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HM King Hamad appoints advisor



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 \mathbf{H} is Majesty King Ham-ad bin Isa Al Khalifa issued Royal Order (3) of 2024, appointing an advisor to HM the King.

According to the order, Hala bint Mohammed Jaber Al Ansari was appointed as the Advisor to HM the King for Cultural and Scientific Affairs at the rank of minister.

The Minister of the Royal Court shall implement this order, which shall come into effect from the date of its issuance, and it shall be published in the Official Gazette.

Bahrain foreign policy praised

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 ${f A}$ rab Parliament Speaker, Adel Abdulrahman Al Asoomi, expressed pride in Bahrain's diplomacy and its distinguished international position, led by His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa.

This came on the occasion of Bahrain Diplomatic Day, which is celebrated on January 14.

(Bahrain Diplomatic Day reports on Pages 3-4)

E-passports success

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More than 100,000 copies of e-passports were issued in the last 10 months since its launch in March 2023, according to His Excellency Shaikh Hisham bin Abdulrahman Al Khalifa, the Undersecretary for Nationality, Passports and Residence Affairs (NPRA) at the Interior Ministry.

Citizens can apply via Bahrain. bh and the NPRA service centres after booking an appointment on the Mawaeid App.

220 fils (includes VAT)



Jobs for all

Shura Council approves law to double disability quota

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task against continental

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aims to raise the required number of disabled workers in companies with 50 or more employees from 2% to 4%, paving the way for more inclusive work- to the cause echoes on an inplaces and a brighter future for the disabled community.

The proposal, championed by a dedicated group of Shura Council members, not only focuses on numerical targets but also emphasizes seamless integration. It calls for the creation of an official decree, spearheaded by the Minister of Labour in collaboration with other relevant authorities, outlining jobs and positions specifically suited for individuals with disabilities. This crucial step ensures compatibility between disability types and work requirements, allowing for tailored opportunities that maximize potential.

"This proposed law is about empowerment and recognition,"

declared Talal Mohammed Al Manai, one of the driving forc-'n a landmark move, the Shu- es behind the initiative. "We ra Council has approved a want to see more Bahraini citproposed law mandating in- izens with disabilities not just creased employment opportuni- employed, but thriving in their ties for persons with disabilities. chosen fields. By increasing This progressive legislation the mandated percentage and ensuring job suitability, we are paving the way for a more inclusive and diverse labour market."

The Council's commitment ternational level, aligning with various treaties and conventions on disability rights. By acknowledging the unique needs of individuals with disabilities and facilitating their participation in the workforce, Bahrain is taking



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- TALAL MOHAMMED AL MANAI. SHURA COUNCIL MEMBER

a significant step towards a more ensuring a cohesive approach equitable and dynamic society.

Streamline initiatives

and workplace accommodation, centre stage, regardless of ability.

that empowers individuals and fosters inclusivity.

The Shura Council's decision While acknowledging the Min- to refer the proposal to the govistry of Labour's current efforts ernment for formal bill drafting in qualifying and supporting dis- marks a significant victory for abled job seekers, the proposed disability rights in Bahrain. With law seeks to further streamline this proposed law on the horizon, and bolster these initiatives. The the future looks brighter for Bah-Ministry of Social Development raini citizens with disabilities, will continue to play a crucial promising a work environment role in disability identification where talent and potential take

Promoting food security

King Hamad Prize for Agricultural Development fifth edition launched

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The fifth edition of the L King Hamad Prize for Agriculture, which aims to create a positive competitive environment for agricultural project owners, farmers and researchers in the agricultural field, was announced yesterday.

Held under the patronage of Her Royal Highness Princess Sabeeka bint Ibrahim Al Khalifa, president of the Consultative agricultural techniques.

couraging scientific research in searchers will be honored, and that contributes to the devel- BD5,000. the sector.



The total value of the King Council of the National Initia- Hamad Prize for Agricultural tive for Agricultural Develop- Development is BD40,000. Two ment (NIAD), the prize also aims winners from the two sub-catto preserve agricultural eco- egories of the Best Agricultural systems, increase agricultural Project will be awarded a cash output and its contribution to prize of BD10,000. Two farmers the GDP, help achieve relative will be honored in the Best Bah- awarded in three categories food security, and promote in- raini Farmer prize, and each of the Best Agricultural Project, novation and the use of modern them will receive a cash prize the Best Bahraini Farmer and of BD5,000. In the Agricultur-An additional objective is en- al Research & Studies, two re- and Studies.



NIAD invites all investors in agricultural projects, farmers and scientific researchers to apply for the King Hamad Prize for Agriculture by signing up on its website www. niadbh.com.

the Best Agricultural Research

Agricultural Development is that produces outstanding ag- agricultural pest control.

ricultural crops or ornamental plants, and contributes to supporting the national economy and food security.

Projects will be recognized for their use of modern agricultural technology, following effective and smart marketing methods, their commitment to protecting the local environment, and to enhancing the capabilities of Bahraini workforce and increasing their participation in the agricultural sector.

The second sub-category is for the Best Agricultural Support Project. It recognises their role in supporting and sustaining productive agricultural projects, and increasing the diversity of products and the number of workers in this sector.

Such projects include engineering and agricultural consultancies, and designers and The Best Agricultural Project builders of irrigation systems the agricultural field in a way each will receive a cash prize of Prize comprises two sub-cate- and greenhouses. It also ingories. The first sub-category is cludes producers and sellers of opment and sustainability of The King Hamad Prize for for the best production project seeds, fertilizers and nutrients,

125 die. 265 hurt as war in Gaza hits 100 days

Tsraeli tanks and aircraft **⊥**hit targets in southern and central Gaza yesterday and there were fierce gunbattles in some areas as the war reached 100 days since the Oct. 7 attack by the Hamas fighters.

Over the past 24 hours, the Gaza health ministry said 125 people had been killed and 265 wounded, bringing the total number confirmed to have been killed since the start of the war to almost 24,000, with more than 60,000 wounded.

Communications and Internet services were down for the third day running. complicating the work of emergency and ambulance crews trying to help people in areas hit by fighting.

Fighting was concentrated in the southern city of Khan Younis, where Hamas said its fighters hit an Israeli tank, as well as in Al-Bureij and Al Maghazi in central Gaza, where the military said several militants were

India in Bahrain Festival A Resounding Celebration of Cultural Diversity



Mr. Ihjas Aslam C.S., Second Secretary at the Embassy of India, addressing the inaugural meeting of the India in Bahrain Festival. TDT | Manana

mbassy of India, Bahrain organized "India in Bahrain Festival," an event that brought together the vibrant Indian diaspora in Bahrain to celebrate the rich cultural tapestry of India on 12 January 2024 at the Embassy premises in Seef.

The festival was a showcase of India's diverse cultural heritage, attracting more than 500 members of the Indian community in Bahrain. The event held as part of the Promotion of Cultural Ties with Diaspora initiative of the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India served as a platform for the community to share and appreciate the cultural wealth of different regions and communities in India. Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Awardees Voice of Trivandrum residing in Bahrain were guests of Honour.

The festival featured an array of stalls that highlighted India's culinary heritage and handicrafts put up by more than 30 Indian community associations. Attendees had the chance to indulge in the flavors of India through a diverse range of Annai Tamil Mandram formances by members of the India.



MP Maryam Al-Dhaen (second from right) visiting a stall at the India in Bahrain Festival.



Punjabi Virsa







traditional dishes and explore Indian community showcased the intricate craftsmanship of classical and folk performance entation of a collection of poems cial bulletin for India in Bahrain Indian artisans. 12 cultural per- es from different traditions of titled Headstrings by Kaashvi festival 2024 was also released



Subin Jagdish, an Indian student during the event.







Indian Handicrafts by Kala Design



Indian Ladies Association

The event also saw the pres- studying in Bahrain. ICRF spe-

Symphony of Emotions:

Kaashvi Subin Jagdish's 'Heartstrings' enchants at Bahrain in India Festival



Mr. Ihjas Aslam C.S., Second Secretary at the Embassy of India, releasing the book at the Indian in Bahrain Festival.

Pradeep Puravankara TDT| Manama

masterfully woven her emotions into the verses that elegantly adorn the pages of her debut book, "Heartstrings."

The literary gem was un-

dia Bahrain, had the honour of Indian School. releasing the book to an eager Beyond her academic puraudience. Dr. Abdul Khader suits, Kaashvi is an avid reader Mangad, former Vice-Chancel- and art enthusiast, with a paslor of Kannur University, India, sion for Bharatanatyam and and a renowned author lent his Veena since the tender age of insightful preface to the anthol- five. Her journey through the ogy, elevating "Heartstrings" to realms of literature, dance, a new literary zenith.

Books, India, the book launch "Heartstrings." was further adorned by the presence of Mr. Nalappadam waiting to tug at the heart-Padmanabhan, Author, and strings of readers, at the Bookfounder of PadmaSree. His mart in Bahrain, Kaashvi Subin endorsement marked the cel- Jagdish, with her debut masebration of Kaashvi's literary terpiece, has indeed created achievement.

a book; it's an anthology that diences far and wide.

delves into the intricacies of Love, Loss, and Pain through three evocative sections. A total With a dazzling display of of 51 captivating poems, 17 in poetic prowess, Kaashvi each section, paint a vivid tap-Subin Jagdish, an exceptionally estry of emotions that resonate gifted Grade 10 student, has with readers on a profound level.

Kaashvi's roots trace back to the loom-rich and lore-steeped land of Kannur in the Indian state of Kerala, and her journey began in Kuwait, where she veiled on the grand stage of was born and raised to parthe India in Bahrain Festival, ents Jisha Kaniyankandi and where the prestigious Embassy Subin Jagdish. A Bhavanite of India Bahrain played host to since her LKG days, she curthe release on January 12, 2024. rently navigates the corridors Mr. Ihjas Aslam C.S., Second of knowledge as a Grade 10 Secretary at the Embassy of In- student at Bhavan's Bahrain

and music has paved the way Published by PadmaSree for the poetic marvel that is

The book is now available, a symphony of emotions that "Heartstrings" is not just promises to resonate with au-





Dignitaries posing for a photo session at the India in Bahrain Festival.

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HM King, HRH Prince Salman congratulated on Diplomatic Day

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His Majesty King Hamad bin values emanate from HM the Isa Al Khalifa and His Roy-King's sound visions. al Highness Prince Salman bin Diplomatic Day.

guished achievements of Bahraini diplomacy, whose noble

This has strengthened Bahrain's Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown status and presence at regional, Prince and Prime Minister, were Arab, and international levels, setcongratulated yesterday by In-tingit as an example to be emulatterior Minister, His Excellency ed, he said, adding that Bahrain's General Shaikh Rashid bin Ab- balanced foreign policy, which is dullah Al Khalifa, on Bahrain derived from its authentic Arab national identity, builds cooper-General Shaikh Rashid ex- ation bridges and consolidates pressed pride in the distin- relations with friendly countries. HM the King





HRH Prince Salman

His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa has esignated January 14 as an annual occasion to celebrate the Bahraini diplomacy and its outstanding contributions.

The Minister of the Interior sincere national role. congratulated the Minister of He praised Bahraini diplomat-Foreign Affairs, His Excellen- ic personnel's efforts in highcy Dr. Abdullatif bin Rashid Al lighting the Kingdom's achieve-Zayani, and Bahraini diplomatic ments, development strides, and missions and employees for their political successes.

Hi-tech and user-friendly

Ministry of Transportation and Telecommunications modernises taxi services with advanced meter system

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n a significant move towards er future for the nation. enhancing transportation Transportation and Telecom- rity Systems Company to develmunications has embarked on a opindividual taxi meters and esproject to introduce an innova- tablish a state-of-the-art control tive taxi meter system.

for Land Transport, Engineer with the government's perfor- offered to passengers. mance agenda and digital transformation goals outlined in the **Benefits** 2023-2026 programme.

gress and prosperity across various priority sectors for a bright-

The ministry recently signed a services, the Ministry of contract with the National Securoom dedicated to monitoring The Assistant Undersecretary and regulating taxi operations.

This strategic collaboration Hussain Ali Yaqoub, expressed represents a significant step the ministry's commitment to towards improving the overall providing advanced and us- experience of shared transportaer-friendly services, aligning tion and revolutionising services

This initiative aims to foster Eng. Yaqoub highlighted the effective partnerships with the benefits of the new system, equipped with cutting-edge route to their destination.

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transparency and safety within sengers with comprehensive the taxi industry.

private sector, promoting pro- stressing its role in enhancing technology, will provide pas-

information, including driver The advanced meters, details, trip specifics, and a clear

Additionally, the meters will

accurately calculate the actual needs and expectations of both cost of the journey, based on the citizens and tourists. approved tariff set by the Kingdom of Bahrain.

regulatory and oversight func- country. tions. By leveraging a comprehensive monitoring system, it tions and seamless integration, will ensure compliance with the new system will empower industry standards and regu- passengers, allowing them to lations, further enhancing the make informed decisions about safety and efficiency of taxi ser- their journeys and experience a vices.

Broader vision

part of the Ministry's broader landscape, providing passengers vision to deliver advanced ser- with greater flexibility and ease vices that cater to the evolving of transaction.

The introduction of the enhanced smart meters represents The integrated control a significant stride towards elroom will play a pivotal role in evating the overall quality of strengthening the Ministry's transportation services in the

> With technology-driven soluhigher level of convenience.

Moreover, the implementation of electronic payment options aligns with the ongoing devel-This modernisation effort is opments in the digital payment

HH Shaikh Nasser attends Brunei wedding ceremony



His Highness Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, HM the King's Representative for Humanitarian Work and Youth Affairs, vesterday attended the wedding ceremony of His Royal Highness Prince Abdul Mateen, the son of His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah of Brunei. HH Shaikh Nasser conveyed the greetings and congratulations of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and His Royal Highness Prince Salman, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, to His Majesty Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah.

GCC journalists visit India



Journalists from the GCC countries in front of the Taj Mahal yesterday during a seven-day familiarization trip to India organized by the Government of India. Zainab Zaman, reporter of The Daily Tribune, (standing third from right) departed from Bahrain on trip at the invitation of the Embassy of India in Bahrain.

Four Seasons Hotel Bahrain Bay Unveils 'Byblos'

A culinary journey to Lebanon's shores

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named after the ancient Phoe- create culinary masterpieces." nician city, invites you on a capmerizing Arabian Sea.

trees that grace the restaurant's interior. Born and raised in the vibrant city of Zahle, he found his calling amidst the warmth of Sunday family gatherings, where each bite held a universe of taste, texture, and shared joy. "With Nestled beside the pristine each bite," he muses, "I learned white sands of Four Seato appreciate the nuances of sons Hotel Bahrain Bay, a new flavours, textures, and the art culinary gem awaits. "Byblos," of harmonizing ingredients to

premium selection of Moroc- signature Kunafa. Chef Tony's passion for food can Tea, Arabic Coffee, and reis as deep-rooted as the olive freshing concoctions provide the dishes that I enjoy eating," Chef to stepping into a captivating of Lebanon, while intricately and charm at Byblos.



This passion translates into a Lebanese food is a gastronomic delight

against the backdrop of the mes- Ouzi and Modern Manakish. A merizing presentation of Byblos'

"I take pleasure in creating



tivating journey to the heart of menu that tantalizes the senses. perfect accompaniment, while Tony confesses. "Each time I dream. Inspired by the azure tion of the city lights dances on hand of Oriental Specialty Chef ing vibrant dips like Pumpkin Mahalabia and Brownies with portunity to infuse a creative restaurant's décor seamlessly es an authentic yet modern take pave the way for reinvented finale. And for a touch of the-hancing their overall appeal and touches. Flickering torches cast experience, while a live DJ adds on Lebanese flavours, all woven classics like the Lamb Shank atrical flair, don't miss the mes- elevating the dining experience." a warm glow, beckoning you atouch of vibrancy during week-

Captivating dream



crafted vases by local artisans pay homage to Bahrain's rich culture. As you gaze upon the mesmerizing arabesque patterns adorning the ceiling and table stands, a sense of timeless elegance washes over you.

But Byblos is much more than just aesthetics. Positioned by the sea, it offers breathtaking views of the Arabian Sea. As the sun dips below the horizon, painting the sky in fiery hues, the reflec-Lebanon. Led by the masterful Delicate mezze platters, featur- delightful desserts like Meghli craft a dish, I embrace the op- hues of the Mediterranean, the the water's surface. The gentle caress of waves provides a sooth-Tony El Khoury, Byblos promis- Mutabbal and Spiced Hummus, Carob Molasses offer a sweet twist into traditional recipes, en- blends tradition with modern ing soundtrack to your dining into a world of culinary delights. end evenings. Embark on a jour-Lush greenery and olive trees ney to the shores of Lebanon, Stepping into Byblos is akin evoke the ancient landscapes and discover a world of flavour

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HM King visions hailed on Diplomatic Day celebration

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of Bahrain reflects His Majesty the values of peace, tolerance, appreciation of and great inter-ty, as well as strengthening interest in the diplomatic work and national cooperation with other diplomats.

highlighted HM the King's belief and international conventions. in the constructive active role

played by Bahraini diplomacy in consolidating friendly relations inister of Foreign Affairs, and cooperation with brotherly Minister of roteign Alians, and cooperation of the homelatif bin Rashid Al Zayani, point- ing the interests of the homeed out that the celebration of the land and citizens at home and Diplomatic Day of the Kingdom abroad, in addition to spreading King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa's coexistence and human fraternicountries, in accordance with Dr. Al Zayani the occasion the rules of international law

The minister made the state-



H.E. Dr. Al Zayani delivers a speech at

day as the Ministry of Foreign the Crown Prince and Prime accordance with a balanced and of the Kingdom of Bahrain.

in addition to the administra- Bahrain and realising the aspira- foremost. tive and diplomatic staff of the tions of the leadership. Ministry, were also present in the event.

greetings of HM King Hamad plomacy and its honourable mats and administrators at home and His Royal Highness Prince presence in all fields for nearly and abroad.

Dr. Al Zayani conveyed the achievements of Bahraini di- the ministry's employees, diplo-

ments during his speech yester- Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, 55 years of dedication loyalty, in Affairs held a ceremony on the Minister, to the attendees, wish- effective diplomatic approach occasion of the Diplomatic Day ing them success in performing based on moderation, determitheir national duties and advanc- nation and perseverance, with Senior officials at the Ministry, ing Bahraini diplomacy towards the ultimate goal of caring for heads of diplomatic and consu- its goals of implementing the the higher interests of the homelar missions of Bahrain abroad, foreign policy of the Kingdom of land and its citizens first and

> The minister praised the sin-He also expressed his deep cere and dedicated efforts made pride in the distinguished by heads of diplomatic missions,

Bahrain 'empowering' tomorrow's workforce

Shura Council adjourns discussion on law requiring businesses to train graduates

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he Shura Council session yesterday concluded with the adjournment of the discussion regarding a proposed law concerning vocational training.

The law, put forward by Ejlaal Isa Bubshait, Dr. Hani Ali Al Sa'ati, Dr. Jameela Mohammed Redha Al Salman, Dr. Mograduates.

and send it to the government to ble employment. draft a law bill based on it.

address the issue of high unworkers in their establishments. their social responsibility.

The main objective of the law
The proponents of the law



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The proposed law seeks to Robust legal framework

The absence of compulsory employment rates among grad-vocational training in the private uates by obligating employers to sector has resulted in a significant sised the need to raise awaretrain individuals recommend- number of unemployed gradu- ness among foreign university ed by the Ministry of Labour ates, necessitating legislative in- graduates entering the job marfor a minimum period of three tervention to establish a robust ket about the significance of tant law will resume in future months. The recommended ra- legal framework that holds em- working in the private sector, tio is one trainee for every 50 ployers accountable for fulfilling as it offers the most promising as the members continue to de-

hammed Ali Hassan, and Sadeq is to encourage employers to ac-stressed the importance of equal Eid Al Rahma, aims to make it tively contribute to the national opportunities for all citizens, almandatory for employers with effort of prioritizing Bahraini lowing new Bahraini university a workforce of 50 or more to citizens for employment oppor- graduates to kickstart their proprovide training for university tunities. By making it mandato- fessional careers early and gain ry to train Bahraini university practical training in private sec-The Daily Tribute had earlier graduates, the law aims to equip tor companies with a workforce reported that the Shura Council them with the necessary skills of at least fifty employees. This was expected to pass the law and experience to secure suita- initiative aims to activate the social role of capital alongside its economic function, in line with the constitutional requirements of social justice.

The proposal also emphaemployment opportunities.

The discussion on this impor- and feasibility.



The proposed law seeks to address the issue of high unemployment rates among graduates by obligating employers to train individuals recommended by the Ministry of Labour for a minimum period of three months. The recommended ratio is one trainee for every 50 workers in their establishments.

sessions of the Shura Council, liberate on its potential impact

MP Al-Dhaen heaps praise on Bahrain's diplomatic triumphs

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n the occasion of Bahrain's On the occasion of Land Diplomatic Day, MP Dr. Maryam Al-Dhaen, Vice President of the Foreign Affairs, Defence, and National Security Committee of the House of Representatives, lauded Bahrain's enduring legacy of diplomatic excellence.

Al-Dhaen emphasized that Bahrain's parliamentary diplomacy, guided by the visionary leadership of His Majesty King and tolerance.

underscored Bahrain's numerous regional and international successes in diplomatic rela- over fifty years of diplomatic tions. She praised the pivotal achievements, Al-Dhaen rerole played by Bahraini diplo- iterated the nation's commitmacy in fortifying ties with ment to promoting solidarity, brotherly and friendly nations, fraternity, and constructive coacknowledging the dedicated operation on the global stage. efforts of the national cadres The MP extended her appreciat the Ministry of Foreign Af- ation to key figures, including fairs in developing cooperative His Excellency Dr. Abdullatif

tude for the impactful training active roles in advancing Bahprograms, including the "Ac-rain's diplomatic endeavours, credited Program for Parlia- fostering a legacy of peace and mentary Diplomacy," offered security worldwide.



H.E. Dr. Maryam Al-Dhaen

Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and by the Ministry of Foreign Afunder the watchful eye of His fairs and the Mohammed bin Royal Highness Prince Salman Mubarak Al Khalifa Academy bin Hamad Al Khalifa, sup- for Diplomatic Studies. These ports international partner- programs empower parliaships, fosters cooperation, and mentarians to act as ambassaupholds values of coexistence dors for Bahrain, contributing to international peace and se-Highlighting the signif- curity while addressing global icance of the day, Al-Dhaen challenges through diplomatic solutions.

As Bahrain celebrates bin Rashid Al Zayani, Minister Al-Dhaen expressed grati- of Foreign Affairs, for their

Move to curb runaway domestic worker cases

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Despite the Ministry of Labour's opposition, the Services Committee of the Council of Representatives has recommended approving a law proposal that eliminates the entitlement of domestic workers, including housemaids, to leave their employment in violation of work permit conditions.

contribute to reducing cases the market and the economy of runaway domestic work- through increased investers, deterring maids through ments and the establishment stricter penalties, safeguarding of such ventures. It also aims to the rights of employers, and raise the level of commitment incentivising the recruitment among domestic workers, inof domestic workers while crease satisfaction levels for ensuring there are deterrent employers with the presence measures in place.

seeks to increase the inter- crimes committed by domestic est of merchants in investing workers.



in such activities related to the recruitment of domestic The proposed law aims to workers, thereby revitalising of these provisions, and reduce Additionally, the proposal the rates of loose labour and

Parliamentary Diplomacy Diploma programme launch



His Excellency Ahmed bin Salman Al Musallam, Speaker of the Council of Representatives, H.E. Dr. Abdullatif bin Rashid Al Zayani, Foreign Affairs Minister, and H.E. Ghanim bin Fadhl Al Buainain, Minister of Shura and Representatives Councils Affairs, participated in the inauguration ceremony of the Parliamentary Diplomacy Diploma programme, prepared jointly by the Mohamed bin Mubarak Al Khalifa Academy for Diplomatic Studies and the Representatives Council. The programme, coinciding with the Bahraini Diplomatic Day on January 14, stemmed from the cooperation between the legislative and executive branches, in light of the comprehensive development process of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, supported by His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister.

Urgent proposal to halt removal of fish traps

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Several members of parlia-ment have submitted an MPs Jalela Al Sayed, Mohsen identified.

tive solutions and locations are of the fish traps and extend the tions. It also acknowledges that found for fishermen.

urgent proposal to halt the re- Al Asboul, Hisham Al Ashiri, moval of fish traps, known as Najeeb Al Kuwari, and Khalid these traps are not located in of the traps and postponing it "Al Hadour," and extend the Bu Ang, calls on the govern- sensitive areas and will not dis- will allow for a channel to listen

removal period until alterna- fishermen have been operating The proposal, presented by tive solutions and locations are in these areas for years, and any

removal period until alterna- ment to suspend the removal rupt any projects in these loca- to the fishermen's opinions.

changes should be implemented The proposal emphasises that gradually. Halting the removal

Bahrain: at Autumn Fair

Local brands blossom with record sales



∖he 34th Autumn Fair

merce and cultural ex-

change, with over 165,000 vis-

Bahrain and its 18 local brands,

The Export Bahrain Pavilion

buzzed with the aroma of spic-

jewellery, and the vibrant col-

stunned the crowds. And the re-

sults? A staggering US\$170,000

in sales - a testament to the qual-

ity and appeal of local heroes.

buzzed, forging potential part-

Abdulla bin Adel Fakhro TDT | Manama

it was a gold rush.

Marwa Ahmed Yousif, owner of **Marawy Beauty**



Khalid Khalifa Al-Dosari, owner of Athbi Mart LLC



Sheikha Mohammed Abdullah Al Mannai, owner of Tradish Food Trading LLC

ternational visitors from across ry, with dreams of global expan-This wasn't just about cash the GCC and beyond, the fair was sion dancing in her eyes. registers ringing. B2B meetings a melting pot of collaboration.

"Our consecutive participa-

Abdulla bin Adel Fakhro, Min- Marwa Ahmed Yousif, owner ister of Industry & Commerce of Marawy Beauty, gushed: and Chairman of Export Bahrain. "This is about propelling Autumn Fair opened doors be-Bahraini businesses onto the yond the exhibition, boosting global stage. And from the over- our production and giving us whelming response, it's clear: the ability to compete locally our businesses are ready."

For participating brands, the Khalifa Al-Dosari, owner of Athbi Mart LLC, saw his demand pand our reach." Hawraa Hassan Ahmed Mohammed Ahmed Al-Qayyim, founder of Al-Sayed business to a full-fledged facto-

close collaboration with Innerships and laying the ground- tion in the Autumn Fair is about forma Markets, played a vital From local enthusiasts to in-tional products," declared Mr. port and a powerful platform. celebrate.



Hawraa Hassan Ahmed Mohammed Ahmed Al-Qayyim, founder and CEO of Al-Sayed Nuts Factory

"Through Export Bahrain, the and regionally."

As Sheikha Mohammed Abfair was a springboard. Khalid dullah Al Mannai, owner of Tradish Food Trading LLC, put it: "Export Bahrain believed in skyrocket: "The Autumn Fair the quality of our Bahraini-made gave us a platform to connect cookies and cakes, and now, with new customers and ex- thanks to them, a whole new world of potential customers is waiting."

The 34th Autumn Fair has Nuts Factory, went from a home come and gone, but its echoes will resonate for a long time. For Export Bahrain and its local brands, it was a resounding suc-Export Bahrain, working in cess, showcasing the vibrancy, potential, and entrepreneurial spirit of Bahrain to the world. work for future expansion. amplifying the reach of our na-role, providing invaluable sup- And that, truly, is something to

Bahrain All Share Index marks 1,983.18 points

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m ahrain}$ All Share Index closed at 1,983.18 points, marking a decrease of 3.20 points below the previous closing.

This decrease was due to the the industrial sector.

Bahrain Islamic Index closed at 739.88 points, marking a decrease of 1.57 points below the the material sector, representprevious closing.

Results indicated that 115 securities traded.



fall in the financial sector and equity transactions took place with a volume of 3,708,497 worth BD 1,265,967.

> Investors traded mainly in ing 56.48% of the total value of

UK remains ready to act against attacks on shipping: Cameron



Peace protesters march toward the gates of the Royal Air Force Akrotiri base, a British overseas territory near the Cypriot coastal city of Limassol, as they rally against its alleged use to supply Israel's war in Gaza, a claim denied by Britain

AFP | London, United Kingdom

 ${f B}$ ritain remains ready to act to "defend freedom of in the wake of joint US-UK air they occurred. strikes on Yemen.

words and warnings with ac- could raise questions. tion and that is incredibly important," Cameron told broad- Starmer, widely tipped to caster Sky News. He suggested become prime minister latfurther strikes could occur if er this year, told the BBC he the Houthi rebels, who control would back further action "on much of Yemen, continue to its merits", although the decitarget ships in the Red Sea.

also a policy and it was a policy ments echo those of US Pres-

feed some of the poorest and necessary".

hungriest people in the world." He accused Iran, which backs the Houthis, of being a

"malign actor in the region". Some MPs complained that navigation", foreign minister they were unable to debate David Cameron said yesterday Thursday's air strikes before

Cameron said there would "We've demonstrated that be a statement in parliament we're prepared to follow on Monday when both houses

Opposition leader Keir sion ultimately rests with the "We have to act. Not acting is government. Cameron's comthat wasn't working," he said. ident Joe Biden, who said he "It's not just the goods that would "not hesitate to direct are coming to this country... further measures to protect it is also grain ships on their our people and the free flow way to Ethiopia and Sudan to of international commerce as

Adecco chief says AI will create new jobs



AFP | Zurich, Switzerland

Artificial intelligence raises serious concerns for jobs but it will also create new positions, the head of Adecco, the in the next five years. world's biggest temporary staffing agency, told AFP.

the chatbot sation. ChatGPT -of many pro-

fessions. also create new Machuel, the chief executive of Zurich-based Adecco.

How will AI disrupt the world of work?

Machuel: "It's probably the largest disruption and revolution that we've seen in decades. It's going to be massive. And let's be clear, no one really knows or can really anticipate with a pre-

hancement helps people do From meteorologists to law- more but also destroys some of mation, gather information and that, it gives you more time to

of creating conbeing destroyed. We've seen that what GenAI does. tent -- such as with the internet, with digitali-

could change tells us that there is more or less the short term. the contours a balance between the two.

better understanding of inter- to massive information man-But it will action between people and mar- agement will be more disrupted kets but it also brings complexithan the skills that are linked to positions, ac- ty. And that complexity requires relationship building, to stratecording to Denis more people to deal with it.

"GenAI will bring productivity on one side but it will also are limits. bring more proof-points, more data, more ways of looking at or of a paralegal: computing an relationships, products and ser- immense number of legal decivices. And for all these, we need sions can be done by GenAI. people."

Are some jobs more at risk than others?

too early to precisely describe man-related. cise view what's going to happen jobs that are fundamentally at risk. Because we have to look at tasks that can be automated are concentrate on the nicer things." "All this productivity en- the tasks behind them.

yers and screen- the jobs people are doing. There synthesise it, then your job is writers, genera- is definitely an element of jobs at risk, be it a job in finance, in tive AI capable being created and jobs that are legal, in business, because... it is

"Probably white-collar workers will be more impacted than "What we've seen in the past blue-collar workers -- at least in

Within the white collar "Technology brings a lot of space, the things that are linked gic thinking or problem-solving.

"However, we know that there

"Take the example of a lawyer

"However, the deep and subtle understanding of a complex legal situation and problem-solving skills that are needed to put Machuel: "It's probably a bit things together is still very hu-

"Usually, the sort of mundane not the most exciting for people "If you only compute inforto do. So if you can automate



It's probably a bit too early to precisely describe jobs that are fundamentally at risk. Because we have to look at the tasks behind them. If you only compute

information, gather information and synthesise it, then your job is at risk, be it a job in finance. in legal, in business, because... it is what GenAI does.

DENIS MACHUEL, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF ZURICH-BASED ADECCO.

could go for. "Opening horizons on things people didn't necessarily imagine but could be achievable for them.

with Microsoft to create a career

platform that will advise compa-

nies and workers on their path,

supporting their reflection on the type of skills and jobs they

"There are quite a few workers whose skills are transferable.

"The good news about GenAI is that there is a positive explosion of possibilities of upskilling and re-skilling through these tools.

"We've created a curriculum vitae maker with an AI-powered tool that helps people generate their own CV.

"On the daily tasks of our recruiters, I was mentioning this chatbot that interacts with thousands of candidates very quickly.

"It gives the possibility for our recruiters to spend more time in the human relationship, and not in a database search.

"That means a recruiter can spend more time with people

How is AI used at Adecco?

"We've signed a partnership than doing the mundane tasks."

ah's reign. The siege lasts until July

tion yesterday after trying to

reach Britain from northern

France in freezing tempera-

tures, the French maritime

More than 30 people were

The fatalities were the first

Authorities said four mi-

grants died overnight, while a

fifth body was found later on

The group was attempting

to reach a vessel off the resort

reported migrant deaths on the

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ture said in a statement.

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Channel in 2024.

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News in brief

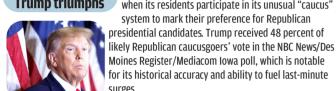
◆ North Korea fired a suspected intermediate-range ballistic missile on Sunday, Seoul's military said, days after Pyongyang staged live-fire exercises near the country's tense maritime border with South Korea. "Our military detected one suspected intermediaterange ballistic missile launched from the Pyongyang area towards the East Sea at around 14:55 (0555 GMT)." Seoul's Joint Chiefs of Staff said in a statement, referring to the body of water also known as the Sea of Japan. The missile flew 1,000 kilometres (621 miles), the JCS added, saying Seoul military that authorities in Seoul, Washington and

North Korea fires intermediate-range ballistic missile:

Tokyo were analysing the specifications. "We strongly condemn the latest missile launch by North Korea as it is a clear provocation that seriously threatens peace and stability on the Korean peninsula," it said. Japan's coast guard also confirmed a suspected missile launch by North Korea, citing information from the country's defence ministry, and warning vessels to take care.

caucuses poll, Haley beats **DeSantis but**

• **Nikki Haley** has overtaken Ron DeSantis for coveted second place in the Iowa caucuses, the last poll before the event showed Saturday, but former US president Donald Trump still leads by nearly 30 percentage points. The Midwestern state of three million people officially kicks off the 2024 US presidential election on Monday when its residents participate in its unusual "caucus" system to mark their preference for Republican



◆ Denmark's King

Frederik X acceded to the throne on Sunday, **King Frederik** ushering in a new era after his mother Queen Margrethe abdicated, with more than 100,000 Danes ushering in new era turning out for the unprecedented event. After a final horse-drawn carriage procession through the

streets of Copenhagen, the hugely popular 83-year-old queen signed a declaration of abdication at Christiansborg Palace, ending her 52-year reign and automatically making her son monarch. She then left the Council of State, also attended by the government, the new king, his wife and their 18-year-old eldest son, the new Crown Prince Christian. Margrethe left the room with tears in her eyes, saying: "God bless the king."



hospital where Amini was be-

Mizan Online website said

Denmark's

CURIOSER & CURIOSER

Iran frees reporters who covered death that sparked protests

AFP | Tehran, Iran

Tranian authorities yesterday **⊥**freed two journalists who spent more than a year behind bars for covering the death of Mahsa Amini, which sparked months-long nationwide protests, local media said.

Niloufar Hamedi, 31, and Elaheh Mohammadi, 36, were "released from Evin prison on Niloufar Hamedi (R) and Elaheh bail," according to the reform- Mohammadi (L) ist Shargh newspaper. Other than a week after Amini's outlets in Iran also reported death when she went to the their release.

Tasnim news agency said ing treated and posted a photo that each "will pay a bail of of the grieving family on social 100 billion rials (\$192,307)." media.

The journalists are appeal- Mohammadi was detained ing their sentences of several after going to Amini's homeyears in prison, and Tasnim town of Sagez, in the western said they "will remain out of Iranian province of Kurdisjail until the appeals court tan, to cover her funeral which makes a decision.' turned into a demonstration.

They are also banned from In October, the judiciary's travel abroad, it said.

Images of the two journalists they were found guilty of colsmiling and holding hands out- laboration with Iran's arch side the prison circulated on enemy the United States, consocial media following their spiring against state security release. Mohammadi, a report- and propaganda against the er for Ham Mihan newspaper, Islamic republic. and Hamedi, a photographer Mohammadi was subsefor Shargh newspaper, had quently given six years in prisbeen held in Tehran's Evin on and Hamedi was handed a prison following Amini's death seven-year term for the same

in September 2022.

offence, said Mizan. Amini, a 22-year-old Iranian The two also received five-Kurd, had been arrested for an year sentences each for the alleged breach of strict dress conspiracy charges and one rules for women. She died in each for propaganda, the webcustody of the morality policy. site said, adding the sentences Hamedi was arrested less would be served concurrently.



Thina's top diplomat warned yesterday that any steps towards Taiwan's independence

would be "harshly punished", after the self-ruled island defied Beijing's warnings and chose pro-sovereignty candidate Lai Ching-te as president. Voters on the island spurned

Beijing's repeated calls not to vote for Lai, delivering a comfortable victory for a man China's ruling gerous separatist. Beijing, which claims Taiwan office building in Taipei

Former PM Jacinda Ardern

marries partner in New Zealand

New Zealand's former prime minister Jacinda Ardern (L) standing with her



Communist Party sees as a dan- Local newspapers with the ruling Democratic Progressive Party's (DPP) victory in the counterpart Sameh Shoukry in nation, and seriously jeopardises presidential election on the front pages remain on the counter at the reception of an Cairo.

nounced force to bring it under its of the election are, they cannot y saying it would not change is only one China and Taiwan is ne "inevitable trend of China's a part of it," Wang said Sunday.

dependence, they will be trying he added

"This is a dead end," he added.

China FM warns Taiwan independence moves will be 'harshly punished' to UK in freezing cold as its territory and has never re- "No matter what the results AFP | Calais, France ontrol, responded to Lai's victory change the basic fact that there Five migrants died and a sixth was in critical condi-

"Taiwan has never been a coun-"If anyone on the island of try. It wasn't in the past, and it Taiwan thinks of going for in- certainly won't be in the future,"

to split apart China's territory, Efforts to that end, Wang and will certainly be harshly warned, "seriously threatens the unished by both history and the well-being of Taiwan compatriv," Wang Yi said in a joint press ots, seriously harms the fundaconference with his Egyptian mental interests of the Chinese peace and stability in the Taiwan

83 countries hold Ukraine peace talks



Participants pose during the 4th meeting of the National Security Advisors (NSA) on the peace formula for Ukraine, in Davos

AFP | Davos, Switzerland

ner, tying the knot after Covid ing cases. restrictions forced the couple An international hero of

AFP | Wellington, New Zealand

husband Clarke Gayford

resignation in January last natural disasters, the Covyear, Ardern told reporters id-19 pandemic and the 2019 she was looking forward to Christchurch mosque mas-"finally" getting hitched to her sacre.

TV presenter fiance. Zealand's Hawke's Bay wine Nations general assembly.

A new volcanic eruption sent flames, smoke and lava spew-

ing out near the Icelandic fish-

ing port of Grindavik yesterday,

only hours after villagers were

evacuated to safety, authorities

It was the North Atlantic na-

The most recent occurred just

weeks ago on December 18 in the

same region, southwest of the

The eruption began at 8:00 am

(0800 GMT) on Sunday, the Mete-

orological Office (IMO) said.

tion's fifth volcanic eruption in

under three years.

capital Reykjavik.

region. The couple planned to marry in early 2022, but were Former New Zealand Prime forced to cancel after Ardern's government ramped up Covid has married her longtime part-restrictions in the face of surg-

to cancel a ceremony in 2022. progressive politics, Ardern On the back of her shock steered New Zealand through

She graced the cover of Time The 43-year-old married Magazine in 2020, and drew fishing show host Clarke Gay- widespread praise after carryford, 47, in a small ceremo- ing baby daughter Neve with ny held on Saturday in New her on the floor of the United

Jets of glowing orange lava Billowing smoke and flowing lava are seen during an volcanic eruption on the

flowed out and a huge smoke outskirts of the evacuated town of Grindavik, western Iceland

were holding talks yesterday seeking common launch a process with Russia -launch a process with Russia -we try to speak together" and find common language. a, as the Swiss co-hosts admitted a press conference. remains some way off.

National security advisors from point, but thus far, neither Kyiv the BRICS group. of discussions based on Ukrainian such a step.

The talks were co-chaired by ness and political elite.

New volcanic eruption threatens Icelandic fishing village

Minister Ignazio Cassis.

83 countries held a fourth round nor Moscow was ready to take Cassis said their involvement President Volodymyr Zelensky's The meeting was being held in still in dialogue with Moscow and 10-point proposals for a lasting the luxury ski resort of Davos in therefore retained a certain deand just peace in Ukraine, nearly eastern Switzerland, on the eve gree of trust.

vik," the Met Office wrote.

town," it said.

sky's office, and Swiss Foreign or the European Union coming up with their own positions, or rore than 80 countries "The purpose is to prepare working through the "too polar-

Brazil, India and South Africa that being ready to include Russia He said the talks had to find participated in the talks -- couna way to include Russia at some tries that sit alongside Russia in

was highly important as they were

two years on from Russia's full- of the five-day World Economic He said that getting collective Forum summit of the globe's busi- momentum across a wide range of countries beyond simply those in Ukrainian presidential aide An- Cassis said that rather than the West made it more likely that a driy Yermak, who heads Zelen- groups such as the G7, the G20 conflict exit route could be found.

Most of the 4,000-strong pop-

quakes -- sometimes hundreds

cloud rose against the sky at sun- son on X, formerly Twitter.

rise. "A crack has opened up on "Infrastructure may be under

both sides of the dykes that have threat," he wrote, adding that air-

begun to be built north of Grinda- line flights had not been affected.

"From measurements from the ulation of Grindavik had moved

Icelandic coastguard helicop- out as a precaution on November

ter, the (lava's) perimeter is now 11 after scientists said a tunnel

about 450 metres (yards) from of magma was shifting beneath

the northernmost houses in the them. A series of small earth-

overnight and the few dozen re-roads, homes and buildings.

public broadcaster RUV reported. to return for brief periods.

said President Guoni Johannes- chose to do so.

Seismic activity had intensified per day -- created large cracks in

maining residents of Grindavik Shortly after the December 18

were evacuated around 3:00 am, eruption, residents were allowed

"The town had already been They were authorised to regain

successfully evacuated in the their homes permanently on De-

night and no lives are in danger," cember 23 but only a few dozen

Secretary Abdulla Nazim Ibra- now seek to import medicines him told reporters.

sia this coming week, state east in September.

anew, with Pyongyang's leader North Korea's foreign overseas trip to see President minister will visit Rus- Vladimir Putin in Russia's far

media reported Sunday, with Top Russian officials, in-Washington leading a chorus cluding Moscow's defence and of global condemnation over foreign ministers, also visited Pyongyang's alleged transfers North Korea last year, with of weapons to Moscow for the flurry of trips both ways use in Ukraine. Traditional fanning concern among Kyiv's allies, Russia and North Ko- allies over the possibility of a rea have recently boosted ties potential arms deal.

Five die trying to cross Channel

Vesterday, @wно

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Al-Aqsa Hospital in the

middle area, and Nass-

er Medical Complex in

Khan Younis, vital life-

lines for patients and

thousands of displaced

people in #Gaza. These

facilities require sus-

tained support and pro-

tection to remain oper-

ational. The increased

hostilities in the south

of the Strip are making it

difficult for aid to reach

Dehumanizing language that incites

violence is never accept-

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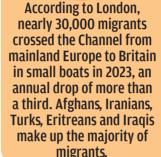
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TOP 4 TWEETS



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town of Wimereux when their cial said, estimating the water small boat got into difficulty temperature at nine degrees around two am (0100 GMT), Celsius.

the maritime prefecture said. Along the Wimereux em-The crew of a French tow bankment an AFP journalist vessel, the Abeille Normandie, saw items of clothing and went to the rescue and spot- shoes abandoned by the mited "unconscious and lifeless grants. The survivors were takpeople" in the water, an offi- en to a shelter in Calais.

Maldives tells India to withdraw



troops by March as row deepens

Maldives' President Mohamed Muizzu (R) and Chinese President Xi Jinping walking during a welcome ceremony at the Great Hall of the People in

AFP | MalØ, Maldives

The Maldivian president ago's vast maritime territory. L told India yesterday to Muizzu came to power in by March 15, a day after re- evict Indian forces. turning from China where he Muizzu said the Maldives

signed a raft of deals set during talks with Indian cine, adding more countries officials in the Maldives on where citizens needing gov-Sunday, a top aide to President ernment-paid health treat-Mohamed Muizzu said, hon- ment abroad can go. ouring the leader's long-stand- Most eligible citizens cur-

ing election pledge. high-level committee between cials said.

about 89 personnel, including medical staff, to operate three aircraft to patrol the archipel-

withdraw its nearly 100 troops September after pledging to

will also slash reliance on In-The March deadline was dia for healthcare and medi-

rently get treatment in India, "The president put forth this as well as small numbers in request at the meeting of the Sri Lanka and Thailand, offithe two nations... the proposal Most pharmaceuticals in the

is currently under considera- Maldives are currently importtion," Muizzu's Public Policy ed from India, and Male will from the United States and India has a deployment of European nations, he said.

North Korean foreign minister to visit Russia

AFP | Seoul, South Korea

Kim Jong Un making a rare

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Combating **Terrorism**



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One of the most

to face terrorism

important initiative

FATF, wherein they

had issued certain

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DR. ABDELGADIR WARSAMA GHALIB

errorism causes real threat to the world, particularly in certain areas due to many reasons related to that particular place. In fact, there are steps taken worldwide, by all countries and at the individual country level, to eradicate and combat terrorism

One of the most effective and important initiative to face terrorism was taken by FATF, wherein they had issued certain recommendations for implementation towards terrorism financing. Such recommendations aim to face and combat terrorism through stopping all financial sources that feed terrorism. No financial sources to terrorism will dry and kill terrorism activities.

The most important recommendation herein, ask all countries to take positive steps for ratification and implementation of UN instruments adopted to stop terrorism financing. The UN, has always been very keen to ask members to stop solidly against terrorism and to have peace for all in our world. To achieve this recommendation, countries shall issue legislations criminalizing all steps that lead to all financing of terrorism.

Such legislations, shall include clear provisions and instructions for freezing and confiscating terrorist assets. This shall, include all assets belonging to terrorists and used in the terror-

ists' acts. Also, the legislations, shall include provisions and procedures for reporting suspicious transactions related to terrorism. All entities and individuals are required to be very vigilant, alerted to take actions against terrorism to protect themselves and others, otherwise, all will be seriously affected and could lose their lives and the lives of their lovable. Any report to any suspicious act, could help in eradicat-

ing terrorism ghost. The FATF recommendations towards stopping terrorism financing, call for the need for international co-operation. This is required, due to the fact that terrorism is an international crime that could reach any place in the world. Clear positive acts by all and everyone is highly required, as all are concerned and could be affected.

In controlling terrorism financing, it would be better to think out of the box. As, almost, most of terrorism financing is taking place through banks and financial institutions and due to restrictive measures adopted in

for implementation towards terrorism financing. Such recommendations aim to face and combat terrorism through stopping all financial sources that feed terrorism. No financial sources to terrorism will dry and kill terrorism activities.



such institutions, there is need to regulate other alternative remittance mechanism. This could include, what is known as "Huwala" wherein certain individuals opt to send money though hand delivery due to many reasons including non-availability of banks or money changers. Regulating such transfer methods is needed as they could be a good alternative for financing terrorism. Countries are required to issue regulations to regulate "Huwala" and other similar alternative remittance methods. Above, among others, are recommendations to control money used\needed for terrorism. Vigilance and adoption of corrective measures by all is a must, otherwise, we will face many dangers from terrorists.

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Selena Gomez feels 'super happy' with Benny Blanco

Celebretainment Los Angeles

Selena Gomez is "super hapwith Benny Blanco. The 31-year-old star is in a great frame of mind amid her romance with the 35-year-old record

.A source told PEOPLE: "She seems to be really feeling herself at the moment.

"Maybe that's Benny or maybe ours."

Selena Gomez

that's just where she's at personally and professionally."

Selena's friends and family are ultimately "happy that she's hap-

The cast and crew of 'Only Murders in the Building' - Selena's hit TV show - are also protective of the brunette beauty.

The insider added: "Everyone was a fan of hers before 'Only Murders', and now everyone is protective of her. With her cast and crew, the feeling is 'any boyfriend of Selena's is a boyfriend of

Last year, a source revealed that really trusts him." Selena feels "safe and secure" with

felt like it was a good time to motives". share how happy she is with her

"Benny is a great communicator, and listens to her.

of that and Selena sees that and long time.

Selena - who has previously dated the likes of Justin Bieber, Zedd The insider told 'Entertain- and The Weeknd-feels she can be ment Tonight': "She feels so "her most authentic self with Bensafe and secure with him, so she ny without doubting his potential

The source added: "It's taken a lot for her to let someone in, but Benny has proven himself to her is honest and open with Selena, and she appreciates his ideals and morals. She feels like she can give "He's respectful, isn't a player, him a part of her heart that she and not in it for the attention or hasn't been able to, or willing to, fame. He doesn't care about any offer in a relationship in a very

Justin Timberlake to host free hometown concert

Celebretainment | Los **Angeles**

Justin Timberlake will host a free concert in his hometown of Memphis, Tennessee.

The 42-year-old singer and actor is building anticipation for his musical comeback with a special 'One Night Only' show at the Orpheum, which has a capacity of 2,300, on January 19.

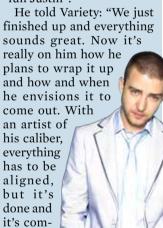
Justin shared a picture of a billboard with the show details on Instagram and wrote: "Going home".

He also posted an old video of himself as a preteen saying: "This is where I come from... this is the Mississippi River and that is Memphis, Tennessee."

And, Justin shared a picture of an itinerary with "travel to Memphis Jan. 19 -Orpheum" on his to-do list.

All other items on the list were concealed.

Meanwhile, Justin's longtime collaborator Timbaland recently teased Justin's return to music, saying his new album would be a return to "fun Justin".



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Kaley Cuoco calls out momshamers as she admits baby daughter watched Succession

Celebretainment | Los Angeles

Kaley Cuoco let her nine-month-old daughter watch 'Succession'.

The 'Based On A True Story' star, 38, has nine-month-old Matilda with her actor partner Tom Pelphrey, 41, and she has admitted she is not against her little girl having screentime, be it TV or an iPad, and has called on people to stop being so judgemental after a conversation with another mom on a flight.

Revealing she and her little one watched the finale of the hit satirical comedy-drama, which has some colourful language use, she told Jimmy Kimmel on Monday's (09.01.24) 'Jimmy Kimmel Live!': "I knew our flight was coming up. I was like, "Oh, my god. How are you going to do this?' ...I said, "Are you going to watch some TV, put some TV on for the kid?' She was like, 'Oh, no. We don't allow TV yet for our kid.' And I was the other, we'll see. A thinking, Matilda just watched lot of judgment. Stop the first season of Succession last week.

"I was like, okay, so are we on, guys. Let not supposed to do that? I them watch don't understand. I'm like not Succession." kidding. We watched the finale. She's like, oh my god."

Matilda was "really shocked" by the ending of the programme and burst into tears.

Kaley continued: "I told her the show was over, she cried. "I think I'm doing

everything the opposite than people are doing."

Jimmy reassured her that he was brought up on television.

He noted: "Now I think television is books, and iPads are television."

Kaley agreed.

He then quipped: "Like, if you can keep them off the iPad, yeah, put her in front of the television, no problem at all."

The 'Big Bang Theory' star then admitted: "Oh, she loves her iPad, too."

He asked: "Oh, she's got an

Kaley replied: 'Oh, she's watching everything. I have no shame. As long as she's not

Jimmy then asked how the tot can work the iPad and Kaley revealed: "She is getting really good. It's scary. She can move. The hands move."

Kaley called out the mom-shamers and insisted a little 'Succession' for her baby is no

She added: "One or judging the moms out there. Come

Kaley

I think I'm doing everything the opposite than people are doing

> **KALEY CUOCO Kaley Cuoco**

Tom Holland speaks out on rumours he and Zendaya have split

Celebretainment | Los Angeles

 Γ om Holland and Zendaya are still together.

The 27-year-old actor struck up a relationship with his 'Spider-Man: No Way Home' co-star after working together on the set of the hit film in 2021 but rumours that they had broken up began to surface when she unfollowed everyone on Instagram, although he has now insisted that this is not the case.

Asked if he and Zendaya had broken up, he told TMZ: "No, absolutely not."

Zendaya hasn't explained why she chose to unfollow everyone on her social media platform, but she hasn't been too active on any of her pages in recent months either.

The former Disney Channel actress last posted on X - formerly known as Twitter - in September 2023 and the last time she showed anything to her 185 million followers was a poster promoting her upcoming film 'Challengers'.

Prior to that, the last post Zendaya made on the social media site came three months beforehand, where she showed fans a photoshoot of herself in a plunging polka dot bodysuit, complete with flowers made from recycled bottles.

Meanwhile, Zen-



Tom Holland and Zendaya

daya has recently been forced to deny she and Tom are set to tie the knot speculated that the couple might have taken their relationship to the next level when she appeared to be wearing an engagement ring.

In a since-deleted post on her Instagram Story last month, she clarified: "I can't post anything, you guys.

"I posted it for my hat. Like not for the ring on my right hand, you guys, seriously.

"You think that's how I would drop the news? You think, like, what!

She had captioned the original picture with a prominent ring on show with: "Let me just put the full body back so y'all can relax

Gerard Butler to star in live-action remake of How to Train Your Dragon

Celebretainment | Los

Your Dragon'.

The 54-year-old actor voiced the role of Stoick 2025 release date.

the Vast in the Dreampart for the upcoming

DeBlois.

Mason Thames and Nico Parker a dragon slaver like the oth-₹ erard Butler is set to will play Hiccup (voiced by Jay Ba- er Vikings. He injures a rare Star in the live-action ruchel in the original) and Astrid Night Fury dragon but is unremake of 'How to Train (originally played by America Fer- able to bring himself to kill it. rera).

The animated 'How To Train Your things are not exactly as Works Animation trilo- Dragon' trilogy was based on the gy and will reprise the books by Cressida Cowell.

The series was set in Berk, a mythons.

movie from original co-director Dean ical Viking village, and tells the story of Hiccup, a teen wishing to become

He instead helps and be-

The movie currently has a June 13, friends the dragon Toothless, and discovers that they seem in the conflict between Vikings and drag-

Gerard Butler



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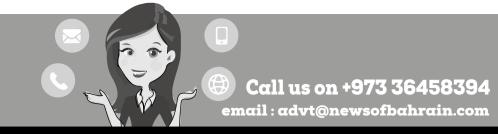
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Under-par Djokovic takes first step towards Grand Slam history



Serbia's Novak Djokovic hits a return against Croatia's Dino Prizmic

'Incredible' teen qualifier takes set off Djokovic at Australian **Open thriller**

AFP | Melbourne

ovak Djokovic survived a fierce test against teenager Dino Prizmic at the Aus-25th Grand Slam, but defend-Sabalenka destroyed her opponent 6-0, 6-1.

World number one Djokovic, who is gunning for an 11th Australian Open title to pull clear of Margaret Court on the mic left the court to a standing all-time list of majors, won 6-2, 6-7 (5/7), 6-3, 6-4.

The Serbian, with 24 Slams ahead of the retired Roger have been his match as well."

Federer.

The 36-year-old -- now boasting a 29-match winning run in Melbourne -- was expected to breeze through against Croatia's Prizmic, who is half his age.

But after coasting to the first set he was given a searching examination by the youngster. who levelled the match in a

The Croatian qualifier tralian Open yesterday as he threatened to pull away in the launched his bid for a historic third set but the veteran rallied from 3-2 down, reeling off the ing women's champion Aryna next eight games to seize control and he was able to snuff out another late fightback.

"He deserved every applause, every credit that he got tonight," Djokovic after Prizovation from the Melbourne

"He's an amazing player, under his belt, is already the so mature for his age and he most decorated player in the handled himself on the court men's game -- two clear of the incredibly well. This is his moinjured Rafael Nadal and four ment, honestly. It could easily

Loeb closes the gap

BRX star turns the heat on with superb stage victory as rally enters second week

Sebastien Loeb, Fabian Lurquin in **BRX Prodrive Hunter** slash 10 minutes 31 seconds off overall leader Carlos Sainz

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The Dakar Rally looks to be **⊥** on course for an intriguing fight to the finish after Sebastien Loeb began the second week of the event vesterday by securing another superb stage victory for Bahrain Raid Xtreme (BRX).

With a dominant drive on the 483km stage from Riyadh to Al Duwadimi, Loeb and Fabian Lurquin in the BRX Prodrive Hunter slashed 10 mins 31 secs off the overall lead held by Carlos Sainz in an Audi.

underlined the intentions of the held back initially as Amerinine-time World Rally Cham- can Seth Quintero set the pace, pion, who set a record six best Loeb was ahead just after the last year to record consecutive runner-up finishes.

If he is to follow up with a first cas Moraes. outright Dakar victory, both for



finish in Yanbu.

seven minutes from Brazil's Lu-

Loeb said yesterday after the good day." BRX and himself, he must still completion of the stage: "That five stages leading to Friday's not easy though as it was diffi- the Spaniard's Audi team-mate, H'ail.

cult with the navigation and a Loeb's win yesterday came bit complicated with a bit of Loeb's second successive despite him opening the stage everything; some canyons, some stage win, and his third overall, after the Riyadh rest day. While dunes, tracks and so on but we stayed concentrated on the road book.

"We did make a couple of mistimes in a row in Saudi Arabia halfway point, and pulled away takes here and there with directo take the stage by more than tion but overall we were able to correct all those mistakes very quickly to enable us to push. A

We did make a couple of mistakes here and there with direction but overall we were able to correct all those mistakes very quickly to enable us to push. A good day

SEBASTIEN LOEB

Mattias Ekström, as his closest challenger when the Swede plunged from contention with mechanical problems after just

After a well-earned day off following the gruelling 48-hour Chrono stage, the drivers faced another big test yesterday. Apart from the stage itself, which included 47km of dunes, and the rest mostly made up of dry river beds and off piste, the crews covered 873km of road sections,

Loeb was clearly focused at the wheel of the BRX Prodrive Hunter, as he recorded his 26th Dakar stage victory overall, leaving him just three behind the great Jacky Ickx.

The Dakar rests at the Al Duwadimi bivouac tonight where Sainz will now feel the heat the rally last visited at the end wipe out an overall advantage of was a really good day today from the Frenchman in the BRX of stage two before setting 19 mins held by Sainz across the that came out well for us. It was Prodrive Hunter. Loeb replaced off today on a 458km stage to

Bahrain1 double yet again

Khalil Al Ansaari, Rashid Al Balooshi triumph in round two of 2023/2024 Bahrain Drag Racing Championship at BIC

Khalil Al Ansaari wins in Pro Mod class, Rashid Al Balooshi takes **Competition 4.5 category**

• Four Bahraini competitors win: Ahmed Hasan, Hussain Abduljalil, Zakaria Al Kuwari, Yousif Ahmed

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ahrain1 Racing secured a sensational double in the second round of the 2023/2024 Bahrain Drag Racing Championship (BDRC), held over the weekend at Bahrain International Circuit (BIC) in Sakhir.

The Bahrain1 pair of Khalil Al Ansaari and Rashid Al Balooshi Personal Representative His 9.5. captured first place in the Pro Highness Shaikh Abdulla bin Mod and Competition 4.5 cate- Hamad Al Khalifa, continued gories, respectively, to headline their impressive start to the an action-packed meeting at the BDRC season at BIC. world-class quarter-mile strip of Middle East".

Khaled Al Balooshi in their held last month. decisive Pro Mod elimination.



Rashid Al Balooshi celebrates atop the Competition 4.5 podium alongside Saeed Al Balooshi, left, and Jan Christensen

Both Al Ansaari and Rashid petition 4.5 classes. Canadians Abduljalil followed suit in the third. All three riders were from triumphed following all-Bah- Justin Bond and Jordan Lazic 8.5 Index, where he beat coun- Bahrain. rain1 final runs. Al Ansaari had earlier secured those victo- tryman Yousif Al Khamiri in the defeated Bahrain1 teammate ries in the championship-opener final, with Khalid Abdulkarim,

Meanwhile, four Bahraini place. Bahrain's Saad Al Murran came competitors climbed to the top third in class. Rashid took his of the podium in their catevictory after outgunning team- gories. They included Ahmed mate Saeed Al Balooshi in the Hasan in the 10.0 Index class, Haider finishing third for anoth- to the win in the 7.5 Index cate-Competition 4.5 final. Jan Chris- Hussain Abduljalil in the 8.5 In- er all-Bahrain podium. Ahmed gory against Jaber Ahmed, with Al Dosseri of Saudi claimed the 22 March.

tensen from Canada came third. dex, Zakaria Al Kuwari in the With those results, Bahrain1, Outlaw 4-Cylinder, and Yousif owned by His Majesty the King's Ahmed in the Street Fight Bikes

All-Bahraini podium

Hasan claimed his 10.0 Index victory after defeating Hisham It was the second consecutive Al Awadhi in the final. Mubarak "The Home of Motorsport in the round in which Bahrain1 drivers Al Doseri came third to comwon in the Pro Mod and Complete an all-Bahraini podium. also from Bahrain, taking third

> Jassam Salah in their Outlaw Idris of the UAE taking third. 4-Cylinder final, with Ahmed Abdulrahman Bo Alwa powered



Bahrain1 Racing, owned by His Majesty the King's Personal Representative His **Highness Shaikh** Abdulla bin Hamad Al Khalifa, claimed their second straight double with the wins of Khalil Al Ansaari and Rashid Al Balooshi. Bahrain1's Canadian drivers Justin Bond and Jordan Lazic had secured those victories in the championship-opener

won in Street Fight Bikes 9.5 class against Mohamed Albanki, with Ragheb Mohamed taking

held last month

Kuwait had five participants the top three. take first place in this round. Fahad Khwari won against compatriot Mohammad Zaman in the For Al Kuwari, he won against 9.0 Index class, with Mohamed



The Camaro of Canadian Jan Christensen competing in the Competition 4.5 class

for an all-Kuwaiti podium.

law 6-Cylinder category against fellow-Kuwaiti Jassem Zaman. pleted the podium-placers. Hussain Ashkanani defeated Bikes category, with Hamad Al mission. Ahmed of Bahrain completing

Yousif Al Ali of the UAE won the year. Round three is scheduled Pro 29.5 V8 category after defor 30 January to 2 February, feating Bahraini Mohamed Al to be followed by round four Merbati in their final run, while the very next week from 6 to 9 Mohammed Al Kaabi of the UAE February. The championship finished in third place. Khalid finale will then take place 19 to

Abdulla Al Hatem placing third Outlaw Bikes win, powering past Mohammed Al Awwad of Ku-Yousef Marafi won the Out- wait in their final, while Nawaf Abdulla Al Dosseri of Saudi com-

The BDRC is a National Hot Bahrain's Yousif Ahmed to take Rod Association (NHRA)-sancthe 8.5 Index Bikes class with tioned event, organised by BIC Bahraini Saved Yousif Faisal in in cooperation with the Bahrain third: and Kuwait's Fahad Al Motor Federation, the Bahrain Harbi beat Saudi Arabia's Khalid Drag Racing Commission and Al Dosseri to win the Pro Street the Bahrain Motorcycle Com-

The 2023/2024 calendar features five rounds in all and it Elsewhere in the meeting, continues until March of next

Najjar, Tariq clinch back-to-back wins

Khalid Najjar triumphs in Junior MAX in season's second and third rounds, Tariq **Soofi wins in Micro MAX**

Nasser Nass, Leopold Juch triumph in Mini MAX; Mohammed Alhassan, Rashid Khalifa share **Senior MAX spoils**

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Khalid Najjar and Tariq Soofi each claimed back-to-back victories over of the 2023/2024 Bahrain Rotax MAX Challenge (BRMC), held at Bahrain Inter-

Junior MAX class in both meetings, while Tariq enjoyed his double success in the Micro MAX category.

Other winners in the second round were Nasser Nass in the Mini MAX class and Mohammed Alhassan in the Senior MAX, while Leopold Juch took the Mini MAX win in round three with Rashid Khalifa securing the Senior MAX victory.

The BRMC is the Kingdom's leading national karting championship, organised and run by Bahrain International Circuit and BIKC in cooperation with the Bahrain Motor Federation and the Bahrain Karting Commission.

Participants of various ages and nationalities compete in their very own



A group of the winners from the weekend

FIA track.

division. He set the pace from start to Austin, while Rayyan Najjar came third finish in both meetings, putting on a just under 14 seconds behind. the weekend in rounds two and three fantastic display of his prowess. After topping the second round's qualifying his fine form all the way to the final, practice timesheet, Najjar went on to which he won with a closer gap of nearly national Karting Circuit (BIKC) in Sakhir. win the pre-final by a convincing margin, two seconds from Rayyan. Austin was Najjar stepped atop the podium of the and then secured a pole-to-flag victory in also not far behind to take third place. the 15-lap final with a time of 13 minutes 52.578 seconds. Najjar cruised unopposed to the chequered flag, finishing heen Shaheen, while Zayd Alzain came third 19.607s back.

> from where he left off, once again taking rode his momentum into the final, claimthe Junior MAX final but with an even ing the chequered flag in 8:51.689 after bigger gap of 11.001s, completing the nine laps. Demir followed 2.481s behind, sprint in 13:45.517. Shaheen was again in while Shaikh Ahmed bin Sager Al Khalifa second place, while Rashid Hilal round- joined them on the podium 2.857s back. ed off the podium 11.078s from Najjar.

flawless weekend, leading the Micro pre-final ahead of Shaikh Ahmed. Leop-MAX category in every session of both old completed his impressive run in the behind after starting 13th, while Musaad rounds. Tariq kicked off the season's meeting, powering to the win in the nine-Rotax-powered karts in the champion- second meeting taking pole in qualifying lap final in a time of 8:46.192 while never ship's various classes, heating up the practice, and then winning the pre-final giving up his position in front. Ronaldo tures eight rounds in all. The series re-

coasted to an outright victory, complet-Khalid Najjar had a perfect weekend ing the nine-lap race in 9:22.613. He fin- 17th at the start to finishing fifth on the competing in the BRMC's Junior MAX ished more than nine seconds ahead of road before being promoted to the podi-

Pace-setter

In the Mini MAX class, Leopold Juch 8.514 seconds ahead of runner-up Sha- was the early pace-setter, topping qualifving practice ahead of Demir Albali. But Nasser Nass responded well and In the third round, Najjar picked up took the win in the pre-final. He then

In round three, Leopold beat out Nas-Just like Najjar, Tariq Soofi had a ser to Mini MAX pole before taking the tarmac along BIKC's 1.414-kilometre CIK- ahead of Austin Gray. In the final, Tariq Koen came second with a 4.544s margin, turns for round four on 26 January.

while Demir claimed his double podium for the round in third 5.211s adrift.

In the Senior MAX class, Mohammed Alhassan made his presence felt early in the second round and captured pole in qualifying practice, but then Vedant Menon won the pre-final with Alhassan finishing third.

In the 15-lap final, Alhassan bounced back, starting from the second row to triumph in a total time of 13:31.290. Tye Mejia was the runner-up 1.210s behind, and Rashid Khalifa took third 7.073s

Khalifa had a superb drive, going from um after a penalty and disqualification to the karters ahead of him. Menon, on In the third round, Tariq maintained the other hand, had a rough start and dropped all the way to the very end of the 19-kart field, but then he also made a fantastic comeback and gained 13 places to finish sixth on the road, before being promoted to fifth on the final classifi-

In the third round, Khalifa led the way in qualifying practice but Gracie Grantham triumphed in the pre-final ahead of Wian Boshoff. In the final, Khalifa and Boshoff were engaged in a tight head-tohead battle over the race's final five laps. Boshoff had originally gotten the better of Khalifa at the finish, but he was later given a 10-second penalty by the stewards, handing the win to his rival.

Khalifa was classified first in 13:39.905 after 15 laps. Mejia put in a strong showing to finish second a narrow 0.295s Albassam came third 2.133s from Khalifa.

The 2023/2024 BRMC calendar fea-

Celtics rout Rockets in Udoka's NBA return to Boston



Jaylen Brown in action

AFP | Los Angeles

Jaylen Brown scored 32 points and Jayson Tatum added 27 as the Boston Celtics remained unbeaten at home, defeating Houston 145-113 on Saturday in former Celtics coach Ime Udoka's return to Boston.

The Celtics improved to an NBA-best 30-9 overall and 19-0 at home, the league's only undefeated club at home stretching its team-record home win streak to start a season.

Brown, who scored 21 points in the third quarter when the Celtics pulled away to stay, hit 11-of-15 shots from the floor, 4-of-6 from 3-point range, and added six rebounds, two assists, two steals and two blocked shots.

"Being aggressive. A lot of times defense gets you going," Brown said of his third-period success. "I get it on the run and when we play like that in transition we're tough to beat."

'Deliver a great performance': Pizzi

Bahrain face mammoth task against continental giants South Korea in their opening game of AFC Asian Cup



Bahrain players and officials at their final training session yesterday

Group E match against South **Koreans scheduled** for 2.30pm kick-off

Bahrain head coach calls on national team to give maximum effort

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when they face continental gi- tures Tottenham Hotspur's Son ants South Korea in their open- Heung-min, Wolverhampton

day by head coach Juan Antonio jae. Pizzi, who was speaking ahead of the national team's Group E been quite short but thankfully, clash against their heavily fa- the players have been imple-

voured opponents.

ers," Pizzi was quoted as saying that we need to give more but we yesterday in his pre-match Press will stay the course and focus able to compete, we need every player to give 100 per cent.

players; we need all 11 to deliver a great performance."

Today's game is scheduled for at Jassim bin Hamad Stadium in the Qatari city of Al Rayyan.

Pizzi said that Bahrain have been gearing up intensively for the competition, and are now set ahrain must rise to the for likely their biggest test of the challenge and "deliver a group stage against a star-studgreat performance" today ded South Korean side that feaing match of the AFC Asian Cup. Wanderers' Hwang Hee-chan, This was highlighted yester- and Bayern Munich's Kim Min- out with a narrow 2-1 victory in find the net both times. Pizzi end."

> "Our preparation period has menting my instructions and

conference. "In order for us to be on the objective we set when I took over.

"Of course we are very opti-"We cannot rely on one or two mistic, we know that we have three tough matches ahead of us. Korea have great players but we'll try to mitigate them and a 2.30pm kick-off, Bahrain time, hopefully we'll get a good re-

> Pizzi is appearing in the AFC Asian Cup for the second successive edition. He was at the helm of Saudi Arabia in the 2019 tournament, when they exited eliminated from the competi-

Ambitions

"We know they have elite play- ideas well," Pizzi said. "We know tions and we want to take it step we have a strong midfield, and Shaikh Khalifa bin Ali bin Isa tournament held in China.



Juan Antonio Pizzi during his pre-game

We know they have elite players. In order for us to be able to compete, we need every player to give 100 per cent. We cannot rely on one or two players: we need all 11 to deliver a great performance

JUAN ANTONIO PIZZI

by step to realise our ambition. Right now our objective is to qualify for the Round of 16."

The Bahrainis played two up to the AFC Asian Cup, but lost remained upbeat, however, that the goals will come.

Pizzi said: "We have the same result of good performance," he Bahrain Football Association edition. Their best finish to date optimism and the same ambi-said. "We have individual skills, vice-president His Highness was fourth overall in the 2004



Star midfielder Mohammed Marhoon controls the ball during practice

we will try to use our link up play Al Khalifa. to good effect."

Meanwhile, South Korea's head coach, 1990 FIFA World Cup winner Jurgen Klinsmann, Mohammed Jaafar, Ebrahim said that they are not taking anything easy, despite being the Fardan; defenders Amine Bena-Group E favourites, and added di, Sayed Mahdi Baqer, Waleed that his players are completely Al Hayyam, Salem Hussain, focused on today's contest.

er," said the German. "Every team here is strong and we will not underestimate any opponent and think about the future.

the next game which is Bahrain. Khelaif, Mohammed Marhoon, in the round of 16 after losing friendly matches earlier this This is our message to the team, Komail Al Aswad and Ebrahim to Japan 0-1. Bahrain were also month as part of their final lead- to be only focused on the next Al Khattal; and forwards Ali step. We expect a difficult game Hassan Saeed, Ali Madan, Mahdi tion at that stage, and it was the both their games to Australia but we want to do well and we Humaidan, Abdulla Al Hashash South Koreans who botted them and Angola and were unable to want to stay here until the very and Abdulla Yusuf.

Pizzi has 26 players on the national team roster in Doha. They include goalkeepers Sayed Luthfallah and Abdulkarim Al Mohammed Adel, Hussain Al "Every game will be a nail-bit- Aker and Abdulla Al Khalasi; midfielders Hazza Ali, Mohammed Abdulwahab, Moses Atede, Mohammed Hardan, Ebrahim Alwali, Mohammed Abdulqay-'We are only thinking about oom, Jassim Al Shaikh, Jassim

Bahrain are making their Bahrain completed their seventh appearance in the AFC preparations yesterday with Asian Cup, having qualified for "Goals are always scored as a a training session attended by the competition's sixth straight

South Korea, Qatar victorious in Asian handball

South Korea, Oatar, **Kuwait and Iran secure** places in main round

Bahrain face off with **UAE** at 7pm tonight for Group D supremacy

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Top title contenders South ■ Korea and Qatar were both victorious yesterday in their second games of the preliminary round in the 21st Asian Men's Handball Championship, currently being hosted by Bahrain.

The South Koreans coasted to a 42-13 rout of New Zealand in their Group B clash, while Qatar ousted Gulf rivals Oman 28-18 in Group A. Both winners their pools to remain undefeated and secure their places in the main round.

were Kuwait and Iran, and they too booked their spots in the victors. ensuing phase. Kuwait beat Chinese Taipei 31-27 in Group A while Iran edged past China 24-22 in Group B.



captured back-to-back wins in South Korea's Youngung An looks to make a play against New Zealand's Luke

first half and never looked back. selected as their top performer. Also triumphant yesterday Hyeonsik Lee was named the

Close out

up 15-7 at the break and did well adjudged as the Best Player of test against Saudi at 5pm. Japan, In South Korea's big win yes- to close out the contest over the the Game for the Kuwaitis. terday, they built a command- final 30-minute period. Goaling 20-6 lead at the end of the keeper Anadin Suljakovic was heading into the interval, and at 1pm.

For Kuwait, they held a nar-Best Player of the Game for the row 16-13 advantage after the first stanza and were able to hold on to their lead in the second half for their second straight with the Japanese in their pre-In Qatar's victory, they were victory. Abdulaziz Althafiri was vious game, they face a tough

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

1pm: Group C. Japan vs India 3pm: Group D, Kazakhstan vs Hong Kong 5pm: Group C, Iraq vs Saudi Arabia 7pm: Group D. Bahrain vs UAE

were able to hold off a China rally late on for the crucial win. Goalkeeper Mohammad Siavoshishahenavati was named the Best Player of the Game.

Tournament action continues today with the final day of the preliminary round in Groups C and D. In the feature event, hosts Bahrain will look to finish as Group D winners when they face off with the UAE at 7pm. Both sides have already secured their places in the main round, with pool supremacy up for grabs in this fixture. Kazakhstan and Hong Kong face off at 3pm in the other divisional tie.

Meanwhile, two crucial matches are set for Group C, where Iraq, Japan and Saudi Arabia are all still with a chance of making it to the main round.

Following Iraq's 28-all tie on the other hand, are favourites In Iran's win, they led 15-10 when they take on winless India

'Ticked boxes' as India crush Afghanistan to clinch T20 series



India's Yashasvi Jaiswal reacts during the match

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and Shivam Dube secutive T20 series. smashed half-centuries as India thrashed Afghanistan ry with left-arm spinner Axar by six wickets in the second Patel leading the charge with Twenty20 international in Infigures of 2-17 to help dismiss dore yesterday to clinch the Afghanistan for 172 despite three-match series.

Jaiswal, who hit 68 off 34 balls, returned to the team ticked a lot of boxes," India along with star batsman Virat skipper Rohit Sharma said af-Kohli after the two missed the ter the win. opening win.

Jaiswal put on key part- Dube. nerships including a 92-run stand with left-handed partner of years. Jaiswal has played Dube, who hit an unbeaten 63, Test cricket now and even T20. as India chased down their He has shown what he is cavictory target with 26 balls to pable of. He has the talent and spare and take an unbeatable has a great range of shots.

Top-ranked India have been pener Yashasvi Jaiswal unbeaten at home for 15 con-

> Their bowlers set up victo-Gulbadin Naib's 57. "The last two games, we've

Rohit praised Jaiswal and

"They've had a great couple