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Bahraini citizens abroad vote in runoff elections



Citizen's constitutional duty

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Bahrainis overseas yesterday cast their votes in the second round of the 2022 parliamentary and municipal elections.

They again exercised their constitutional duty to choose their parliamentary representatives for their respective constituencies.

The runoff polls included 34 constituencies, which were not decided in the first round. Voting started at 8am and concluded at 8pm as per the local time of the city in which the embassy, consulate or diplomatic mission is based.

They were held at 37 Bahraini diplomatic headquarters abroad as per the same procedures which were implemented in the first round.

'Eight billionth baby' born in Manila



Manila

A baby girl born in Tondo, Manila, is being considered as the symbolic eighth billion person in the world. Vinice Mabansag was born at Dr Jose Fabella Memorial Hospital at 1:29 am (local time). It has taken 12 years for one billion people to be added to the global population, with India on the cusp of overtaking China as the world's most populous country next year.

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Bahrain, UK 'must strengthen ties and cooperation'

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His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, has highlighted the depth and strength of Bahrain-UK relations which continue to advance with the support of the leaderships of the two Kingdoms.

HRH Prince Salman noted the importance of continuing to

strengthen bilateral cooperation to achieve joint development and progress.

His Royal Highness was speaking as he met yesterday with the former Prime Minister of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and Member of Parliament, the Rt Hon Theresa May, at Riffa Palace.

During the meeting, the latest regional and international



HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister holds talks with former UK Prime Minister May

developments and issues of common interest were also discussed.

His Highness Shaikh Isa bin Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Isa bin Salman Charity Educational Endowment, and the Minister of Finance and National Economy, Shaikh Salman bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, also attended the meeting.

'New war' looms

Russia's biggest missile barrage crosses into Poland during strike on Ukraine

Kyiv

A Russian missile barrage on the Ukrainian power grid sent the war spilling over into neighbouring countries yesterday, hitting Nato member Poland and cutting electricity to much of Moldova.

It was Russia's biggest barrage yet, and some of the missiles crossed into Poland, where two people were killed, according to a US official. It marked the first time in the war that Russian weapons have come down on a Nato country.

Polish government spokesman Piotr Mueller did not immediately confirm the information from a senior US intelligence official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because of the sensitive nature of the situation. But Mueller said top leaders were holding an emergency meeting due to a "crisis



A building in Poland is on fire after it was reportedly hit by Russian missiles

situation."

Polish media reported that two people died yesterday afternoon after a projectile struck

an area where grain was drying near the border with Ukraine. Neighbouring Moldova was

also affected. It reported massive power outages after the strikes knocked out a key power line that supplies the small na-

tion, an official said.

Zelensky said Russia fired at least 85 missiles, most of them aimed at the country's power facilities, and blacked out many cities.

"We're working, will restore everything. We will survive everything," the president vowed.

His energy minister said the attack was "the most massive" bombardment of power facilities in the nearly 9-month-old Russian invasion, striking both power generation and transmission systems.

The minister, Herman Haluschenko, described the missile strikes as "another attempt at terrorist revenge" after military and diplomatic setbacks for the Kremlin. He accused Russia of "trying to cause maximum damage to our energy system on the eve of winter."

'It's not right to go'

Rod Stewart 'turned down' over \$1m offer to perform in Qatar

London

Sir Rod Stewart has revealed that he turned down over \$1 million (BD376,000) to perform in Qatar.

The legendary singer - now 77 years old - recalled being asked to perform in Qatar.

Stewart claimed that he was offered over \$1 million for the potential gig, but turned it down over con-

cerns about the criminalisation of homosexuality in the country.

"I was actually offered a lot of money, over \$1 million, to play there 15 months ago," the singer recounted. "I turned it down. It's not right to go."

He added, "The Iranians should be out too for supplying arms. Tell you what, supporters have got to watch out, haven't they?"

Controversy has surrounded the 2022 World Cup being held in Qatar, with Robbie Williams and BTS singer Jung Kook coming under fire for agreeing to perform in the country.

Dua Lipa recently spoke out to deny she is performing at the World Cup opening ceremony, which takes place on Sunday.

"There is a lot of speculation that I will be performing at



Sir Rod Stewart

the opening ceremony of the World Cup in Qatar. I will not be performing and nor have I ever been involved in any negotiation to perform," she wrote on her Instagram Stories.

"I will be cheering England on from afar and I look forward to visiting Qatar when it has fulfilled all the human rights pledges it made when it won the right to host the World Cup."

A royal praise for growing Bahrain-UAE ties in sport

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His Highness Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Personal Representative of His Majesty the King for Humanitarian Works and Youth Affairs, praised the growing cooperation between the Kingdom of Bahrain and the UAE, thanks to the directives of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and the UAE President His Highness Shaikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan.



HH Shaikh Nasser

HH Shaikh Nasser stressed keenness of the two countries to dedicate sport to the achievement of humanitarian goals.

He hailed the renewal of the cooperation agreement between Bahrain Royal Equestrian and Endurance Federation (Breef) and the UAE Zayed Higher Organisation for People of Determination, which aims to continue cooperation in the humanitarian field and in rehabilitating autistic children.

His Highness stressed the importance of the agreement

in promoting institutional communication and building strategic and active partnerships to support people of determination in both countries and exchange experiences in this regard.

The agreement was signed online by Breef President HH Shaikh Isa bin Abdullah Al Khalifa and Secretary General of the Zayed Higher Organisation for People of Determination, Abdullah Abdula'ali Al Humaidan. The signing was attended by leading personalities from BREEF and the organisation.

Stage set for three-night 2022 Korean film festival

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This year, the 10th edition of annual Korean movie night, hosted by Korean Embassy in the Kingdom of Bahrain, will be held from November 22 to November 24 at 7pm in Seef Mall Cinema.

The 2022 Korean film festival will be screening three movies for three consecutive days and this year's movies are carefully selected to meet the expectations of the audience who are looking for something breath-taking "The Admiral: Roaring Currents", heart-warming "Miracle: Letters to the President", and thrilling: "The Classified File". The opening film, The Admiral, Roaring Currents (15+), tells the story of a legendary, Admiral of Korea "Yi Sun-shin", who defeated Japanese fleet of 330 battleships with only 12 battleships, and an army of doubtful soldiers, with his extraordinary mind and leadership. The movie was a big box office hit, resonating with the mentality of Koreans, and having attracted more than 17 million Koreans to movie theatres.



One of the movies set for screening

The second day's movie, "Miracle: Letters to the President (PG15) is based on a true story, where high-school boy with scientific genius in deep affection for the small town he lives in, endeavours to build an unmanned simplified train station in his village.

The boy incessantly sends letters to the President's office, and looks for various ways to alleviate the burden of villagers in commuting through the railroad tracks on foot. In this movie, Park Jeong-Min and Lim Yoon-A are featuring as too adorable problem-solvers

The last day's movie "The Classified File (PG15) is also based on a true story in Busan in 1978, where a detective collaborates with a fortune-teller to investigate a child abduction case. This movie mixes well the sense of suspense and human drama.

The tickets for the movies will be distributed on a "first come first served" basis every evening from November 22 to 24 from 6pm (1 hour before the movie screening). The ticket counter will be set inside the Seef Mall Cinema (Seef I - Cinema 13).

Focus on role of chemistry in energy as GCA 2022 kicks off

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The first Gulf Chemistry Association International Conference and Exhibition (GCA 2022), entitled "Role of Chemistry in Sustainable Energy for Oil and Petrochemical Industries", kicked off yesterday.

It is held under the patronage of Oil and Environment Minister, Special Envoy for Climate Affairs, Dr Mohammed bin Mubarak Bin Daina.

Acting Undersecretary of the Oil and Environment Ministry, Faihan Mohammed Al Faihani, opened the conference, themed "Role of Chemistry in Sustainable



Acting Oil Undersecretary Al Faihani opens the conference

Energy for Oil and Petrochemical Industries".

GCA 2022 is co-organised by the Gulf Chemists Union (GCU) and the Saudi Arabian International Chemical Sciences Chap-

ter (SAICSC), in association with Bahrain's Oil and Environment Ministry. Undersecretary Al Faihani conveyed greetings from Oil and Environment Minister to all participants.

Congratulations



Indian Ambassador H.E. Piyush Srivatsava congratulating the newly elected GOPIO Bahrain chapter President, Ms Tina Mathew, in the presence of Global Organization of People of Indian Origin International President Sunny Kulathakal and Embassy Second Secretary Ihjas Aslam Sheik.

Global Media Congress



Minister of Information, Dr Ramzan bin Abdullah Alnoaimi, participated in the first session of the Global Media Congress 2022 which is being held in Abu Dhabi, the UAE, from November 15 to 17 under the theme "Shaping the Future of the Media Industry". The conference convened under the auspices of the UAE Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Presidential Affairs, His Highness Shaikh Mansour bin Zayed Al Nahyan. Dr Alnoaimi participated as a keynote speaker in the main ministerial panel discussion on new and future investment opportunities in media from across the globe. He spoke about the need to know the concept of new media, given that the media field has become widespread.

Diabetes awareness forum



The second edition of World Diabetes Day Conference was launched yesterday highlighting the importance of raising awareness about the chronic health condition. It was held under the patronage of the President of the Supreme Council of Health (SCH) and Bahrain Diabetes Society President Lieutenant-General Dr Shaikh Mohammed bin Abdullah Al Khalifa. The conference, organised by the Health Ministry and NovoNordisk, coincides with the World Diabetes Day under the theme "Access to Diabetes care, if not now, when?" launched by the International Diabetes Federation.

Royal support for art



The National Council for Fine Arts chaired by Shaikh Rashid bin Khalifa Al Khalifa held its periodical meeting to discuss the council's plans and programs. He expressed appreciation for the support of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa to the council's Art for Peace initiative. The meeting reviewed the preparations to implement the directives of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, to install art works in public spaces.

Bahrain-Kuwait relations



Advisor to HM the King for Media Affairs, Nabeel bin Yacoub Al Hamar, received Kuwait's Ambassador to Bahrain Shaikh Thamer Jaber Al Ahmed Al Sabah. The Advisor praised the historical bilateral cooperation in all fields, especially in the media sector, thanks to the noble directives of the two country's wise leaders. He hailed the Ambassador's efforts to promote Bahraini-Kuwaiti relations, wishing him success. The Ambassador stressed his pride in the depth of the bilateral relations.

Call to 'regularly' update breastfeeding indicators

'Bahrain among 21 countries in the world that don't have regular updates'

Staff Reporter
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A group of researchers is urging many countries including the Kingdom of Bahrain to update breastfeeding indicators as it is important to protect and evaluate the progress of breastfeeding promotion efforts.

According to researchers associated with Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, the last time Bahrain updated its breastfeeding indicators was in the year 2002 and since then there have been no surveys or infant data studies related to this.

The Kingdom's neighbours including Kuwait, Oman and Saudi Arabia last carried out a survey on breastfeeding indicators in the year 2017, offering valuable insights into the matter, which helps in devising the right strategies.

"Seventy-one percent of the countries had updated their indicators since 2015, and 16 per cent have collected breastfeed-



The World Breastfeeding Week is regularly observed in the Kingdom from August 1 to 7

ing indicators for more than two decades. Updates were conducted annually, every three or five to nine years. The other 21 countries had no regular updates, or these had been discontinued," the researchers said.

"Breastfeeding rates were estimated from mothers of children of different age groups: newborns followed up to eight weeks after birth, children up to 12 to 15 months, children under 24 months or children under

three to under six years. In eight surveys, the population sampled was women who had a child in the prior three to five years," they added.

According to International Baby Food Action Network (IBFAN), Bahrain has made progress regarding Child Health over the past years, as neonatal, infant and under-five mortality rates steadily declined. "This is a consequence of the ministry of health's priority: to provide the



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maximum levels of health care including primary health care, especially for children below six years of age.

"Nevertheless, the lack of data on breastfeeding remains con-

cerning and the few data available show an extremely low rate of exclusive breastfeeding under six months. It remains complicated to draw conclusions on recent progress regarding early initiation of breastfeeding, exclusive breastfeeding under six months and continued breastfeeding at two years."

On the flip side, the network also praised the Kingdom's authorities for taking the right measures.

"In an effort to improve breastfeeding rates in the 1990s, the Bahraini government developed a policy to support breastfeeding. A decree was issued, which concerns the control of marketing and promotion of breastmilk substitutes. This decree was then followed in 1996 by ministerial order No. 5 which established a national committee for breastfeeding. The committee was re-organised in 2008 and 2011, but it remains unclear what its mandate is and whether it meets regularly," the network observed.

Life sentence upheld in human trafficking case

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The Bahraini man who was sentenced to life in prison for encouraging domestic workers to run away from their original sponsors and then trafficking them has had his life sentence upheld by the Cassation Court.

The defendant was sentenced to 10 years in prison but the High Appeals Court increased his sentence to life in prison due to his major role in the crime.

According to court files, the defendant was among 19 arrested for setting up a criminal network to encourage domestic servants to flee from their sponsors, and then hold them up in apartments, where they force them into prostitution.

The defendant was the mastermind of the network, and his co-suspects revealed that they deceived the victims by offering them high salaries in order to agitate them to depart from the families they are working for.

As per the case records, the defendant recruited several men to guard the apartments to ensure that no one from the victims will manage to break away.

Seventeen of the defendants were sentenced to 10 years in prison.

Bahrain ranks first amongst GCC in Anti Money laundering says Bahrain Chamber Report

Report commissioned by BAHRAIN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY reveals that the economic recovery path is on the right track.

The report shows that in Q2 2022, "The growth and GDP contribution of economic sectors where real GDP and nominal GDP increased by 6.95 pcs and 22.97 pcs, led by growth in the hotels, restaurants, and transport and communication sector and Manufacturing and Natural Gas sector is the highest contributor to GDP in Q2 2022 at 17.07%.

"The trade exchange increased by 9 pcs between Bahrain and GCC in Q3 2022 compared to Q3 2021, whereas 29.5% increase in the volume of trade between Bahrain and Oman in Q3 2022 compared to Q3 2021.

"China maintains its position as Bahrain's top import partner in Q3 with a total import value of 567 million USD. The top imported commodity was smartphones, with a total value of 33.7 million USD. This commodity accounts for 6% of

total imports from China.

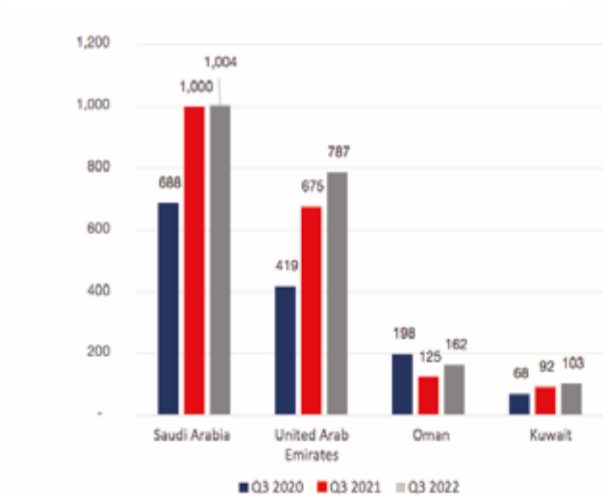
"Saudi Arabia has maintained its position as the largest export market for Bahraini commodities in Q3 2022, with the total value of exports reaching 792 million USD. The top exported commodity was agglomerated iron ores and concentrated at 229 million USD," the study highlighted.

"The consumer price index increased by 4% in August 2022 compared to August 2021, with the most significant changes occurring during that time period being A 10.4% increase in the food and nonalcoholic beverages group, A 15.1% increase in the hotels and restaurants group, A 6.4% increase in the transportation group, and A 5.5% increase in the furnishings, household equipment, and routine household maintenance group.

"The Restaurants and Hotels sector witnessed the highest increase in prices in August 2022 at 15.1%, compared to the same month in the previous year. The second highest sector with a y-o-y increase is Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco, reaching 13.4%.

"The number of Bahrainis in the public and private

Trade volume between Bahrain and GCC countries



Country	Q3 2020	Q3 2021	Q3 2022	% Change from 2021 to 2022
Saudi Arabia	688,419,983	1,000,193,023	1,004,315,576	0.4%
United Arab Emirates	418,701,158	674,572,903	786,862,641	16.6%
Oman	197,796,823	125,419,039	162,370,974	29.5%
Kuwait	68,322,403	92,112,829	103,236,685	12.1%

Source: Information and e-Government Authority

sectors increased by 3.2% and 4.3% respectively in Q2 2022 compared to Q2 2021. The number of employed non-Bahrainis also increased by 8% in Q2 2022 compared to Q2 2021.

"Worker remittances are defined as payments made by

migrant workers and residents of a country to relatives in their home country. Remittances to beneficiaries in their country of origin are classified as for more than a year, regardless of their legal status. Remittances from workers increased by 4.5%,

rising from 248.8 million BHD in Q2 2021 to 259.9 million BHD in Q2.

"The outflow of worker remittances in the GCC amounted to about 127.2 billion USD in 2021, compared to about 116.5 billion USD in 2020, registering a growth of 9.2%. This is after the total remittances declined over the last four years.

"Interest rates on business loans increased in general during Q2 2022 compared to the same period in 2021. The interest rate in the Manufacturing sector increased from 2.12% in Q2 2021 to 4.67% in the same period in 2022,

"It also increased in the Trade Sector from 4.91% in Q2 2021 to 5.87% in Q2 2022. The interest rate, however, decreased in the Construction and Real Estate Sector from 6.99% in Q2 2021 to 5.15% in Q2 2022.

"The number of ATM withdrawal transactions in June 2022 was about 1.18 million, a 2.2% decrease from the 1.20 million registered in June 2021. There was also a decline of 7.9% in the number of ATM withdrawals in April, from around 1.29 million in 2021 to 1.19 million in 2022.

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According to the IMF, "The global economy is expected to slow down from 6.0% in 2021 to 3.2% in 2022 and 2.7% in 2023. Global influences on the growth rate include significant slowdowns in the world's largest economies, with the contraction in the US GDP in the first half of 2022, and a euro area contraction in the second half of the year.

Lockdowns and the real estate crisis in China have also impacted global economic growth."

Complete report is available on the Bahrain Chamber website and mobile application in English and Arabic.

Bahrain airshow connects Gulf with global aerospace industry



The Airshow showcases the latest technological innovations in the aviation sector

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Thousands of aerospace and defence professionals from over 30 countries around the world connected at the Bahrain International Airshow (BIAS) 2022 for three days of partnership building, collaboration and thought leadership.

Officially opened by His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and Prime Minister, on behalf of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, the event is organised by the Bahrain Ministry of Transportation and Telecommunications and the Royal Bahraini Airforce in association with Farnborough International.

The three-day event, which took place 9-11 November 2022, saw 186 participating companies across the display, exhibition hall and chalets and 200 civilian and military delegations taking part.

The airshow followed on from Manama Air Power Symposium 2022, which brought

together a high-caliber audience of over 300 air force commanders and operators, policymakers, and industry leaders from over 25 countries for the most important regional air power conference in 2022.

New deals and partnerships worth over USD 1.8 billion were announced at the show including the purchase of 30 of the latest-generation, single-aisle aircraft powered by Pratt & Whitney GTF engines by Royal Jordanian Airlines ("Royal Jordanian"), a strategic partnership between MAE Aircraft Management and Asia Cargo Network Singapore and Texel Air Bahrain and Sierra Nevada Corporation's (SNC) new alliance.

Two dedicated conference theatres offered a thought exchange platform, where senior aerospace executives from the Gulf region and international companies collaborated to bring issues of mutual interest to the fore. The programme included panels and keynotes on four key themes: Airports and Airlines, Cargo and Logistics, Women in Aerospace and Space.

Environmental cooperation



Oil and Environment Minister and Special Envoy for Climate Affairs Dr Mohammed bin Mubarak bin Daina met UK Government Climate Change Envoy (COP26) Dr John Morton during his participation in the 27th United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP27) in Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt. The meeting discussed cooperation in environment protection and tackling climate challenges, within the framework of the Bahraini-British relations. Dr Bin Daina expressed Bahrain's keenness to achieve common goals in dealing with climate change and climate security.

Inspection in full swing



The Labour Market Regulatory Authority (LMRA) conducted a joint inspection campaign in the Southern Governorate, in cooperation with the Nationality, Passports and Residence Affairs (NPRA) of the Ministry of Interior and the Southern Governorate Police Directorate. The campaign resulted in reporting a number of violations related to the Labour Market and Residency laws and were referred for legal action. LMRA stressed its commitment to report any violation through a continuous and intensive inspection plan, in cooperation with the relevant government entities. The LMRA renewed its call on all members of the society to support the efforts of government agencies to address illegal labour practices, calling on the public to report violations by filling the electronic form on LMRA's website www.lmra.bh or calling the authority's call centre on 17506055.

494 Covid-infected 'voted in elections'

As many as 252,256 Bahrainis cast their ballots in the first round of elections

Staff Reporter
TDT | Manama

Close to 500 citizens infected with Covid-19 virus voted in the first round of polls held to elect the new Parliament and Municipal Councils.

This was revealed yesterday by the head of the Legislation and Legal Opinion Commission and the Executive Director of Parliamentary and Municipal Elections 2022, Nawaf Abdullah Hamza.

He said the voting process for the infected was successfully implemented in cooperation with the Ministry of Health. "We wanted to ensure that every citizen enjoyed his democratic right and offered a chance to the infected voters to cast their ballots. And all precautions were taken to ensure that the process remains smooth."

He pointed out that Covid-19 infected individuals will be given an opportunity to vote in the runoffs as well, which is scheduled to be held on November 19. "Every citizen has the right to perform his democratic duties with integrity and transparency."

The first round of polls held to elect the new Parliament and Municipal Councils on Saturday created many milestones in terms of participation.

This year, the Kingdom has recorded the highest number of candidates as 561 and 176 candidates contested for 40 and 30



Special facilities were set up for Covid-infected individuals to cast their ballots

seats for the lower house of the parliament and for the municipal councils, respectively. This represents an increase of 20 per cent compared with 2018.

A total of 252,256 Bahrainis cast ballots in the first round of elections and the high turnout in the elections reflects the national awareness about the importance of elections in consolidating the achievements made during the prosperous era of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, and the follow-up of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime

Minister, he added.

The turnout among female was 48pc, an indication of the high level of political engagement of Bahraini women and their prominent role in consolidating democracy practices, Mr Hamza said, adding that the turnout of young voters was 45.37pc, a "figure that reflects the vitality of political and democratic life in Bahrain, and the interest of young citizens in actively participating in the national process of electing lawmakers and municipal councillors".

Bahrain recorded 73 per cent

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NAWAF ABDULLAH HAMZA, HEAD OF THE LEGISLATION AND LEGAL OPINION COMMISSION AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF PARLIAMENTARY AND MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS 2022

record turnout in the 2022 general elections, the highest figure since the first elections in 2002. This was revealed by the Minister for Justice, Islamic Affairs and Endowments and head of High Committee for Elections for 2022 Nawaf Al Mua'awda during a Press conference at the close of the polls on Saturday night.

The minister said that the success of the record turnout was a culmination of the democratic progress led by His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa since 2002 and supported by His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister. The number of Bahrainis eligible to cast ballots in the 2022 elections is 344,713.

Push for tourism sector as GCC 'major source' of income

Al Ula

Tourism Minister Fatima bint Jaffer Al Sairafi has stressed the importance of making the tourism sector a major source of income for the GCC through regional cooperation.

Al Sairafi was speaking as she participated in the 6th meeting of the Committee of GCC Tourism Ministers held on Al Ula in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

The minister stressed the importance of this meeting in implementing the visions of their Majesties and Highnesses, and GCC leaders to develop the sector. She highlighted the tourism industry in the GCC and the cooperation with Bahrain



Al Sairafi with other GCC Tourism Ministers

in implementing tourism activities and programs to provide a diverse platform for tourists from all countries. Al Sairafi expressed Bahrain's keenness to

implement the meeting's agenda, including the final statement and the Riyadh Declaration issued by the 42nd session of the GCC Supreme Council.

She reviewed the importance of implementing previous decisions of the committee regarding the GCC tourism strategy, platform, and other topics.

Choir performance



The Papals Choir performed on November 6 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church Bahrain during the Angelus Meeting and Prayers with the Holy Father Pope Francis.

Alba PS5 Block 4 project reaches financial close

● **Block 4 will support the Company in its efforts to decarbonise in line with the Kingdom's goals to reach Net Zero Emissions**

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Aluminium Bahrain (Alba), one of the world's largest aluminium smelters, announced reaching a financial close for its Block 4 of Power Station 5 (PS5) that will add 680.9 megawatts (MW).

"Once completed, the project will increase the nameplate capacity of PS5 from 1.8GW to more than 2.4 GW," said Chairman of



Officials during a meeting on the financial close for its Block 4 of Power Station 5

Alba's Board of Directors, Shaikh Khalifa, in a virtual signing ceremony with Sinosure yesterday.

Chief Executive Officer Ali Al Baqali, Chief Power Officer Amin Sultan, and Chief Financial Officer Bryan Harris joined the virtual ceremony. Senior representatives, including Vice President Jie Li of SEPCOIII, President Wei Shaomin of Sinosure Shandong, and representative of BNP Paribas China and BNP Paribas Middle East, including their Head of Middle East and Africa, Amine Bel Hadj Soulami, were also present.

Shaikh Daij said that this transaction "will pave the way for future collaborations between Alba, SEPCOIII and Sinosure."

One of our key initiatives under our ESG Roadmap "Block 4 will support the Company

in its efforts to decarbonise in line with the Kingdom's goals to reach Net Zero Emissions by 2060 and reduce its overall GHG emissions by 0.5x once completed in Q4 2024."

Chairman of SEPCOIII, Wang Li, pointed out that Block 4 of PS5 is the second large-scale EPC project contracted by SEPCOIII in the Kingdom and will make every effort to ensure the project to achieve all its goals.

Sinosure Shandong Branch

stated: "As the only official ECA institution in China, Sinosure support Chinese contractors to finance for the sponsors by providing buyer's credit insurance."

SEPCOIII, along with Mitsubishi Power, will design, engineer, procure, construct and commission the Combined Cycle Gas Turbine Power Block comprising M701JAC gas turbine, an air-cooled version of J-series gas turbines and a steam turbine.



The facility is made up of c. US\$225 million China Export and Credit Insurance Corporation ("SINOSURE") supported-facility with a 15-year tenor and a competitive interest rate wherein the principal amount will be repaid over a 15-year period including a 3-year grace period.

Nogaholding, SACE sign \$300m Push Facility



The deal signing in Rome

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The Oil and Gas Holding Company (nogaholding), has signed a \$300m Push Facility with the Italian Export Credit Agency (SACE), for financial support on key energy projects. The financing, arranged by HSBC and guaranteed by SACE, is structured as a Sustainability-Linked Loan, under which nogaholding commits to pre-agreed sustainability objectives.

As per the deal, SACE will establish a \$300 million Push Facility for nogaholding. The 10-year financing aims to increase

business opportunities for Italian exporters, strengthening SACE's positioning in a strategic area for Italian exports. The Push Strategy primarily targets local counterparts of Italian exporters - selected and leading foreign buyers - and provides access to medium to long-term financing, guaranteed by SACE, to support their investment and growth plans. nogaholding Group Chief Executive Officer Mark Thomas and SACE Chief Executive Officer Alessandra Ricci signed the deal at SACE's headquarters in Rome.

Mark Thomas said: "Through

this Sustainability-Linked facility, we will be able to accelerate our efforts toward sustainable economic growth that aligns with the Kingdom's energy demands while adhering to decarbonization commitments."

HSBC Bank Middle East Limited has been appointed as the ECA Coordinator, sole Structuring Bank, and Sustainability Coordinator. Latham and Watkins LLP have acted as nogaholding legal counsel overseeing the transaction, while Watson Farley and Williams acted for the lenders and the ECA.

BALEXCO, CleanMax, Kanoo Energy in deal for 2.46 MWp Solar PV project

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Bahrain Aluminium Extrusion Company BSCC (BALEXCO) signed a signed Letter of Intent (LOI) on Thursday with CleanMax Middle East and Kanoo Industrial & Energy JV, a venture of CleanMax Enviro Energy Solutions, for developing a 2.46 MWp solar PV project in Bahrain. The project will enable carbon reduction of 1773 MT Co2 annually.

BALEXCO Chairman Jassim Mohamed Seyadi signed the deal with CleanMax Middle East CEO Sushant Arora, and Kanoo Industrial & Energy JV President (Industrial and Energy) Ali Abdulla Kanoo in the presence of Ministry of Electricity & Water, Renewable Energy representatives Abduljabbar Abdulkarim, Renewable Energy Advisor/Acting Director General, Ali Radhi, Renewable Energy Engineer



The deal signing

and Khalid Sowayed, Acting Director Renewable Energy & Research Directorate.

The LOI will enable work to begin on the structural analysis and design stage of the solar project. The expected life of the Solar Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) project will be thirty years and project completion will take ten months after which the roof of BALEXCO will start generating green electricity. BALEXCO said it plans to

source around 30% of its total electricity needs from renewables. This will help in reducing the carbon footprint and contribute to the Kingdom's target to reduce emissions by 30% through decarbonisation by 2035.

Seyadi said that although BALEXCO's operations are not carbon intensive, it has still taken the onus to greening as much of its operations as is possible via renewable energy.

BBK continues to settle 50 loans worth BD 5,000 each

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BBK, Bahrain's pioneer in retail and commercial banking, has pledged to pay BD 5,000 off the loans of 50 customers, which started in March 2022 and concludes in January 2023, with a total value of BD 250,000 as part of its 50th-anniversary celebrations.

Since the launch, BBK has paid BD 5,000 off the loans of 35 lucky customers, until now or has written off the entire



Hassaan Burshaid

loan if it was under this sum, with a total value of BD 175,000.

As of November, 15 customers still have a chance to get their loans paid off partially or in full by BD 5,000 if they

maintain their existing loan or have applied for a new loan between the 2nd of March 2022 and the 24th of January 2023.

Hassaan Burshaid, BBK's Group Chief Human Resources and Administration Officer said the campaign launched as part of BBK's Golden Jubilee celebrations, reflects bank's desire to help customers fulfil their aspirations as it reduces the burden of their loans partially or completely.

Seef Properties, Cineco to Open 'Al Liwan Cinema'



The agreement was signed at Seef Properties headquarters in Seef District

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Seef Properties has recently signed an agreement with Bahrain Cinema Company (CINECO), under which Cineco will manage and operate "Al Liwan Cinema" at Al Liwan mixed-use project, which is developed by Seef Properties in Hamala in the Northern Governorate.

Signing the agreement at Seef Properties headquarters in Seef District were Ahmed Yusuf, Chief Executive Officer of Seef Properties, and Ahmed Rashid, Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of Bahrain Cinema Company, in the pres-

ence of senior officials from both sides.

Al Liwan Cinema encompasses seven cinema screens with a total capacity of more than 1,000 seats, five of which will provide VIP service and two display screens that support 3D movies, while one screen will be for families only.

The largest display in Al Liwan Cinema will also support Dolby Atmos technology with high-quality 360-degree sound, providing a 3D audio technology that allows moviegoers to enjoy the finest details of the sounds in movies.

Ahmed Yusuf, Chief Executive Officer of Seef Properties, said: "Screening the latest re-

leases of international films, Al Liwan will turn into an integrated mixed-use destination that offers an exceptional diversity of entertainment and hospitality products within modern facilities that are unparalleled in the Kingdom and the Northern Governorate."

Ahmed Rashid, Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of Bahrain Cinema Company, commented: "We affirm our commitment to provide a unique entertainment experience to moviegoers of all age groups."

Al Liwan covers an area of 122,000m2 with an Eastern view of the Wali Al Ahd Highway.

Export Bahrain, CIPE join hands

TDT | Manama

Export Bahrain has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with CIPE (Center for International Private Enterprise) to foster the growth of Bahraini MSMEs through the "Economic Diversification and Access to Finance in Bahrain" project.

The signing of this MoU is a recognition of the cooperation



Fatima Rostam

Abdulwahab Alkebsi

between Export Bahrain and CIPE to support MSMEs in Bahrain and empower the private.

Fatima Aziz Rostam, Export

Bahrain Executive Director, said: "We are honoured to play our part in this agreement by offering MSMEs more export solutions, growth services and investor education necessary for their expansion."

Abdulwahab Alkebsi, CIPE's Managing Director for Programmes, said: "We look forward to strengthening our cooperation with Export Bahrain."

News in brief

◆ **Israel said it had** summoned the Ukrainian ambassador for a dressing down yesterday, after Kyiv voted in favour of a resolution to open an international probe into Israel's prolonged occupation of the West Bank. The resolution, approved at UN headquarters in New York last week, asks that the International Court of Justice (ICJ) "urgently" weigh in on Israel's "prolonged occupation, settlement and annexation of the Palestinian territory", which it said were violating the Palestinians' right to self-determination. Israel "expressed its dissatisfaction" with Ukraine's decision to vote in favour of the resolution in a conversation with Ambassador Yevgen Korniychuk, according to a statement released by the Israeli foreign ministry on Tuesday. "It was clarified to the ambassador that this behaviour does not embody friendly behaviour," the statement said. In a statement about the meeting on Facebook, the Ukrainian embassy in Israel wrote: "The ambassador expressed disappointment with the position of Israel, whose representative abstained during the vote in the U.N. General Assembly on the issue of Russian reparation payments to Ukraine."



Israel admonishes Ukrainian ambassador over UN vote

◆ **Iraq's Baghdad international airport fire put out - INA**

schedules, INA added.

◆ **Civil defence forces** have put out a fire that broke out in the departure hall of Iraq's Baghdad international airport, state news agency (INA) reported yesterday. The fire broke out in the departure hall cafeteria and did not affect flights

◆ **Turkey plans** to pursue targets in northern Syria after it completes a cross-border operation against outlawed Kurdistan Workers Party (PKK) militants in Iraq, a senior official said yesterday, after a deadly weekend bomb in Istanbul. The government has blamed Kurdish militants for the blast on Istanbul's Istiklal Avenue on Sunday that killed six people and injured more than 80. Threats posed by Kurdish militants or Islamic State on Turkey are unacceptable, the official told Reuters, adding that Ankara will clear threats along its southern border "one way or another." "Syria is a national security problem for Turkey. There is work being done on this already," the official said, declining to be named as they were not authorised to speak to the media.



Turkey to pursue targets in Syria, official says after Istanbul blast

◆ **Russian administrators** leave second city in Ukraine's Kherson region

◆ **Civil servants** working for the Russian-installed administration in Nova Kakhovka, the second-largest city in Ukraine's southern Kherson region, have left due to fighting, officials said yesterday. The city lies on the east bank of the Dnipro river, next to the huge Kakhovka dam, which both Ukraine and Russia have accused each other of shelling. It also adjoins the mouth of the North Crimean Canal, a crucial source of fresh water to the arid Crimean peninsula, which Russia seized from Ukraine in 2014.

◆ **British Prime Minister** Rishi Sunak yesterday extended his support for Ukraine at the G20 summit while confirming a long-planned order for warships from BAE Systems (BAES.L). Russian President Vladimir Putin's regime would hear the chorus of global opposition to its actions, Sunak said. "Russia's actions put all of us at risk," he said at the summit in Bali, Indonesia. "As we give the Ukrainian people the support they need, we are also harnessing the breadth and depth of UK expertise to protect ourselves and our allies." Sunak also announced a 4.2 billion pound (\$4.94 billion) contract to BAE Systems (BAES.L) to build five ships for the Royal Navy, a government statement said.



UK's Sunak extends support to Ukraine, awards \$4.9 bln contract to BAE Systems

This contract, in addition to the three ships already under construction, comes as the next phase in the Type 26 frigate programme and all the eight of the Type 26 frigates are expected to be completed by the mid-2030s, the statement said. The British government has planned to build a total of eight Type 26s since 2015, when it cut the programme from 13 ships.

Curioser & Curioser

Meet Tora! Hunchback woman died during the Middle Ages is brought back to life
DailyMail

A Norwegian woman who was hunchback and toothless before she died at the age of 65 during the Middle Ages has been brought back to life using modern-day technology. Researchers used the elderly woman's skeleton to create the silicon model, which they named Tora, that is now display at the NTNU University Museum.

An analysis of the woman's skeleton showed she suffered from osteoarthritis and gout during the last few years of her life and the researchers fashioned the silicon model to represent the ailments.



US Navy intercepts 'massive' shipment of explosive material in Gulf of Oman



Reuters | Dubai

The US Navy's Fifth Fleet said yesterday it had intercepted a fishing vessel smuggling "massive" amounts of explosive material while transiting from Iran along a route in the Gulf of Oman that has been used to traffic weapons to Yemen's Houthi group.

US forces found over 70 tonnes of ammonium perchlorate which is commonly used to make rocket and missile fuel as well as explosives, the Fifth Fleet said in a statement.

"This was a massive amount of explosive material, enough to fuel more than a dozen medium-range ballistic missiles depending on the size," said Vice Admiral Brad Cooper, commander of US Naval Forces Central Command, US 5th Fleet and Combined Maritime Forces.

"The unlawful transfer of lethal aid from Iran does not

go unnoticed. It is irresponsible, dangerous and leads to violence and instability across the Middle East," he added.

There was no immediate Iranian comment on the accusation.

The intercepted vessel had four Yemeni crew members and also carried 100 tonnes of urea fertilizer, which is used in agriculture but also for making explosives, the Fifth Fleet said.

US forces sank the ship on Sunday in the Gulf of Oman as it was a "hazard to navigation for commercial shipping" and its crew were handed over to the Yemen coast guard, it added. Last December, the Fifth Fleet seized a cargo of assault rifles and ammunition from a fishing vessel that it said were believed to have originated in Iran to supply the Houthis.



In pictures, Sailors from guided-missile destroyer USS The Sullivans (DDG 68) inventory a large quantity of urea fertiliser and ammonium perchlorate discovered on a fishing vessel intercepted by US naval forces while transiting international waters in the Gulf of Oman in Arabian Sea

UAE official calls for 'unambivalent' US security commitment

Reuters | Dubai

A senior United Arab Emirates official called yesterday for "codified and unambivalent" commitments from the United States to its security, adding it had no interest in "choosing sides".

Anwar Gargash, diplomatic adviser to the UAE's president, said it needs security partners who can help build defence capabilities as it also works to ease regional tensions, focus on economic growth and collaborate on global challenges.

"Our primary strategic security relationship remains unequivocally with the United States," Gargash said.

"Yet it is vital that we find a way to ensure that we can rely on this relationship for decades to come, through clear, codified and unambivalent



UAE Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Anwar Gargash

commitments," he added in a speech delivered to the Abu Dhabi Strategic Debate.

The UAE would continue avoiding dependence on "just one or two countries" for its economic prosperity and security by maintaining balanced and diversified relations, he said.

"The UAE has no interest in choosing sides between great powers," Gargash added, stressing the need for measured approaches during a "turbulent" time in global politics.

Wrangling dominates

● **Draft declaration: 'Most' G20 members condemn Ukraine war**

● **Ukraine's Zelenskiy pushes his plan to end conflict**

● **Indonesia appeals for end to political polarisation**

● **US President Biden skips gala dinner on island of Bali**

Reuters | Nusa Dua, Indonesia

A Western-led push to condemn Russia's invasion of Ukraine dominated yesterday's Group of 20 summit on the Indonesian island of Bali where leaders of major economies grappled with a dizzying array of issues from hunger to nuclear threats.

President Vladimir Putin's Feb. 24 invasion of neighbouring Ukraine has pummeled the global economy and revived Cold War-era geopolitical divisions just as the world was emerging from the worst of the COVID-19 pandemic.

As at other recent international forums, the United States and its allies were pursuing a statement from the two-day G20 summit to condemn Moscow's military actions.

But Russia said "politicisation" of the summit was unfair.

"Yes, there is a war going on in Ukraine, a hybrid war that the West has unleashed and been preparing for years," said Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov, repeating Putin's line that military alliance NATO's expansion had threatened Russia.

A 16-page draft declaration seen by Reuters, which diplomats said was yet to be adopted by leaders, acknowledged the rift.

"Most members strongly condemned the war in Ukraine and stressed it is causing immense human suffering and exacerbating existing fragilities in the global economy," it said. "There



India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi greets US President Joe Biden at the G20 summit. Minister Rishi Sunak

Modi meets Biden hands with China

Reuters | New Delhi

India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi discussed global and regional developments in a meeting with US President Joe Biden yesterday at the Group of 20 (G20) summit in Indonesia, India's foreign ministry said.

Modi and Biden "expressed satisfaction" about close cooperation between India and the United States in new groupings such as the Quad, which includes Australia and Japan, and the I2U2, which includes Israel and the United Arab Emirates.

"They reviewed the continuing deepening of the India-US strategic partnership," the foreign ministry said in a statement.

Modi also exchanged courtesies with Chinese President Xi Jinping at the end of a G20 dinner, according to government sources.

A video footage of the event aired by Indian news broadcasters showed the two leaders shaking hands and exchanging words in an informal setting, surrounded by other officials.

The Indian premier has also met British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak, World Bank president

Three Israelis killed during

Reuters | Jerusalem

A man who went on a knife rampage in the West Bank yesterday killed three Israelis near the entrance to an industrial park and tried to flee in a vehicle before Israeli security forces shot him dead, Palestinian and Israeli officials said.

Israeli medical services declared three people dead and said they were treating three others, according to an official statement.

The Palestinian health ministry confirmed that an 18-year-old



Members of an emergency response team at the scene of a knife attack, at the Ariel Industrial Zone in the West Bank. A Palestinian man had been killed. Last week, a 15-year-old Pal-

Second and final revision of the Justinian Code published, a codified set of imperial and classical laws begun initially in 528

Spanish conquistador Francisco Pizarro captures Inca Emperor Atahualpa after a surprise ambush at Cajamarca in the Peruvian Andes



British troops capture Fort Mifflin during American Revolution

Founding of UNESCO, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization

ing over Ukraine s G20 summit



British Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Saudi Arabia's Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, China's President Xi Jinping greets Indonesian President Joko Widodo, and US President Joe Biden shakes hands with Chinese President Xi Jinping.

Biden, shakes hands with Xi



President of the US Joe Biden speaks with Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi at the G20 Summit opening session in Nusa Dua, Bali, Indonesia

David Malpass, and International Monetary Fund (IMF) managing director Kristalina Georgieva, among other leaders, at the G20 summit on the Indonesian island of Bali.

Modi also urged a return to diplomacy to end the Russia-Ukraine war, reiterating the South Asian nation's call for peace in the ongoing conflict. "I have repeatedly said that we have to find a way to return to the path of ceasefire and diplomacy in Ukraine," Modi said in his opening remarks at the Group of 20 (G20) summit in Bali, Indonesia.

There were other views and different assessments of the situation and

sanctions." The summit is the first G20 leaders' gathering since Russia sent its forces into Ukraine. The 20 nations account for more than 80% of the world's gross domestic product, 75% of international trade and 60% of its population.

SAVE THE WORLD

Hosts Indonesia have pleaded for unity and a focus on action to resolve problems like inflation, hunger and high energy prices, all exacerbated by the Ukraine war.

"We have no other option, collaboration is needed to save the world," said Indonesian President Joko Widodo.

"G20 must be the catalyst for inclusive economic recovery. We should not divide the world into parts. We must not allow the world to fall into another Cold War."

The draft summit document also said G20 central banks would calibrate monetary tightening with an eye on the global inflation problem, while fiscal stimulus should be "temporary and targeted" to help the vulnerable while not hiking prices.

On debt, it voiced concern about the "deteriorating" situation of some middle-income countries and stressed the importance of all creditors sharing a fair burden.

But it did not mention China, which has been criticised in the West for delaying efforts to ease debt strains for some emerging economies.

Ukrainian President Volody-

myr Zelenskyy told the summit in a virtual address that now was the time to stop Russia's invasion and implement a 10-point peace plan he has proposed. Kyiv is demanding a full Russian withdrawal from occupied territories.

Zelenskyy called for restoring "radiation safety" at the Russian-held Zaporizhzhia nuclear power plant, price restrictions on Russian energy resources, and an expanded grain export initiative.

A US official said Washington wanted a clear G20 message against Russia's invasion and its impact on the global economy, while German Chancellor Olaf Scholz said there were encouraging signs of consensus that the war was unacceptable.

Lavrov said he listened to Zelenskyy's address. He accused him of prolonging the conflict and ignoring Western advice.

Russia has said Putin was too busy to attend the summit.



The G20, which includes countries ranging from the United States, Russia and Brazil to India, Saudi Arabia and Germany, accounts for more than 80% of the world's gross domestic product, 75% of international trade and 60% of its population.

ing knife rampage in West Bank



Israeli forces work at the scene of an Israeli-occupied West Bank

A Palestinian was killed during a fire-fight with Israeli soldiers in the

West Bank city of Nablus and, in a separate incident, a Palestinian man succumbed to his wounds after Israeli forces fired at him near Jenin.

According to a statement from the Israeli military, the suspect stabbed civilians at the entrance to Ariel Industrial Park, near the Jewish settlement of Ariel in the Israeli-occupied West Bank.

He then stabbed other people at a nearby gas station, before fleeing in a vehicle which he crashed into other cars on a nearby highway, the military said.

"On behalf of the Government

and State of Israel, I send my condolences to the families of those murdered and my wishes for a speedy recovery to the wounded," Israeli Prime Minister Yair Lapid said in a statement.

After years of relative calm, violence in the West Bank has flared in recent months. Israeli forces have killed more than 100 Palestinians from there this year, most since late March when the Israeli army launched a crackdown on an ongoing wave of attacks which have killed at least 24 people in Israel and Israeli settlements in the last year.

Russia rains missiles across Ukraine as signs emerge of further retreat

Reuters | Kyiv/Kherson, Ukraine

Russia rained missiles on cities across Ukraine yesterday in a salvo of strikes that follow its humiliating withdrawal from Kherson, even as signs grew that its retreating forces were pulling even further back from the Dnipro River in the south.

Air raid sirens blared and explosions rang out in nearly a dozen major cities after one of the biggest volleys of missiles so far, following a pattern in recent weeks of Moscow lashing out far from the front after battlefield losses.

In the capital Kyiv, flames poured out of a five-storey apartment block, one of two residential buildings the authorities said had been struck there. Reuters journalists who reached the scene saw resi-



Firefighters work to put out a fire in a residential building

dents huddled by the smouldering ruin. The mayor said one person was confirmed killed and half the capital left without power.

Other strikes or explosions were reported in cities from Lviv and Zhytomyr in the west to Kryvy Rih in the south and Kharkiv in the east. Regional officials reported some of the attacks had knocked out electricity supplies.

Iranians strike to mark 2019 protests in fresh rebuff to ruling clerics



File pictures of protestors in Iran

Reuters | Dubai

Iranians went on strike in several cities yesterday to commemorate the 2019 protests over fuel prices, a display of dissent that was crushed by security forces in one of the bloodiest crackdowns in the history of the Islamic Republic.

The move will add to pressure on Iran's clerical rulers, who have been battling two months of nationwide protests triggered by the death of 22-year-old Kurdish woman Mahsa Amini in the custody of the morality police.

In 2019, Reuters reported 1,500 people were killed in that wave of unrest, including at least 17 teenagers and about

400 women as well as some members of the security forces and police.

In the latest protests, the rights activist HRANA news agency said 344 people have been killed, including 52 minors. The news agency also reported 40 members of the security forces being killed, in addition to 15,820 people being arrested.

The demonstrations have turned into a legitimacy crisis for the clerical establishment, in power for more than four decades. Videos shared on social media showed strikes and gatherings. Footage shared by activist 1500tasvir Twitter account showed closed shops in the Tehran Bazaar, with people gathering there to shout anti-government slogans.

Banksy murals spotted in Ukrainian towns liberated from Russia



New graffiti in Banksy's signature style, although not posted by the artist on social media, in the Ukrainian town of Borodianka



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I met with President Xi Jinping. We had a candid conversation about our priorities — and it was made clear that we'll defend American values, promote universal human rights, and stand up for the international order, working in lock-step with our allies and partners.

@POTUS

02



Happy to have met you in Bali, @DrTedros! India is committed to doing everything possible to build a healthier planet.

@narendramodi

03



Twitter is All the News

@elonmusk

04



At G20 Summit, I am urging leaders to join a Climate Solidarity Pact between developed & emerging economies. This will help keeping the limit of 1.5 degrees temperature rise alive - and save lives, livelihoods & our planet.

@antonioguterres

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CELEBS

celebs



Britney Spears wants to 'fix' her relationship with her sons

Celebretainment | Los Angeles

Britney Spears wants to "repair" her relationship with her sons.

The 40-year-old pop star is mother to Sean Preston, 17, and 16-year-old Jayden with ex-husband Kevin Federline, 44, but has become estranged from them in recent months and has reportedly stopped posting nude photos onto Instagram as part of a "concerted effort" to make amends.

A source said: "Britney is now making a concerted effort to repair the relationship with her sons. She has refrained from posting what her friends call 'racy' photos and videos on her Instagram for two weeks. Although those around Britney think it is wonderful that she is so proud of her body, they also were able to make her see why this may be inappropriate for her boys, who only want the best for her."

The "...Baby One More Time" hitmaker - whose sons declined an invitation to her wedding when she tied the knot with Sam Asghari, 28, in June - regained control of her fortune and various aspects of her life when a conservatorship governed by her family was terminated in 2021 and the insider went on to explain that Britney is "starting to see" that chang-

ing her ways on social media will encourage her children to come back into her life.

The source told Hollywood Life: "Everyone knows she is beautiful and people around her do understand why, after being locked in her conservatorship for so long, she wanted to express herself. Britney is starting to see why this may cause her sons to feel a certain way. Her friends believe this change will cause Jayden and Sean Preston to welcome her back into their lives. She said to those around her that, if this is the only roadblock, she will do her best to stay in the safe lane and keep her page PG. She is really trying to do so because she misses her boys. She wants them to be proud of their mom."



Kim Kardashian: I want to use my voice to help children

Celebretainment | Los Angeles

Kim Kardashian wants to "use [her] voice" to help bring justice to children.

The 42-year-old reality superstar - who has children North, nine, Saint, six, Chicago, four, and three-year-old Psalm with ex-husband Kanye West - was honoured with the Giving Tree Award at the 2022 Baby2Baby Gala on Sat-

day and used her speech to continue to support the nonprofit organisation on their mission to provide essentials for children in poverty.

She said: "As many of you know, advocating for justice is a deep passion of mine. Justice for me has so many meanings but what it ultimately comes down to is what is fair, what is right, and what leads our world better -- especially for our children. I will continue to use my voice and my resources to share in your mission, while all of us help Baby2Baby to bring fairness, equality, and justice to so many children, who have been deprived of access to basic essentials."



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KIM KARDASHIAN

Kim Kardashian

"The Kardashians' star was supported at the awards ceremony by her mother Kris Jenner, 67, and younger half-sister Kylie Jenner, 25, and went on to add that - unlike her - people do not need hundreds of millions of social media followers to make a difference before closing out her speech by thanking her mother and her late father Robert Kardashian for guiding her through such a "blessed life."

Celebretainment | Los Angeles

Chris Evans and Alba Baptista are "very in love".

The 41-year-old actor and the 25-year-old actress have been quietly dating for more than a year, and Chris has "never been happier".

A source told 'Entertainment Tonight': "They are very in love and their relationship is serious. Chris has never been happier. His family and friends all adore Alba."

Chris and Alba have managed to keep their romance under wraps until now. But their friends and family have been aware of their burgeoning relationship for months.

The Hollywood star was also named

People magazine's Sexiest Man Alive earlier this month, and Chris admitted that he's recently become more health-conscious than ever.

He shared: "In the good ol' days I could eat whatever I wanted, do a couple workouts per week and be okay."

"That is not the case anymore. If I have two beers, I wear it. I haven't had to play a role like Captain America in a while so things like diet and workout regimen haven't been on my radar. But getting older, things are clicking and sore and it's harder to wake up, you have less energy."

Chris admits that turning 40 has proven to

be a turning point in his life.

He said: "You know what it is? It's that it happened so quickly. A year ago I wasn't thinking about any of this. I was someone who was lucky enough to not really think much of it in my 30s and then I hit 40 and it all came at once."

Chris has enjoyed huge success during his time in the movie business. But now, he feels ready to take his "foot off the gas" and relax.

He said: "The most enjoyable aspect of my career right now is feeling secure enough to take my foot off the gas."

"I feel like I have a bit more freedom to take time away from the industry and still find projects that will satisfy my creative appetite when I return."

It was time to return to Hollywood, says Lindsay Lohan

Celebretainment | Los Angeles

Lindsay Lohan felt "it was time" to return to Hollywood.

The 36-year-old actress stars in Netflix's 'Falling for Christmas' - which marks her first major movie role in almost a decade - and Lindsay is delighted to be working in Hollywood once again.

She said: "I just felt like it was time, and it was just a matter of time before I found the right script and I found it with 'Falling for Christmas'. It just worked out perfectly."

Lindsay established herself as a leading actress during her teens, before struggling with a variety of personal problems.

And although Lindsay felt nervous on the set of 'Falling for Christmas', she also relished the experience.

She told Yahoo Entertainment: "I felt really grateful, I feel really blessed. It's all been a lot of fun."

Lindsay previously revealed that she learned the importance of taking career breaks after "working constantly for a large chunk of [her] childhood".

The actress explained the importance of finding a healthy balance between her work life and her professional life.

She said: "You can take breaks, but you just have to know when the time is right. Because it's also good to keep the pace going."

"You become a family when you're on a set, and then when the project wraps, it just stops. So it's like a culture shock - you don't know what to do with yourself. It's good to keep your mind active."

Lindsay also revealed that she jumped at the chance to star in 'Falling for Christmas'.

Chris Evans 'is in love and has never been happier'

Chris Evans and Alba Baptista have managed to keep their romance under wraps until now



Chris Evans



Lindsay Lohan

Lindsay established herself as a leading actress during her teens, before struggling with a variety of personal problems

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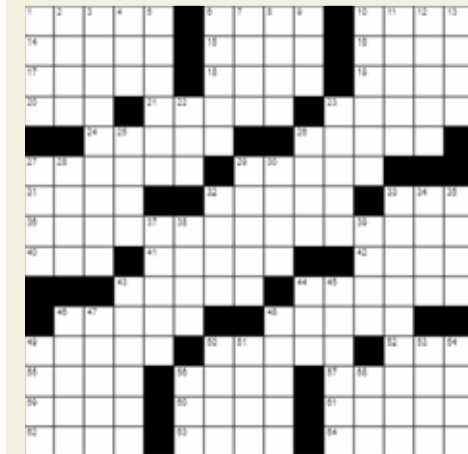
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How to play

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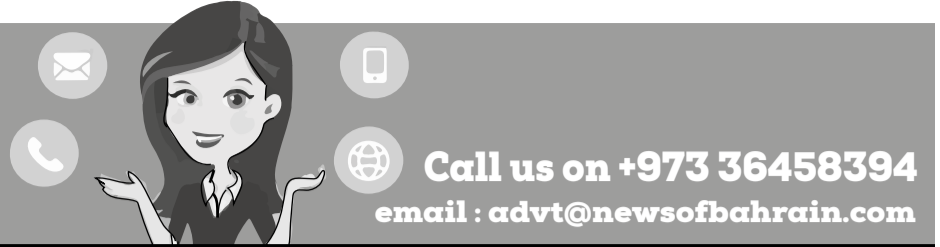
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Djokovic to get visa for 2023 Australian Open

AFP | Melbourne

Former world number one Novak Djokovic will be granted a visa to play in the 2023 Australian Open, local media reports said yesterday, despite his deportation from the country ahead of this year's tournament in January.

The Australian government had decided to grant the unvaccinated Serb a visa for the Grand Slam contest, overturning a three-year ban after his ejection from the country, said national broadcaster ABC and other domestic media.

Australia's immigration ministry and Tennis Australia were asked by AFP to comment on the re-ports.

This year's championship was overshadowed by nine-time Australian Open champion Djokovic being put on a plane on the eve of the contest after a high-stakes legal battle over his visa status.

Djokovic's three-year ban can be overturned at the discretion of Prime Minister Anthony Albanese's centre-left govern-



Serbia's Novak Djokovic returns the ball to Greece's Stefanos Tsitsipas



Nothing official yet. We are waiting. They are communicating with the government of Australia. That's all I can tell you for now

NOVAK DJOKOVIC

ment, which is different to the conservative coalition in power when he was kicked out. Over the past month there

have been hints that the Australian government might have a change of heart.

"Nothing official yet," Djokovic told reporters after winning his opening match at the ATP Finals in Turin on Monday night.

"We are waiting. They are communicating with the government of Australia. That's all I can tell you for now."

Last month, Australian Open chief Craig Tiley said he had spent time with Djokovic recently and the Serbian want-

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ed to return for the first major of the year in January in Melbourne.

"What we're saying at this point is that Novak and the federal government need to work out the situation. And then we'll follow any instruction after that," Tiley told The Age newspaper at the tournament's official launch.

Haaland sorry to miss World Cup, focused on Man City return

AFP | London

Manchester City forward Erling Haaland said he wishes he could be at the Qatar World Cup but because Norway failed to qualify for the tournament, the 22-year-old will use the break to recharge for the rest of the Premier League season.

Haaland has enhanced his reputation as one of Europe's top strikers following his move to City from Borussia Dortmund in the close season, scoring 18 goals in 13 league games and five goals in four Champions League matches.

But with Norway only finishing third in Group G of European World Cup qualifying behind the Netherlands and Turkey, Haaland will have to wait to add to his international tally of 21 goals.

"I wished I played in the World Cup of course, but that's the reality now (that) I don't do (that), but I will relax my body and my mind a lot and then I will train," Haaland told reporters.

"What I will train on? Nothing special I think, it's been going quite well my first months



Erling Haaland reacts during a match



The biggest thing we can do is to get to either a World Cup or a Euros. That's of course is my goal with the national team to do. We know it's difficult, but hopefully in the future one day I'll be able to play there

ERLING HAALAND

at City so I don't need to do so many changes to be honest.

"It's about preparing myself for the next half of the season and be ready when the next game kicks in after the break." Norway last qualified for the World Cup in 1998.

Canada's Auger-Aliassime crushes Nadal at ATP Finals

AFP | Turin

Felix Auger-Aliassime left Rafael Nadal's title hopes at the ATP Finals in tatters as he beat the struggling Spaniard 6-3 6-4 in round-robin action at the Pala Alpitour Stadium yesterday.

Nadal needs to win the year-end title for the first time in his illustrious career to have a chance of preventing compatriot Carlos Alcaraz from ending the year as world number



Felix Auger-Aliassime

one, but he faded badly after an encouraging start.

The second-ranked 36-year-old was beaten by American Taylor Fritz in his opener on Sunday and is bottom of the Green Group with one match remaining against Norway's Casper Ruud.

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Smart Cricket Club won the Sunil George Memorial Cricket Tournament after beating Shaheen Group in the final match. Bahrain Cricket Federation representative Naushad Ukay distributed the prizes to the winners of the event organized by Bros and Buddies Cricket Team. The winners and runners-up were awarded a trophy and cash prizes of \$400 and \$200 respectively

Khalifa bin Salman Institute of Technology, East Riffa School into schools tournament semifinals

TDT | Manama

Shaikh Khalifa bin Salman Institute of Technology and East Riffa Secondary School progressed to the semifinals of the Nasser bin Hamad Tournament for Secondary Schools after defeating Isa Town Secondary School and Shaikh Abdulaziz Secondary School respectively.

Shaikh Khalifa bin Salman Institute of Technology team were gifted their win by the opposition's goalkeeper who wrongfully passed the ball to Mohammed Hamadah when the result was 1-1. And the latter rolled the ball towards the empty net in the 24th minute of the second half.

The first half ended 1-1, but it was Isa Town Secondary who opened the score thanks to Ammar Al Basri whose well-crafted



Action from a match

free-kick beat the goalkeeper in the 3rd minute.

However, the winners levelled the score six minutes later thanks to Nawaf Al Dooseri's fine header after meeting the ball from a well-executed corner kick. Shaikh Khalifa bin

Salman Institute of Technology team showed their defensive strength in protecting their lead in the second half after overturning the result en route to sealing their win.

Meanwhile, East Riffa Secondary School team advanced

following a comfortable 3-0 win over Shaikh Abdulaziz Secondary School, although all their goals came in the second half. Both teams struggled to create any scoring opportunity in the first half as they headed into the halftime break with the result being 0-0.

Abdulaziz Osama found the net after six minutes into the second half, and Salah Saleh doubled the East Riffa Secondary School team's lead after three minutes. Shaikh Abdulaziz Secondary School team completely collapsed, and Khalid Ahmed added the third goal to wrap up the result.

Organised by the Ministry of Education, the tournament is sponsored by the National Bank of Bahrain (NBB) - the Platinum Sponsor, and Bahrain Cinema Company (Cineco) - the Gold Sponsor.

Kanoo Motors Rolling Drag back to light up the strip on Thursday at BIC



Cars in action at BIC (file photo)

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Bahrain International Circuit (BIC) brings the action back to its world-class quarter-mile drag strip tomorrow with the first hosting in the new 2022/2023 season of the Kanoo Motors Rolling Drag Nights.

Similar to BIC's Ebrahim K Kanoo Drag and Drift Nights, Rolling Drag offers participants the chance to power their very own cars or motorbikes down the BIC drag strip, which is a member of the U.S.-based National Hot Rod Association (NHRA) Worldwide Network.

The difference in Rolling Drag is that those who take part do not start from a standstill, but from a rolling speed of 80kph.

Rolling Drag is therefore the perfect activity to invite a friend for a challenging series of head-to-head battles within a safe and controlled environment at "The Home of Motorsport in the Middle East".

Thursday's Kanoo Motors Rolling Drag Nights is scheduled to take place between



The difference in Rolling Drag is that those who take part do not start from a standstill, but from a rolling speed of 80kph

7pm and 12pm.

The cost to participate is BD22 for each driver or rider. Spectators can watch from the sidelines for a nominal entry fee of BD2.

Just as in every BIC activity, safety standards of the highest level are followed at all times during the evening's events for both drivers and spectators alike.

For more information on the Kanoo Motors Rolling Drag Nights, visit the circuit's official website on www.bahrainraingp.com or call the BIC Hotline on +973-17-450000.

BIC 2,000cc Challenge set to kick off 2022/2023 season on Friday

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The stage is set for another exciting season in the region's longest-running circuit racing championship.

Bahrain International Circuit (BIC) will on Friday be hosting the first of five rounds in the 2022/2023 BIC 2,000cc Challenge—the home-grown, two-litre championship born and nurtured at "The Home of Motorsport in the Middle East".

The new campaign promises plenty of bumper-to-bumper racing with some of the Kingdom's best talents of various ages and nationalities taking part.

The opening meeting will be taking place during the daytime with practice kicking the pro-



Action from a previous BIC 2,000cc Challenge

gramme off at 11am. Qualifying follows at 11.55am, setting the grid for race one at 1.14pm. The day's second race will then be held from 2.24pm.

All the action will be held along BIC's 2.55-kilometre In-

ner Track.

Amongst those set to take part, six of those on the provisional entry list will be competing in Honda Civics, including Andreas Buelow, Wiebke Buelow, Isa Mohammed, Raed Him-

mo, Majed Himmo and Moaz Elzahrawi.

Bassim Al Alawi will be racing in his Honda CRX, while Andrew Ray will be behind the wheel of a Honda Integra.

Following this upcoming meeting, round two is scheduled for 20 January as the first event of the new calendar year. Round three will then be held on 4 February, leading up to the fourth and penultimate round on 25 February.

That will pave the way for the championship finale on April 7, which will be the season's only night event.

For more information on the BIC 2,000cc Challenge or other events and activities at BIC, visit bahraingp.com or call the BIC Hotline on +973-17450000.

Ronaldo says Man United owners 'don't care' about club

Ronaldo tears into Glazer family and says United's controversial owners treat it as 'marketing club'

● Ronaldo attacks United owners in latest clip from TV interview

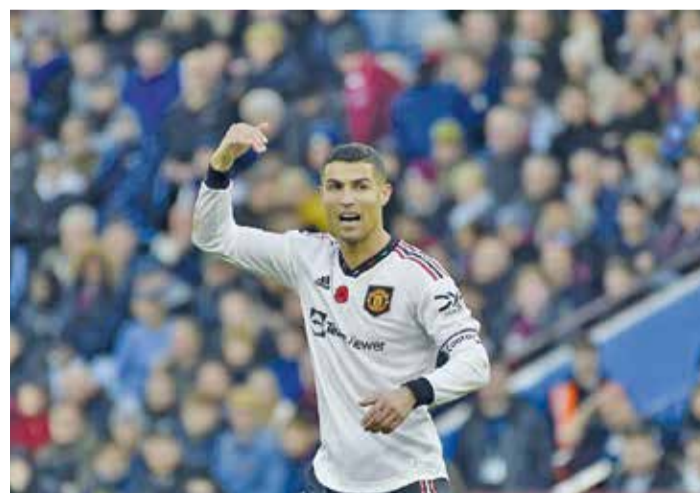
AFP | London

Cristiano Ronaldo says Manchester United's owners the Glazer family "don't care" about how successful the Premier League giants are on the pitch, in another salvo against the club.

The five-time Ballon d'Or winner has been a peripheral figure this season under new manager Erik ten Hag and was disciplined for refusing to come on as a substitute.

But the Portugal superstar had returned to the side in recent weeks and even captained the Red Devils in a 3-1 loss at Aston Villa.

However, the 37-year-old was absent from the squad in Sun-



Manchester United's Cristiano Ronaldo gestures during a match (file photo)

day's 2-1 victory over Fulham in United's final match before a six-week break for the World Cup.

In an explosive interview with TalkTV on Sunday Ronaldo, who made his name at Old Trafford, said he felt "betrayed" by United and that he believed senior club figures were trying to oust him.

In another part of the interview released on Monday he continued to wage war on the club where he made his name during his first stint at Old Trafford from 2003 to 2009.

The forward, who returned to the club last year, said he does not speak to the Glazers, the Americans who have owned United since 2005, and they do

not have the club's best interests at heart.

"The Glazers, they don't care about the club... professional sport. As you know, Manchester is a marketing club," he said.

"They will get money from the marketing -- the sport, it's, they don't really care, in my opinion. "The fans, they're always

right. I think the fans should know the truth, should know that the players want the best for the club. I want the best for the club. This is why I came to Manchester United."

Ronaldo won three Premier League titles and the Champions League during his first stint at United but the club have not won any silverware since 2017.

Ronaldo said there were "some things inside the club" that were preventing United from competing with rivals Manchester City and Liverpool and it would be hard for them to return to the top in the next few years.

He has also rounded on former team-mates Wayne Rooney and Gary Neville after criticism from the pair.

"People can have (their) own opinion but they don't really know what's going on. For example, in-side the training ground and Carrington or even my life," he said.

Injured Shaheen in doubt for Pakistan's Tests against England



Pakistan's Shaheen Shah Afridi (C) lies on the ground as he receives treatment after an injury

AFP | Karachi

Pakistan pace bowler Shaheen Shah Afridi is in doubt for next month's three-match Test series against England after doctors advised at least two weeks of rehab on a knee injury sustained in Sunday's Twenty20 World Cup final.

The 22-year-old left-arm quick hurt himself while taking a catch against England in Melbourne and was unable to complete his four overs as his side lost by five wickets.

The Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) said a scan on Afridi's right knee showed no signs of injury, and his discomfort was likely due to "flexion" as he fell after dismissing Harry Brook in the deep.



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HH Shaikh Khalid attends children and youth swimming event

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His Highness Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa First Deputy Chairman of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports, Chairman of the General Sports Authority and President of Bahrain Olympic Committee (BOC) attended a swimming event featuring young talents.

The event held at the Bahrain Swimming Association (BSA) pool in Isa Sports City, is part of the initiative launched by the BOC in partnership with the BSA to train and teach swimming to 10,000 children and youth within one year.

His Highness was received at the event by His Highness Shaikh Isa bin Ali Khalifa, Cabinet Affairs Ministry's Undersecretary and Deputy President of the Bahrain Olympic Committee, BOC Secretary General Fares Al Kooheji and BSA president Dr. Mohammed Mujbel.

His Highness saw the children and youth perform as proud parents applauded.

His Highness Shaikh Khalid said he was pleased with the turn out for the initiative, which covers a key Olympic sport. He added that fostering young talent was a priority for the BOC, explaining that the swimming initiative was part of a wider program to support creating sports stars.

"We believe in the impor-



HH Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa arrives to attend the event

“We believe in the importance of offering support and creating a conducive environment for young talents in all sports to prepare them for success in our national sports teams”

HH SHAIKH KHALID BIN HAMAD AL KHALIFA

tance of offering support and creating a conducive environment for young talents in all sports to prepare them for success in our national sports teams," His Highness said.

His Highness Shaikh Khalid commended the progress made by the initiative to train and teach youth swimming and the efforts delivered by the BOC and the BSA. He said that in addition to supporting young talent, the initiative also aimed at contributing to the reduction of drowning incidents among children.

Also at the event, BSA president gave a presentation briefing His Highness Shaikh Khalid on the up-dates of the initiative and partner academies. Six thousand trainees, making up 60% of the target, have been enrolled since the launch of the initiative in last July.

Rolando Dy returns to BRAVE CF to mentor the future of Filipino MMA

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BRAVE Combat Federation fans have not seen the last of Rolando Dy as the former BRAVE CF athlete will make another appearance in the world's fastest-growing promotion this month.

After retiring in September, Dy returns to BRAVE CF, only this time, it will be in the form of a mentor and coach as he looks to guide the future generation of Filipino MMA.

His quest begins at BRAVE CF 66 this month in Bali, Indonesia where he will take his countryman, Ruel Panales, under his wing and help him acclimatize to the rigors of fighting in one of the toughest MMA promotions in the world - BRAVE Combat Federation.

The 25-year-old Bantamweight - who trains at Dy's gym, Dyincredible Fighting and Fitness Center in Calabarzon - comes into BRAVE CF unbeaten riding a five-fight win streak with his last fight against Russia's Magomed Gadzhimuradov ending via a doctor's stoppage win at UAE Warriors earlier this year.

He will look to make a name for himself in the BRAVE CF Bantamweight division when he comes up against the dangerous Indian MMA veteran, Mohammad Farhad who will be keen on getting back to winning ways after losing to Egypt's Maysara Mohamed at BRAVE CF



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Dy impressively flew the Philippines flag nine times in the BRAVE CF cage. One of his most stand-out moments under the BRAVE Combat Federation banner was when he won the BRAVE CF 2020 "Fighter of the Year" award

way to becoming his nation's most celebrated and experienced mixed martial artist.

Dy has fought in six promotions across the world. He is adored by millions of fans not only for his ability to put on spectacular fights, but also for his good nature.

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Dy has fought the best mixed martial artists in the world and "The Incredible" will bring a wealth of knowledge to any athlete. Having Dy in his corner will stand Panales - who has forged a strong bond with the former star - in good stead as he makes his debut on November 26 against the dangerous Farhad.

BRAVE CF 66 sees the world's fastest-growing MMA organization return to Indonesia after a four-year hiatus.

Bahrain's horseracing spectacle set

Rashid Equestrian and Horseracing Club to host prestigious Group Three Bahrain International Trophy on Friday

● Eleven world-class contenders for £600,000 event arrive from all across globe

● Dual-Group 3 winner Alfaila out due to injury picked up in routine work

● Three locally trained horses in the fray, namely Dilawar, Litigator and Pensiore D'Amore

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The contenders of the Group Three Bahrain International Trophy have arrived in the Kingdom and are making their final preparations for the prestigious £600,000 race, taking place this Friday at Rashid Equestrian and Horseracing Club (REHC) in Sakhir.

The high-profile race is set to feature a field of 11 horses from all over the world confirmed.

Progressive dual-Group 3 winner Alfaila will not be lining up due to an injury picked up after routine work on Monday morning.

Trainer Owen Burrows, who



Contenders doing some on track work in preparation for this weekend's Bahrain International Trophy

was due to have his first runner in Bahrain, said: "Alfaila was having a routine canter at the racetrack at Bahrain.

"My head lad John Lake was

riding him and he was happy with him and how he moved. On the walk home, he felt he was a little bit short so got off him.

"He had an X-Ray as soon as

he got back to the stables which showed a small fracture in the left fore fetlock.

"He's had successful surgery and he'll hopefully be good to

return home in a few weeks.

"He's been excellently looked after by the Baker McVeigh team on site. It's just very frustrating so close to the race but the main thing is that the surgery went well and he's OK."

Three locally trained horses are part of the field, namely Dilawar for Fawzi Nass, Litigator for Haider Ebrahim and Pensiore D'Amore for Mohammed Hassan.

Dilawar finished fourth in the Prix d'Ispahan (Grade One) for Francis Graffard in May, but has been bought to race for Fawzi Nass.

Litigator and Pensiore D'Amore join Dilawar and the trio will all be trying to emu-

YOU KNOW WHAT
Alfaila's injury was confirmed following an X-Ray which showed a small fracture in the left fore fetlock. He has had successful surgery and could be able to travel from Bahrain in a few weeks

late Simsir, who won the 2020 renewal.

The total prize money in the race has gone up to £600,000 for 2022—an £100,000 increase from last year.

The Bahrain International Trophy was first run in 1919 as a conditions race. It was then upgraded to Group Three status for the first-time last year, with Lord Glitters narrowly beating Barney Roy in a pulsating finish to the 1m 2f contest.

The race has been supported by some of the world's leading trainers, including John and Thady Gosden, Andrew Balding, Aidan O'Brien and Andre Fabre.

Bahrain International Trophy 2022 Final Field

Horse	Trainer	Owner	Jockey
Dilawar (IRE)	Fawzi Nass	Victorious	Frankie Dettori
Dubai Future (GB)	Saeed bin Suroor	Godolphin	Daniel Tudhope
Insinuerdo (IRE)	Willie McCreery	Deegan Racing Syndicate	Oisin Orr
King David (DEN)	Niels Petersen	Madame Fernande	Oliver Wilson
Litigator (IRE)	Haider Ebrahim	MKAR Racing	Andrea Atzeni
Magny Cours (USA)	Andre Fabre	Godolphin SNC	Mickael Barzalona
Monty (FR)	Andreas Schutz	AB Racing Limited, Ecurie Ades Hazan et al	Gerald Mosse
Passion and Glory (IRE)	Saeed bin Suroor	Godolphin	Richard Kingscote
Pensiero D'Amore (IRE)	Mohammed Hasan	AI Afoo Racing	Alberto Sanna
Riocorvo (GER)	Carlos Laffon-Parias	Georgiana Cabrero	Olivier Peslier
Royal Fleet (GB)	Charlie Appleby	Godolphin	William Buck