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HM King Hamad names BQA CEO
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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa yesterday appointed Dr Tariq Mohammed Abdulrahman Al-Sindi as Chief Executive Officer of the Education and Training Quality Authority for a four-year term.

The Prime Minister shall implement the provisions of this decree, which takes immediate effect, and will be published in the Official Gazette.

Coordination Committee



His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, yesterday chaired the 418th meeting of the Coordination Committee remotely. The Coordinating Committee reviewed the developments of the afforestation plan and the latest developments in establishing the American Trade Zone. The meeting also discussed the latest developments in dealing with the Coronavirus (COVID-19) and related procedures.

Iran nuclear deal draft puts prisoners, enrichment, cash first, oil comes later



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No testing, quarantine for travellers @ airport

Bahrain ends precautionary quarantine for contacts of active COVID-19 cases

- Tests are only for those having symptoms
- Decision valid also for those without "Green shields" on BeAware application

The Civil Aviation Affairs announces an update to the Kingdom of Bahrain's health entry procedures at Bahrain International Airport. Starting from Sunday, 20 February 2022.

- All passengers arriving in the Kingdom of Bahrain do not need to conduct a PCR test upon arrival.
- Cancellation of the precautionary quarantine for all passengers arriving in the Kingdom of Bahrain.

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Starting Sunday, people who are contacts of active COVID-19 cases, including those who do not have a "Green Shield" on their BeAware app, are no longer required to stay in quarantine, said the National Medical Taskforce for Combating the COVID-19 pandemic yesterday.

Taskforce officials also said they are limiting the requirement of taking the COVID-19 test to those having symptoms, in a move further easing Coronavirus-related protocols. Following the announcement, the Bahrain Civil Aviation Affairs announced cancelling PCR tests and quarantines for all passengers arriving at the Bah-

rain International Airport to streamline the process of travel for tourists. These new entry procedures and other updates will come into effect on Sunday. Explaining the newly updated procedures, Taskforce officials said people should take COVID-19 tests only if they have symptoms.

First rapid test

Meaning, a person having COVID-19 symptoms should first conduct a rapid COVID-19 test. If the results are positive, that person should go directly to one of the drive-through testing centres for taking a PCR test. Those who turned positive could also reach a private hospital or use BeAware app or call

444 to book an appointment for taking a COVID-19 PCR test. Taskforce statement also clarified that the decision to cancel quarantine for existing contacts follows the previous decision to drop quarantine for those holding a Green Shield on the 'BeAware' app. The new decision, the Taskforce said, is in line with national indicators showing the effectiveness of vaccination and booster dose in raising a person's immunity. The Taskforce further called on all to adhere strictly to preventive measures and other decisions to continue battling the COVID-19 pandemic effectively and preserve the health and safety of all.

Kuwait's emir accepts resignations of defence, interior ministers

Reuters | Kuwait



Kuwait's Emir issued a decree yesterday accepting the resignations of the ministers of interior and defence, the information ministry said on Twitter. The Emiri decree appointed Foreign Minister Sheikh Ahmad Nasser Al-Mohammad Al-Sabah as caretaker defence minister, replacing Sheikh Hamad Jaber al-Sabah, and Oil Minister Mohammad Al-Fares as caretaker interior minister, replacing Sheikh Ahmad Mansour al-Sabah. The current government was appointed in December - the third in 2021 - in a bid to resolve a long-running standoff with the elected parliament that has hindered state efforts for fiscal reform.

Driving the change

Job advt for 30 train drivers attract 28,000 women in Saudi

TDT | agencies

A Saudi Arabian rail company's advertisement seeking 30 female train drivers attracted 28,000 applications. It is the first time such roles have been advertised for women in the kingdom. The successful candidates will drive high-speed trains between the holy cities of Mecca and



Picture courtesy of BBC

academic certificates and English language skills helped it cut applications to half. The company would filter the rest of the list by mid-March, said a Guardian report. Renfe currently employs 80 male drivers in Saudi Arabia and is training another 50. The participation of women in the workforce has almost

doubled over the past five years to 33% in Saudi Arabia, and more women than men entered the workforce in the first half of last year. Saudi Arabia had is-

sued a historic decision allowing women to drive on the 24th of June 2018.



BAHRAIN COVID-19

- TOTAL TESTED: 9246789
- ACTIVE CASES: 43462
- DEATHS: 1433
- DISCHARGED: 436617
- NEW CASES: 3762
- CRITICAL: 18

220 fils (includes VAT)



BDF Commander

Bahrain Defence Force (BDF) Commander-in-Chief Field Marshal Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa inspecting one of the BDF units. The commander in chief received a briefing on the military preparations and the stages of work progress. Shaikh Khalifa valued the efforts of BDF men in protecting the country.

Joint exercise

Lieutenant-General Tariq bin Hassan Al-Hassan, the Head of Public Security at the Public Security Officers Club, inaugurated the activities of the joint security leadership exercise, in the presence of Major General Dr Shaikh Hamad bin Mohammed Al Khalifa, the Assistant Head of Public Security For Operations and Training Affairs, with the participation of various departments of the Ministry of Interior, and Bahrain Defence Force employees. The exercise focused on ensuring the general readiness of all concerned parties.

AIPU meeting

Speaker of the Council of Representatives and Chairperson of the Executive Committee of the parliamentary delegation, Fawzia bint Abdulla Zainal, yesterday addressed the 32nd conference of the Arab Inter-Parliamentary Union (AIPU) held under the theme "Arab Solidarity". The Speaker stressed commitment to Bahrain's firm approach based on cooperation and solidarity, Palestine cause and the urgent need for Arab parliaments to deepen the one-team spirit. She called on to stand united in the face of the Houthi terrorist practices aimed at disturbing Arab security and urged Arab lawmakers to denounce Iran's blatant interference in internal affairs.

Indian Ambassador

Dr Abdullatif bin Rashid Al Zayani, Minister of Foreign Affairs, received yesterday at the Ministry's headquarters, Piyush Shrivastav, the Ambassador of India to Bahrain. Discussions focused on historical ties that unites Bahrain and India and boosting ties to broader horizons, enhancing opportunities for bilateral cooperation and issues of common interest. Ambassador Fatima Abdullah Al Dhaen, the Head of the Afro-Asian Affairs Sector at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, was present.

No dispute over the mechanism of dialogue with Qatar: Foreign Minister

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Dr Abdul Latif bin Rashid Al Zayani, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, yesterday denied Bahrain having any dispute with Qatar over the mechanism of dialogue to settle unresolved issues.

Bahrain, the minister said, is committed to the declaration of the 41st Gulf Cooperation Council summit in Al-Ula, Saudi Arabia.

During his meeting with the editors-in-chief of local newspapers yesterday, the ministry clarified that the delay in restoring ties with Qatar is due to a lack of agreement on mechanisms for resolving the dispute.

"But, there is no dispute over bilateral dialogue mechanism," the minister stressed.



The minister explained that the Kingdom invited the Qatari side three times but elicited zero response.

Bahrain, he said, suggested holding the bilateral meeting of the technical committee at the headquarters of the General Secretariat of the Gulf Cooperation Council in Riyadh.

The Cooperation Council had informed Doha about Bahrain's request, but they are yet to respond to this proposal.

iGA CE chairs inaugural meeting of 'Taqyeem 3'

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Information & eGovernment Authority (iGA) Chief Executive, Mohammed Ali Al Qaed, yesterday chaired the inaugural meeting of the Taqyeem Committee, following a decision to restructure it.

The committee will continue to be chaired by Al Qaed, with members Dr Raed Shams, Yousif Mohammed Al Binkhalil, Dr Hamad Ebrahim Abdulla, Osama Saleh Hashem Al Alawi, Shaikh Muath bin Duaij Al Khalifa, Dr Mohammed Abdulla Baqer, Nada Abdulmajeed Al Qassab, Hussain Ali Al Shehab, Fadheela Ebrahim Mohammed Al Akram, and Ahmed Abd El Hay Al Awadhi.

Al Qaed thanked the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, HRH Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, for issuing the decision to restructure the committee.



The committee discussed the nomination of the Bahrain Institute of Public Administration Director-General, Dr Raed Mohammed bin Shams, as Deputy Chairman and Ahmed Al Awadhi as Rapporteur, and the third cycle of the 'government service centre evaluation programme' up for implementation through April 2022.

They also reviewed the results of field visits set to continue until the middle of this month to 88 customer service centres belonging to 18 government entities.

The 'mystery shopper' programme will also continue and will award the best centres. Discussions also focused on restructuring the central team, which consists of representatives of government entities that do not provide direct services to the public.

Jaffari Endowments auctions seven residential complexes; attracts 75 bids

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The Chairman of the Jaffari Endowments Council, Youssef bin Saleh Al-Saleh, announced receiving 75 bids for seven housing complexes in the Northern Governorate yesterday.

The public auction, Al Saleh said, was broadcast live on the administration's digital channels in the presence of members of the Jaffari Endowments Council and Muhammad Jaafar Al-Husseini, the Director of the Jaffari Endowments Department.

Al Saleh said the Jaffari Endowments is moving forward with offering real estate for leasing and investment through auctions.

"With these steps, we seek to enhance governance, transparency and equal opportuni-



ties for investors and tenants and strengthen their ties with official authorities," said Al Saleh.

He stressed, "We are working actively to develop coordination and cooperation with economic authorities and the business sector."

Muhammad Al-Hussaini, Director of the Jaffari Endow-

ments Department, said they yesterday opened 75 bids received for auctioning seven residential complexes in the Northern governorate.

The Investment Management and Endowment Real Estate Department will study the opened bids to make recommendations to the council for approval.

Charity fest

The 23rd edition a charity festival opened doors in the presence of Sheikha Marwa bint Abdulrahman Al Khalifa, Bahrain Mother and Child Society president, Sheikha Hind Bint Salman Al Khalifa, Sheikha Thajba bint Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, wife of Sheikh Salman bin Abdullah Al Khalifa, Chairman of the Survey and Real Estate Registration Authority, yesterday at Harbour Row - Horizon. Several Bahraini institutions, shops and business owners are participating in the expo. Sheikha Hind said the market reflects the productive capabilities of Bahraini women and their ability to contribute to the economic development of the Kingdom.

Not a ban or warning, but for a healthy lifestyle: MoH issues clarification on cheese products circular

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In a clarification issued on Wednesday, the Health Ministry said a circular issued by Health Promotion Department regarding a "cheese product" was not a ban or warning against its consumption, but a guideline for pursuing healthy lifestyles.

The guidelines, MoH statements said, include health information and facts from recognised sources for moderating and balancing eating habits.

It aims at enhancing physical activity and reducing foods and drinks that pose health risks when consumed in higher quantities or in a way harmful to health.

The products, the ministry said, available in the markets of the Kingdom follow relevant certification procedures approved by the GCC nations.

"Such products also come with a health card for consumers to know the ingredients used."

The components included in cheese or "cheese-like" products can be identified by reading the list of ingredients on the packet to ensure health benefits.

The statement said that the ministry puts the health of individuals on top priority and seeks to help them change unhealthy behaviours through awareness programmes.

Fatima Al Kooheji named Chairperson of AIPU Woman and Child Committee

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The Shura Council member, Dr Fatima Abdulljabbar Al Kooheji, has been elected Chairperson of the Woman and Child Committee of the Arab Inter-Parliamentary Union (AIPU).

The election took place during the participation of the Bahraini parliamentary delegation, led by Representatives Council Speaker Fawzia bint Abdulla Zainal, in the 32nd conference of AIPU being held in Cairo under the theme "Arab Solidarity".

During the Woman and Child Committee meeting, Dr Al Kooheji underlined the importance of activating the role of women in Arab societies, pointing out the need to boost their participation in international gatherings.

Use Anaerobic fermentation to manage biodegradable waste, says AGU expert

● **AF will help Bahrain produce 213.3 gigawatt-hours of electricity annually**

● **To produce 107,050 tons of compost**

● **Stop 536,000 tons equivalent of Carbon dioxide annually**

TDT | Manama



Participants at the 14th Gulf Water Conference in Riyadh

Implementing anaerobic fermentation (AF) technology to manage biodegradable waste and sewage waste in Bahrain would help curb the production of 536,000 tons equivalent of Carbon dioxide annually, said a top expert from Arabian Gulf University.

Dr Sumaya Youssef of the Arabian Gulf University said the technology would also help

Bahrain produce approximately 213.3 gigawatt-hours of electricity and earn \$4,265,950 annually from its sales.

The Head of the Natural Resources and Environment Department at AUB said this while presenting a study on the feasibility of anaerobic fermentation technology for managing organic waste and sludge from wastewater treatment plants in Bahrain and biogas production at the 14th Gulf Water Conference in Riyadh.

Dr Youssef pointed out that sewage generated from landfill wastewater treatment plants

emits methane, a greenhouse gas 25 times more powerful than carbon dioxide, for its ability to cause global warming.

In this regard, Dr Youssef called on the decision-makers to utilise anaerobic fermentation technology to manage biodegradable waste in Bahrain, especially for sewage sludge.

Production of biogas, the doctor said, is a promising source of renewable energy for Bahrain.

The anaerobic fermentation facility for treating biodegradable waste that goes to landfills annually would help generate approximately 213.3 gigawatt-hours of electricity and annual revenue of \$4,265,950 from electricity sales.

The second source of revenue from this project would be through the sales of compost produced along with biofuels. "This would generate revenues in the range of \$64,2301, considering that each tonnes of organic water produces 0.2 tonnes of the digester."

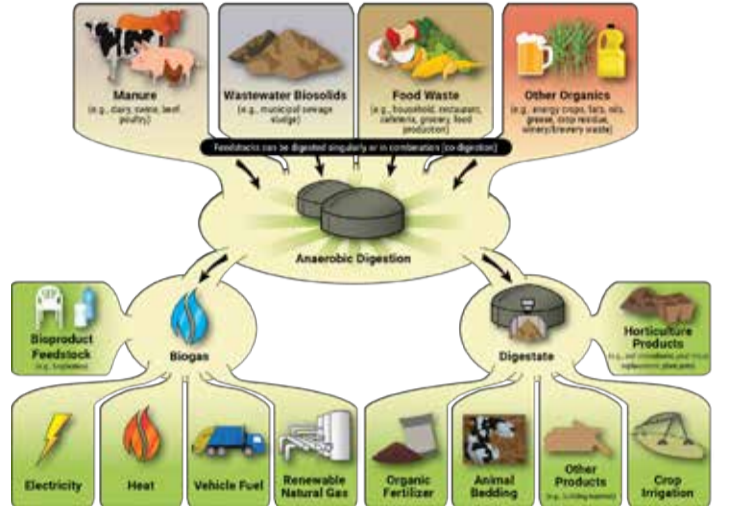
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This figure illustrates the flow of feedstocks through the AD system to produce biogas and digestate. (Courtesy of United States Environmental Protection Agency).

"This project is expected to produce 107,050 tons of compost, at an international selling price of \$6 per tonnes."

The project, Dr Youssef said, would save about \$8.47 million annually in backfill costs in the landfill.

It would also result in direct environmental benefits achieved by stopping biodegradable waste in the landfill, which amounts to about 536,000 tons equivalent of Carbon dioxide annually, through an anaerobic fermentation plant.



What is anaerobic digestion technology?

Anaerobic digestion is a process through which bacteria break down organic matter—such as animal manure, wastewater biosolids, and food wastes—in the absence of oxygen. Multiple organic materials can be combined in one digester, a practice called co-digestion. The anaerobic process removes the bulk of COD (Chemical Oxygen Demand) from the wastewater by converting it into biogas (= methane + carbon dioxide) at low operational costs.

Anaerobic digestion is particularly suited to organic material, and is commonly used for industrial effluent, wastewater and sewage sludge treatment.

How does anaerobic digestion make electricity?

To get electricity from anaerobic digestion, we burn the biogas in generators. While this does produce CO₂, it's still a renewable, carbon-neutral process. ... By capturing the methane and converting it to CO₂, we generate electricity while preventing methane from escaping into the atmosphere.



The Minister of Foreign Affairs, Dr Abdullah bin Rashid Al-Zayani, held discussions yesterday at the ministry with the editors-in-chief of local newspapers. Akhbar Al-Khaleej Editor-in-Chief, Anwar Abdulrahman, Editor-in-Chief of Al-Ayyam, Issa Al-Shayji, Editor-in-chief of Al-Bilad, Mounis Al-Mardi, and Editor-in-Chief of Al-Watan, Ihab Ahmed, were present. The minister briefed the latest developments and diplomatic efforts made to implement the foreign policy of Bahrain at the regional and international levels. The meeting was also attended by the Undersecretary for Political Affairs, Ambassador Dr Shaikh Abdulla bin Ahmed bin Abdulla Al Khalifa, the Chief Executive Officer of the National Communication Centre (NCC), Yousif Mohammed Albinkhalil, the Director-General of Ministry Affairs, Ambassador Talal Abdulsalam Al-Ansari, the NCC's Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Ahmed Khalid Al Oraifi, and the Acting Chief of Communications at the ministry, Dr Ismaeel Naji Al-Ameen.

Court cases

Publishing Fake news: Public Prosecution releases 'Delmon Post' official on bail

TDT | Manama

Public Prosecution said it is investigating *Delmon post*, an online news website, for allegedly publishing a fabricated news piece on a meeting between local societies and a foreign party.

Without naming the person under investigation, the Prosecution said they had released

The online news website allegedly published a new piece on a meeting between local societies and a foreign party, which the societies later denied.

the person on bail, pending further investigation.

The statement said he gained his release on "the guarantee of his place of residence."

Interior Ministry, in a statement, earlier announced referring a person in charge of an online news website to the Public Prosecution for publishing fake news.

The investigation follows the

statements issued by members in the said meeting denying claims made by the *Delmon Post*.

The Public Prosecution statement said that the news published on the website is bound to inflict damage to the public interest of Bahrain.

Prosecutors questioned the man facing the accusation in the presence of the President of the Bahrain Journalists Association.

Dilmun expo @ Louvre in Paris

TDT | Paris

Bahrain's Ambassador in Paris Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa yesterday held talks with the Director of the Musée des Arts Décoratifs, Olivier Gabet, on the upcoming Dilmun exhibition at the Louvre in Paris.

This came as Shaikh Khalifa visited the Les Arts Décoratifs in Paris. Decoratifs is closing its "Cartier and Islamic Arts" exhibition sponsored by the Louvre and Cartier Foundation.

The exhibition sheds light on the contribution of Islamic arts to modernity in the West.

Shaikh Khalifa toured the section featuring pieces made using Bahraini pearls.

The upcoming Dilmun exhibition at the Louvre in Paris comes in response to a bilateral agreement on the sidelines of the last visit of His Majesty the King to France.

Évelyn Possémé, the chief curator at the Musée des Arts



Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa at "Cartier and Islamic Arts" expo



Décoratifs, underlined the importance of Jacques Cartier's visits to Bahrain to look for authentic pearls, referencing the photo he took himself, showing his mission to make direct connections with pearl merchants.

The exhibition includes a section on "Jacques Cartier in India and Bahrain". Jewellery on display has Bahraini pearls, which Jacques Cartier was looking for in the Kingdom.

The section also reviews archival documents and historical photos of pearl fishing and trade in Bahrain documented in



the archives of Jacques Cartier during his visit to Bahrain during the years 1911 and 1912.

TENDER NOTICE

The Embassy of India, Bahrain invites bids/ quotations from reputed firms for supply of 04 (four) Local Security Guards for manning its Chancery cum Residential Complex. For details, please check the Tenders page of the Embassy's website at <http://eoibahrain.gov.in/> or send email to hoc.bahrain@mea.gov.in

UAE, India to sign trade, investment deal today

● UAE's Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan and Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi will witness the signing of CEPA

Reuters | Dubai

The United Arab Emirates and India will sign a trade and investment agreement today during a virtual summit attended by the countries' two leaders, the UAE and Indian local media said.

UAE's Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan and Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi will witness the signing of the UAE-India Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA),



India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi (R) extends his hand for a handshake with Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed al-Nahyan, Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi and UAE's deputy commander-in-chief of the armed forces during a photo opportunity ahead of their meeting at Hyderabad House in New Delhi, India

UAE state news agency WAM and several Indian newspapers reported.

India's foreign ministry spokesperson Arindam Bagchi told a news conference on

The agreement will "usher in a new era of economic cooperation and unlock greater avenues for trade and investment," WAM said late on Wednesday.

Thursday he did not want to prejudge the outcome of the meeting between the two leaders, adding the ministry would make more information available on Friday.

"Relations with the United Arab Emirates have really seen a deepening and a transformation over the last few years," he said.

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Oil slides 2% as Iran talks offset Ukraine crisis

● US and France say Iran nuclear talks in final stages

● Russia-Ukraine tensions still simmering

● US says war appears imminent after shelling in Ukraine

● US says Ukraine shelling is pretext for Russian invasion

Reuters | New York

Oil prices fell about 2% yesterday as talks to resurrect a nuclear deal with Iran entered their final stages and could unlock more crude supplies, but losses were limited by tension between top energy exporter Russia and the West over Ukraine.

"(The) oil market is locked in a tug of war between Iranian sanctions relief and Russian-Ukraine tensions," said Stephen Brennock at brokerage PVM Oil.

Brent futures fell \$1.84, or 1.9%, to settle at \$92.97 a barrel, while US West Texas Intermediate (WTI) crude fell \$1.90, or 2.0%, to settle at \$91.76.

Both benchmarks rose to their highest levels since September 2014 earlier in the week and both continue to face extreme backwardation in coming months, a market structure where prompt contracts are more expensive than those for later dates, indicating supply tightness.

Futures for Brent and WTI through August were in what Robert Yawger, executive director of energy futures at Mizuho, has called "super-backwardation" with each month trading at least \$1 a barrel below the prior month.

Gold jumps, stocks slide

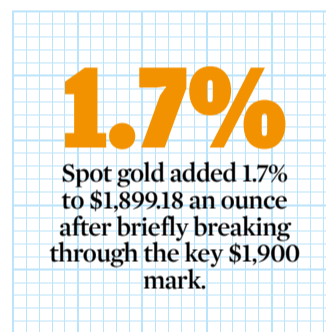
Reuters | New York

Gold prices jumped to an eight-month high and safe-haven debt rose on Thursday after US President Joe Biden said there was every indication Russia planned to attack Ukraine, while Moscow accused Washington of ignoring its security demands.

A gauge of global equities fell more than 1% despite strong corporate earnings in Europe as the Ukraine standoff deepened. Russian-backed separatists and Ukrainian forces accused each other of firing shells across a cease-fire line and Britain said Russia sought to fabricate a pretext to invade.

US and German government bond yields fell and oil slid as talks to resurrect a nuclear deal with Iran entered their final stages, which could unlock more crude supplies. Losses were capped by the tension between top energy exporter Russia and the West.

The pan-European STOXX 600 index (.STOXX) closed down 0.69% while MSCI's



gauge of stocks across the globe (.MIWD0000PUS) shed 1.27%. On Wall Street, the Dow Jones Industrial Average (.DJI) fell 1.51%, the S&P 500 (.SPX) lost 1.76% and the Nasdaq Composite (.IXIC) dropped 2.36%. Overnight in Asia, MSCI's broadest index of Asia-Pacific shares (.MIAP0000PUS) eked out a 0.15% rise.

Spot gold added 1.7% to \$1,899.18 an ounce after briefly breaking through the key \$1,900 mark. The dollar initially rose against most currencies but gains subsided and it later was marginally lower - suggesting investors were not yet panicking about the Russia-Ukraine tensions.

Trump app opens to hundreds of testers ahead of expected launch

Reuters

Details about former US President Donald Trump's new social media app are trickling out as about 500 beta testers have begun using an early version of "Truth Social," two sources told Reuters.

The testing of Truth Social comes a year after Trump was banned from Facebook (FB.O), Twitter (TWTR.N) and Alphabet's (GOOGL.O) YouTube. His new media and technology venture, Trump Media & Technology Group (TMTG), has pledged to deliver an "engaging and censorship-free experience" on the app, which Chief Executive Devin Nunes has said will launch by the end of March. [read more](#)

Liz Willis, a correspondent and vice president of operations at Right Side Broadcasting Network, told Reuters she received an email Tuesday stating that "T Media Tech LLC has invited you to test Truth Social."

Willis was able to download the app on her iPhone through the beta testing site TestFlight, the Apple-owned product that developers use prior to launching their apps in the App Store. Users have been posting on this version of Truth Social for the past 24 hours, Willis said Wednesday morning.

Wayne Dupree, founder of WayneDupree.com and host of a conservative podcast, is also



among the app's beta testers.

"I can see my participation in Truth Social outgrowing Twitter because it seems I am not suppressed like I have been on Twitter, since 2016," said Dupree, who added there was currently no edit button.

"I want to share my single dad chronicles. I want my followers to see I am more than politics and I feel Truth Social is going to allow my audience to see me as Twitter purposely does not."

Twitter has repeatedly denied its platform is politically biased.

By late Wednesday, Trump's account on Truth Social had 317 followers, according to a screenshot viewed by Reuters. Trump had 88 million followers before Twitter banned him.

Truth Social allows users to post and share a "truth" the same way they would do so with a tweet. There are no ads, according to Willis and a second source familiar with TMTG.

Users choose who they follow and the feed is a mix of individual posts and an RSS-like news feed. They will be alerted if someone mentions or begins following them.

According to a screenshot, the app says that "A new direct messaging experience will be available soon. Please stay tuned."

BETTER YOU KNOW

Trump's account shows one "truth" that he posted three days ago, verified at the account of @realDonaldTrump with a red check and with the message: "Get Ready! Your favorite President will see you soon!"

Airbus hopes for 'amicable solution' in Qatar plane dispute

Reuters | Paris

Airbus hopes to reach an amicable solution in a row with Qatar Airways over damage to the surface of A350 passenger jets, Chief Executive Guillaume Faury said yesterday.

The two companies have been locked in a months-long dispute over paint erosion and deterioration to anti-lightning protection on the long-haul jets, which Airbus has acknowledged need attention while insisting the problems do not put safety at risk.

Qatar Airways has sued Airbus for more than \$600 million and is refusing to take delivery of further A350s until its regulator receives formal analysis of the problem.

Airbus, which has said Qatar Airways mischaracterised the flaws and misinterpreted the



contract, has revoked contracts for two of the jets and a separate Qatar order for 50 of the plane-maker's A321neo jets.

"We had to make the decision to exercise our rights," Faury told analysts.

"This decision followed many attempts to find mutually beneficial solutions and we continue to hope for an amicable

solution." Qatar Airways declined to comment. Both sides have pledged to defend their positions in what is seen as an exceptionally rare public dispute in the secretive planemaking industry.

Experts say Qatar Airways is expected to seek a court ruling that would prevent Airbus from

cancelling the A321 deal, though it has also ordered at least 25 competing Boeing 737 MAX jets.

The Airbus decision to revoke the separate contract for the in-demand A321 alarmed some airline executives, including the head of the International Air Transport Association (IATA), who issued a warning that planemakers should not exploit market strength.

Airbus has faced reports that it has taken a tough general line on deliveries during the crisis, though its sales chief emphasised at an air show this week that it had worked with airlines to accommodate hundreds of changes to schedules.

"I would like to say as well that for us at Airbus the relationship with our customers is of the utmost importance and we will continue to work hard to service them," Faury said.

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Bahrain Cinema Company B.S.C.

Recommendation of Declaration of Dividends

The Board of Directors of Bahrain Cinema Company B.S.C. resolved, at its meeting held on 17th February, 2022, to recommend the distribution of dividend for the year ending 31st December 2021 to the shareholders whose names are registered on the Company's register on the Record Date. This is subject to the approval of the Company's shareholders at the upcoming Annual General Meeting. The proposed distribution is as follows:

a) Cash Dividend: 15% of share nominal value, equivalent to 15 fils per share amounting to BD 1,183,706

Below are the key dates to be taken note of:

Event	Date
General Meeting Date <i>(Shareholders' approval date)</i>	27-03-2022
Cum-Dividend Date <i>(Last day of trading with entitlement to dividends)</i>	28-03-2022
Ex-Dividend Date <i>(First day of trading without entitlement to dividends)</i>	29-03-2022
Record Date <i>(The Day on which all shareholders whose names are on the share register will be entitled to dividends)</i>	30-03-2022
Payment Date <i>(The Day on which the dividends will be paid to the entitled shareholders)</i>	11-04-2022

DR. ESAM ABDULLA FAKHRO
CHAIRMAN

News in brief

Burkina Faso coup leader Damiba sworn in as president



Burkina Faso's military leader Paul-Henri Damiba was sworn in as president on Wednesday, weeks after leading a successful coup, and he promised to deal with the mounting insecurity that helped oust his predecessor. Damiba led a military junta that on Jan. 24 overthrew President Roch Kabore, citing Kabore's inability to curb an Islamist insurgency that has killed thousands of people and forced more than one million people to flee their homes in the West African country.

An influential cardinal opened a Vatican symposium on the priesthood Thursday apologising for "unworthy ministers" and the cover-up of child sexual abuse by Catholic clergy, before an audience that included Pope Francis. Canadian Cardinal Marc Ouellet acknowledged that "we are all torn and humbled by these crucial questions that every day question us as members of the Church", with Francis at his side in the Vatican's vast Paul VI Hall.

Cardinal slams abuse cover-ups at Vatican priest forum



Sydney beaches close after first fatal shark attack in 60 years



Several Sydney beaches, including the iconic Bondi and Bronte, were shut down yesterday after a swimmer was killed in a shark attack, the first such fatality at the city's beaches in nearly 60 years. Drum lines, which are used to bait sharks, have been set up near the attack site while drones have been deployed as officials search for if the shark is still in the area.

A Bulgarian nationalist MEP gave a Nazi salute in the chamber of the European Parliament in Strasbourg on Wednesday, sparking outrage after he spoke during a debate on the rule of law in Poland and Hungary. Going up the steps that lead to the exit of the hemicycle, Angel Dzhambazki of the eurosceptic ECR group can be seen on a video of the debate turning around and extending his right arm in front of him for a few seconds before leaving.

Bulgarian MEP gives Nazi salute in European Parliament



Bill Gates visits Pakistan to discuss polio eradication with PM Khan



Microsoft Corp co-founder turned philanthropist Bill Gates visited Pakistan yesterday, meeting with Prime Minister Imran Khan to discuss polio eradication in one of the last two countries of the world where the virus is endemic. "This is the final, and hardest, phase of the eradication effort, but by keeping up the momentum and staying vigilant, Pakistan has an opportunity to make history by ending polio for good," Gates said in a statement. "Pakistan's commitment to ending polio is inspiring."

COVID-19: Countries worst affected

Country	Total cases	Total deaths	Global tally
1 USA	79,808,643	952,603	419,414,571
2 India	42,754,315	510,441	
3 Brazil	27,812,210	640,868	
4 France	21,976,290	135,855	5,874,157
5 UK	18,499,058	160,221	
6 Russia	14,840,502	343,173	Recovered: 342,931,119
7 Turkey	13,266,265	91,646	
8 Germany	13,065,825	121,341	New cases: +1,454,073
9 Italy	12,323,398	152,282	
10 Spain	10,778,607	97,710	New deaths: +5,657
11 Argentina	8,783,208	124,765	
12 Iran	6,894,110	134,420	
13 Colombia	6,031,130	137,586	
14 Netherlands	5,963,238	21,449	

Middle East

Figures as of closing

Country	Total cases	new cases	Total deaths	New Deaths	Total recovered	Active cases
Egypt	461,299		23,519		393,254	44,526
Saudi Arabia	735,958	+1,569	8,978	+1	704,896	22,084
UAE	872,210	+895	2,290	+1	811,632	58,288
Kuwait	607,952		2,524		575,803	29,625
Oman	372,060	+1,440	4,225	+4	349,666	18,169
Qatar	352,894	+447	660	+2	345,636	6,598

War imminent, says US

Biden says war appears imminent after shelling on front line

Zelenskiy calls shelling 'big provocation'

Kremlin says it is seriously concerned

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An interior view shows a kindergarten, which according to Ukraine's military officials was damaged by shelling, in Stanytsia Luhanska in the Luhansk region, Ukraine

War drums are beating louder and louder on the Ukraine front-line, with Kyiv and its Western allies fearing an assault soon as reports emerge of shelling across the Ukraine front line.

US President Joe Biden said yesterday there was now every indication Russia was planning to invade Ukraine.

He accused Moscow of carrying out a false flag operation to justify invasion after Ukrainian forces and pro-Moscow rebels traded fire.

Moscow, for its part, ejected the number two official from the US embassy and released a strongly worded letter to the United States accusing Washington of ignoring its security demands.

"We have reason to believe they are engaged in a false flag operation to have an excuse to

go in. Every indication we have is they're prepared to go into Ukraine and attack Ukraine," Biden told reporters as he departed the White House.

Biden ordered Secretary of State Antony Blinken to change his travel plans at the last minute to speak at a United Nations Security Council meeting on Ukraine.

"The evidence on the ground is that Russia is moving toward an imminent invasion. This is a crucial moment," US Ambassador to the United Nations, Linda Thomas-Greenfield, told reporters.

"We see them fly in more combat and support aircraft. We see them sharpen their readiness in the Black Sea,"

Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin said at NATO headquarters



Russia denies planning to invade its neighbour and said this week it was pulling back some of the more than 100,000 troops it has massed near the frontier. Washington says Russia is not withdrawing, but in fact sending more forces.

in Brussels. "We even see them stocking up their blood supplies."

Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelenskiy said the pro-Russian forces had shelled a kindergarten, in what he called a "big provocation".

Builders find 2,000-year-old Roman cemetery in Gaza

Reuters | Gaza

A 2,000-year-old Roman cemetery containing at least 20 ornately decorated graves has been uncovered near the shoreline in the northern Gaza Strip, with the antiquities ministry calling it the most important local discovery of the



Alexander the Great as well as a Mongol invasion. Twenty Roman graves have been located so far and the team expect to unearth 80 in total within the 50-square-meter cemetery. Only two graves have been opened, one contained skeletal remains and some clay jars.

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Bahraini press frameworks on Biden's Iran p

Dr Nooh Khalifa highlights the importance of America's tender

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In his scientific study 'Bahrain Land America: Developments of the Alliance in Security and Peace Issues Between the Reigns of Joe Biden and Ronald Reagan', researcher Dr Nooh Khalifa highlighted the importance of America's control of the Iranian regime's multiple wars in the Arab region, which aim to protect Iran's escalating nuclear military ambitions.

Dr Nooh indicated that the extensive coverage of Bahraini newspapers on US President Joe Biden's policies towards the Iranian threats in the region formed

a fertile field of effect that adheres to the course of long-standing historical Arab-American relations of solidarity in addition to requirements of major powers in the region - which include undermining developments of the Iranian nuclear program and transgressions.

"The press materials that highlighted the Iranian expansionist and missile chaos formed factors that pushed the direction of security solutions towards new alternatives," stated Dr Khalifa. "These materials recorded a percentage close to the percentage registered for content highlighting nuclear negotiations - which occupied the top position - and included attempts to influence the course of President Biden's policies."

"The majority of press material published in Bahraini newspapers on Iranian threats during President Joe Biden's era focused on the negotiations of the nuclear program as a major focus for changing America's policies in the region - with a percentage of 41.3%."



Dr Nooh Khalifa

"The content that focused on Iranian threats - which formed factors tending towards new alternatives for security solutions - occupied the second rank with a rate of 34.9%." Dr Khalifa also added that content focused on lifting sanctions ranked third as determinants of confidence in Washington's policies at 23.8%.

According to Dr Khalifa, the study revealed that 49.2% of the press material published in Bahraini newspapers about America's policy towards Iranian threats - under US President Joe Biden -

The responsibility frameworks elicited an anticipated security commitment from President Joe Biden and made undermining Iran's terrorism a priority

employed strategic frameworks to highlight the importance of an early reciprocal pace of solidarity between the Biden Administration and the Gulf states.

He added that this preserves the intertwined national security interests between both nations who are historically linked by economical and security interests.

"This became evident as the newspapers highlighted President Joe Biden's tendency to consult with allies and put additional restrictions after returning to the nuclear agreement," added Dr Khalifa.

Iran nuclear enrichment

Delegates say much o

Measures to be implemented in phases, diplomats say

First phase includes Iran suspending enrichment above 5%

Unfreezing Iranian cash, releasing prisoners also at start

Reuters | Vienna

A US-Iranian deal taking shape to revive Iran's 2015 nuclear agreement with world powers lays out phases of mutual steps to bring both sides back into full compliance, and the first does not include waivers on oil sanctions, diplomats say.

Envoys from Iran, Russia, China, Britain, France, Germany, the European Union and United States are still negotiating details of the draft accord amid Western warnings that time is running out before the original deal becomes obsolete. Delegates say much of the text is settled but some thorny issues remain.

The broad objective is to return to the original bargain of lifting sanctions against Iran, including ones that have slashed its crucial oil sales, in exchange for restrictions on its nuclear activities that extend the time it would need to produce enough enriched uranium for an atomic bomb if it chose to.

1519

Hernán Cortés leaves Cuba for the Yucatan Peninsula, Mexico with 11 ships and 500 men

1678

John Bunyan's "Pilgrim's Progress" is published in Holborn, London, by Nathaniel Ponder

1861

King Victor Emmanuel II of Sardinia becomes first King of Italy



1885

Mark Twain publishes the "Adventures of Huckleberry Finn" in the US

Nuclear deal draft puts prisoners, payment, cash first, oil comes later

Most of the text is settled but some thorny issues remain



Iran's chief nuclear negotiator Ali Bagheri Kani speaks to the press in Vienna

Iran has breached many of those restrictions and pushed well beyond them in response to the US withdrawal from the deal in 2018 and its reimposition of sanctions under then-President Donald Trump. While the 2015 deal capped uranium enrichment at 3.67 percent fissile purity, Iran is now enriching to up to 60 percent, close to weapons grade.

Iran insists its aims are wholly peaceful and that it wants to master nuclear technology for civil uses. But Western powers say no other state has enriched to such a high level without developing nuclear weapons and Iran's advances since the US walkout mean the 2015 deal will soon be totally hollowed out.

The draft text of the agreement, which is more than 20 pages long, stipulates a sequence of steps to be implemented once it has been approved by the remaining parties to the deal, starting with a phase including Iran suspending enrichment above 5 percent puri-

ty, three diplomats familiar with negotiations said.

The text also alludes to other measures that diplomats say include unfreezing about \$7 billion in Iranian funds stuck in South Korean banks under US sanctions, as well as the release of Western prisoners held in Iran, which US lead negotiator Robert Malley has suggested is a requirement for a deal.

Only once that initial wave of measures has been taken and confirmed would the main phase of sanctions-lifting begin, culminating in what many diplomats call Re-Implementation Day - a nod to the original deal's Implementation Day, when the last nuclear and sanctions-related measures fell into place.

The duration of these phases has not yet been agreed, and the text includes an X for the number of days between the milestone days such as Re-Implementation Day, diplomats say.

Various officials have estimat-

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Diplomats involved in the talks, which began 10 months ago, have said it remains unclear whether an agreement will indeed be reached, citing the now hackneyed principle that nothing is agreed until everything is agreed

ed the time from an agreement until Re-Implementation Day at between one and three months.

Iran will return to core nuclear limits like the 3.67 percent cap on enrichment purity, diplomats said.

Oil waivers

As in the original deal, officially called the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA), the new agreement entails the United States granting waivers to sanctions on Iran's lifeblood oil sector rather than lifting them outright. That requires renewing the waivers every few months.

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French Foreign Minister Jean-Yves Le Drian said on Wednesday Iran must decide within a matter of days whether to take the leap, and other officials have said the next couple of days will be crucial.

The Middle Eastern diplomat

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Stubborn issues that remain include Iran's demand that the United States guarantee it will not withdraw again. Western officials say this is impossible to give an iron-clad assurance on given the difficulty in binding future governments

and an Iranian official indicated, however, that Tehran was prepared to accept a lesser measure - that in the event of a US violation of the pact, Iran would be allowed to enrich to up to 60 percent purity again.

The Islamic Republic and Western powers have previously clashed over whether the US withdrawal gave Iran the right to breach the deal under the original text, as Tehran did, as well as over what constitutes a breach.

Middle Eastern officials said.

Policy highlights solidarity between US and the Kingdom

to control Iran's wars which are aimed towards protecting its nuclear ambitions



Dr Nooh Khalifa's book cover

"President Joe Biden's national security advisor - Jake Sullivan - stressed the importance of negotiating Iran's pre-nuclear missile program in addition to warnings by officials of Iranian chaos."

Dr Khalifa highlighted the importance of the Gulf States' direction to control Iran's expansionist wars in Arab regions backed by its missile power within efforts to protect its nuclear ambitions.

He also highlighted the importance of America's efforts to control Iran's nuclear transgressions on two parallel levels.

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The conflict frameworks highlighted fears of Iran emulating President Joe Biden's negotiation directions to make progress which leads to limiting the available options

"27% of the press material used conflict frameworks to highlight the escalating danger of the Iranian regime against Israel and America after the failures of favoring the nuclear agreement in 2015 under the Obama administration," added Dr Khalifa.

"The conflict framework highlighted the warning of 2,000 retired Israeli military officials against rushing to the nuclear agreement because it failed to

undermine Iran's terrorism, halt uranium enrichment, and endanger Israel."

"Iranian military chaos also threatened American interests in the region seen through the attack on the American military bases and the threats to carry out retaliatory attacks such as the assassination of former US President Donald Trump."

Dr Khalifa added that press material revealed the low aspirations of Gulf States regarding the ability of the nuclear agreement to reassure them.

He highlighted that there are prevalent fears of the Iranian regime's recognition of US President Joe Biden's negotiation tactics which allows Iran to achieve greater field progress and enforce military equations that limit available options.

He noted that 23.8% of press material published in Bahraini newspapers employed responsibility frameworks, calling forth anticipated security commitment from President Biden and prioritizing the undermining of the international Iranian regime.

"An article published in the American Wall Street Journal stated that President Biden's concessions to Iran and the Houthis turned Yemen into a theater for Iranian colonial ambitions," added Dr Khalifa.

"Another article also highlighted that 122 members of the US Congress called on President Joe Biden to condemn the behavior of the Tehran regime against its people as well as the bombing of the Ukrainian airline with two missiles."

"25.4% of content published in Bahraini newspapers employed additional sub-headlines that highlighted Israeli stances against the Iranian nuclear transgressions that encircled the American direction and narrowed its scope."

"The newspapers highlighted more details about President Joe Biden's dealings with Iran's nuclear program such as his intention to ease sanctions after commitment to the terms of the nuclear agreement."

"They also highlighted Israel's insistence to prevent Iran from

obtaining nuclear weaponry in addition to options to deter its threats."

Dr Khalifa further highlighted Israel's tendency to support imposing international sanctions and considering a nuclear-capable Iran an unacceptable challenge to it and to regional stability.

He also noted Israel's insistence that the agreement legitimized Iran's standing on the threshold of becoming a nuclear state strengthened Israel's position as an equal adversary to American power which took a diplomatic position.

In conclusion, Dr Khalifa highlighted that the contents he is presenting are the results of an analytical survey that he conducted on all press materials published in Bahraini newspapers from the first day of US Presidential elections until the end of the first five months of US President Joe Biden's term in office.

He also moved forward to highlight the image of US President Joe Biden during his presidential campaign which he ran against his opponent Donald Trump.



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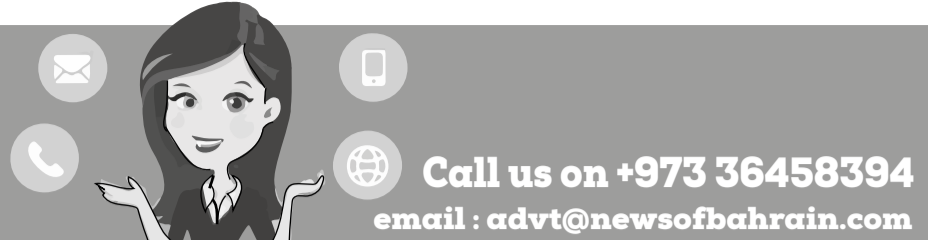


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Mark Wahlberg reflects on 30-pound weight gain for 'Father Stu'

Fox | Los Angeles

For Mark Wahlberg, gaining weight to play a boxer-turned-priest packed a major punch.

On Tuesday, the actor appeared on "The Kyle and Jackie O Show" in Australia where he detailed how he physically prepared for the upcoming film "Father Stu."

"I would say it's easier to stay in shape than it is to get in shape," the former Calvin Klein model admitted. "I put on 30 pounds... that was really difficult. I'm not getting younger."

The 50-year-old chronicled his transformation for his 18.1 million followers on Instagram.

According to the outlet, the star put on the pounds in six weeks for the role.

Back in July, Wahlberg revealed on "The Tonight Show" that stepping away from his

no-nonsense fitness routine wasn't easy.

"Unfortunately, I had to consume, for two weeks, 7,000 calories, and then for another two weeks, 11,000 calories," Wahlberg said at the time. "Even when you're full, I would wake up after a meal to have another meal. I was eating every three hours. It was not fun."

The father of four remarked that gaining and losing weight for a role has become harder with age.

"Once the metabolism starts to slow down, it gets really difficult," Wahlberg explained. "I was trying to get

this movie made for six years, and so I wanted to really make it happen."

"And [I] was also crazy to have financed a lot of it myself," he shared. "So I knew I was on a ticking clock on my own dime, and you get things done pretty quickly when that's the case."

In May, Wahlberg told Jimmy Kimmel he planned to gain 30 pounds in six weeks by eating a "20-piece chicken nugget and 20-piece

hot wings from Kentucky Fried Chicken with a six-pack of beer," as quoted by Men's Health.

The assignment seemed fun for the actor - at first.

"I'm like, 'Dude, I've been on such a regimen for so long, I just want to eat everything in sight,'" said Wahlberg. "I want to go to bakeries, I want to get pancakes. I want to get everything that I could possibly get my hands on."

Wahlberg has since returned to hitting the gym. In January, he posted a video of himself baring his toned torso and biceps.

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Mark Wahlberg

Charlie Cox opens up about being cast in 'Spider-Man: No Way Home'

ANI | Washington

Actor Charlie Cox of 'Daredevil' fame has opened up about the phone call he received from Marvel studio boss Kevin Feige about joining 'Spider-Man: No Way Home'.

During an interview with The Hollywood Reporter, Cox recalled that he did not anticipate hearing the voice of studio boss Feige when he picked up the phone in June 2020. "You never know. It was wild," he said of the surprising moment.

"It was a pretty surreal, I'm not going to lie. Bear in mind that it's been a few years. I was pretty convinced it was over," the British actor explained, referring to the 2018 cancellation of his Netflix series 'Daredevil'.

Cox revealed, "Kevin said, 'We've got some ideas, but I wanted to make sure that you, in principle, are interested.' And I was like, 'I'm very interested.' And then I didn't hear from anyone for two months. And I got to the point where I wondered if I dreamt it."

Lucky for him, it wasn't a dream. He was secretly brought in to the 'No Way Home' set, wearing a giant cloak, to film a scene with Tom Holland and Marisa Tomei.

"I felt pretty comfortable being able to fit into that scene. I played the character almost every day for four years," Cox said of his role as attorney-turned-vigilante Matt Murdock.

He added, "I feel like his essence is deep within me now. I didn't worry too much about it, but I was still pretty nervous on the day, which I haven't been for a while." The actor also



Prior to the movie's release, Cox had denied his involvement after rumours circulated online that his character was featured in the 'No Way Home' trailer

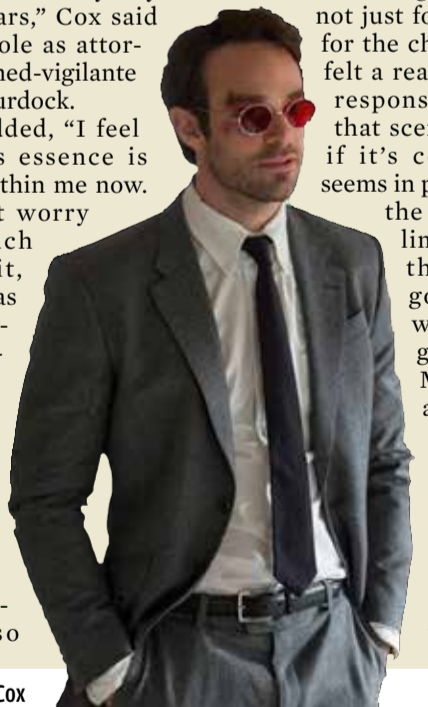
opened up about the challenge after filming the movie of keeping the secret, admitting, "I hate lying."

"But I really don't want to ruin it for anyone. My feeling is, if someone asks you, and you say, 'I don't know ... We'll have to wait and see.' That gives it away! It's obvious! No one is going to say that if you're not in it. I am relieved it's over," he said.

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In his chat with The Hollywood Reporter, Cox shared that he saw the return of Murdock as a victory, which might open more doors for both himself and the character.

"It's a big moment, not just for me, but for the character. I felt a real sense of responsibility. If that scene works, if it's cool, if it seems in place, then the sky's the limit where this could go. And it would be great for Matt. I feel attached to him, even though that sounds a bit strange," he confessed.



Charlie Cox

Rihanna: You will still get music from me

IANs | Los Angeles

Singing sensation Rihanna has said her pregnancy and impending motherhood won't stop her from releasing new music.

She told 'Entertainment Tonight': "Well, yes ... You're still going to get music from me."

When jokingly asked if she will release lullabies, she laughed: "Oh my goodness, not a lullaby. My fans would kill me that they waited this long for a lullaby!"

In December, the 'Talk That Talk' singer promised new music is coming "soon, soon, soon", reports femalefirst.co.uk.

In an exchange with a paparazzi, who asked: "Any new music? Anything?", she replied: "Soon soon soon."

Rihanna previously promised her new album will be 'worth the wait', while she has teased fans can expect a "completely

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RIHANNA

different sound".

The 'Rude Boy' hitmaker said she is "always" working on her music and despite fans' pleas for her to share her latest material, she wants to wait until she's completely satisfied.

She said: "I'm always working on new music. Just because I haven't released an album in a few years doesn't mean I haven't been working on it. I'm not just going to put music out because people are craving it. I'm going to make it worth the wait - and it will be worth the wait."



Rihanna

Kanye West pens apology for 'harassing' Kim Kardashian on social media

ANI | Washington

After deleting all of his Instagram posts once again, Kanye 'Ye' West is reflecting on his recent public statements.

The 44-year-old Grammy winner took to Instagram on Tuesday with an apologetic note.

"I've learned that using all caps

makes people feel like I'm screaming at them," Ye wrote alongside a photo of himself on stage, his first post since he wiped his account. "I'm working on my communication. I can benefit from a team of creative professionals, organizers, mobilizers and community leaders. Thank everybody for supporting me."

Kanye West



Jaime King joins the cast of 'Lights Out'

IANs | Los Angeles

American actress Jaime King has been signed for the upcoming action movie 'Lights Out', which is currently in production.

The film, a modern gritty action film, brings together the essence of 'Road

House' and 'Kickboxer' against the backdrop of the underworld of Los Angeles, reports Variety.

In addition, the film also stars Frank Grillo, Mekhi Phifer and Scott Adkins and features an original screenplay by Garry Charles and Chad Law. As per Variety, filmmaker Christian Sesma has taken the director's chair under the banner of Brandon Burrows of Firebrand.



Jaime King

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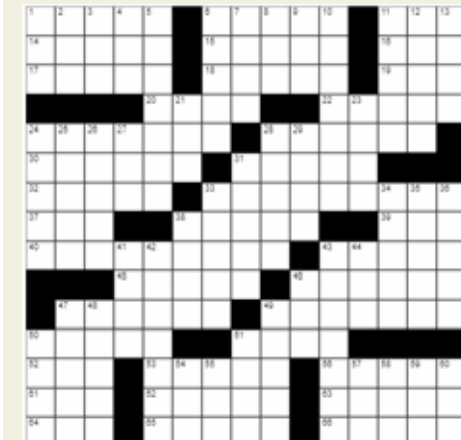
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World stars set for big power battle in Abu Dhabi Desert Challenge

Al Attiyah, Sunderland face intense pressure as new World Rally-Raid Championship arrives in UAE capital

● **Bahrain Raid Xtreme yet to confirm full driver line-up**

TDT | Manama

Bahrain Raid Xtreme and the other major forces in the new World Rally-Raid Championship are heading for a spectacular battle for power in the Abu Dhabi Desert Challenge next month.

With all the teams fighting for the inaugural cars and bikes world titles assembling in the UAE capital, the stage is set for the most eagerly awaited showdown in the event's 31-year history from 5-10 March.

After his opening round victory in last month's Dakar Rally in Saudi Arabia, defending champion Nasser Al Attiyah can expect intense pressure as he aims to keep Toyota Gazoo Racing on course for the drivers and manufacturers world crowns.

Meanwhile, Sam Sunderland, who developed his desert riding skills in the UAE, faces another big test in a world-class line-up as he looks to build on his Dakar bikes triumph for Gasgas Factory Racing.

The Emirates Motorsports Organization (EMSO), the rally



Sebastien Loeb with his BRX car

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AREF AL AWANI SECRETARY GENERAL OF ABU DHABI SPORTS COUNCIL

organisers, will announce what is expected to be a bumper final entry list on 25th February,

and Abu Dhabi Sports Council (ADSC) says the event's place in the World Rally-Raid Championship represents another step forward in the UAE's sporting achievements.

“We are pleased to participate in supporting and organizing the 31st edition of the Abu Dhabi Desert Challenge,” said Aref Al Awani Secretary General of ADSC, which has a long-term partnership with the EMSO to stage and promote the rally.

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The Abu Dhabi Desert Challenge takes place under the patronage of His Highness Sheikh Hamdan bin Zayed Al Nahyan, the Ruler's Representative in Al Dhafra Region.

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Joining the heat of the battle are Saudi Arabia's Yazeed Al Ra-



Nasser Al Attiyah in action (file photo)

jhi (Overdrive Racing), Poland's Jakub Przygonski and Russian Denis Rotov Denis (X-raid MINI JCW Team) and 2018 winner in Abu Dhabi, Martin Prokop (Benzina Orlen Team).

While Bahrain Raid Xtreme have yet to confirm their full driver line-up after Sébastien Loeb's second place Dakar finish, they will add to the intensity of the contest among the dramatic desert landscape of the Al Dhafra region.

The tussle for supremacy on four wheels will be matched by the strength of competition on two wheels, as Sunderland looks to add to his Abu Dhabi Desert Challenge victories in 2017 and 2019.

Austrian star Matthias Walkner had already clinched the 2021 FIM world title before winning in Abu Dhabi last year, and he returns to the Al Dhafra dunes to spearhead another big assault by Red Bull KTM Factory Racing.

Team-mates Toby Price, the 2016 winner in Abu Dhabi, and last year's Dakar champion Kevin Benavides, are among the other big threats to Sunderland in the chase for the Rally GP title. Botswana rider Ross Branch, winner of last year's Rally Kazakhstan, goes into action with fellow Hero Motorsports Team Rally riders Joaquim Rodrigues and Franco Caimi.

Mercedes and Red Bull could be playing catch-up in new F1 season: Brawn

AFP | London

Formula One managing director Ross Brawn believes Mercedes and Red Bull could be off the pace when the new season starts next month after they were caught up in last year's "intense" world championship battle.

Lewis Hamilton was poised to capture a record-breaking eighth world title at the Abu Dhabi finale in December before a controversial safety car restart allowed Dutch driver Max Verstappen to pass his British rival on the last lap.

Brawn, who has spearheaded a major overhaul of the sport's technical regulations, said Mercedes -- winners of the past eight constructors' championships -- and Red Bull might have taken their eyes off the ball.

Jenson Button profited in 2009 when Brawn GP took advantage of a regulation change, winning six of the opening seven races on his way to the title.

Hamilton was the defending champion at the time but his McLaren team endured a torrid campaign and he recorded just two victories.

The budget cap for the forthcoming year also restricts teams to spending \$140 million (£103 million).

“Mercedes and Red Bull could be impacted,” said Brawn. “Last year, human resources



Max Verstappen (right) and Lewis Hamilton talk after a race

“A team has to balance its financial resources each season, too, and you cannot simply throw money at it. That is what teams with deep pockets did in the past. It will provide us with a more competitive field for the future

ROSS BRAWN

were devoted to fighting a very intense world championship. Some of the teams further back didn't have that consideration.

“If I had been Ferrari or McLaren in the very early part of last year, I would have put everything into the 2022 car.

“That is what happened in 2009. The year before there was a big battle between Ferrari and McLaren and they fell flat on their faces. I don't think it will be that severe but is a good point.

“A team has to balance its financial resources each season, too, and you cannot simply throw money at it. That is what teams with deep pockets did in the past. It will provide us with a more competitive field for the future.”

Brawn described 2021 as a “great season” between two drivers and two teams but said he wanted to see more teams in the mix.

“I don't think the regulations will change the general order dramatically -- the good teams will always do a good job -- but it will bring the field closer,” he said.

Ferrari unveil sleek new car with ambitions to end world title drought

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Charles Leclerc said “expectations are very high” as Ferrari yesterday unveiled their new F1-75 car which they hope can challenge Mercedes and Red Bull for the Formula One world title this year.

Ferrari have not won the constructors' title in 14 years, with the Scuderia finishing third last season and sixth in 2020.

The most successful Formula One team won the last of their record 16 constructors' titles in 2008, with Finland's Kimi Raikkonen lifting the last drivers' title for the Prancing Horse in 2007.

Their last race victory came with former driver Sebastian Vettel, who led a Ferrari one-two ahead of Leclerc at the Singapore Grand Prix in 2019.

Monaco's Leclerc and Spaniard Carlos Sainz will continue their quest to break Mercedes and Red Bull's domination next season.

Sainz, 27, finished fifth last season, two places above 24-year-old Leclerc.

“Expectations are very high because we are Ferrari and we are always expected to win,” said Leclerc.

“But we will only know once we're on the track.”

Revealed at Maranello, the F1-75 takes its name from an important anniversary for the



Ferrari's drivers Charles Leclerc (L) and Carlos Sainz (R) posing next to the new Ferrari F1-75

16 constructors' titles have been won by Ferrari, the last in 2008

team, 75 years since founder Enzo Ferrari produced his first Ferrari car.

The car features a darker red and black livery, a throwback to the Scuderia's oldest cars, combined with the innovative design of the new F1 machines.

But the F1-75 has a different profile from its predecessor to comply with the new regulations coming into force this season, which many people

expect to make the grid more competitive.

The latter favours the ground effect, or suction, rather than aerodynamic support in order to allow F1 cars to overtake more easily in the race, with the cars featuring larger wheels.

The new Ferrari also features a two-piece nose with the wing attached to the lower one, which should give engineers a greater range of settings to suit the characteristics of different circuits.

Red Bull has already presented a preliminary version of its F1 2022 car and Mercedes is due to present its own on Friday.

The first pre-season tests are scheduled in Barcelona from February 23-25 and the first race will take place in Bahrain on March 20.

HM the King's Cup endurance ride gets underway

● Victorious riders clinch one-two in 120km international qualifying race

● Faisal Humaid Al Enezi wins 100km local qualifying race

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His Majesty the King's Cup Endurance Ride Championship got underway yesterday at Bahrain International Endurance Village in Sakhir.

The event, being held under the patronage of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, has been organised by the Bahrain Royal Equestrian and Endurance Federation (BREEF), and it continues until tomorrow.

Spanish rider Rocio Esperanza of Victorious team finished in first place in the 120-kilometre international qualifying race after completing the distance in a time of five hours and 46 minutes.

Mohammed Abdulhamin Alhashemi, also of Victorious, finished as the runner-up in 5:46:11, while Sarhan Hamid Al Enezi came third in 6:11:22.

Meanwhile, in the 100km local qualifying race, Faisal Humaid Al Enezi was the winner in 5:06:10. Ahmed Yousef Al Dosari came second in 5:01:50, and Abdulaziz Al Mutairi from Kuwait finished third in 5:12:16.

HM the King's representative for humanitarian work and youth affairs and BREEF honorary president HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa praised the royal support to equestrian



Participants during yesterday's rides compete

sport in Bahrain. HH Shaikh Nasser also praised the festival's sponsors, including Batelco, ALBA, NBB, House ME, Chevron, Sino Contracting, Kuwait Finance House and Ascon for supporting the event. He also praised the efforts of BREEF and its president HH Shaikh Isa bin Abdullah Al Khalifa in ensuring the success of the festival.

Action continues today.

BIC to display replica 2022 F1 car at Sa'ada

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The excitement and anticipation are reaching fever pitch ahead of next month's history-making Formula 1 Gulf Air Bahrain Grand Prix, and Bahrain International Circuit (BIC) continues to give the Kingdom's motorsport fans a chance to get a sneak peek at what's to come with public displays of a replica 2022 F1 car.

The latest display exhibit of the all-new racing machine can be enjoyed at popular waterfront development Sa'ada, located in Muharraq.

The replica F1 car, which features a special Bahrain livery, will be on display today and tomorrow, offering Bahrain's motor racing lovers the opportunity to be among the first in the world to see the radical new F1 car design in person.

These cars are set to be introduced this season as part of the biggest revolution of regulations in the history of the top flight, all of which will come into effect at the F1 Gulf Air Bahrain Grand Prix 2022, taking place 18 to 20 March at BIC in Sakhir.

There will also be a BIC stand next to the car where tickets



The replica 2022 F1 car with Bahrain livery

can be purchased.

Tickets to this year's race weekend are selling fast and those wishing to attend are advised to secure their seats at the earliest as less than 30 days remain for the region's biggest sporting and social occasion.

Discounts are available for children aged three to 12 at 50

per cent off, with reductions also available to students, those with special needs, and senior citizens.

To buy tickets or for further information on the Formula 1 Gulf Air Bahrain Grand Prix 2022, visit BIC's official website

www.bahraingp.com or call the BIC Hotline on +973-17-450000.

Bahrain Turf Series finale set

REHC hosts final two races of 10 £50,000 handicaps today with Al Sakhir Cup and Vision 2030 Cup

● Two HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa Cups also to be won in day's final two races

● Exciting eight-race card set for today featuring globally renowned and top local contenders

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Rashid Equestrian and Horseracing Club (REHC) hosts the final two races of the prestigious Bahrain Turf Series today as part of an exciting eight-race card that also includes two His Highness Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa Cups.

The turf series is set to conclude with the Al Sakhir Cup and Vision 2030 Cup—the ninth and 10th £50,000 handicaps featuring star-studded fields.

The Al Sakhir Cup, today's fifth race at 3.15pm covering seven furlongs, will see one returning turf series winner in Deep Intrigue, the 96-rated, Hasan Mefareh Alajmi-owned and Hesham Al Haddad-trained contender, who will be ridden by last year's Bahrain International Trophy winning jockey David Egan.

A number of other top names are in the fray, including Silent Film for owners Godolphin and trainer Charlie Appleby, to be saddled by James Doyle; Sonja Henie, competing for Victori-



Irish jockey Eoin Walsh rides Howzer Black on the REHC track yesterday in preparation for the Vision 2030 Cup

ous and Hesham Al Haddad, to be ridden by Husain Makki; and the Al Mohamediya Racing trio of Shebil Aljazira (Marcialis Jaures), Tamerlane (Jason Watson) and Desert Gulf, co-owned with Fawzi Nass, to be ridden by Paddy Mathers.

The 16-horse field is completed by Magical Wish for MKAR Racing, Kinks for Isa Mahmood Al Seddiqi, Nayslayer for Bahrain Racing Team Syndicate, Mushtaq for FF Racing, Urgent Appeal for Rabbah Racing, Graphite Storm for Al Hassanain

Racing, Natural Path for Peter Trainor, King's Knight for Ziad A Galadari, Wonder Elzaam for Paul Kwok, Angel Li and Orbital Racing Group, and Nebo for Julie Routledge-Martin and David R Martin and Dan Hall.

Meanwhile, the Vision 2030 Cup follows as the sixth race of the day starting at 3.45pm. It will be contested over 10 furlongs, with a field of 11 battling it out.

Godolphin are being represented once more as Tambor-rada, also trained by Charlie Appleby and saddled by James



Last year's Bahrain International Trophy winner David Egan will be looking to claim his fourth win in the Bahrain Turf Series, riding Deep Intrigue today in the Al Sakhir Cup. He previously saddled Deep Intrigue to victory in the Al Wasmiya Cup, and also won the Al Riffa Cup on Tawaareq and the Anchorman Cup on Classical Wave

Doyle, is competing.

Al Mohamediya Racing have three entrants, namely Bond's Boy, to be ridden by Paddy Mathers, Ahdab with Jason Watson in the saddle, and Zagato, to be ridden by Neil Callan.

Also in the fray are George



International horses at REHC yesterday getting ready for today's races

Baker Racing Bahrain Syndicate's La Maquina, with Lewis Edmunds the jockey; Arqoob of Little Staughton Farms Ltd with David Egan in the saddle; and Howzer Black for Middleham Park Racing LXXVILL, to be ridden by Eoin Walsh.

Rounding off the contestants are Wait Forever and Zymyran, both representing Al Hassanain Racing, Mission Boy for MKAR Racing and Brains for The Judges and Partner.

Prestigious cups

Meanwhile, the two HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa Cups will be on offer in today's last two races.

In the eighth and concluding race, to be held over 11 furlongs with a BD10,000 prize, Medal Winner, Tawaareq and Encourage have been tipped with a chance amongst the nine-horse field; while in race seven, Sabreena, Alejandro and Epic are the favourites over another

11-furlong ride, with a BD5,000 prize purse.

The first race of the day will be for the HH Shaikh Mohammed bin Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa Cup, to be held over eight furlongs with a BD3,000 prize. Kuheilal Umm Zorayr 1797, Obeyan 1777 and Kuheilal Afas 1708 are the pre-race favourites.

Race two is for the HH Shaikh Hamdan bin Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa Cup, covering eight furlongs with a BD3,500 prize. Taufan, Wewonitsixtimes and Shawwash have been tipped with a chance.

The third race is for the HH Shaikh Hamad bin Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa Cup. Mudalal, Mahaam and Raseen are the favourites to take the win over a six-furlong straight for the lion's share of the BD3,500 prize.

Race four is for the HH Shaikha Sheemah bint Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa Cup, set for five furlongs with a BD5,000 prize,