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**Bahrain completes distribution of wristbands to pilgrims**

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Bahrain's Hajj Mission has successfully distributed wristbands to representatives of the Hajj campaigns following meticulous verification at its headquarters in Al Naseem, Mecca.

Major Mohammed Al Muhayz'a, Head of the Security Committee of Bahrain's Hajj Mission, highlighted the significance of adherence to allocated numbers by each campaign. This measure aims to prevent logistical challenges at security checkpoints across the holy sites.

At the annual meeting held at the mission's headquarters, Major Al Muhayz'a addressed crucial topics including pilgrim routes, entry and exit points, and the organization of movements within the holy sites' train stations.

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**Bahraini campaigns relocated services to holy sites**

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Dr. Mohammed Taher Al Qattan, Deputy Head of Bahrain's Hajj Mission, confirmed that entry permits for the holy sites have been issued and distributed to all Bahraini pilgrimage campaigns.

He stated that all Bahraini campaigns have successfully relocated their services to the holy sites and received the necessary permits for supervisors' vehicles and for transporting pilgrims to these locations.

**Major road accident in Iraq kills a woman, injures seven Bahrainis**

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A tragic road accident between Dhi Qar and Basra in Iraq yesterday morning has killed a Bahraini woman and left seven other Bahraini citizens injured. The accident has also claimed the life of another individual, whose nationality remains undisclosed.

Bahrain's Ambassador to Iraq, Khalid Al Mansour, has stated that one of the injured Bahraini citizens is in critical condition, while the remaining six are stable. Embassy delegates, he said, are en route to the Turkish Hospital in Nasiriyah, Dhi Qar Governorate, where the injured



The vehicle involved in the accident

Bahrainis are receiving treatment.

Al Mansour assured that appropriate measures will be taken after assessing the conditions of the injured individuals. "The Ministry of Foreign Affairs is closely monitoring the situation," he added in a statement, emphasizing that the embassy will extend all necessary support to the injured and pray for their swift recovery.

Sources close to the incident confirmed that several other individuals were also injured in the accident involving Bahraini travellers. The circumstances surrounding the accident are under investigation.

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# Hajj journey begins

● A text message sent to pilgrims on Thursday instructed them to "drink water regularly, more than two litres daily" and to "always carry an umbrella"

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More than one million pilgrims streamed into a giant tented city near Mecca, Saudi Arabia, under a scorching sun yesterday as the hajj pilgrimage got underway.

Robbed worshippers arrived on buses or on foot, many shaded by umbrellas, at the vast encampment after performing the "tawaf" -- walking seven times around the Kaaba, the giant black cube at Mecca's Grand Mosque.

Chanting "God is great" and "God, we answer your call", many were awash with spiritual fervour as they followed in the footsteps of the Prophet Mohammed's final pilgrimage nearly 1,400 years ago.

"It's very, very hot," said Fahad Azmar, 31, from Pakistan. "But I thank God for the opportunity to be here."



Pilgrims arrive at the Mina tent camp during the annual Hajj pilgrimage, near the holy city of Mecca

They will spend the night at Mina, a rocky valley several kilometres (miles) outside Mecca, before climbing Mount Arafat for the pilgrimage's climax on Saturday.

Accommodation in Mina's air-conditioned tents is organised by nationality and price, depending on how much each pilgrim paid for their hajj package.

"There should be more space between the beds, and the air-conditioning doesn't work very well... but the hajj is all about patience," said Intisham al-Ahi, a 44-year-old Pakistani who was sharing a tent with

dozens of his compatriots.

**'Carry an umbrella'**

Outside, misting stations were installed to cool the faithful, and security guards splashed passers-by with water.

Most of the hajj is outdoors but Saturday will be particularly testing for the worshippers, when they spend most of the day praying on Mount Arafat.

A text message sent to pilgrims on Thursday instructed them to "drink water regularly, more than two litres daily" and to "always carry an umbrella", warning that temperatures could climb to 48 degrees Cel-

sus. Many pilgrims said they would pray for Palestinians in the Gaza Strip, more than eight months into the Israel-Hamas war that has left tens of thousands dead.

Some 2,000 Palestinians are conducting the hajj at the special invitation of King Salman, official media said. Last year's hajj drew more than 1.8 million pilgrims, according to official figures, after authorities lifted pandemic-era restrictions and scrapped age limits.



Participants, who numbered 1.5 million by Monday, have travelled from all parts of the world for the annual rites, this year held in sweltering conditions with forecast daily highs of 44 degrees Celsius (111 Fahrenheit).



**Relatives grieve as bodies of 45 Kuwait fire victims return to India**



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Relatives mourn near the deceased after the coffins' arrival on an Indian Air Force plane from Kuwait at the Cochin International Airport in Kochi, India, yesterday. Grieving families kept a solemn vigil in the terminal of an Indian airport yesterday as the bodies of dozens of migrant workers killed in a Kuwait building fire returned home. Wednesday's dawn blaze quickly engulfed a housing block home to some of the many foreign labourers servicing the oil-rich gulf state's economy.

**US imposes sanctions on Israeli group for blocking Gaza aid**

Washington, United States

The United States yesterday imposed sanctions on extremist Israeli group Tzav 9, accusing it of blocking convoys and looting and burning trucks trying to deliver humanitarian aid to Palestinian civilians in Gaza.

Since the war erupted, essential aid deliveries to Gaza have been severely restricted by the Israeli government, leaving many people short of food and water, and several thousand children suffering acute malnutrition. Tzav 9 is a right-wing activist group seeking to halt any aid arriving in Gaza. The State Department statement said that on May 13, Tzav 9 members looted and set fire to two trucks in the West Bank carrying humanitarian aid to Gaza.

**G7 says UNRWA, UN agencies must work unhindered in Gaza: summit draft**

Bari, Italy

G7 leaders said the UN Palestinian refugee agency must be allowed to work unhindered in Gaza, in the draft of an end-of-summit statement seen by AFP Friday.

"We agree it is critical that UNRWA and other UN organisations and agencies' distribution networks be fully able to deliver aid to those who need it most, fulfilling their mandate effectively," the Group of Seven nations said.

They called for all parties to facilitate "rapid and unimpeded passage of humanitarian relief for civilians in need" in Gaza, particularly women and children.

# Bahrain-US direct flights set to resume by year's end

US-Bahrain Free Trade Agreement Celebrates 20 Years of Success

**American Company Takes Up All Available Space in New Trade Zone**

**Tech Development for Economic Growth, US Companies Offer Support**

**Ashen Tharaka**  
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Bahrain is set to relaunch direct flights to the United States by the end of 2024, according to US Ambassador to Bahrain Steven C Bondy. The resumption hinges on a safety review by the US Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) of Bahrain's civil aviation oversight.

Ambassador Bondy expressed optimism about the review's outcome, stating that the FAA's recent visit to Bahrain yielded positive feedback. Following a successful formal assessment, Gulf Air, Bahrain's national carrier, could potentially launch direct flights to the US as early as November or December.

"The FAA's officials came to Bahrain a month ago and they gave a very positive read out. They have a lot of confidence about the Bahrain Civil Aviation Agency," Ambassador said. The specific US destination will be a business decision by Gulf Air. The return of direct flights is ex-



US Ambassador Steven C Bondy during reception held yesterday at his residence



George Cheriyan, Corporate CEO, American Mission Hospital (Second from the left) along with the other business leaders attend the reception.



Lulu Group Regional Director Juzer Rupawala (left) with US Ambassador Steven C Bondy at the event.



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US AMBASSADOR TO BAHRAIN STEVEN C BONDY

trade zone, occupying all available space, according to a statement from the Ambassador. "An American company has decided to locate in the trade zone and take-up all the existing space." He said,

pected to boost trade and business opportunities between the two countries.

Ambassador Bondy, shared this information during a roundtable discussion held on the sidelines of a reception at his residence.

A celebratory reception was held on Thursday evening to mark the 20th anniversary of the U.S.-Bahrain Free Trade Agreement (FTA). Dignitaries, government officials, and business leaders from both countries gathered to commemorate the

agreement's success and highlight its continued importance for bilateral economic ties.

**US-Bahrain FTA**

Since the agreement came into effect in 2006, bilateral trade has seen a substantial increase, nearly quadrupling in value. In 2005, prior to the FTA, two-way trade amounted to \$782 million. By 2018, this figure had soared to over \$3 billion, representing the peak of trade volume between the two nations. While trade dipped slightly in recent

years, with a volume of \$2.85 billion recorded in both 2022 and 2023, the overall growth trajectory since the FTA's inception remains impressive.

Ambassador Bondy highlighted the presence of numerous American companies in Bahrain's tech, defence, and banking sectors, underscoring the potential for further economic growth. "Bahrain is a very good location to pursue opportunities here and around the region," he said.

**US - Bahrain Businesses**

The Ambassador emphasized Bahrain's attractiveness to American companies, citing its well-developed infrastructure and ongoing land reclamation projects aimed at expanding business opportunities.

In a move aligned with the government's directive and the Economic Development Board's (EDB) focus on reclaiming land for business expansion, a major American company has chosen to set up businesses in the kingdom's newly established

**Tech and Regional Challenges**

Bahrain prioritizes technological development for its economic growth, and Ambassador Bondy noted the willingness of American companies to assist in overcoming challenges in this sector. The Ambassador acknowledged the disruptions caused by regional conflicts and recent attacks on commercial vessels, which ultimately raise costs for consumers. Despite these challenges, Bahrain's swift recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic positions it well for continued economic success.

## Bahrain rejects meddling, embraces peaceful coexistence, says Russian Ambassador

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At a reception celebrating Bahrain's National Day, Russia's Ambassador to Bahrain, Dr. Alexey Skosyrev, reaffirmed Bahrain's position on rejecting foreign interference and the imposition of external ideologies.

He emphasised that while Bahrain upholds its Islamic traditions, it also values peaceful coexistence between different cultures and systems.

Ambassador Skosyrev highlighted the strong partnership between Bahrain and Russia, citing the recent productive talks between President Vladimir



The cake cutting ceremony

Putin and HM the King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa in Moscow. Their meeting yielded seven cooperation agreements spanning

various sectors, including education, healthcare, commerce, and culture.

The Ambassador expressed

confidence that these agreements will significantly strengthen bilateral relations and also placed special significance on

the King choosing Russia as his first destination after the Arab Summit and being the first Arab leader to visit Moscow following



Dr. Alexey Skosyrev

the inauguration of Russia's new president. He emphasized that Russia greatly values these gestures of goodwill.



Muharraq Celebrates "Al Haya Baya" Heritage Day

The Muharraq Governorate hosted a lively "Al Haya Baya" Heritage Day festival on the Busaiteen beach, with the attendance of Salman bin Isa bin Hindi Al Mannai, Governor of Muharraq. The event, held in the presence of a large crowd, aimed to revive this cherished traditional pastime. The Governorate distributed "Al Haya Baya" plants to children and visitors, bringing back memories of this fun and nostalgic activity. The festivities included traditional performances, songs, food, and games, culminating in children throwing "Al Haya Baya" seeds along the coastline.



Five thousand mangrove trees will be planted by the national afforestation campaign "Forever Green" in Halat Umm Al Baydh, backed by a contribution from First Abu Dhabi Bank (FAB). Wael bin Nasser Al Mubarak, Minister of Municipalities Affairs and Agriculture, welcomed the launch of the planting initiative in Halat Umm Al Baydh and underscored the private sector's support of the afforestation campaign.

# Highway horror takes a life in Jidhafs

One killed, several injured as bus loses control, hits road workers near Jidhafs



In pictures, civil defence official in action at the accident site

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Tragedy struck on Shaikh Khalifa bin Salman Highway near Jidhafs when a bus lost control, careening into a group of on-duty road workers. The horrific accident claimed one life and left several others severely injured.

**Eyewitnesses described the harrowing scene to the Daily Tribune, recounting how the bus suddenly swerved off its path and plowed into the workers engaged in road paving activities.**

The identities of the victims have not been released, and it remains unclear if the bus driver or any passengers sustained injuries in the crash.

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suddenly swerved off its path and ploughed into the workers engaged in road paving activities. The tragedy unfolded as the

bus was transporting passengers and the National Ambulance crew, swiftly arrived at the scene.

The collision left the highway littered with debris, with the front of the bus heavily damaged. The force of the impact was so immense that it mangled the workers' equipment, sending pieces flying across the road.

Emergency responders, including Civil Defence officers and the National Ambulance crew, swiftly arrived at the scene. They worked to transport the injured to hospitals and clear the scattered debris from the highway. Authorities have launched an investigation into the cause of the accident. Initial reports suggest that the driver lost control of the bus, leading to the fatal collision.

## Gone in 9 seconds

Video saves tailor shop owner, Asian national of deportation charges, fines

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A customer at a tailor shop, who faced deportation and fine, after an officer mistook him as an illegal employee, finally got his reprieve, thanks to a crucial nine-second video presented by the shop owner.

The brief 9-second video became the linchpin in exonerating the Asian national from a three-year deportation sentence.

The incident began during an official inspection of a local tailor shop. Authorities, misinterpreting the Asian national as an employee, booked him and fined the shop owner BD1,000 for allegedly employing him illegally.

Despite immediate protests from the owner, who insisted



that the man was merely a customer, the lack of supporting evidence at the time made the situation dire.

As the trial unfolded, defence attorney Mohammed Al Sharaabi presented a pivotal piece of evidence: a video recording of the incident.

The 9-second clip captured the moment the judicial enforcement officer entered the shop. Concurrently, the owner was seen descending from the

first floor, followed by the accused. The video showed the owner fitting a pair of trousers on the Asian man, supporting his claim that the man was indeed a customer.

The court scrutinised the video and concluded that there was no concrete evidence of the Asian national performing any work duties. The judge questioned the validity of the accusations, ultimately siding with the defendants.

In a final ruling, the court acquitted both the shop owner and the Asian national of all charges, nullifying the deportation order and the BD20 fine previously imposed on the Asian national. Justice prevailed, thanks to a brief but powerful video clip that revealed the truth.

## Illegal shrimp bust: Coast guard arrests four Asian nationals

● The arrests took place during a thorough combing operation in the maritime area north of Khor Fasht.

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Four Asian nationals were apprehended yesterday by Bahrain's Coast Guard Maritime Patrol Division for possession of approximately 60 kilograms of illegally caught shrimp.

The arrests took place during a thorough combing operation in the maritime area north of Khor Fasht.

Under the terms of a relevant ministerial decree, fishing for shrimp in Bahrain is prohibited during this period of the year, making the catch illegal.

The ban on catching, trad-



ing, or selling shrimp as part of the efforts to preserve fish resources began on February 1 and continue until July 31.

The Coast Guard Command confirmed that the suspects are undergoing necessary legal procedures in preparation for their case to be referred to the Public Prosecution.

# In pursuit of Food Security

Berkshire Hathaway Expert calls for Bahraini partnerships for food security

● Over 90 per cent of food supply currently coming from other countries

● Bahrain has potential to forge partnerships with companies like the Carrinho Group, Angola's largest and fastest-growing agricultural company

Zahra Ayaz  
TDT | Manama



Dr. Peter Jankovics, Regional Business Manager and international food security expert at Berkshire Hathaway

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“We've come here to help, but progress has been slower than expected.”

He says the Gulf should address this issue with urgency.

“In seven years, the population will double, and it's growing faster than the food industry can provide enough food,” he warned.

He also urges caution against relying on cheap imports for food security.

The expert noted that relying on cheap imported food items can also have negative health consequences for the population. “People usually don't go for high-quality food items; they go for the cheapest ones. But that comes with high medical bills, as the negative effects don't show up immediately, but rather in the next generation,” he explained.

## The solution

To address these challenges, Jankovics highlighted the potential for Bahrain to forge partnerships with companies like the Carrinho Group, Angola's largest and fastest-growing agricultural company. Such collaborations could help strengthen local economies, create job opportunities, and promote sustainable development.

“We produce everything from agriculture to commerce, including cotton, sugar, and rice, among others. We have our own facilities to process what we produce, as well as our own shops. Carrinho has also started exporting the products we make,” Jankovics said.

Atop Berkshire Hathaway food security expert has called for Bahrain to follow in the footsteps of Angola to achieve food security, where the company gives farmers seeds and tools and buys their produce.

“This helps create job opportunities and development within the country, and that's what we want to do in Bahrain,” Dr. Peter Jankovics, Regional Business Manager and international food security expert at Berkshire Hathaway, told The Daily Tribune in an interview.

He also highlights that despite the growing need for food security, Bahrain has yet to prioritise the development of a robust domestic food production sector.

However, experts here warn against following such paths, urging prioritisation of the development of the domestic food



A Bahrain farmer pushes a wheel borrow as he works on a farm in the village of Bori, south of Manama. (file)

Experts argue that Bahrain must first prioritise the development of its domestic food production sector before pursuing such partnerships. By investing in local food production, the country can enhance its food security, reduce its reliance on imports, and provide its population with access to high-quality, affordable food options.

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Explaining further, Dr. Peter Jankovics says, “We give seeds and tools to Angola, and they produce the product, which we then buy, creating job opportunities and development within the country.”

“That's what we want to do in Bahrain,” he adds, while calling for Bahrain to take a more proactive approach to food security.

Speaking to The Daily Tribune, Jankovics points out that currently over 90 per cent of the Kingdom's food supply comes from other countries.

“This is a huge problem,” Dr. Jankovics underlines, saying,

## Digital Surge: Government online payments hit BD159 million in Q1

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Online government payments have surged to an impressive 159 million dinars in the first quarter of 2024, showcasing a significant trend in digital transactions. This follows a substantial total of 667 million dinars in electronic payments throughout 2023, according to recent statistics released by the Information & eGovernment Authority (iGA).



Representative picture

These figures highlight the growing reliance on and trust in digital channels for government services, marking a significant shift towards more efficient and accessible public service delivery.

A breakdown of the figures reveals 611,431 financial transactions processed through various government channels in the first quarter alone. January stood out as the busiest month, with 213,500 transactions amounting

to 59.7 million dinars. March followed closely, registering 189,400 transactions worth 49.7 million dinars, while February saw 208,400 transactions totaling 49.6 million dinars.

Additionally, the Government Services Contact Center reported handling 42,200 calls in the first quarter of 2024. January accounted for 14,600 calls, February saw a slight increase with 14,700 calls, and March received 12,800 calls.



Dr. Mohammed bin Mubarak Juma, Minister of Education, yesterday held talks with Dr. Abdulrahman bin Mohammed Alasmi, Director General of the Arab Bureau of Education for the Gulf States. The minister commended the bureau's role and various educational initiatives. For his part, Dr. Alasmi commended Bahrain's cooperation with the bureau and its various activities.

## ISB Chairman inaugurates Aalekh'24 Inter-School Art Carnival and Exhibition

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ISB Chairman Adv. Binu Mannil Varughese inaugurated the inter-school art carnival Aalekh'24 and the Art Exhibition at The Indian School's Isa Town campus yesterday.

The event was attended by Secretary V. Rajapandian, Vice-Chairman Dr. Mohammed Faizal, Assistant Secretary Ranjini Mohan, and Executive Committee Members Mohammed Nayaz Ullah (Transport), Bonny Joseph (Finance & IT), Mithun Mohan (Projects & Maintenance). Also present were Principal VR Palaniswamy, Junior Wing Principal Pamela Xavier, Staff Representative Parvathi Devadas, Senior School & Academic Administration Vice-Principal G Sathesh, Middle Section Vice-Principal Jose Thomas, Junior Wing Vice-Prin-



Lighting the lamp



Art and craft exhibits  
Principal Priya Laji, Art Education



Art Exhibition Inauguration  
vener Vipin PM, community leaders, parents, and numer-



Contest going on  
ous attendees.  
The carnival featured over



Aalekh inauguration

3,000 young artists showcasing their talents, creating an atmosphere buzzing with excitement and anticipation. Aalekh'24 promises a day filled with cultural programmes, culminating in a grand finale and prize distribution at the Jashanmal auditorium at 8:00 pm today.

Among the highlights is the

'Harmony' group painting event, where school teams collaborate to produce acrylic paintings on canvas, promoting teamwork and collective creativity among students aged 12-18. Additionally, the Art Wall contest invites artists above 18 to contribute to the vibrant tapestry of talent on display.

# Wibit launches first Peakz Waterpark in Bahrain

Ashen Tharaka  
TDT | Manama

Wibit, a leading company in the waterpark industry for over 28 years, has announced the launch of the first Peakz water park (Peakz 14) in Bahrain.

This project is a collaborative effort between Wibit, Emaar with Address & Vida hotels, and Eagle Hills development.

The Peakz 14 water park boasts a variety of attractions, including a main waterpark area, a dedicated kids' park, a water volleyball area, comfortable Looft couches, and other leisure elements from Looft.

"This park offers a unique way to enjoy your time, especially during the hot summer months," said Mawlid Benmansour, Wibit's Vice President for the Middle East and North Africa region. "This is the first waterpark of its kind in the entire Middle East."

Benmansour, who became a Bahraini citizen in 2017 under the directives of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, expressed his motivations behind the project. "As a proud Bahraini, my goal was to create a world-class water sports destination for both locals and tourists," he told the Daily Tribune.

"This is a small way for me to give back to the country." Wibit is



(From left to right) Ricardo Vale - General Manager of Address and Vida hotels, Nick Kennedy - General Manager STE, His Highness Sheikh Salman bin Hamad bin Mohammed Al Khalifa, Mawlid Benmansour - Vice President joined the ribbon cutting ceremony.



thrilled to bring its exciting water sports activities to Marassi Beach in Bahrain.

The Peakz 14 project aims to elevate the beach experience by offering thrilling water adventures for all ages and skill levels, ensuring a memorable time for everyone.

Wibit, headquartered in Bocholt, Germany, is the global leader in the design and manufacturing of floating waterparks. The company currently operates in over 100 countries worldwide.



## Putin says freezing of Russian assets in West is 'theft'

AFP | Moscow, Russia

Russian President Vladimir Putin yesterday branded as "theft" the freezing of Russian assets abroad and warned it would "not go unpunished".

G7 leaders agreed Thursday on a new \$50 billion loan for Ukraine using profits from frozen Russian assets, a move US President Joe Biden said showed Moscow "we're not backing down". The G7 and the EU froze around 300 billion euros (\$325 billion) of Russian central bank reserves, days after Moscow ordered troops into Ukraine in February 2022.

On Friday, Putin said Western countries were trying to come up with "some kind of legal basis" to justify these "but despite all the trickery, theft is still theft and will not go unpunished". The Russian leader also warned the standoff between Moscow and the West was coming "unacceptably close to the point of no return" and boasted that Moscow "possesses the largest arsenal of nuclear weapons." Putin has repeatedly invoked nuclear rhetoric throughout the conflict with Ukraine, which he casts as just one front in a wider "hybrid war" between Russia and the NATO military alliance.

## EDB promotes investment in US, highlights key partnerships

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The Bahrain Economic Development Board (Bahrain EDB) has successfully concluded its visit to the United States, aimed at promoting investment opportunities. The visit, which began on June 10, included four roundtable sessions as part of 'The Transformation Agenda' series and meetings with US-based companies in financial services, information and communications technology (ICT), and manufacturing sectors.

Leading the delegation was Noor bint Ali Alkhulaif, Minister of Sustainable Development and Chief Executive of Bahrain EDB.

During the visit, Bahrain EDB



EDB officials during a photo call

hosted a series of events programmed by Economist Impact in Austin, Texas, and New York

City. Alkhulaif participated in roundtable discussions in New

York, focusing on best practices for financial institutions in adopting digital assets amidst today's complex regulatory environment. Senior members of Bahrain EDB also engaged in panel discussions on building resilience in global supply chains and bridging the talent gap for future economic growth.

The recent Comprehensive Security Integration and Prosperity Agreement between Bahrain and the US aims to enhance cooperation in defence, security, science, trade, and technology. Since the establishment of the Free Trade Agreement (FTA) in 2006, non-oil trade between the two countries has reached USD

2 billion, marking an 84% increase in US exports to Bahrain from 2020 to 2023. Additionally, Bahrain inaugurated the US Trade Zone in 2022, dedicated to US manufacturing and logistics companies.

Several US companies have established operations in Bahrain, reinforcing the Kingdom's status as a prime regional investment destination. Notable companies include Amazon Web Services (AWS), which has set up the region's first hyper-scale data center; Mondelez, operating a factory exporting products to Australia and New Zealand; and Citi, which plans to hire 1,000 coders for its Global Technology Hub in Bahrain.

## Saudi, French funds to acquire 38% of Heathrow airport

AFP | Madrid, Spain

Saudi Arabia's sovereign wealth fund and a French private equity group will acquire a 38% stake in Heathrow, the London airport's biggest shareholder said Friday.

Heathrow, one of the world's busiest airports, is owned by the consortium FGP Topco Limited with Spanish infrastructure giant Ferrovial holding the lead role with a 25% stake.

In November, Ferrovial said it was planning to offload its stake, with Saudi Arabia's Public Investment Fund taking 10 percent and the other 15 percent going to French private equity

group Ardian.

But the deal had been blocked by a group of small FGP Topco shareholders who demanded they be allowed to sell their shares on the same terms under so-called "tag-along rights".

"Ardian and PIF have made a revised offer to acquire shares representing 37.62% of the share capital of FGP Topco" for 3.3 billion pounds (\$4.1 billion), Ferrovial said, indicating it had accepted the bid.

Following further negotiations, Ferrovial said Ardian would acquire around 22.6% of the shares and PIF would take 15 percent.

Ferrovial, which specialises

in transport infrastructure management operates a vast portfolio of global assets, including airport interests in Turkey and New York.

Heathrow was not seen as a core asset by Ferrovial.

It bought its stake in Heathrow in a 2006 takeover and initially held 56% of the hub, before gradually reducing its interest.

Chaired by Rafael Del Pino -- the third richest man in Spain, with a fortune valued at \$6.1 billion by the American magazine Forbes -- the group had initially wanted to sell its entire stake in FGP Topco.

But following the small share-

holders' intervention, it was forced to change its strategy and will retain 5.25 percent of its holding.

The deal remains subject to regulators' approval, Ferrovial said.

Ferrovial also owns a 50% stake in three other UK hubs -- Aberdeen, Glasgow and Southampton, as well as 60% of Turkey's Dalaman Airport and a 49-percent stake in the new Terminal 1 at JFK Airport in New York.

Last year, it angered Spain's government by relocating its headquarters to the Netherlands in a decision it said would give it access to cheaper credit

and make it more attractive to investors ahead of a planned US stock listing.



Terminal 3, not 1, was the first building of the current terminals to open, welcoming its first passengers back in 1961. At that time, the airport was still known as London Airport. It became Heathrow 5 years later.



News in brief

◆ A Canadian resident of China faces 10 years in prison after pleading guilty in US court to stealing industrial secrets from a leading American electric car maker, justice authorities said Thursday. Canadian and US media identified the company as Tesla. Klaus Pflugbeil, 58, who also holds German citizenship, pleaded guilty to "conspiring to send trade secrets that belonged to a leading US-based electric vehicle company," US Attorney Breon Peace said in a statement.

Canadian resident of China pleads guilty to selling Tesla secrets



◆ US Secretary of State Antony Blinken called Gambian President Adama Barrow amid fears that lawmakers in the west African nation could vote to reverse a ban on female genital mutilation, the State Department has said. FGM has been outlawed in the West African nation since 2015, but lawmakers in March voted to advance a highly controversial bill seeking to lift the ban, sending it for committee consideration before a final vote, which could come on June 24. The bill is not yet on the agenda for that day, but lawmakers could decide to debate it at that time.

◆ Thousands of Brazilians on Thursday rallied against a bill under debate in Congress that would equate abortion with homicide and impose sentences of up to 20 years for terminating a pregnancy after 22 weeks, even in cases of rape. Powerful conservative lawmakers sent the bill straight to the Chamber of Deputies on Wednesday, bypassing discussion in committees, which caused an outcry from progressive groups. In Rio de Janeiro, protesters lit candles and chanted "A girl is not a mother."

◆ Fighting in Sudan's El-Fasher, the last city in Darfur outside the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces' control, has killed more than 220 people, a medical charity said yesterday. El-Fasher has become a focal point of the nearly year-long war pitting Sudan's military against the RSF, led by former deputy commander Mohamed Hamdan Daglo. The battle for the city, seen as crucial for humanitarian aid in a region on the brink of famine, has raged for more than a month. The charity Medecins Sans Frontieres (MSF) said fighting in El-Fasher had killed at least 226 people and wounded 1,418.

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Japan rock band apologises, pulls 'outdated' Columbus video



A video grab from the video  
AFP | Tokyo

Japanese rock band has apologised and withdrawn its new song and music video, its record label said, after criticism of scenes showing Italian explorer Christopher Columbus singing with ape-like men. The video for "Columbus" has the three members of the band Mrs Green Apple depicting the historical figures Columbus, Napoleon Bonaparte and German composer Ludwig van Beethoven. It shows them discovering an island inhabited by people who look like apes and teaching them how to ride horses and has them pulling a rickshaw. Universal Music Japan, the band's record label, said in a statement on Thursday, a day after the video's release, that it "contains expressions that lack understanding of historical and cultural backgrounds". Band member Motoki Ohmori also apologised, saying "we never had an intention of creating discriminatory content nor affirming tragic history". The video sparked widespread social media criticism that it contained nods to slavery and discrimination. Columbus began European incursions into the Americas in the late 15th century. "A view of history that Columbus was a hero who 'discovered' the new continent is outdated," one critic said on social media platform X, adding that "what happened post-Columbus is genocide of indigenous people and slavery". Another comment on YouTube said: "Wasn't there anyone involved who had studied world history at all?"

# Indian relatives grieve as bodies of 45 Kuwait fire victims return

Grieving families gather at Kochi airport to receive bodies of victims killed in Kuwait fire

◆ Many victims were from Kerala state  
◆ Anguished relatives kept vigil at airport in Kerala

AFP | Kochi

Grieving families kept a solemn vigil in the terminal of an Indian airport yesterday as the bodies of dozens of migrant workers killed in a Kuwait building fire returned home. Wednesday's dawn blaze quickly engulfed a housing block home to foreign labourers servicing the oil-rich Gulf state's economy. Fifty people died in the resulting inferno, 45 of them Indians, with dozens more hospitalised and anguished relatives back home frantically chasing news of whether their loved ones had perished. "We held on to hope till the last minute that maybe he got out, maybe he's in the hospital," Anu Aby, the neighbour of 31-year-old victim Cibin Abraham, told AFP. Aby said Abraham had been due to re-



Kerala chief minister Pinarayi Vijayan lays a wreath on the deceased after coffins' arrival on an Indian Air Force plane from Kuwait at the Cochin International Airport

turn to his home in Kerala state in August for his child's first birthday. Abraham had been on the phone to his wife just an hour before the fire began, he said. Others sat in a waiting area at Kochi airport in India's south, wiping away tears as the Indian Air Force plane carrying the remains of their relatives touched down. "It is an unending loss for the families of the deceased," Kerala chief minister Pinarayi Vijayan told reporters at the airport.

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KERALA CHIEF MINISTER PINARAYI VIJAYAN

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Most of Kuwait's population of more than four million is made up of foreigners. Many of them are from South and Southeast Asia working in construction and service industries and live in overcrowded housing blocks such as the one that went up in flames on Wednesday.

The blaze was one of the worst seen in Kuwait, which borders Iraq and Saudi Arabia and sits on about seven percent of the world's known oil reserves.

## State of 'catastrophe' as downpours hit Chile

AFP | Santiago

Heavy rains battered south and central Chile on Thursday, killing one person and causing damage to hundreds of homes as authorities declared a state of catastrophe in five regions of the South American country.

A person died in the southern city of Linares when a street lamp post fell after hours-long downpours and strong winds, the Senaped disaster response service said.

In the latest official report, Interior Minister Carolina Toha said "the worst of this frontal system is behind us, but we cannot let our guard down."

Earlier in the day, Chile's weather service issued the highest level of alarm, cov-



Aerial view of a flooded area in Concepcion, Bio Bio region, Chile

ering around 14 million of the 20 million people living in six of the country's 16 regions, but this was later lifted as authorities said 80 percent of the storm had passed, and was headed for neighboring Argentina. Prior to the arrival of the flood waters, Chile's central region had battled severe drought for 15 years. "We need boats to get people out," a resident in one of the affected towns, Curanilahue, told national television.

## US, Australia 'concerned' over Hong Kong passport cancellations

AFP | Hong Kong

The United States and Australia expressed concern yesterday over Hong Kong's revocation of a national security law to cancel the passports of six democracy activists, adding to a growing chorus of Western condemnation.

The Chinese finance hub in March passed the security law, colloquially known as Article 23, which expanded government powers beyond those granted by legislation Beijing imposed in 2020 to quell dissent.

On Wednesday, Hong Kong cancelled the passports of six



A profile of wanted exiled activist Nathan Law, is seen on a noticeboard outside a police station in Hong Kong

The United States yesterday called on Hong Kong officials to "immediately halt their efforts to intimidate and silence dissidents". "The United States remains strongly concerned that Hong Kong authorities are attempting to assert recently enacted Article 23 legislation extrajudicially as part of their on-going transnational repression efforts," a State Department spokesperson said. Australia also said it was "concerned by the erosion of rights and freedoms", adding that the security laws had "far reaching impacts, including on individuals in Australia".

## Hard-right Reform UK leapfrogs Tories for first time in poll



Reform UK party's Nigel Farage talks to the press

AFP | London

Prime Minister Rishi Sunak yesterday played down a "seismic" poll suggesting that his Conservative party has fallen behind the hard-right anti-immigration Reform UK group for the first time.

But a senior Tory insisted that the YouGov survey was a "stark warning" that the main opposition Labour party was on track for a landslide win at next month's general election.

"The only poll that matters is the one on July 4," Sunak told British media in Italy, where he was attending the G7 leaders' meeting.

The new poll, conducted on Wednesday and Thursday, shows Brexitier Nigel Farage's Reform with 19 percent support, compared to the Conservatives' 18 percent. Both are trailing far behind the centre-left Labour party.

"The fact that Nigel Farage's party are neck and neck with the governing Conservatives is a seismic shift in the voting landscape," YouGov said.

It cautioned, though, that the figures are "well within the margin of error of one another".

## Six dead after floods, landslides in India's northeast

AFP | Kolkata

Six people were killed after heavy rain triggered flash floods and landslides in a remote corner of India's northeast, officials said yesterday.

Another five people were missing around the affected area in Sikkim, a state in the Himalayan foothills bordering China and popular with Indian tourists.

Senior state government official Gopinath Raha said flood waters from the Teesta river had also washed away roads and bridges, temporarily stranding more than 1,500 people.

"The water level of the Teesta river surged past the danger mark on Thursday morning,



People move through a flooded road after heavy rainfall in Chang Chaki village of Nagaon district in India's Assam state

causing severe damage on the roads and disrupting traffic," he told AFP.

"More than 100 vehicles are struck at various points in the northern part of Sikkim."

## Ukraine fighting 'intense' battles in Donetsk region

AFP | Kyiv

Ukraine said yesterday that Russian forces had concentrated their firepower on the Pokrovsk front in the eastern Donetsk region, where overnight strikes wounded at least six people.

The Kremlin annexed the industrial territory in late 2022, months after invading, and its forces are making incremental gains there.

"The Pokrovsk front... is the most intense in terms of enemy attacks," the Ukrainian military said in a briefing.

In the war-battered town of Selydove near the front line in



Ukrainian servicemen of an anti-aircraft unit from the 24th mechanized brigade scan the sky for Russian drones

Donetsk, officials said six people were wounded by Russian aerial attacks overnight.

AFP journalists on the scene

## Pope calls at G7 for ban on 'lethal autonomous weapons'

AFP | Rome

Pope Francis called yesterday for a ban on "lethal autonomous weapons", when he addressed the G7 leaders' summit in Italy on the perils of artificial intelligence.

"In light of the tragedy that is armed conflict, it is urgent to reconsider the development and use of devices like the so-called 'lethal autonomous weapons' and ultimately ban their use," the pope said.

"This starts from an effective and concrete commitment to introduce ever greater and proper human control. No machine should ever choose to take the life of a human being," he said.

Francis, the first head of the Catholic Church to ever attend a Group of Seven summit, has repeatedly denounced the arms industry and those he says profit from wars and death.

AI is already being used on the battlefield and its move into modern warfare is raising concerns about the risks of escalation and the role of humans in decision making.

AI has shown itself to be faster but not necessarily safer or more ethical, and the development of weapons systems that could kill without human intervention poses ethical and legal challenges.

Francis told the leaders gathered in the southern Italian region of Puglia: "Artificial intelligence (is) at the same time an exciting and fearsome tool."



Pope Francis greets Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi before a working session during the G7 Summit

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ity to a future without hope if we took away people's ability to make decisions about themselves and their lives, by dooming them to depend on the choices of machines," he warned.

The G7, which brings together Britain, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan and the United States, said yesterday that AI "can play a crucial role in promoting progress and development in our societies".

"We recognise the impact of AI on the military domain and the need for a framework for responsible development and use," the leaders said in a draft statement seen by AFP.

At a strategic level, AI will produce models of battlefields and propose how to respond to attacks, maybe even including the use of nuclear weapons.

## Landlocked Niger shuts off oil taps to Benin amid row



View of an oil pipeline  
AFP | Washington

The taps feeding a pipeline carrying oil from landlocked Niger to Benin for export have been shut off, Nigerien public television said, escalating a diplomatic row between the neighbours.

Ties have been strained since last year's coup in Niger, and the Benin port of Seme-Kpodji, which exports Niger's oil, has emerged as a flashpoint.

Under regional sanctions imposed on Niger after the coup, Benin closed the border but has since reopened it. Niger's military rulers, however, have refused to reopen their side.

Benin also announced on national television last week that it was lifting a "blockade" on Nigerian oil.

But Nigerien public broadcaster Tele Sahel reported Thursday that Oil Minister Mahamane Moustapha Barke was in the country's east earlier this week to ensure "the implementation of the instructions of the head of state, General Abdourahmane Tiani, relating to the total closure of the valves of crude oil destined for export" via Benin.

TOP 4 TWEETS

01

The EU is concerned about the levels of violence against children in armed conflict (#CAAC). We welcome the attention given in the UN annual report. Children must be protected. Perpetrators must be held accountable.  
@JosepBorrellF

02

As G7 we stand for fair global competition. Today's overcapacity, especially by China, is becoming a global concern. As a result we will coordinate our assessments, responses and outreach to others on overcapacity.  
@vonderleyen

03

At the NATO Defense Ministerial in Brussels today, the NATO Nuclear Planning Group met today to discuss some key nuclear-policy issues. It was a productive meeting, and we remain unified on this critical subject.  
@SecDef

04

Paid the final respects to those who tragically lost their lives in the Kuwait fire accident, as their bodies arrived at Kochi Airport. Witnessing the profound grief of relatives & friends as they received their loved ones was truly heart-wrenching. Kerala stands united in mourning, sharing in the sorrow of the bereaved.  
@pinarayivijayan

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# CELEBS

## celebs

### Kate Hudson's music career healed family rift

Bang Showbiz | Los Angeles

Kate Hudson's singing career has helped heal the rift with her estranged father and her siblings. The 44-year-old actress' parents are Goldie Hawn and Bill Hudson, but they split a year after she was born and she grew up with her mother's partner Kurt Russell as her father figure in a blended family with her brother Oliver Hudson and Kurt's son Wyatt Russell. However, Kate also has three more half-siblings - Lania, Zach, and Emily Hudson - from her biological dad Bill's other relationships, but they have been estranged over the years until they recently got back in touch.

She has now revealed recording her first album - 'Glorious' - has helped bring her closer to musician Bill and the other side of the family. She told Variety: "I think that music brings up something else for me - it's my connection to my father, the connection to the Hudson side of my life.

"It's a very different side of me that is very connected to a very personal story, which is that relationship or lack of relationship that I've had with my father. "So that's also very interesting when it comes to music, because I've always felt very alone in my life, musically, because I wasn't connected to the Hudsons."

She added: "And now that I'm more connected to the Hudson side of my family, it really makes sense where it comes from. It's actually pretty wild, you know?"

"So not only has the music been cathartic for me, but it's also really reconnected me to my siblings and my father. It's been pretty amazing."

Kate Hudson



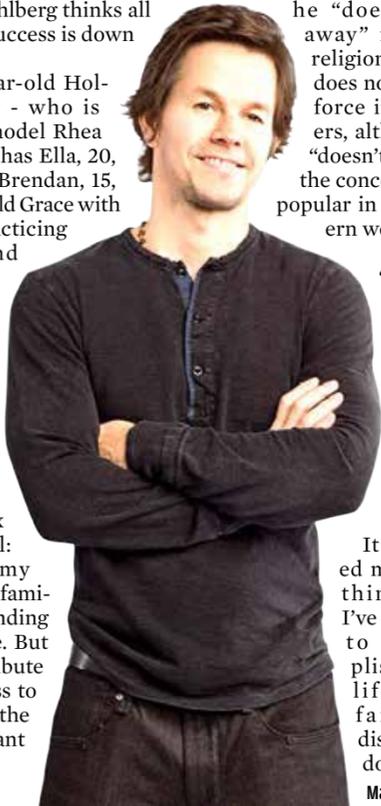
### Mark Wahlberg thinks all of his success is down to his faith

Bang Showbiz | Los Angeles

Mark Wahlberg thinks all of his success is down to his faith.

The 53-year-old Hollywood star - who is married to model Rhea Durham and has Ella, 20, Michael, 18, Brendan, 15, and 14-year-old Grace with her - is a practicing Catholic and explained that his dedication to religion has enabled him to find a "good balance" within his life and career.

He told Fox News Digital: "My faith, my faith and my family and just finding good balance. But I have to attribute all my success to my faith. It's the most important thing."



Mark Wahlberg

The 'Father Stu' actor previously insisted that he "doesn't shy away" from his religion but also does not wish to force it on others, although he "doesn't know" if the concept is still popular in the modern world.

He said: "It's just the most important aspect of my life. It's the most important thing. It's afforded me all the things that I've been able to accomplish in my life - my faith, my discipline. I don't know

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MARK WAHLBERG

that it's not popular. I just kind of focus on me again. I don't shy away from my faith, but I also don't jam it down anybody's throat.

"I've always said that I hope God is a movie fan. I mean, I've made some movies, whether it be 'Boogie Nights' or even 'Ted' where, you know, they could be a bit questionable.

"But I also don't want to compromise my artistic integrity. But as a parent and as a husband, those things definitely weigh into my decision-making. But I do like taking chances and risks. But I also was really proud of making a movie ['Father Stu'] that was a love letter to my faith."

### Kristen Bell reveals she didn't want her children to be in showbiz at first

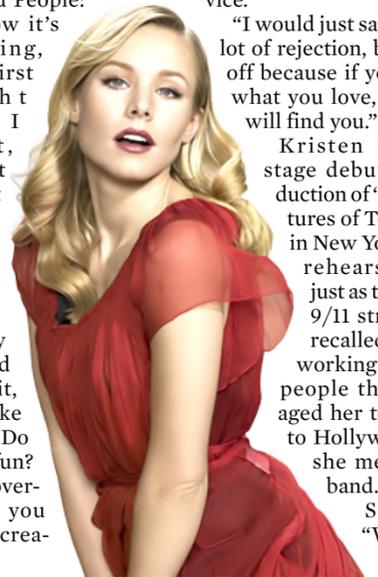
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Kristen Bell initially didn't want her children to be in showbiz.

The 43-year-old actress has daughters Lincoln, 11, and eight-year-old Delta with 'Armchair Expert' host Dax Shepard and admitted that she wasn't originally keen on them following in her footsteps until her husband made her look at the idea in a different way.

She told People:

"You know it's interesting, when I first thought about it, I thought, 'Oh, I don't want them to be actors. There's too much rejection. Then my husband said, 'Wait, do you like your life? Do you have fun? Are you overpaid? Do you get to be crea-



Kristen Bell

tive every day?' I said, 'Yeah.' He said, 'Why would you not want that for your kids?'"

But the 'Frozen' star was keen to stress that for any parents whose children are hoping to become actors themselves to be mindful of the "rejection" that comes with the nature of the visit and to just keep working on their passion if it is what they truly want.

She said: "I'd have to think longer and harder about advice."

"I would just say, 'There's a lot of rejection, but brush it off because if you're doing what you love, something will find you.'"

Kristen made her stage debut in a production of 'The Adventures of Tom Sawyer' in New York and was rehearsing for it just as the events of 9/11 struck as she recalled that it was working with those people that encouraged her to move out to Hollywood where she met her husband.

She said: "We were in

### Kate Winslet sent 'flirtatious' voicemails to The Regime producer

Bang Showbiz | Los Angeles

Kate Winslet left "flirtatious" voicemails for 'The Regime' producer and director.

The 48-year-old actress plays fictional dictator Chancellor Elena Vernham in HBO's new six part political satire, and she has revealed how she honed her accent to make sure she didn't sound like herself for the role.

Appearing at an FYC panel this week, she said: "It never made sense to me to speak like myself.

"I didn't quite know what that meant, or what I was going to do about it. I just knew that I had to find something that didn't feel too close to me."

Initially, Kate would experiment at home, but her family begged her not to and joked it "actually made their ears bleed".

She then started to send voicemails to Jessica Hobbs,

to build up her confidence before trying it out with Jessica's co-producer and director Stephen Frear.

She explained: "I knew he was just going to have an opinion, and once it was out of his mouth, I wouldn't be able to unhear it, and so I shared it with Jess [Hobbs], who was very positive in her response.

"So I sat Stephen down [and tried out the voice]. 'Do you see if I just maybe did that? And then a little bit and talk to you slightly flirtatiously, I could probably get you to do anything...'"

Kate Winslet



### Nicole Kidman 'smashed a window' as emotions bubbled up on Big Little Lies set

Bang Showbiz | Los Angeles

Nicole Kidman threw a rock through a window after keeping her emotions "pent up" on 'Big Little Lies'.

The 56-year-old actress played Celeste Wright on the hit series - which ran for 14 episodes over two seasons between 2017 and 2019 - and she admitted there was a moment where the gruelling realities of working on set bubbled over.

Speaking in a roundtable chat with Jodie Foster, Brie Larson, Naomi Watts, Jennifer Aniston, Sofia Vergara and Ana Sawai for The Hollywood Reporter, she recalled: "I threw a rock because [the door] was locked and I couldn't get in.

"I'd never done that in my life. I obviously [had a lot] pent up. I broke the whole thing. It cost a fortune."

Nicole - who has teased plans for a third season - insisted given the long stints actors face on set, there "really isn't the time"

to focus on self care.

She remembered telling co-star Alexander Skarsgard and season one director Jean-Marc Vallée - who died of a heart attack aged 58 in December 2021 - about what she did.

She added: "And then I went back the next day and I said to Alexander [Skarsgard] and Jean-Marc [Vallée], 'I threw a rock through the window,' and they were like, 'Whoa ...' I said, 'I was kind of p\*\*\*\*\* off'.

"But there's a way in which we operate where the show must go on, and so you just keep going - you show up and you do it and do it and do it and do it.

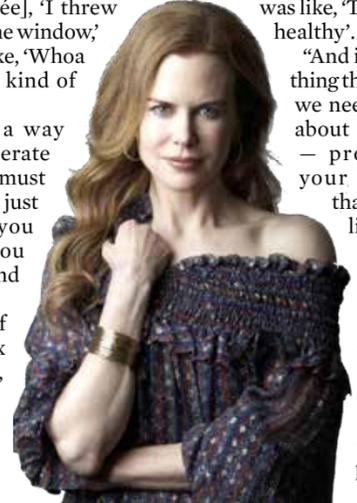
"And a lot of times, it's six months of 12, 14-hour days and there really isn't the time to go, 'I need to

take care of myself.'"

However, it wasn't the only show that took its toll on her mental health, and it has even prompted her own career choices.

She explained: "After 'Expats', I went and did a comedy because I went crazy with my own psychology. I was like, 'This is unhealthy'.

"And it's something that I think we need to talk about as actors - protecting your body so that you can live for as long as you are given on this earth. Because it's very tough on the psyche."



Nicole Kidman

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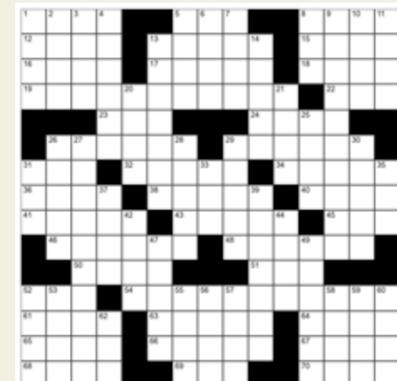
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How to play

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#### CROSSWORD



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1- Deck quartet; 5- Superlative suffix; 8- Calendar abbr.; 12- Put in order; 13- HI hi; 15- Toward the sheltered side; 16- Bull; 17- Swell up; 18- Prefix with conference; 19- An organization; 22- 100 yrs.; 23- Guy's partner; 24- Convene; 26- Kind of license or justice; 29- On the beach; 31- Swiss river; 32- Throat problem; 34- Combined; 36- Type of ranch; 38- Shouts; 40- Reason to cancel school; 41- Out of the way; 43- Children's refrain; 45- du Diable; 46- Snare; 48- Llama relative; 50- Ardent; 51- Ballad ending; 52- California's Big; 54- Remorse; 61- Would you?; 63- Rodeo horse; 64- Wishing won't make; 65- Collectible frames; 66- Strange and mysterious; 67- Nothing special; 68- Lock openers; 69- PD investigator; 70- Animated character.

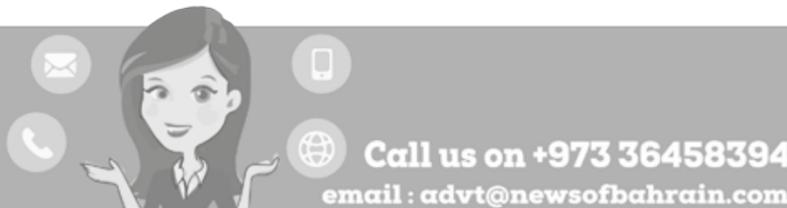
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Yesterday's solution

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# Afghanistan beat PNG to advance at T20 World Cup as NZ eliminated

Fazalhaq Farooqi takes three wickets as Afghanistan advances to Super Eight

● **Afghanistan wins by seven wickets in Trinidad**

● **PNG bowled out for 95, Afghanistan replies with 101-3**

● **New Zealand crashes out, despite two games left**

AFP | Tarouba

Afghanistan underlined their growing status as the dark horses of the 2024 T20 World Cup with a seven-wicket victory over Papua New Guinea on Thursday to advance to the Super Eight phase of the competition and send New Zealand crashing out.

Fazalhaq Farooqi added another three victims to his tournament-leading wicket tally as PNG were bundled out for 95 off 19.5 overs batting first in the Group C match at the Brian Lara

## Scorecard

**Afghanistan 101 for 3 (Naib 49\*, Kamea 1-16) beat Papua New Guinea 95 (Doriga 27, Farooqi 3-16, Naveen 2-4) by seven wickets**

Stadium in Trinidad.

Afghanistan stumbled early in reply, losing both openers cheaply for the first time in the tournament but eventually reached the target for the loss of three wickets in the 16th over for a third win in a row.

Gulbadin Naib, dropped on nine by wicketkeeper Kiplin Doriga off medium-pacer Alei Nao, took his team to the target with an unbeaten 49 in an unbroken fourth-wicket partnership of 46 with Mohammad Nabi (16 not out). Afghanistan finished on 101-3 off 15.1 overs.

The result confirms Afghanistan's place, together with hosts West Indies, in the next round while at the same time eliminating New Zealand, who still have two group matches to play.

Left-arm seamer Farooqi spearheaded another impres-



sive Afghan bowling effort, taking two quick wickets after PNG captain Assad Vala inadvertently opened the door for his opponents when he was carelessly run out in the second over of the match.

Two more run outs followed and Farooqi returned in the 19th over to claim another scalp to finish with three for 16 before

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a fourth run out ended the innings.

“I just keep it simple and stay with my strengths,” said Farooqi after receiving the ‘Man of the Match’ award. “If conditions are helpful for me I’m going for wickets. We just want to keep on giving 100 percent in every match we play.”

He now has 12 wickets in the tournament, four more than the trio of South African pacer Anrich Nortje, fast bowler Alzarri Joseph of the West Indies and Australian leg-spinner Adam Zampa.

To their credit, the Papuans showed a willingness to fight after slipping to 50 for seven in the 13th over as Doriga, who topscored with 27, and Alei Nao (13) put on 38 for the eighth wicket before Farooqi, inevitably, separated them.

“They are a really good bowling unit and to give them four easy wickets (run outs), especially mine, which was a bit lazy, didn’t help,” said a remorseful Vala. “I’m really happy though with the way our bowlers have been going. Even though we haven’t put enough runs on the board to help

them the execution of their skills and their planning has been outstanding.”

Afghanistan captain Rashid was particularly pleased with the adaptability of his team.

“Our players have understood their roles in the team and, more importantly, have been able to adjust quickly to the conditions,” he stated, before praising another fine performance by Farooqi.

“His way of attacking (the batsman) with each and every ball allows us to have a strong base as a bowling unit. In T20 cricket, I think it’s better the more you attack as a bowling unit if the conditions are in your favour.”



Fazalhaq Farooqi celebrates a wicket

## F1 fireball survivor Grosjean realising Le Mans dream

AFP | London

Romain Grosjean, whose Formula One career ended in flames at the Bahrain Grand Prix in 2020, is among a posse of F1 drivers competing in this weekend’s Le Mans 24 Hours race.

The 92nd edition of motorsport’s mythic endurance test has lured no fewer than 18 ex-F1 drivers.

Grosjean, who is sharing the driving of one of Lamborghini’s two cars in the elite hypercar category, is joined by 2009 F1 world champion Jenson Button, behind the wheel of one of Porsche’s six entries.

Nyck De Vries, abruptly sacked by AlphaTauri after 10 races in his rookie 2023 F1 season, is driving a Toyota, while Mick Schumacher is in an Alpine.

While many F1 drivers have



Romain Grosjean’s F1 car in flames at the 2020 Bahrain Grand Prix (file photo)

been seduced by the magical race that sets off at 1400GMT Saturday and concludes 24 weary hours later, only five have succeeded in adding their name to its illustrious roll of honour.

Mike Hawthorn was the first in 1955, followed by Phil Hill

in 1958, 1961 and 1962, Jochen Rindt (1965), the Graham Hill in 1972, with Fernando Alonso winning for Toyota in 2018-2019.

For Grosjean, the very notion of taking part at Le Mans was the furthest thing on his

mind as he made a miraculous escape from a terrifying fireball when his Haas car split in two in a high speed first lap crash in Bahrain four years ago.

“It’s amazing to make my return to France and see the French fans. I never thought I’d have the chance to see them again after my Bahrain accident, when they watched me on television jumping away from my little barbecue” he reflected yesterday.

Grosjean, who has recently been competing in the Indy series in the United States, took part in Le Mans in a junior category back in 2010.

“I’ve had the luck to take part in the Monaco Grand Prix, the Indy 500, and now Le Mans in the elite category,” said the 38-year-old.

“That’s really something exceptional. When I was a kid I could never have imagined this.

## China football fans send money to Singapore goalkeeper for heroics

AFP | Singapore

Singapore’s veteran goalkeeper Hassan Sunny says Chinese football fans have been sending him money to say thank you for his unlikely role in keeping their World Cup dreams alive.

The 40-year-old became a hero overnight in the country of 1.4 billion people after his saves during Singapore’s match at Thailand helped China squeeze into the next qualifying round.

China’s hopes of reaching the third stage of Asian qualifying for 2026 were hanging by a thread after a 1-0 defeat to South Korea in Seoul on Tuesday.

Thailand then needed to beat Singapore by three goals in Bangkok to leapfrog China and snatch second place in Group C, which would have ended China’s World Cup



Singapore goalkeeper Hassan Sunny saves a shot

Thailand did beat basement side Singapore, but only 3-1, thanks to Sunny making 11 saves in a man-of-the-match display.

The stopper told Singapore’s state broadcaster CNA that fans in China had used the Alipay account of his food stall in the city-state to transfer money to him after photos of its payment QR code were circulated online.

Chinese fans have also been flocking to the modest food outlet.

## Porsche on pole for Le Mans 24 Hours

AFP | Le Mans

Porsche will start on pole for this weekend’s Le Mans 24 Hours after topping qualifying at the famous circuit in the Sarthe region of France on Thursday.

The German manufacturer, seeking their first Le Mans title since 2017, put two Cadillacs in the shade to take the front of the grid in their number six car.

French driver Kevin Estre was behind the wheel to secure pole for a race due to be started by French football icon Zinedine Zidane at 1400GMT on Saturday.

Estre will share the driving



Ferrari in the pits during qualifying at Le Mans

with German Andre Lotterer and Laurens Vanthoor of Belgium.

Second in Thursday’s ‘hyperpole’ qualifying session came

Cadillac’s number two car with Earl Bamber of New Zealand, Briton Alex Lynn and Alex Palou of Spain sharing the wheel.

But they were handed a five-

place grid penalty later for provoking an accident at Spa-Francorchamps in May.

That moved Cadillac’s number three car of another French driver Sebastien Bourdais, Renger van der Zande of the Netherlands and Kiwi Scott Dixon up to second.

Ferrari, winners last year on their return to the event that attracts several hundred thousand diehard motor-racing fans every year, now start third and fourth.

Alpine, with their Formula One driver Pierre Gasly watching on from the pits, are in fifth ahead of BMW and the demoted Cadillac.

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# Al Najma win Handball Cup

● Al Najma enjoy a close 29-28 victory over Al Shabab to secure the BHF Cup

Hussain Almaskati  
TDT | Manama

Al Najma clinched the Bahrain Handball Federation (BHF) Cup, narrowly defeating Al Shabab 29-28 at the Khalifa Sports City Arena in Isa Town.

The match kept fans on the edge of their seats with its intense back-and-forth action, ending in dramatic fashion.

With just over two minutes left on the clock and Shabab closing in at 27-28, Mahdi Saad of Al Najma made a crucial shot from the six-meter line, extending their lead to two points. Al Shabab's Ahmed Jalal responded



Players celebrate with the trophy

ed immediately, bringing the score to 28-29. That said, both teams struggled to score in the final moments, and Al Najma managed to maintain their slim lead.

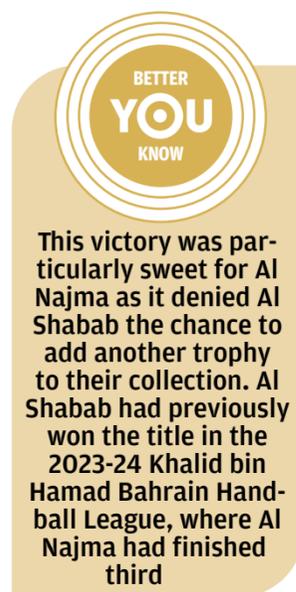
The first half was equally competitive, with Al Najma holding a 15-14 lead at the break.

Both teams displayed strong defensive and offensive strategies, setting the stage for a tense second half.

This victory was particularly sweet for Al Najma as it denied Al Shabab the chance to add another trophy to their collection. Al Shabab had previously won

the title in the 2023-24 Khalid bin Hamad Bahrain Handball League, where Al Najma had finished third.

Following the match, the General Sports Authority CEO, Dr. Abdulrahman Askar, presented the medals to both the winners and the runners-up. Al Najma's



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Mohammed Mirza received the trophy, marking a successful end to a hard-fought season.

## New Zealand coach Stead's future in doubt after World Cup exit

AFP | Wellington

New Zealand head coach Gary Stead admitted yesterday his future was out of his hands as the Black Caps were dumped out of the Twenty20 World Cup in the group phase.

Back-to-back defeats in their opening games have left New Zealand bottom of their group and unable to reach the knock-out stages of the tournament, hosted by the United States and the West Indies.

Stead, who took over as New Zealand coach in 2018 and led them to the 2021 final, has a year left on his contract.

Speaking prior to Afghanistan's win over Papua New Guinea, which confirmed New Zealand's exit, Stead deflected the question when asked if he was still the right person to lead the Black Caps.

## Bahrain crowns first-ever national boxing champions

● Eleven champions emerge victorious in Bahrain's inaugural National Boxing Championship

Hussain Almaskati  
TDT | Manama

Bahrain celebrated a milestone in its sporting history last night, crowning its first group of national boxing champions.

Eleven skilled fighters clinched championship belts as the inaugural Bahrain National Boxing Championship concluded at the Bahrain Table Tennis Association hall in Isa Sports City, Riffa.

Under the backing of Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Supreme Council for Youth and Sport's first deputy chairman, General Sports Authority (GSA) chairman, and Bahrain Olympic Committee president, the final night of bouts was a



Action from a match

spectacle of talent and determination.

GSA deputy chairman and Bahrain Combat Sports Council president Shaikh Salman bin Mohammed Al Khalifa presented the championship belts and gold medals to the winners, along with silver and bronze medals to other podium finishers.

### Roll of Champions

The list of the Kingdom's first national champions includes Ali Asad, Mohammed Fakhr, Tariq Raed, Omar Budhaheh, Muhammad Lukwago, Okafor Chukwu-maobim, and Augustine Isaac among the elite men; Maryam Khamis among the elite women; and Abdulrahman Ahmed,

Youssef Bouzgarrou, and Yusuf Abdallah among the youth.

Ali Asad, the elite men's 71kg to 80kg category champion, expressed his joy, saying, "Finally, it's actually mine." Asad won a 3-2 split decision against Mohammed Alshami. "It was a tough fight, but I was up for it," he said. Bader Moussa and Mohammad Sohaib took joint bronze in this category.

In the elite women's 51kg to 54kg final, Maryam Khamis came out on top against Rosie Jessop with a 3-2 split decision. "Winning the national championship for the first time, I am so happy," Khamis said, adding that she is eager for more achievements.

Abdulrahman Ahmed won the youth over 92 kg division, defeating Adam Sameer 5-0 on points. "This championship means so much to me," said the 18-year-old. "I have worked so hard for this moment." Ahmed hopes this victory will lead to an opportunity to train with Bahrain's national boxing team, a long-time dream of his.

## World Cup winner Hummels leaves Dortmund after 13 years

AFP | Dortmund

Borussia Dortmund announced yesterday defender Mats Hummels will leave after 13 years at the club.

Hummels departure comes a day after coach Edin Terzic surprisingly announced he would leave the club, just two weeks after taking them to the Champions League final.

During two stints at Dortmund, Hummels won two league titles and two German Cups, along with reaching the Champions League final in 2013 and 2024.

"Dear fans, my time in black and yellow is now coming to an end after

a total of over 13 years. It was a huge honour and joy for me to have played for BVB for so long," Hummels said in a statement.

"I will be cheering from afar and hopefully in the stadium from time to time. I will miss you."

Hummels, 35, wound back the clock this campaign in Dortmund's run to the Champions League final and was named in the UEFA team of the season.

The centre-back was publicly critical of Terzic's tactics in the lead up to the Wembley final, in particular the coach's focus on defensive rather than attacking football.

Mats Hummels



## England thrash Oman to reignite T20 World Cup campaign

AFP | North Sound

England hammered Oman by eight wickets as the reigning champions revived their T20 World Cup campaign with a record-breaking win in Antigua.

Needing a heavy victory to bolster their net run-rate as they attempt to overhaul Scotland in the race to qualify for the second round, England routed Oman for just 47.

England then made 50-2 in a mere 3.1 overs, captain Jos Buttler 24 not out and Jonny Bairstow, who hit the winning boundary, unbeaten on eight.

This overwhelming Group B victory meant England recorded the largest win in T20 World Cup history in terms of balls remaining.



England captain Jos Buttler plays a shot

Oman had no answer to England's attack, leg-spinner Adil Rashid taking 4-11, while express quicks Jofra Archer and Mark Wood both had figures of 3-12 in an innings that ended with nearly seven overs to spare.

Number seven Shoaib Khan (11) was the only Oman batsman to reach double figures after Buttler won the toss.

England's net run-rate climbed to 3.081, better than Scotland's 2.16, although they

### Scorecard

England 50 for 2 (Buttler 24\*) beat Oman 47 (Rashid 4-11, Archer 3-12, Wood 3-12) by eight wickets with 101 balls to spare

stayed third on three points, behind the Scots' five.

But amid speculation arch-rivals Australia, undefeated so far in Group B might ease up in their closing pool game against Scotland to engineer England's exit, Buttler's men now know they will go second if they beat Namibia in their pool finale on Saturday.

Even a win, however, would leave England awaiting the outcome of Sunday's match between Australia and Scotland to discover if they have reached the Super Eights.

## Cummins reassures England over Hazlewood World Cup 'exit' comments

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Pat Cummins ruled out Thursday the prospect of Australia underperforming against Scotland in a bid to oust rivals England from the Twenty20 World Cup, saying it would be against the "spirit of cricket".

Bowling spearhead Josh Hazlewood caused controversy this week when he said it would be in Australia's interests for reigning champions England to be out of the competition.

Australia have already secured their place in the next round, the Super Eights, and he suggested they could ease up in their closing Group B game against Scotland this weekend to engineer their bitter rivals' exit.

That scenario now ap-



Australia's Josh Hazlewood (R) and Pat Cummins during a match (file photo)

pears less likely after England crushed Oman by eight wickets on Thursday to move above Scotland on net run rate with a final game to come against Namibia.

England coach Matt Mott -- an Australian -- said he hoped Hazlewood was joking and Australia's Test and one-day skipper Cummins assured him that the bowler was.