome

Gen. Shaikh Rashid bin Absenior officials and officers from

The ceremony began with a ceremonial salute, followed by The Minister also honoured a review of the parade by the

### Honouring Mega Mart and Macro Mart retail employees





Retail Employees' Day, commonly referred to as RED, is a day to honour the backbone of the retail sector – the retail employees. At Mega Mart and Macro Mart, it recognises and acknowledges the vital role played by the retail team. This day is celebrated with the intent to "Connect," as office employees visit the outlets to meet and connect with the shop floor teams. They will also share their thoughts on significance of this day, present gifts to every team and express their gratitude on the Appreciation Board.

### **Motorcyclist** wins **BD8,500** compensation over red-light accident injury

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Bahraini motorcyclist Ahas been awarded BD8,500 in compensation after a car, running a red light, collided with his motorcycle, leaving him with a 14% permanent disability.

The incident, which occurred while the motorcyclist was riding his bike, resulted in multiple injuries and six months of bed rest.

According to lawyer Abdulatheem Hubail, his client filed a lawsuit against the driver and her insurance company following the accident.

The lawsuit initially sought BD500 in temporary compensation while requesting a medical assessment to determine the extent of the permanent disability.

The insurance company, in its defense, argued that it was not responsible due to the driver's breach of contract by running the red

### **Medical examination**

The court ordered a medical examination, which confirmed the motorcyclist sustained multiple injuries, some requiring surgery, resulting in a 14% permanent

Following this assessment, the lawyer amended the claim to BD9,400 for medical expenses and BD6,600 for pain and suf-

The court's decision cited Article 158 of the Civil Code, which states that anyone causing harm is liable for compensation.

The court also referred to the Compulsory Insurance Law (No. 3 of 1987, amended by Law No. 7 of 1996), which allows victims of accidents involving insured vehicles to claim directly from the insurance company.

Considering the driver's criminal conviction for reckless driving and causing the accident, the court ruled in favour of the motorcyclist, awarding him BD8,500 in compensation, plus legal

The insurance company and the driver are jointly liable for the payment.

# Web of exploitation

MP exposes abuse of job seekers by Bahraini companies offering unpaid work without contracts or training

**H** Naser TDT | Manama

P Basma Mubarak has revealed the alarming practice of some Bahraini companies exploiting unemployed individuals by assigning them work without contracts, pay, or even training agreements.

The MP highlighted the issue, stating that she has observed a concerning trend of companies gathering job seekers into groups and tasking them with work, leaving them vulnerable and without legal recourse.

While acknowledging the Bahraini youth, Mubarak emphasised that many complainants are not volunteering willingly but are driven by necessity

"Many complainants

confirm they are being exploited, not out of a desire to volunteer, but out of need and desperation. This necessitates increased awareness. accountability, and efforts to provide decent iobs."

MP BASMA MUBARAK

unemployment.

### Volunteerism



MP Basma Mubarak

spirit of volunteerism amongst and desperation in the face of the spirit of volunteerism in desperation. This necessitates Bahraini youth, but many com- increased awareness, accountplainants confirm they are being ability, and efforts to provide complaints we receive to the exploited, not out of a desire to decent jobs." She stated, "We commend volunteer, but out of need and Mubarak explained the legal to strengthening related laws."

limitations in addressing this issue, noting that while the existing wage protection system can be utilised when employers fail to pay employees with contracts, there is currently limited recourse for those working without any formal agreement.

She attributed this to the pressing issue of unemployment and the hope that drives some young people to accept such arrangements.

The MP pledged to address this exploitation, stating, "Regarding employers who employ this exploitative method against the people of the Kingdom, we warn that this approach is contrary to ethics and professional standards. We will submit any relevant authorities, in addition

## Bahraini women hold 48% of senior government positions

**Mohammed Darwish** TDT | Manama

 $B^{\rm ahraini\ women\ have\ taken}_{\rm on\ more\ senior\ roles\ in\ gov}$ ernment and business than ever before, holding 48 per cent of executive positions in the public sector and quadrupling their share of ministerial posts over the past two decades.

MP Maryam Saleh Al Dhaen, a member of the Foreign Affairs, Defence, and National Security Committee in Parliament, attributed this progress to policies backed by His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and the leadership of Her Royal Highness Princess Sabeeka bint Ibrahim Al Khalifa, Chairwoman of the Supreme Council for

and bolstered by sound policies two decades ago. that ensure equal opportunities,"

tional Laws, held in Geneva en.



MP Maryam Saleh Al Dhaen at the event

### **Ministerial roles**

She noted that women now Political representation has "Bahraini women have earned tional workforce, with 22 per presence in the legislature has their place at every level of pub- cent holding ministerial roles tripled in 20 years, rising from lic life, driven by determination — four times the number from 8 per cent in 2002 to 23 per cent been left behind. Women now

Women have also expanded mit on Gender Equality in Na- the Supreme Council for Wom- elections.

steady rise in women's partic- making up 11 per cent of the country's judges.

### Legislature

make up 43 per cent of the na-strengthened as well. Women's in 2022.

Al Dhaen said. "Their success their presence in diplomacy, seats in the Shura Council and themselves as key players in the is no accident but the result of where they account for 37 per 20 per cent in Parliament, while economic arena. years of effort and national will." cent of the foreign service, ac- securing 18 per cent of munici-Speaking at the Global Sum- cording to mid-2023 data from pal council seats after last year's

on 10-11 December, Al Dhaen Their influence in the judici- trailblazers in education, pub- at opening doors and levelling shared figures that point to this ary has grown too, with women lic service, and enterprise," Al the playing field.

"Bahraini women

have been trailblazers in education, public service, and enterprise. Their story is one of continuous progress and growing influence in shaping the country's future.'

### - MP MARYAM SALEH AL DHAEN

Dhaen said. "Their story is one of continuous progress and growing influence in shaping the country's future."

### **Key players**

The business world has not make up 35 per cent of Bah-They now hold 25 per cent of rain's entrepreneurs, proving

Al Dhaen stressed that none of these achievements would have been possible without Bah-"Bahraini women have been rain's long-term policies aimed

### **100 Bahraini** citizens evacuated from Syria

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The Bahraini Embassy in Syria has coordinated the safe return of approximately 100 Bahraini citizens from Syria, following recent political upheaval in the country.

His Excellency Ambassador Waheed Mubarak Sayyar confirmed the plan, stating that the embassy worked closely with Syrian authorities and the Jordanian government to facilitate the repatriation process.

The return will take place in two phases, with citizens crossing the Nasib border crossing into Jordan at the Jaber border crossing.

### Air travel

Ambassador Sayyar explained that air travel is currently unavailable due to the suspension of air navigation at Damascus International Airport in the aftermath of the recent political changes.

He emphasised that the embassy maintains constant contact with all Bahraini citizens remaining in Syria, assuring that their safety and well-being are being closely monitored.

He confirmed that those remaining in Damascus are safe and in good condition.

### **Pilgrimage**

The repatriation effort comes after religious pilgrimage trips to Syria were suspended approximately 10 days ago due to the escalating situation.

The embassy played a key role in relocating Bahraini citizens from hotels near the shrine of Sayyida Zaynab to safer locations, as those hotels became overcrowded with internally displaced persons.

The embassy's swift action ensured the safe and orderly return of Bahraini citizens amidst the unfolding events.

## MPs prioritise Bahrainis in pharmacy job proposal

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Agroup of MPS has Submitted workers, motional economy by redirecting national economy by redirecting and of the Council. Ahmed Al Mus- investment towards training and allam, urging an increase in the developing Bahraini talent. number of pharmacy positions

and Mahmoud Fardan, aims to and the healthcare system. prioritise the employment of

reduce reliance on foreign group of MPs has submitted workers, thereby boosting the

This, they contend, will lead to within the public health sector. a deeper understanding of local The proposal, spearheaded by community needs and culture, MPs Jaleela Al Sayed Alawi, Dr ultimately improving healthcare Hisham Al Asheri, Mamdooh services and strengthening the Al Saleh, Mohsin Al Asboul, relationship between citizens

The proposal highlights the qualified Bahraini pharmacists. growing number of qualified Bah-The MPs argue that increas- raini pharmacy graduates struging the number of domestical- gling to find employment due to



ly-filled pharmacy roles will competition from foreign workers. Image used for illustrative purposes only

The MPs believe that creating more opportunities in this field will significantly reduce unemployment among Bahraini vouth.

The proposal emphasises the public interest benefits, including achieving a balance between human and economic development by supporting Bahraini citizens in securing pharmacy jobs.

The MPs argue that employing qualified Bahraini pharmacists is crucial for enhancing pharmaceutical security, encompassing manufacturing, distribution, and specialised medical consulta-

# news of bahrain

# Bold green strategy

Bahrain quadruples mangroves and expands solar energy projects to cut emissions and ensure cleaner future

### **Mohammed Darwish** TDT | Manama

ahrain is planting four times more mangrove trees and expanding solar energy projects as part of its bold push to slash carbon emissions and secure a cleaner future.

Responding to formal question by Shura member Talal Al Mannai, the Ministry of Oil and Environment described its National Energy Strategy as "a comprehensive framework aimed at ensuring the optimal and sustainable use of energy resources emissions across the board and in the Kingdom of Bahrain".

the strategy focuses on cutting the country weather the effects carbon output, supporting re- of a changing climate. newable energy projects, and improving how the country manages its energy supply and demand.

change stretch well beyond en- serves are protected. ergy policy.



### A large afforestation drive is aimed at expanding Bahrain's green spaces.

drawn up a National Adaptation-Approved by the government, Investment Plan (NAIP) to help

### Long-term plan

It has also developed a longterm plan to manage water re-Efforts to combat climate sources, ensuring Bahrain's re-

The Ministry of Municipal-The Supreme Council for En- ities Affairs and Agriculture biodiversity," the ministry said, renewable energy. vironment has taken stock of is leading a large afforestation stressing the vital role of na-



### Image used for illustrative purposes only

rain's green spaces.

"Mangrove trees play a crucial numerous benefits, including has rolled out two key national

drive aimed at expanding Bah- ture-based solutions in the fight against climate change.

Meanwhile, the Ministry of environmental role due to their Electricity and Water Affairs carbon storage, coastal protec- schemes to improve energy eftion, and support for marine ficiency and expand the use of

These efforts feed directly into



"Mangrove trees play a crucial environmental role due to their numerous benefits. including carbon storage, coastal protection, and support for marine biodiversity."

- MINISTRY OF OIL AND ENVIRONMENT

Bahrain's wider environmental goals by reducing dependency on fossil fuels and embracing cleaner alternatives.

On the world stage, Bahrain has joined forces with global climate alliances, including the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and the Paris Agreement, allowing the country to take part in international climate talks and tap into global support for its environmental plans.

### **Global alliance**

The Kingdom is also part of the 30 by 30 Global Ocean Alliance, which aims to shield the world's oceans from mounting ecological threats, while backing the Green Government Initiative.

The ministry wrapped up by expressing its "continued productive and constructive cooperation" with the Shura Council, emphasising its resolve to meet shared environmental targets and keep Bahrain firmly on the path toward sustainability.

### 1,927 lawyers licensed to practise in Bahrain

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 ${f T}$  he Ministry of Justice, as a specialised legal consult-Islamic Affairs and En- ant. dowments released updated figures on December 2nd, 2024, revealing a total of 1,927 Bahraini lawyers licensed to lawyers in law firms and legal practise in the Kingdom.

This includes 891 practicing lawyers, 512 lawyers authorised to appear before the Court of Cassation and Constitutional Courts, and 524 lawyers currently undergoing training.

Practicing lawyers are required to complete a two-year training period in established law firms, during which they vising lawyer. must attend approximately 60 court hearings.

### Offices

After this period, they are permitted to open their own previously issued directives offices to practice in lower and to increase the allowance for higher courts, and in the Court lawyers undergoing training of Appeal.

practice, practicing lawyers established firms under the can apply for authorisation guidance of experienced proto appear before the Court of fessionals.

Cassation and Constitutional Courts, or for a license to work

Lawyers undergoing training work under the direct supervision of experienced consultancies.

### **Authorisation**

They are permitted to represent clients in first-instance courts (lower courts) and can act on behalf of their supervising law firms in higher courts, provided they have received authorisation from the super-

They are also allowed to represent clients in financial cases involving amounts not exceeding B 5,000.

The Ministry of Labour from BD200 to BD300, aiming After 10 years of continuous to incentivise training within

## Bahrain cuts solar installation times from a month to four days

### **Mohammed Darwish** TDT | Manama

 $\mathbf{B}$ ahrain has trimmed solar installation wait times from nearly a month to just four days, introduced easier loans, and strengthened local industry backing.

This was according to a Ministry of Electricity and Water Affairs (MEWA) statement issued in response to parliamentary questions from Shura Council member Talal Al Mannai.

The measures are part of neutrality by 2060, as laid out in the Government Action Plan energy.

MEWA, working with the Electricity and Water Authoriuniversities, and industry around 70 megawatts.



Bahrain's push towards carbon Image used for illustrative purposes only

awareness efforts on schools, total installed solar capacity to stallation capacity.

days, according to the Ministry. Feasibility studies are also

carried out to assist government also take advantage of Power These efforts have spurred bodies in assessing solar project Purchase Agreements (PPAs), ty (EWA), has focused its public interest, pushing the country's potential and determining in-

Ministerial Decision No. (2) The introduction of the 'Be- of 2017 allows households and Through workshops, semi- navat' system and full digital- businesses to set up solar energy nars, and conferences, officials isation of service requests has systems, covering their electrichave explained the environmen- reduced installation wait times ity needs and sending any sur- offer low-interest loans for solar tal and financial benefits of solar from nearly a month to just four plus back to the national grid.



Bahrain aims to generate 20 per cent of its electricity from renewable energy by 2035.

### **Excess electricity**

Developers and investors can which let them sell excess electricity while cutting energy bills and reducing carbon emissions.

To make solar energy more affordable, MEWA has teamed up with several local banks to system installations.

## 'Dead drop' drug dealers arrested

**H** Naser **TDT** | Manama

four-person criminal network stances on WhatsApp. involved in the import, sale, throughout the country.

cated "dead drop" method, using transfers. WhatsApp to connect with buyers and leaving drugs in undis-

closed locations.

ities to the network's activities, the amount via bank transfer which involved using several Bahrain's anti-narcotics Di-Asian phone numbers to adver-rectorate has dismantled a tise drugs and psychotropic sub-

The group would photograph the location to buyers after The group utilised a sophisti- receiving payment via money

### Bank transfer

An undercover agent was of-Initial information from confered drugs in return for BD10

fidential sources alerted author- by the network, and he settled **Income** before receiving the location of

> the drugs. The package contained psychotropic substances.

and distribution of narcotics the hidden narcotics and send the main suspect, an Asian na- merous large sums of money transferred money to the main BD5,000 fine, and deportation. tional currently residing outside Bahrain, received payments through his bank account and then transferred the funds to other accounts to conceal the source of the money.

main suspect's arrest, and a financial investigation, conducted with the Financial Intelligence Investigations revealed that National Centre, revealed nutransferred to his account in suspect's account to purchase 2024, inconsistent with his in- drugs. come as a construction worker.

strongly indicated drug traffick-

ond suspect, was arrested at his home and found in possession hearing for December 23rd to A warrant was issued for the of drug paraphernalia and nar- consider their appeals.

### Money

Two other suspects, one Arab The pattern of transactions and one Asian national, were also arrested and found to be are appealing their six-month A Bahraini national, the sec- involved in the money transfers. with deportation orders.

The court has scheduled a

### Appeal

The main suspect is appeal-He was also found to have ing a 10-year prison sentence, a

> The second suspect is appealing a six-month prison sentence and a BD500 fine.

The third and fourth suspects in possession of narcotics and sentences and BD100 fines, along

## BisB holds celebratory event for employees

**Bahrain's 53rd National Day Celebrations** 







novative and simplified Islamic nama. digital banking services in the

ees on Thursday, December 12, foods, another corner for Arabic Bahrain Islamic Bank (BisB), 2024, at the bank's headquarters and traditional beverages, and tributed to instilling national the leading provider of in- in the Diplomatic Area - Ma- various entertainment activi- concepts and visions among em-

Kingdom of Bahrain, organized a artistic performances, a special opening oysters to search for bank's employees at all levels.

celebratory event for its employ- corner for Bahraini traditional pearls. ties such as taking commemo- ployees, as well as strengthen-The event featured traditional rative photos for employees and ing communication between the

This celebratory event con-

## **Bahrain Kuwait Insurance Company launches** 'Khazeena' Jeweller's protection plan

TDT | Manama

ahrain Kuwait Insurance Company held a Jeweller's Block insurance awareness event for local jewelers while launching their new jeweler's protection plan, Khazeena. Industry experts shared invaluable insight on the importance of comprehensive insurance coverage, emphasizing how it protects against theft, loss, and unforeseen events. Attendees gained practical knowledge on navigating insurance policies tailormade specifically for the jewelry sector.



"We are thrilled with the turn- Participants during Jeweler's Block insurance awareness event

out and engagement from the community," said Mr. Hassan Al Saegh, the Senior Manager of Sales and Marketing at Bahrain Kuwait Insurance Company, and he further emphasized, "Our goal is to empower jewelers with the information they require to protect their precious assets."

The event not only offered educational content, but it also provided networking opportunities for numerous local jewelers. Participants connected with one another, shared best practices, and reinforced the strength of Bahrain's jewelry community, building a stronger, more informed network.



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### NBB set to bring exciting Yalla experience at Al Liwan during National Day celebrations





coincides with Bahrain's Na- experience at the activation. ing families and young clients a Banking Experience is NBB's Points by NBB App.

perience.

The National Bank of Bah- Visitors to the activation can among the younger generation (NBB) is set to bring participate in the special action. Through the NBB Digital its exciting Yalla Digital Family tivities for the opportunity to Banking App, parents can on-Banking Experience's activa- win exclusive prizes. Parents board their children easily, set tion to the main boulevard of and children are encouraged allowances, and monitor their Al Liwan from 15th to 17th De- to open their Yalla Family Ac- spending within a secure and cember 2024. The initiative counts to make the most of their intuitive digital environment.

fun, vibrant and interactive ex- latest digital development to promote financial awareness Clients will also benefit from tional Day celebrations, offerThe Yalla Digital Family special rewards through the

tion of the world aboard the 'Pelican'

(later renamed the 'Golden Hind')

in The Hague

The European Union announces that Cyprus,

nia will become members from May 1, 2004

Former Iraqi President Saddan Hussein is captured near his home town of Tikrit, during Operation Red Dawn by Us forces

### **News in brief**

Andrej Plenkovic yesterday unveiled of measures aimed at combatting the country's ageing population, low birth rates and a worrying exodus. Experts repeatedly warn that the European Union member nation of 3.8 million people is facing a demographic collapse while the workforce is also shrinking. "Figures show that the situation requires decisive measures... that

**Croatia unveils** 685 mn euro plan to boost birth rate will boost birth rates and enable the return

of our emigrants," Plenkovic said when presenting the measures. "The aim is that the issue becomes a strategic one." The large majority of the measures, to be implemented from March, is aimed at helping parents. "The family is a nucleus of Croatia's society and we want... to improve the position of mothers and fathers," the prime minister stressed. The measures notably include trippling the maximum maternity allowances from the current 998 euros.

• Outgoing President Joe Biden said yesterday he had commuted the sentences of nearly 1,500 criminals and pardoned 39 others convicted of non-

violent crimes, in what the White House called the largest single-day act of clemency in US history. "I am pardoning 39 people who have shown successful rehabilitation," Biden said in a statement, adding that he was also "commuting the sentences of nearly 1,500 people who are serving long prison sentences." The

White House said the nearly 1,500 people granted commuted sentences -- "the most ever in a single day" -- had been serving them at home for at least one year. "America was built on the promise of possibility and second chances," Biden said. "As President, I have the great privilege of extending mercy to people who have demonstrated remorse and rehabilitation.

◆ Chinese leader Xi Jinping yesterday told former Russian president Dmitry Medvedev that Beijing was willing to Xi tells Russia's strengthen ties with Moscow, state media said. **Medvedev China** Medvedev, who is now serving as deputy head of the Russian security council, is visiting China this week 'is willing' to for talks with leaders of the key strategic partner. "China is willing to work with Russia to strengthen the alignment of development strategies," Xi told Medvedev, according to state broadcaster CCTV. The readout added China hoped to tap into the "driving force of cooperation between the two countries, and continuously benefit the two countries and their peoples". Since Russian President Vladimir Putin's

February 2022 launch of a full-scale invasion of neighbouring Ukraine, China has sought to present itself as a neutral party, unlike the United States and other Western nations. But it remains a close political and economic partner of Russia, leading some NATO members to brand Beijing an "enabler" of the war, which Beijing has never condemned.

### SPOTLIGHT

### Pope meets Palestinian leader Abbas at the Vatican



Pope Francis during his private audience with Palestinian President Mahmud Abbas in The Vatican Vatican City, Holy See

of the Israeli offensive in Gaza, tages, and "achieving the twoon Thursday received Palestin-state solution only through ian president Mahmud Abbas, dialogue and diplomacy", a with whom he discussed the Vatican statement said. "serious" humanitarian situ- The meeting comes a few

ly met several times, discussed praying in front of a nativity peace efforts during a private scene at the Vatican, where the half-hour audience according baby Jesus's manger is covered to the Vatican, which released with a black and white keffiyeh images of them smiling togeth- scarf, the symbol of Palestinian

The discussions focused on the Church's assistance in "the very serious humanitarian sit-**D**ope Francis, who has re- uation in Gaza", the hoped-for Cently intensified criticism ceasefire, release of all hos-

days after the release of a The pair, who have previous- photo showing Pope Francis

Abbas then met the Holy The photo prompted a pro-See's Secretary of State Car- test from the Israeli embassy dinal Pietro Parolin and the to the Holy See, which asked Vatican's equivalent of a for- for the keffiyeh to be removed, eign minister, Paul Richard diplomatic and Vatican sources told AFP.

# Syria govt pledges 'rule of law'

Syria's new govt says to suspend constitution, parliament for three months

Thanks countries that reopened missions

AFP | Damascus, Syria

yria's interim government vowed yesterday to institute the "rule of law" after years of abuses under ousted president Bashar al-Assad, as G7 powers pushed for an inclusive transition. Assad fled Syria after a light-

ning offensive spearheaded by the Islamist Hayat Tahrir al-Sham (HTS) group and its allies, which brought a sudden end to five decades of iron-fisted rule by his clan. Syrians across the country and

around the world erupted in celebration after enduring an era during which suspected dissidents were jailed or killed, and nearly 14 years of war that killed 500,000 people and displaced millions. "We were living in oppression,

we were unable to speak," Ibtissam Kaab, a resident of Assad's hometown Qardaha, told AFP.

"Whenever we wanted to speak, they threatened to harm us and our children."

The new government's spokesman told AFP on Thursday the country's constitution and parliament would be suspended for Obaida Arnaout told AFP. the duration of a three-month

to examine the constitution and law" then introduce amendments," "All those who committed versity in Syria", adding that they Abu Mohammed al-Jolani vowing sad, Turkish television channels also in the Syrian capital were chief diplomat



Syrians living in Turkey wait in a queue to enter Syria at the Cilvegozu border crossing gate in Reyhanli



Syria is home to one of the world's oldest continuously inhabited cities, Damascus. Known as the "City of Jasmine," Damascus has been a hub of culture, trade, and history for thousands of years, with archaeological evidence suggesting its occupation as far back as 10,000 BC.

Speaking at the state television will be judged in accordance with headquarters, seized by the new the law," he added.

would remain unchanged.

Leaders of the Group of Seven detainees will not be pardoned. (G7) powers said Thursday they were ready to support the transi- Ahmed al-Sharaa, also urged tion to an "inclusive and non-sec- "countries to hand over any of tarian" government in Syria. In a statement, they called for fled so they can be brought to

the protection of human rights, justice". including those of women and minorities, while emphasising crimes against the Syrian people "the importance of holding the Assad regime accountable for its crimes".

"A judicial and human rights rebel authorities, Arnaout said Asked about religious and The new rulers have also cus yesterday, just days after an a tight security detail. committee will be established they would institute the "rule of personal freedoms, he said "we pledged justice for the victims Islamist-led rebel push ousted But rumours that Turkish For- for top level talks with President respect religious and cultural di- of Assad's rule, with HTS leader Syrian strongman Bashar al-As- eign Minister Hakan Fidan was Recep Tayyip Erdogan and his

## need for secure Syria

Blinken and Jordan king agree on



Iordan's King Abdullah II meeting with US Secretary of State Antony Blinken in Agaba along the Red Sea in southern Jordan

AFP | Agaba, Jordan

TS Secretary of State Antony bels ended the repressive rule of J Blinken and Jordan's King Assad, a member of the Alawite Abdullah II called yesterday for community. a secure Syria as the top US dip- King Abdullah in his meeting lomat opened a regional tour fol- with Blinken "reaffirmed Jorlowing the overthrow of Bashar dan's respect" for "the Syrian al-Assad in Damascus.

Blinken, who will head later need to safeguard Syria's securi-Thursday to Turkey, has called ty and the safety of its citizens", for an "inclusive" process to a palace statement said.

reported. The footage, which was denied by the foreign ministry. shown on multiple channels in- "The minister is in Ankara. He cluding the private NTV, showed did not go to Damascus," a spokes-Turkish intelligence chief him leaving the Syrian capital's mantold AFP, just hours before US

people's choices, stressing the

form Syria's next government

that includes protections for

minorities after Islamist-led re-

Ibrahim Kalin was in Damas- Umayyad mosque surrounded by Secretary of State Antony Blinken

### **AFP** | New York, United States

President Kamala Harris in the an eroding faith that liberal November 5 election, adorns values will lead to better lives the magazine's title cover for most people. Trump is both sporting his distinctive red tie agent and beneficiary of it all," and striking a pensive pose. the magazine said in a state-

of the Year."

This year saw Trump convicted on charges of business fraud and nearly assassinat-

mistrust in the institutions that Trump, who defeated Vice defined the last century, and

back of historic proportions, The award, given out annufor driving a once-in-a-gen- ally, is an acknowledgement eration political realignment, of the year's most influential for reshaping the American figure. Past winners include presidency and altering Amer- Taylor Swift and Volodymyr ica's role in the world, Donald Zelensky -- and Trump him-Trump is Time's 2024 - Person self, in 2016, after his shock defeat of Hillary Clinton.

### UN nuclear watchdog head condemns 'direct' drone attack on agency car in Ukraine

AFP | Vienna, Austria

hit and severely damaged one infrastructure.

TN nuclear watchdog chief road to Ukraine's Zaporizhzhia

condemned a "direct" drone Nobody was injured in the attack that destroyed a "clearly" attack, but Kyiv and Moscow marked" agency car in Ukraine have since traded blame over earlier this week, saying the the strike. Grossi on Thursstrike had the "intention to day addressed the governing board of the Vienna-based On Tuesday, the head of the IAEA, which held an emergen-International Atomic Energy cymeeting at Ukraine's request Agency (IAEA) said a drone had to discuss its "unstable" energy

# Time Magazine names Donald Trump person of the year for second time



Time Magazine yesterday ed twice -- and will end with **I** named US President-elect him preparing to return to the Donald Trump its "person of White House with Republican the year," marking the second majorities in both chambers of time he has won the accolade Congress. in acknowledgement of the "We are witnessing a resur mogul's stunning political gence of populism, a widening

"For marshaling a come- ment.

Rafael Grossi yesterday nuclear power plant.

of its official vehicles on the







power in Syria, with an inclusive political process in which the rights of all minorities will be fully respected, and paving the way towards a united country with its territorial integrity fully reestablished.

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eign Minister of the UAE, HH @ABZayed. India-UAE Comprehensive Strategic Partnership is poised to achieve unprecedented heights. We are committed to working towards peace, stability and security in West Asia and the wider



ter @AymanHsafadi to discuss U.S. support for Jordan during the transition in Syria. We also spoke about the strength of the U.S.-Jordan strategic partnership and our efforts to secure peace in the region.

@SecBlinken



Our civilization must pass the single planet extinction risk Great

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### Hamas says 'welcomes' UN General **Assembly vote for Gaza ceasefire**



A girl pulls while a boy pushes a shopping-cart loaded with filled-up water containers past a mound of rubble and debris in Gaza City

AFP | Doha, Qatar

Dalestinian group Hamas humanitarian aid."

a UN General Assembly vote adopted the resolution on for an immediate and uncon- Wednesday by 158 votes to ditional ceasefire in Gaza, a nine with 13 abstentions. symbolic gesture rejected by It calls for "an immediate, the United States and Israel. unconditional and permanent Hamas said in a statement it ceasefire," and "the immediate

(Gaza) Strip to have immediate access to essential services and

said yesterday it welcomed The General Assembly

"welcomes the adoption of the and unconditional release of UN General Assembly resolu- all hostages" -- wording simtion, supported by 158 coun- ilar to a text vetoed by Washtries, demanding a ceasefire in ington in the Security Council Gaza, enabling civilians in the last month.

### Israel says it seized Golan buffer zone in self-defence Jerusalem. Undefined

srael said yesterday it L would "continue to act to defend itself" after France urged it to withdraw from the UN-patrolled buffer zone separating Israeli and Syrian forces in the Golan Heights.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu announced on Sunday he had ordered the army to "seize" the demilitarized zone in the Syrian-controlled part of the Golan Heights after rebels swept Syrian president Bashar al-Assad from

On Thursday, Israel said the seizure was aimed at defending the country.

It "was necessary for defensive reasons due to threats posed by jihadist groups operating near the border," foreign ministry spokesman Oren Marmorstein said on X. "Israel will continue to

act to defend itself and en-

sure the security of its citi-

zens as needed."

Kto a Ukrainian attack on a and in a way that is deemed, apsouthern airfield using US-sup- propriate. It will definitely follow," plied ATACMS missiles, the Krem- Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Pesklin said yesterday.

US-supplied ATACMS missiles.

city of Taganrog in the southern Rostov region.

ov told reporters.

The United States warned Russia's defence ministry on Wednesday that Russia could be Wednesday accused Ukraine of preparing to fire Oreshnik missiles

### Macron, Tusk discuss idea of foreign peacekeepers in Ukraine



A damaged building after a strike in the city of Zaporizhzhia, amid the Russian invasion of Ukraine

Russia will 'definitely' respond to

Ukraine ATACMS strike: Kremlin

AFP | Moscow, Russia

**D** ussia will "definitely" respond A response "will follow when,

President Vladimir Putin has He did not provide details of previously threatened to launch how Russia might retaliate. attacks on Russian territory using months of requests.

firing the missiles in an overnight at Ukraine again.

attack on an airfield in the port

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Jolani, now using his real name

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Turkey spy chief Kalin in Syria:

**Turkish TV** 

its new hypersonic ballistic mis- Washington only recently gave sile, named Oreshnik, at the centre Kyiv permission to fire ATACMS of Kyiv if Ukraine does not halt its on Russian territory, following



AFP | Warsaw, Poland Ukraine crisis would be his top priority when he takes office

**D**olish Prime Minister Don-next month ald Tusk yesterday said he Trump's election has raised discussed with French Pres- fears in Kyiv that he could try ident Emmanuel Macron the to force big concessions on possibility of stationing foreign Ukraine in return for a ceasetroops in Ukraine in case of a fire. ceasefire, but that Warsaw was 
Tusk said he wanted to "take not currently "planning any this opportunity to end spec-

-- that takes into account the "The (French) president

with Ukrainian President Vo- Macron did not mention the

ulation about the potential Macron for his part called presence of troops from one for a path out of Russia's war country or another in Ukraine in Ukraine -- which has been once a ceasefire or peace has raging for nearly three years been agreed".

interests of both Kyiv and the knows this, we discussed it, European Union, saying the any decision on Polish actions former's sovereignty and the will be taken in Warsaw and latter's security were at stake. only in Warsaw. For the mo-Macron's visit to Warsaw ment, we are not planning any came days after he met in Paris such actions," he added.

lodymyr Zelensky and US Prespossibility of foreign peaceident-elect Donald Trump, keepers in his statement to who has said that solving the journalists in Warsaw.

### **Nicole Kidman:** Fear can be destructive to expression



Nicole Kidman **Bang Showbiz** | Los Angeles

Nicole Kidman is happy to take "bold risks" in her career.

The Oscar-winning star has enjoyed huge successes in her acting career, but Nicole accepts that nothing is guaranteed in the movie business.

Asked if Hollywood has become more open to risks, Nicole told Vanity Fair's 2025 Hollywood Issue: "I suppose I don't think of that. I just go, 'This is the road I'm on, and whatever happens happens'.

"If it's seen as a risk, I'll take these risks. And if they're bold risks, then I'll take those risks, but I'm not going to hang too much on that because fear can set in. That's very, very destructive to the expression and the desire."

Nicole subsequently conceded that working in Hollywood can be a "rollercoaster" experience.

The 57-year-old actress who is married to music star Keith Urban - explained: "Everything's hard now. Actually everything.

"I mean, maybe not 'Deadpool', but there's nothing that's, 'Oh my gosh. Yep. This is it. Greenlight, let's go.' Or maybe it's just the things that I do.

"I just think that's the nature of what we're dealing with now. Things are shrinking in terms of shows being done and films being made. I definitely feel it. I'm sure most people in the industry feel it. I know the crews feel it. I know writers feel it.

### Paris Hilton reveals she is struggling to buy Christmas presents for her kids

**Bang Showbiz** | Los Angeles

The 43-year-old heiress - who has son Phoenix, 23 months, and daughter London, 13 months, with her husband Carter Reum - is finding it "so hard" to find the perfect gift for her children because she is ultimately spoiled for choice.

She told E! News: "It's so hard because there's so many cool toys there. I'm like, 'I kind of want this, too.'.

But the 'Paris in Love' star has decided on a Hello Kitty car and a Barbie Jeep as part of her children's presents and admitted that she has taken to driving them too because she is "obsessed" with the toy vechicles.

I'm driving it through the house with the kids-I'm obsessed."

Meanwhile, when it comes to traditions, the 'Stars Are Blind' hitmaker insisted that she

has "learned from the best" Queen of Christmas and just

m o m

Paris Hilton is struggling to by taking inspiration from her buy Christmas presents for mother Kathy Hilton. the decorations, the beautiful tablescapes, the trees. My She said: house is so decked out and I "I learned thank Kathy Hilton because she from the is just the epitome of Christmas."

"I am who I am because of is the her."

Paris has also learned since becoming a mother that life is about "moving so fast" and is trying to take it all in as it unfolds in front of her.

She added: "I've really learned this year that life is going and moving so fast and there's so many incredible

> "I just want to soak it all in, be with my children as much as possible."

The former 'Simple Life' star has even learned to say no to various things because she wants to spend as much time as possible with her children.

She said: "I've been saying no a lot. You don't want to miss all those moments with the kids growing up." **Paris Hilton** 

### Jamie Foxx suffered a stroke caused by a bleed on the brain

**Bang Showbiz** | Los Angeles

The 'Django Unchained' actor was hospitalised in April it's still "a mystery" what haplast vear after suffering a mystery "medical complication", which his family decided to keep private, and the comedian has now revealed exactly what happened to him and recalled losing his memory for 20 days amid his terrifying health battle. He quipped on

his Netflix special 'Jamie Foxx: What Had Happened Was....': "On April 11, I was having a bad headache, and I asked my boy for Aspirin. I realised quickly that when you're in a medical emergency, your boys don't know what the f\*\*\* to do."

He shockingly spilled: "I don't remember 20 days."

The teary-eyed star admitted to the audience after de-Jamie Foxx suffered a stroke claring he was "back": "You caused by a bleed on the don't know how good this

> The 56-year-old star insists pened.

> > He said: "It is a mys-

"We still don't know exactly what happened to me." After starting

his sentence with "What had happened was,' Jamie broke down in tears and was comforted by the applauding audience.

He then said: "Your life doesn't flash before you. It was kind of oddly peaceful.

"I saw the tunnel, but I didn't see the light. It was hot in that tunnel."

Jamie quipped: "S\*\*\*, am I going to the wrong place?" **Jamie Foxx** 

### Jeremy Renner on 'final edit' of snowplough accident book

**Bang Showbiz** | Los Angeles

near-death experience.

The 53-year-old Marvel star Hawkeye in the MCU - has put pen to paper to document almost being killed in a terri-

fying snowplough acconfirmed that he this point." is making the final

Sea Film Festival, he said: "It will be two years in January, Jeremy Renner is on the "final edit" of a tome about his come a great adversity in my

"I'm forever grateful for all - who is known for playing the love and support I've gotten from the people all around the world, that I never knew existed that propel me to get better. It's the only thing that cident last year and really defines me in my life at

> Renner - who jokingly gave checks before it's himself the superhero name reviewed by the Titanium Man while referring editor and to his 'Avengers: Endgame' copublished. star and pal Robert Downey Speak- Jr's Marvel character Iron ing at Man – had his chest and legs Saudi pulverised by his tank-style, Ara - 14,300lb PistenBully Snowcat bia's as he tried to stop it hurtling Red into his nephew on New Year's Day, 2023, in Reno, Nevada leaving him with 38 broken bones, a collapsed lung and

> > ma that took him months to fight back from. Jeremy Renner

massive chest trau-

### Ben Affleck is not looking to date amid his divorce from Jennifer Lopez

**Bang Showbiz** | Los Angeles

Ben Affleck has "no interest" in dating "at the moment". The 52-year-old actor is said to be focused on work and is not looking to find love again just vet, four months after Jennifer Lopez, 55, filed

for divorce in August after two years of marriage. An insider told

The New York Post's Page Six column: "Ben has no interest in jumping into another relationship at the moment."

They added: "Ben's divorce from Jennifer hasn't even been finalised, but even if it were, dating is just not where his head is at."

Meanwhile, Ben's exwife, Jennifer Garner, is

work on his mar-'On The Floor' hitmaker.

On 30' star, 52, was hitched to Ben from 2005 to

source reabout Jenparent advice to Ben

he split their children. fromper-

rocky between geles.

said to have "en- Ben and Jennifer (Lopez), Jen couraged" Ben to was very supportive of their relationship and encouraged riage with the Bento work on their marriage."

The insider added that Jennifer has "no problem" with The '13 Going J.Lo, adding: "At the end of the day, she just wants Ben to be happy."

The 'Argo' star spent Thanksgiving with Jennifer and their children.

The former couple reunited cently told for the holiday with Violet, 18, Page Six Seraphina, 15, and Samuel, 12.

And a source told Page Six nifer's ap- Ben was overjoyed to spend the holiday with his family as he feels as if he can "just be before himself" around Jennifer and

The pair not only enjoyed t h e family time over Thanksgiving they also partnered up with the former: Midnight Mission cause dur-"When ing the day to help feed 2,000 things homeless and near-homeless started getting people in downtown Los An-

Ben Affleck

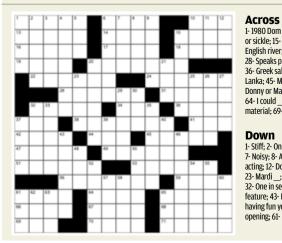
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# Juve deepen Man City crisis

Man City's struggles deepen, Barcelona clinches knockout spot in thrilling Champions League action

Barcelona secures crucial victory over **Borussia Dortmund** 

Arsenal, AC Milan, and Atletico Madrid also claim important wins

**AFP** | Paris

anchester City's crisis continued with a 2-0 defeat away to Juventus in the Champions League on Wednesday, while Pep Guardiola's old club Barcelona beat Borussia Dortmund to clinch a spot in the knockout stage of Europe's elite club competition.

Arsenal, AC Milan, Atletico Madrid, Lille, Fevenoord and Stuttgart were also victorious, but City's latest loss in a miserable run will dominate the

The 2023 European chamahead early in the second half neath Guardiola's men. when goalkeeper Ederson was unable to keep out his header.

an equaliser by a fine Michele match at home (to Club Brug-Di Gregorio save, before Weston ge)." Guardiola told Amazon McKennie made it 2-0 with a Prime in Italy. fine acrobatic finish in the 75th

enough to guarantee them at their hero. least a place in the knockout phase play-offs.

won just once in 10 in all competitions, with seven defeats in

next game will be crucial, as



Juventus' US midfielder #16 Weston McKennie (2L) celebrates with teammates after scoring

"We have to get points, we'll go to Paris to try and do that Ilkay Gundogan was denied and the same goes for the final

Barcelona are second in the the play-offs. standings with 15 points, be-The result leaves Juventus on hind only Liverpool, after beat-11 points with two games left, ing Dortmund 3-2 in a thriller a tally that is expected to be in Germany, with Ferran Torres ings on 13 points after easing to a fourth win of the campaign.

Raphinha fired Barca ahead City, meanwhile, have now early in a remarkable second

Serhou Guirassy equalised with a penalty on the hour mark, With just eight points, they but substitute Torres put Barcurrently sit 22nd in the stand- ca back in front on 75 minutes, ings, in which the top 24 ad- converting the loose ball after vance to the knockouts. Their Fermin Lopez's shot was saved.

Guirassy scored again for a

pions succumbed in Turin as they travel to a Paris Saint-Ger-quick equaliser, only for Torres six sides on 13 points, with Lille Dusan Vlahovic put Juventus main side who sit a point be- to strike once more and win the also on that tally after edging game for Barca with five minutes left.

> Barcelona's tally leaves them, like Liverpool, ideally placed to finish in the top eight, which means direct progress to the last 16 without having to go through

### Saka stars, Arsenal cruise

Arsenal are third in the stand-3-0 win over Monaco in London.

Bukayo Saka scored twice, with his 17th goal of the season, putting the Gunners ahead in the first half and making it after Julian Alvarez had opened 2-0 on 78 minutes as the hosts pounced on disastrous Monaco strike.

Mikel Arteta's team are one of Young Boys.

Sturm Graz 3-2 in France thanks to a fine late winner from Hakon Haraldsson.

Lille were 2-0 up through Osame Sahraoui and Mitchel Bakker, only for goals by Otar Kiteishvili and Mika Biereth to bring the Austrian champions back level.

However, Icelandic midfielder Haraldsson secured Lille's

Atletico eased to a 3-1 victory over Slovan Bratislava, with Anthe scoring with an excellent

David Strelec pulled one back Saka then turned provider for for the Slovaks, who are one of the late third, with substitute three teams already eliminated Kai Havertz credited with the having lost six games out of six. The others are RB Leipzig and



Manchester City's seven losses in 10 games mark their worst run since Pep Guardiola took charge in 2016

### Milan grab late winner

Milan defeated Red Star Belgrade 2-1 at San Siro with Tammy Abraham grabbing the winner three minutes from time.

Rafael Leao had put Milan ahead only for Nemanja Radonjic to equalise for the Serbian side, who have lost five of their six games and are surely heading out.

Benfica edged closer to a playoff spot with a 0-0 draw at home to Bologna of Italy, who have scored just one goal in six games and will go no further.

Feyenoord stayed on course to go through after beating Sparta Prague 4-2 in Rotterdam, with Gernot Trauner, Igor Paixao, Anis Hadj Moussa and Santiago Gimenez netting their goals.

Stuttgart kept alive their hopes of progress by coming from behind to beat Young Boys

Lukasz Lakomy put Young toine Griezmann scoring twice Boys ahead but Angelo Stiller levelled before Enzo Millot, Chris Fuehrich, Josha Vagnoman and Yannik Keitel all scored in the second half.

> The next round of Champions League games is scheduled for January 21 and 22, with the league phase concluding the following week.

### Dortmund fear 'worst-case scenario' after Schlotterbeck injury



Borussia Dortmund's Nico Schlotterbeck reacts after an injury

AFP | Barcelona

Borussia Dortmund coach to fill in at centre-back.
Nuri Sahin said his side "Let's see. I'm waiti feared a "worst-case scenario" after Nico Schlotterbeck, the ing Schlotterbeck was "obviclub's only fit centre-back, was ously upset". stretchered off in Wednesday's home loss to Barcelona.

Schlotterbeck leapt high to Julian Brandt and Maximilian try and head in a free-kick in Beier. Defender Julian Ryerthe last play of the game and son was also subbed off at halflanded awkwardly on his ankle time with an injury. and was stretchered from the pitch.

ugly," Sahin said.

he was out too," Sahin added, national players. I don't know with central defenders Niklas when they are supposed to Suele and Waldemar Anton have a break."

also on the club's injury list, forcing midfielder Emre Can

"Let's see. I'm waiting for the diagnosis," Sahin said, add-

Dortmund came into Wednesday's match missing With Dortmund trailing 3-2, Anton and Suele, along with

At the pre-match press conference on Tuesday, Sahin "We don't know yet with blamed the crowded fixture Schlotti, but the pictures look schedule for the injury woes.

"The strain is almost un-"It would be a disaster if bearable, especially for inter-

### 'Incredible' Saka makes the difference for Arsenal: Arteta

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ikel Arteta praised Bukayo Mikel Arteta praiseu Bunn, Saka's "incredible talent" after the Arsenal forward's double inspired a 3-0 win over Monaco that moved his side closer to the Champions League last 16 on Wednesday.

The Gunners sit third in the table with two games remaining as they chase automatic qualification for the last 16 via a topeight finish.

With matches against Dinamo Zagreb and Girona to come in January that should be a simple task for Arsenal. But if Arteta's team are to win

the Champions League for the first time, they will need England star Saka to maintain his superb form. The 23-year-old has five goals

in his last six games in all competitions and nine for the season, as well as a hatful of assists. Even those impressive sta-

tistics don't do justice to Saka's influence on Arsenal. Arteta knows better than an-

yone just how much Saka has developed since the Spaniard ing, with the seniors he is amaztook charge in 2019.

What he has already done in the pitch." the game at his age is incredible. Very humble, a great guy to personality both on and off the ball is exceptional and that's it. have around and an incredible talent," Arteta said.

"He's a special person. In his



Arsenal's English midfielder #07 Bukayo Saka scores the team's second goal



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MIKEL ARTETA

ing. He is loved by everybody "He looks really mature. and he makes the difference on age, you can put him in those

> Saka is a quiet, unassuming pitch so there is little chance of

With the young kids he is amaz- world's best forwards and Arte- condition, his preparation.

ta agrees that he is on the right trajectory to be rated alongside the likes of Kylian Mbappe, Erling Haaland and Vinicius Junior.

That is the ambition he has and the quality he has. He is preparing himself every day so I'm not surprised," he said. "You have to be able to do that consistently throughout many

"That is what he wants to do.

position. "What he has done at that brackets. What he done in his six years in professional foot-

years to prove yourself in that

"That has been an evolution. him blowing his own trumpet. He wasn't able to do that at 18 But pundits are starting to or 19. A year or two ago, he derole his leadership is increasing. rank the winger as one of the veloped in the right way, his

# Indian teen prodigy becomes youngest world chess champ

18-year-old Gukesh Dommaraju surpasses legends, wins world chess championship in Singapore final

Gukesh beats China's Ding Liren in final match

Second Indian to hold title after Viswanathan Anand

**AFP** | Singapore

ndian teen prodigy Gukesh Dommaraju became the voungest undisputed world chess champion vesterday after beating China's Ding Liren in the final match of their series in Singapore.

The 18-year-old became "the YOUNGEST WORLD CHAMPION in history", said the International Chess Federation in a post on social media platform X, after Ding resigned in a thrilling endgame that had been expected to end in a draw.

The 32-year-old slumped on the table after he realised he had made an endgame blunder that gave his opponent an opportu- name as he walked in for the Gukesh told reporters. nity to pounce, while Gukesh after-match press conference. burst into tears, burying his face in both hands.

Cheers from jubilant fans, Singaporeans of Indian descent, warded for it. erupted at the viewing rooms

near the playing arena.



India's grandmaster Gukesh Dommaraju (L) competes against China's chess grandmaster Ding Liren

The game was going for a draw strategy to pay off." but with a one-pawn advantage -- supported by a rook and a many of them Indians who had bishop -- a tenacious Gukesh 6.5, cementing his remarkable flown in to watch the match and pressed on and was richly re-

"My whole strategy for this the world championship. match was to push as much as

"It just takes one game for the at age 22.

His victory in game 14 gave him a score of 7.5 against Ding's rise to stardom after becoming the youngest ever challenger for

At his age, Gukesh surpassed

ry Kasparov who won the title

He also became the second Indian after five-time world chess champion Viswanathan Anand to hold the title.

Magnanimous in victory, Gukesh praised Ding, saying he "fought like a true champion".

He had won in the Candidates

**Gukesh surpassed Rus**sia's Garry Kasparov's record, becoming the youngest world chess champion at 18, and is only the second Indian to hold the title

Canada, in April this year, earning him the right to challenge

### India's youngest grandmaster

The Singapore match kicked off on November 25 at the Resorts World Sentosa, stretching on as the two players had more draws than decisive games.

The Chinese grandmaster won the opening game, but Gukesh levelled the score with a victory in game three.

Seven consecutive draws followed, broken only when Gukesh beat his opponent in game 11.

Fans were chanting Gukesh's possible in every single game," the achievement of Russia's Gar- Tournament held in Toronto, black pieces in the 13th, bringing April.

My whole strategy for this match was to push as much as possible in every single game. It just takes one game for the strategy to pay off

**GUKESH DOMMARAJU** 

the game to the homestretch.

Born to a doctor father and microbiologist mother, Gukesh started playing chess when he was seven, and became India's youngest grandmaster aged 12 years, seven months and 17 days.

Though he spends much of his time practising the game. Gukesh recently confessed to a love of the hit television sitcom "Friends".

When competing he usually wears a tilak -- a smattering of white ash on his forehead in deference to his Hindu faith -- to go with his suit.

In 2022, Gukesh beat US number one Fabiano Caruana at the Chess Olympiad and later that year triumphed over Magnus Carlsen, a five-time world cham-

He reached the world champi-But Ding emphatically won onship by becoming the youngan equaliser with white in game est winner of the prestigious 12 and salvaged a draw with the Candidates Tournament in

### Guardiola 'questioning self' after latest City loss at Juve

AFP | Turin

Pep Guardiola admitted that he is questioning himself as his Manchester City team slumped to yet another defeat at Juventus in the Champions League on Wednesday.

Asked by reporters whether he was questioning his management, Guardiola replied: "Yeah, of course."



Manchester City's Spanish coach Pep Guardiola (C) acknowledges supporters

"Of course I question myself in the good moments and the bad moments," said Guardiola.

"I was stable in the good moments and I'm stable in the bad moments... My biggest challenge is when they give me the opportunity to be a manager and get results to continue to work.

"If I would miss the big challenge in the first season, the second season, I wouldn't be here."

### Real confirm Mbappe left thigh injury

**AFP** | Madrid

injury in this week's Champions League match at Atalanta, had one of his best outings in the Spanish club confirmed the Madrid jersey since joinyesterday without giving de- ing last summer from Paris tails on his absence.

"Following tests carried out on Kylian Mbappe today by the Real Madrid medical department, the player has been diagnosed with a thigh injury in his left leg. His progress will be monitored,"

Real said in a statement.

On Tuesday, Mbappe opened the scoring in the 10th minute in a 3-2 win in Bergamo to revive the holders' flagging Champions League campaign.

But the 25-yearold pulled up with a muscle pain after 36 minutes and was replaced by Rodrygo.

"Mbappe has some discomfort in his hamstrings. It doesn't seem serious but we'll see tomorrow," said Real coach Carlo Ancelotti af-Kylian Mbappe

ter Tuesday's match.

"He couldn't sprint, it hurt Real Madrid forward Kylian him a bit and we thought it best to replace him."

Before pulling up Mbappe Saint-Germain with three clear scoring chances, including one in the second minute.

He scored the 50th goal of his career in the Champions League and his 12th since joining Real Madrid.



### 'We want more', says Olmo with Barcelona bound for knock-outs

**AFP** | Barcelona

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Olmo, who laid on an assist in his return to Germany where he spent four years at RB Leipzig, called on his side to "keep this mentality, this focus".

We want to win every game. Of course 15 points is a good amount but we want more," he



Barcelona's Ferran Torres (L hidden) shoots and scores the team's second goal

Bayern Munich coach Hansi the temples of football". The 26-year-old said he and Flick spoke to the squad about former Dortmund striker Rob- what to expect at the Westfalen- phere to play against so I enert Lewandowski and one-time stadion, which he called "one of joyed it to be back in Germany."

"It was a really good atmos-

Flick told reporters the first half was "one of the best we've played" since he arrived in the summer.

"It's very special to win here. We knew that whoever wins here would take a massive step towards qualification. It was our goal and we pushed for that," the German said.

The coach put the brakes on expectations, saying there was "a long way to go" for the fivetime Champions League winners in the new format.

"Our aim is to get into the top eight first. I think that if we manage that, then we will have achieved a lot, but the journey is still far from over.