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Bahrain to lift ban on fishing kingfish today



Kingfish will be available in the markets again

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The General Directorate of Marine Resources at the Supreme Council for the Environment has announced the lifting of the ban on fishing for kingfish or "chanaad" in the territorial waters of the Kingdom of Bahrain.

Effective from today, the ban on displaying and trading kingfish in markets and public places will also be lifted, following the completion of the breeding season, which began with the initial ban announced on August 15.

The Marine Wealth Department of the Supreme Council for the Environment confirmed that the decision to prohibit kingfish fishing was part of the Kingdom's ongoing efforts to preserve marine wealth.

This action aligns with Decree-Law No. 20 of 2002, which regulates fishing, exploitation, and protection of marine resources.

It also implements recommendations from the Agricultural Cooperation Committee of GCC countries made during its 23rd meeting, emphasising the need for protective measures for kingfish.

Man accused of killing son

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The Capital Police Directorate and the General Department of Criminal Investigations and Evidence have initiated legal procedures against a 63-year-old Asian man accused of killing his 34-year-old son over family disputes.

Following the incident, the suspect voluntarily surrendered to the authorities.

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War looms near, UN cautions

UN pushes for ceasefires in Lebanon and Gaza to avert 'major regional war'

AFP | Geneva

The UN yesterday stressed the urgent need for ceasefires in both Lebanon and Gaza to avert a broader regional conflict with ramifications for the whole world.

"A ceasefire that is sustained by a meaningful peace process... is the only way to break the cycle of violence, of hatred, of misery," said UN refugee chief Filippo Grandi.

Speaking at the start of the UNHCR refugee agency's annual executive committee meeting in Geneva, he slammed "the terrible lie that the path to peace is found through war".

Global implications

Only a ceasefire could "stem the tide to a major regional war with global implications", he warned.

Grandi's comments came amid escalating Israeli attacks targeting Hezbollah fighters in Lebanon, where more than 1,300 people have been killed and a million displaced since late September, according to Lebanese officials.

Hezbollah started firing into northern Israel a year ago to support Hamas following its deadly October 7 attacks that sparked the devastating war in Gaza.

Displacement

The near-daily exchange of fire led to the displacement of



Palestinians check the destruction following an Israeli army strike around tents for displaced people inside the walls of Al-Aqsa Martyrs Hospital in Deir al-Balah, in the central Gaza Strip. (AFP)

tens of thousands of people on both sides of the border even before the escalation last month, when Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu vowed to crush Hezbollah to allow Israelis displaced by the violence to return home.

"You will have seen the images and heard the numbers; hundreds of thousands of displaced inside Lebanon, seeking reprieve from Israeli airstrikes," Grandi said.

"Once again, the distinction made between civilians and combatants has almost become meaningless."

The UN high commissioner for refugees, who has just returned from Lebanon and neighbouring Syria, decried attacks impacting humanitarian workers.

Grandi paid tribute to two UNHCR workers killed in an Israeli airstrike in Lebanon last month, and also highlighted the 226 staff working for the UN agency for Palestinian refugees, UNRWA, killed in Gaza in the past year.

"We cannot accept that lives of humanitarians are dismissed as mere collateral damage, or worse, maligned as somehow culpable or complicit," he said. Despite the attacks, he

stressed that the United Nations would "stay and deliver".

Plight

Grandi highlighted the plight of Syrian refugees who had fled the civil war in their country to seek refuge in Lebanon, only to find themselves "uprooted again".

Many have crossed back to Syria along with Lebanese and others fleeing the Israeli airstrikes.

UNHCR says 276,000 people have crossed the border so far - 70 percent of them Syrian nationals.



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Lebanese authorities put the number at over 400,000.

Grandi acknowledged during a separate event at the UN yesterday that the Lebanese figure was "probably closer to the truth", since his agency did not have a full overview of all the crossing points.

The "massive influx", he said, marked the "largest single number of people returning to Syria since Syrian refugees started fleeing from the country in 2011".

"It is like misery adding itself to misery."

People were also fleeing further afield, Grandi said, pointing out that "7,500 are estimated to have crossed into Iraq already".

Bahrain tourist attraction

Thumbs up for first eco-friendly mangrove museum

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Tough, salt-loving mangroves could be at the centre of Bahrain's latest tourist attraction - a museum that is both eco-friendly and educational.

The Northern Municipal Council has given the green light for a 4,485-square-metre eco-hub dedicated to these vital trees, known for their natural ability to break the wind and absorb carbon.

Members of the council unanimously approved the plan proposed by council member Bassem Abu Idrees, setting the stage for what would be Bahrain's first mangrove museum.

In a presentation to fellow members, Abu Idrees explained how mangroves are among the most remarkable and beneficial species for humans.

Buffer
These hardy trees not only serve as a buffer against tidal storms but also help clean the waters around them.

Additionally, they play a crucial role in capturing and storing carbon dioxide, thus helping to mitigate the effects of climate



Bassem Abu Idrees

change. "The museum, planned for Salman City block 580, will offer numerous benefits," Abu Idrees said, speaking to The Daily Tribune. "In addition to the already



The museum will house rare plants

well-known advantages of mangrove trees, the centre will support research, education, and the work of environmentalists."

Features

He outlined the museum's planned features, which include a training centre for cultivating mangrove trees and other eco-friendly plants, ideal for school students conducting experiments.

It will house a 3D cinema, an exhibition space showcasing environmental information and models, an art area for children, a food court, and public facilities.

Double vision for progress

Bahrain committed to accelerating efforts towards achieving 2030 and 2050 economic goals

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The Kingdom of Bahrain is dedicated to executing the plans outlined in the Bahrain Economic Vision 2030 while also accelerating efforts to achieve the ambitious goals established in the Bahrain Economic Vision 2050.

This was emphasised by the Cabinet, noting that it is in line with His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa's directives reiterated by is Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister.

During yesterday's session at Gudaibiya Palace chaired by the Deputy Prime Minister, His Excellency Shaikh Khalid bin Abdulla Al Khalifa, the Cabinet commended HM the King's address at the opening of the third session of the sixth legislative term of the Shura Council and the Council of Representatives.

It noted that HM King Hamad's directives determine future government workstreams and national development, which benefit all.

The Cabinet assured that the Kingdom will accelerate efforts to advance the anticipated Bahrain Economic Vision 2050.

Bahraini identity

In addition, a comprehensive study will be conducted to strengthen Bahraini identity and ensure a balance between openness and national security – particularly on safeguarding natural resources and optimising their investment to ensure a secure, sustainable, and prosperous future.

The address also emphasised ongoing efforts to enhance food security and manage natural resources, utilising modern technologies, such as artificial intelligence, in vital sectors to drive sustainable development.

In this regard, the Cabinet emphasised the Kingdom's commitment to enhance cooperation between the Executive and Legislative Authorities, noting the efforts of the Chairman of the Shura Council, the Speaker of the Council of Representatives, and members of both councils in furthering the



H.E. Shaikh Khalid bin Abdulla Al Khalifa relationship.

Gratitude

In celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the first Municipal Council elections, the Cabinet expressed gratitude to the municipal councils and affirmed their role in the Kingdom's overall development.

The Cabinet also commended Bahraini engineers for their contributions to the Kingdom's advancement, in celebration of Bahraini Engineer's Day.

It also highlighted the success

of the twenty-ninth edition of Routes World 2024, the leading global event in the aviation industry, which made its debut in the Kingdom of Bahrain.

The Cabinet commended the Ministry of Transportation and Communications, along with other agencies, for their effective organisational efforts in ensuring the event's success.

Memorandums

The Cabinet convened for a meeting where several memorandums were discussed and

subsequently approved.

Among the items on the agenda was a memorandum submitted by the Government Executive Committee concerning the activities of authorized distributors.

The Cabinet approved a draft resolution related to the Traffic Council's internal regulation, presented by the Ministerial Committee for Legal and Legislative Affairs.

The committee also submitted a memorandum regarding a draft agreement, several draft memoranda of understanding, and an executive program between the Kingdom of Bahrain and the State of Kuwait.

Furthermore, the Cabinet addressed a memorandum concerning cooperation in culture, antiquities, and handicrafts with the Republic of Cyprus.

A government response regarding eight draft proposals and four draft laws from the Council of Representatives, along with a draft proposal from the Shura Council, was also approved.

HM King's speech charts path for Bahrain's future growth: Al Dhaen



MP Dr. Maryam Al Dhaen

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In a stirring reflection on the recent royal speech by His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, MP Dr. Maryam Al Dhaen praised its comprehensive vision for national development, highlighting its balanced approach to preserving Bahrain's identity while advancing international cooperation.

Al Dhaen emphasized that this moment marks a new chapter in Bahrain's journey, one that calls for unity and collaboration to uphold the nation's constitutional values.

The MP noted HM the King's focus on reinforcing Bahraini identity and underscored the need to strike a balance between embracing global openness and safeguarding national values.

She also celebrated the Kingdom's strides in food security, aligning these achievements with His Majesty's vision.

Sustainable development

The advancements in agricultural production, driven by the government under the leadership of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, demonstrate the Kingdom's commitment to sustainable development, the MP stated.

Crucially, Al Dhaen highlighted the role of the legislative authority in turning His Majesty's vision into reality by enacting laws that promote agricultural investment and modern technology.

Bahrain's national talent



His Excellency Shaikh Salman bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, Minister of Finance and National Economy, received employee Saleh Zayed Saleh, who was selected for the 10th intake of the Prime Minister's Fellowship Programme. Osama Al Alawi, Undersecretary for National Economy, and Dr. Faisal Hammad, Assistant Undersecretary for Competitiveness and Economic Indicators, were present. Shaikh Salman bin Khalifa congratulated Saleh for being selected after a thorough evaluation and wished him continued success. The minister highlighted Bahrain's national talent and competencies, which play an important role in driving the Kingdom's progress under the leadership of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa.

Bahrain exports set for \$42bln milestone

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Bahrain's exports are expected to rise to \$42 billion this year, defying a regional downturn, with a trade surplus likely, according to a new Arab report.

While some Gulf nations are facing challenges, Bahrain's export figures are projected to continue growing into 2025.

The report from the Arab Investment & Export Credit Guarantee Corporation (DHAMAN) forecasts a 5.8% increase in Bahrain's exports this year compared to 2023, bringing the total to BD15.81 billion.

Momentum

This upward momentum is expected to carry into next year, with exports reaching \$43.6 bil-



lion (BD16.42 billion), a further rise of 3.6%.

Bahrain's imports are also on the rise, with predictions that they will reach \$33.9 billion (BD12.76 billion) in 2024 – up by 5.9% from last year.

This will leave the country with a trade surplus of BD3.66 billion.

The trend is set to continue into 2025, with imports growing to \$35.9 billion (BD13.52 billion), and a surplus of BD2.9 billion expected.

This positive performance

contrasts with the broader regional picture.

The report indicated that Arab exports are expected to dip by 0.4% this year, though they are forecast to bounce back by 4% in 2025. Arab imports, however, are projected to grow by 6.1% in both 2024 and 2025.

The report also pointed out disparities across the region.

Six major Arab economies are anticipated to see exports decline this year, while 12 other countries will experience various levels of growth, ranging from a staggering 77.8% rise in Sudan to a modest 0.2% in Jordan.

Next year looks more promising for the majority of Arab nations, with exports predicted to rise in 16 countries.

Only two Gulf states are forecast to see a decline in 2025.

'The Soul's Habitats' photo exhibition a resounding success

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On the occasion of the 20th Edition of the Day of Italian Contemporary Art, the Embassy of Italy in Manama and the Art Concept Gallery inaugurated the solo exhibition 'The Soul's Habitats' by Tuscan sculptor and photographer Margherita Verdi.

The exhibition, which was conceived during the artist's travels across Europe, received a resounding success, serving as a manifesto in the optics of inclusion, presenting the public with a play of light and shadow, movement and stillness, through photographs of religious sites of all denominations from the largest European cities to the smallest, most characteristic Italian villages.

Hosted by the Art Concept Gallery in Manama, the exhibition was inaugurated by the Ambassador of Italy, H.E. Andrea Catalano



Guests receive a tree through the Buthoor Al Bahrain initiative

Contemporary Italian art

Reflecting on the evolution of Italian art, from the traditional neoclassical works of Antonio Canova and Vittorio Alfieri to the futurism of Carrà and Soffici, Ambassador Catalano highlighted the impor-

tance of contemporary Italian art and its fundamental role in promoting Italy's social, economic and cultural development worldwide.

"Among the over 100,000 monuments and museums in Italy, every two years, millions of artists and visitors hasten to

"The Floating City's" Venice Biennale, to experience the splendor of Italian contemporary art, which is sometimes complex but intriguing, offering multiple perspectives to its audience."

Greater awareness

"It is in this spirit that we cel-



Admiring a masterpiece of art

brate the 20th edition of the Italian Day of Contemporary Art," said the Ambassador, "to promote greater awareness of the importance of the Italian contemporary art and foster a heightened sensitivity towards any cultural, sensory or intellectual barriers, with the impor-

ance of inclusion and accessibility as the central themes of this edition."

At the conclusion of the event, Art met Green through the Buthoor Al Bahrain initiative by gifting the guests of the exhibition with a tree to make our future greener.

Bahraini sentenced to three years in jail for investment scam

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A 25-year-old man has been sentenced to three years imprisonment by the High Criminal Court for defrauding four individuals of BD65,000.

It also ordered the confiscation of the proceeds of the crime and the restitution of the funds to the victims.

The defendant operated without the necessary licenses from the Central Bank or other relevant authorities.

His scheme was uncovered after he lost the invested funds while trading in forex and cryptocurrencies.

Complaint

The case came to light following a complaint from one of the victims, who met the defendant at a café last February.

He offered investment opportunities promising increased income.

The victim, motivated by upcoming wedding expenses, initially invested BD200.

The defendant then claimed a 40% return, prompting the victim to invest a total of BD45,000 over time.

Profits

However, the defendant subsequently delayed returning the funds or paying the promised profits.

Further complaints following a loss of BD2,450, another BD3,000, and a fourth victim BD850.

Investigations revealed that the defendant had collected funds without the required licenses.

Father's right to child custody upheld

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The High Appeals Court has granted a Bahraini father custody of his 18-year-old daughter after she expressed her desire to live with him.

The court overturned a lower court decision that had denied the father's request, citing his relatively recent conversion to Islam.

The father, represented by lawyer Abdullah Al Faihani, initially filed a custody request with the lower court after his

daughter reached the age of majority (18) and chose to live with him.

The lower court rejected the request, arguing that the daughter, at her age, required guidance on women's religious matters best provided by a woman, and further citing the father's recent conversion to Islam.

However, Al Faihani appealed the decision, presenting evidence that his client had embraced Islam over 10 years ago.

A 'rubbish' ratio

Northern Governorate's waste dilemma: Only one dumpster for every 16 homes, leading to endless frustration

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Residents of Northern Governorate are expressing frustration over inadequate waste disposal facilities as stray dogs scavenge through rubbish, creating a messy situation.

With just one dumpster for every 16 homes, the issue has come to the forefront of discussions.

The Director-General of the Northern Governorate Municipality, Lamy Al Fadhalah, revealed that the cleaning company has exceeded the acceptable limit for dumpsters due to rising population density and urban development.

In response to questions from Municipal Council member Zainab Al Durazi, Al Fadhalah explained that discussions with the company are ongoing to address the matter.

Inventory

An inventory of usable and unusable dumpsters is currently in progress, with plans to remove damaged units and replace them with new ones.

Al Fadhalah added that there is a plan to introduce colour-coded garbage containers for sorting different types of waste soon.

She also spoke of the mu-



Noticeable shortage of dumpsters in the community is raising concerns about waste management



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- ZAINAB AL DURAZI, MUNICIPAL COUNCIL MEMBER



"The cleaning company has exceeded the acceptable limit for dumpsters due to rising population density and urban development."

- LAMY AL FADHALA, DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF NORTHERN GOVERNORATE MUNICIPALITY



unicipality's efforts to promote recycling and protect the environment by minimising both organic and inorganic waste.

"We will identify specific locations for recycling and seek the council's support in raising

awareness for this initiative," Al Fadhalah said.

Al Durazi, representing the twelfth district, stressed the urgent need for dumpsters, particularly as seven complexes and 25 new plots lack proper waste disposal options.

In one area with 800 housing units, there are a mere six dumpsters available.

"If we expect residents to adhere to cleanliness laws, there must first be enough dumpsters for them," she insisted.

Al Durazi further indicated that the twelfth district requires at least 500 dumpsters, given the numerous requests for waste disposal solutions.

"The presence of stray dogs complicates matters for the municipality, as they tear open rubbish bags, delaying the cleaning process," she noted.

She called for a prompt resolution regarding the number of dumpsters to be provided and the locations for these new additions.

MP seeks transparency on licensing and violations

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In his first parliamentary question of the new term, MP Jalal Kazim has demanded detailed information from the Minister of Municipalities and Agriculture, His Excellency Eng. Wael Al Mubarak, regarding licensing practices and related violations within the ministry.

The inquiry seeks comprehensive data on the number of

licenses issued, the types of violations encountered, and the financial implications of these infractions.

MP Kazim submitted a comprehensive series of inquiries, calling for detailed information across several key areas.

Data

He requested data on the total number of licenses issued, categorized by type, along with the total revenue generated from



H.E. Eng. Wael Al Mubarak



MP Jalal Kazim

license fees.

Additionally, Kazim sought a breakdown of license violations, classified by citizen, resident, and institution, specifying the number of each violation type.

He also asked for information on how many violations have been resolved through settlements in each category.

Violations

Kazim's inquiries extend to enforcement actions, request-

ing the number of violations referred to the Public Prosecution and the number of unresolved cases.

He further sought accountability regarding the total amount collected in fines, as well as the outstanding amounts from unresolved violations.

Lastly, the MP called for details on the preventative measures and strategies the ministry has implemented to address and prevent future license violations.

Defendant jailed for extortion and theft

● Co-accused's case closed following death

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The High Criminal Court has ruled on a case involving two defendants accused of extortion and theft.

It declared the case closed for one defendant, a 23-year-old, due to his death.

Meanwhile, the second defendant, a 26-year-old, received a five-year prison sentence, and the gas cylinder and two lighters used in the crime were confiscated.

The defendants were charged with stealing cigarettes and juice from a cold store over two consecutive days using coercion.

The prosecution argued that



the defendants threatened the cold store employee with a gas cylinder, attempting to burn him, to force him to surrender his goods.

Incident

The incident unfolded on May 28th, 2024, at 10pm, when the defendants approached the cold store where the victim

worked. They inhaled from a flammable gas canister and then approached the victim.

The first defendant ignited the gas canister and held a lighter near the victim's face, causing him to fear for his safety and become immobile.

The second defendant then stole a box of cigarettes.

Registration opens for 12th Farmers Market

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The Ministry of Municipalities Affairs and Agriculture has announced that Bahraini farmers can now register to participate in the 12th edition of the Bahraini Farmers Market for the 2024-2025 season.

Registration is open from today until October 31.

Asim Abdullatif, Undersecretary for Agriculture and Animal Wealth Affairs, confirmed the Ministry's readiness to launch the market next November at Budaiya Botanical Garden.

This event is organised in partnership with the National Initiative for Agricultural Sector Development (NIAD) and STC Bahrain.

Appeals Court's verdict is set in robbery case

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The High Appeals Court has scheduled October 28th for its ruling on an appeal in a robbery case dating back to 2018.

The original verdict sentenced a then-15-year-old student to five years imprisonment for robbing a 50-year-old man of BD125.

The robbery involved assault and intimidation.

The prosecution's charges stated that the defendant, along with an unidentified accomplice, robbed the victim on August 26th, 2017, while armed in a public place.

They used coercion and threats, covering the victim's face and beating him with a piece of wood.



The robbery case involved assault and intimidation.

These actions incapacitated the victim's resistance, allowing them to steal his belongings and escape.

The victim sustained injuries documented in a medical report.

The robbery occurred in the Sitra area.

One-stop shop dream

North Council doubles down on A'ali central market push despite ministry rejection

● Residents' needs take center stage in construction proposal

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Undeterred by the Ministry of Municipalities' rejection, the Northern Municipal Council is doubling down on a push for a central market in A'ali, sparking a lively discussion as residents express concerns that existing shops, mainly catering to foreign investors, do not address their needs.

The proposal aims to create a central market in A'ali to facilitate buying and selling in one location, providing services that meet world-class quality standards.

This initiative also supports A'ali's recognition as a Healthy City by the World Health Organization.

The proposed central market will include shops for selling vegetables and fruits, fish, meat, and groceries.

Proposal

In a written response, the Ministry of Municipalities stated that after reviewing the proposal, it found that the A'ali area is adequately served by existing commercial shops, leading to the rejection of the central mar-



The proposed central market will include shops for selling vegetables

ket's establishment.

Municipal Council member Abdullah Ashoor voiced his disappointment at the response from His Excellency Eng. Wael bin Nasser Al Mubarak, Minister of Municipalities Affairs and Agriculture, regarding the central market in A'ali.

He said: "This proposal, originally brought forward by former council member Hussain Al Aali, has gone unanswered since we submitted it in 2020. Our recent follow-up yielded the disheartening news that the idea has been rejected. We strongly disagree with this decision, as there is a clear need for a central market that serves not only A'ali residents but also those from surrounding areas."

Population

The population in A'ali has

surged, with newcomers from Areas 715 and 716 now part of the community.

A central market would greatly benefit various stakeholders by serving local residents and supporting Bahraini employees in this sector, as it would be designated for Bahrainis and promote Bahraini products.

"The ministry's response claimed that existing commercial shops adequately serve the community. However, many of these shops primarily cater to Asian investors, neglecting the needs of Bahraini residents," he added.

Necessity

"Numerous locals have contacted me, insisting on the necessity of this central market, and there is suitable land available. We could easily repurpose



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- ABDULLAH ASHOOR, NORTHERN MUNICIPAL COUNCIL MEMBER

municipal land for this vital project," Ashoor said.

In conclusion, the council will persist in advocating for the establishment of a central market in A'ali to meet the growing needs of the community and ensure all residents have access to essential goods and services.

Bids for suppliers of stationery to 55 government entities

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The Central Tenders Committee has opened bids for a significant contract to supply stationery to 55 government entities.

The contract, managed by the Ministry of Finance and National Economy's Central Directorate for Government Procurement, will cover a three-year period.

The tender process aimed to encourage participation from small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) by allowing for multiple awards.

Eight local and international companies participated, submitting bids that varied considerably in price.

The lowest bid received was from Awali Stationery at BD46,856.

However, the final award decision will not be solely based on price.

A thorough evaluation of both technical and financial aspects will ensure that all quality requirements and specified standards outlined in the tender documents are met before a decision is finally made.

NSSA takes part in global astronomical congress

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The National Space Science Agency (NSSA) represented Bahrain at the 75th International Astronautical Congress (IAC), held in Italy on October 14-18.

Dr. Mohammed Ibrahim Al Aseeri, CEO of NSSA, affirmed the agency's commitment to investing in national talent, in line with the royal vision.

This initiative seeks to position Bahrain as a leader in the space industry by developing a sustainable sector that drives economic growth, diversification, and innovation, meeting both current and future needs.

Dr. Al Aseeri also noted that the agency's participation in this year's congress includes

key activities such as attending Artemis Accords meetings, participating in United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs workshops, and presenting 21 research papers by NSSA members.

The NSSA is also in the process of joining the Space Climate Observatory and engaging with leading space agencies and companies to enhance international cooperation.

The NSSA is participating in the inaugural global Space Leaders meeting and the Space Generation Advisory Council meetings, aimed at fostering future leadership in the space sector.

NSSA joined the International Astronautical Federation in 2021.

Bahrain's real estate sector is on the rise: RERA

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Bahrain's real estate sector is experiencing a period of significant growth and transformation, according to the Real Estate Regulatory Authority (RERA).

In a recent report, RERA highlighted key figures illustrating both the expansion and the ongoing refinement of the industry.

Since 2019, RERA has issued 461 licenses for real estate managers.

While this demonstrates considerable activity, the authority also noted that 154 of these licenses have been revoked, indicating a process of ongoing regulatory oversight and industry



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adaptation.

Similarly, 155 licenses have been granted to real estate appraisers, with 54 revocations.

Development

The report further detailed a robust development pipeline. RERA has approved 27 real estate development projects, with six already completed.

One developer voluntarily surrendered their license, highlighting the dynamic nature of the market and the agency's commitment to maintaining high standards.

The increasing number of Owners' Associations, reaching 560 compared to 547 in June,

underscores the growth in the number of completed projects and the evolving landscape of property ownership in Bahrain.

Online services

To processes and enhance efficiency, RERA has launched new online services via the Bahrain. bh portal.

These services facilitate the issuance and renewal of licenses, the addition of Owners' Association management activities, and the updating of contact information.

This digitalization initiative aims to improve transparency and accessibility for all stakeholders in the real estate sector.

LMRA conducts 1,708 inspection campaigns and visits

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The Labour Market Regulatory Authority (LMRA) has announced the implementation of 1,708 inspection campaigns and visits, during the period of 6 to 12 October 2024, which resulted in the detention of 28 violating and irregular workers, while 180 violators were deported.

The inspection campaigns and visits also resulted in monitoring a number of violations related to the provisions of a number of regulating laws, especially the Labour Market Regulatory Authority and the Residency Laws in the Kingdom of Bahrain, noting that

legal measures were taken regarding the observed violations.

The authority pointed out that 1,679 inspection visits were carried out on various shops in all governorates, in addition to 29 joint inspection campaigns, that included 21 campaigns in the Capital Governorate; 1 campaign in the Muharraq Governorate; 3 campaigns in the Northern Governorate, and 4 campaigns in the Southern Governorate.

The government entities that participated in the campaigns are the Ministry of Interior, Passports and Residence Affairs (NPRA), and the Governorate's respective Police Directorate,

the General Directorate of Crime Detection and Forensic Evidence, and the General Directorate of Verdict Enforcement and Alternative Sentencing, the Ministry of Industry and Commerce, and Bahrain Tourism and Exhibitions Authority.

The Authority affirmed the continuation of joint coordination with government agencies to intensify inspection campaigns in all governorates of the Kingdom, and to address any violations or practices that negatively affect the stability and competitiveness of the labour market or harm economic and social security of the Kingdom.

Grand flower festival



Banthukamma, a flower festival symbolising Telangana cultural traditions, was grandly celebrated in Beharan. On 11 October, a ceremony was held at Kannada Bhavan Auditorium, Beharan under the auspices of Padmasali Samaj Beharan. It was organised from 5pm to 10.30pm to reflect the rural life culture of Telangana amid public gathering. Members of Padmasali Samaj Beharan said that it is a joy to celebrate Telangana Padmasali among family members.

Bahrain's pavilion opens at GITEX Global 2024

● 10th participation sponsored by the Labour Fund (Tamkeen) in partnership with the Economic Development Board and the Telecommunications Regulatory Authority

● 16 enterprises participating as part of the Pavillion

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The Labour Fund "Tamkeen" inaugurated yesterday Bahrain's pavilion at GITEX Global in partnership with the Economic Development Board (EDB) and the Telecommunications Regulatory Authority (TRA). This year's edition hosts 16 Bahraini startups and SMEs in the field of Information and Communications Technology.

The exhibition provides an opportunity for tech entrepreneurs to showcase their innovative products and services to a global audience of over 100,000 participants and visitors. GITEX



creates opportunities to connect with new customers, establish regional and international partnerships, enter new markets, and engage with leading tech experts and representatives from global technology companies.

Commenting, Ms. Maha Abdulhameed Mofeez, Chief Executive of Tamkeen emphasized the Fund's dedication to supporting Bahraini enterprises in the ICT sector due to the vital role it plays in national economy. She stated: "Tamkeen supports the Kingdom's Pavilion at GITEX annually with the aim of helping Bahraini enterprises unlock opportunities, access

new customers, connect with potential partners and investors, and share expertise with global specialists. This enhances their ability to expand, grow, explore new markets, and secure business deals that strengthen their sustainability and development. The positive effects on the local market include creating new job opportunities for Bahraini talent, boosting productivity, and increasing their contribution to the national economy."

Tamkeen's support for Bahraini enterprises to participate in GITEX aligns with its strategic priorities for 2024 under three pillars: increasing economic participation through employ-

ment opportunities for new market entrants, expanding career development opportunities available to the Bahraini workforce, and further developing the private sector by supporting enterprises and boosting productivity through the adoption of technology.

TRA General Director, Philip Marnick highlighted the importance of TRA's participation in GITEX Global 2024, stating: "The Kingdom of Bahrain's pro-innovation and pro-competitive regulatory ecosystem supports companies wishing to develop and deploy new applications. The TRA participation in GITEX allows us to showcase how regulation can facilitate innovation, enhance Bahrain's digital business environment and support the Kingdom's vision." GITEX Global 2024 is the largest technology exhibition in the region, bringing together leading global companies in technology and innovation, as well as professionals and enthusiasts in the sector. The GITEX Global exhibition will continue until Friday, October 18th 2024 at the Dubai World Trade Centre, where visitors can visit the Kingdom of Bahrain's pavilion in Hall 20, Stand A10.

Alzayani Investments Group becomes a sponsor of 2024/2025 Horseracing Season

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As part of the Rashid Equestrian and Horseracing Club's (REHC) ongoing efforts to enhance partnerships with local and international companies and institutions, the Club has signed a sponsorship agreement with Alzayani Investments Group for the 2024-2025 horseracing season.

The agreement was signed by Mr. Yusef Osama Buheji, CEO of REHC, and Mr. Zayed R. Alzayani, Chairman of the Board of Directors of Alzayani Investments Group,



The deal signing

and Mr. Yusef Osama Buheji, CEO of REHC.

Marking the occasion, Mr. Alzayani emphasized the Group's commitment to sup-

porting the sport, which is experiencing remarkable growth under the leadership of His Highness Shaikh Isa bin Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Chair-

man of the High Committee of REHC.

For his part, Mr. Buheji emphasized that the Club is steadily progressing towards strengthening its international presence by hosting major races and events and expanding its network of partners and sponsors. Mr. Buheji added that the Club's management also plans to continue this growth by enhancing the racecourse infrastructure to meet the highest international standards in the horseracing industry.

India's Reliance profits drop on weak oil-to-chemicals arm

AFP | Mumbai, India

Indian conglomerate Reliance Industries reported a drop in quarterly profits on Monday, weighed down by its core oil-to-chemicals arm even as its telecom division posted healthy growth. The oil-to-chemicals arm is led by Asia's richest man Mukesh Ambani and is India's most valuable company by market capitalisation.

Net profit attributable to owners of the company came in at 165.63 billion rupees (\$1.97 billion) for the July-September quarter, a 4.78 percent drop from the 173.94 billion rupees reported in the same period last year.



Mukesh Ambani (R), Chairman and Managing Director of Reliance Industries, and wife Nita Ambani

Revenues from operations for Reliance came in at 2.35 trillion rupees, barely higher than the numbers reported a year ago.

Despite an aggressive expansion into retail, telecoms and green energy, the firm still re-

lies heavily on its traditional oil business to make money.

Chairman Ambani, in a statement, acknowledged there was "weak contribution" from the oil-to-chemicals business, which was impacted by "unfa-

vourable global demand-supply dynamics". The conglomerate's earnings release also pointed out that crude oil benchmarks fell year-on-year due to "lower than expected demand growth, especially in China". Reliance's telecom arm, however, was a bright spot.

The division reported a 23 percent on-year rise in net profit for the September quarter, helped by a bump in subscribers and an increase in average revenue per user due to tariff hikes.

Its retail arm reported a one percent decline in gross revenue despite store footfalls increasing to 297 million, up 14 percent year-on-year from the 260 million recorded last year.

Ahli United Bank wins Citi STP Excellence Award 2023



The award ceremony

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Ahli United Bank has once again been recognised for its superior performance in processing commercial and financial payments in US Dollars, receiving the prestigious 'Straight-Through-Processing (STP) Excellence Award' from Citi for the third time.

The award acknowledges AUB's continued success in achieving outstanding STP rates, demonstrating the bank's commitment to operational excellence and technological advancement. The accolade was presented to AUB's Samih Abutaleb, Deputy Group CEO

Technology & Operations, by Mohamed Ahmed Al Hammadi, Head of Middle East & Pakistan FI Sales at Citi.

Commenting on the award, Samih Abutaleb said, "This award is a reflection of AUB's focus on delivering reliable and efficient services to our clients, supported by advanced technology and a highly skilled team." Mohamed Ahmed Al Hammadi, Head of Middle East & Pakistan - Financial Institutions Sales added, "We are proud to present this award to AUB for their demonstrated performance in STP and delivery of commercial and treasury payments."

Ithmaar Bank enables digital onboarding to new corporate clients

TDT | Manama

Ithmaar Bank, a Bahrain-based Islamic retail bank, announced the launch of a new digital onboarding service, allowing new corporate clients to open corporate accounts digitally. This innovative solution enables businesses to complete all necessary procedures through Ithmaar e-banking services or mobile app, eliminating the need for branch visits.

Ithmaar Bank said it designed this service to cater to the needs of corporates and SMEs clients. It is a fast, seamless, and secure service, which simplifies the account opening process, including under formation accounts. By integrating the Fintech with existing banking systems, the Bank aims to enhance the client experience, saving time and effort.

Ebrahim Jassim, Head of Corporate Banking, Financial Institutions, and Treas-



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ury, said: "Digital onboarding for corporate and business owners streamlines their operations, allowing them to open accounts securely and conveniently via the Ithmaar e-banking platform or mobile app," added Mr. Jassim. "This service significantly reduces the time and effort required, ensuring that our clients can focus on what they do best growing their businesses."

Sri Lanka carrier grounds captain after mid-air argument

AFP | Colombo, Sri Lanka

Sri Lanka's national airline grounded a captain after he locked out his female copilot when she took a toilet break during a flight from Sydney to Colombo, officials said.

Sri Lanka's aviation regulator, the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA), had initiated an investigation.

"The airline is fully cooperating with the relevant authorities, and the captain has been grounded pending the outcome of the investigation,"

SriLankan Airlines said in a statement.

The captain clashed with the female copilot over her stepping out without arranging another crew member to accompany him in the cockpit, in line with standard operating procedures, an airline source said.

Cabin crew had to persuade the captain to let the first officer back into her seat on the Airbus A330.

The two-pilot aircraft landed without incident.

QUOTE OF THE DAY
WELL DONE IS BETTER THAN WELL SAID
BENJAMIN FRANKLIN

TODAY IN HISTORY

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Commissioned by Catherine de' Medici, the 1st ballet "Ballet Comique de la Reine" is staged in Paris



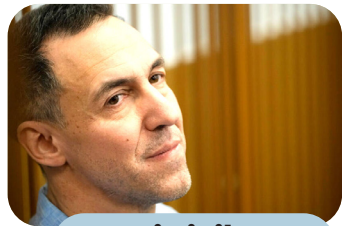
1815
Napoleon Bonaparte arrives on island of St Helena to begin his exile

1969
Vietnam Moratorium Day; millions nationwide protest the war

1993
Nelson Mandela and South African President F. W. de Klerk awarded the Nobel Peace Prize

News in brief

◆ **A Russian court yesterday** sentenced a French researcher to three years in a penal colony after finding him guilty of breaching a "foreign agent" law. The trial of Laurent Vinatier, who works for a Swiss conflict mediation NGO, comes amid tensions between Russia and the West over the Ukraine war. The 48-year-old was arrested in Moscow in June and charged with gathering information on Russia's military without being registered as a "foreign agent". Judge Natalya Cheprasova at Moscow's Zamoskvoretsky district court ruled that Vinatier was guilty and sentenced him to three years in a penal colony, two years less than the maximum possible sentence, an AFP journalist in the courtroom heard. Wearing jeans and a pale blue shirt, Vinatier looked grave but calm as the verdict was read. He was not allowed to speak to media. His lawyer Pavel Mamonov told journalists: "We consider the sentence harsh and will definitely appeal."



Russia jails French researcher for three years

◆ **A landmark multinational agreement** on managing the waters of the Nile River has entered into force -- over the vehement objections of Egypt. The Nile River Basin Cooperative Framework Agreement (CFA) took effect on Sunday after more than a decade of negotiations among countries that share the mighty river. The Nile Basin Initiative -- a partnership of 10 Nile riparian countries based in the Ugandan town of Entebbe -- described the CFA as a "defining moment" in the history of the Nile Basin. ("The agreement is a testament to our collective determination to harness the Nile River for the benefit of all, ensuring its equitable and sustainable use for generations to come," it said in a statement.)

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◆ **Iran said yesterday** it currently sees "no grounds" for its indirect talks with the United States via intermediary Oman, citing the crisis in the Middle East. In June, Tehran said it had engaged in indirect talks with Washington via Muscat, despite the two countries having no diplomatic relations. US news website Axios reported at the time that officials from Iran and the United States held indirect talks in Oman "on how to avoid escalating regional attacks". On Monday, Iran's Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi visited the Gulf sultanate as part of a regional tour in which he met allies and Middle East powers after Israel vowed to retaliate against Tehran's recent missile attack.



Iran says 'no grounds' for indirect talks with US

SPOTLIGHT

Nepali teenager hailed as hero after climbing world's 8,000m peaks



Nepali mountaineer Nima Rinji Sherpa waves upon his arrival at the airport in Kathmandu

AFP | Kathmandu, Nepal

Cheering crowds hailed an 18-year-old Nepali mountaineer as a hero as he returned home Monday after breaking the record for the youngest person to summit all 14 of the world's 8,000-metre peaks. Nima Rinji Sherpa reached the summit of Tibet's 8,027-metre-high (26,335 feet) Shisha Pangma on October 9, completing his mission to stand on the world's highest peaks. On Monday, he returned from China to Nepal's capital Kathmandu, where scores waited to see him. "I am feeling very happy," he told AFP, draped in traditional Buddhist scarves and garlands of marigold flowers, as he emerged to loud cheers at the airport. "Thank you so much everyone," he said to his supporters, beaming a wide grin. Sherpa hugged his family

while others rushed to offer him scarves and flowers. He later waved to the crowd out of a car sunroof, while proudly holding the national flag. Nepal's climbing community also welcomed several others who returned after completing the summit of 14 peaks. Summing all 14 "eight-thousanders" is considered the peak of mountaineering aspirations, with all the peaks located in the Himalayan and Karakoram ranges, straddling Nepal, Pakistan, Tibet and India. Climbers cross "death zones" where there is not enough oxygen in the air to sustain human life for long periods. Italian climber Reinhold Messner first completed the feat in 1986, and only around 50 others have successfully followed in his footsteps. Many elite climbers have died in the pursuit.

Russia could be able to attack NATO by 2030: German intelligence

AFP | Berlin, Germany

Russia could be in a position to attack NATO by 2030 and is ramping up efforts to disrupt Ukraine's Western backers through sabotage, German intelligence chiefs warned yesterday.

Germany is Ukraine's second biggest military backer after the United States.

"In terms of personnel and material, Russian armed forces are likely to be capable of carrying out an attack against NATO by the end of the decade at the latest," BND foreign intelligence chief Bruno Kahl told parliament.

A direct confrontation between Moscow and the US-led military alliance was "becoming an option for Russia", Kahl said.

Kahl spoke at a hearing in the Bundestag alongside the heads of Germany's domestic and military intelligence, who took turns to warn of the growing threat from Russia in the context of the invasion of Ukraine.

"Russian espionage and sabotage in Germany are increasing, both qualitatively and quantitatively," domestic intelligence chief Thomas Haldenwang said.

He listed suspected sabotage activities, including a near miss involving an exploding package and a DHL cargo plane.

The parcel burst into flames on



German Chancellor Olaf Scholz (R) welcomes Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky as he arrives for a visit at the Chancellery in Berlin

the ground before being loaded into the plane, in what Haldenwang called a "lucky accident", without explicitly naming the

suspected culprits. "If it had exploded onboard during the flight, there would have been a crash and the debris

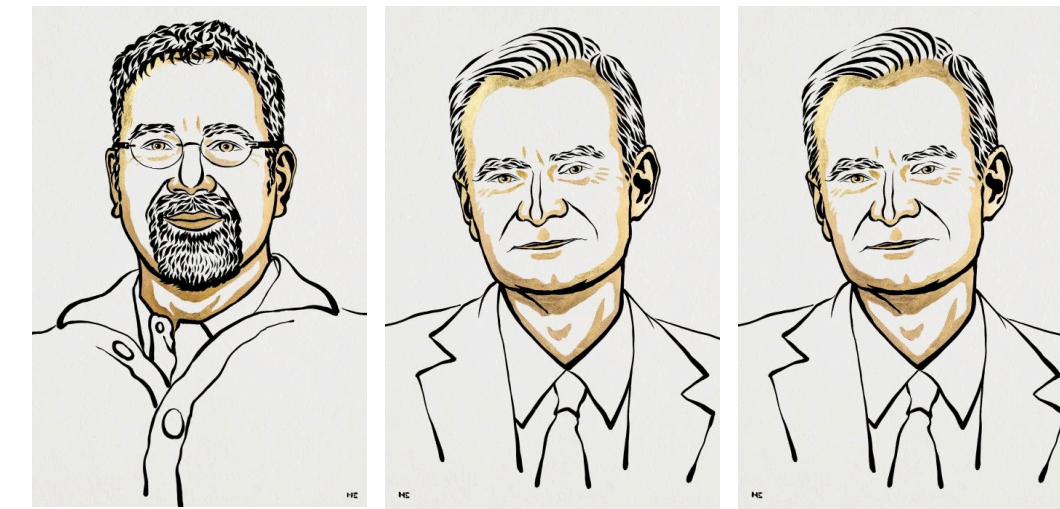
could have hit all the people here in Germany who, openly or secretly, sympathise with Putin," he said.

Russia was also engaged in disinformation campaigns, had deployed drones to spy on sensitive locations and was looking to



Russia possesses the world's largest nuclear arsenal, with around 6,000 nuclear warheads. This includes both strategic (long-range) and tactical (short-range) warheads. The nuclear triad is composed of land-based intercontinental ballistic missiles (ICBMs), submarine-launched ballistic missiles (SLBMs), and strategic bombers.

Trio wins economics Nobel for work on wealth inequality



Daron Acemoglu

Simon Johnson

James A. Robinson

AFP | Stockholm, Sweden

The Nobel prize in economics was awarded on Monday to Turkish-American Daron Acemoglu and British-Americans Simon Johnson and James Robinson for research into wealth inequality between nations.

By examining the various political and economic systems introduced by European colonisers, the three have been able to demonstrate a relationship between institutions and prosperity, the jury said. "Reducing the vast differences in income between countries is one of our time's greatest challenges," Jakob Svensson, chair of the Committee for the Prize in Economic Sciences, said in a statement.

"The laureates have demonstrated the importance of societal institutions for achieving

This year's laureates have provided new insights into why there are such vast differences in prosperity between nations. One important explanation is persistent differences in societal institutions. By examining the various political and economic systems introduced by European colonisers, Daron Acemoglu, Simon Johnson and James Robinson have been able to demonstrate a relationship between institutions and prosperity. They have also developed theoretical tools that can explain why differences in institutions persist and how institutions can change.

Acemoglu, 57, is a professor at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), as is Johnson, 61.

Robinson, 64, is a professor at the University of Chicago.

The jury highlighted the laureates' work illuminating how societal institutions play a role in explaining why some countries prosper, while others do not.

"I am delighted. It's just a real shock and amazing news," Acemoglu told a reporters via telephone as the award was announced in Stockholm.

The economics prize is the only Nobel not among the original five created in the will of Swedish scientist Alfred Nobel, who died in 1896.

It was instead created through a donation from the Swedish central bank in 1968, leading detractors to dub it "a false Nobel".

However, like for the other Nobel science prizes, the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences decides the winner and follows the same selection process.

The economics prize wraps up this year's Nobel season, which honoured achievements in artificial intelligence for the physics and chemistry prizes, while the Peace Prize went to Japanese group Nihon Hidankyo, committed to fighting nuclear weapons.

South Korea's Han Kan won the literature prize -- the only woman laureate so far this year -- while the medicine prize lauded discoveries in understanding gene regulation.

The Nobel Prizes consist of a diploma, a gold medal and a one-million-dollar sum.

They will be presented at ceremonies in Stockholm and Oslo on December 10, the anniversary of the 1896 death of scientist and prize creator Alfred Nobel.



India to recall top envoy to Canada: foreign ministry

AFP | New Delhi, India

India expels six top Canadian diplomats: foreign ministry

New Delhi, India

India said yesterday it was expelling six top Canadian diplomats. India "decided to expel" six diplomats including Ottawa's

Government of India has decided to withdraw the High Commissioner and other targeted diplomats and officials."

New Delhi had earlier said in a statement it had "received a diplomatic communication from

acting high commissioner Stewart Wheeler, his deputy and four first secretaries. "They have been asked to leave India by or before 11:59 pm on Saturday, October 19", the foreign ministry said in a statement.

Canada suggesting that the Indian High Commissioner and other diplomats are persons of interest" in the ongoing investigation.

It said their envoy, Sanjay Kumar Verma, a former ambassador to Japan and Sudan, was a re-

spected career diplomat and that accusations against him were "ludicrous and deserve to be treated with contempt".

India on Monday called allegations it was connected to the killing as "preposterous" and a "strategy of smearing India for political gains".

"India reserves the right to take further steps in response to the Trudeau Government's support for extremism, violence and separatism against India," the foreign ministry said. The foreign ministry also summoned Canada's chargé d'affaires in New Delhi, but he said after the meeting that Ottawa had given India the evidence had demanded.

The exercises, dubbed Joint Sword-2024B, had "fully tested the integrated joint operation capabilities of its troops", military spokesperson Captain Li Xi said in a statement.

President Lai Ching-te, who took office in May, has been more outspoken than his predecessor Tsai Ing-wen in defending Taiwan's sovereignty, angering Beijing, which calls him a "separatist".

Lai vowed on Monday to "protect democratic Taiwan and safeguard national security", while

China, Russia pledge to strengthen military cooperation

AFP | Beijing, China

The Chinese and Russian defence ministers pledged on Monday to deepen cooperation between their two countries'

militaries as they met in Beijing. Moscow and Beijing have forged closer ties since Russia invaded neighbouring Ukraine in February 2022.

China and Russia declared a

"no limits" partnership shortly before Moscow launched its attack on Ukraine and have carried out a series of military drills together since.

China insists it won't renounce 'use of force' to take Taiwan as drills end

AFP | Taipei, Taiwan

China insisted yesterday it would never renounce the "use of force" to take control of Taiwan, after ending a day of military drills around the self-ruled island that Beijing said was a "stern warning" to "separatist" forces.

Beijing, which claims Taiwan as part of its own territory, deployed fighter jets, drones, warships and coast guard vessels to encircle the island in its fourth round of large-scale war games in just over two



Armed military vehicles patrol outside the Songshan Airport in Taipei

years. The United States said China's actions were "unwarranted" and risked "escalation" as it called on Beijing to act with restraint.

China declared the drills over at around 6:00 pm (1000 GMT), about 13 hours after they had begun.

"We sincerely strive for the prospect of peaceful reunification, but we will never promise to renounce the use of force and will not leave any space for 'Taiwan independence'," Ministry of National Defense spokesperson Wu Qian said soon after.

The drills took place in and around the island of Taiwan, including the self-ruled island of Kinmen, which is about 130 km (80 miles) from the mainland.

Outlying islands administered by Taipei had been put on "heightened alert", Taiwan's defence ministry said.

Beijing said its exercises served as a "stern warning to the sepa-

ratist acts of "Taiwan Independence" forces".

The drills took place in "areas to the north, south and east of Taiwan Island", Li said earlier.

Their aim was to focus "on subjects of sea-air combat-readiness patrol, blockade on key ports and areas", Li said.

They also practised an "assault on maritime and ground targets". The previous large-scale drills held in May, three days after Lai's inauguration, were called "Joint Sword-2024A" and lasted two days.

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A Taiwanese Air Force Mirage 2000 fighter jet takes off at an air force base in Hsinchu



TOP 4 TWEETS

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The safety of @UN personnel & property must be guaranteed. The inviolability of UN premises must be respected at all times. Attacks against peacekeepers are in breach of international law & may constitute a war crime. @UNIFIL_personnel & premises must never be targeted.

@antonio gutierrez

02



A big day for the telecom sector! At 10 AM tomorrow, 15th October, the International Telecommunication Union - World Telecommunication Standardisation Assembly and the India Mobile Congress 2024 will be inaugurated. These forums are important ones, bringing together leading stakeholders from across the sector.

@narendramodi

03



Today, I was personally able to say thank you to the brave first responders in Florida responding to Hurricane Milton. This is all a team effort -- and their brave efforts made a difference and saved lives.

@POTUS

04



The Border Patrol supports @realDonaldTrump

@elonmusk

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CELEBS

celebs

Al Pacino despises being 'grey'

Bang Showbiz | Los Angeles

Al Pacino despises being "grey".

The 'Scarface' actor turned 84 in April and after years of resisting offers is finally bringing out his autobiography 'Sonny Boy' - which features a picture of himself on the cover in his black-haired heyday.

He told CBS News in an interview to plug the book about how he hates ageing and still sees himself as the man on the front of his book: "I'm an old fella, you know?"

"When I have my hair now, and I go out and someone takes a picture of me, all you see is, like, a white hydrant! A white fire hydrant!"

"I don't feel I'm grey yet. I don't want to be grey. I'm that guy in the book cover."

Al's book title comes from the nickname his mother Rose Gerardi gave him growing up.

The actor also relived in the CBS his chat his recent near-death experience with Covid.

Al previously opened up about feeling like he had

no pulse when he was stricken with the illness, with medics rushing to his home to give him emergency treatment.

He said about the health scare: "Out of this world. I mean, I was here and then I wasn't."

"The nurse said my pulse stopped. Now, I don't think my pulse stopped."

"(But) it was so real."

Al added about how his fright made him think of one of Shakespeare's most famous lines: "And I didn't see anything at all. There's a speech in 'Hamlet' where he says, 'To be or not to be.'"

"You know? And then when he talks about leaving the Earth when you die, and he says, 'No more. No more.'"

"How about that?"

Al's book traces his life and career from his childhood living with his mum and grandparents in a three-room walk-up in the South Bronx.

His mum Rose kept her 'Sonny Boy' in when his friends tempted him with the streets.

Al said about being barred by



Al Pacino

Tom Cruise 'has moved back to US after five years in UK'

Bang Showbiz | Los Angeles

Tom Cruise is said to have moved back to America.

The actor has been living in the UK for the last five years as he filmed projects including his latest 'Mission: Impossible' film and reportedly spent a fortune buying a penthouse in central London.

But the 62-year-old 'Top Gun' star is now said to be moving back to his native US as filming has wrapped on 'Mission: Impossible Dead Reckoning II'.

A source told The Sun: "Tom has made the UK his home for five years and he absolutely loves it here."

"There is no doubt he'll be back at some point when he greases the wheels for the next 'Mission: Impossible' outing, but Tom is looking forward to returning to the US to be closer to his son Connor and his

friends.

"The transformation has been pretty incredible - England has done him and his wider reputation the world of good, and he's so much happier for it."

Tom is said to have said farewell to his loyal British film crew before recently boarding his helicopter at Battersea to head back to the US.



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But Tom is literally heading into a storm with his move as the US has been battered by Hurricane Milton in the last week.

The actor's large apartment complex in Clearwater, Florida, is expected to be in the eye of the storm and the Mail Online reported Tom was spotted



Tom Cruise

in London "sporting a concerned look amid the news of Milton's destructive power".

More than 100 homes were destroyed in St Lucie County by Hurricane Milton and millions of terrified Florida residents have evacuated.

Tom has owned his apartment in Florida since 2016 and is said to have been "happy" there due to its proximity to the international headquarters for Scientology.

Harrison Ford jokes being a Disney Legend makes him think of 'death'

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Harrison Ford joked being a Disney Legend makes him think of "death".

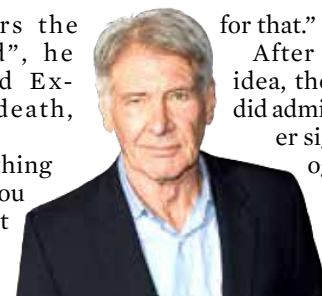
The 'Star Wars' and 'Indiana Jones' icon was recognised at the Walt Disney Company's D23 Expo over the sum-

mer for his most famous roles, and he quipped that he can't dwell on what the prize really means.

Asked what goes through his mind

when he hears the word "legend", he teasingly told Extra: "Death, death, death!"

"There is nothing left. What are you gonna [do], start over? No time



Harrison Ford

for that."

After laughing off the idea, the 82-year-old star did admit there was a deeper significance as "recognition" for shared values and goals he and the studio have.

Jennifer Lopez 'taking time for herself' in wake of Ben Affleck divorce

Bang Showbiz | Los Angeles

Jennifer Lopez is said to be "taking time for herself".

The 55-year-old singer was left devastated after she filed for divorce from her ex-husband Ben Affleck, 52, on 20 August, but is now said to be working on finding inner peace and is apparently not bitter over the breakup.

A source told People even though J Lo has experienced one of the "hardest years" of her life, she is now prioritising her wellbeing and career.

They added: "She didn't want to file for divorce. She just felt

like she had no choice. Nothing was gonna change with Ben.

"She was very upset about (the split.)"

"But true to her positive outlook on life, she's moving forward with optimism."

"Instead of feeling like she's fallen flat on her face, she sees it was meant to be."

"She's taking time for herself right now."

Court documents revealed J Lo and Ben listed their date of separation as 26 April after the pair spent this summer living separate lives.

The source also said J Lo is cherishing the good times she had with Ben.



Kim Kardashian hasn't cooked for her children in nearly two years

Bang Showbiz | Los Angeles

Kim Kardashian hasn't cooked for her children in nearly two years.

The 43-year-old reality superstar - who has North, 11, Saint eight, Chicago, six, and five-year-old Psalm with her ex-husband Kanye West - sat down with her eldest for a chat with Interview magazine, and the little one claimed it had been a "long time" since she had rustled up a meal for her brood.

She said: "You haven't

cooked for us in a long time. Last time you cooked was two Halloweens ago."

In response, Kim said: "What did I make?"

North replied: "Mac and cheese."

Kim said: "And fried chicken and cornbread. I'm a one-trick pony. Is that one meal good?"

North confirmed that her mother's cooking is "good" but claimed that the thing that she is exceptionally skilled at making for her is cucumbers and salt.

Asked if she could only eat one thing for the rest of her life, she replied: "Probably cucumbers and salt. I love cucumbers and salt, for real. Or onions."

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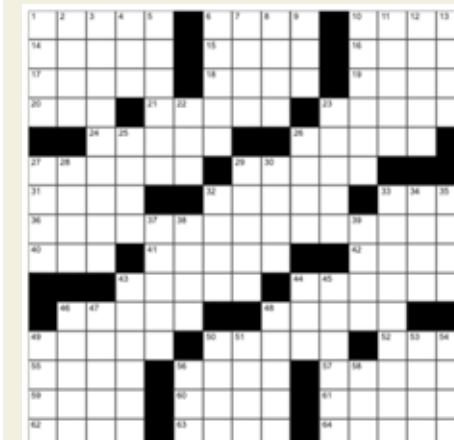
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How to play

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

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Across

1- Compare; 6- Neat; 10- Frozen waffle brand; 14- Senseless; 15- Praiseful poems; 16- Strip of wood; 17- Scout unit; 18- Blue hue; 19- Portable shelter; 20- Conger; 21- In the lead; 23- Bluegrass instrument; 24- Koran religion; 26- State Farm rival; 27- Lighted by the sun; 29- Scope; 31- Capital city of Western Samoa; 32- Magna; 33- Where the buoys are; 36- In spite of; 40- U-turn from WSW; 41- Harvests; 42- Actress Heche; 43- Gets ready; 44- Lengthier; 46- Physician to Marcus Aurelius; 48- Capital of Yemen; 49- Put a new price on; 50- Take as one's own; 52- Ignited; 55- Plugging away; 56- Olive genus; 57- Objects of devotion; 59- Tartan skirt; 60- Crowd noise; 61- Craze; 62- Kitchen add-on; 63- Sun. speeches; 64- Gardener's tool;

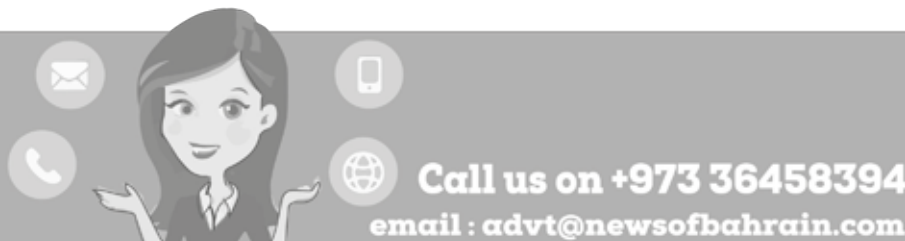
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1- Low-cal; 2- Memo starter; 3- Chief constituent of china clay; 4- Music producer Brian; 5- Kathmandu native; 6- Tribal symbol; 7- Brain wave; 8- Six feet under; 9- Fashion designer's monogram; 10- Executor's concern; 11- First American to orbit Earth; 12- Marijuana; 13- Director Premierer; 22- Magician's prop; 23- Started; 25- Cabbage salad; 26- Architectural pier; 27- Having a sound mind; 28- Atop; 29- Rough files; 30- Liberal pursuits; 32- Bloke; 33- Songfest; 34- Feminine suffix; 35- Teen follower; 37- Like some vbs; 38- High schooler; 39- Comedian Carvey; 43- Missouri feeder; 44- Child seat; 45- Punctual; 46- Understand; 47- Leaning; 48- Flies high; 49- Autumn tool; 50- Shaving cream additive; 51- Honeybunch; 53- Would ___ to you; 54- Peter the Great, e.g.; 56- Surgery sites, briefly; 58- Family man;

Yesterday's solution

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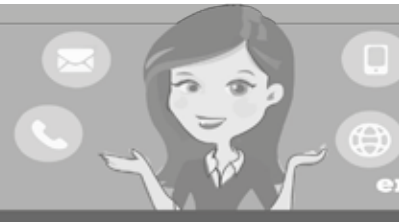
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Bahrain karting challenge heats up

Tariq Soofi, Nasser Nass, Tye Mejia, and Mohammed Almahroos claim back-to-back wins



Winners celebrate on the podium



Action from a race

● Largest grid seen in Senior MAX division

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Bahrain International Circuit (BIC), 'The Home of Motorsport in the Middle East', hosted a hotly contested second round in the 2024/2025 Bahrain Rotax MAX Challenge (BRMC) over the weekend.

Karters lit up the track at BIC's world-class grassroots motorsport facility, Bahrain International Karting Circuit (BIKC), where the racing intensified as the wheel-to-wheel battles of the new campaign resumed.

Four drivers, namely Tariq Soofi, Nasser Nass, Tye Mejia, and Mohammed Almahroos, registered back-to-back victories in their respective competition categories, continuing their strong starts to the season. Tariq was once again triumphant in the Micro MAX class, Nasser won in the Junior MAX, Mejia in the Senior MAX, and Almahroos in the DD2 Masters.

Also climbing to the top of their podiums were Shaikh Ahmed bin Saqr Al Khalifa in

the Mini MAX category, and Oliver Kruglov in the MAX DD2.

The BRMC is one of the region's leading national karting championships, featuring participants of all ages and nationalities battling it out in Rotax-powered machinery.

The series is organised and run by BIC and BIKC, in cooperation with the Bahrain Motor Federation, Bahrain Karting Commission, and Motorsport Marshals Club.

The title winners at the end of the championship will each get the incredible opportunity to represent Bahrain at the annual Rotax MAX Challenge Grand Finals – one of the most prestigious annual karting events in the world.

In this past weekend's Micro MAX final, young Tariq took his win in style with over a five-second gap from his closest challenger Abdulaziz Alsarraf. Tariq had a finishing time of nine minutes 28.775 seconds after nine laps, while Rashid Almahroos

joined them

on the podium in third

A participant in action

place.

Tariq's triumph capped a sensational outing in this round as he also won the pre-final, capturing pole position in qualifying, and set the pace during free practice.

In the Mini MAX category, Shaikh Ahmed claimed an outright victory, leading from the start all the way to the chequered flag. He completed the nine-lap sprint in 9:03.514 – finishing 2.751s ahead of pre-final winner Jude Andrews. Austin Gray came third 5.742s behind, while round one winner Rayyan Najjar took fourth place 6.232s back.

Jude had pipped Shaikh Ahmed to first place in the pre-final by a mere 0.065s, but in qualifying and free practice,

it was Shaikh Ahmed who topped the timesheets.

In the Junior MAX class, Nasser was the winner after maintaining his place in the front the entire 15 laps. He took the chequered flag in 13:53.540, beating runner-up Demir Abali by 1.438s. Leopold Juch was not far behind in third, claiming the final podium spot 1.997s adrift.

Nasser had also claimed the pre-final, but Leopold clinched pole in qualifying while Demir was the pace-setter in free practice.

The Senior MAX division once again boasted the largest grid, and it was Mejia who powered to first place in the final with a dominant drive. He

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The BRMC title winners will represent Bahrain at the prestigious Rotax MAX Challenge Grand Finals, one of the most important karting events in the world

stormed to the lead in the second lap and held on until the very end to win in 13:40.269 after 15 laps.

Mejia enjoyed a 4.278s gap from runner-up Vedant Menon, while Mohammed Alhasan came third 4.528s from first.

Alhasan had earlier taken the pre-final 1.138s ahead of Mejia, after also going fastest in qualifying and free practice.

In the DD2 MAX category, Kruglov battled from the

back of the grid to secure a fantastic first win of the season. He made his way to only trailing early race leader Abdulla Sajjad by lap four, and then took over at the front in lap 11. Kruglov won at the end of 15 laps in 13:32.760, beating Sajjad by 1.626s. Raoul Sadi came third 3.509s behind.

Sajjad, the winner from round one, had earlier claimed this weekend's pre-final win, while Kruglov captured pole in qualifying after Sajjad set the free practice pace.

Almahroos ran the DD2 Masters class unopposed throughout the meeting. He finished the final in a time of 13:56.534.

Following all the action in round two, the winners were presented their respective trophies by officials in the podium ceremonies.

The BRMC will next be in action with rounds three and four on 15 and 29 November as the final events of the calendar year. The series will then begin 2025 with round five on 11 January, before holding round six on 24 January. The seventh and penultimate meeting will take place on 8 February, setting the stage for the BRMC finale two weeks later on 21 February.

NMS-Bahrain students excel in 6th Mini Olympics



The athletes and players of New Millennium School-BAHRAIN displayed an exemplary performance in the 6th School Olympics Organized by Ministry of Education. More than 2000 students, from 83 different schools in the Kingdom, had participated in the various Athletic and Sporting events. NMS students brought in laurels by winning gold, silver and bronze medals in various events. Chairman Dr Ravi Pillai, Managing Director Geetha Pillai and Principal Dr Arun Kumar Sharma congratulated the students and the Coaches for their commendable performance

England ready for Pakistan's spin assault in second Test

AFP | London

Returning England captain Ben Stokes said yesterday he hopes a reused pitch for the second Test against Pakistan in Multan will play into the tourists' hands rather than the spin-heavy hosts.

Desperate to level the three-match series after an innings

and 47-run defeat on Friday, Pakistan named three spinners in four changes from the first Test.

In a rare move, Pakistan -- who have now gone winless in 11 home Tests since February 2021 -- decided to use the same flat surface on which England piled up 823-7 declared in reply to their 556 all out.

New Zealand's Ravindra excited for India Tests with father in crowd

AFP | Wellington

New Zealand batter Rachin Ravindra said yesterday facing India in Bengaluru in the birth city of his father will be "special" moment with his family cheering in the stands.

The Black Caps begin the three Test match series on Wednesday, but the Wellington-born Ravindra -- who called himself "a Kiwi all the



Rachin Ravindra

way through" -- said facing India will be an emotional moment.

"I am very proud of my Indian origin," the 24-year-old told reporters. "To be able to play where a lot of my family is based is something special."

Ravindra has played nine Tests since his debut in Kanpur in 2021 and has become a regular in the national team with his swashbuckling batting.

The left-hander enjoyed a prolific ODI World Cup in In-

dia last year, and then made an impression in his debut Indian Premier League T20 tournament for Chennai Super Kings.

He called them both "two pretty cool experiences to have", but said playing a Test was "something different".

"Test cricket is the pinnacle," he said, and so it "makes it extra significant because of the family connection" to play in Bengaluru.

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Bahrain prepares for Gymnasiade

Kingdom set to host over 100 nations in largest international school sports event

● **ISF Gymnasiade 2024 runs from October 23-31 in Bahrain**

● **Over 100 nations, 26 sports, including athletics, gymnastics, and wrestling**

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Officials during a press conference

Bahrain is gearing up to host the largest international school sports event in its history, the ISF Gymnasiade 2024, running from October 23 to 31.

This event will bring together over 100 nations to compete across 26 sports, including athletics, gymnastics, and wrestling, transforming the kingdom into a global stage for young athletes.

Yesterday's press conference at the Bahrain National Stadium marked a significant moment, as top officials addressed the media, emphasizing the importance

of this event for Bahrain's sporting and educational landscape.

Speaking exclusively to TDT, Dr. Mohammed bin Mubarak Juma, Minister of Education, underlined the scope of the event, saying: "This is more than just a sporting event; it's a celebration of youth, education, and sportsmanship. Hosting the ISF Gymnasiade reinforces Bahrain's commitment to promoting not only sports but the development of young minds through education. We hope to birth a

potential Olympic Champion as Olympic champions have come out of competitions like these in the past."

Ali Isa Ishaqi also took the stage to stress Bahrain's readiness to host the Gymnasiade, highlighting that Bahrain International Circuit will be among the key venues. He remarked, "We're proud to host such a prestigious event in Bahrain. This is an opportunity to show the heart of Bahrain's sporting culture."

Both officials expressed deep gratitude to His Highness Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa, acknowledging his pivotal role in making the event possible. "Without Sheikh Khalid's vision and unwavering support, this monumental achievement for Bahrain would not have been possible," Dr. Juma noted.

"His leadership and commitment to building young talent have paved the way for Bahrain to be recognized on the world stage as a host of major sporting

events."

The Gymnasiade 2024 promises a week filled with action-packed competitions. Athletes will compete in events like archery, para-athletics, beach volleyball, fencing, and taekwondo, with thousands of young talents vying for medals across multiple venues.

The Opening Ceremony is set for October 24, with the event running through to the Closing Ceremony on October 30. A detailed competition schedule ensures a packed week of excitement, from rhythmic gymnastics to para-swimming, and more.

A highlight of the event will be the designated Cultural Day on October 27, allowing athletes and attendees to explore Bahrain's rich heritage.

Through the Explore Bahrain initiative, international visitors will have a chance to immerse themselves in the kingdom's culture. Additional programs like Family & Friends and the Observer Program will further enhance the overall experience.

Global audiences will also have the opportunity to tune



The ISF Gymnasiade has a history of producing future Olympic champions, providing young athletes a platform to showcase their talents

in, with ISF TV providing live streaming coverage of the event. From high-speed action in boxing to elegant routines in gymnastics artistic, the ISF Gymnasiade 2024 promises to captivate viewers worldwide.

As Bahrain eagerly awaits the event, Ishaqi concluded yesterday's conference with a clear message: "This is more than just a moment for Bahrain; it's a pivotal milestone in our journey to becoming a beacon for sports in the region. We are ready to make history."

Smith experiment as Test opener over, Green out of India series

AFP | Sydney

Steve Smith's short-lived stint as a Test opener came to an end yesterday with confirmation he will drop down the Australian batting order against India next month, while all-rounder Cameron Green was ruled out of the series.

The 35-year-old veteran Smith moved up to open alongside Usman Khawaja after David Warner's retirement in January.

But after an encouraging start he struggled and will revert to the middle order, likely his preferred number four slot, in the five Tests against India starting in Perth on November 22.

"Pat (Cummins), Andrew (McDonald) and Steve Smith had been having ongoing conversations, separate to the untimely injury to Cameron," chief



Australia's Steven Smith (L) walks from the field after being caught (file photo)

selector George Bailey said. "Steve had expressed a desire to move back down from that opening position, and Pat and Andrew have confirmed that he will be dropping back down the

order for the summer." Green had successfully shifted up to number four when Smith opened, but he will play no part in the series after opting to undergo surgery on his spine

Cameron Green's injury stems from a rare spine defect adjacent to his stress fracture, making his situation distinct even among pace bowlers prone to such injuries

this week.

The 25-year-old, who has a history of stress fractures, complained of back pain during Australia's one-day tour of England in September and was immediately sent home.

"Whilst spine stress fractures are not unusual in pace bowlers, Cam has a unique defect in an adjacent area to the fracture that is believed to be contributing to the injury," Cricket Australia said.

Cummins back, Marsh and Head out of Pakistan ODI series



Australia's Pat Cummins (3L) and Marcus Stoinis (L) celebrate during a match

Mitchell Marsh and Travis Head were yesterday ruled out of Australia's home one-day series against Pakistan next month, but Pat Cummins returns as captain after missing their recent England tour.

Marsh and Head have both been granted paternity leave, opening the door for Jake Fraser-McGurk and Matt Short to open the batting together.

Cameron Green was also absent from the 14-man squad, with the all-rounder to undergo back surgery this week that will sideline him for six months.

Cummins missed the white-ball tour of England and Scotland to rest, but is back to captain the ODI team for the first time since winning the 2023 World Cup.

Marcus Stoinis returns after being overlooked for England, while rising stars Cooper Connolly and Aaron Hardie also make the grade.

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CHIEF SELECTOR GEORGE BAILEY

before the Champions Trophy (in Pakistan) and the balance of the squad was focused on that as well as continuing to focus on preparation of individuals for the upcoming Test summer," said chief selector George Bailey.

"The one-day side had a great result in the UK particularly given illness and injury challenges.

"We view this is an opportunity to expand on that achievement in preparation for next February in Pakistan."

Kyrgios vows to 'shut up' doubters with December comeback

AFP | Sydney

Fieri Australian Nick Kyrgios plans to make a comeback at Abu Dhabi in December with his goal to win a Grand Slam and "shut up" those who doubt him.

The one-time world number 13 has played just one ATP Tour singles match in two years after suffering knee, foot and wrist injuries.

The 29-year-old has hinted at retirement several times, but told News Corp's Code Sports yesterday he would return for the World Tennis League event in December before a tilt at the Australian Open in January.

"I am coming back because something is keeping me around the game," he said.

"I have beaten pretty much every person that has been put

in front of me, made a final of a the day.

Grand Slam, won a doubles title in a Grand Slam, won multiple titles and made money.

"But I think the one thing that is now on my target is a Grand Slam. I think that will be the only thing that will shut people up at the end of the day. That'll be my deep motivation."



He was never able to go further in an era dominated by Djokovic, Rafael Nadal and Roger Federer, coupled with his sometimes fragile temperament that saw some pundits write him off as a

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