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**HM the King issues decree appointing Deputy CEO at GSA**

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa issued Royal Decree (97) of 2023, appointing a deputy chief executive officer at the General Sports Authority (GSA), based on a proposal by the Chairman of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports (SCYS), following the Cabinet approval.

According to the decree, Dana Mohammad Ahmad Muzaffar was appointed Deputy CEO for Facilities and Projects at GSA.

The Chairman of SCYS shall implement the provisions of this decree, which comes into force upon its issuance and shall be published in the Official Gazette.

**Bahrain leads fight against dirty money**

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Bahrain is first in the Gulf in the Basel Anti-Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing Index 2023, which is an annual index that evaluates the level of combating money laundering and terrorist financing risks around the world.

The GCC countries listed in the index and their rankings are as follows (lower figure equals better score): Bahrain 4.82, Qatar 5.19, Saudi Arabia 5.38, and the UAE 5.74

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**'Support programmes' call to benefit citizens**

Cabinet urges private sector to help Tamkeen achieve goals to boost employment and wages

● Government authorities directed to ensure adherence to NAO recommendations

● Significance of Joint Arab Islamic Summit in Riyadh highlighted in weekly meeting

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The Cabinet urged all entities in the private sector to cooperate and help Tamkeen achieve the goals of its new programmes, including increasing citizens' salaries.

The Cabinet, chaired yesterday by His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, at Gudaibiya Palace, highlighted Tamkeen's launch of programmes aimed at supporting 50,000 Bahrainis annually.

Tamkeen's programmes are based on three main initiatives: supporting new market entrants by creating promising opportunities, ensuring Bahrainis remain the employees of choice within the labour market by offering career development opportunities, and developing the private sector by expanding enterprise support schemes.

The programmes are headed by His Highness Shaikh Isa bin Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Isa bin Salman



HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister chairs the weekly Cabinet meeting



Education Charitable Trust, and Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Labour Fund, Tamkeen. The Cabinet noted the efforts by the Ministry of Labour in launching the initiatives.

The Cabinet directed the relevant government authorities to follow up on the directives and implement recommendations of the National Audit Office Annual Report 2022-2023, noting the role of NAO in cooperating with government authorities and ensuring that public funds are managed according to set objectives.

**Importance**

The Cabinet highlighted the importance of the outcomes of the exceptional Joint Arab Islamic Extraordinary Summit in Riyadh, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, which was attended by a

delegation from the Kingdom of Bahrain, led by HRH Prince Salman, on behalf of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa.

The Summit called for a comprehensive peace process, as the only strategic option to guarantee regional security and stability.

In this regard, the summit further emphasised the importance of the international community to assume all its responsibilities in enforcing the decisions related to the Palestinian cause, including the right of the Palestinian people to establish their independent state on the 1967 borders with East Jerusalem as its capital.

**Successful hosting**

The Cabinet commended Saudi Arabia for successfully hosting the Summit, led by

the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, and supported by His Royal Highness Prince Mohammed bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister of Saudi Arabia. It also noted Saudi Arabia's ongoing efforts to support the Palestinian cause and introduce a comprehensive peace process regionally and globally.

The Cabinet affirmed the importance of the meetings held between His Royal Highness, His Majesty King Abdulla II Ibn Al Hussein of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, and the President of the State of Palestine, His Excellency Mahmoud Abbas, which focused on developments in the Gaza Strip.

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**The Cabinet noted the role of the National Audit Office (NAO) in cooperating with government authorities and ensuring that public funds are managed according to set objectives.**

**Heartbreaking death toll**

**4,630 innocent children among 11,240 dead in Gaza**

AFP | Gaza

Gaza government said the death toll from the ongoing war reached 11,240 yesterday, after more than five weeks of fighting between Israel and Hamas fighters.

Among the dead were 4,630 children and 3,130 women, the government said, with another 29,000 people wounded.

Separately, the health ministry said there were dozens of bodies on the streets of northern Gaza, where the heaviest fighting was raging, saying ambulances were coming under Israeli fire when they tried to retrieve them.

Gaza's deputy health minister,

Youssef Abu Rish, told AFP that all hospitals in the north of the territory are "out of service", amid fuel shortages and intense combat.

Abu Rish said seven premature babies and 27 patients had died in recent days in Gaza City's Al-Shifa hospital, the Palestinian territory's largest.

The European Union's humanitarian aid chief, Janez Lenarcic, called for "meaningful" humanitarian pauses in the fighting and urgent fuel deliveries to keep hospitals running.

**Shutdown**

The UN agency for Palestinian



A medic checks a Palestinian child brought into Nasser Hospital in Khan Yunis, following Israeli air strikes that hit their building in the southern Gaza Strip city yesterday. (AFP)

refugees warned its Gaza operations might shut down due to fuel shortages.

"The humanitarian operation in Gaza will grind to a halt in the next 48 hours as no fuel is allowed to enter," UNRWA's Gaza chief Thomas White wrote on X, formerly Twitter.

Gaza has been under near-total Israeli siege and is short of food, fuel and other basic supplies.

Palestinian Prime Minister Mohammad Shtayyeh called on the European Union and the United Nations to "parachute aid" into Gaza.

**HRH Prince Salman visits families to mark Diwali**

His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, visited the Muljimal, Kewalram, Thaker, and Kavalani families to mark the festival of Diwali. His Royal Highness and His Highness Shaikh Isa bin Salman were accompanied by several senior officials. His Highness Shaikh Isa bin Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Isa bin Salman Education Charitable Trust, and Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Labour Fund (Tamkeen), also visited a number of families on this occasion and conveyed the greetings of HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister to the Bhatia, Vaidya, Nair, and Asarpota families. His Royal Highness noted that the Kingdom's celebration of Diwali, along with many other occasions, shows its commitment to preserving diversity in Bahraini society. His Highness expressed his sincere congratulations to the families, commending their contributions to community service, and commitment to enhance communication and coexistence within Bahrain's citizens and residents. The families expressed their gratitude for HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister's and HH Shaikh Isa bin Salman's visits and wished the Kingdom of Bahrain and its people continued progress and development.

# 'Strengthen cooperation to sustain development'

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His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, emphasised the importance of strengthening joint collaboration between members of Team Bahrain and the Executive and Legislative Authorities, as well as advancing efforts to achieve the Kingdom of Bahrain's comprehensive development, led by His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa.

This came as HRH Prince Salman met yesterday with the Speaker of the Council of Representatives, HE Ahmed bin Salman Al Musallam, and the Chairman of the Shura Council, HE Ali bin Saleh Al Saleh, at Gudaibiya Palace.

The Deputy Prime Minister, HE Shaikh Khalid bin Abdulla Al Khalifa, the Minister of Interior, HE General Shaikh Rashid bin Abdullah Al Khalifa, the Minis-



ter of Foreign Affairs, HE Dr Abdullatif bin Rashid Al Zayani, the Minister of Finance and National Economy, HE Shaikh Salman bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, and a number of senior officials also attended

the meeting. HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister commended the efforts of the members of the Legislative Authority, which stem from their commitment

to furthering the Kingdom's development and achieving the aspirations of Bahraini citizens.

**Government services**

He underscored the Kingdom's commitment to ensuring the sustainability, quality and efficiency of government services in line with the integrative efforts of the Legislative Authority.

His Royal Highness commended Team Bahrain's role across various public and private sectors, which ensures the development of the present and future of the Kingdom of Bahrain.

Speaker Al Musallam and Speaker Al Saleh expressed their gratitude to HRH Prince Salman for his commitment to supporting cooperation between the Executive and Legislative Authorities to achieve the Kingdom's desired goals and aspirations.



HRH Prince Salman meets with Speaker Al Musallam and Speaker Al Saleh

## Royal directives on real estate registration fees for citizens

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His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, yesterday directed the Ministry of Housing and Urban Planning to bear the real estate registration fees for citizen beneficiaries from the "Tas'heel" programme, through banks which have financed the programme.

HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister further directed the Minister of Housing and Urban Planning to issue decisions and implement the measures.

HE Amna bint Ahmed Al Romaihi, Minister of Housing and Urban Planning, said the ministry has taken immediate action to implement HRH Prince Salman's order that the Ministry should remunerate the Survey and Land Registration Bureau (SLRB) fees for the

citizen beneficiaries from the "Tas'heel" programme.

**Budget**

Al Romaihi commended His Royal Highness' order, noting that the ministry will work to allocate a budget for the cost of real estate registration fees as additional support for the program's beneficiaries within the financing limits and under terms and conditions.

The minister said that this decision will contribute to diversifying financing options for citizens from Eskan Bank or other financing banks participating in the programme, which maximises citizens' benefit from the programme.

She affirmed that this step enhances the ministry's efforts to develop innovative solutions that would accelerate the pace of providing housing services in partnership with the private sector.

## Cabinet approves key memorandums

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The Cabinet discussed several memorandums during the meeting, approving the following:

1. A memorandum submitted by the Government Executive Committee regarding the regulation of the Social Insurance Organization's procedures for registering and calculating end-of-service benefits to non-Bahrainis working in the private sector. This will enhance the sustainability of pension funds and preserves the rights of all its contributors.

2. A memorandum submitted by the Ministerial Committee for Financial and Economic Affairs and Fiscal Balance regarding developments on

priority competitiveness indicators.

3. A memorandum submitted by the Ministerial Committee for Financial and Economic Affairs and Fiscal Balance regarding the development of housing services. This follows the implementation of HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister's directives that the Ministry of Housing and Urban Planning should remunerate the Survey and Land Registration Bureau fees for the citizen beneficiaries from the "Tas'heel" programme through banks who have financed the programme.

4. A memorandum submitted by the Ministerial Committee for Legal and Legislative Affairs on a draft resolution approving the Kingdom of Bahrain's accession to the Geneva Convention on Road Traffic.

# Surge in viral fever, flu among children as winter chill sets in

Health experts stress importance of flu vaccination and preventive measures to combat rising illnesses

Zahra Ayaz

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With the onset of colder nights and a drop in daytime temperatures, the number of cases involving viral fever and flu-like symptoms has witnessed a significant rise among children.

As concern grows, medical professionals are urging parents to take proactive measures to protect their children's health during the winter season.

According to leading pediatricians, the foremost and most effective method of safeguarding against the flu is through an annual flu vaccine for both children and adults.

It is recommended that everyone aged six months and older receive the flu vaccination each year.

Dr. Chandra Mouli Godada, a Specialist Pediatrician at Bahrain Specialist Hospital, explains, "Flu viruses undergo constant changes, necessitating frequent updates to flu vaccines. These updates help protect against the specific flu viruses that research indicates are most likely to cause illness during the upcoming flu season."

Influenza, commonly known as the flu, is caused by various strains of the influenza virus and primarily occurs during the



Image used for illustrative purposes only

winter months.

Each year, infections are caused by slightly different strains of the virus, making annual flu vaccination crucial for

maintaining immunity against

evolving variants.

Dr. Chandra highlights the safety and efficacy of flu vaccines, stating, "In studies where

vaccine viruses and circulating viruses were matched, flu vaccination has been shown to reduce the risk of falling ill with the flu by approximately 40 to 60 per cent."

## Research

Moreover, recent research has demonstrated that the flu vaccine can reduce children's risk of severe, life-threatening influenza by up to 75%.

In addition to vaccination, Dr. Chandra emphasises the adoption of preventive measures to minimise the transmission of flu viruses.

These measures include avoiding close contact with sick individuals, covering coughs and sneezes, frequent hand washing

with soap and water, refraining from touching the eyes, nose, and mouth, and diligently cleaning and disinfecting surfaces and objects that may harbor flu viruses.

To alleviate flu symptoms, over-the-counter medications such as ibuprofen and acetaminophen can be administered to children aged two years and above, specifically for fever, headaches, and muscle and body aches. Additionally, simple home remedies such as nasal sprays with saline solution or salty water can provide relief.

## Antiviral drugs

In cases where individuals have already contracted the flu, Dr. Chandra emphasises the potential benefits of antiviral drugs.

"These prescribed medications are specifically designed to treat flu illnesses caused exclusively by influenza viruses. While ideally, antiviral treatment should commence within two days of symptom onset, children can still derive benefits even if treatment is initiated two or more days after becoming sick," he added.

As the number of viral fever and flu cases rises among children due to the changing weather, it is imperative for parents and caregivers to prioritise their children's health.

## Labour Ministry, Tamkeen review cooperation for citizens' benefit

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The Ministry of Labour and the Labour Fund, Tamkeen, reviewed cooperation to achieve the aspirations that benefit the citizens and contribute to strengthening the role of the private sector.

This came as His Highness Shaikh Isa bin Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Isa bin Salman Education Charitable Trust, met with Labour Minister, HE Jameel bin Mohammed Ali Humaidan.

HH Shaikh Isa stressed the importance of integrating all supporting initiatives to make citizens the first choice in the labour market by enhancing his competitiveness through developing his capabilities.

He noted the keenness to expand partnerships between the public and private sectors to provide more opportunities for citizens, which contribute to accomplishing more achievements based on the goals of the comprehensive development process, led by His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, and supported by His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister.

Humaidan expressed his appreciation to HH Shaikh Isa for his support to enhance cooperation between the ministry and Tamkeen to improve labour market outcomes.



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DR. CHANDRA MOULI GODADA, A SPECIALIST PEDIATRICIAN AT BAHRAIN SPECIALIST HOSPITAL

## CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE NINE MONTHS ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2023



### CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2023 (In thousands of U.S. Dollars)

	30 September 2023 (reviewed)	31 December 2022 (reviewed) (restated)	1 January 2022 (reviewed) (restated)	30 September 2022 (reviewed) (restated)
<b>ASSETS</b>				
Cash and bank balances	213,665	215,141	59,055	197,206
Investments	161,796	174,948	424,705	195,047
Accrued interest	6,491	3,079	1,744	1,390
Reinsurance contract assets	4,757	4,417	6,058	5,752
Non-insurance deposits	89	111	380	124
Other assets	8,794	8,680	21,312	8,882
Investment property	6,147	4,754	4,622	4,511
Property and equipment	8,459	10,269	11,725	11,529
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>410,108</b>	<b>421,399</b>	<b>529,601</b>	<b>424,441</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>				
<b>LIABILITIES</b>				
Insurance contract liabilities	100,497	112,622	191,437	124,525
Other liabilities	8,735	9,370	46,714	13,988
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>109,232</b>	<b>121,992</b>	<b>238,151</b>	<b>138,513</b>
<b>EQUITY</b>				
Attributable to shareholders of parent company				
Share capital	220,000	220,000	220,000	220,000
Treasury stock	(14,793)	(14,793)	(14,793)	(14,793)
Fair value reserve	81	156	14,791	585
Other reserves	39,654	41,504	40,407	38,569
Retained earnings	42,351	39,764	18,230	29,070
<b>288,099</b>	<b>286,631</b>	<b>278,636</b>	<b>273,431</b>	
Other liabilities	12,783	12,776	12,815	12,497
<b>Non-controlling interests</b>	<b>300,876</b>	<b>299,407</b>	<b>291,450</b>	<b>285,928</b>
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>	<b>410,108</b>	<b>421,399</b>	<b>529,601</b>	<b>424,441</b>

### CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS FOR THE NINE MONTHS ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2023 (In thousands of U.S. Dollars)

	For the three months ended 30 September 2023 (reviewed)	For the three months ended 30 September 2022 (reviewed) (restated)	For the financial year-to-date 30 September 2023 (reviewed)	For the financial year-to-date 30 September 2022 (reviewed) (restated)	For the year ended 31 December 2022 (reviewed) (restated)
Insurance revenue	265	(623)	1,253	2,653	4,775
Insurance service expenses	1,486	6,176	1,973	13,369	18,212
Net expense from reinsurance contracts held	(620)	(1,118)	(1,377)	(1,926)	(3,398)
<b>Insurance service result</b>	<b>1,131</b>	<b>4,435</b>	<b>1,849</b>	<b>14,096</b>	<b>19,589</b>
Investment income	3,622	327	10,949	(1,702)	1,577
Insurance finance expenses	(380)	772	(2,417)	5,934	6,274
Reinsurance finance income	29	(82)	183	(465)	(406)
<b>Financial insurance result</b>	<b>3,271</b>	<b>1,017</b>	<b>8,715</b>	<b>3,787</b>	<b>7,385</b>
Other expenses and provisions	(306)	(1,695)	(1,421)	(3,314)	(3,782)
Other income	(245)	140	745	1,096	6,273
<b>Profit for the period</b>	<b>3,851</b>	<b>3,897</b>	<b>9,888</b>	<b>15,645</b>	<b>29,465</b>
Attributable to:					
Non-controlling interests	33	107	(21)	18	282
Shareholders of parent company	3,818	3,790	9,909	15,627	29,183
<b>3,851</b>	<b>3,897</b>	<b>9,888</b>	<b>15,645</b>	<b>29,465</b>	
<b>Earnings per share attributable to shareholders (basic and diluted): (US cents)</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>7.9</b>	<b>14.7</b>

### CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE NINE MONTHS ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2023 (In thousands of U.S. Dollars)

	Share capital	Treasury stock	Reserves	Retained earnings	Non-controlling interests	Total equity (reviewed)
<b>Balances at 31 December 2022</b>	<b>220,000</b>	<b>(14,793)</b>	<b>41,660</b>	<b>39,764</b>	<b>12,776</b>	<b>299,407</b>
Adjustment on initial application of IFRS 9	-	-	(2,478)	2,478	-	-
Restated balances at 1 January 2023	(14,793)	-	39,182	42,242	12,776	299,407
Net profit (loss) for the period	-	-	-	9,909	(21)	9,888
Fair value changes on investment at fair value through other comprehensive income	-	-	1,884	-	28	1,912
Transfers for recognition of gains on disposal of debt investments at fair value through other comprehensive income	-	-	(425)	-	-	(425)
Transfers for impairment loss on investment at fair value through other comprehensive income	-	-	1,459	9,909	7	11,375
Dividends declared	-	-	-	(9,906)	-	(9,906)
Transfer of net depreciation on revalued property	-	-	(106)	106	-	-
<b>Balances at 30 September 2023</b>	<b>220,000</b>	<b>(14,793)</b>	<b>40,535</b>	<b>42,351</b>	<b>12,783</b>	<b>300,876</b>
<b>Balances at 31 December 2021, as previously reported</b>	<b>220,000</b>	<b>(14,793)</b>	<b>55,198</b>	<b>5,738</b>	<b>12,815</b>	<b>278,958</b>
Adjustment on initial application of IFRS 17	-	-	-	12,492	-	12,492
Restated balances at 31 December 2021	(14,793)	-	55,198	18,230	12,815	291,450
Net profit for the year	-	-	-	29,183	282	29,465
Fair value changes on investment at fair value through other comprehensive income	-	-	(15,839)	-	(275)	(16,114)
Transfers for recognition of gains on disposal of debt investments at fair value through other comprehensive income	-	-	(1,724)	-	(52)	(1,776)
Transfers for impairment loss on investment at fair value through other comprehensive income	-	-	2,773	-	6	2,779
Revaluation of property	-	-	(1,444)	-	-	(1,444)
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	-	(16,234)	29,183	(39)	(4,953)
Dividends declared	-	-	-	(4,953)	-	(4,953)
Transfer of net depreciation on revalued property	-	-	(222)	222	-	-
Transfer to (from) non-distributable reserves	-	-	2,918	(2,918)	-	-
<b>Balances at 31 December 2022</b>	<b>220,000</b>	<b>(14,793)</b>	<b>41,660</b>	<b>39,764</b>	<b>12,776</b>	<b>299,407</b>
<b>Balances at 31 December 2021, as previously reported</b>	<b>220,000</b>	<b>(14,793)</b>	<b>55,198</b>	<b>5,738</b>	<b>12,815</b>	<b>278,958</b>
Adjustment on initial application of IFRS 17	-	-	-	12,492	-	12,492
Restated balances at 31 December 2021	(14,793)	-	55,198	18,230	12,815	291,450
Net profit for the period	-	-	-	15,627	18	15,645
Fair value changes on investment at fair value through other comprehensive income	-	-	(17,427)	-	(290)	(17,717)
Transfers for recognition of gains on disposal of debt investments at fair value through other comprehensive income	-	-	(1,062)	-	(52)	(1,114)
Transfers for impairment loss on investment at fair value through other comprehensive income	-	-	2,611	-	6	2,617
Total comprehensive income for the period	-	-	(15,878)	15,627	(318)	(659)
Dividends declared	-	-	-	(4,953)	-	(4,953)
Transfer of net depreciation on revalued property	-	-	(166)	166	-	-
<b>Balances at 30 September 2022</b>	<b>220,000</b>	<b>(14,793)</b>	<b>39,154</b>	<b>29,070</b>	<b>12,497</b>	<b>285,928</b>

	30 September 2023 (reviewed)	30 September 2022 (reviewed)	31 December 2022 (reviewed)
<b>CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE NINE MONTHS ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2023 (In thousands of U.S. Dollars)</b>			
Profit for the period	3,851	3,897	9,888
Other comprehensive income			
Items that will be reclassified to profit or loss:			
Fair value changes on investment at fair value through other comprehensive income	427	(2,794)	1,912
Transfers for recognition of gains on disposal of debt investments at fair value through other comprehensive income	(56)	(747)	(425)
Transfers for impairment loss on investment at fair value through other comprehensive income	-	197	-
Revaluation of property	-	-	-
Other comprehensive income for the period	371	(3,344)	1,487
<b>Total comprehensive income for the period</b>	<b>4,222</b>	<b>553</b>	<b>11,375</b>
Attributable to:			
Non-controlling interests	27	26	7
Shareholders of parent company	4,195	527	11,368
<b>4,222</b>	<b>553</b>	<b>11,375</b>	
<b>CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE NINE MONTHS ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2023 (In thousands of U.S. Dollars)</b>			
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Premiums received	213	16,827	17,633
Reinsurance premiums paid	(818)	(63,484)	(64,699)
Claims and acquisition costs paid	(6,449)	(46,908)	(49,662)
Reinsurance receipts in respect of claims	2,539	27,444	27,552
Investment income	1,503	2,175	5,396
Interest received	431	1,543	1,702
Operating expenses paid	(8,370)	(6,718)	(9,729)
Other income (expenses), net	298	(2,666)	(2,980)
Insurance deposits received (paid), net	758	2,980	2,542
Purchase of investments at fair value through profit or loss	(107)	4,000	48,255
Sale of investments at fair value through profit or loss	1,403	(17)	(12)
<b>Net cash used in operating activities</b>	<b>(10,599)</b>	<b>(66,807)</b>	<b>(23,990)</b>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Maturity/sale of investments	31,513	225,557	209,728
Purchase of investments	(20,012)	(31,093)	(38,880)
Term deposits with bank	(5,933)	(25,505)	(134,306)
Interest received	6,631	4,323	6,277
Investment income	896	3,682	1,053
Collateralised cash deposits	-	6,850	6,850
Purchase of property and equipment	-	(33)	(33)
Purchase of intangible assets	-	(17)	(17)
<b>Net cash provided by investing activities</b>	<b>13,095</b>	<b>184,364</b>	<b>50,672</b>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Dividends paid	(9,906)	(4,953)	(4,953)
Dividend received from associate	-	49	49
<b>Net cash used in financing activities</b>	<b>(9,906)</b>	<b>(4,904)</b>	<b>(4,904)</b>
<b>Net (decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>(7,410)</b>	<b>112,653</b>	<b>21,778</b>
Effect of exchange rate on cash and cash equivalents	1	(7)	2
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	62,244	40,464	40,464
<b>Cash and cash equivalents, end of period</b>	<b>54,835</b>	<b>153,110</b>	<b>62,244</b>
Term deposits with bank	158,830	44,096	152,897
<b>Cash and bank balances, end of period</b>	<b>213,665</b>	<b>197,206</b>	<b>215,141</b>

These condensed consolidated interim financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on 13 November 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

Saeed Mohammed AlBahhar  
Chairman

Mohamed Ahmed Alkarbi  
Director

Samuel Verghese  
Acting Chief Executive Officer

The above condensed consolidated interim financial statements have been extracted from the condensed consolidated interim financial statements reviewed by KPMG Fakhro. The reviewed condensed consolidated interim financial statements are available on Arig's website www.arig.net

# Man on trial over investment fraud scam

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The High Criminal Court has begun proceedings against an Arab defendant accused of his involvement in a major investment fraud scam that saw nearly BD100,000 stolen from multiple victims.

The trial stems from several police reports filed regarding fraudulent calls received from

women claiming to work for an investment company. The callers would convince victims of opportunities to earn returns without risk through a mobile application.

However, once victims downloaded the app and shared their banking details, money would mysteriously disappear from their accounts. Financial investigations estimated the total

amount stolen in this way was BD97,000.

One victim, a pharmacist, recounted how she lost BD40,000 after being contacted by a caller and convinced to invest through the app. She had herself transferred BD20,000 but a further

BD20,000 was withdrawn without her knowledge or consent.

Multiple other victims reported similar experiences, with amounts ranging from BD2,000 to BD22,000 drained from their bank accounts without authorisation.



## Investigations

Intensified investigations by security forces eventually identified and arrested the defendant now on trial. He is accused of collaborating with others to deceive and hack into victims' phones in order to access banking passwords and codes, and illicitly transfer funds.

The Public Prosecution has formally charged the man with

fraudulent misuse of electronic signatures and colluding to illegally seize cash belonging to victims through deceptive means.

The court began hearing the case but postponed further proceedings until November 17 to allow his lawyers time to examine evidence and respond to the accusations. The defendant will remain in detention in the meantime.

# University and Northern Governorate clean up Jid Al Haj Beach

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Bahrain University of Technology, in collaboration with the Northern Governorate, recently launched a campaign aimed at cleaning up Jid Al Haj Beach yesterday. This joint initiative seeks to raise awareness about the significance of preserving biodiversity in the Kingdom, particularly in coastal areas.

The university emphasised the importance of instilling a sense of responsibility and environmental consciousness among the participants. It stressed the

value of partnerships between educational institutions and society in promoting environmental awareness and sustainable practices.

The program witnessed an impressive turnout of volunteers, including students, parents, faculty members, and university staff, who actively participated in the campaign.

Equipped with the necessary tools, the volunteers worked tirelessly for a few hours to collect and dispose of one hundred kilograms of garbage, ensuring that the beach was restored to its original condition.

It is noteworthy that Bahrain



Participants in the campaign to clean the beach

University of Technology introduced the environmental engineering major among the new majors added early last year.

Demonstrating its strong dedication to environmental issues and sustainable development, the university supports research

and innovation in the fields of environment and renewable energy.

It strives to graduate a

generation of students who are committed to sustainable development and social responsibility.

## INTERIM CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE NINE MONTHS ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

### CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

(Expressed in thousands of United States Dollars unless otherwise stated)

	At 30 September 2023 (Reviewed)	At 31 December 2022 (Audited)
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash and balances with banks and central banks	340,280	333,064
Commodity and other placements with banks, financial and other institutions	22,540	48,871
Murabaha and other financings	1,048,608	1,048,394
Musharaka financing	1,215,519	1,521,142
Investment securities	2,172,482	2,200,496
Investment in associates	98,726	104,318
Assets acquired for leasing	808	808
Other assets	96,691	183,895
Investment in real estate	236,289	245,239
Development properties	174,334	174,461
Fixed assets	158,498	172,075
Intangible assets	15,681	22,726
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>5,580,456</b>	<b>6,055,489</b>
<b>LIABILITIES, EQUITY OF UNRESTRICTED INVESTMENT ACCOUNTHOLDERS AND TOTAL EQUITY</b>		
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Customers' current accounts	1,703,944	1,736,961
Due to banks, financial and other institutions	1,043,484	1,101,718
Due to investors	9,082	37,020
Other liabilities	292,142	427,124
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>3,048,652</b>	<b>3,302,823</b>
Equity of unrestricted investment accountholders	2,401,064	2,616,616
<b>Total liabilities and equity of unrestricted investment accountholders</b>	<b>5,449,716</b>	<b>5,919,439</b>
<b>OWNERS' EQUITY</b>		
Share capital	757,690	757,690
Treasury shares	(30,149)	(30,149)
Reserves	110,403	105,780
Accumulated losses	(833,236)	(828,752)
<b>Total owners' equity</b>	<b>4,708</b>	<b>4,569</b>
Non-controlling interest	126,032	131,481
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>130,740</b>	<b>136,050</b>
<b>Total liabilities, equity of unrestricted investment accountholders and total equity</b>	<b>5,580,456</b>	<b>6,055,489</b>

### CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT

(Expressed in thousands of United States Dollars unless otherwise stated)

	Nine months ended		Three months ended	
	30 September 2023 (Reviewed)	30 September 2022 (Reviewed)	30 September 2023 (Reviewed)	30 September 2022 (Reviewed)
<b>INCOME</b>				
Income from financing contracts	254,578	210,169	92,870	76,543
Income from investments	242,917	179,258	92,107	68,274
Other income - net	19,043	76,741	9,869	26,948
<b>Total income</b>	<b>516,538</b>	<b>466,168</b>	<b>194,846</b>	<b>171,765</b>
Less: profit paid to banks, financial and other institutions ± net	(8,704)	(94,661)	(2,980)	(22,227)
Return on equity of investment accountholders before Group's share as a mudarib	(511,227)	(308,016)	(189,881)	(119,656)
Group's share as a mudarib	191,271	151,658	68,432	50,071
<b>Share of profit of unrestricted investment accountholders</b>	<b>(319,956)</b>	<b>(156,358)</b>	<b>(121,449)</b>	<b>(69,585)</b>
<b>Net income</b>	<b>187,878</b>	<b>215,149</b>	<b>70,417</b>	<b>79,953</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>				
General and administrative expenses	(115,017)	(116,114)	(38,767)	(38,971)
Depreciation and amortization	(13,356)	(17,389)	(4,159)	(3,719)
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>(128,373)</b>	<b>(133,503)</b>	<b>(42,926)</b>	<b>(42,690)</b>
<b>Profit before provision for impairment and overseas taxation</b>	<b>59,505</b>	<b>81,646</b>	<b>27,491</b>	<b>37,263</b>
Provision for impairment - net	(6,199)	(11,773)	(3,655)	401
<b>Profit before overseas taxation</b>	<b>53,306</b>	<b>69,873</b>	<b>23,836</b>	<b>37,664</b>
Tax expense	(40,441)	(39,159)	(15,328)	(15,720)
<b>PROFIT FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS</b>	<b>12,865</b>	<b>30,714</b>	<b>8,508</b>	<b>21,944</b>
Net results from discontinued operations	-	(15,592)	-	(24,954)
<b>PROFIT/(LOSS) FOR THE PERIOD</b>	<b>12,865</b>	<b>15,122</b>	<b>8,508</b>	<b>(3,010)</b>
<b>Attributable to:</b>				
Equity holders of Ithmaar	(4,484)	1,300	2,025	(7,777)
Non-controlling interest	17,349	13,822	6,483	4,767
<b>Total</b>	<b>12,865</b>	<b>15,122</b>	<b>8,508</b>	<b>(3,010)</b>
<b>Basic and diluted earnings per share</b>	<b>US CTS (0.15)</b>	<b>US CTS 0.04</b>	<b>US CTS 0.07</b>	<b>US CTS (0.27)</b>
<b>Basic and diluted earnings per share - continuing operations</b>	<b>US CTS (0.15)</b>	<b>US CTS 0.58</b>	<b>US CTS 0.07</b>	<b>US CTS 0.59</b>

### CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

(Expressed in thousands of United States Dollars unless otherwise stated)

	Nine months ended	
	30 September 2023 (Reviewed)	30 September 2022 (Reviewed)
<b>OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>		
<b>Profit before taxes from:</b>		
Continuing operations	53,306	69,873
Discontinued operations	-	(15,592)
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation and amortization	13,356	17,389
Provision for impairment - net	6,199	11,773
Income from investments	(242,917)	(179,258)
Finance cost on net ijarah liability	3,578	5,461
Loss on sale of fixed assets	(70)	(133)
<b>Operating loss before changes in operating assets and liabilities</b>	<b>(166,548)</b>	<b>(90,487)</b>
<b>Changes in operating assets and liabilities:</b>		
Balances with banks maturing after ninety days including central banks balances relating to minimum reserve requirement	(15,332)	13,520
Murabaha and other financings	(112,846)	57,119
Musharaka financing	(22,659)	(296,656)
Other assets	97,542	(158,958)
Customers' current accounts	256,339	162,033
Due to banks, financial and other institutions	45,247	110,510
Due to investors	(20,772)	(31,132)
Other liabilities	(74,730)	173,341
Increase in equity of unrestricted investment accountholders	295,281	79,442
Taxes paid	(49,178)	(43,843)
<b>Net cash generated from/(used in) operating activities</b>	<b>232,344</b>	<b>(25,111)</b>
<b>INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Net changes in:		
Assets acquired for leasing	-	12,273
Sukuk and investment securities	(210,381)	(146,266)
Fixed assets	(27,188)	(16,605)
Dividend received from associates	-	20,706
<b>Net cash used in investing activities</b>	<b>(237,569)</b>	<b>(129,892)</b>
<b>FINANCING ACTIVITY</b>		
Repayment of net ijarah liability	(7,205)	(10,133)
<b>Net cash used in financing activity</b>	<b>(7,205)</b>	<b>(10,133)</b>
Foreign currency translation adjustments	(13,949)	(76,474)
<b>Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>(26,379)</b>	<b>(241,610)</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the period</b>	<b>341,761</b>	<b>621,220</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period</b>	<b>315,382</b>	<b>379,610</b>

### CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN OWNERS' EQUITY FOR THE NINE-MONTH PERIOD ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

(Expressed in thousands of United States Dollars unless otherwise stated)

	Share capital	Treasury shares	Reserves	Accumulated losses	Total owners' equity	Non-controlling interests	Total equity
At 1 January 2023	757,690	(30,149)	105,780	(828,752)	4,569	131,481	136,050
(Loss)/profit for the period	-	-	-	(4,484)	(4,484)	17,349	12,865
Movement from dividend distribution by subsidiaries	-	-	-	-	-	(3,655)	(3,655)
Movement in fair value of sukuk and investment securities	-	-	-	-	-	(665)	(665)
Movement in fair value of land and building	-	-	-	-	-	129	129
Movement in fair value of investment in real estate	-	-	-	-	-	574	574
Movement in fair value reserves of associates	-	-	(1,788)	-	(1,788)	-	(1,788)
Recycling of translation reserve on disposal of assets	-	-	5,744	-	5,744	-	5,744
Foreign currency translation adjustments	-	-	667	-	667	(19,181)	(18,514)
<b>At 30 September 2023 (Reviewed)</b>	<b>757,690</b>	<b>(30,149)</b>	<b>110,403</b>	<b>(833,236)</b>	<b>4,708</b>	<b>126,032</b>	<b>130,740</b>

### CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN OWNERS' EQUITY FOR THE NINE-MONTH PERIOD ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2022

(Expressed in thousands of United States Dollars unless otherwise stated)

	Share capital	Treasury shares	Reserves	Accumulated losses	Total owners' equity	Non-controlling interest	Total equity
At 1 January 2023	757,690	(30,149)	109,009	(798,788)	37,762	274,452	312,214
Profit for the period	-	-	-	1,300	1,300	13,822	15,122
Movement from dividend distribution by subsidiaries	-	-	-	-	-	(13,803)	(13,803)
Movement due to sale of assets	-	-	-	-	-	(103,124)	(103,124)
Movement in fair value of sukuk and investment securities	-	-	(9,653)	-	(9,653)	(2,403)	(12,056)
Movement in fair value of investment in real estate	-	-	(1,129)	-	(1,129)	-	(1,129)
Movement in hedging reserve	-	-	3,581	-	3,581	-	3,581
Movement in fair value reserve of associates	-	-	19,162	-	19,162	-	19,162
Foreign currency translation adjustments	-	-	(44,739)	-	(44,739)	(32,809)	(77,548)
<b>At 30 September 2022 (Reviewed)</b>	<b>757,690</b>	<b>(30,149)</b>	<b>76,231</b>	<b>(797,488)</b>	<b>6,284</b>	<b>136,135</b>	<b>142,419</b>

The above Interim Condensed Consolidated Statement of Financial Position, Interim Condensed Consolidated Income Statement, Interim Condensed Consolidated Statement of Changes in Owners' Equity and Interim Condensed Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows have been extracted from the Interim Condensed Consolidated Financial Information of Ithmaar Holding for the nine month period ended 30 September 2023, which were approved for issue by the Board of Directors and reviewed by KPMG Fakhro, Kingdom of Bahrain, who expressed an unqualified review conclusion on 13 November 2023.

HRH Prince Amr Mohamed Al Faisal  
Chairman

Elham Hasan  
Director

Abdulla Taleb  
CEO

# Ithmaar Bank reports profits for third quarter

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Ithmaar Bank yesterday reported profits for the nine-month period ended 30 September 2023.

The announcement, by Ithmaar Bank Chairman Prince Amr Al Faisal, follows the review and approval of the Board of Directors of the Bank's consolidated financial results.

## Q3 results



Prince Amr Al Faisal

Net profit attributable to equity holders of the Bank for the three-month period ended 30 September 2023 was BD2.30 million compared to the net profit of BD9.90m reported for the same period in 2022. Decrease is mainly due to income from discontinued operations being part of previous period's results.

Total profit was BD4.8m, compared to a net profit of BD11.69m for the same period in 2022.

## Nine-month results

Net profit attributable to equity holders for the nine-month was BD3.9m, compared to a net profit of BD11.39m for the same period in 2022. Decrease is mainly due to income from discontinued operations being part of previous period's results. Total profit was BD10.12m, compared to a net profit of BD15.21m for the same period in 2022.

Total income increased by 19% to BD200.18m, compared to BD167.72m for the same period in 2022, mainly due to increase in the Bank's core income, partly offset by adverse foreign exchange impact during the period resulting from the Bank's strategic investment.

"On behalf of Ithmaar Bank Board of Directors, I am pleased to announce that the Bank continues to report profits for the year as the Bank is growing fur-

ther by focusing on providing its products and services exclusively to meet the financial and investment needs of small and medium enterprises (SMEs) as well as corporates and institutions," said HRH Prince Amr. "This is also due to the Bank continuous efforts and focus to achieve further growth in its core Islamic banking business in Bahrain and Pakistan and further enhancing the value of its strategic investments," he said.

# GFH nine-month profit rises 19.14% to US\$78.92 million

Delivered double-digit growth in income and profitability

Generated US\$75.75 million of income from investment banking activities during Q3 2023

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Ghazi Al Hajeri



Hisham Alrayes

year-earlier quarter, helped mainly by Investment banking income.

Earnings per share was US cents 0.71 compared to US cents 0.73 for the comparative quarter of 2022. Total income was US\$ 87.53m compared to US\$ 65.90m for the third quarter of 2022, a rise of 32.82%. Consolidated net

profit was US\$23.86m compared with US\$26.1m in the third quarter of 2022, a decrease of 8.58%. Total expenses were US\$ 63.68m compared to US\$39.80m in the comparative quarter of 2022, an increase of 60.00%.

## Nine-month results

Net profit attributable to

shareholders for nine-month period rose 19.14% to US\$78.92m from US\$ 66.24m in the first nine months of 2022 in line with solid contributions from all business lines. Earnings per share was US cents 2.26 compared to US cents 1.91 in the 2022 period. Total income was US\$261.29m versus US\$188.03m for the 2022 period, an increase of 38.96%. Consolidated net profit increased by 13.39% to US\$ 81.05m compared with US\$ 71.48m in the first nine months of 2022. Total expenses were US\$180.24m up 54.63% from US\$116.56m for the first nine months of 2022.

Ghazi Al Hajeri, Chairman, GFH Financial Group, said: "Supporting results was income

generated from our global and regional investment activities. Contributions were also realised from the Group's commercial banking business and treasury and proprietary investment activities, although performance in these areas was impacted during the quarter by rising interest rates." Hisham Alrayes, CEO and Board Member, GFH Financial Group, said: "We also successfully closed three new transactions during the quarter – the US Opportunistic Fund, Saudi Food Logistics Fund, and US Student Housing Fund and placed more than US\$361.1m of investments relating to the Group's regional and international funds with investors across the GCC."

## Nations start negotiations over global plastics treaty

Nations grappling with the plastic "suffocating" nature and leaching into food and the human body began fresh negotiations on Monday toward a UN treaty to tackle the growing problem. Some 175 countries agreed last year to conclude by 2024 a binding agreement to combat the plastic pollution littering oceans, mountain tops, and even blood and breast milk. Negotiators have met twice already but the week-long talks in Kenya are the first to consider the concrete details of the treaty, and tensions have emerged over what it should contain.

## Al Baraka Islamic Bank B.S.C.(c)

### INTERIM CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 30 September 2023

#### INTERIM CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As at 30 September 2023 [Reviewed]

	Reviewed 30 September 2023 BD'000	Audited 31 December 2022 BD'000
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash and balances with banks and financial institutions	67,567	61,239
Receivables	183,076	169,216
Ijara Muntahia Bittamleek and ijara receivables	245,523	211,856
Musharakat	60,293	90,270
Investments	397,928	423,044
Investments in real estate	3,331	3,331
Investment in joint venture	6,159	6,948
Premises and equipment	34,292	37,065
Goodwill	2,942	3,739
Other assets	18,149	19,708
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>1,019,260</b>	<b>1,026,416</b>
<b>LIABILITIES, EQUITY OF INVESTMENT ACCOUNTHOLDERS, SUBORDINATED MUDARABA AND OWNERS' EQUITY</b>		
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Current accounts	90,400	91,631
Murabaha and other payables	174,311	64,767
Other liabilities	37,217	42,671
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>301,928</b>	<b>199,069</b>
<b>Equity of investment accountholders (IAH)</b>	<b>623,407</b>	<b>721,190</b>
<b>Subordinated mudaraba</b>	<b>4,713</b>	<b>5,881</b>
<b>EQUITY</b>		
Share capital	57,100	57,100
Additional tier-1 capital	36,192	36,192
Reserves	(10,227)	(6,595)
(Accumulated losses) / retained earnings	(224)	6,093
<b>Equity attributable to parent's shareholders</b>	<b>82,841</b>	<b>92,790</b>
<b>Non-controlling interest</b>	<b>6,371</b>	<b>7,486</b>
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>	<b>89,212</b>	<b>100,276</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES, EQUITY OF INVESTMENT ACCOUNTHOLDERS, SUBORDINATED MUDARABA AND EQUITY</b>	<b>1,019,260</b>	<b>1,026,416</b>
<b>OFF-BALANCE SHEET ITEMS:</b>		
<b>EQUITY OF INVESTMENT ACCOUNTHOLDERS</b>	<b>208,438</b>	<b>313,171</b>
<b>CONTINGENCIES AND COMMITMENTS</b>	<b>106,736</b>	<b>128,475</b>

#### INTERIM CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF INCOME

For the nine month period ended 30 September 2023 [Reviewed]

	Three months ended 30 September		Nine months ended 30 September	
	2023 BD'000	2022 BD'000	2023 BD'000	2022 BD'000
<b>INCOME FROM JOINTLY FINANCED ASSETS</b>				
Financings	9,678	8,898	28,513	25,678
Investments	6,006	5,984	13,821	11,625
<b>Income from jointly financed assets</b>	<b>15,684</b>	<b>14,882</b>	<b>42,334</b>	<b>37,303</b>
<b>Return on equity of investment accountholders</b>				
before Group's share as a Mudarib	(14,403)	(13,632)	(39,396)	(32,432)
Group's share as a Mudarib	1,127	2,832	3,407	5,825
<b>Return on equity of investment accountholders</b>	<b>(13,276)</b>	<b>(10,800)</b>	<b>(35,989)</b>	<b>(26,607)</b>
<b>Group's share as a Mudarib and Rabalmaal</b>	<b>2,408</b>	<b>4,082</b>	<b>6,345</b>	<b>10,696</b>
<b>INCOME FROM SELF FINANCED ASSETS</b>				
Financings	721	962	1,916	2,308
Share of income from investment in joint venture	281	425	394	1,138
Investments	4,024	2,944	13,344	10,944
<b>Income from self financed assets</b>	<b>5,026</b>	<b>4,331</b>	<b>15,654</b>	<b>14,390</b>
<b>INCOME FROM BANKING SERVICES AND OTHERS</b>				
Revenue from banking services	667	739	2,374	2,864
Other income	460	597	1,783	1,556
Group's Mudarib / Agency fee from off-balance sheet equity of investment accountholders	15	1	49	16
<b>TOTAL OPERATING INCOME BEFORE OTHER FINANCING COST</b>	<b>8,576</b>	<b>9,750</b>	<b>26,205</b>	<b>29,522</b>
Other financing costs	(2,591)	(636)	(4,940)	(1,270)
<b>TOTAL OPERATING INCOME</b>	<b>5,985</b>	<b>9,114</b>	<b>21,265</b>	<b>28,252</b>
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>				
Staff expenses	(2,993)	(2,885)	(8,885)	(9,060)
Depreciation	(927)	(686)	(2,887)	(2,378)
Other operating expenses	(3,041)	(2,700)	(8,363)	(8,322)
<b>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES</b>	<b>(6,961)</b>	<b>(6,271)</b>	<b>(20,135)</b>	<b>(19,760)</b>
<b>NET OPERATING (LOSS) / INCOME</b>	<b>(976)</b>	<b>2,843</b>	<b>1,130</b>	<b>8,492</b>
Allowances for impairment - net	(1,734)	(1,270)	(4,168)	(2,416)
<b>NET (LOSS) / INCOME BEFORE TAXATION</b>	<b>(2,710)</b>	<b>1,573</b>	<b>(3,038)</b>	<b>6,076</b>
Taxation	(729)	(456)	(1,856)	(1,048)
<b>(LOSS) / INCOME FOR THE PERIOD</b>	<b>(3,439)</b>	<b>1,117</b>	<b>(4,894)</b>	<b>5,028</b>
Attributable to:				
Equity of the parent's shareholders	(3,730)	818	(6,121)	4,025
Non-controlling interest	291	299	1,227	1,003
	<b>(3,439)</b>	<b>1,117</b>	<b>(4,894)</b>	<b>5,028</b>

#### INTERIM CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For the nine month period ended 30 September 2023 [Reviewed]

	Nine months ended 30 September	
	2023 BD'000	2022 BD'000
<b>OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Net (loss) / income before taxation	(3,038)	6,076
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation	2,887	2,378
Allowance for impairment - net	4,168	2,416
Loss on sale of premises and equipment	2	10
Loss / (gain) on sale of investments	420	(384)
Share of income from investment in joint venture	(394)	(1,138)
Operating profit before changes in operating assets and liabilities	<b>4,045</b>	<b>9,358</b>
<b>Net changes in operating assets and liabilities:</b>		
Balances with central banks in mandatory reserves	(4,189)	3,891
Receivables	2,952	4,867
Ijara Muntahia Bittamleek and ijara receivables	(34,329)	(28,440)
Musharakat	27,972	32,350
Other assets	2,630	2,938
Other liabilities	(5,482)	(3,531)
Murabaha and other payables	109,545	27,877
Current accounts	(1,231)	(33,524)
Equity of investment accountholders	(97,782)	12,024
Tax paid	(2,927)	(449)
<b>Net cash generated from operating activities</b>	<b>1,204</b>	<b>27,361</b>
<b>INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Purchase of investments	(8,224)	(94,187)
Sale / redemption of investments	32,949	44,374
Dividend received from joint venture	1,183	-
Net (purchase) / sale of premises and equipment	(115)	251
Net cash generated from / (used in) investing activities	<b>25,793</b>	<b>(49,562)</b>
<b>FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Repayment of subordinated mudaraba	(1,168)	(1,564)
Zakah paid	(193)	-
Cash used in financing activities	(1,361)	(1,564)
Foreign currency translation adjustments	(5,362)	(7,074)
<b>NET INCREASE / (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS</b>	<b>20,274</b>	<b>(30,839)</b>
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 January	45,440	111,586
<b>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF THE PERIOD</b>	<b>65,714</b>	<b>80,747</b>

For the purpose of the interim consolidated statement of cash flows, cash and cash equivalents comprise the following:

	2023 BD'000	2022 BD'000
Cash on hand	8,551	9,540
Balances with central banks in unrestricted account	10,737	3,770
Balances with other banks and financial institutions (with original maturity of 3 months or less)	11,767	20,441
Receivables - Commodities and Wakala placement with FIs (with original maturity of 3 months or less)	34,659	46,996
	<b>65,714</b>	<b>80,747</b>

These statements have been extracted from financial statements audited by PricewaterhouseCoopers, who expressed an unqualified opinion on 13th November 2013

Sabah Khalil Al Moayyed  
Chairperson

Akram Yassin  
Vice Chairman

Dr. Adel Abdulla Salem  
Chief Executive Officer

# INOVEST reports Q3, nine-month profits

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INOVEST reported a 365% jump in its third quarter 2023 consolidated net profit attributable to parent

shareholders of US\$ 1.67 million from a net profit of US\$ 359 thousand in the year-earlier quarter. Earnings Per Share rose to US cents 0.56 from US cents 0.12 for the same period in

2022. INOVEST attributed the increase primary to increase in facilities management and the winning of a legal case and reversal of provision related to it.

Net operating income stood at US\$ 405 thousand compared to US\$ 211 thousand for the third quarter of 2022, attributable to sustaining income levels, improved management of ex-



Mohammad Alshalfan, Vice Chairman



Yasser Aljar, CEO

penses, as well as a reduction in financing costs. Consolidated operating income increased 2% to US\$ 2.38m from US\$ 2.35m whilst operating expenses de-

creased 7% to US\$ 1.98m from US\$ 2.14m in the same quarter a year ago.

## Nine-month results

Nine-month consolidated net profit attributable to parent shareholders was US\$ 2.23m, compared US\$ 1.80m for the same period last year, an increase of 24%. Earnings Per Share of the parent company was US cents 0.75 as compared to US cents 0.61 in 2022. This increase is primarily attributed to a reversal of a previously taken provision. In addition to the increase in other income, INOVEST maintained specific control over expenses across its business.

Consolidated net operating income increased by 184%, reaching a profit of US\$ 1.35m in comparison to a US\$ 475 thousand for the same period of 2022. Consolidated operating income rose 5% to US\$ 742m from US\$ 710m last year.

## Emirates, flydubai among Boeing's big customers at Dubai Airshow

Dubai, United Arab Emirates

Emirates announced a bumper order of 95 planes and flydubai snapped up 30 wide-bodied aircraft as US manufacturer Boeing did brisk business on day one of the Dubai Airshow on Monday.

Dubai-based Emirates, the Middle East's biggest airline, made the largest purchase with its \$52 billion order for 55 Boeing 777-9s, 35 777-8s and five 787 Dreamliners.

"This order represents a significant investment that demonstrates Dubai's commitment to the future of aviation," Emirates' chief executive Sheikh Ahmed bin Saeed Al Maktoum told a press conference.

The 777-9s are expected for delivery in 2025 and the 777-8s are scheduled for 2030.

Separately, budget carrier flydubai, owned by the Dubai government, ordered 30 Boeing 787-9s valued at 231 billion dirhams (\$63 billion) -- its first wide-bodied, or large-capacity, planes as it looks to expand to new routes.

The biennial show, featuring commercial as well as military planes and weaponry, is taking place against the backdrop of severe regional tensions due to the ongoing Israel-Hamas war, sparked by the October 7 attack by Hamas militants.

An exhibit by Israel Aerospace Industries was roped off and vacant on day one, and there was no response to requests to the company for information.

A section designated for SIBAT, an arm of the Israeli defence ministry, was being used as a coffee shop. The company also did not respond to an inquiry from AFP.

But the main focus at the show was the aircraft purchases -- mainly booked by Boeing -- that underlined the industry's post-pandemic recovery and bullishness about the future.



## Bahrain Flour Mills Company B.S.C.

### INTERIM STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION At 30 September 2023

Bahraini Dinars

	30 September 2023 (Reviewed)	31 December 2022 (Audited)
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>Non-current assets</b>		
Property, plant and equipment	5,699,542	5,172,814
Right-of-use assets	1,170,217	1,240,334
Investment securities	2,302,293	1,541,475
	<b>9,172,052</b>	<b>7,954,623</b>
<b>Current assets</b>		
Investment securities	11,723,702	10,824,052
Inventories	5,674,593	8,618,655
Receivables and other assets	1,331,672	4,141,240
Bank balances, short-term deposits and cash	7,871,695	5,698,048
	<b>26,601,662</b>	<b>29,281,995</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>35,773,714</b>	<b>37,236,618</b>
<b>EQUITY AND LIABILITIES</b>		
<b>Equity</b>		
Share capital	2,481,877	2,481,877
Share premium	1,350,000	1,350,000
Statutory reserve	1,241,625	1,241,625
Other reserves	3,463,628	3,463,628
Retained earnings	17,643,801	16,683,756
<b>Total equity</b>	<b>26,180,931</b>	<b>25,220,886</b>
<b>Non-current liabilities</b>		
Employees' end of service benefits	134,097	113,004
Lease liabilities - non-current portion	1,166,804	1,185,464
	<b>1,300,901</b>	<b>1,298,468</b>
<b>Current liabilities</b>		
Lease liabilities - current portion	61,900	61,420
Term loan	1,273,775	-
Trade payables and other liabilities	2,086,951	638,425
Advance received from the Government	4,869,256	-
Import finance loans	-	8,169,905
Bank overdraft	-	1,847,514
	<b>8,291,882</b>	<b>10,717,264</b>
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>9,592,783</b>	<b>12,015,732</b>
<b>TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES</b>	<b>35,773,714</b>	<b>37,236,618</b>

### INTERIM STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS For the period ended 30 September 2023 (Reviewed)

Bahraini Dinars

	Nine months period ended 30 September 2023	Nine months period ended 30 September 2022
<b>OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Net profit for the period	1,605,685	1,555,403
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation on property, plant and equipment	310,064	324,745
Depreciation on right-of-use-assets	70,117	38,570
Net change in fair value of investment securities at fair value through profit or loss	(899,650)	(1,113,511)
Interest income from investment securities at amortised cost - net	(73,935)	(5,959)
Interest income from bank balances and short-term deposits	(154,057)	(4,967)
Finance cost	67,831	31,050
Provision for slow moving and obsolete inventories	75,609	15,419
Charge for expected credit losses	31,500	-
Provision for employees' end of service benefits	21,821	32,004
<b>Operating profit before working capital changes</b>	<b>1,054,985</b>	<b>872,754</b>
<b>Working capital changes:</b>		
Inventories	2,847,286	(594,542)
Receivables and other assets	2,877,321	401,112
Trade payables and other liabilities	1,430,705	274,895
Net cash generated from operations	8,210,297	954,219
Employees' end of service benefits paid	(728)	(28,027)
<b>Net cash flows from operating activities</b>	<b>8,209,569</b>	<b>926,192</b>
<b>INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(785,992)	(100,760)
Purchase of investment securities at amortised cost	(768,251)	(1,545,107)
Proceeds from sale of investment securities at fair value through profit or loss	-	3,770,000
Interest income received from investment securities at amortised cost - net	24,967	3,700
Interest income received from bank balances and short-term deposits	111,205	4,967
<b>Net cash flows (used in) / from investing activities</b>	<b>(1,418,071)</b>	<b>2,132,800</b>
<b>FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Repayment of import finance loans	(8,169,905)	(11,930,914)
Import finance loans availed	-	14,333,518
Term loan availed	1,273,775	-
Advance received from the Government	4,869,256	-
Finance cost paid	(84,392)	(31,050)
Payment of principal portion of lease liabilities	(38,431)	(24,192)
Dividend paid	(620,640)	(620,620)
<b>Net cash flows (used in) / from financing activities</b>	<b>(2,770,337)</b>	<b>1,726,742</b>
<b>NET CHANGE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS</b>	<b>4,021,161</b>	<b>4,785,734</b>
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 January	3,850,534	96,192
<b>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT 30 SEPTEMBER</b>	<b>7,871,695</b>	<b>4,881,926</b>
<b>Comprising:</b>		
Cash on hand	1,377	1,470
Bank balances	2,551,816	5,502,388
Short-term deposits	5,318,502	-
Bank overdraft	-	(621,932)
	<b>7,871,695</b>	<b>4,881,926</b>

### INTERIM STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME For the period ended 30 September 2023 (Reviewed)

Bahraini Dinars

	Three month period ended		Nine month period ended	
	30 September 2023	30 September 2022	30 September 2023	30 September 2022
Revenue	1,655,535	1,809,601	5,722,937	5,601,758
Cost of revenue	(5,554,423)	(5,802,610)	(17,815,562)	(15,712,123)
<b>Gross loss before Government subsidy</b>	<b>(3,898,888)</b>	<b>(3,993,009)</b>	<b>(12,092,625)</b>	<b>(10,110,365)</b>
Government subsidy	4,143,745	4,378,947	13,486,877	11,399,855
<b>Gross profit</b>	<b>244,857</b>	<b>385,938</b>	<b>1,394,252</b>	<b>1,289,490</b>
Other operating income	95,809	30,515	227,138	56,965
Other operating expenses	(374,348)	(291,704)	(1,104,798)	(959,904)
Allowance for expected credit losses	(13,500)	-	(31,500)	-
<b>Operating (loss) / profit</b>	<b>(47,182)</b>	<b>124,749</b>	<b>485,092</b>	<b>386,551</b>
Net change in fair value of investment securities at fair value through profit or loss	(9,375)	23,049	899,650	1,113,511
Interest income from investment securities at amortised cost - net	35,725	5,959	73,935	5,959
Finance cost	(21,137)	(7,313)	(67,831)	(31,050)
Other income	102,093	26,938	214,839	80,432
<b>Net profit and total comprehensive income for the period</b>	<b>60,124</b>	<b>173,382</b>	<b>1,605,685</b>	<b>1,555,403</b>
<b>Basic and diluted earnings per share (fiils)</b>	<b>2.42</b>	<b>6.98</b>	<b>64.68</b>	<b>62.65</b>

### INTERIM STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY For the period ended 30 September 2023 (Reviewed)

Bahraini Dinars

	Share capital	Share Premium	Reserves		Retained earnings	Total
			Statutory reserve	Other reserves		
At 1 January 2023	2,481,877	1,350,000	1,241,625	3,463,628	16,683,756	25,220,886
Net profit and total comprehensive income for the period	-	-	-	-	1,605,685	1,605,685
Charity approved for 2022	-	-	-	-	(25,000)	(25,000)
Dividends for 2022	-	-	-	-	(620,640)	(620,640)
<b>At 30 September 2023</b>	<b>2,481,877</b>	<b>1,350,000</b>	<b>1,241,625</b>	<b>3,463,628</b>	<b>17,643,801</b>	<b>26,180,931</b>
At 1 January 2022	2,481,877	1,350,000	1,241,625	3,463,628	15,901,795	24,438,925
Net profit and total comprehensive income for the period	-	-	-	-	1,555,403	1,555,403
Charity approved for 2021	-	-	-	-	(20,000)	(20,000)
Dividends for 2021	-	-	-	-	(620,620)	(620,620)
<b>At 30 September 2022</b>	<b>2,481,877</b>	<b>1,350,000</b>	<b>1,241,625</b>	<b>3,463,628</b>	<b>16,816,578</b>	<b>25,353,708</b>

The interim condensed financial statements were reviewed by Ernst & Young Middle East, approved by the Board of Directors on 13 November 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

**Basim AlSaie**  
Chairman

**Salah Mohamed Al Kulaib**  
Vice Chairman

**Wayne Henry Craig**  
Chief Executive Officer

# Bank ABC nine-month profit up 61% as business booms

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**B**ank ABC (Arab Banking Corporation) reported a 41% jump in its third quarter 2023 Consolidated net profit attributable to the shareholders of the parent to US\$62 million from US\$44 m in the same quarter a year ago.

Bank ABC attributed its strong performance to strong underlying business growth combined with a rising interest rate environment.

Earnings per share was US\$0.02, compared to US\$0.01 in the same period last year.

Total comprehensive income attributable to the shareholders of the parent was a profit of US\$65m compared to a loss of US\$6m, reported for the same period last year.

Bank ABC's Group Chairman, Saddek Omar El Kaber remarked, "The Group's balance sheet remains healthy and robust, with strong capital and liquidity ratios. We look forward to continuing this great momentum as we steadily progress on our strategic journey to build our "bank of the future."

## Nine months results

Consolidated net profit attributable to the shareholders of the



Saddek Omar El Kaber, Group Chairman

parent was US\$183m, a growth of 61% compared to US\$114m reported for the same period last year, driven by a combination of strong core business growth across many markets and effective management of interest rate exposures in a rising interest rate environment.

Earnings per share was US\$0.06, compared to US\$0.04 in the same period last year.

Total comprehensive income attributable to the shareholders of the parent was a positive US\$174m, compared to a loss of US\$109m reported in 2022. Last year, the loss arose



due to changes in fair valuations of our bond portfolio and net impact of foreign exchange translation in overseas subsidiaries. However, in the current period these reduced significantly on a net basis with the strengthening of the Brazilian Real and positive movements in the fair market valuations of our bond portfolio offset the impact from depreciation of the Egyptian pound against the US\$.

Total Operating Income was US\$943m, 19% higher compared to the US\$791m reported during the same period last year, reflecting the strong growth in underlying businesses and in-

terest rates.

Operating expenses at US\$554m was higher by 12% compared to US\$494m, during the same period last year, resulting from a combination of strategic investments and transformation initiatives, supporting business growth and general inflationary increases. Given the TOI growth of 19% YOY, the Group, therefore, has positive income/cost 'jaws' of 7% with a consequent improvement in the cost/income ratio. The Group said it remains focused on disciplined cost control while continuing to invest in key strategic digital initiatives to build our 'bank of the future'.



In line with its commitment to fostering partnerships with private sector enterprises and employers, Tamkeen Chief Executive, Maha Abdulhameed Mofeez met with the Information & eGovernment Authority (IGA) Chief Executive and Silah Gulf Chairman, Mohammed Ali Al Qaed; and Silah Gulf CEO, Feras Ahmed. During the meeting, Tamkeen showcased key features of the recently announced programme bundles targeting new labour market entrants and its focus on career development for all Bahrainis. These bundles aim to support 50,000 Bahrainis annually and are aligned with Tamkeen's ongoing efforts to enhance the positioning of Bahrainis as the employees of choice in the labor market. The meeting also highlighted Tamkeen's recently announced Career Development Initiative which aims to accelerate career growth for national talent by supporting wage increments for Bahraini employees.

## EU shifts to digital visas for Schengen area

Brussels, Belgium

**P**eople applying for visas to visit Europe's Schengen area will soon do so via an on-line platform, under a change adopted by EU foreign ministers yesterday.

The shift towards digitalisation of the visa process will also do away with the need for applicants to get a sticker in their passport, meaning no more appointments at consulates or service providers' offices.

The change, unveiled af-

ter a long legislative process, will take effect after technical work on the visa platform, expected to take months, then publication in the EU's administrative gazette. The Schengen area comprises 23 of the 27 EU member countries plus associated neighbours Switzerland, Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein. The online visa system "will simplify the application process for travellers," said Spain's Interior Minister Fernando Grande-Marlaska, whose country currently holds the EU presidency.



## Condensed Interim Financial Information for the Quarter and Nine Months Ended 30 September 2023 (Reviewed)

### Condensed interim statement of financial position as at 30 September 2023

	30 September 2023 (Reviewed)	31 December 2022 (Audited)
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>Non-current assets</b>		
Property, plant and equipment	5,413,522	4,688,861
Right-of-use assets	536,656	565,033
Financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income	3,072,140	3,149,453
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	684,744	710,463
Investments at amortised cost	250,000	250,000
	<b>9,957,062</b>	<b>9,363,810</b>
<b>Current assets :</b>		
Inventories	2,675,257	2,972,473
Trade and other receivables	3,136,620	2,897,793
Cash and bank balances	884,580	1,284,813
	<b>6,696,457</b>	<b>7,155,079</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>16,653,519</b>	<b>16,518,889</b>
<b>EQUITY AND LIABILITIES</b>		
<b>Capital and reserves</b>		
Share capital	3,120,928	3,120,928
Statutory reserve	1,560,464	1,560,464
General reserve	3,993,000	3,993,000
Development and raw material reserve	1,000,000	1,000,000
Investment fair value reserve	2,355,325	2,432,071
Retained earnings	2,083,864	2,159,991
Treasury shares	(122,398)	(122,398)
<b>Total shareholders' equity</b>	<b>13,991,183</b>	<b>14,144,056</b>
<b>Non-current liabilities</b>		
Non-current portion of Lease Liabilities	607,688	629,686
Non-current portion of deferred income	127,393	155,782
Employees' terminal benefits	53,245	47,266
	<b>788,326</b>	<b>832,734</b>
<b>Current liabilities</b>		
Current portion of Lease Liabilities	14,650	13,654
Current portion of deferred income	13,806	13,806
Trade and other payables	1,344,891	1,013,937
Short-term borrowings	500,683	500,702
	<b>1,874,010</b>	<b>1,542,099</b>
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>2,662,336</b>	<b>2,374,833</b>
<b>TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES</b>	<b>16,653,519</b>	<b>16,518,889</b>

### Condensed interim statement of profit or loss for the quarter and nine months period ended 30 September 2023

	Quarter ended 30 September 2023 (Reviewed)	Quarter ended 30 September 2022 (Reviewed)	Nine months period ended 30 September 2023 (Reviewed)	Nine months period ended 30 September 2022 (Reviewed)
Sales	4,701,890	4,677,332	13,880,118	13,722,256
Cost of sales	(4,573,011)	(4,553,247)	(13,419,968)	(13,229,244)
<b>Gross Profit for the period</b>	<b>128,879</b>	<b>124,085</b>	<b>460,150</b>	<b>493,012</b>
Other income	4,657	19,603	75,072	94,688
Other operating expenses	(205,982)	(189,671)	(585,507)	(640,049)
<b>Loss from operations</b>	<b>(72,446)</b>	<b>(45,983)</b>	<b>(50,285)</b>	<b>(52,349)</b>
Investments income	66,283	36,797	216,945	181,419
Share of loss in an associate	-	-	-	(29,277)
Loss on disposal of associate	-	-	-	(401,884)
Finance costs	(20,820)	(20,560)	(63,058)	(40,314)
Unrealised fair value losses on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	(13,993)	(28,494)	(26,752)	(10,553)
<b>Net (loss)/ profit for the period</b>	<b>(40,976)</b>	<b>(58,240)</b>	<b>76,850</b>	<b>(352,958)</b>
<b>Basic earnings per share (fls)</b>	<b>(1.34)</b>	<b>(1.90)</b>	<b>2.51</b>	<b>(11.54)</b>

### Condensed interim statement of comprehensive income for the quarter and nine months ended 30 September 2023

	Quarter ended 30 September 2023 (Reviewed)	Quarter ended 30 September 2022 (Reviewed)	Nine months period ended 30 September 2023 (Reviewed)	Nine months period ended 30 September 2022 (Reviewed)
<b>Net (loss)/ profit for the period</b>	<b>(40,976)</b>	<b>(58,240)</b>	<b>76,850</b>	<b>(352,958)</b>
<b>Other comprehensive income</b>				
<b>Items that will not be reclassified to profit or loss:</b>				
Unrealised fair value (losses)/ gains on financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income	(49,055)	234,950	(76,746)	56,766
<b>Items that may be reclassified into profit or loss:</b>				
Company's share in associate's net change in 'Investments' fair value	-	-	-	267
Reversal of reserve on disposal of associate company	-	-	-	30,178
<b>Other comprehensive income for the period</b>	<b>(49,055)</b>	<b>234,950</b>	<b>(76,746)</b>	<b>87,211</b>
<b>Total comprehensive (loss)/ income for the period</b>	<b>(90,031)</b>	<b>176,710</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>(265,747)</b>

### Condensed interim statement of cash flows for the nine months ended 30 September 2023

	Nine months period ended 30 September 2023 (Reviewed)	Nine months period ended 30 September 2022 (Reviewed)
<b>Operating activities</b>		
Net (loss)/ profit for the period	76,850	(352,958)
<b>Adjustments for:</b>		
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	297,279	313,417
Amortisation of right-of-use assets	28,377	23,634
Finance costs	63,058	40,314
Gain on disposal of financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income	(1,917)	(982)
Unrealised fair value losses on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	26,752	10,553
Loss on disposal of associate company	-	401,884
Share of loss of associate	-	29,277
Unrealised foreign exchange gains	(1,033)	-
Interest and dividend income	(216,945)	(181,419)
<b>Changes in operating assets and liabilities:</b>		
Inventories	297,216	(1,049,323)
Trade and other receivables	(238,827)	(544,308)
Trade and other payables	330,953	351,293
Employees' terminal benefits, net	5,979	5,598
<b>Net cash provided by/ (used in) operating activities</b>	<b>667,742</b>	<b>(953,020)</b>
<b>Investing activities</b>		
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(1,021,940)	(876,791)
Proceeds from disposal of financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income	2,485	3,002
Proceeds from disposal of associate company	-	942,760
Interest and dividend income received	216,945	181,419
<b>Net cash (used in)/ provided by investing activities</b>	<b>(802,510)</b>	<b>250,390</b>
<b>Financing activities</b>		
Principal repayment of lease liabilities	(21,002)	(13,572)
Net movement in short-term borrowing	(39)	913,095
Net movement in deferred income	(28,389)	(10,353)
Finance cost paid	(63,058)	(40,314)
Dividends paid	(152,977)	(152,977)
<b>Net cash (used in)/ provided by financing activities</b>	<b>(285,465)</b>	<b>695,679</b>
<b>Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>(400,233)</b>	<b>(6,751)</b>
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of the period	1,284,813	1,124,427
<b>Cash and cash equivalents, end of the period</b>	<b>884,580</b>	<b>1,117,676</b>

### Condensed interim statement of changes in shareholders' equity for the nine months ended 30 September 2023

	Share capital	Statutory reserve	General reserve	Development and raw material reserve	Investment fair value reserve	Retained earnings	Treasury shares	Total
At 31 December 2021 (Audited)	3,120,928	1,560,464	3,993,000	1,000,000	2,326,594	2,288,326	(122,398)	14,166,914
Dividends for 2021	-	-	-	-	-	(152,977)	-	(152,977)
Net loss for the period	-	-	-	-	-	(352,958)	-	(352,958)
Other comprehensive income for the period	-	-	-	-	87,211	-	-	87,211
At 30 September 2021 (Reviewed)	3,120,928	1,560,464	3,993,000	1,000,000	2,413,805	1,782,391	(122,398)	13,748,190
At 31 December 2022 (Audited)	3,120,928	1,560,464	3,993,000	1,000,000	2,432,071	2,159,991	(122,398)	14,144,056
Dividends for 2022	-	-	-	-	-	(152,977)	-	(152,977)
Net profit for the period	-	-	-	-	-	76,850	-	76,850
Other comprehensive income for the period	-	-	-	-	(76,746)	-	-	(76,746)
At 30 September 2023 (Reviewed)	3,120,928	1,560,464	3,993,000	1,000,000	2,355,325	2,083,864	(122,398)	13,991,183

The condensed interim financial information for the quarter and nine months ended 30 September 2023 were approved and authorised for issue by the Board of Directors on 13 November 2023. Full set of condensed interim financial information can be seen on Company website: www.dawajen.bh

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News in brief

The US Army yesterday announced it is setting aside the 'unfair' convictions of 110 Black soldiers who were court martialed over 1917 unrest in Houston, Texas. The soldiers -- who were guarding the site where a military camp was being constructed -- took up arms following months of racial abuse, discrimination and assaults and marched into the city, where 19 people were killed in clashes. The military subsequently convicted 110 of the soldiers over the violence and put 19 of them to death in what the Army said was its largest mass execution of American troops.



US scraps 'unfair' WWI-era convictions of Black soldiers

Nepal to ban TikTok as it 'disturbs social harmony'. Nepal said yesterday it will ban TikTok, citing the app's negative effects on the country's social harmony. The popular video-sharing platform, which has around one billion monthly users, has faced restrictions in many countries for allegedly breaking data rules and for its potential harmful impact on youth. "The decision to ban was made today, and relevant authorities are currently addressing the technical issues," Minister for Communications and Information Technology Rekha Sharma said. Sharma said the decision was made because TikTok was consistently used to share content that "disturbs social harmony and disrupts family structures and social relations".

British leader Rishi Sunak yesterday sacked controversial interior minister Suella Braverman, as he reshuffles his top team ahead of a general election expected next year. Sunak had come under growing pressure to axe Braverman, an outspoken right-winger, after critics accused her of heightening tensions during weeks of contentious pro-Palestinian demonstrations and counter-protests in Britain. It was not immediately clear who will replace Braverman, who was appointed to the post when Sunak became prime minister just over a year ago. Following her dismissal, Braverman said "it has been the greatest privilege of my life to serve as home secretary". "I will have more to say in due course," she added.

UK interior minister Braverman sacked amid reshuffle. Thousands of people remained trapped in Gaza's largest hospital yesterday, where evacuations have been hampered by fierce fighting between Israeli and Hamas forces. Conditions are worsening for hundreds of patients and thousands of others sheltering around Al-Shifa hospital -- which has become the focus in the five-week-old war.

UK interior minister Braverman sacked amid reshuffle



SPOTLIGHT

Biden, US scholars accuse Trump of echoing Hitler



Supporters of US President Donald Trump, including Jake Angeli (C), a QAnon supporter known for his painted face and horned hat, enter the US Capitol

Washington, United States

Former US president Donald Trump faced a furious backlash yesterday over Veteran's Day weekend remarks branding his political opponents "vermin," as leading scholars and President Joe Biden accused him of parroting Hitler and Mussolini.

The tycoon -- who leads polling in the race for the 2024 Republican presidential nomination -- later repeated the remarks at a speech in New Hampshire. "On a weekend when most Americans were honoring our nation's heroes, Donald Trump parroted the autocratic language of Adolf Hitler and Benito Mussolini -- two dictators many US veterans gave their lives fighting -- in order to defeat exactly the kind of un-American ideas Trump now champions," the Biden campaign said. The White House added separately that Trump's remark would be "horrifyingly recognizable to American veterans who put on their country's uniform in the 1940s."

Battles around Gaza's largest hospital leave many trapped

Israel defence minister says Hamas has 'lost control of Gaza'

Hamas government says Gaza war death toll hits 11,240

AFP | Jerusalem, Undefined

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On Sunday, witnesses at the Gaza City hospital told AFP that "violent fighting" raged throughout the night.

As the clatter of small arms fire and aerial bombardments echoed across the sprawling complex, doctors reported two babies died when power to their incubators was cut.

The World Health Organization (WHO) and other UN agencies warned that as many as 3,000 patients and staff are sheltering inside without adequate fuel, water or food.

"Regrettably, the hospital is not functioning as a hospital anymore," said WHO director Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, after making contact with on-the-ground staff.

"It's been three days without electricity, without water," he said, describing the situation inside as "dire and perilous."

Youssef Abu Rish, deputy health minister in the Hamas government, on Sunday said three more premature babies had died along with six other patients who had been in critical condition.

"We fear the toll will rise further by morning," he said.

'Self-evacuation'

Israel's military said it would observe a "self-evacuation corri-

Hamas health ministry says death toll in Gaza hospital rises to 6 babies, 9 patients

AFP | Jerusalem, Undefined

A premature baby and two patients have died in Gaza's Al-Shifa hospital, the Hamas-run health ministry said Monday, bringing the toll to six babies and nine patients as the facility suffered fuel shortages.



of service".

Youssef Abu Rish, deputy health minister in the Palestinian territory ruled by Hamas, also told AFP that all the hospitals in the northern Gaza Strip are "out

of service". But that was not collected by authorities in the facility as fierce fighting rages, with Israel claiming that Hamas prevented the hospital from taking it.

Al-Shifa director Mohammad Abu Salmiya contested the Israeli claims.

He told AFP the Israeli army called him and said the fuel would be dropped off 500 metres from Al-Shifa.

"I told them 'if you want to help, I need at least 8,000 litres to run the main generators and save hundreds of patients and injured,'" he said.

"They refused and we no longer have any idea" of the status of the fuel that was dropped



A wounded Palestinian child from the Baraka family arrives at Nasser Hospital for treatment in Khan Yunis in the southern Gaza Strip

jured on gurneys that packed corridor walls. The courtyard of the emergency ward was dotted with people and piles of rubbish lay uncollected.

Some of the thousands displaced by the fighting camped at the facility using make-shift kitchens and what few supplies they had.

Across Gaza City at the Al-Quds hospital the picture was also said to be dire, with the Palestinian Red Crescent warning it was now out of service due to a lack of generator fuel.

Twenty of Gaza's 36 hospitals are "no longer functioning", according to the UN's humanitarian agency.

Almost 1.6 million people -- about two-thirds of Gaza's population -- have been internally displaced since October 7, according to the UN agency for Palestinian refugees UNRWA.

Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has ruled out calls for the ceasefire, saying Hamas must first release the estimated 240 hostages taken on October 7.

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"The less I say about it, the more I'll increase the chances that it materialises," he told NBC.

White House National Security Council spokesman John Kirby told MSNBC there has been "active negotiation" on a potential deal but kept mum on any de-

tails, while a Palestinian official in Gaza accused Israel of dragging its feet.

"Netanyahu is responsible for the delay and obstacles in reaching a preliminary agreement on the release of several prisoners," the official told AFP on condition of anonymity.

Israeli defence minister Yoav Gallant on Monday said Hamas has "lost control" of the Gaza Strip it has ruled for 16 years.

"Hamas has lost control of Gaza. Terrorists are fleeing southward. Civilians are looting Hamas bases," he said without providing evidence. "They don't have faith in the government anymore," Gallant added in a video broadcast on Israel's main TV stations.

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rying fuel had been let into Gaza since October 7, with Israel concerned fuel deliveries would be used by Hamas militants.

Al-Shifa director Mohammad Abu Salmiya told journalists the Israeli claims were "lies".

The 300 litres the army said had been delivered would power generators for "no more than quarter of an hour" anyway, Abu Salmiya said.

Dwindling supplies

Inside the hospital, AFP last week witnessed the sick and in-

UN flags lowered for staff

Flags flew at half-mast at UN facilities across the globe Monday including at the body's New York headquarters, as staff stood in silent tribute to the more than 100 colleagues killed in Gaza during the Israel-Hamas war.

The blue and white United Nations flag was lowered at 9:30 am local time at offices in Bangkok, Tokyo and Beijing, with other UN venues following suit.



The Rafah crossing into Egypt is the only crossing out of Gaza not controlled by Israel. Hundreds were evacuated through it on Sunday, after it was closed on Friday and Saturday.

Thunberg under fire in Germany over Israel-Hamas war stance

Berlin, Germany

Greta Thunberg came under fire on Monday over her pro-Palestinian stance in Germany, where the local chapter of climate movement Fridays for Future had distanced itself from her views on the Israel-Hamas war.



Swedish climate activist Greta Thunberg

Thunberg, wearing the Palestinian black and white scarf, had urged "ceasefire now" at a climate protest on Sunday in Amsterdam.

She was interrupted by a man who sought to snatch the microphone from her, saying he had come for a climate protest, not for her other views. After he was removed by security officers, she began chanting, along with the crowd, "no climate justice on occupied land". "Greta Thunberg misused the

absolutely necessary and correct concern on climate protection for a one-sided position on the Israel-Palestinian conflict, in which she does not name the perpetrators, in which she does not condemn the absolute atrocities by Hamas," said Ricarda Lang, co-leader of the Greens, which is a junior partner of Chancellor Olaf Scholz's

coalition. "She has in fact discredited herself as the face of the climate movement through these statements," added Lang.

The statements in Amsterdam marked "the end of Greta Thunberg as a climate activist," added Volker Becker, the president of the German-Israel Society DIG, adding that "from now: Israel hater is the main job" for the Swedish activist.

The Israeli embassy in Germany also wrote on X, formerly known as Twitter, that it was "sad that Greta Thunberg is again misusing the climate stage for her own purposes."

Fridays for Future's international group has blasted the "genocide" in Gaza, and slammed "Western support and misinformation machines".

Trump's older sister -- an ally and critic -- dies aged 86

AFP | New York, United States

Donald Trump's older sister, a former judge who fell out with him during the later stages of his presidency, has died in New York at the age of 86, US media reported yesterday.

Maryanne Trump Barry passed away at her home in Manhattan, the New York Times said, describing her as "both his protector and critic throughout their lives."

Barry was selected by President Ronald Reagan to serve on the Federal District Court in New Jersey in 1983, reportedly after the intervention of Donald Trump's then-personal lawyer and fixer Roy Cohn.

She was appointed to the Third Circuit by President Bill Clinton in 1993.

Barry was close to Donald



Trump (L) is pictured with his sister Maryanne Trump Barry

Trump for decades, and was one of the few people whose advice he sought.

ABC said the siblings were in touch over recent years and met this summer at one of Trump's

golf clubs. But in 2020, the last year of Trump's term in the White House, his niece Mary Trump released recordings of Barry speaking critically about the then-president.

"Donald's out for Donald," Barry said in the recordings. "His goddamned tweet and lying, oh my God."

"I'm talking too freely, but you know. The change of stories. The lack of preparation. He has no principles. None. None."

Trump was reportedly furious and deeply hurt by the comments.

A probe into Barry's alleged judicial misconduct was dropped when she retired in 2019, in the middle of an investigation into the family's tax records. She denied any wrongdoing.

Indian rescuers battle to save 40 workers trapped in collapsed tunnel

AFP | Dehradun, India

Rescuers in northern India battled for a second day Monday to save 40 workers trapped underground after the road tunnel they were building collapsed, bringing down tonnes of debris.

Teams using heavy excavators have been working nonstop since the collapse early Sunday morning to clear piles of concrete and earth, but with more debris falling as workers tried to clear a passage, a giant steel pipe was being prepared as an escape route.

"All the 40 workers trapped inside the tunnel are safe," Karmveer Singh Bhandari, a senior commander in the National Disaster Response Force, told AFP from the site in the Himalayan state of Uttarakhand, adding that water and food had been sent. Oxygen was being pumped into the blocked portion of the tunnel, with food sent through a water pipe.

Rathodi said excavators had removed about 20 metres (65 feet) of heavy debris, but the



Rescue workers gather at the site after a tunnel collapsed in the Uttarakhand district of India's Uttarakhand state

men were 40 metres beyond that point.

"Due to excess debris in the tunnel, we are facing some difficulty in the rescue, but our team is leaving no stone unturned," Bhandari added.

Teams plan to use a heavy machine to drive a steel pipe with a width of 90 centimetres (nearly three feet), wide enough for the trapped men to squeeze through, the government's highway and infrastructure company said.

"Water, food, oxygen, electricity all are available with the work force trapped inside the tunnel... All the stranded workers are safe as communicated by them," the statement added.

Initial contact was made via a note on a scrap of paper, but later rescuers managed to connect using radio handsets.

"Some small food packets were sent in through a pipe which is also taking oxygen inside," rescue official Durgesh Rathodi told AFP from the site.

Biden granddaughter's guard opens fire during car break-in

AFP | Washington, United States

A US Secret Service agent reportedly on duty outside the house of President Joe Biden's granddaughter opened fire during an attempted break-in of an official vehicle, authorities said Monday.

Naomi Biden, a 29-year-old lawyer, was made aware of the incident that occurred just before midnight Sunday in the upscale Georgetown neighborhood of Washington, US media reported. "Secret Service agents encountered possibly three individuals



Naomi Biden, the granddaughter of US President Joe Biden

breaking a window on a parked and unoccupied government vehicle," presidential protection service spokesman Anthony

Guglielmi said in a statement. "During this encounter, a federal agent discharged a service weapon and it is believed no one

was struck," he said, adding that the suspects fled the scene and that "there was no threat to any protectees."

Naomi Biden is the oldest daughter of Hunter Biden, the president's son who is facing illegal gun possession charges and is the subject of a Republican-led congressional investigation over alleged influence-peddling when Joe Biden was vice president.

President Biden is known to be close to his grandchildren, who call him Pop and often appear with him at official events.

Washington has seen a steep

rise in carjackings, with more than 860 reported offenses so far this year, according to the capital city's police, more than double the number during the same period last year.

Texas Congressman Henry Cuellar was the victim of a carjacking in the city last month, when he was robbed by three armed attackers outside his residence.

Naomi Biden is named after the president's first daughter, who died as a baby in a car crash in 1972 that also claimed the life of his first wife.

"It has been a joy to watch Naomi grow, discover who she is, and carve out such an incredible life for herself," the president and First Lady Jill Biden said ahead of her lavish 2022 wedding, which was held at the White House.

The US Secret Service protects the president and vice president and their families, as well as former presidents and visiting heads of state.

"The offenders immediately fled the scene in a red vehicle and a regional lookout was issued to supporting units," Guglielmi said.

TOP 4 TWEETS 01



Today, the @UN family observed a moment of silence to mourn & honour our colleagues killed in Gaza. Since the start of this conflict, more than 100 @UNRWA staff have lost their lives - the highest number of UN aid workers killed in a conflict in such a short time.

@antonioguterres

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I don't look at the economy through the eyes of Wall Street and Park Avenue. I look at it through the eyes of the people I grew up with in Scranton, Pennsylvania or Claymont, Delaware.

@POTUS

03



Important conversation yesterday with Qatari Prime Minister @MBA\_AlThani. on efforts to expand humanitarian assistance to civilians in Gaza and ensure the safe passage of foreign nationals and the critically wounded out of Gaza.

@SecBlinken

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The opening of an F-16 pilot training center in Romania, where Ukrainian pilots will be trained, is a significant practical contribution to our aviation coalition. Our agreements with @KlausIohannis and @MinPres Mark Rutte are being implemented. Thank you, partners!

@ZelenskyyUA

Disclaimer: (Views expressed by columnists are personal and need not necessarily reflect our editorial stance)



# Bahrain Flour Mills announces Quarterly, nine-month profits

TDI | Manama

Bahrain Flour Mills company (Al-Matahin) announced a net profit of BD 60,124 for the third quarter of 2023, versus a net profit of BD 173,382 for the same period in 2022 with a decrease by 65%.

The decrease was attributed to the decline in sales revenues & increase in other operating exp.

Profit per share was fils 2 versus fils 7 for the same period in 2022.

Operating loss was BD 47,182 versus operating profit of BD 124,749 for the same period in 2022, due to decrease in sales during the quarter.

BFM generated sales of BD 1,655,535 versus BD 1,809,601



The results were announced by a board meeting chaired by Basim Al Saie, Chairman of the Board of Directors.

in Q3 2022 - decreased by 9%, due to 21 days shutdown for the purpose of Mill Expansion work going on.

### Nine-month results

Nine-month net profit was BD 1,605,685 versus BD 1,555,403 for the same period in 2022-in-

crease by 3%.

Earnings per Share was fils 65 versus fils 63 for the same period in 2022.

Operating Profit was BD 485,092 versus BD 386,551 for the same period in 2022 - increase by 25%, due to an increased demand on company's

products during the first half of the year 2023.

BFM generated sales of BD 5,722,937 versus BD 5,601,758 for 2022 - increase by 2%.

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# Malaysian Pineapple Galore at LuLu Hypermarket

TDI | Manama

In collaboration with the Embassy of Malaysia, Malaysian Agricultural department and LuLu Hypermarket in Bahrain has embarked on a tasty and nutritious promotion of juicy Malaysian pineapple. The launch was done with the formal opening of a container-load of pineapple and pineapple products in LuLu's state-of-the-art logistics head quarter in the presence of the Malaysian Ambassador Shazryll Zahiran and LuLu's Regional Director, Mohammed Kaleem and senior management.

The promotion is also supported by the Malaysian Pineapple Industrial Board (LPNM), the Malaysian Agricultural Research & Development Institute (MARDI) and the Jutawan Enterprise. There was an official inauguration at LuLu Hypermarket in Hidd, of Malaysian pineapple.

A popular fruit that has come to represent tropical goodness and sunshine, the pineapple contains antioxidants, enzymes that protect against inflammation, Vitamin C and manganese. At LuLu, there are helpful cutting stations where the fruit's thick and prickly outer skin is mechanically peeled off and the fruit is cored and sliced for cus-



In pictures, the inauguration

tomers.

"We are very pleased to promote the Malaysian pineapple with LuLu," said Ambassador Zahiran, "In Malaysia, we take our pineapple seriously and the LPNM has invested richly in improving varieties and yield for the fruit. We now have 16 pineapple varieties plus four juicy

varieties for export markets which have longer shelf-life,"

LuLu's Regional Director Mohammed Kaleem pointed out that the fruit was an all-time favourite.

"The pineapple has adapted well to canning and to being processed as canned juice. In addition, this promotion will

highlight the great taste and advantage of the fresh fruit. LuLu Hypermarket has a strong sourcing office presence in Malaysia and this makes it possible for us to bring the choicest pineapple and products to our customers with the support of the many pineapple promotion bodies in Malaysia," he said.



Shaikh Abdulla bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, CEO of Mumtalakat, visited General Poultry Company, a wholly-owned local portfolio company of Mumtalakat, where he was given a tour of its automated farmhouses. Its facilities' expansion and upgrade inaugurated in 2022 has led to doubling production capacity, and an increase in market share from an average of 20% to a targeted 40% market share. This is in line with Mumtalakat's contribution towards the Kingdom's efforts to achieve food security.

# Four Seasons Hotel Bahrain Bay thanksgiving dinner

TDI | Manama

Bookings are now open at the Four Seasons Hotel Bahrain Bay for Thanksgiving dinner at CUT and Bahrain Bay Kitchen.

Elevate your Thanksgiving traditions at CUT by Wolfgang Puck, which offers a sumptuous dinner with a contemporary twist crafted by Regional Executive Chef Brian Becher and his talented team. Favourite dishes include deep-fried Turkey with Cranberry Apple Compote, Kabocha Pumpkin Pie, and much more, all accompanied by live DJ tunes amidst the stunning night view of Bahrain Bay.

The event timings are from 7 PM to 12 midnight on November 23.



# MEIRA 2023 highlights ESG and Capital Market Sustainability



A panel discussion at the conference

TDI | Manama

Bahrain Bourse announced the successful conclusion of the MEIRA 2023 Annual Conference, themed "From ESG to Sustainable Capital Markets," held on November 13th in Bahrain in collaboration with the Central Bank of Bahrain.

The conference delved into pivotal topics such as emerging trends and opportunities in GCC Markets, the "Tabdul Hub" initiative by ADX and Bahrain Bourse, and insights from Investor Relations (IR) practitioners. Emphasising the significance of integrating ESG (Environmental, Social, and Governance) practices in the region and related regulations, the event also highlighted the role of IR in effectively communicating the ESG narrative.

Featuring over 39 speakers, 20 exhibitors, and drawing 400 attendees from GCC Exchanges, international corporations, research analysts, brokers, custodians, IR advisory firms, listed companies, and regional regulatory bodies,

the conference proved to be a convergence of diverse market participants.

Abeer Al Saad, Executive Director of Financial Institutions Supervision at the Central Bank of Bahrain, underscored the increasing awareness around ESG issues, the implementation of ESG reporting requirements by regulatory authorities, and the forthcoming regulatory framework for ESG reporting applicable to all listed companies and licensed financial institutions by CBB, effective from the 2024 financial year.

Shaikh Khalifa bin Ebrahim Al-Khalifa, CEO of Bahrain Bourse, expressed, "The 2023 MEIRA Annual Conference served as an invaluable platform to explore the pivotal role of capital markets in advancing ESG and implementing optimal IR practices."

John Gollifer, General Manager of MEIRA, noted, "The substantial participation witnessed at this year's Conference attests to our alignment with industry needs and aspirations."



# CELEBS

## celebs

### I used to be wild, says Megan Fox

Celebretainment | Los Angeles

Megan Fox was “wild” during her younger years.

The 37-year-old actress has revealed that she once painted “a Friedrich Nietzsche quote” on the walls of her ex-boyfriend’s house in a fit of anger.

During an appearance on ‘The Drew Barrymore Show’, the Hollywood star confessed: “When I was young and I did have a temper and I was wild, I got mad and I took a bunch of paint and I painted a Friedrich Nietzsche quote all over his walls so he had to repaint his house afterwards.”

“It was a really angry quote about how life is futile, you suck basically.”

Megan actually has a Nietzsche quote tattooed on her back.

The quote reads: “And those

who were seen dancing were thought to be insane by those who could not hear the music.”

Megan - who didn’t name the ex-boyfriend - admitted that she would do other similar things during her younger years.

The actress - who is currently in a relationship with Machine Gun Kelly - added: “That gives you an idea of what I was capable of.”

Meanwhile, Megan recently likened her past relationships to “war”.

The ‘Transformers’ star - who was married to actor Brian Austin Green between 2010 and 2021 - also admitted that relationships can be “ugly”.

She told PEOPLE: “Relation-

ships are complicated. For most of us it’s not a fairy tale. Relationships are not pretty. They are ugly.”



**When I was young and I did have a temper and I was wild, I got mad and I took a bunch of paint and I painted a Friedrich Nietzsche quote all over his walls so he had to repaint his house afterwards**

MEGAN FOX

Megan Fox



### Katy Perry felt ‘healed’ by the birth of her daughter: ‘All the love I was searching for showed up!’

Celebretainment | Los Angeles

Katy Perry was “healed” by the birth of her daughter.

The 39-year-old pop star has three-year-old Daisy with fiancé Orlando Bloom and explained

during the final performance of her Las Vegas residency ‘Play’ that the arrival of the little one had given her “all the love” she had been looking for her entire life.

She told the audience: “I created this show after the birth of my daughter, Daisy Dove. When I met her, it was like all the love I was ever searching for finally showed up. She made me whole, and she healed me, and she showed me how to play again.”

The ‘Roar’ hitmaker went on to dedicate her Sin City show to everyone’s “inner-child” and shared her hopes that if the world could learn to see life through from the perspective of a little one, then perhaps “freedom” could be achieved.

She said: “So this show is for everyone’s inner child and for the hope that maybe if we could all see life through the eyes of a child, we would be free.”

Earlier in the evening, Katy had been joined on stage by her daughter in what was

her first public appearance as she hailed the tot as her “best friend” before belting out her 2008 ‘Hot n Cold’ for the crowd.

She said: “Daisy! I love you so much. You’re my best friend, I’m so glad you’re here. I’m gonna sing this next song – I think you know it?”

The ‘I Kissed a Girl’ singer previously explained that her Las Vegas show could appeal to fans of all ages as she explained that at that time, her little one had seen bits of the concert.

She told E! News’ ‘Daily Pop’: “She has seen, like, the first act and a little bit of the second act—I think there’s like five or six acts—so, one day she’ll see the whole thing. But she loved it so much. She was dancing in the audience and just being, you know, her joyful self.”

“I see six year olds in the audience. I see people that are 8 to 80, and it just really makes my heart very happy to know that families are coming out, because that’s what I’m looking for. I’m looking to bring my family.”

“We gotta cover 11, gotta cover two, gotta cover 45, 37. So, I feel like this show is that, and it’s a great little, joyful bit of escapism.”



Katy Perry

### Hilary Duff ‘loves’ her X-rated birthday card

Celebretainment | Los Angeles

Hilary Duff has received an X-rated birthday card from her five-year-old daughter.

The 36-year-old actress has revealed that her daughter Banks - who can’t read yet - bought her an inappropriate card in September that read: “Happy birthday, d\*\*\*\*\*d!”.

Hilary - who has Mae, two, and Banks, five, with Matthew Koma, as well as Luca, 11, with Mike Comrie - said on ‘Late Night With Seth Meyers’: “My husband was so excited. He took her to ... CVS, I don’t know where they bought the card ... and he was like, ‘Banks got you the best birthday card’. And I was like, ‘Oh, my God!’

“Thank God it didn’t have confetti, that’s my worst nightmare. When you open it and there’s glitter everywhere ... [but] I thought it was going to sing to me or something and I was really surprised. Love it!”

Hilary Duff



### I hate being in the public eye, says Machine Gun Kelly



Machine Gun Kelly

Celebretainment | Los Angeles

Machine Gun Kelly hates “being in public”.

The 33-year-old rapper has admitted that he struggles with fame, after he was widely criticised for an awkward TV interview on the grid at the Brazilian Grand Prix on Sunday.

In response to the criticism, MGK wrote on X: “my anxiety has won. i hate being in public. (sic)”

The rapper - who was interviewed on the grid by Sky Sports reporter Martin Brundle - also addressed one critic directly.

He said: “my vibe is “the worst” how? because someone put a

microphone in my face essentially forcing me to do a random interview when i was just trying to enjoy an event? because car engines were so loud i couldnt hear him? please tell me more about why im the worst. (sic)”

During the interview, MGK was asked about his music career and his future plans.

He replied: “Errmm ... my career ... I don’t think about my career. I don’t think about it.”

Asked about the Formula One business, MGK said: “Business is great. It’s loud, your life is on the line, that’s exciting. I was in the studio the other week, Lewis Hamilton was in the other studio, that was nice. Yeah.”

Meanwhile, Martin has also joked about his awkward on-air interview with MGK.

### Nicki Minaj has found ‘peace’ with her body

Celebretainment | Los Angeles

Nicki Minaj rejects body positivity when it leads to “unhealthy bodies”.

The 40-year-old rap star has previously undergone cosmetic surgery in a bid to achieve her ideal body - but Nicki now accepts that her earlier attitude was just “silly”.

Speaking to Vogue, Nicki explained: “I’m not in favor of body positivity if it means unhealthy bodies.”

“That’s bull. It’s not believable, so let’s stop pre-

tending.

“Recently, I had to get a surgery, and actually I love it.”

Nicki has found “peace” with her own appearance in recent years.

The ‘Anaconda’ hitmaker - who has a huge following on social media - shared: “I just looked at a video that I posted on Instagram when I was 25, and I would pay to look like that right now. But today I can say that I’m at peace with who I am and how I look.”

Despite this, Nicki felt a pressure to regain her pre-pregnancy figure after giving birth to her son.

The chart-topping rap star - who gave birth to her son, who is publicly known as Papa Bear, three years ago - added: “It’s gotten so easy to be alone physically, where young people spend 12, 16 hours a day in their rooms on their phones, looking at these false realities, comparing themselves.”

“I’ve seen artists gone way too soon, and I wonder if that could have been avoided if they’d just had the chance to talk about what they were going through.”



**I’m not in favor of body positivity if it means unhealthy bodies. That’s bull. It’s not believable, so let’s stop pretending**

NICKI MINAJ



Nicki Minaj

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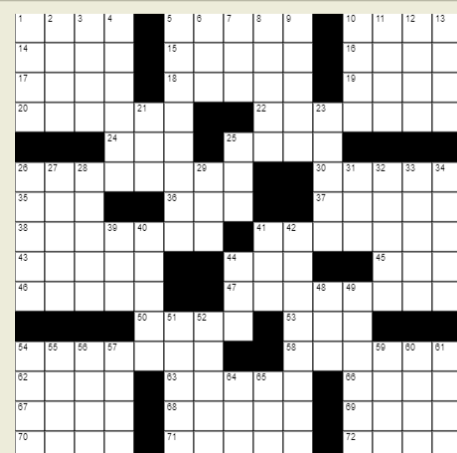
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#### How to play

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

### CROSSWORD



#### Across

1- Nailed obliquely; 5- Florida citrus center; 10- Rampant; 14- Paris pronoun; 15- Tribe ruler; 16- The Emerald Isle; 17- Prison room; 18- Freight; 19- Defense grp. since 1949; 20- Commotion; 22- Female deity; 24- ... and hers; 25- Unit of computer memory; 26- Medieval church; 30- Ulan ...; 35- Terre Haute sch.; 36- Meal crumb; 37- ... having fun yet?; 38- Costumed procession; 41- Pertinent; 43- Related on the mother’s side; 44- Enjoyable; 45- Paris possessive; 46- Ventured; 47- Predate; 50- Prepare for publication; 53- Big time; 54- Become raspy, like a voice; 58- Scan again; 62- Austen novel; 63- Island in the Bay of Naples; 66- Too; 67- Classic autos; 68- Crazy as ...; 69- Swift; 70- ‘Puppy Love’ singer; 71- Throw with force; 72- Tolkien tree creatures;

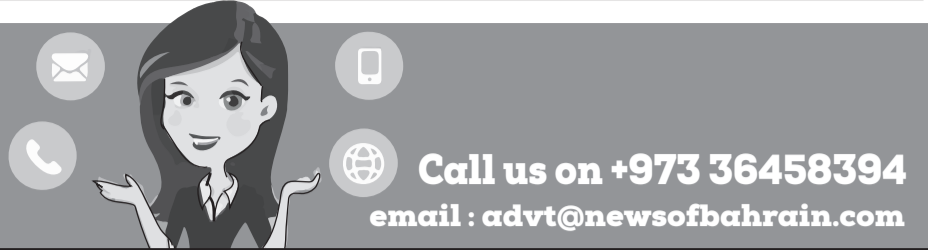
#### Down

1- Word in many college names; 2- Ersatz butter; 3- London greeting; 4- Oracle site; 5- Particular time; 6- Ballroom dance, when doubled; 7- Life support?; 8- Having long gains; 9- Under way; 10- Tear; 11- Dies ...; 12- Seizures; 13- Nephew of Abel; 21- Dogpatch adjective; 23- Prohibit; 25- Cave dweller; 26- Two-footer; 27- Yoga posture; 28- Sucrose; 29- TV part; 31- Human limb; 32- Fluff, as bangs; 33- Had; 34- Actress Witherspoon; 39- Hot time in Paris; 40- Yellow-fever mosquito; 41- Firearm; 42- Ingoing; 44- Budgetary excess; 48- Predating; 49- Wide-mouthed bottle; 51- Coffee choice; 52- Total; 54- Mother of Ares; 55- Portent; 56- One way to run; 57- Tabula ...; 59- Gusto; 60- Little helper?; 61- Periods; 64- Luau dish; 65- Jockey Turcotte;

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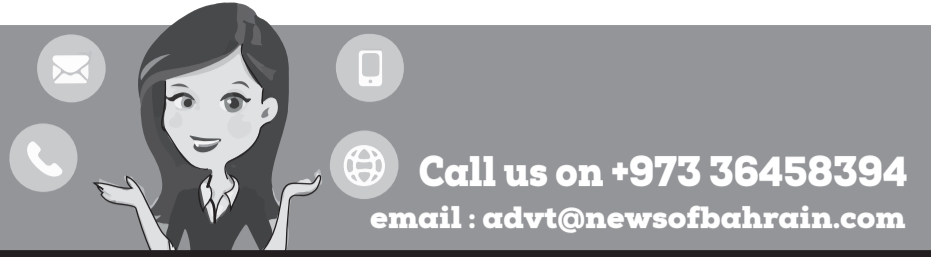
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## Rockets shoot down Jokic's Nuggets, Maxey's 50 points fuel 76ers



Philadelphia's Tyrese Maxey reacts after scoring  
AFP | Los Angeles

The resurgent Houston Rockets powered to a sixth straight NBA victory on Sunday, withstanding a 36-point triple-double from Denver's Nikola Jokic in a 107-104 win over the Nuggets.

Fred VanVleet scored 26 points and Turkish center Alperen Sengun added 23 for the Rockets, who improved to 6-3 in the young campaign after amassing just 22 victories last season.

Jokic's fourth triple-double of the season included 21 rebounds and 11 assists and Denver led 76-74 going into the final period, which featured three lead changes.

Jokic drained a three-point shot with 19.5 seconds left to cut the Rockets' lead to 103-102, but VanVleet made a pair of free throws and Jae'Sean Tate came up with a steal as Denver attempted to inbound the ball and Houston held on.

Elsewhere Philadelphia's Tyrese Maxey exploded for a career-high 50 points in a 137-126 victory over the Indiana Pacers.

Dallas star Kyrie Irving made seven of 10 three-pointers on the way to 35 points in the Mavericks' dominant 136-124 victory over New Orleans while Miami's Duncan Robinson and Bam Adebayo combined for 50 points as the Heat rallied to beat the San Antonio Spurs 118-113.

In Philadelphia, Maxey keyed a victory for a Sixers team rattled by the road accident that left forward Kelly



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Oubre nursing a broken rib and other injuries after he was hit by a vehicle while walking near his home on Saturday.

Oubre was treated in hospital and released, but was on the minds of his teammates.

"This had nothing to do with me, this is all Kelly Oubre, man," Maxey -- whose previous career high was 44 points -- said after hitting 20 of 32 shots from the field, including seven of 11 from three-point range.

"It was a great night and we got the win, which is what matters most."

The 23-year-old added seven rebounds and five assists and reigning NBA Most Valuable Player Joel Embiid added a double-double of 37 points and 13 rebounds as the Sixers notched their eighth straight win.

Irving got hot early in New Orleans, scoring 22 points in the first half to help the Mavs to a 67-54 lead.

## BIC set for Batelco Fitness on Track

TDT | Manama

Bahrain International Circuit (BIC), "The Home of Motorsport in the Middle East", holds this evening its widely popular Batelco Fitness on Track.

This fun, physical activity is an ideal opportunity for the whole family to exercise either on foot or on a bicycle within the unique and world-class setting of the renowned Sakhir race track.

Tonight's Batelco Fitness on Track is scheduled from 6pm to 10pm and it will be held under lights, making for a stunning environment beneath the stars that is also safe and controlled.

The running and cycling will take place on separate track

layouts. Runners and walkers will be utilising BIC's 2.550-kilometre Inner Track, while cyclists will be able to ride their bikes along the 3.543-kilometre Outer Circuit, with another dedicated area for children's cycling.

Batelco Fitness on Track generates tremendous interest from the local community and the turnout has been great from individual participants and large groups.

Those under the age of 12 can participate for free if accompanied by a paying adult.

BIC's Batelco Fitness on Track Season Pass, launched for this season, is also still available. It is an ideal option for regular participants.



Cyclists in a previous Batelco Fitness on Track activity

## Strong Start for Hamad Town, Shaikh Abdulaziz and Ahmed Al Omran in schools tournament

● Nasser bin Hamad Football Tournament for Secondary Schools kicks off

TDT | Manama

Hamad Town Secondary School, Shaikh Abdulaziz bin Mohammed Al Khalifa Secondary School and Ahmed Al Omran Secondary School put in great performances in their opening matches of the Nasser bin Hamad Football Tournament for Secondary Schools, securing well-earned victories.

Hamad Town Secondary School and Shaikh Abdulaziz bin Mohammed Al Khalifa Secondary School, both of whom are in Group 1, defeated the Indian School 9-2 at Al Itihad Club, and Abdulrahman Kanoo International School 12-0 at Al Ahli Club respectively.

Ahmed Al Omran's team emerged 3-0 victorious against St Christopher's School in a Group 4 game.

Being held under the patronage of HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Representative of HM the King for Humanitarian Works and Youth Affairs, and organised by the Ministry of Education, the



Action from a match

tournament is backed by the platinum sponsor the National Bank of Bahrain (NBB), while the gold sponsors are ELM Education Fund, GMI, Ahli United Bank (AUB), First Motors.

The bronze sponsors are Sara Group, Engineer Transportation Company, Be Sport, the Palace Project, Bahrain Cinema (Cineco), Kuwait Finance House, Planera Holding, and Mena Company. Alayam newspaper is the media sponsor of the competition.

Starring for Shaikh Abdulaziz bin Mohammed Al Khalifa

Secondary School was Ahmed Hani who scored a hat-trick en route to bagging the man of the match award. Similarly, Ahmed Nasser shone for Hamad Town Secondary School with a hat-trick in their big win over Abdulrahman Kanoo International School, earning himself the man of the match award for his standout individual display.

Mohammed Hussain Tarada claimed the man of the match award after helping his team, Ahmed Al Omran Secondary School to breeze past St Christopher's School.

## Injured Locatelli out of Italy's Euro qualifying deciders



Luciano Spalletti  
AFP | Milan

Manuel Locatelli is injured and out of Italy's final Euro 2024 qualifiers against North Macedonia and Ukraine, coach Luciano Spalletti said yesterday.

Spalletti told reporters that "Locatelli has left" without specifying what injury had led to the Juventus midfielder being forced to depart the Azzurri training camp.

Locatelli joins AC Milan captain Davide Calabria, Napoli goalkeeper Alex Meret and Atalanta defender Rafael Tolo on the treatment table, leaving Spalletti with 25 of the 29 players he initially called up for the Group C deciders.

Italy are third, three points behind Ukraine who occupy the second automatic qualifying spot in Group C but have played a game more than the European champions.

## HH Shaikh Khalid restructures BCF board

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His Highness Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa, First Deputy Chairman of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports, Chairman of the General Sports Authority, and President of the Bahrain Olympic Committee, issued Edict (17) of 2023, restructuring the board of directors of the Bahrain Cricket Federation (BCF) for the current session, 2021-2024.

The edict was stipulated after reviewing the Law of Associations, Social and Cultural Clubs, and Private Bodies Working in the Field of Youth, Sports and Private Institutions issued by Decree-Law No. (21) of 1989 and its amendments, and the Unified Statute of Sports Federations issued by Resolution No. (15) of 2014.



HH Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa

According to the edict, the board of directors shall be chaired by Sami Mohammad Ali Mukhtar Ahmed Barakat, and comprise Minaz Ahmed Alaba Ahmed Bonaya, Samir Mushtaq Ali Sayed Amir Ali, Mohammad Samir Mohammad Baber Haji Habib Al Lahab, Kishore Sunderdas Haridas Kewalram and Allison Ann Earl Warner Lily White as members.

## First-ever BRAVE CF Media Awards announced

TDT | Manama

BRAVE Combat Federation president Mohammed Shahid announced the first edition of the BRAVE CF Media Awards, an initiative to empower local media and celebrate their achievements in helping propagate the successes of the Kingdom of Bahrain in sports.

The announcement was made during the press conference for the BRAVE International Combat Week and further details have been shared recently, such as the categories of the awards, as well as the prize money involved.

As BRAVE CF gears up for the return to Bahrain of the biggest combat sports festival on the planet, the organisation will celebrate the local media's efforts with the BRAVE CF Media Awards, which will award prizes to the best coverage of BRAVE CF's three mega events taking



President Mohammed Shahid (centre) announced Media Awards during BICW press conference

over the Kingdom of Bahrain in December.

Between December 5 and 16, BRAVE Combat Federation will host three huge events (BRAVE CF 77, BRAVE CF 79, BRAVE CF 80) as well as the hosting, for the first time in Bahrain, the IMMAF

Asian Championships.

This will be the biggest BRAVE International Combat Week in history, and the best coverage of the festivities will earn the top spots in the first-ever edition of the BRAVE CF Media Awards.

The organization has put together three categories in which money prizes will be given and has also set a Panel to analyse two of the three categories

Best VIDEO/PHOTO Content: BRAVE CF will award this prize to the best video or picture from the BICW, according to the BRAVE Media Awards Panel  
Best Overall Social Media Coverage: The BRAVE Media Awards Panel will analyse and award the content creator/media outlet with the best overall coverage of BICW within the social media profiles.

Best Overall Journalistic Coverage: The BRAVE Media Awards Panel will analyse and award the news outlet that provides the best overall coverage of the BICW - TV/Radio/Websites/Newspapers included.

The prize money for each category will be \$2,000 for first place, \$1,000 for second and \$500 for third.

## Seeds march through in ITF tennis

TDT | Manama

The seeded players in action yesterday in both the girls' and boys' singles categories barged into their respective second rounds in the Bahrain ITF Juniors 2023 tournament, being played at the Bahrain Tennis Federation (BTF) hard courts in Isa Town.

The competition is the third of three straight ITF events hosted by the Kingdom over the past few weeks. It is the only J60 event that is part of the 2023 International Tennis Federation (ITF) World Tennis Tour Juniors, which features the world's top tennis talents aged 13 to 18.

In the girls' singles, sixth seed Flora Johnson from Great Britain defeated Olga Danilova of Cyprus 6-2, 6-1 to advance to round two. Seventh seed Emma Fantusis, also from Cyprus, was another winner, beating Adiya Omarbek of Kazakhstan 6-3,

Bahrain's Faris Al Toobli hits a backhand during his match

4-6, 7-6 (7). Eighth seed Cindy Langlais of France followed suit, beating Simona Cucu of Romania 7-5, 6-0.

Others to advance to the girls' second phase were Yelena Lebeau of France, Arina Luisa Fusil of Slovenia, Ariana Gogulina of Kazakhstan, Ece Boylu of Turkey and Sara Dessouky of Egypt.

In the boys' singles, second seed Aleksandar Daskalovic overcame Ozan Avanoğlu of Turkey 6-3, 6-1, while third seed

Marko Milosavljevic of Serbia beat Bahrain's Shadi Kallel 6-0,

6-0. Fourth seed Bugra Ozkoc of Turkey won against Bahraini Faris Al Toobli 6-1, 6-2, and eighth seed Aaron Gabet of France defeated Bader Idrees of Saudi Arabia 6-4, 6-2.

Also marching forward were Venkat Rishi Batlanki of the US, Ahmed Ibrahim of Egypt, Egor Shcherbakov, Josh Hinton of Great Britain and Dev Kanbargimath of Romania.

Action in the tournament continues today at the BTF.



## BRAVE CF promises to make it up to Bahraini fans after Hamza Kooheji's absence announced

TDT | Manama

Between December 5 and December 16, the largest combat sports festival on the planet will land in Bahrain for the first time this year.

The BRAVE International Combat Week will take place at the Khalifa Sports City Arena, but will have a noted absence for Bahraini fans: Hamza Kooheji, who's still injured and unable to recover on time to fight at one of the three blockbuster events BRAVE CF has prepared for the BICW 2023.

Kooheji, 30, holds an 8-2 record in BRAVE CF with his latest performance being a convincing decision triumph over Eduardo Mora. With six wins across his last seven fights, the expectation is that he could be on the verge of another title shot.

But not all is lost, as the organization is preparing the return of several Bahraini MMA

future stars to make up for Hamza's absence - some of which Kooheji himself helped build up.

"It's sad that we will not be able to have Hamza Kooheji in action to help us celebrate what has been a historic year for BRAVE Combat Federation. I know our fans expect him to always be there, but he will be restricted to his coaching duties this time. He is helping prepare the next wave of Bahraini superstars and we'll see some of those names in action. At BRAVE CF 80, we have Mohammed Alsameea who will be fighting, Abdullah Al-Yaqoob will also be taking to

the stage to compete. And we always have one of the pioneers of MMA in Bahrain, which is Hussain Ayyad - so there's plenty to cheer for Bahraini fans", said BRAVE CF president Mohammed Shahid, during the BICW press conference.



Hamza Kooheji

# Djokovic top of the world after sinking Rune at ATP Finals opener

AFP | Turin

Novak Djokovic will finish the year as world number one for a record-extending eighth time after beating Holger Rune 7-6 (7/4), 6-7 (1/7), 6-3 in his opening match at the ATP Finals on Sunday.

The 24-time Grand Slam champion needed just one win or a defeat for young rival Carlos Alcaraz in order to secure top spot in the ATP rankings for 2023 and prevailed in a three-hour Green Group clash with spirited debutant Rune.

Djokovic, on a run of 19 straight wins, has had an age-defying year, winning three Slams to become the all-time record winner of major titles.

The 36-year-old came into the Finals in Turin off the back of his seventh triumph at the Paris



Novak Djokovic reacts during the match

Masters, his 40th victory at a Masters 100 event.

Those are two more records to add to a long and growing list for Djokovic, who is hunting a

seventh Finals title which would take him one ahead of retired great Roger Federer.

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NOVAK DJOKOVIC

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turned decisively in the third game of the second set, when after Rune won the first two Djokovic broke back in a brilliant 11-point game eventually won at the third attempt.

Rune kept plugging away, however, and after the pair slugged each other with bigger and bigger hits Djokovic slipped in the tie-break, missing a simple volley to draw level on the second point and then collapsing to concede the set.

But after briefly losing it for allowing Rune to break back in game three of the third set, kicking his rackets in a rage, Djokovic composed himself and saw out a historic win.

"I found a way to win today against an opponent who played brilliantly... he had a lot of courage today," added Djokovic in Italian.

Djokovic looked on course for victory when he took a brutal opening set in decisive fashion, prevailing in the tie-break with a stunning cross-court return winner.

And the match looked to have

# Australia 'peaking at right time', says Starc

● **Overcoming early setbacks, Australia wins seven consecutive matches, setting the stage for the semi-final clash**

AFP | Kolkata

Mitchell Starc yesterday said Australia have lived up to their reputation of "peaking at the right time" after overcoming a shaky start to win seven straight World Cup matches.

The five-time champions take on South Africa in the second semi-final in Kolkata on Thursday after the two teams ended on 14 points each in the group stage.

Australia lost a one-day series in South Africa followed by a series defeat to India ahead of the World Cup.

They then suffered opening defeats at the tournament to the hosts by six wickets and the Proteas by a huge 134 runs.

"It's been quite busy, the guys who were in Africa as well, I think we counted it's like our 15th flight since we've been in India," Starc said on the gruelling schedule.

"For the guys who were in Africa as well, it's been a jam-packed 10 or 11 weeks. It's a World Cup, it's what we play



Australia's Mitchell Starc (2L) celebrates with teammates after taking the wicket of England's Jonny Bairstow (file photo)

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for. We seem to be peaking at the right time which Australia tend to do in tournament play."

The left arm-quick added: "Whilst we didn't start the way we wanted to, we've certainly had good contributions from individuals along the way and

we find ourselves in another World Cup semi-final."

Australia have been the most successful team in the World Cup with title wins in the 1987 (India), 1999 (England), 2003 (South Africa), 2007 (West Indies) and 2015 (Australia and New Zealand) editions.

They were runners-up in the inaugural edition in 1975 and then again in 1996, reached the quarter-finals in 2011 and lost to eventual winners England in the 2019 semi-finals.

Starc, who was part of Australia's 2015 ODI and 2021 T20 World Cup triumphs, said the experienced team will not be overawed by Thursday's occasion at Kolkata's iconic Eden Gardens.

**"It's been quite busy, the guys who were in Africa as well, I think we counted it's like our 15th flight since we've been in India. For the guys who were in Africa as well, it's been a jam-packed 10 or 11 weeks. It's a World Cup, it's what we play for. We seem to be peaking at the right time which Australia tend to do in tournament play**

MITCHELL STARC

"Whether it's goosebumps or not, it's just another game," he said. "I've played a lot of one-day cricket... (performing in big matches) is not something that's really spoken about.

"It's a very calm group, this one, and fairly experienced with a couple of younger, less experienced guys gelling in really nicely."

Australia have beaten South Africa twice in World Cup semi-finals in 1999 and 2007. Both times they went on to win the title.

Starc, 33, and a veteran of 119 one-day internationals, was the leading bowler in the World Cups of 2015 and 2019 with 22 and 27 wickets respectively.

## Sehwag, de Silva and Edulji go into Cricket Hall of Fame

AFP | London

India's Virender Sehwag, Sri Lankan batsman Aravinda de Silva and pioneering Indian women's captain Diana Edulji have been inducted into cricket's Hall of Fame, the game's governing body announced yesterday.

They will be honoured at the Wankhede Stadium in Mumbai during the World Cup semi-final between India and New Zealand on Wednesday.

The International Cricket Council has recognised 109 players in the ICC Cricket Hall of Fame since its launch in 2009.

De Silva, 58, enjoyed a 19-year international career for Sri Lanka, playing a starring



Virender Sehwag

role in their memorable World Cup triumph in 1996.

In 93 Tests, he scored 6,361 runs at an average of 42.97 and collected 9,284 runs from 308 ODIs while taking 106 wickets.

De Silva made his Test debut at Lord's in 1984, and a year later scored 75 as Sri Lanka recorded its first-ever Test win against India.

## Chelsea's Palmer wins England call-up for Euro 2024 qualifiers

AFP | London

Cole Palmer has been rewarded for his Chelsea form this season with a late call-up to Gareth Southgate's England squad for the team's final two Euro 2024 qualifiers.

Southgate has added Palmer, Aston Villa centre-back Ezri Konsa and Manchester City defender Rico Lewis to his group for matches against Malta and North Macedonia following the withdrawals due to injury of James Maddison, Lewis Dunk and Callum Wilson.

Chelsea forward Palmer, who scored a stoppage-time equaliser from the penalty spot



Cole Palmer

in Sunday's thrilling 4-4 Premier League draw with Manchester City, was part of the England team that won the Under-21 European Championship in July.

The 21-year-old made a surprise £42 million (£51 million) move from City to Chelsea in September in search of regular first-team football.

## Al Khateri and Al Jahromi excel at Al Ain Show Jumping Championship

TDI | Manama

Bahraini athletes Khalid Hilal Al Khateri and Ahmed Al Jahromi achieved positive results at the local Al Ain Show Jumping Championship, held in Al Ain city, UAE.

The event featured wide participation from athletes representing various countries around the world, including 39 male and female competitors from the UAE.

Both Bahraini athletes took part in two contests in the Championship.

Al Jahromi managed to complete both competitions flawlessly, finishing 6th and 10th, while his compatriot Al Khateri committed three faults in the



Action from the event

first competition and four faults in the second contest.

He occupied 11th and 15th places in the first and second

competitions respectively.

The Bahrainis participated in categories that included 1.40m obstacles, accomplishing positive results.

They underlined that the championship witnessed strong competitions and excitement in all stages, highlighting the fact that it showcased broad participation from strong athletes representing several countries.

They indicated that the Al Ain Show Jumping Championship is considered one of the strongest contests in show jumping as the competition level is always high.

They affirmed that they are looking forward to achieving better results in the upcoming international championships.



Bahraini athletes Khalid Hilal Al Khateri and Ahmed Al Jahromi at the event



Bahrain Football Association (BFA) president Shaikh Ali bin Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa held a meeting with senior men's national team head coach Juan Antonio Pizzi to discuss the squad's programme in the coming stage, which includes their two qualifiers in the coming week for the FIFA World Cup 2026. Also at the meeting were BFA vice-president His Highness Shaikh Khalifa bin Ali bin Isa Al Khalifa, BFA secretary general Rashid Al Zoubi, and other officials. Bahrain is set to take on Yemen on Thursday at Prince Sultan bin Abdulaziz Sports City in Abha, Saudi Arabia. They then go up against the UAE at the National Stadium in Riffa on 21 November. These matches are part of the second round of qualifiers for the FIFA World Cup, and they are also qualifying games for the AFC Asian Cup 2027. The Bahrainis have already begun their local training programme for the games under the supervision of coach Pizzi. Left, the officials with Pizzi, seated second from right, during their meeting

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# India set for New Zealand clash at 'pointy end' of World Cup

India's flawless record collides with New Zealand's resilience in high-stakes Mumbai clash

● **Dravid warns of intense battle as India faces New Zealand in World Cup semi-final**

AFP | Mumbai

India may be the outstanding team at the World Cup but coach Rahul Dravid has warned Wednesday's semi-final against New Zealand in Mumbai represents the "pointy end in a tournament".

Sunday's 160-run defeat of the Netherlands left hosts India with a perfect played nine, won nine record -- the first time any side had achieved such a feat at a World Cup featuring a round-robin format.

India are well-stocked in all departments, with star man Virat Kohli the tournament's leading batsman with 594 runs and captain Rohit Sharma not far behind on 503.

The experienced duo have scored three hundreds between them, while the likes of Shreyas Iyer and KL Rahul both appear to be coming into form at the right time following their centuries against the Netherlands.

Meanwhile, India boast a for-



India's players celebrate their win against Netherlands

midable fast-bowling line-up in Jasprit Bumrah, Mohammed Siraj and Mohammed Shami.

If successful teams are fortunate as well as good, then India certainly had a lucky break when an injury to all-rounder Hardik Pandya paved the way for Shami's return, with the experienced seamer having since taken 16 wickets in five matches at a stunningly low average of under 10.

In addition spinners Ravindra Jadeja and Kuldeep Yadav are also capable of taking wickets without being flogged for runs.

And yet the fact remains In-

dia have been waiting since a 2011 triumph over Sri Lanka in Mumbai to win a third World Cup title, while their last major piece of silverware was the 2013 Champions Trophy.

Four years ago, New Zealand defeated India by just 18 runs in a rain-affected World Cup semi-final in Manchester that spanned two days, with the Black Caps also beating India in the inaugural 2021 World Test Championship final.

Five of the India side who featured in the 2019 semi-final -- Rohit, Kohli, Rahul, Bumrah and Jadeja -- are set to be involved



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again on Wednesday.

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"There is going to be certain amount of pressure but I think the way we have responded to the pressure so far gives us a lot of belief."

Dravid's argument is supported by the manner of India's four-wicket win against New Zealand in the group stage at Dharamsala last month.

Despite Daryl Mitchell's 130, India held New Zealand to 273, with Shami taking 5-54 before Kohli made 95 and Jadeja, demonstrating his big-match temperament, a valuable 39 not out.

**'Leading by example'**

Wednesday's match takes place at Rohit's Wankhede Sta-



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spite losing four of their nine group games.

But they now have a clean slate, with captain and key batsman Kane Williamson, following an injury-plagued tournament, returning to form with 95 on his comeback against Pakistan.

A proven pace trio of Trent Boult, Tim Southee and Lockie Ferguson are capable of succeeding against even the strongest batting line-up, with miserly left-arm spinner Mitchell Santner (16 wickets at under 25) an often under-rated threat.

Runners-up at the last two World Cups, New Zealand also boast a break-out rising star in Rachin Ravindra, with the 23-year-old left-hander having already scored 565 runs.

The son of Indian-born parents, Ravindra is also the first New Zealander to compile three hundreds at a single World Cup, with his century on tournament debut against England followed by further three-figure scores against Australia and Pakistan.

"You dream of playing against India and a full crowd at the Wankhede, a ground with so much history," said Ravindra.

"We'll stay level, we'll try our best. We know we can't win every game of cricket...but we'll see how it plays out."

dium home ground, where India bowled out Sri Lanka for just 55 to win by 302 runs in the group stage, with the aggressive 36-year-old opener leading from the front at what could be his last World Cup.

"Rohit has certainly been a leader, without a doubt," said India batting great Dravid. "He's cracked open games for us."

"We've talked about playing in a particular way. You cannot do that unless your leader really buys in and actually shows by example."

New Zealand, in contrast to India, are in the semi-finals de-

## Pakistan bowling coach Morkel quits after World Cup flop

AFP | Karachi

Bowling coach Morne Morkel yesterday became the first man to quit Pakistan's backroom staff following the team's exit from the World Cup in India.

The Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) said the 39-year-old has tendered his resignation.

"Morkel has resigned as the bowling coach of the Pakistan men's team," said a PCB release. "He was given a six-month contract in June this year."

PCB said his replacement will be announced before the team's three-Test tour of Australia starting next month.

Pakistan's team director Mickey Arthur told AFP that Morkel had enjoyed his brief stay in the job.

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Morne Morkel during a training session (file photo)

until January 2024 but his work with other leagues does not allow any more time unfortunately," said Arthur.

"He loved his time with us and is very sad that he can't continue."

Pakistan crashed out of the

World Cup following a 93-run defeat against England in Kolkata on Saturday, failing to reach the semi-finals with five defeats and four wins.

Skipper Babar Azam and Arthur are also under fire for the poor show of a team which was



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ranked as the world's top ODI side before the tournament.

This is the fifth time in the last six World Cups that Pakistan failed to reach the semi-finals.

Arthur's contract as head coach was not renewed after Pakistan's failed campaign in 2019. He is back in a second spell, this time as team director.

## Zverev overpowers Alcaraz in ATP Finals opener



Alexander Zverev in action

AFP | Turin

Alexander Zverev got off to a winning start in his ATP Finals campaign yesterday by battling back from a set down to beat Carlos Alcaraz 6-7 (3/7), 6-3, 6-4.

Russian Zverev, a two-time winner at the year-ending tournament, put on a powerful display to see off world number two Alcaraz who is not on top form after returning from injury at the end of last month.

Wimbledon champion Alcaraz struggled with lower back and left foot problems which had kept him out of action since the Shanghai Mas-

ters in early October.

He was then dumped out early at the Paris Masters by Russian qualifier Roman Safiullin and flagged towards the end of a bruising contest with giant German Zverev, the number seven seed in Turin.

Zverev is tough opposition on hard courts like the one at the Pala Alpitour and made full use of his height and power to see off Alcaraz and take the lead in the Red Group.

The 26-year-old rattled off 16 aces and was only broken once over the course of an impressive win in which he hit more winners and made significantly fewer unforced errors than out-of-sorts Alcaraz.

## Maguire says patience rewarded after reclaiming Man Utd place

TDT | Manama

Harry Maguire says he feels vindicated over his decision to stay and fight for his place at Manchester United after forcing his way back into Erik ten Hag's team.

The 30-year-old England defender's future appeared to lie away from Old Trafford after he



Harry Maguire

lost his starting place last season and was stripped of the captaincy but he ended up staying put.

Maguire remained confident he would win his place back and has started the club's past eight matches in all competitions.

Asked it feels like personal vindication for staying at United, he said: "Of course."

"I played a few games last

year, 16 or 17 starts, and I felt like I performed really well in the games I played in. I just didn't play as many as I would have liked.

"On the other hand, Rapha (Varane) and Licha (Lisandro Martinez) were playing brilliantly and kept numerous clean sheets. I had to bide my time and be patient.