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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 in Przewodow, a Polish village 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."