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**Bahrain greets
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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, sent cables of congratulations to Indonesian President Joko Widodo on his country's Independence Day.

HRH Prince Salman sent a similar cable to the Vice President, Dr. Ma'ruf Amin.

**Hamas rejects 'new
 conditions' in Gaza**
 AFP | Doha

Hamas said yesterday the Palestinian group rejected "new conditions" in a Gaza ceasefire plan the United States presented after two days of talks with Israeli negotiators in Qatar.

As international pressure mounted for a ceasefire after more than 10 months of war between Israel and Hamas in the Gaza Strip, US President Joe Biden said: "We are closer than we have ever been."

US Secretary of State Antony Blinken is to travel to Israel this weekend to advance the latest proposal, the State Department said.

"Secretary Blinken will underscore the critical need for all parties in the region to avoid escalation or any other actions that could undermine the ability to finalise an agreement," it said.

**Gaza's first polio
 case in 25 years**
 AFP | Gaza Strip

Gaza has recorded its first polio case in 25 years, the Palestinian health ministry said yesterday, after UN chief Antonio Guterres called for pauses in the Israel-Hamas war to vaccinate hundreds of thousands of children.

Tests in Jordan confirmed the disease in an unvaccinated 10-month-old from the central Gaza Strip, the health ministry in Ramallah said.

Gaza, now in its 11th month of war, has not registered a polio case for 25 years, although type 2 poliovirus was detected in samples collected from the territory's wastewater in June.

**Hundreds of people
 killed by infectious
 disease in Congo**

AFP | Stockholm, Sweden

Health authorities warned Europe yesterday to get ready for more cases of a deadly strain of mpox that has killed hundreds of people in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

China said it would screen travellers for the disease after the first cases of the new, more deadly strain to be recorded outside Africa were announced in Sweden and Pakistan.

The mpox strain that caused the case in Pakistan was not immediately known yesterday, the health ministry said in a statement. It said the patient had "come from a Gulf country".

The Pakistan patient is a 34-year-old man and "the first confirmed case we have this year" of mpox, said Irshad Roghani, director of public health in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province, where the man is being treated.

The infectious virus is caused by a virus transmitted to humans by animals but can also spread human-to-human through close physical contact.

It causes fever, muscular aches and large boil-like skin lesions.

Mpox, formerly known as



Doctors take samples from a patient at the Mpox treatment centre in Nyiragongo general referral hospital, north of Goma in the Democratic Republic of Congo. (AFP)

monkeypox, has two subtypes: Clade 1, endemic in the Congo Basin in central Africa; and

Clade 2, endemic in West Africa. The World Health Organization (WHO) on Wednesday declared the rapid spread of

the new strain, dubbed Clade 1b, a public health emergency of international concern - the highest alarm the UN agency can sound.

The Stockholm-based European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) said yesterday that the overall risk for the general population in Europe was "low" but urged countries to be prepared to detect it.

It said that "ensuring effective

surveillance, laboratory testing, epidemiological investigation and contact tracing capacities will be vital to detecting cases" on the continent.

"Due to the close links between Europe and Africa, we must be prepared for more imported clade I cases," ECDC director Pamela Rendi-Wagner said in a statement.

The virus has swept across the Democratic Republic of Congo, killing 548 people so far this year, the country's Health Minister Samuel-Roger Kamba said on Thursday.

Cases

Nigeria has also recorded 39 cases of mpox since the beginning of the year - none of them fatal - Jide Idris, the director-general of the Nigeria Centre for Disease Control and Prevention, told reporters.

Previously unaffected countries such as Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda and Uganda have also reported outbreaks, according to the Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention.

Sweden's Public Health Agency told AFP on Thursday it had registered a case of Clade 1b - the first such infection outside Africa.

The patient was infected during a visit to "the part of Africa where there is a major outbreak of mpox Clade 1", epidemiologist Magnus Gisslen said in a statement from the agency.

Preventive strategy set up

Bahrain closely monitoring monkeypox threat

**No virus cases
 detected so far by
 Health Ministry**

Mohammed Darwish
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The Kingdom of Bahrain's Ministry of Health has confirmed it is keeping a close watch on global developments concerning the monkeypox virus, following the World Health Organisation's declaration of Mpox, formerly known as monkeypox, as a public health emergency.

The ministry stated that, so far, no cases of the virus have been found in the Kingdom of Bahrain.

It also explained that the monkeypox vaccine is available at several primary healthcare centres.

In addition, a preventive strategy has been set up to manage infectious diseases and curb the spread of infections.

An emergency plan has been drawn up in case any monkeypox cases arise.

Monkeypox is a viral infection caused by the Mpox virus. It is characterised by fever, rash, and swollen lymph nodes.



Transmission occurs through direct contact with infected individuals or animals. While typically mild, severe cases can arise.

Vaccines and antiviral treatments can cure the disease, and prevention involves avoiding contact with infected persons or animals.

Good hygiene practices, such as frequent handwashing and using personal protective equipment, can further reduce the risk of infection.

Early detection and isolation of infected individuals are crucial in controlling outbreaks and preventing the spread of Mpox.

Unity in diversity

Bahrain leads the way in promoting global peace and tolerance

Mohammed Darwish

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Bahrain, "Country of Nobles, Cradle of Peace," is a place where deep historical roots blend with a modern reputation for tolerance in a divided world.

His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa has reinforced this standing by launching the King Hamad Award for Peaceful Coexistence.

Situated at the intersection of old trade routes and present-day geopolitics, Bahrain has made a concerted effort to promote its message of peaceful coexistence beyond its own borders.

This goes well beyond mere religious tolerance, pushing the belief that societies gain from diversity, and that true peace comes from open dialogue.

A key part of this mission is the King Hamad Global Centre for Peaceful Coexistence, which came into being in 2018.

Its role is not limited to hosting conferences or offering a platform for lofty speeches; it's about championing the idea that societies thrive when they focus on shared values.

The centre isn't some diplomatic backdrop either; it's



HM the King

a space for shaping ideas that tackle extremism and prove that embracing pluralism is key to peace

Bahrain's aim is clear: to be a safe place where tolerance and understanding flourish, presenting an alternative to the often contentious conversations about faith and culture.

Despite being predominantly Muslim, Bahrain has managed to create a society that is marvellously at ease with a whole range of religious and cultural practices.

Backed by a royal decree that embeds religious freedom into its Constitution.

Freedom of conscience

Article 22 guarantees that all citizens and residents have the right to publicly practise their faith, with the state committing to upholding this freedom of conscience.

In November 2022, the kingdom took another step forward by welcoming Pope Francis, a visit wrapped up in its broader aim of peaceful coexistence.

The occasion featured The Bahrain Declaration for Dialogue "East and West: Towards Human Coexistence," and wrapped up with the largest public mass ever held in Bahrain, drawing a gathering of biblical proportions — over 28,000 people from 111 countries.

Bahrain's actions are a reflection of its openness, which is evident in its array of places of worship.

Recent figures show that the Kingdom is home to 575 Sunni mosques, 762 Ja'fari mosques, 634 Shiite community centres (Ma'atams), 15 churches, a synagogue, and five non-Abrahamic temples.

Religious freedom

This range of religious spaces underlines Bahrain's embrace of religious freedom, a rarity in the region.

In December 2021, Bahrain took another step by opening a Catholic Cathedral, built on land gifted by the King. This second cathedral strengthens Bahrain's standing as a country where different faiths can not only survive but thrive, with both spiritual freedom and physical spaces to practise it.

Bahrain's ambitions reach beyond its shores.

Bahrain reaffirms role as global model in coexistence

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His Excellency Dr. Abdul-Latif bin Rashid Al Zayani, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Chairman of the National Committee for Human Rights, commended the order issued by His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, to establish the King Hamad Award for Peaceful Coexistence.

The minister said the initiative was a significant addition to the Kingdom's achievements and its historical and civilisational heritage, highlighting Bahrain as a global model in promoting the values of tolerance, dialogue, understanding, and peaceful coexistence.

He underscored that the award carries a message of fraternity, tolerance, and peace from the Kingdom to the entire world, reflecting the human-

itarian approach of HM the King, directives of the government under the leadership of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister.

Dr. Al Zayani praised the King Hamad Global Centre for Peaceful Coexistence for its role in implementing the royal vision and highlighting the Kingdom's standing as a beacon of peace and coexistence.

He highlighted the centre's efforts in upholding intellectual diversity and religious freedoms, and in fostering global contributions and initiatives in civilisational dialogue. This comes in line with the Constitution, the principles of the National Action Charter, the Kingdom of Bahrain Declaration, and the National Human Rights Plan (2022-2026).



Bahrain is committed to advancing its human rights and civilisational achievements while pursuing a foreign policy that fosters global solidarity

H.E. ABDULLATIF BIN RASHID ALZAYANI

A royal initiative to advance solidarity

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The King Hamad Award for Peaceful Coexistence is a significant royal initiative to advance peace, human solidarity, and dialogue among civilisations, religions, and cultures.

This was emphasised by His Excellency Dr. Shaikh Abdullah bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the King Hamad Global Centre for Peaceful Coexistence.

He welcomed the issuance of Order (32) of 2024 by His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa on the establishment of the award, which seeks to recognise efforts that promote peaceful coexistence, respect for diversity, and the rejection of extremism and hatred.

Dr. Shaikh Abdullah bin Ahmed expressed pride in the centre's role in overseeing the award.

He said the award was a



The award was a product of Bahrain's tradition of openness and its modern constitution, reinforcing the values of tolerance and religious freedom

H.E. DR. SHAIKH ABDULLA BIN AHMED AL KHALIFA, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE KING HAMAD GLOBAL CENTRE FOR PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE

product of Bahrain's tradition of openness and its modern constitution, reinforcing the values of tolerance and religious freedom.

The award will be presented biennially to individuals and organisations with significant contributions to the civilisational dialogue. Recipients will be chosen by an independent

international jury based on transparent and impartial criteria.

Dr. Shaikh Abdullah bin Ahmed emphasised Bahrain's commitment to global initiatives that support sustainable development, peace, and the empowerment of women and youth, under the leadership of HM the King.

HM King award encourages dialogue among all nations

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Shura Council Chairman Ali Bin Saleh Al Saleh expressed his pride and gratitude for the royal decree issued by His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, which marked the advent of the King Hamad Award for Peaceful Coexistence.

This award, with its broad international focus, is given to individuals and organisations that promote dialogue among religions and civilisations.

Al Saleh commended the foresight of His Majesty in encouraging the ideals of coex-

istence and tolerance among nations.

The Shura head observed that the King Hamad Award for Peaceful Coexistence opens doors to further the initiatives championed by His Majesty, which focus on reinforcing human fraternity and shared principles.

He noted that the goals of the award reflect His Majesty's enduring civilisational outlook, particularly regarding the rejection of violence, extremism, and terrorism, while stressing the importance of nurturing human achievements, strengthening ties, and upholding the

values that underpin peaceful coexistence, fraternity, and tolerance worldwide.

Clear framework

His Excellency remarked that the creation of the award, with its clear framework, reaffirms Bahrain's ongoing influence on both the regional and international stages. He drew attention to the award's specific aims, particularly as His Majesty the King serves as its honorary president. He further acknowledged the government's efforts to implement His Majesty's directives and realise his vision for peace and global harmony.

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Skill upgrade plan to empower workforce

MP Al Maarefi to propose law establishing government academies for professional certification

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MP Mohammed Al Maarifi has announced his plan to propose a new law establishing government academies dedicated to providing professional certification in various sectors.

These academies, as per the MP, would focus on equipping Bahrainis with the specialised skills required for government positions that demand expertise beyond traditional university degrees.

He highlighted the evolving landscape of government services, technological advancements, and the increasing need for specialised skills in certain job roles.

He emphasised that traditional university degrees and college certificates are often insufficient to meet these demands, requiring a higher level of knowledge, skills, and practical experience.

Intensive training programmes

"The current situation necessitates intensive training programmes to equip graduates with the necessary skills to fill various government positions," he stated. "This will not only enhance the quality and efficiency of government services but also contribute to reducing unemployment rates and providing employment opportunities for job seekers."



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MP MOHAMMED AL MAARIFI

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Al Maarifi further stressed that traditional university specialisations no longer fully align with the aspirations and skills of young people.

"The rapid evolution of knowledge has led to more specialised fields that are more relevant to real-world applications. These specialised fields can better cater to the interests of young people, ultimately leading to increased productivity and contributions in the future," he explained.

Appeal hearing set in nurse assault case

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The High Appeals Court has scheduled August 18th for the hearing of an appeal against a one-year prison sentence and a BD1,000 temporary compensation order for a defendant who assaulted a nurse, causing a 20% disability in his eye.

The court previously heard evidence from a three-member medical committee at the Psychiatric Hospital, which concluded that the defendant suffers from a schizoaffective disorder with symptoms of substance abuse disorder.

However, the committee found no direct causal link between the defendant's disorder

and his actions, deeming him responsible for his behaviour.

The prosecution alleged that the 30-year-old defendant assaulted the nurse, who was performing his duties at the hospital, causing the injuries described in the medical report.



Drunk man assaults police during rescue

Gulf national sentenced to one year in prison and fined BD95 for aggressive actions

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A Gulf national has been sentenced to one year in prison and fined BD95 for attacking police officers after refusing to exit his burning car while intoxicated.

The incident, which occurred in the Al Hamala area, involved a series of aggressive actions by the defendant.

According to court records, the incident began when the Civil Defense received a report of a burning car. Police officers arrived at the scene to find the car engulfed in flames, with the defendant sitting inside in an intoxicated state.

"We repeatedly asked the man to exit the vehicle for his own safety," stated one of the officers involved. "He refused due to his intoxication, putting himself and our officers at risk."

Struggle

Another officer recounted the struggle to remove the defendant from the burning car.

"We were forced to physically remove him from the vehicle to



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prevent further danger. Once he was out, he immediately became aggressive, pushing and striking us. He also hurled insults and spat on us."

As additional officers arrived to assist, the defendant continued his aggressive behaviour.

"He kicked one of my colleagues and spat on him," said one officer. "He also damaged a window in the holding cell while awaiting a breathalyser test."

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POLICE OFFICER

ing transport for the breathalyser test.

"He struck another officer in the chest and arm," said the officer who was assaulted.

The court of first instance sentenced the defendant to one year in prison and fined him BD95 for the damage he caused.

The High Appeals Court will issue its ruling on the appeal of the defendant on August 18th.

Restaurant contract breached

High Civil Court orders sub-tenant to be reimbursed BD3,500

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The High Civil Court in Bahrain ordered a restaurant sub-tenant to be reimbursed BD3,500 after the original landlord refused to hand over the property despite the sub-tenant paying rent and completing renovations.

The court ruled that the original tenant did not have the right to sublet the property, rendering the sub-lease agreement invalid.

Lawyer Zahda Ahmed, representing the sub-tenant, explained that her client had leased the restaurant in Ras Ruman and paid over BD3,500 in rent, municipal fees, electricity bills, and cleaning costs.

The sub-tenant received lease agreements and proceeded to renovate and decorate the property.

However, upon completion, the original landlord refused to



hand over the keys, revealing that the sub-tenant's lease was invalid as the original tenant did not have the right to sublet.

Criminal complaint

The sub-tenant filed a criminal complaint against the original tenant, who admitted to the agreement.

During the court proceed-

ings, witnesses testified that the sub-tenant had paid over BD3,500 in rent and had completed renovations before being denied access to the property.

The court examined the lease agreement and confirmed that the original tenant was not authorised to sublet the property.

The court ruled that the original tenant's actions were inva-

lid due to the lack of authorisation from the original landlord.

Property

The court also recognised that the sub-tenant had not benefited from the property, thus entitling them to a refund of the rent paid.

As rent is directly linked to the benefit derived from the property, the court ordered the original tenant to reimburse the sub-tenant BD3,500.

Furthermore, the court acknowledged the sub-tenant's claim for compensation for emotional distress and awarded BD50 in damages.

Based on these findings, the court ordered the original tenant to pay the sub-tenant a total of BD3,550, including court costs.



Trial postponed for man allegedly selling car without owner's consent

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The High Criminal Court has adjourned the trial of a 40-year-old man accused of selling a woman's car without her knowledge until August 18th for legal arguments by the defendant's lawyer.

The defendant previously denied the charges during a previous hearing.

The case stems from an incident where the victim's father claimed he agreed to sell his daughter's car to the defendant for BD2,500. He received a

BD200 deposit for repairs before transferring ownership.

He also handed over the car's original registration document and the victim's identity card.

However, he was shocked to discover that the defendant had transferred ownership of the car without the victim's knowledge or consent when he visited the General Directorate of Traffic.

A witness, who works in the car buying and selling business, testified that he knew the defendant from 2021 and had dealt with him several times before discovering he was a fraudster.



The witness claimed the defendant contacted him about a car owned by a family member, which he agreed to buy after

purchase price and agreed that the defendant would handle the ownership transfer process.

The witness stated that the defendant provided him with the car's original registration document, the victim's identity card, and a completed and signed ownership transfer form with the owner's signature.

He filled in the buyer's details, signed the form, and handed it to the clearing agent, who then transferred ownership of the car.

A traffic department employee confirmed that he works in the vehicle licensing department

and is responsible for vehicle ownership transfers, number plate replacements, and registering imported vehicles.

Ownership transfer

He stated that the disputed ownership transfer form was signed by him in the course of his duties.

The Public Prosecution charged the Southern Governorate defendant with collaborating with an employee in forging an official document, a vehicle registration form issued by the General Directorate of Traffic.

Training triumph

Ministers commend Youth City 2030's programmes to develop young Bahrainis' talent

New programmes across different fields have been introduced to meet the youth's needs and prepare young Bahrainis for the labour market and future roles in the Kingdom.

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The Youth City 2030, which is organised by the Ministry of Youth Affairs in collaboration with its strategic partner, the Labour Fund (Tamkeen), has received widespread praise for its various training courses.

This comes as the Minister of Finance and National Economy, His Excellency Shaikh Salman bin Khalifa Al Khalifa; H.E. Yousif bin Abdulhussain Khalaf, Minister of Legal Affairs; H.E. Osama bin Ahmed Khalaf Al Asfoor, Minister of Social Development; and H.E. Dr. Ramzan bin Abdullah Al Noaimi, Minister of Information, visited the Youth City 2030.

H.E. Rawan bint Najeeb Tawfiqi, Minister of Youth Affairs, gave an overview of the various training courses within Youth City 2030. The ministers were



H.E. Shaikh Salman bin Khalifa Al Khalifa and H.E. Rawan bint Najeeb Tawfiqi at the event

briefed about the goals of the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Tamkeen, and their efforts to improve Youth City 2030.

These efforts include introducing new programmes across different fields to meet youth needs and prepare young Bahrainis for the labour market and future roles in the Kingdom.

Programmes

The 13th edition of Youth City 2030 has expanded to include 148 training programmes across five centres. These programmes include science and technology, arts and culture, leadership and entrepreneurship, media and

entertainment, and sports and health.

The city now offers 4,000 training opportunities and has extended its duration to six weeks.

Additionally, 73 youth projects will be showcased, supporting youth entrepreneurship.

Talents

The ministers commended the role of the Ministry of Youth Affairs in supporting young Bahrainis to discover and develop their talents.

They highlighted Youth City 2030 as a pioneering initiative that represents the Kingdom's



commitment to supporting the youth.

They also commended the programme's success in enabling skilled young professionals to enter the Bahraini labour market.

Muharraq electoral disputes rejected

● Candidate given three days to appeal in court

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Dr. Ali Al Shuwaikh has revealed that two electoral disputes raised by a candidate were dismissed by the supervisory committee.

He pointed out that the candidate, whose appeal was dismissed, still has the option to go to court within three days of the decision.

Al Shuwaikh further explained that if an electoral challenge is taken to court, the matter will be settled within

a week.

On the issue of withdrawing from the race, he added that candidates must submit a written withdrawal request to the supervisory committee at least ten days before election day.

In a related matter, he urged candidates to stick to the legal guidelines that govern electoral campaigns.

One of the candidates, on Thursday evening, had filed two appeals against fellow candidates in the first district of Muharraq Governorate, arguing that they were not local residents.

The candidate lodged the appeal just 15 minutes before the supervisory centre closed on the final day for accepting disputes.

French Embassy lauds Bahrain's 'exceptional and historic' Olympic



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The French Embassy in Bahrain has praised the Kingdom's "exceptional and historic" performance at the Paris 2024 Olympics, highlighting its commitment to youth development and sports advancement.

In a statement, the embassy commended Bahrain's athletes for their "dedication, perseverance, and sportsmanship," stating that their achievements are a source of pride not only for their nation but also for those who followed their journey globally.

The embassy further emphasised that Bahrain's accomplishments on the Olympic stage are a testament to its commitment to sporting excellence. "Each medal won, record broken, and achievement attained embodies the ambition and passion that fuels Bahrain's national spirit," the embassy pointed out.

The statement expressed gratitude to His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, His Highness Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, His Highness Shaikh Khalid

bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Bahrain Olympic Committee leadership, relevant Bahraini authorities, coaches, support teams, and all who contributed to this success.

Achievement

The embassy highlighted that Bahrain's achievement of topping the Arab region in medal count, mirroring France's European dominance, sends a clear message: like France, Bahrain is fully committed to empowering its youth and advancing sports.

The statement concluded by expressing heartfelt congratulations to Bahrain for its exceptional Olympic achievements and unwavering commitment.

The embassy also wished Bahrain continued success in future competitions, starting with the Paralympic Games, which commence on August 28th.

National pride

A wave of national pride is sweeping Bahrain as the Kingdom celebrates its best-ever finish in Olympic history.

Bahrain secured the top spot among Arab nations, a remarkable sixth place in Asia, and a commendable 33rd place globally.

Salmaniya Hospital ceiling collapse video goes viral

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The Government Hospitals have issued a statement addressing a video circulating on social media yesterday, showing a partial ceiling collapse in one of the departments at Salmaniya Hospital.

The statement confirmed that comprehensive maintenance works are ongoing at the Salmaniya Medical Complex, while assuring that operational activities continue as usual in all departments.

The Government Hospitals reassured the public that no injuries were reported due to the ceiling collapse, as the affected area was closed at the time of the incident.

All necessary measures have been taken to ensure the safety of everyone, the statement added.



Salmaniya Hospital

Baking skills training program for Filipinos

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The Overseas Workers Welfare Administration (OWWA), in partnership with the women's organization, Pinay Ikaw Na (PIN), has launched an innovative baking skills training program designed to equip overseas Filipino workers (OFWs) with enhanced culinary abilities held at the Philippine Embassy Manama. According to Irma Abril-Morota of PIN Registration Committee, a total of

57 Filipinos, primarily domestic helpers, have registered for the training program that began on August 9, 2024, and will take place over two Fridays.

Other skilled workers, including waitresses and receptionists, as well as professionals such as accountants, nurses and engineers have also enrolled.

Participants has been delighted learning innovative baking techniques creating the beloved classics such as monay and pandesal, which are staples in

Filipino households.

These delectable treats, with their soft, fluffy texture and subtly sweet flavors, exemplify the heritage of Filipino confections that have been missed while working abroad.

Workshops equipped them with practical skills that have encouraged creativity, allowing attendees to experiment with different bread fillings such as cinnamon, cheese and chocolate with an expert instructor from IV CakeStudio, Ms. Ivy Diana

Bello Ancheta guiding them.

Ancheta and her group has been sharing the joy of baking with others offering a variety of baking classes designed for all skill levels where the fusion of artistry and science is evident in each delightful creation.

Through a variety of educational programs, workshops, and trainings coordinated with the MWO and OWWA, PIN aims to enhance confidence and promote both personal and professional development of women.

Gold hits record high, crude prices slide

AFP | London, United Kingdom

Gold hit a record high yesterday as global stock markets diverged, with profit-taking on Wall Street while European and Asian markets gained on reassuring data about the health of the world's biggest economy and likely US interest rate cuts.

Expectations of US interest rate cuts weakened the dollar, while oil prices tumbled as weak Chinese demand expectations offset turmoil in the Middle East, according to traders.

Gold rose to a record high of \$2,500.16 an ounce as investors snapped up the haven investment in the face of an increasingly likely US interest rate cut in September and heightened geopolitical risks.

"The sharp drop in bond yields amid expectations of rate cuts by the Fed" have pushed gold prices higher, said City Index and FOREX.com analyst Fawad Razaqzada.

Wall Street's major indices pulled back after rallying on Thursday following stronger-than-expected retail sales data that dispelled fears that the US economy is heading for a recession.

The blue-chip Dow slipped 0.2%, the S&P 500 shed 0.3% and the tech-heavy Nasdaq Composite fell 0.3%.

"These aren't big moves at all relative to the gains that have preceded them, yet buyers aren't rushing in to buy the dip just yet knowing the market has come a long way in a short amount of time," said Briefing.com analyst Patrick O'Hare.

He noted that the S&P 500 is



Key figures around 1330 GMT

New York - Dow:	▼ 0.2% at 40,502.13 points
New York - S&P 500:	▼ 0.3% at 5,525.71
Nasdaq Composite:	▼ 0.5% at 17,507.74
London - FTSE 100:	▼ 0.6% at 8,301.82
Paris - CAC 40:	▲ P 0.2% at 7,434.24
Frankfurt - DAX:	▲ 0.5% at 18,277.46
EURO STOXX 50:	▲ 0.4% at 4,827.29
Tokyo - Nikkei 225:	▲ 3.6% at 38,062.67 (close)
Hang Seng Index:	▲ 1.9% at 17,430.16 (close)
Shanghai - Composite:	▲ 0.1% at 2,879.43 (close)
Euro/dollar:	▲ at \$1.1000 from \$1.0972 on Thursday
Pound/dollar:	▲ at \$1.2901 from \$1.2853
Dollar/yen:	▼ at 147.76 yen from 149.06 yen
Euro/pound:	▼ at 85.26 pence from 85.36 pence
West Texas Intermediate:	▼ 1.6% at \$76.88 per barrel
Brent North Sea Crude:	▼ 1.5% at \$79.84 per barrel

up more than eight% from its August 5 low and the Nasdaq Composite has gained 12%.

"Concerns about the stock market being in a short-term overbought state have meshed with some weak housing starts and building permits data for July, and some attention-grab-

bing strengthening in the yen, to temper the conviction on the part of buyers," he added.

Weak US jobs data and a Japanese interest rate hike double-whammied stock markets at the beginning of the month, as investors who had financed investments in red-hot US tech

shares by borrowing in weak yen faced the prospect of immense losses as the value of the Japanese unit bounded higher.

"The worry is that further strengthening in the yen could trigger another unwinding episode" of the so-called yen carry-trade, O'Hare added.

In Asian trading, the Nikkei 225 jumped 3.6% as the yen was lower against the dollar early in the day.

London was a rare faller among stock markets as a strengthening pound weighed on multinationals earning in dollars.

On the corporate front, shares in German chemicals giant Bayer jumped 10.7% in afternoon trading after a US court victory in the group's long-running fight against claims that its glyphosate-based weedkillers cause cancer.

Oil slumps

Oil prices slumped around 1.5%, with Brent North Sea crude falling under \$80 per barrel.

"The significant price recovery on the oil market has run out of steam in recent days," said Commerzbank analyst Carsten Fritsch.

"For one thing, the feared retaliatory strike by Iran (on Israel) has so far failed to materialise, which has probably favoured a partial pricing out of the risk premium. In addition, new demand concerns are weighing on the market."

Major oil producer Iran has threatened to retaliate against Israel for last month's killing of Hamas political leader Ismail Haniyeh in Tehran.

Accounting giant PwC fined £15m over LCF audit



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AFP | London, United Kingdom

Accountancy firm PwC has been fined by the UK's Financial Conduct Authority for failing to report suspicions of fraud during an audit of the LCF fund, in the watchdog's first ever fine against an auditor.

The 2019 collapse of London Capital & Finance (LCF) -- which sold high-yield bonds that turned out to be high-risk -- was one of the biggest City scandals in recent years.

The markets watchdog handed PwC a £15 million (\$19 million) fine after it signed off an audit of the group in 2016, and did not report suspicions around the group's financial conduct.

PwC faced "significant issues" during the "very complex" audit, the watchdog said, with LCF giving the auditors "inaccurate and misleading information".

According to the FCA, this "led PwC to suspect that LCF might be involved in fraudulent activity".

But while PwC suspected fraud, the firm did not report this to the FCA as quickly as possible -- which is required under UK regulations -- and signed off on the audit.

"Auditors have a central role to play in keeping our markets clean," said Therese Chambers, joint executive director of enforcement and market oversight.

"There were a number of red flags that led PwC to suspect fraud. They should have acted on them immediately. Their failure to do so deprived the FCA of potentially vital information."

LCF, which was created in 2012, sold mini-bonds promising high returns, and nearly 12,000 people had invested £237 million in the fund by the time it collapsed.

The FCA itself faced heavy criticism over the case for failing to act in time after being warned of problems with LCF several years earlier.

There is an ongoing criminal investigation by the Serious Fraud Office into LCF.

UK fintech firm Revolut valued at \$45 bn after secondary share sale

AFP | London, United Kingdom

British fintech company Revolut announced yesterday it had been valued at \$45 billion following a secondary share sale, which it said cemented "its position as the most valuable private technology company in Europe".

The company, founded in 2015, has been a leader in rolling out financial services to customers via smartphones, initially focusing on allowing clients to easily exchange currencies and make transfers.

Revolut said Friday it had "signed agreements with a group of leading technology investors to provide liquidity to employees through a secondary share sale at a \$45 billion valuation."

Coatue, D1 Capital Partners, and existing investor Tiger Global had invested in the funding round, which Revolut said allowed current employees to "capitalise on their contribution to Revolut's growth".

Revolut announced at the end of July that it had received a UK banking licence "with restrictions" from UK industry regulator PRA, a key step in getting long-awaited recognition as an official bank in its home country.



EU presses Meta on plans after disinformation tracker axed

AFP | Brussels, Belgium

The EU on Friday formally requested that Meta detail steps it is taking on transparency after the Facebook and Instagram owner scrapped a widely-used tool for tracking disinformation online.

Meta has been criticised on both sides of the Atlantic over the decision to shut down CrowdTangle -- a feature considered vital by researchers tracking viral falsehoods -- in a year of major election contests in the United States and



elsewhere.

Unavailable since August 14, CrowdTangle is to be replaced with Meta's Content Library -- a technology researchers say offers nowhere near the same functionality.

The European Commission's

request to Meta was sent under the bloc's Digital Services Act, a landmark new law that cracks down on illegal content online.

Brussels launched a formal investigation into Meta's Facebook and Instagram in late April, five weeks before bloc-wide elections in June, over concerns the platforms were failing to counter disinformation.

It raised the alarm in particular at plans to scrap CrowdTangle without an adequate alternative in place.

In its latest request, the com-

mission asked Meta to provide details by September 6 on how it intends to give researchers access to publicly-accessible data on its platforms, and how it plans to update its election monitoring functionalities.

"Specifically, the Commission is requesting information about Meta's Content Library and application programming interface (API), including their eligibility criteria, the application process, and the data that can be accessed and functionalities," said a commission statement.

Epic launches own app store, Fortnite back for iPhones in Europe

AFP | Paris, France

Fortnite-creator Epic Games launched its own app store Friday that allows users to bypass the stores run by Apple and Google.

The Epic Games Store is available to users of Android phones worldwide and for iPhone and iPad users in Europe.

The launch of the store comes after Epic waged legal battles and lobbied regulators to loosen the grip of Apple and Google on the sale of apps for phones



running their operating systems.

The EU's new law known as the Digital Markets Act (DMA) has forced Apple to make the opening to app developers in Europe but the US firm is not doing so elsewhere.

"We're very happy to be on the

verge of launching our games on iOS and Android, enabled by Europe's new DMA law," Epic's chief executive Tim Sweeney said at a news conference from the company's office in Sweden.

Fortnite is also making a return to iPhones and iPads after having been banned in 2020 for seeking to circumvent Apple's payment systems.

In order to attract app developers to its store Epic is offering them better revenue-sharing terms than Apple or Google.

But Epic said Apple and Goog-

le aren't making it easy with a long and untransparent procedure to install their app store and disadvantageous for developers to cooperate with them.

Epic has set a goal of 100 million installs of its app store on Android and iOS devices by the end of the year and "the only thing standing in our way is going to be the friction that Apple and Google put in front of us, and it's pretty significant," said Steve Allison, head of the Epic Games Store.

In addition to Fortnite, Rocket

League Sideswipe is also available on the store, as is Fall Guys, which is making its first appearance on mobile.

"This is just the beginning of a long effort to bring our games back to all these platforms

worldwide, and the fight's not over until Fortnite is back on iOS everywhere and free of Apple's taxes," said Sweeney.



Epic Games, the company behind the popular game Fortnite, was originally founded in 1991 by Tim Sweeney in his parents' basement. The company was initially called "Potomac Computer Systems" and only later rebranded as Epic Games. They started out by developing and publishing shareware games, with their first major success being ZTZ, a text-based adventure game.

QUOTE OF THE DAY WHEN WE STRIVE TO BECOME BETTER THAN WE ARE, EVERYTHING AROUND US BECOMES BETTER TOO PAULO COELHO

TODAY IN HISTORY

1903 Joseph Pulitzer donates \$1 million to Columbia University and begins the Pulitzer Prizes in America



1945 Korea is divided into North and South Korea along the 38th parallel

1945

Sukarno and Mohammad Hatta declare Indonesia (formerly the Dutch East Indies) independent from the Netherlands

1945

1947 The Radcliffe Line is revealed, setting the border between Union of India and Dominion of Pakistan

News in brief

The United States on Thursday announced its approval of a \$5 billion sale of up to 600 Patriot missiles and related equipment to Germany... US approves \$5 bn Patriot missile sale to Germany



US approves \$5 bn Patriot missile sale to Germany

The European Union health agency yesterday urged its member states to get ready for more cases of a deadly strain of mpox... Europe must prepare for more mpox cases: EU health agency



Sudanese paramilitary forces killed at least 80 people in an attack on a village in the war-torn country's southeast... Sudanese paramilitary attack kills 80: medical source, witnesses



Sudanese paramilitary attack kills 80: medical source, witnesses

SPOTLIGHT

Hyderabad-based firm completes 100 satellites with ISRO



File photo of the satellite placed into orbit by ISRO's SSLV-D3 rocket on Friday.

ATL chairman and managing director Subba Rao Pavuluri in a press release... Hyderabad-based Ananth Technologies Pvt. Ltd. (ATL) yesterday announced that the EOS-8 satellite, successfully placed into orbit by the Small Satellite Launch Vehicle (SSLV), is the 100th satellite to which the firm has contributed parts.

Poland denies involvement in Nord Stream sabotage

Polish deputy prime minister yesterday denied his country's involvement in the sabotage of the Nord Stream gas pipelines in the Baltic Sea in September 2022.

Poland did not take part in anything. It has to be said clearly that this is a lie, the minister, Krzysztof Gawkowski, told TV channel Polsat News.

41 Palestinians injured in Gaza war flow to Malaysia for treatment

Forty-one Palestinian civilians who suffered various injuries in the war in Gaza were flown to Malaysia on Friday for treatment, officials said.

Thai lawmakers elect Shinawatra heiress as PM

AFP | Bangkok, Thailand

The 37-year-old daughter of billionaire Thaksin Shinawatra became Thailand's prime minister yesterday, the third member of the influential but divisive clan to lead the country.



Thailand's new Prime Minister Paetongtarn Shinawatra, known by her nickname "Ung Ing" and daughter of former prime minister Thaksin Shinawatra, gestures during a press conference in Bangkok

She will hope to avoid the fate of her father and aunt, both of whom were ousted as PM by the army during a two-decade power struggle between Thaksin and the kingdom's conservative pro-military, pro-royalist establishment.

Harris woos voters with price-cutting plans

AFP | Kathmandu, Nepal

Kamala Harris was unveiling yesterday an economic blueprint heavy on popular measures to cut costs for Americans, while attacking powerful companies for price gouging, as she fleshes out her election platform ahead of the Democratic National Convention.



Harris

the White House has negotiated reduced prices for retirees purchasing common medicines from major drug manufacturers.

Ukraine says incursion aimed at 'fair' talks with Russia

Ukraine has ruled out any talks with Russia if Russian troops do not leave its territory

Putin has said Russia would declare a ceasefire only if Kyiv withdraws from the four regions that Russia claims to have annexed

AFP | Kyiv, Ukraine



A Ukrainian serviceman unloads shells from a Soviet-made T-72 tank, in the Sumy region, near the border with Russia

Ukraine said yesterday its incursion into Russian territory was aimed at forcing Russia to negotiate on "fair" terms, as Moscow's troops announced new gains in eastern Ukraine.

EU's top diplomat to propose sanctioning Israeli officials over 'violent settlers'

AFP | Brussels, Belgium

The EU's top diplomat Josep Borrell said yesterday he would propose sanctions against Israeli government "enablers" of Jewish settler violence, following a deadly attack on a village in the occupied West Bank.



The EU's top diplomat Josep Borrell

Israel FM says expects allies to attack Iran if it strikes

AFP | Jerusalem, Undefined

Israeli Foreign Minister Israel Katz told his French and British counterparts yesterday that his country expects support "in attacking" Iran if it strikes Israel.

Hamas rejects 'new conditions' in proposed deal

Hamas will not accept "new conditions" from Israel in a proposal put forward during talks in Doha aimed at sealing a ceasefire and hostage release in the Gaza war, officials said yesterday.

the displaced and a (prisoner) exchange deal" without restrictions. Israel also demanded veto rights on the prisoners to be exchanged, and the ability to deport some prisoners rather than send them back to Gaza, the source said.

reporters in Jerusalem. Lammy and Sejourne are visiting while Israel, the United States and mediators Qatar and Egypt hold fresh talks in Doha aimed at brokering a ceasefire in the Gaza war and the return of hostages.

India's Modi offers 'support' to Bangladesh's Yunus

AFP | New Delhi, India



Nobel laureate and Chief adviser of Bangladesh's new interim government Muhammad Yunus

Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi offered yesterday support to the interim leader of neighbouring Bangladesh, who took power after Sheikh Hasina was ousted.

The security situation has since far improved. Modi "underscored the importance of ensuring the safety and protection of Hindus and all other minority communities in Bangladesh," India's foreign ministry said.

Second retired general to join interim cabinet

A second retired military general was sworn into Bangladesh's interim government on Friday, one of four new additions to the caretaker administration formed after ex-prime minister Hasina fled to India.

Kashmir to hold first local polls in a decade



Indian paramilitary troopers take part in a motorbike rally during 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign ahead of the country's independence day, around the Dal lake in Srinagar

AFP | Srinagar, India

India's Jammu and Kashmir will hold local elections for the first time in a decade, the head of the electoral commission said yesterday.

on October 4, and results are usually announced on the same day. "Sufficient forces will be there to deal with any eventuality," Kumar said, especially following a surge this year of attacks in the southern Jammu region.

Mediterranean Sea broke daily temperature record Thursday: Spanish researchers

AFP | Paris, France

The Mediterranean Sea reached its highest temperature on record Thursday, Spanish researchers told AFP on Friday, breaking the record from July 2023.



on July 24, 2023, with a median value of 28.71C, said Justino Martinez, researcher at the Institut de Ciencies del Mar in Barcelona and the Catalan Institute of Research for the Governance of the Sea.

from the European Copernicus Observatory, with records dating back to 1982. It means that for two successive summers the Mediterranean will have been warmer than during the exceptional summer heatwave of 2003, when a daily median was measured at 28.25C on August 23, a record that had stood for twenty years.

period of high temperatures, even without breaking a record," Martinez told AFP earlier this week. "Since 2022, surface temperatures have been abnormally high for long periods, even in a climate-change environment," he said.

of the industrial age, according to scientists. This excess heat continues to accumulate as greenhouse gases, mainly from burning oil, gas and coal. The overheating of the oceans is predicted to impact marine life, including the migration of certain species and the spread of invasive species.

TOP 4 TWEETS 01

Appreciate PM @netanyahu's phone call and warm wishes on India's 78th Independence Day. We discussed the current situation in West Asia. Emphasized on the need to de-escalate the situation. Reiterated our call for immediate release of all hostages, ceasefire and need for

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JPN_PMO Kishida and @POTUS took the U.S.-Japan Alliance to new heights as a truly global partnership. I witnessed his leadership firsthand as our countries advanced our shared vision for a more secure and prosperous Indo-Pacific region and world.

03

I welcomed Vladimir Kara-Murza and his family to the White House today to celebrate his return to America. Vladimir spent two and a half years unjustly imprisoned in Russia for speaking out against Russia's war in Ukraine. Today his family is whole once more.

04

Falcon 9 launches the @Maxar 2 mission to orbit from Florida and lands on Landing Zone 1

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CELEBS

celebs

Five charged over ketamine death of 'Friends' star Matthew Perry

AFP | Los Angeles

Five people who allegedly supplied ketamine to "Friends" star Matthew Perry in a bid to exploit his drug addiction for profit have been charged in relation to his overdose death, US officials said Thursday.

The actor died at his luxury Los Angeles home last year, sparking an outpouring of grief from fans around the world.

"These defendants took advantage of Mr Perry's addiction issues to enrich themselves. They knew what they were doing was wrong. They knew what they were doing was risking great danger to Mr Perry, but they did it anyway," said federal prosecutor Martin Estrada.

"These defendants were more interested in profiting off Mr Perry than caring for his well-being," said Estrada, the US attorney for the central district of California.

Charges were levied against two doctors, Perry's live-in as-



Matthew Perry

sistant, a broker and a North Hollywood dealer known as "the Ketamine Queen," who has been linked to the overdose death of another man.

Perry, who played Chandler Bing on the hit TV sitcom from 1994 to 2004, was found unresponsive in his swimming pool in October. He was 54.

An autopsy found the cause of his death was "the acute effects of ketamine," a controlled drug the recovering addict was taking as part of supervised therapy.

Estrada said Perry had fallen back into addiction in the autumn of 2023, when he began to be supplied by Salvador Plasencia and Mark Chavez, both doctors.

Brad Pitt 'more aware of' his mortality as he ages

Bang Showbiz | Los Angeles

Brad Pitt has become "more aware of" his mortality.

The 'Fight Club' actor turned 60 in December and admits he is finally starting to understand he won't live forever.

He told GQ magazine about ageing: "You start to understand this idea of mortality and that it is something we all have to deal with."

"You just become more aware of it."

Brad added he is "just trying to enjoy the people that I love around me and just living".

He went on: "I don't know how to not sound cheesy about it, but just the air is fresh and grass is green and I've just kind of become that guy a little bit."

Brad chatted to GQ alongside

his long-time friend George Clooney, who turned 63 in May.

George, who is married to human rights lawyer Amal Clooney, 46, said: "When I turned 60, my wife and I had a nice dinner."

"We were talking and I said, 'Look, I'm 60'."

"Now I'm 63. And I said, 'So here's the thing - I can still play basketball with the boys. I can still hang, do a lot of s***. Physically, I'm in pretty good shape still'."

But George admitted his body will change over the next two decades in spite of how



Brad Pitt

healthy he tries to be. He added: "I said, 'But it doesn't matter how many granola bars I eat. In 20 years, I'm 80. And that's a different number."

"That's a real number where your bones are brittle and your muscle mass is gone. So s*** changes."

"So these next 20 years we have to really focus not just on work, although you've got to continue to work. We also have to focus on life."

Brad chipped in: "Because I see my par-



I don't know how to not sound cheesy about it, but just the air is fresh and grass is green and I've just kind of become that guy a little bit

BRAD PITT

ents are very... I see just what George was explaining.

"In your 80s, the body becomes more frail. And yet I look at (architect) Frank Gehry. He's just the loveliest man. And he's 95 and still making great art and he's got a beautiful family. And I think that's kind of the formula to stay creative and keep loving your life."

Katy Perry to receive Video Vanguard Award at MTV VMAs

Bang Showbiz | Los Angeles

Katy Perry is set to receive the Video Vanguard Award at the MTV Video Music Awards (VMAs).

The 39-year-old pop star will be honoured at the annual awards show at the UBS Arena in Elmont, New York on September 11.

Bruce Gillmer, the president of music, music talent, programming and events for Paramount, said in a statement: "Katy is a musical powerhouse and true pop culture icon."

Katy will also perform a medley of her biggest hits live at the awards show, including 'Roar', 'Dark Horse', 'Firework' and



Katy will also perform a medley of her biggest hits live at the awards show, including 'Roar', 'Dark Horse', 'Firework' and 'California Gurls'

'California Gurls'.

Bruce added: "With her game-changing creative vision, she has become a global

phenomenon and taken over the world's biggest stages.

"Katy's prowess will be on full display live on the VMAs with a can't-miss, career-encompassing performance celebrating her biggest moments and chart-topping hits."

Shakira received the Video Vanguard Award in 2023, while previous Katy Perry



winners also include the likes of Beyonce, Nicki Minaj, Madonna, Rihanna, Janet Jackson, LL Cool J, and Michael Jackson.

MTV recently announced that the show had been moved to September 11. The ceremony was a s

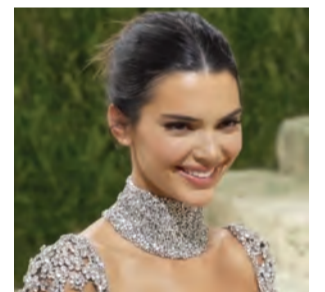
moved to a new date because of a presidential

debate between US Vice President Kamala Harris and former President Donald Trump on September 10.

Taylor Swift leads the list of nominees for this year's VMAs. The 34-year-old singer - who won seven VMAs in 2023 - has received ten nominations in total, including eight for 'Fortnight', her collaboration with Post Malone.

'Fortnight' is in contention for the Video of the Year accolade, which is considered to be the most prestigious of all of the awards.

Kendall Jenner's childhood felt 'normal'



Kendall Jenner

Bang Showbiz | Los Angeles

Kendall Jenner's childhood always felt "kind of normal".

The 28-year-old model made her first appearance on 'Keeping Up with the Kardashians' back in 2007, but Kendall feels she was largely sheltered from the spotlight during her younger years.

The brunette beauty - who is older sister of Kylie Jenner - said on Emma Chamberlain's 'Anything Goes' podcast: "We went to school. We went to school as long as we could. I started home school, 11th and 12th grade.



Ed Sheeran

Pop star Sheeran purchases minority stake in Premier League Ipswich

AFP | Los Angeles

Pop star Ed Sheeran has acquired a minority stake in Ipswich Town, the Premier League football club announced Thursday.

The 33-year-old English singer-songwriter, a lifelong fan of the team, has taken a 1.4 percent stake in the club, having been a shirt sponsor of both Ipswich men's and

women's teams since 2021.

But an Ipswich statement said Sheeran will not join the board at Portman Road as his shareholding is a passive and minority investment only.

"I am really excited to have bought a small percentage of my hometown football club," said Sheeran.

"It's any football fan's dream to be an owner of the club they support, and I feel so grateful for this opportunity."

The 2024/25 season sees Ipswich returning to the top flight of English football for the first time in 22 years.

Ipswich chairman Mark Ashton added: "The support Ed and his

team have shown us over the last three years has been nothing short of remarkable and for him to make this investment in the club feels like the natural progression in our relationship."

Ipswich begin their new campaign at home to Liverpool on Saturday.

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How to play

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1- MP's quarry; 2- Fortune's partner; 3- Cooking appliance; 4- Gave a new title; 5- Abhor; 6- can of worms; 7- Thick cord; 8- Paul Bunyan's tool; 9- Chisholm Trail terminus; 10- Short skirt; 11- Came down; 12- good example; 15- Shouting; 23- Suffix with ball; 25- Samuel's teacher; 26- Bridges; 27- River that flows through Paris; 28- The brainy bunch; 29- Toss; 30- Golf clubs; 31- Dressed to the; 32- Chew on; 33- Singer Sedaka; 34- By oneself; 37- Overhead interior surface; 40- Describing the path of a satellite; 42- Legal org; 43- Methods; 45- Prefix with profit or fiction; 46- Comfortable; 48- Conger catcher; 49- Drab; 50- Able was; 51- Leg joint; 52- Cockney greeting; 54- Cruising; 55- IRS IDs; 56- Zaire's Mobutu Seko; 59- How Dry

Yesterday's solution

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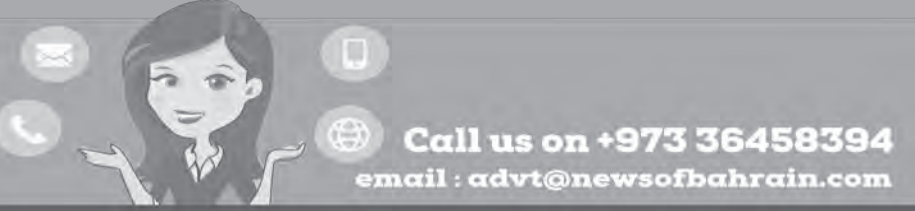
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Arsenal aim to pick Man City's pockets

Arsenal manager Arteta uses creative methods to prepare for Premier League title challenge

● Arteta hires pickpockets to teach vigilance

● Arsenal narrowly missed title twice to Man City

● Motivational techniques include olive tree, dog named Win

AFP | London



Arsenal's Spanish manager Mikel Arteta celebrates their victory on the pitch

Mikel Arteta reportedly hired a group of pickpockets to teach his Arsenal stars a valuable lesson and is now planning to steal the Premier League title from Manchester City.

Arteta's side suffered an agonising end to last season as City piped them to the trophy by just two points on the final day.

Arsenal lost only one of their last 18 league games but still couldn't hold off City's relentless charge to an unprecedented fourth successive Premier League crown.

That painful near-miss came 12 months after the Gunners allowed City to snatch the 2022/23

title from their grasp after squandering an eight-point lead.

Rather than dull his appetite for success, those blows inspired Arteta to take his already obsessive attention to detail to new heights as he chases Arsenal's first league title in 21 years.

"I don't want to get over it," he said. "We need that pain and that hunger to achieve what we want to achieve because the competition is unbelievable."

With that in mind, Arteta secretly tasked a team of professional pickpockets with taking phones and wallets during a dinner with his players.

At the end of the meal, he asked the squad to empty their pockets and they immediately realised they were missing valuable items.

The exercise was done to teach them of the importance of being alert at all times, on and off the pitch.

Arteta, whose side start their Premier League campaign at home to Wolves on Saturday, is no stranger to using creative ideas in a bid to motivate his players.

The Spaniard brought an olive tree into a team meeting last season, describing the players



as the branches and the staff as the roots.

He also once blasted out "You'll never walk alone" over loudspeakers during a training session to replicate the raucous atmosphere at Liverpool.

Arteta even adopted a dog called Win to bring a more family feel to the training ground and boost players' morale.

But the 42-year-old's admirable ability to think outside the box has yet to deliver a prize that is beyond the reach of even his pickpockets.

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MIKEL ARTETA

“We should have won it”

Driven by his burning desire to hold a Premier League winners' medal, Arteta spent the summer consumed by the daunting task of finding a way to end City's reign as the English game's pre-eminent force.

Arsenal last won the title when Arsene Wenger's "Invincibles" went unbeaten through the 2003-04 league season.

Wenger and his iconic stars cast a long shadow over the Emirates Stadium in the fallow period that followed.

But winning a title fight with a team of City's dynastic quality would assure Martin Odegaard, Bukayo Saka, Declan Rice, William Saliba and company of a place in the club's hall of fame alongside the likes of Thierry Henry, Patrick Vieira, Dennis Bergkamp and Sol Campbell.

Arteta is convinced Arsenal

are ready to make that leap towards north London immortality, citing the way his players pushed City to the brink last season as proof of their character and quality.

"When you are analytical and you gather all the stats and everything the team has done over the past 11 months in the Premier League, we should have won it," he told ESPN recently.

"The reality is that we didn't, so there is something that is there that we haven't managed as well as Man City or other clubs in the past. I think we understand where those margins are."

Arteta has been cautious in the transfer market ahead of the new campaign, signing only Italy defender Riccardo Calafiori from Bologna, while turning goalkeeper David Raya's loan from Brentford into a permanent deal.

A new striker could be the missing piece in Arteta's title jigsaw, but for now he insists City can be dethroned by focusing on the smallest details.

"One thing is to get the 90 percent that we want and actually the 10 percent, five percent, one percent is what defines success and winning major trophies," he added.

Cincinnati rain halts Alcaraz as defending champ Gauff ousted

AFP | Cincinnati

Carlos Alcaraz was halted by rain on the brink of victory Thursday while defending women's champion Coco Gauff crashed out in her first match at the ATP and WTA Cincinnati Open.

Spaniard Alcaraz, the reigning Wimbledon and French Open champion, led France's Gael Monfils 6-4, 6-6 (1/3) when rain halted play at the last major tuneup for the US Open, which starts on August 26.

Top seed Alcaraz, who lost to Novak Djokovic in last year's Cincinnati final, took a silver medal at the Paris Olympics, also dropping that final to Djokovic.

Alcaraz is back on hardcourt for the first time since winning at Miami. He skipped last week's ATP Montreal Masters.

Gauff was eliminated earlier in a 6-4, 2-6, 6-4 upset loss to Kazakh spoiler Yulia Putintseva.



Coco Gauff in action

A disappointed Gauff will go back to the drawing board before defending her US Open crown.

Putintseva, ranked 34th, has made a recent habit of upsets, knocking off top-ranked Iga Swiatek barely a month ago at Wimbledon.

"I'm really proud of myself," said Putintseva. "These courts are so fast, you have to just play on instinct. That's what I did."

Gauff became Cincinnati's youngest champion a year ago at age 19 and carried that success into her first Grand Slam triumph at the US Open.

“I have to work on consistency. overall. I'm making a lot of unforced errors, especially when I was up 4-2 (in the third set),” Gauff said. “Most of the points (Putintseva won) were off (my) errors”

COCO GAUFF

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"She's tricky to play, mixes up the ball and likes drop shots, She makes you earn the match."

Putintseva will next face Spain's Paula Badosa, who defeated Anna Kalinskaya 6-3, 6-2.

Spurs sign French winger Odobert from Burnley

AFP | London

Tottenham signed French winger Wilson Odobert from Burnley for an undisclosed fee on Friday.

The 19-year-old agreed a five-year contract with the north London club as he made a quick return to the Premier League following Burnley's relegation last season.

Tottenham moved for Odobert after the teenager's encouraging debut campaign in England.

He made 34 appearances and scored five goals for Burnley after joining from Troyes, becoming the Claret's' youngest Premier League goalscorer when he netted against Chelsea in October.

Odobert swaps the Claret's' promotion bid for Tottenham's attempt to finish in the Premier League's top four after they came fifth last term.



Wilson Odobert

"We are delighted to announce that we have reached agreement for the permanent transfer of Wilson Odobert from Burnley, subject to formalities," Tottenham said in a statement.

"The 19-year-old has agreed a deal that will run until 2029 and will wear shirt number 28."

Odobert could make his Tottenham debut in their Premier League opener at Leicester on Monday.

Ajax keeper hailed as hero after 'crazy' shoot-out

AFP | Paris

The 40-year-old goalkeeper of Ajax was being hailed as a hero Friday after the Dutch giants won a "crazy" penalty shoot-out 13-12 to advance into the Europa League play-offs.

Remko Pasveer saved five penalties and scored one himself to squeeze Ajax past Greek side Panathinaikos in one of the longest penalty shoot-outs in history.

The total of 34 penalty kicks was the most taken in a UEFA competition, beating a game between the Netherlands and England in the under-21 European Championship, where 32



Goalkeeper Remko Pasveer of AFC Ajax saves the penalty attempt from Daniel Mancini of Panathinaikos FC

were taken.

It was a "bizarre" shoot-out, "So many penalties and every

time someone missed, the other team missed."

"This was crazy," said Ajax coach Francesco Farioli. "But it was also a great evening. We are now definitely playing in Europe."

He joked that Pasveer could expect to be immortalised in the corridors of the Ajax stadium where pictures of some of the greats of Dutch football hang.

"Remko asked why there was never a picture of a goalkeeper who has kept a clean sheet. I told him he should maybe play a bit better," quipped the coach.

"But now I think we should quickly hang up a picture of him."

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Khalid bin Hamad Gold Generation Athletics League 2024 kicks off late August

TDT | Manama

His Highness Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa, First Deputy Chairman of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports (SCYS), Chairman of the General Sports Authority (GSA), and President of the Bahrain Olympic Committee (BOC) has instructed the GSA to organise the Khalid bin Hamad Gold Generation Athletics League

2024 during the last third of August.

HH Shaikh Khalid said that this league aims to engage the largest possible number of sports federations in the Gold Generation initiative and to provide them with the opportunity to develop their talent discovery programmes.

HH Shaikh Khalid highlighted the efforts and support of the participating sports federations

and clubs towards the Khalid bin Hamad Gold Generation Initiative, which has significantly contributed to identifying and developing talent over the past two seasons.

Over 15 sports federations are expected to participate in the Khalid bin Hamad Gold Generation Athletics League, with approximately 1,000 male and female athletes under the age of 18.



HH Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa

Bahrain dominate Qatar in Volleyball opener



Action from the match **Hussain Almaskati** TDT | Manama

14, and 25-18. Bahrain's players showed off their superior tactics and coordination, leaving Qatar struggling to keep up.

An impressive showing from Bahrain's national youth volleyball team saw them secure a 3-0 win against Qatar in their opening match of the 2nd West Asian Youth Volleyball Championship, taking place in Al Ain.

The match, held in Qatar, saw Bahrain dominate from the start, winning all three sets with scores of 25-12, 25-

This victory marks an excellent beginning for Bahrain in the tournament, setting a high standard for their upcoming matches. The team's performance reflects the rigorous training and preparation they have undergone, and they are now well-positioned as strong contenders in the championship.

Zubimendi 'decided not to come', says Liverpool manager Slot

AFP | London

Liverpool manager Arne Slot said yesterday that key transfer target Martin Zubimendi had "decided not to come" to Anfield from Real Sociedad.

The Euro 2024 winner had been identified as the man best placed to fill a defensive midfield role for Liverpool in what would have been their first major signing since Slot succeeded Jurgen Klopp as boss.

"I've said many times already that our squad is really strong and it's not so easy to find players who can help us or improve the squad," Dutchman Slot told reporters ahead of his team's Premier League opener at Ipswich on Saturday.

"I've said many times already that our squad is really strong and it's not so easy to find players who can help us or improve the squad. Zubimendi was one of them to be fair, but he decided not to come. We go forward with the ones we have. (Wataru) Endo did well in pre-season"

ARNE SLOT

switch on Saturday.

"Zubimendi was one of them to be fair, but he decided not to come. We go forward with the ones we have. (Wataru) Endo did well in pre-season.

"We're in a good place. Richard (Hughes, Liverpool's

sporting director) is trying to strengthen the squad. Zubimendi decided not to come, we did every effort. If a player decides not to come then it's obvious he's not coming."

Slot insisted Liverpool could still challenge for the title after finishing third last season even if there was a lack of new recruits to Anfield.

"That argument I don't understand -- if you don't strengthen the team you become weaker," said Slot.

"That's a bit weird because normally you would either stay the same -- and I truly believe that (on) the training ground you can help players and the teams to improve, and that is also what happened here in the recent years, that the training ground really helped the team to improve..."

"If you keep bringing players in sometimes the energy in the group goes down as well."



Martin Zubimendi

Man City hit with Rodri injury setback ahead of Chelsea opener

Guardiola confirms key midfielder's absence as City begin title defence

● **Rodri out due to Euro 2024 injury**

● **Foden, Stones, Walker not fully fit**

AFP | London

"He is in training. I don't know, I haven't seen him yet. He feels good. We'll have to see how he feels after training"

PEP GUARDIOLA

Manchester City will be without Rodri for the start of their Premier League title defence after Pep Guardiola revealed the Spain midfielder has been ruled out of Sunday's opener against Chelsea.

The influential 28-year-old has only just returned to training after being forced off at half-time during Spain's 2-1 win against England in last month's Euro 2024 final.

While England trio Phil Foden, John Stones and Kyle Walker hope to feature at Stamford Bridge after their post-Euros break, Rodri has not been cleared to return to action.

Asked on Friday if Rodri could be involved against Chelsea, Guardiola told reporters: "No chance. "He is in training. I don't know, I haven't seen him yet. He feels good. We'll have to see how he feels after training."

Rodri's absence is an early blow to City's bid to win a fifth succes-

sive Premier League title.

City would love to make a strong start to their title defence in west London, but Guardiola admitted fitness issues could hamper them on the opening weekend.

Foden, Stones and Walker are not fully fit after only returning to training in midweek following their holidays.

"I'm pretty sure they won't be ready for 90 minutes, maybe yes, maybe 15 minutes," Guardiola said.

"The important thing is everybody is back and except for Oscar (Bobb) the rest are OK."

Bobb will have surgery yesterday to repair a fractured bone in his leg following a non-contact training ground incident on Wednesday.

Guardiola expects the young Norway winger to be sidelined for up to four months.

"Unfortunately, he had a big impact and got injured," Guardiola said. "He is having surgery this afternoon."

"Hopefully, it will go well and he will be back in three or four months. We are so sad for him."

Bobb's setback follows the recent departure of Argentina forward Julian Alvarez to Atletico Madrid and Guardiola said he could be forced into the transfer market for replacements.

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Rodri's absence is a blow to Manchester City's title defence, while Oscar Bobb's injury could keep him out for up to four months, potentially prompting Guardiola to enter the transfer market

"Maybe or maybe not, we will see," the Spaniard said. "I'm really pleased with the squad I have, we will see. I'm set."

"We will see what happens in the market. We can continue to January in that way or maybe we will add some players."

Ipswich sign Phillips on loan from Man City



Calvin Phillips AFP | London

Premier League new boys Ipswich signed Manchester City midfielder Calvin Phillips on a season-long loan yesterday.

Phillips has endured a difficult time with Premier League champions City and the move to Ipswich marks the latest attempt to get his spluttering career back on track.

The 28-year-old, who spent the second half of last season on a troubled loan spell with West Ham, could make his Ipswich debut in Saturday's clash with Liverpool.

The Reds' visit to Portman Road will be Ipswich's first match in the top flight for 22 years after Kieran McKenna's side won back-to-back promotions from League One and the Championship.

"This is a day I've been waiting a number of weeks for now and I'm very happy to be here," Phillips said.