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Kingdom holds diplomatic talks on Gaza crisis



Dr. Al Zayani
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Foreign Affairs Minister Dr. Abdullatif bin Rashid Al Zayani made phone calls with a number of foreign ministers to discuss developments in Gaza.

Dr. Al Zayani made contact with His Highness Shaikh Abdullah bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the United Arab Emirates, His Excellency Dr. Ayman Al Safadi, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and Expatriate Affairs in the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, and His Excellency Mr. Nasser Bou Rita, Minister of Foreign Affairs and African Cooperation, His Excellency Dr. Riad Al Maliki, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates of the State of Palestine, and His Excellency Mr. Eli Cohen, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the State of Israel.

During the contacts, views were exchanged on the situation in the Gaza Strip and the ongoing fighting between Palestinian and the Israeli forces, and the efforts being made regionally and internationally to achieve calm, stop the escalation of hostilities, protect civilians, deliver humanitarian aid to the Palestinians in Gaza, and the repercussions of the current situation on regional security and stability.

N. Korea has sent 'arms' to Russia for use in Ukraine

AFP | Washington

North Korea has delivered more than 1,000 containers of military equipment and munitions to Russia in recent weeks for use in Ukraine, the White House said yesterday.

The statement comes a month after North Korean leader Kim Jong Un travelled to Russia's far east and met President Vladimir Putin, sparking concern among Kyiv's allies.

Bahrain supports regional peace, security and stability

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The Deputy King, His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, emphasised the Kingdom of Bahrain's support for de-escalation and peace efforts to promote regional security and stability.

HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister made the statement as he met yesterday with the US Secretary of State, Antony J. Blinken.

HRH Prince Salman affirmed that Bahrain supports all regional and global efforts to achieve security and stability, which serves as a foundation for continued regional and global development, with the US and its allied countries playing a crucial role in consolidating the foundations of international peace and security.

During the meeting, regional and global developments, including providing humanitarian relief, food, water, electricity, medical aid, and civilian protection in the Gaza Strip, were discussed.



HRH Prince Salman holds talks with US Secretary of State Blinken



The Deputy King affirmed the strength of bilateral relations between Bahrain and the US, which further bolster strategic partnerships at various levels. The Comprehensive Security

Integration and Prosperity Agreement (C-SIPA) was highlighted as a cornerstone for joint Bahrain-US cooperation across various sectors, notably security, defence, advanced technology,

trade, and investment, as well as its contributions to strengthening regional security and economic development.

A number of senior officials also attended the meeting.

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- THE DEPUTY KING, HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS PRINCE SALMAN BIN HAMAD AL KHALIFA, THE CROWN PRINCE AND PRIME MINISTER

From air strikes to ground raids

Israel presses incursion into Gaza as death toll rises to over 1,800; world leaders express outrage

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After fiercely bombarding Gaza, home to over 2.3 million Palestinians, through air strikes for over a week, and backed by an equally frenzied media propaganda that compared Hamas activists fighting for their homeland to ISIS terrorists, Israel yesterday morning took the offensive to the ground level by conducting raids into the densely populated Palestinian territory.

Encouraged on by the leaders of the Western world and decried by leaders of the Muslim world, Israel backed the ground incursion with air strikes, taking the death toll in Gaza since last week to over 1,800.

Palestinian Prime Minister Mohammed Shtayyeh said the people in Gaza are going through a genocide.

A news report quoted Human Rights Watch as saying that white phosphorous, which burns even metal and causes deaths due to internal-organ failure, is being used by Israel in air strikes.

Yesterday morning, Israel,



Israeli army battle tanks move along the border with the Gaza Strip in southern Israel yesterday. (AFP)

amid massive bombardments, also asked over a million residents of northern Gaza to flee to the southern side of the Palestinian exclave, within 24 hours.

Yesterday morning itself, the United Nations urged Israel to call off the evacuation order and said such movement is impossible without devastating humanitarian consequences and would transform what is already a tragedy to a calamity.

Red Cross said Hamas' attack on Israel does not justify Gaza's destruction. World Health Organization termed the evacua-

tion order a death sentence for those already hospitalized.

Israeli evacuation order a 'crime'

The Arab League termed the Israeli evacuation order a crime and said Israel is carrying out an atrocious act of revenge that is punishing the helpless civilians in Gaza.

Iran asked the US to control Israel to avert a regional war and said the American intention to give a chance for Israel to destroy Gaza is a grave mistake,

“Israel is carrying out an atrocious act of revenge that is punishing the helpless civilians in Gaza.”

- ARAB LEAGUE STATEMENT

adding that it is seeking to safeguard Lebanon's security.

Egypt's President urged Gazans to stay steadfast and remain on their land.

Turkey called the evacuation order unacceptable and inhumane. Russian President Vladimir Putin said in a televised statement on Friday that Gaza ground operation would lead to unacceptable civilian toll and called to stop the bloodshed.

Palestinian President Mahmud Abbas warned of a second Nakba catastrophe in Gaza, referring to the 1948 incident in which 760,000 Palestinians had to flee from their homes during the war that coincided with Israel's creation.

The Israeli bombardment and the evacuation order caused outrage in the Muslim world, with thousands taking to the streets to show support to Palestine on Friday noon. Rallies that saw people participating in thousands were witnessed from Baghdad and Amman to Jakarta and Islamabad.

News reports about protests poured in from around the world. In Bahrain, a protest is scheduled at 3.30pm today in Al-Saya, and in front of the UN headquarters in Geneva in Switzerland.

(Detailed coverage on World page)



Bahrain hails World Bank's key role in global economic growth

Marrakech | Morocco

Finance and National Economy Minister Shaikh Salman bin Khalifa Al Khalifa emphasised the vital role played by the World Bank in addressing diverse economic challenges to promote further development and growth for the global economy.

He commended the World Bank's new vision, which aims to reduce poverty worldwide and enhance efforts for shared prosperity, social development, and environmental aspirations.

The minister made these remarks during his statement at the 108th meeting of the Development Committee on behalf of the Arab Group and the Maldives, representing the Kingdom

"The World Bank Group has made major contributions in finding solutions for food and energy sectors, digital capabilities, environmental preservation, and global economic recovery."

— SHAIKH SALMAN BIN KHALIFA AL KHALIFA, MINISTER OF FINANCE AND NATIONAL ECONOMY

of Bahrain.

The meeting took place during the annual gathering of the World Bank and the Interna-



Shaikh Salman speaks at the event

tional Monetary Fund in Marrakech, Morocco.

Shaikh Salman highlighted the World Bank Group's contri-

buted to the global economic recovery.

He also welcomed the increased financing capacity of the World Bank Group to support development needs and sustainable development goals.

The minister emphasised the significance of innovative solutions that optimise resource utilisation, foster human capital development, stimulate private sector investments, and provide suitable financing and regulatory frameworks for growth.

He stressed the importance of strengthening cooperation between the public and private sectors, multilateral development banks, international organisations, and civil society to tackle various challenges, including climate change.

HRH Princess Sabeeka congratulates HH Shaikh Isa

HRH Princess Sabeeka
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Her Royal Highness Princess Sabeeka bint Ibrahim Al Khalifa, Wife of His Majesty the King and President of the Supreme Council for Women (SCW), sent a cable of congratulations to His Highness Shaikh Isa bin Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Chairman of the Isa bin Salman Education Charitable Trust, on the issuance of the decree appointing him as chairman of the Labour Fund, Tamkeen.

Her Royal Highness expressed her pride in this appointment, which reflects the royal trust in the efforts and capabilities of His Highness Shaikh Isa.

Praise for royal directives to restore Muharraq cultural and urban identity

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Heads of local Majlises in Muharraq have lauded the keynote speech delivered by His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa while opening the second session of the sixth Legislative Term of the National Assembly, in the presence of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister.

In statements, they commended

HM the King's order to preserve the historical and cultural identity of Bahraini buildings and cities, as well as revive the Isa Al Kabeer Palace.

They also praised His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister's directives to government entities to activate the plan to maintain the historical and cultural identity of buildings and cities in Bahrain, as well as launch the Muharraq City

Development Plan.

In this regard, Mohammed Al Jazzaf affirmed that HM the King's directives reflect the constant royal interest in preserving Bahrain's national identity and heritage, adding that the return of Muharraq citizens to their city proves keenness to maintain the authentic social and cultural aspect of Bahraini neighbourhoods.

Ibrahim Al-Doy expressed the delight of Muharraq citizens

over the royal directives to take care of Bahrain's cultural identity and civilisational heritage, in general, and that of Muharraq, in particular, given the iconic city's rich national history in education and governance, in addition to its being the home to most well-known Bahraini families.

He also commended HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister's directives to revamp Muharraq and maintain its dis-

tinguished deep-rooted identity.

He added that Muharraq's neighbourhoods have maintained the city's identity, which is based on social harmony, co-existence and tolerance.

Mohammed Ibrahim Al Hiddi pointed out that the royal directives confirm the great position enjoyed by Muharraq in the hearts of Bahrainis, noting that the local citizens are still committed to the city's long history and authentic values.

Interior Ministry takes part in COMEX Bahrain

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The Public Relations Directorate of the Interior Ministry has organised the Interior Ministry booth in the COMEX Bahrain Exhibition 2023, which was held on the sideline of the Bahrain International eGovernment Forum.

The General Directorate of Traffic highlighted its e-services and programme, while the Nationality, Passports and Residence Affairs (NPRA) showcased the new features of the e-passports.

The General Directorate of Anti-Corruption and Economic and Electronic Security highlighted the e-services by the Children Cyberspace Protection Unit, and the National Cyber Security Centre presented its services and programmes.

Graduation ceremony

The Minister of Labour, Jameel bin Mohammed Ali Humaidan, attended the graduation ceremony of the first batch of the dental assistant professional training programme. A total of 41 Bahraini citizens took part. It was organised by Al Saif Health Training Center, in the presence of Mrs. Bayan Al Hamad, its general director. The specialised programme trained four batches in the dental assistant specialty field. The programme includes practical and theoretical training for a period of six months.



Joy and unity as ILA Annual Dandiya Night kicks off



HE Abdulla bin Adel Fakhro, Minister of Industry and Commerce, and HE Vinod K. Jacob, Indian Ambassador to Bahrain, Ms Sarada Ajith, President of ILA, and Juzer Rupawala, Director Lulu Group International, at the event

Ashen Tharaka
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The Indian Ladies Association (ILA) annual Dandiya Utsav 2023 kicked off at the Crowne Plaza Ballroom last night with more than 1,500 attendees from different cultural backgrounds.

The event was graced by HE

Abdulla bin Adel Fakhro, Minister of Industry and Commerce, and HE Vinod K. Jacob, Indian Ambassador to Bahrain, along with many other dignitaries.

The event was colourful with different performances and a DJ night that ran until midnight.

Dandiya Utsav is a popular Indian dance festival that is

celebrated during the Navratri festival. The dance is performed with dandiya sticks, which are decorated bamboo sticks.

The ILA's Dandiya Utsav is one of the most popular events in Bahrain and is a great opportunity for people from different cultures to come together and celebrate.



The popular Dandiya Utsav dance is the highlight of the night

Guests visiting the stalls at the Dandiya Utsav



Special invitees to the event

Bahrain unites for peace in Gaza

Citizens and residents stage sit-in in solidarity with Palestinians, condemning Israeli aggression

● **Sit-in protest in Kingdom shows collective stand taken by Arab and Islamic countries**

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Citizens and residents of Bahrain gathered in front of the Palestinian Embassy building in the Umm Al-Hasam area for a sit-in protest, expressing solidarity and support for the people of Gaza and condemning the Israeli aggression.

The protesters called for the opening of borders to provide essential supplies like medicine, water, and food to the besieged Palestinians.

They also demanded Arab, Islamic and the international community's action to stop the war and the atrocities it is committing against civilians.

Representatives from civil society associations and institutions, as well as the Palestinian ambassador, participated in the sit-in, which saw the Bahraini and Palestinian flags being waved.

Taha Abdel Qadir, Ambassa-



Bahrainis and expatriates show their unwavering support for the Palestinians in Gaza



Palestinian Ambassador Taha Abdel Qadir



dor of the State of Palestine to the Kingdom of Bahrain, expressed gratitude to His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa for his royal directives to provide urgent aid to the Palestinians.

The Ambassador praised the sit-in that showcased the firm and clear official and popular position of Bahrain towards the Palestinian cause and their

rights, including the establishment of an independent Palestinian state with East Jerusalem as its capital.

The ambassador emphasised the need for legitimate resistance in the face of aggression and called on the international community and the United Nations to deliver aid and open safe borders for the people of Gaza.

"This sit-in is being held as a powerful demonstration of solidarity and support for the Palestinian people in their struggle for justice and their rights in Gaza, Jerusalem, Al-Aqsa, Hebron, Nablus, Hanin, and all other Palestinian cities, villages, and camps. This collective stand, echoed by other Arab and Islamic countries, reaffirms the

unwavering commitment to stand by the Palestinian people during these challenging times. It serves as a symbol of unity and determination to support their rights and advocate for a just resolution to their plight," he said.

The ambassador pointed out that what is happening to the Palestinian people, including the

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- TAHA ABDUL QADER, AMBASSADOR OF THE STATE OF PALESTINE TO THE KINGDOM OF BAHRAIN

killing of more than 300 children and more than 400 women, requires legitimate resistance in light of the aggression.

Various organisations and groups, including the Bahraini Democratic Youth Society and the General Federation of Bahrain Trade Unions, voiced their unwavering solidarity and support for the Palestinian people, denouncing the genocidal operations and violations of human rights committed by Israel in Gaza.

Three suspects held with narcotics worth BD17,000

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The Anti-Drugs Directorate has successfully apprehended three individuals, aged between 26 and 35, in two separate incidents for the possession of narcotics.

The Directorate stated in a statement that upon receiving information regarding these cases, the police initiated search operations, investigations, and data collection, which led to the identification and arrest of the suspects who were found in possession of the narcotics. The estimated value of the seized drugs exceeds BD17,000.

Meanwhile, the General Directorate of Criminal Investigation and Forensic Science highlighted that the confiscated items have been secured, and necessary legal measures have been taken in preparation for referring the two cases to the public prosecution.

Moreover, the General Di-



The two suspects with the drugs seized from them

rectorate of Criminal Investigation and Forensic Science urged all citizens and residents to report any complaints, observations, or suspicious messages related to drug trafficking and to seek assistance in drug control by contacting the 24-hour hotline at 996, ensuring the complete confidentiality of the information.

Capital Police arrests domestic worker involved in jewellery theft

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The Capital Police Directorate apprehended a 26-year-old domestic worker after she stole jewellery worth BD5,000 and a sum of money from her sponsor's house.

The police directorate stated that upon receiving a report regarding the incident, they immediately initiated the search, investigation, and collection of information and evidence, which revealed the



involvement of the domestic worker in the theft.

The Capital Police Directorate emphasised that all necessary legal procedures have been taken in preparation for referring the case to the public prosecution.

Stage set today for public protest to support Palestine

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The Palestine Support Association is organising a public protest entitled "Al-Aqsa Flood" today at 3.30 pm in Al-Saya area opposite the Irish University in Busaiteen.

This stand comes in response to the call of the Holy Qur'an as we watch and follow the crimes of the Zionist occupation in Gaza, which was targeted with its internationally prohibited missiles and weapons; defenseless civilians, including women, children, and the elderly, and their residential areas, homes, hospitals, schools, and markets, which has claimed hundreds of martyrs up to this moment, in violation of all international norms, charters, and laws, as well as human conscience and morals, which were violated with hypocritical and double-standard American Western support.

This stand is nothing but an expression of the state of Bahraini popular anger that rejects these crimes, and rejects any normalisation or rapprochement with an occupying, usurping entity that does not respect human rights, and has no covenant, charters, or human morals.

In conclusion, the Palestine Support Society calls on the Bahraini masses, individuals, institutions and associations, to participate in the stand, to make their voice heard to everyone by supporting the Palestinian people in their defense of the nation's sanctities and the souls of their people.

Fraudsters get five-year term for BD900 scam

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The High Criminal Court has sentenced two fraudsters to five years in prison and a fine of BD5,000 each for stealing BD900 from a victim through a phone scam.

The court also ordered their deportation from Bahrain after serving their sentence.

The complainant had reported receiving a phone message saying his account details needed updating. A link in the message prompted him to provide personal information, including his bank card number and details. After providing the information, he discovered BD900 had been withdrawn, realising he was the target of a fraud scheme to steal his money.

Investigations implicated the defendants in carrying out the



crime. Prosecutors alleged in 2022, the duo conspired with others to use the victim's electronic signature - his credit card PIN - fraudulently.

They also allegedly worked with others to illegally obtain money from the victim through deception. Posing as employees, they contacted him and

requested his bank card information before accessing his account details in an IT system.

The court found them guilty of collaborating to scam the victim out of BD900. In addition to five-year prison sentences and BD5,000 fines each, they were ordered deported from Bahrain following their jail terms.

Court orders tenant to pay BD10,000 in overdue monthly municipal fees

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The High Administrative Court has ruled that a tenant of a commercial property owned by the Southern Municipality must pay BD10,000 in overdue municipal fees accumulated over seven years between 2016 and 2023.

The High Administrative Court affirmed that all lands, buildings, and properties located within a municipality's jurisdiction are subject to prescribed municipal fees, except those exempted by a Cabinet resolution. Fees are determined based on the type and purpose of occupancy.

Monthly municipal fees on



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rented properties are set at 10% of the actual rental value recognised by the municipality for that location, regardless of the activity or lease duration.

The Southern Municipality had filed a claim stating the defendant company occupies one

of its properties but failed to pay municipal fees during that period, estimated at BD10,000. Despite demands, the amount due was not settled. The municipality requested the court order payment of outstanding fees plus expenses.

Initiatives to ensure safe and healthy environment for students launched

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A series of workshops, activities, and events were launched on the sidelines of the celebration of the Gulf Day for School Health and the Health of Adolescents and Youth.

These initiatives will continue throughout the academic year and aim to empower health counselors and cadres at the Ministry of Education in dealing with diseases.

The efforts made are focused on providing a safe and healthy environment for students in coordination between the School Health Departments of the Ministry of Health and the Student Services Department

of the Ministry of Education.

The workshops target both public and private schools in the Kingdom of Bahrain. Dr. Iman Haji, Head of the School Health Department at the Ministry of Health, emphasised the importance of preventive school health programmes.

The Ministry of Health works in coordination with the Ministry of Education to provide the best health services. These services include implementing interim examinations for new students in middle and high school, in cooperation with health services in primary healthcare centres. The goal is to enhance early detection of risk factors and diseases.

Nine on trial for tax evasion case

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Prosecutors have referred nine individuals and businesses for trial following tax evasion investigations.

The Tax Evasion and Money Laundering Unit concluded probes into six alleged cases of excise tax nonpayment totalling over BD1.2 million.

The funds were owed to government coffers.

Acting on reports from the National Revenue Authority's compliance inspections of registered entities, investigators gathered documentation and conducted interviews. The suspects allegedly avoided making required tax payments.

Joining hands for 'greener' Bahrain

Supreme Council for the Environment and Ministry of Education organise 'Green Recovery' event

● Held as part of Arab Environment Day celebration

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The Supreme Council for the Environment, in partnership with the Ministry of Education, organised an awareness event under the slogan "Green Recovery" on the occasion of Arab Environment Day.

The event, held at Al Orouba Primary School for Girls, witnessed the participation of several schools associated with UNESCO and the Arab League Educational, Cultural and Scientific Organization (ALECSO) networks.

The event aimed to promote environmental awareness, en-



Participants at the eco-friendly event

courage national efforts in preserving the environment, and achieve sustainable environmental goals through collaboration with educational institutions.

Individual responsibility

The event emphasised the crucial role of individuals in preserving the environment. It sought to motivate students to embrace agricultural practices at school and home, educating them about the significance of agriculture in sustainable development and its impact on climate and quality of life.

In the face of global environmental challenges, the event aimed to raise awareness among students and cultivate a generation that values afforestation and the preservation of environmental resources.

Strengthening cooperation

Dr. Mubarak Abdullah Butti, Acting Director of the Bahrain National Commission for Education, Science and Culture, expressed the Commission's commitment to strengthening relations between governmental institutions and bodies.

This collaborative approach aims to achieve sustainable development goals and aligns with Bahrain's National Afforestation Plan, which aims to double the number of trees in the country. Bahrain's vision, led by His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and



National efforts aim to achieve a greener future for the Kingdom. (Image used for illustrative purposes only)



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Prime Minister, includes reaching carbon neutrality by 2060.

Environmental culture

With 115 schools affiliated with UNESCO and 15 schools affiliated with ALECSO in Bahrain,

the Commission underscores the importance of participating in cooperative initiatives that promote environmental culture and instill its values in students.

Such initiatives aim to create an environmentally conscious generation that understands the importance of afforestation, preserving resources, and safeguarding the environment from pollution. Through training programs and artistic exchanges, the event also aims to enhance artistic performance among teachers, utilising environmental materials and promoting recycling practices.

During the event, some awareness and entertainment programmes were presented, in addition to the agriculture section, which included distributing a number of agricultural seedlings to students to plant in the school's corridors, in the presence and participation of three government schools affiliated with UNESCO, namely Al-Orouba Primary School for Girls, Al-Khwarizmi Primary School for Boys, and Qalali Primary School For Boys.

Bowling tournament for charity

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Pinay Ikaw Na (PIN), a non-profit women's organisation in Bahrain, will hold its 2nd Pinay Pink Bowling Tournament on 20 October at the Funland Bowling Center.

The tournament will begin at 9:00am and will end at 4:00 pm wherein various activities are in the list such as Zumba and raffle draws. Filipino food and drinks are available for purchase.

According to Dinah Sta. Ana,



Pinay Ikaw Na officers hold a meeting to discuss the event

Pinay president: "Proceeds from this tournament will benefit charity groups selected by the organisation."

Pinay Ikaw Na (PIN) is a registered, non-stock, non-profit

organization under the Philippine embassy whose charitable works include assisting distressed Filipino overseas workers in need of medical assistance.

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CONDENSED INTERIM STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30 JUNE 2023			
ASSETS	30th June 2023	31st December 2022	1st January 2022
	(Reviewed)	(Restated) (Reviewed)	(Restated) (Reviewed)
Furniture and equipment	1,470	1,631	1,258
Statutory deposit	535,710	524,977	516,034
Term deposits with banks	6,695,063	9,557,141	8,676,585
Insurance contract assets	384,507	293,928	90
Reinsurance contract assets	1,489,527	952,385	1,529,869
Other assets	119,114	157,445	168,520
Cash and cash equivalents	9,849,527	6,240,346	5,897,570
TOTAL ASSETS	19,074,918	17,727,853	16,789,926
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES			
EQUITY			
Head office account	14,003,803	13,535,105	12,778,924
LIABILITIES			
Insurance contract liabilities	4,786,318	3,822,278	3,978,286
Reinsurance contract liabilities	69,057	100,482	1,295
Amounts due to service providers	126,953	214,681	0
Other liabilities	88,787	55,307	31,421
Total liabilities	5,071,115	4,192,748	4,011,002
TOTAL HEAD OFFICE ACCOUNT AND LIABILITIES	19,074,918	17,727,853	16,789,926
CONDENSED INTERIM STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30 JUNE 2023			
	Period from 1 January 2023 to 30 June 2023	Period from 1 January 2022 to 30 June 2022	
	(Reviewed)	(Restated) (Reviewed)	
Insurance revenue	1,815,406	1,928,436	
Insurance service expenses	(2,108,797)	(1,120,790)	
Insurance service result before reinsurance contracts held	(293,391)	807,646	
Reinsurance contracts held	82,138	(630,541)	
Insurance service result	(211,253)	177,105	
Insurance finance income for insurance contracts issued	176,881	243,695	
Reinsurance finance expense for reinsurance contracts held	(51,500)	(6,014)	
Net financial results	125,381	237,681	
Net interest income on deposits	279,218	158,654	
Income from investment	279,218	158,654	
PROFIT FOR THE PERIOD	193,346	573,440	
The interim condensed financial statements have been reviewed by Grant Thornton Abdulla, Kingdom of Bahrain. The New India Assurance Co Ltd, Bahrain, CR No.187: Office- Ali Alwazzan Building, 2nd Floor, Manama, Bahrain. Licensed by the Central Bank of Bahrain as Branch of a Foreign Insurance and Reinsurance Company.			

Disasters cause \$3.8 trillion in crop loses over 30 years

AFP | Paris, France

Natural and man-made disasters have caused \$3.8 trillion in crop and livestock loses over 30 years, the UN's Food and Agricultural Organization said on Friday.

Floods, droughts, insect infestations, storms, disease and war have caused about \$123 billion per year in lost food production between 1991 and 2021, the equivalent of five percent of total production or enough to feed up to half a billion people per year, the FAO said in a report.

This is the first time the UN body has tried to compile such an estimate, with the aim of putting into context the scale of the cost of disasters on both a global and personal scale.

"The international community is taking stock of the fact that disasters are... increasing tremendously (...) quadrupling since the 1970s" and are having an increasing impact on food production, the deputy head of FAO's statistics department, Piero Conforti, told AFP.



Farmers collect the crop of potatoes grown in Mucuchies, Merida state, Venezuela

The FAO has found that disasters are increasing in severity and frequency, from 100 per year in the 1970s to around 400 events per year in the past 20 years.

Climate change is increasingly responsible, as well as human and livestock diseases.

"Agriculture around the

world is increasingly at risk of being disrupted due to multiple hazards and threats such as flooding, water scarcity, drought, declining agricultural yields and fisheries resources, loss of biological diversities and environmental degradation," said the FAO.

It identified the "systemic

drivers of disaster risk" as climate change, pandemics, epidemics and armed conflicts.

The damage adds up quickly.

Average annual grain losses hit 69 million tonnes, the equivalent of France's annual production.

Some 40 million tonnes of fruit and vegetable production was lost, and 16 m tonnes of meat, fish and eggs.

Around 23% of losses due to disasters were sustained in the agricultural sector.

The FAO further found that poorer nations suffered the highest losses due to extreme events in terms of the percentage of their agricultural output, at up to 10 percent.

Asia is the worst-hit region, sustaining 45% of total agricultural losses due to disasters, and losing the equivalent of four percent of its agricultural output.

Horn of Africa nations that are regularly touched by drought lost an average of 15 percent of crop production.

Hilton Bahrain supports breast cancer awareness with "Pedal For Pink" Event

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Hilton Bahrain announced its upcoming initiative, "Pedal For Pink," in support of breast cancer awareness. The hotel will host a unique fundraising event aimed at promoting awareness and raising funds for the Think Pink campaign. The event will take place at the hotel's lobby, where participants will have the opportunity to contribute to the cause by pedaling on a static bike.

Through the "Pedal For Pink" event, the hotel aims to make a meaningful impact in the fight against breast cancer and show its commitment to the local community.

The "Pedal For Pink" event will be held on October 12, 2023, from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM at Hilton Bahrain's lobby. The event is open to all members of the community, providing an inclusive platform for individuals to participate and support the cause. Participants are invited to pedal on a static bike for every 15 minutes, which will be equivalent to receiving Think Pink merchandise as a token of appreciation for their

contribution. The event aims to encourage physical activity, promote breast cancer awareness, and engage the community in a meaningful way.

"We are honored to support the Think Pink campaign through our 'Pedal For Pink' event," said Tamer Farouk, General Manager at Hilton Bahrain. "Breast cancer affects many lives, and it is crucial to raise awareness and provide support to those impacted by this disease. At Hilton Bahrain, we are always looking for fun and creative ways to bring awareness to important causes. By participating in this event, our guests and community members can actively contribute to the cause while promoting a healthy lifestyle and having a great time."

Hilton Bahrain is committed to creating a safe and inclusive environment that supports important causes such as breast cancer awareness. The hotel encourages both guests and community members to join the "Pedal For Pink" event and make a difference in the lives of those affected by breast cancer.

Stock markets mixed, oil prices surge

AFP | London, United Kingdom

Stock markets were mixed on Friday while oil prices surged on worries the Israel-Hamas conflict could impact supplies in the crude-rich Middle East.

European gas prices reached the highest levels since February.

Energi Danmark analysts said a recent pipeline sabotage in the Baltic Sea added to "geopolitical uncertainty" in the wake of the Israel-Hamas conflict.

Helsinki believes last weekend's leak in the Finland-Estonia gas pipeline was caused by "external" activity, sparking suspicions of Russian involvement.

As European markets closed down, Wall Street stocks rose Friday as investors digested positive bank earnings and a central bank official's comments that interest rates could remain steady if data trends continue.

CFRA chief investment strategist Sam Stovall told AFP that "JPMorgan and Wells Fargo set an encouraging pace" with better-than-expected earnings and revenues.

Key figures around 1545 GMT

New York - Dow:	▲ 0.2% at 33,696.13 points
London - FTSE 100:	▼ 0.6 at 7,599.60 (close)
Frankfurt - DAX:	▼ 1.55% at 15,186.66 (close)
Paris - CAC 40:	▼ 1.42% at 7,003.53 (close)
EURO STOXX 50:	▼ 1.5% at 4,136.12 (close)
Tokyo - Nikkei 225:	▼ 0.6% at 32,315.99 (close)
Hong Kong - Hang Seng Index:	▼ 2.3% at 17,813.45 (close)
Shanghai - Composite:	▼ 0.6% at 3,088.10 (close)
Brent North Sea crude:	▲ 4.1% at \$89.50 per barrel
West Texas Intermediate:	▲ 4.3% at \$86.43 per barrel
Dollar/yen:	▼ at 149.60 yen from 149.79 yen on Thursday
Euro/dollar:	▼ at \$1.0504 from \$1.0534
Pound/dollar:	▼ at \$1.2135 from \$1.2177
Euro/pound:	▲ at 86.56 pence from 86.48 pence

Early Friday, JPMorgan Chase reported another highly profitable quarter although the bank warned that inflation could persist. Recent Middle East turmoil means this "may be the most dangerous time the world has seen in decades", said JPMorgan Chief Executive Jamie Dimon.

JPMorgan shares earlier rose 4.3% while those of Wells Fargo were lifted 3.7%.

"All major banks and most regional banks are trading higher following strong earnings reports," said Randy Frederick, managing director of trading and derivatives at the Schwab Center for Financial Research.

"The Israel situation is an equal counterbalance to this news," he added.

Stock markets had enjoyed a fruitful few days since last

week's US jobs report suggested that while the world's top economy remained resilient, it was not too strong to warrant more central bank tightening to tame prices.

However, the mood darkened Thursday on data showing the US consumer prices index had risen slightly more than expected in September, highlighting the tough work still to do in the battle against inflation.

Watching the yen

Currency traders have been keeping a close eye on the yen as the dollar pushed towards 150 after the US inflation reading.

Japanese officials warned they were watching for any extreme moves and primed for intervention.

Analysts said traders were worried about selling the yen too far in case Tokyo stepped in to support the unit.

"Close attention is being paid to the 150 level," said Yuta Suzuki, of MUFG Bank. "Investors probably don't want to buy dollar-yen above 150 primarily because of concerns about intervention."

Biden to unveil 'hydrogen hubs' in push for 2024

Washington, United States

US President Joe Biden will announce seven new "hydrogen hubs" across the United States as part of efforts to boost the economy with green energy ahead of the 2024 election.

The 80-year-old Democrat will travel to Philadelphia to unveil the regions that won a bidding war for \$7 billion in funding to make the clean fuel, including a number in electoral battleground states.

The aim of the hubs is to produce nearly three million metric tons of clean hydrogen a year, amounting to one third of the US production goal for 2030, and reduce emissions, the White House said.

Biden, who is neck and neck with his likely rival next year, Republican Donald Trump, has made green energy a key part of his "Bidenomics" plan to revive US industry and create jobs.

The White House said the plan would "create tens of thousands of high-quality jobs, strengthen the nation's energy security and combat the cli-



Blue hydrogen is produced from natural gas in which the carbon dioxide from the manufacturing process is captured. Green hydrogen is produced through renewable sources.

mate crisis."

The huge funding boost will fund large-scale hydrogen production, the pipelines to transport it, and help industries and businesses adapt to using the fuel. The hubs are to be in California; Texas; the US east coast; the Midwest; the Pacific Northwest; the Appalachian mountain region in the northeast; the northern states of Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota.

Microsoft and 'Call of Duty' maker seal tie-up

AFP | London, United Kingdom

Xbox maker Microsoft closed its blockbuster acquisition of Activision Blizzard, whose video games include "Call of Duty" and "Candy Crush", sealing one of the biggest technology tie-ups in history after overcoming final hurdles yesterday.

In a regulatory filing to the US Securities and Exchange Commission, the company said the deal was completed, ending nearly two years of stiff scrutiny from regulators, including in the United States.

British regulators were the final obstacle to the deal, and they approved Microsoft's \$69-billion



A gamer looks at the display for "Call of Duty: Black Ops II" as she waits for midnight to buy Activision's news release in the "Call of Duty" series, at a Game Stop store in Universal City, California

takeover, having blocked the deal in April over competition concerns.

The British Competition and Markets Authority (CMA) said in a statement Friday that it had cleared "the new deal for Microsoft to buy Activision without cloud gaming rights" after concluding "it would preserve competitive prices and better services."

Activision Blizzard chief executive Bobby Kotick said the two companies had "all regulatory approvals necessary to close (the deal) and... look forward to bringing joy and connection to even more players around the world."

Putin denies Russia behind Baltic pipeline leak

Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan

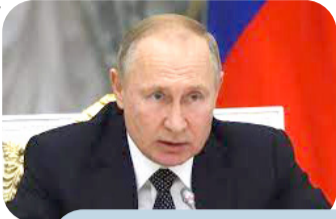
Russian President Vladimir Putin yesterday denied Moscow was responsible for a rupture on a gas pipeline between Finland and Estonia under the Baltic Sea, calling the accusation "complete nonsense". Helsinki has said it believes last weekend's leak on the Balticconnector gas pipeline was caused by "external" activity, sparking suspicions of Russian involvement. "That's complete nonsense," Putin



Putin told journalists on a trip to Kyrgyzstan. "To be honest, I didn't even know this pipeline existed because it's small in volume," he added.

News in brief

◆ **Russian President Vladimir Putin** said Friday that Israel risked waging an “unacceptable” siege in Gaza comparable to the Nazi blockade of Leningrad during World War II, and called for mediation. “Various scenarios are emerging, including the possibility of military and non-military measures being taken against the Gaza Strip comparable to the siege of Leningrad during World War II,” Putin told journalists on a visit to Kyrgyzstan. “We understand what that entails. In my opinion, this is unacceptable. More than two million people live there,” he added. Putin renewed his call for negotiations on Friday, and offered Moscow as a potential mediator. When asked whether Moscow could help find a way to end the crisis, Putin said: “Russia can, by virtue of the fact that we have had good relations with Israel over the last 15 years.”



Putin likens Gaza siege to Nazi blockade of Leningrad

◆ **A blast tore through a minority Shia mosque** in northern Afghanistan on Friday, locals said, with one reporting a “large number” of dead and wounded. The nature of the blast in Pol-i-Khomri, the capital of Baghlan province, was not immediately clear but it was confirmed by the Taliban government. “I condemn it strongly, but currently I don’t have all the information,” deputy government spokesman Bilal Karimi told AFP. Local residents said the explosion rang out as Shiite worshippers gathered for Friday prayers at the city’s Imam Zaman mosque.

Blast rips through Shia mosque in north Afghanistan: witnesses



◆ **Palestinian president Mahmud Abbas** on Friday warned against a “second Nakba” catastrophe facing Palestinians after the Israeli army ordered more than one million people to evacuate north Gaza. Abbas “completely rejects the displacement of our people from the Gaza Strip, because it will be tantamount to a second Nakba for our people,” he said, according to a statement published by the official Palestinian news agency Wafa. The Nakba, or “catastrophe”, refers to some 760,000 Palestinians who fled or were expelled from their homes during the 1948 war that coincided with Israel’s creation. His remarks came after the Israeli military dropped leaflets on the blockaded Gaza Strip warning people to flee from the north, an area home to some 1.1 million people. Abbas’s Palestinian Authority is seated in Ramallah, in the occupied West Bank, and is split from the militant group Hamas which rules Gaza.

Palestinian leader Abbas warns of ‘second Nakba’ catastrophe in Gaza



CURIOSER & CURIOSER

Man, 89, refused divorce by India’s top court after 27-year case



Representative picture

New Delhi, India

India’s top court has denied an octogenarian man the right to divorce his wife of six decades, 27 years after he first applied to dissolve their marriage.

Nirmal Singh Panesar, 89, married in 1963 but said in filings with India’s notoriously glacial criminal justice system that his relationship had broken down irretrievably in 1984.

That year his wife Paramjit Kaur Panesar, now 82, had refused to move with him to the southern city of Chennai when the Indian Air Force posted him there.

Nirmal first filed for divorce in 1996 on the grounds of cruelty and desertion, granted by a district court in 2000 but overturned later that year after an appeal by Paramjit.

His case took another two

decades to make its way before the Supreme Court, which denied the divorce petition despite agreeing their marriage was “beyond salvation”.

“The institution of marriage is still considered to be a pious, spiritual, and invaluable emotional life-net between the husband and the wife in Indian society,” said the court’s judgement, which was published Thursday.

The judgement said that granting the dissolution would be an “injustice” to Paramjit, who had told the court she did not want to die with the “stigma” of being a divorcee.

She also said she had made all efforts to respect their “sacred relationship” and was still ready to look after her husband in his old age.

The couple have three children together.

Gazans flee as evacuation

More than 423,000 people have

● **Hamas’s holding an estimated 150 Israeli, foreign and dual-national hostages**

● **Israeli sticks left one million people no food no water**

● **Israel’s army said its fighter jets struck 750 military targets**

● **13 hostages, including foreigners, had been killed in strikes**

Gaza City, Palestinian Territories

Palestinians carried belongings through the rubble-strewn streets of Gaza City yesterday in search of refuge as Israel’s army warned residents to flee immediately before an expected ground offensive in retaliation against Hamas for the deadliest attack in Israeli history. Hamas fighters broke through the militarised border barrier around the Gaza Strip enclave last Saturday, killing more than 1,300 people in Israel, in an attack compared to 9/11 in the United States.

There have been protests in support of the Palestinians across the Middle East and beyond, plus threats of a further confrontation between Israel and Iran-backed Hezbollah in neighbouring Lebanon.

At least five Palestinians were killed by Israeli fire across the occupied West Bank during rallies in solidarity with Gaza, the health ministry said.

In Gaza, United Nations officials said the Israeli military told them the evacuation should be



Riding in a damaged vehicle a Palestinian family flees with hundreds of other following the Israeli army’s warning to leave their homes and move south before an expected ground offensive, in Gaza City

We’ll do ‘everything in our power’ to free captive Americans: Biden
Washington, United States

US President Joe Biden vowed in an interview broadcast yesterday to do “everything in our power” to free Americans taken hostage by Hamas.

Biden told CBS’s “60 Minutes” that he is to meet by videoconference on Friday with the families of some of the Americans seized by the Palestinian militant group.

“They have to know that the president of the United States of America cares deeply about what’s happened to them, deeply,” he said. “And we’re going to do everything in our power to get them home if we can find them.”

CBS released a short excerpt from the interview on Friday. The full interview is to be broadcast on Sunday.

Speaking of Hamas, Biden said:



Ashraf al-Qudra, a spokesman for the health ministry in Hamas-controlled Gaza, said in a statement posted on Telegram that “hospitals are starting to lose capacity” in a worsening situation with medicine and fuel running out.

NASA journeys to the

AFP | Washington

It’s a world like no other: a metal-rich asteroid that could be the remnants of a small planet, or perhaps an entirely new type

of celestial body unknown to science. A NASA spacecraft blasted off from the Kennedy Space Center Friday bound for Psyche, an object 2.2 billion miles (3.6 bil-

lion kilometers) away that could offer clues about the interior of planets like Earth. “We’re going to learn all kinds of new things, how these things fly through the

solar system, and they hit each other and they cause the evolution of what we have today, our solar system,” NASA chief Bill Nelson said shortly before lift off

Robert the Bruce of Scotland defeats King Edward II of England at Byland, forcing Edward to accept Scotland's independence



1st Continental Congress makes Declaration of Colonial Rights in Philadelphia

15th and last Tokugawa Shogun, Tokugawa Yoshinobu resigns in Japan

Nazi Germany announces its withdrawal from the League of Nations

Warning sparks condemnation

already fled their homes in the territory of 2.4 million

Hamas attack does not justify Gaza's destruction: Red Cross

AFP | Geneva, Switzerland

The massive Hamas attack on Israel cannot justify the "limitless destruction" of the Gaza Strip, the Red Cross said Friday, as it called for pauses in the fighting.

"Nothing can justify the horrific attacks Israel suffered last weekend," said a statement from the International Committee of the Red Cross.

"Our hearts go out to people who lost family members or are worried sick about loved ones taken hostage. We reiterate our call for their immediate release

and stand ready to conduct humanitarian visits," the ICRC said. "But those attacks cannot in turn justify the limitless destruction of Gaza.

"The parties must not neglect their legal obligations regarding the methods and means used to wage war."

Israel has cut off water, food and power supplies to Gaza in a total siege it has vowed will not end until all hostages are freed.

"The instructions issued by the Israeli authorities for the population of Gaza City to immediately leave their homes, coupled with the complete

siege explicitly denying them food, water, and electricity, are not compatible with international humanitarian law," the ICRC said.

"When military powers order people to leave their homes, all possible measures must be taken to ensure the population has access to basic necessities like food and water and that members of the same family are not separated."

The ICRC said Gazans had "nowhere safe to go" and it was "impossible" for them to know which areas "will next face attack".

Forcing the 2.5 million residents of Gaza, who have been subject to indiscriminate air strikes for days and deprived of electricity, water and food, to migrate in an extremely limited area is a flagrant violation of international law and is inhuman

TURKEY

Gazans should stay steadfast and remain on their land

EGYPT'S PRESIDENT ABDEL FATTAH AL-SISI

It's already a combat zone. So I don't think anybody's underestimating the challenge here of effecting that evacuation

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL SPOKESMAN JOHN KIRBY

Scottish leader's mum-in-law says sending 'last video' from Gaza

Gaza City, Palestinian Territories

Scotland's First Minister Humza Yousaf posted a video online yesterday showing his British mother-in-law in Gaza tearfully deploring Israel's order to evacuate more than one million people from the north of the Palestinian enclave.

"This will be my last video", Elizabeth al-Nakla, a UK citizen who was visiting relatives there when the latest hostilities erupted, said in the recording shared by the Scottish leader on X, formerly Twitter.

Nakla, a former nurse, said people from Gaza City in the northern Gaza Strip were moving southward after Israel gave Palestinians 24 hours to leave the besieged enclave's largest city.

"One million people -- no food, no water, and still they are bombing them as they leave. Where are we going to put them?" Nakla said.

"But my (first) thought is, all these people in the hospital cannot be evacuated.

"Where's humanity? Where's people's hearts in the world to let this happen in this day and age," she said crying. "May God help us. Goodbye."

We have urged the Israelis to use every possible precaution to avoid harm to civilians

US SECRETARY OF STATE ANTONY BLINKEN

are enduring the fifth war in 15 years.

Hamas has threatened to kill captives if Israel bombs Gaza civilian targets without advance warning.

US Secretary of State Antony Blinken was in Jordan Friday, where he discussed with King Abdullah II "ways to address the humanitarian needs of civilians in Gaza while Israel conducts legitimate security operations", State Department spokesman Matthew Miller said.



Biden

Jordan king warns against displacing Palestinians

Amman, Jordan

Jordanian King Abdullah II warned yesterday in a meeting with US Secretary of State Antony Blinken against displacing Palestinians as Israel readies a major offensive in Gaza in response to Hamas attacks.



"The crisis should not be

Strip, on a plan for a safety corridor as Israel prepares a major

spread to neighbouring countries and exacerbate the refugee issue," the king told Blinken, according to a palace statement.

US officials are working with Egypt, which borders the Gaza

ground offensive.

Jordan is already home to two million Palestinian refugees and is sensitive to any turbulence to its west.

In the talks with Blinken, the Jordanian king, a longtime US partner, called for "opening humanitarian corridors to allow for the entry of urgent medical and relief aid to Gaza, and protecting civilians and stopping the escalation and war on Gaza," the court statement said.

carried out "within the next 24 hours" but the army did not confirm that timeline.

Israel has retaliated to Hamas's attacks by hitting targets in Gaza with thousands of munitions. The strikes have claimed more than 1,530 lives -- 500 of them children, according to the health ministry in Gaza, where the health system is "at a breaking point," the World Health Organisation said.

"One million people no food no water, and still they are bombing them as they leave. Where are we going to put them?"

Elizabeth El-Nakla, the mother-in-law of Scotland's First Minister Humza

Yousaf, said in a video he posted.

"This will be my last video. Everybody from Gaza is moving towards where we are," added Nakla, who was visiting relatives in Gaza from Scotland.

"May God help us"

The UN said the "impossible" mass relocation would affect 1.1 million or about half the entire population of the Gaza Strip, and urgently appealed for the order to be rescinded.

Any Israeli ground operation is complicated by Hamas's holding -- according to Israel's government -- an estimated 150 Israeli, foreign and dual-national hostages who were taken back to Gaza during the attack.

Hamas on Friday said 13 hostages, including foreigners, had been killed in Israeli strikes.

Israel's army said its "fighter jets struck 750 military targets in the northern Gaza Strip overnight" including "residences of senior terrorist operatives used

as military command centres".

A 'crime'

Israel has now cut off water, food and power supplies to Gaza in a total siege it has vowed will not end until all hostages are freed.

"I condemn this siege because you have to, when they ask so many people to leave, when they don't have access to food and medicine," said Norway's Foreign Minister Anniken Huitfeldt.

Arab League chief Ahmed Abul Gheit said Israel's evacuation order is a "forced transfer" that constitutes "a crime".

Palestinian president Mahmud Abbas meanwhile said it will be "tantamount to a second Nakba" or "catastrophe", referring to the 760,000 Palestinians who fled or were expelled from their homes during the 1948 war that coincided with Israel's creation.

Gaza's 2.4 million residents

metal-rich asteroid Psyche

at 10:19 am Eastern Time (1419 GMT) on a reusable SpaceX Falcon Heavy rocket.

"We've visited either in person or robotically worlds made

of rock, worlds made of ice and worlds made of gas... but this will be our first time visiting a world that has a metal surface," lead scientist Lindy Elkins-Tanton

told reporters during a briefing this week. Trailing a blue glow from its next-generation electric propulsion system and flanked by two large solar arrays, the

van-sized probe should arrive at its destination in the Asteroid Belt, between Mars and Jupiter, in July 2029. Over the course of two years, it will deploy its suite

of advanced instruments to probe Psyche for evidence of an ancient magnetic field and to study its chemical and mineral composition, as well as topography.

TOP 4 TWEETS

01

I am concerned about the recent exchange of fire along the Blue Line and reported attacks from Southern Lebanon. I appeal to all parties -- and those who have an influence over those parties -- to avoid any further escalation and spillover.

@antonioguterres

02

Terrorism is an enemy of humanity. We must work together and fight this menace.

@narendramodi

03

As president, I have no higher priority than the safety of Americans at home and around the world.

@POTUS

04

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is currently holding a security assessment at the Kirya in Tel Aviv together with the Defense Minister, Minister Benny Gantz, Minister Gadi Eisenkot, Strategic Affairs Minister Ron Dermer, MK Aryeh Deri and senior defense establishment officials.

@IsraeliPM

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celebs



Pamela Anderson broke down watching her 'sad' Netflix documentary

Celebretainment | Los Angeles

Pamela Anderson broke down in tears while watching her Netflix documentary 'Pamela: A Love Story'.

The 'Baywatch' star looked back on her rise to fame and her time in the showbiz spotlight for the film - which was produced by her son Brandon Thomas Lee - and she insisted she didn't want to watch it but she eventually relented and had to switch it off because it made her too sad.

Speaking in a video for Vogue France, she explained: "I said:

Pamela Anderson

"If we are going to do this documentary, I want nothing to do with it. I don't want to see anything. I don't want to see it. I don't want to have any control over this ... I watched a little bit of it and I just couldn't watch it. I broke down, you know, because ... I think some things are better left in the past. To rehash them was a little sad for me."

However, Pamela went on to insist she saw that some good has come over the documentary because her honesty won her a new legion of fans.

She added: "People do come up to me on the street now and say: 'I love you. I didn't like you before but I love you now' ... because of the

documentary."

In the interview, Pamela also touched the sexualisation of her image and how her public persona led to people "talking badly" to her in the past.

She said: "I kind of grew up a little bit at the Playboy mansion so I was surrounded by you know, [the] sexy lifestyle so sometimes I would feel like I brought it upon myself when people talked badly to me.

"Even though that's a horrible thing to say and obviously it's not true because you should always be respected but at the time I just learned how to navigate it and not take it too personally and laugh it off.

Jada Pinkett Smith claims Chris Rock asked her out on date amid Will Smith divorce rumours

Celebretainment | Los Angeles

Jada Pinkett Smith has claimed Chris Rock asked her out on a date.

The 52-year-old star - who has revealed she and husband Will Smith have been secretly separated for the last seven years - recalled a moment amid divorce rumours in the past when the comedian actually phoned her thinking she was available.

She told People magazine: "I think every summer all the reports would come out that me and Will were getting a divorce. And this particular summer, Chris, he thought that we were getting a divorce.

"So he called me and basically he was like, 'I'd love to take you out.' And I was like, 'What do you mean?' He was like, 'Well, aren't you and Will getting a divorce?'"

"I was like, 'No. Chris, those are just rumors.' He was appalled. And he profusely apologized and that was that."

Jada didn't reveal when the exchange happened, but she admitted she hasn't spoken to the 58-year-old comedian since the 2022 Oscars when Will, 55, slapped him in the face over a joke about her shaved head, which sparked controversy due to her alopecia.

She said: "No, I haven't talked to Chris...[Do I have] any desire to talk to Chris? Here's my desire: I just hope that all the misunderstanding around this can be cleared up and that there can be peace."

Asked if she was offended by the joke, she refused to



Jada Pinkett Smith

pass "judgement" on someone else's art.

But she added: "I'll say that several times I've had my feelings hurt, for sure. I've had my feelings hurt a lot by Chris.

"But at the end of the day, too, being in the spotlight, it comes with the territory."

Jada thinks there was a "misunderstanding" between the pair going back to the 2016 Oscars, which he hosted and she publicly protested after the Academy Awards failed to nominate anyone of colour in the four acting categories.

They both apologized at the time, and she has now confirmed he also said sorry in the immediate aftermath of his joke and Will's slap at the 2022 ceremony.

She recalled: "Chris came down to the end of the stage and tried to apologize to me. He said, 'I didn't mean you any harm.'"

"I said, 'I can't talk about this now, Chris. This is some old s***.' I thought this was [about] the Oscar 2016 and... their stuff that they had before I even came into the picture in the late '80s.

John Cena apologizes to Dwayne Johnson

Celebretainment | Los Angeles

John Cena has apologized for criticising Dwayne 'The Rock' Johnson.

The 46-year-old star previously slammed Dwayne, 51, for turning his back on his wrestling career in order to become an actor - but John has now confessed to making a mistake.

John - who has also made the transition into the movie business - said during a WWE press conference: "I went about it the wrong way.

"I violated his trust and I made allegations about his perspective that I knew nothing



Dwayne Johnson and John Cena

about. And deep down, I was a fan. I wanted The Rock back [in WWE]. I wanted to do anything to get The Rock back, but I did

it the wrong way."

The wrestler-turned-actor acknowledged that his comments weren't "respectful".

John said: "I had to eat a little bit of crow. I had to say 'I'm sorry and I was wrong,' because I am sorry and I was wrong, and that's a very humbling experience. Dwayne is a hell of a guy.

"I became who I despised. I see that perspective and I understand it. It was a great learning experience from my mistake with feuding with The Rock."

John has put his acting career on hold over recent months, amid the ongoing actors' strike.

However, he plans to return to the movie business at some stage in the future.

Ryan Reynolds isn't always 'great' at managing his own mental health

Celebretainment | Los Angeles

Ryan Reynolds is "not always great" at managing his mental health.

The 46-year-old actor admitted he sometimes feels like he's spinning "out of control", and his capacity to deal with it depends on the moment.

Appearing at the annual Revels and



Ryan Reynolds

Revelations Gala for Bring Change to Mind - a mental health nonprofit founded by Glenn Close - he was asked how he is at managing his own mental health.

He told PageSix: "Not always great, to be honest.

"I certainly have my own little rituals and those kinds of things that help me stay grounded and keep my mind from spinning out of control..."

Ryan Reynolds

Sharon Stone: I'm glad I chose motherhood over Hollywood

Celebretainment | Los Angeles

Sharon Stone feels "grateful" than she prioritised motherhood over her career.

The 65-year-old actress - who suffered a bleed on her brain in 2001 - has revealed that she doesn't have any regrets about making her family her number one priority.

Sharon - who has sons Roan, 23, Laird, 18, and Quinn, 17 - told PEOPLE: "I'm grateful that I chose motherhood as a healthy approach to my life and that I didn't prioritize Hollywood, because they certainly didn't

prioritize me."

Sharon was one of the most sought-after actresses in the movie business before her health scare.

But the film star believes she "lost [her] career" on the back of her health troubles.

She said: "I lost all those things that you feel are your real identity and your life."

Despite this,

Sharon feels happy with where she's currently at in her life.

She said: "I never really got most of it back, but I've reached a point where I'm okay with it, where I really do recognise that I'm enough."

Meanwhile, Sharon previously suggested that her reputation for being "difficult" has damaged her career.

Sharon Stone

The actress has been outspoken on various issues over the years, and Sharon thinks her honesty has undermined her earning potential.

She told WSJ Magazine: "I'm just excited to see where I belong in the world, to see where my journey is going.

"I think that when I was saying all these things - that now Kamala Harris, our fabulous vice president, and Michelle Obama and Hillary Clinton are now avidly discussing - about women's rights, [it] made my film career quite difficult.

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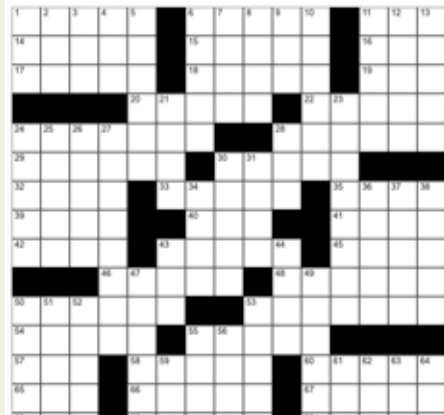
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Brazil held by Venezuela as Argentina stay 100 percent



Brazil's forward Neymar (L) and Venezuela's midfielder Cristian Casseres Jr fight for the ball

AFP | Montevideo

A stunning 85th-minute equalizer from Eduard Bello earned Venezuela a rare draw at Brazil while world champions Argentina made it three wins out of three in South American World Cup qualifying with a hard-earned 1-0 win over a determined Paraguay on Thursday.

Darwin Nunez struck a stoppage time penalty as Uruguay fought back for a 2-2 draw with Colombia in Barranquilla while Ecuador got their first points with a last gasp 2-1 win at Bolivia and Chile beat Peru 2-0.

A third-minute goal from Nicolas Otamendi was just enough for Lionel Scaloni's Argentina, with Lionel Messi coming off in the bench in the second half and hitting the woodwork twice.

Brazil have never lost to Venezuela in a competitive fixture and have only once before, in 2009, failed to beat the Vinotinto in World Cup

qualifying, but they were left frustrated after Bello's brilliant late leveller.

Brazil took the lead when Neymar had a shot pushed wide in the 49th minute and from the resulting corner, taken by the striker, Arsenal defender Gabriel rose at the near post to angle home a fine header.

The goal forced Venezuela into a more adventurous approach and Wilker Angel flashed a header just wide from a 62nd-minute corner.

Rodrygo then found himself in a great position in the box but the Real Madrid winger blasted his shot into the side netting.

With five minutes left, the home crowd in Cuiaba were left stunned when Jefferson Savarino whipped in a cross and Bello leapt acrobatically to blast a spectacular overhead kick past Ederson.

The result leaves Brazil in second place in the 10-team qualifying standings, two ahead of Colombia and two behind Argentina.



Argentina's forward Lionel Messi (C) controls the ball

'Spiritual' Dimitrov to face Rublev in Shanghai semi-finals

AFP | Shanghai

Grigor Dimitrov said he was playing some of the best tennis in his career as he marched into the Shanghai Masters semi-finals yesterday and a clash with Andrey Rublev.

The 18th seed from Bulgaria did not face a single break point in defeating big-serving Nicolas Jarry of Chile 7-6 (7/2), 6-4 in their quarter-final.

The 32-year-old Dimitrov, whose last ATP title was six years ago, faces Rublev in the last four after the Russian swept past France's Ugo Humbert 6-2, 6-3 in 90 minutes.

Saturday's other semi-final is between Poland's 16th seed Hubert Hurkacz and 26th-seeded American Sebastian Korda.

Dimitrov defeated top seed Carlos Alcaraz in the last 16 and the draw has opened up, with Rublev the only player in the world's top 10 still left.

Asked if he was playing his best since 2017, when he won four titles including the season-ending ATP Finals, Dimitrov replied: "I think one of the best seasons, absolutely, no doubt about that."

A philosophical Dimitrov has



Bulgaria's Grigor Dimitrov hits a return against Chile's Nicolas Jarry

been in China for a month, having also reached the semi-finals in Chengdu and quarter-finals at the China Open in Beijing.

The extended time away has meant a lot of time on his own to think.

"I can definitely say that this trip for me has been not only special, but I think almost spiritual for me on so many different levels, on and off the court," he said.

"Throughout the amount of emotions that I've gone through in that month has been something I've never experienced

Ruthless Rublev

In front of the watching Roger Federer, who was back at the tournament he won twice for a fan event, fifth seed Rublev made fairly light work of 32nd seed Humbert.

Rublev is two victories away from a second Masters title of the season, having clinched the Monte Carlo crown in April.

The 25-year-old is yet to drop a set in four matches in Shanghai but he is wary of the in-form

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Dimitrov, someone he describes as a friend.

Rublev was irritated by spectators he said were more busy watching Federer in the stands than the match.

But the Russian was more enthusiastic about his dismissal of Humbert, who was always on the back foot and lost the last four games in a row as he tumbled out of the tournament with a whimper.

It was a measure of revenge for the efficient Rublev, having lost to the Frenchman in three sets in the China Open last 16 a fortnight ago.

China's Zheng Qinwen makes 'big step' to Zhengzhou last four

AFP | Zhengzhou

Zheng Qinwen called it "a big step" after advancing to her third semi-final of the year with a 6-3, 6-2 win over Ukrainian Anhelina Kalinina at the Zhengzhou Open yesterday.

The 21-year-old rising Chinese star is fresh off a statement summer during which she lifted a maiden WTA trophy and reached a first Grand Slam quarter-final at the US Open.

Up next is a rematch with Jasmine Paolini, who lost to the world number 24 in the Palermo final in July.

"It's been a long time I didn't arrive to the semi-finals at a WTA 500 tournament so this is a big step for me again," said Zheng, who won Asian Games gold this month.

"It was a tough match against Paolini in Palermo, I think she's really difficult to beat. She's a good fighter."

Facing Kalinina for the first time at tour level and third time overall, Zheng dropped just four points behind her first serve en route to grabbing the 41-minute



China's Zheng Qinwen hits a return to Ukraine's Anhelina Kalinina

opening set.

A marathon third game in the second set saw Kalinina save six break points but she faltered on the seventh to hand Zheng a 2-1 advantage.

That was all the home favourite needed to cruise to victory.

Paolini defeated Germany's Laura Siegemund 6-0, 7-5 in one hour and 44 minutes to reach her second WTA semi-final of the year.

"I'm feeling good, I'm playing

a good level and I'm very happy to be in the semi-finals," said Paolini, who knocked out sixth seed Caroline Garcia in the previous round and is competing at her highest ranking of 31.

Former French Open champion Barbora Krejickova spent just 45 minutes on court before securing passage to the semi-finals when Lesia Tsurenko retired after dropping the first set 6-3.

The Ukrainian qualifier was

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suffering a back problem.

Krejickova will square off with eighth seed Daria Kasatkina for a place in the Zhengzhou final.

Kasatkina was handed a walk-over into the last four after the withdrawal of her Tunisian opponent Ons Jabeur, who pulled out of the tournament citing a knee injury.

Jabeur will not be competing at her home tournament in Monastir and is in a race to be fit for the WTA Finals in Cancun at the end of this month.



Williamson leads New Zealand to victory, suffers new injury worry

Captain Kane Williamson returns with a stellar 78, but exits due to an injury as New Zealand secures a dominant win

● New Zealand comfortably chases down 246 for victory

AFP | Chennai

Kane Williamson marked his return to the World Cup with an undefeated 78 as New Zealand cruised past Bangladesh by eight wickets yesterday but the captain was forced to retire hurt with a hand injury.

Williamson had been sidelined with a serious knee injury picked up during the IPL and sat out New Zealand's first two wins at the World Cup.

Chasing 246 to win, the 33-year-old, playing his first ODI since January, had reached his 43rd fifty in the format off 81 balls and was looking well set for a century.

He moved on to 78 with eight fours and a six when he had to call it quits after a throw from the deep rapped him painfully on the glove, jamming his hand against the bat handle.

In discussion with the medical team, and with the Black Caps only 46 runs short of victory, it was decided to take Williamson out of the game.

New Zealand comfortably wrapped up their third win with 43 balls to spare. Williamson had put on a sec-



New Zealand's Kane Williamson plays a shot

ond-wicket stand of 80 with opener Devon Conway (45) and then 108 with Daryl Mitchell who raced to his 50 off 43 balls.

Mitchell did it in some style with a giant heave for six off Bangladesh seamer Shoriful Islam.

Mitchell finished undefeated on 89 off just 67 deliveries, with six fours and four sixes under his belt.

New Zealand, runners-up at the 2015 and 2019 World Cups, had already defeated defending champions England as well as outsiders Netherlands in India.

Bangladesh defeated Afghanistan and then lost to England.

Earlier, Mushfiqur Rahim hit a fine half century to lead Bangladesh to 245-9 while veteran Black Caps fast bowler Trent Boult claimed a 200th one-day-

Scorecard

New Zealand for 2 (Conway 89*, Williamson 78, Mustafizur 1-36) beat Bangladesh 245 for 9 (Mushfiqur 66, Shakib 41*, Ferguson 3-49) by eight wickets

international wicket.

Mushfiqur made 66 off 75 balls with six fours and two sixes, taking his number of fifties in the format to 48 having also hit a half-century against England three days ago.

The 36-year-old, playing in his 259th ODI, shared a crucial 96-run fourth wicket partnership with skipper Shakib Al Hasan (40) to help their team recover from 56-4.

Boult's 200th wicket

Mushfiqur was eventually clean-bowled by Matt Henry as he attempted to pick up the scoring rate after Shakib had perished, caught by wicketkeeper Tom Latham off Lockie Ferguson after top-edging an attempted pull shot.

Shakib ended his innings suffering from cramps in the sweltering heat and batting without a helmet or cap against the spinners.

Mushfiqur's brother-in-law Mahmudullah, batting at number eight, added a valuable undefeated 41.



Trent Boult, who dismissed opener Liton Das off the first ball of the match, became the sixth New Zealand player to take 200 ODI wickets

Boult, meanwhile, became the sixth New Zealand player to take 200 ODI wickets.

The 34-year-old reached the personal landmark when he dismissed Towhid Hridoy, caught at extra cover by Mitchell Santner for 13, in the 38th over.

Playing in his 107th ODI, Boult also dismissed opener Liton Das off the first ball of the match.

Liton was celebrating his 29th birthday but any hopes of a big score to mark the occasion were shattered when he shuffled down the wicket to confront Boult only to sky the ball to a grateful Henry who pocketed the chance at fine leg.

Rohit says India in nice 'rhythm' ahead of Pakistan clash

AFP | Ahmedabad

India skipper Rohit Sharma yesterday said the team remains confident going into a "massive" World Cup clash with arch-rivals Pakistan at the world's biggest cricket stadium in Ahmedabad.

The two powerhouses renew their rivalry on Saturday at the 132,000-seater Narendra Modi Stadium, named after the Indian Prime Minister.

Favourites India have won their two opening matches of the 50-over showpiece event to get past five-time winners Australia and then Afghanistan.

Rohit said the team has momentum after they won the Asia Cup in Sri Lanka and then beat Australia in a three-match se-



India's Hardik Pandya (L) celebrates with teammate Virat Kohli as their team captain Rohit Sharma watches

ries. "Rhythm is very important. If you look at it in other terms, it is called momentum," Rohit told reporters on the eve of the

hotly-anticipated match. "We have played seven or eight matches in India and before that in Sri Lanka and here too we played two matches of

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ROHIT SHARMA

the World Cup."

He added: "The bowlers have shown very good performances. Whether it is spinners or seamers, whenever they have got a chance to put pressure on the batsmen, they have done so. All the batsmen have scored runs."

India's Gill '99 percent' ready for Pakistan clash

AFP | Ahmedabad

India's Shubman Gill is "99 percent available to play" against Pakistan in the World Cup blockbuster showdown after the opener recovered from dengue fever, captain Rohit Sharma said yesterday.

Gill missed the team's opening two victories but is likely to take the field at the world's biggest cricket stadium in Ahmedabad on Saturday.

Rohit did not reveal the team for the hotly-anticipated contest and when pressed about Gill's participation, the captain said, "we will see tomorrow".

Gill, 24, had a practice session on Thursday after he flew into the western Indian city from Chennai where he had been hospitalised and missed India's win over Australia.



Shubman Gill

The batsman picked up the dengue infection ahead of the tournament and did not travel with the team for the second match in New Delhi where India beat Afghanistan.

Ishan Kishan replaced Gill and filled the opening slot in both the matches, making nought and 47.

India played three spinners in their opening match before bringing in fast bowler Shardul Thakur for Ravichandran Ashwin against Afghanistan.

'Records meant to be broken': Azam shrugs off India stranglehold

AFP | Ahmedabad

Defiant Pakistan captain Babar Azam declared yesterday that "records are meant to be broken" as his team looks to break free of India's World Cup stranglehold when the bitter rivals clash on Saturday.

India boast a 7-0 record over their neighbours in World Cups despite Pakistan having a healthy 73-56 overall advantage since their first one-day international clash back in 1978.

"I don't focus on the past," said Azam yesterday. "Let's focus on the thing to come as we know records are meant to be broken."

"We will try to play well and it all depends on how you play on the day, just like we did in



Pakistan's players attend a practice session

the first two matches," added the skipper whose side have two wins from two at the World Cup after seeing off the Netherlands and Sri Lanka.

Azam said he has told his

players that Saturday's clash inside the 132,000-capacity Ahmedabad stadium is a "golden opportunity" to write their names into World Cup folklore.

"The India-Pakistan match is

Under Azam, Pakistan broke a Twenty20 World Cup sequence of five defeats (from 2007 to 2016) against India with a 10-wicket rout at Dubai in 2021

a big game, high intensity. Every such game is challenging," added Azam, a survivor of the 2019 World Cup clash in Manchester which India won by 89 runs.

"I have told (the players) it's the best opportunity to perform. It is a big stadium that can accommodate many fans, it's a golden opportunity for us to perform in front of these fans."

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Attieh extends advantage

Saudi golfer stretches advantage to five shots heading into final round of play in fifth Bahrain Amateur Open golf championship

● **Khalid Attieh cards a day two score of four-under-par to go an 11-under 133 total after 36 holes**

● **Sam Mullane of UAE scores second round's best of five-under 67 to recover from first day 74**

● **Yousif Ali Janahi remains top-ranked Bahraini, Fahad Abdulla Al Hakam just one shot behind**

TDI | Manama

Saudi Arabia's Khalid Attieh extended his lead atop the leaderboard yesterday heading into the final round of play in the fifth Bahrain Amateur Open golf championship, currently taking place at the Royal Golf Club.

Attieh carded a four-under-par 68 on day two of the 54-hole stroke play event to widen his advantage over the rest of the field to five shots from three overnight.



Bahrain's Mohammed Al Noaimi in action

Attieh now boasts an 11-under-par gross total from his two rounds of 65 and 68 for an aggregate of 133.

The title frontrunner posted four birdies yesterday on the front nine but also had one bogey, and then finished off with another birdie over the back nine.

Saleh Al Kaabi of Qatar moved into second place behind him. He played

YOU KNOW WHAT

Following yesterday's play, 50 players made the cut for today's final round, with Bahraini Hussain Salem being the last to qualify with a 29-over-par 173 total after 36 holes

a three-under 69 yesterday to match his round one score for a six-under-par 138 total.

Sam Mullane and Jay Mullane from the UAE were tied-third on three-under-par total gross scores of 141. Sam carded yesterday's best score of five-under 67 to recover from his opening day outing of 74. He had six birdies over the second round's 18 holes but also bogeyed the 12th.

Jay also had an impressive showing

yesterday of a four-under 68, which added to his 73 on day one.

Mousa Shana'ah of Jordan followed in fifth place with a one-under-par 143 total,

while Ali Sakha, who was ranked second after the first day, struggled yesterday with a four-over-par 76 to go to an even par 144 heading into today's concluding round.

Top-ranked

Yousif Ali Janahi remained as the top-ranked Bahraini in seventh overall with a one-over 145 total, but compatriot Fahad Abdulla Al Hakam is just one shot behind in tied-eighth along with Alistair Hess of the UAE.

Yaseen Le Falher of Bahrain and Johan Van Jaarsveldt of Saudi completed the top 10, tied on three-over-par 147 totals.

Former champion Khalifa Al Merisi improved to tied-12th yesterday

Bahraini golfer Khalifa Duaij Al Kaabi tees off yesterday

day with countryman Khalifa Duaij Al Kaabi, both on four-over-par 148 totals, while defending champion Ahmed Al Zayed was tied-19th on eight-over-par 152.

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

This year—following the mega announcement of the first-ever Bahrain Championship on the 2024 DP World Tour, also known as the PGA European Tour—the Bahrain Amateur Open offers an additional bonus. The tournament's overall winner plus the leading Bahraini amateur will come away with spots at the Bahrain Championship, scheduled to take place 1 to 4 February next year with a US\$2.5million prize fund.

Additionally, the winner of the King Hamad Trophy as well as the leading Bahraini player will tee it up alongside DP World Tour Professionals in the much-anticipated tournament.

BRX duo play it safe in Morocco

● **Loeb, Terranova give Bahrain Raid Xtreme steady start as Al Attiyah closes in on world title**

TDI | Manama

Sebastien Loeb and Orly Terranova played it safe for Bahrain Raid Xtreme in the Rallye du Maroc today as the final round of this year's World Rally-Raid Championship got under way with an emphasis on caution.

The two BRX drivers are both attempting to secure a second successive victory in the event for the Prodrive Hunter, and they were happy to play supporting roles as Swede Mattias Ekström set the fastest time on the 19km Prologue from Audi team-mate, Stéphane Peterhansel.

With Terranova and new Argentine co-driver Bernardo Graue taking tenth spot on the day, BRX team-mates Loeb and Fabi-



Sebastien Loeb in his Bahrain Raid Xtreme Prodrive Hunter

an Lurquin were 11th quickest on the stage in their Prodrive Hunter, although the battle in earnest begins tomorrow.

Sebastien Loeb said, "The speed was not great in the Prologue, but in the end we are in a good position for tomorrow. We just need to get the best feeling back in the car. It's a long time since I drove it. We will try to adjust two or three things, and hopefully tomorrow will be a better day."

Orly Terranova said, "I felt fast, confident, and it was a good Moroccan stage. But after 11km there was an aggressive jump, and on landing the car started to fail. So we had to stop, re-set, start again and we lost time. But the car was fantastic."

The restrained nature of the Prologue was highlighted by the fact that Qatar's Nasser Al Attiyah, who is on the verge of a second W2RC

crown, finished the day in 21st position, ahead of five tough desert stages that will decide the rally and championship outcomes.

Third on the day in his Toyota, Saudi Arabia's Yazeed Al Rajhi is the only driver who can prevent Al Attiyah from retaining the W2RC drivers' title. To do that, he must win the rally outright, and finish near the top in every individual stage over the next five days.

Nine-time World Rally Champion Loeb, and Terranova, last year's runner-up in the event, want to underline the liking of the BRX Prodrive Hunter for the Moroccan desert, where Frenchman Guerlain Chicherit gave the car its first rally victory 12 months ago.

Chicherit, now an Overdrive team-mate of Al Rajhi, was fourth fastest today, while two other Prodrive Hunters, driven by Brazilian brothers Cristian and Marcos Baumgart, finished in the top ten.

BETTER YOU KNOW

This is Loeb's first W2RC appearance since April's third round in Mexico, where Lurquin broke his shoulder, although the French star has seen plenty of other action in Rallycross, Extreme E and rallying

The Prologue took the 34-strong cars on a fast, rolling, sandy appetiser for the five demanding desert stages to follow. Later, the top ten drivers were selecting their starting positions for tomorrow's 324km stage from Agadir to Zagora, the first of five demanding desert time trials in a route of 2,240km, which finishes at Merzouga, near the Algerian border, on Wednesday.

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He has been relishing his return to action in the BRX Prodrive Hunter, which he drove to victory in Andalucia last year, and took to a record-breaking six successive Dakar Rally stage wins back in January.

Espargaro clocks record Indonesia MotoGP lap, Bagnaia struggles



Aprilia Racing's Aleix Espargaro (L) rides his bike

AFP | Jakarta

Aleix Espargaro produced a late flash of brilliance to set a lap record for the Indonesia MotoGP at yesterday's crash-marred second practice, in which championship leader Francesco Bagnaia finished outside the top 10.

The Aprilia rider coped with the hot and humid conditions to snatch a lap record of one minute 30.474secs from VR46-Ducati rider Marco Bezzecchi, who had broken the record himself despite an earlier crash a week after surgery for a broken collarbone.

The Spaniard's lap -- which came before a crash -- was nearly two-tenths of a second clear of teammate Maverick Vinales in second and Bezzecchi in third.

Jorge Martin, who sits second in the overall standings, was 0.400sec back in fifth but he outgunned his championship rival Bagnaia.

The championship leader

Aleix Espargaro's lap -- which came before a crash -- was nearly two-tenths of a second clear of teammate Maverick Vinales in second and Bezzecchi in third

never got going and the Italian finished more than a second back in 16th.

Martin's pace will be of concern to the reigning champion, with just three points separating them heading into Saturday's sprint race and the main event on Sunday.

The second session was filled with crashes, with Augusto Fernandez and Brad Binder colliding just several laps in, while Jack Miller crashed twice.

In the first practice session, Martin secured the fastest time, again showing his pace over Bagnaia, who was 0.759sec back in sixth.