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**Boosting organ donation**



His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, chaired the 490th meeting of the Coordination Committee. The committee reviewed proposed executive mechanisms for human organ donation and discussed developments related to enhancing organisational procedures within the General Traffic Department. The committee also followed up on the progress of priority draft laws.

# Mysterious blasts

Nine dead and 2,800 wounded as Lebanon's Hezbollah hit by wave of 'pager' explosions

**Iran-backed group says Israel 'fully responsible' and warns of retaliation**

AFP | Beirut

**H**undreds of pagers used by Hezbollah members exploded across Lebanon yesterday, killing at least nine people and wounding some 2,800 in blasts the Iran-backed group blamed on Israel.

There was no immediate comment from the Israeli military on the wave of explosions, which came just hours after Israel announced it was broadening the aims of the war sparked by Ha-

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Chaotic scenes outside Lebanon hospitals, and on the streets after the blasts. (AFP)

mas's October 7 attacks to include its fight against Hezbollah along its border with Lebanon.

The sons of Hezbollah lawmakers Ali Ammar and Hassan Fadlallah were among the dead, a source close to the group told AFP, requesting anonymity to

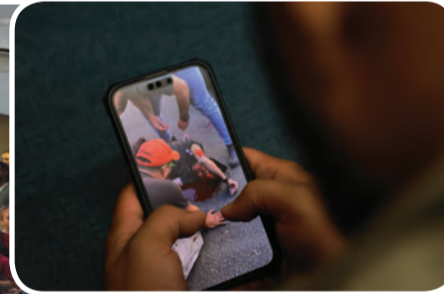
discuss sensitive matters.

The blasts "killed nine people, including a girl", Lebanese Health Minister Firass Abiad said in a casualty update.

He added that some "2,800 people were injured, about 200 of them critically" with inju-

ries mostly reported to the face, hands and stomach.

The 10-year-old daughter of a Hezbollah member was killed in east Lebanon's Bekaa Valley when his pager exploded, the family and a source close to the



A man watches a video on social media showing a wounded man from the tragedy. (AFP)

group said.

Tehran's ambassador to Beirut was also wounded in a pager explosion but his injuries were not serious, Iranian state media reported.

In neighbouring Syria, 14 people were wounded "after pagers used by Hezbollah exploded", said a Britain-based war monitor, the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights.

Hezbollah blamed Israel for the blasts and warned it would be punished.

"We hold the Israeli enemy fully responsible for this criminal aggression," the group said in a statement, adding that Israel "will certainly receive its just punishment for this sinful aggression".

The United States, Israel's top arms provider and close ally, was "not involved" and "not aware of this incident in advance", said State Department spokesman Matthew Miller.

**Heavy blow**

The afternoon blasts hit Hezbollah strongholds across Lebanon and dealt a heavy blow to the group, which already had concerns about the security of its communications after losing several key commanders to targeted air strikes in recent months.

Hezbollah had instructed its members to avoid mobile phones after the Gaza war began and to rely instead on the group's own telecommunications system to prevent Israeli breaches.

**Global digital skills forum**



The Minister of Transportation and Telecommunications, His Excellency Mohamed bin Thamer Al Kaabi, joined dignitaries at the opening of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) Digital Skills Forum, held at the Gulf Convention Centre, Gulf Hotel. Hosted by the Telecommunications Regulatory Authority (TRA), this three-day global event aims to address digital skills gaps worldwide. The hybrid forum, featuring both remote and onsite sessions, runs until tomorrow. Under the theme "Developing Skills for Digital Transformation," it brings together global leaders, policymakers, industry experts, and training practitioners. Representatives from over 17 regulators, including Dominica, Georgia, Haiti, Lithuania, Thailand, Zambia, and France, were in attendance. (Detailed report on Page 2)

**eGovernment Development success**



The Kingdom of Bahrain has advanced its position in eGovernment Development by 36 spots to achieve the 18th place globally. (Detailed report on Page 3)

**Bahrain-UK relations**



His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, yesterday met with the United Kingdom's Ambassador to the Kingdom of Bahrain, His Excellency Alastair Long, at Gudaibiya Palace. HRH Prince Salman emphasised the longstanding relationship between Bahrain and the UK, founded on a historic partnership and collaboration across multiple sectors. His Royal Highness noted the Kingdom's commitment to further enhancing strategic bilateral relations to fulfil mutual aspirations. He stressed the importance of advancing Bahrain-UK multisector collaboration through mutual visits and joint agreements. During the meeting, discussions focused on strengthening Bahrain-UK cooperation, addressing issues of common interest, and reviewing regional and global developments.

**Bahrain-Ukraine ties**



His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, yesterday met with the Ambassador of Ukraine to the Kingdom of Bahrain, His Excellency Dmytro Senik, at Sakhir Palace. Bahrain-Ukraine relations were discussed, and the importance of enhancing economic cooperation was emphasised. A range of issues of common interest and the latest regional and international developments were also reviewed. Ambassador Senik expressed his gratitude for the opportunity to meet with HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, noting HRH's commitment to furthering bilateral cooperation. The Ambassador concluded by extending his best wishes for the Kingdom's continued progress and prosperity. The President of the Court of the Crown Prince, Shaikh Salman bin Ahmed bin Salman Al Khalifa, attended the meeting.

# Global tech for all

H.E. Mohamed bin Thamer Al Kaabi inaugurates ITU Digital Skills Forum

**Ashen Tharaka**  
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The International Telecommunication Union (ITU) Digital Skills Forum was inaugurated by the Minister of Transportation and Telecommunications, His Excellency Mohamed bin Thamer Al Kaabi.

The opening ceremony included Dr. Cosmas Luckyson Zavazava, Director of the Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT) at the ITU, H.E. Mr. Bonjean Rodrigue Mbanza, Gabon's Minister of Digital Economy and New Information Technologies, and H.E. Mr Ibrahim AlNasser, Deputy Minister for Future Jobs and Capabilities, Ministry of Communications and Information Technology (MCIT), H.E. Mr Godfrey Kabbyanga, Uganda's Minister of State for National Guidance, in addition to other ministers.

Additionally, over 17 regulators from around the world, including Dominica, Georgia, Haiti, Lithuania, Thailand, Zambia, and France were present at the event

Hosted by the Telecommunications Regulatory Authority (TRA), the ITU Digital Skills Forum is a key global industry event which aims to address global digital skills gaps.

The hybrid event, featuring both remote sessions and onsite activities, is scheduled to continue until tomorrow, at the Gulf Convention Centre, Gulf Hotel. TRA General Director Philip



Philip Marnick, General Director, Telecommunications Regulatory Authority (TRA) (Pictures by Anchalo Bensingier)



H.E. Mohammed bin Thamer Alkaabi, Minister of Transportation and Telecommunications



Dr. Cosmas Luckyson Zavazava, Director, Telecommunication Development Bureau, ITU



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brought together global leaders, policymakers, industry experts, and training practitioners.

**Discussions**

Attendees will continue to participate in discussions covering a range of topics, including digital transformation, industry perspectives on skills gaps, bridging the digital divide, national digital skills frameworks for policy making, and announcing the Capacity Development program, a major ITU project aimed at boosting digital literacy and achieving a digitally competent society.

Dr. Cosmas Luckyson Zavaza-

va, Director of the Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT) at the ITU, applauded the forum's focus on digital skills development.

He stated, "The ITU is committed to bridging the global digital skills gap and fostering a digitally inclusive world. This forum serves as a crucial platform for collaboration between governments, industry leaders, and training institutions to develop effective strategies for equipping individuals with the skills needed to thrive in the digital age. We commend Bahrain's leadership in spearheading this important initiative."

## Rekindling fond memories

Former Bapco employees and 'Awali Teenagers' hold reunion in Manchester



Showing enduring friendship and affection

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A reunion for former Bapco employees and Awali residents was held in Manchester, United Kingdom, attended by over 130 guests from around the world, including diplomats from the Embassy of the Kingdom of Bahrain, representatives from Bapco, and Bahraini postgraduate students studying in the UK.

This event, which marks the fifth reunion for the "Awali Teenagers" group since its inception in 2008, brought together Awali residents from across the globe, rekindling fond memories for individuals who previously lived and grew up in Awali, and who remain closely tied to the history of Bapco

It reflects their deep sense of belonging and enduring affection for Bahrain and its people.

**Friendships**

Bahrain's Deputy Chief of Mission to the UK, Mr. Hussain Alam, highlighted the many close and enduring personal friendships between former Awali residents and their Bahraini neighbours, and praising the ceremony, which carries the spirit of friendship, coexistence, and true affection that binds the peoples of the two friendly kingdoms

Speaking on the event, IISS

Senior Advisor Sir Tom Beckett, who was born in Bahrain, remarked: "Awali must be unique in that its former residents - in this case the so-called 'Awali Teenagers' - hold such fond memories of growing up, living and working in and from it... This could only be the case because of the welcoming nature of Bahrain and all Bahrainis."

**Family**

Mark Burton said: "The reunion is so important to us all, as after 60 years we are still a family and many of us are still in contact with each other. Our childhood in Awali, Bahrain was like no other, we were so blessed with everything that we had, and it will never be forgotten."

Charles Peter commented: "What a fabulous time we had in Manchester for the Awali Teenagers reunion... I feel it an honour to be part of such a reunion group, and cherish the bonds that go all the way back to our time in Bahrain. A special thanks to the Deputy Ambassador and the Bapco representatives, who added a special touch to the evening." Awali, established in the early 20th century to serve Bapco employees, stands as an important symbol of the deep and longstanding ties between residents, the company, and the Kingdom.

## Bahraini detained in Yemen to be released soon

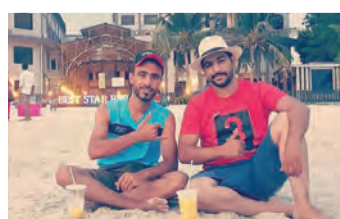
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The father of one of the Bahraini youths detained in Yemen has reported receiving reassuring calls from his son and the other detainees, indicating that investigations into their case have concluded and their release is imminent.

Speaking to our sister newspaper Al Ayam the father stated that his son informed him of

a verbal notification from the Yemeni authorities confirming the completion of the investigation and the absence of any legal complications.

The detainees were assured of their release and expected return to Bahrain soon, the father stated. He also expressed his gratitude for the efforts of Bahraini authorities, particularly the Ministries of Interior and Foreign Affairs, in following up on the case and facilitating the



The Bahrainis detained in Yemen

release of the detainees.

The Bahraini travelers, who entered Yemen legally, were apprehended during a security

investigation after mistakenly entering a military zone, according to the Yemeni authorities.

The Daily Tribune reported earlier last week that MP Jalal Kazim had briefed the families of Bahraini citizens detained in Yemen on the latest developments regarding their loved ones' situation.

The families appealed to the government to intervene and end the suffering of their detained relatives.

# Red card for fraud

European man uses football legends' shirts as front in multi-million laundering operation

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A scheme involving the sale of signed football shirts by Cristiano Ronaldo, Lionel Messi, and Zinedine Zidane, to name a few, as well as a massive media campaign has been revealed as a front for money laundering operations, resulting in over BD3 million being siphoned off from unsuspecting victims.

The primary suspect, a European man, along with four accomplices, has been referred to trial, with a hearing scheduled for September 24 to listen to the defendants' arguments.

The case began when authorities received information about the first suspect gathering and receiving money under the guise of a fictitious investment.

## Transactions

He established a company with a prominent location and claimed to be investing over BD3 million, concealing these transactions from banks using fraudulent invoices and purchase orders.

Investigations disclosed that the suspect had a criminal his-



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tory involving fraud, embezzlement, and money laundering across multiple countries.

To evade detection, he adopted various aliases — over five different names — making it difficult for authorities to trace his activities.

In 2022, the suspect set up a digital company selling memorabilia and high-value items, including sportswear signed by famous athletes.

## Investment opportunity

This was a ploy to attract victims by presenting a seemingly

lucrative investment opportunity.

He rented 44 offices and hired numerous sales staff, training them to engage customers and sell shares in the memorabilia at his dictated prices.

The investigation revealed that he collected funds from victims without a license, securing their trust with contracts that promised high monthly returns on their investments.

He even issued cheques that later turned out to have insufficient funds.

## Returns

In reality, the funds were not invested in legitimate business activities; instead, he used new investors' money to pay returns to earlier investors, creating an illusion of a profitable and trustworthy company.

Further evidence indicated that the suspect was the main controller and actual manager of the company, which was registered under the name of a second female suspect, who

remains at large. She is said to have played a key role in the scheme.

She was responsible for creating the fake valuations and assisting in bringing the memorabilia to Bahrain, misleading investors about the value of the items.

## Financial advisor

Additionally, the third suspect, also at large, acted as a financial advisor, guiding the first suspect on how to conduct operations discreetly to avoid detection by banks.

Had it not been for his advice, the first suspect would not have been able to continue his fraudulent activities undetected.

The fourth suspect initially engaged with the company as an investor but later became a broker for attracting new investors, receiving a commission of 22% for each individual he brought in.

He managed to gather substantial amounts from various investors under the guise of legitimate business dealings.



## Bahrain ranks 18th globally in UN eGovernment Development Index

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The United Nations E-Government Survey 2024, published by the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA), has revealed that the Kingdom of Bahrain advanced its position in eGovernment Development by 36 spots to achieve the 18th place globally.

The survey shows significant progress in Bahrain's eGovernment Development Index (EDGI), driven by advanced technical infrastructure and high performance across various sub-indices.

Bahrain ranked 10th globally in the Telecommunications Infrastructure Index (TII), a rise of 55 spots from 2022, thanks to telecom liberalization and enhanced broadband and fiber internet services.

The Kingdom advanced to the 18th place in the E-Participation Index, improving by 47 positions, and secured 23rd place globally in the Online Service Index (OSI), a jump of 31 positions.

## Technical infrastructure

This highlights Bahrain's advanced technical infrastructure and unified platform for comprehensive eServices and overall digital transformation.

In the Human Capital Index, Bahrain reached 32nd place, advancing by 33 positions.

This reflects the improvement made in human capital data by the Information & eGovernment Authority, in cooperation with Ministry of Education, as well as the training and certification initiatives by the iGA, including the Technical Development Program launched by the iGA in collaboration with the Ministry of Labour.

Additionally, Manama ranked 13th globally among 193 cities, advancing by 12 positions.

## Progress

The survey showcased Bahrain's progress in the Online Services Index.

This achievement highlights the iGA's continuous efforts to enhance the National Portal, bahrain.bh, and other digital channels, as well as to improve and expand eServices and enrich the user experience.

The United Nations E-Government Survey 2024 serves as a roadmap for Bahrain to advance and strengthen its infrastructure, communications, information technology, and human capital.

## Dream home turns into nightmare

Woman sues furniture company for unfinished work and faulty products

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A Bahraini woman is taking a furniture company to court after her dream home renovation turned into a nightmare.

Having meticulously planned her home decor, she entrusted the company with the entire project, paying in full upfront.

However, the company failed to complete the work, leaving her with unfinished furniture and numerous defects.

The woman is seeking BD3,823,600 in compensation, along with legal interest at 10%.

The lawsuit outlines how the company, which specialises in furniture manufacturing and trading, was contracted to design and build furniture for her bedroom and living room.

Despite receiving full payment, the company repeatedly delayed the project, delivering incomplete and faulty items.

Excuses The company's excuses for the delays included the unavailability of specific types of wood in Bahrain, necessitating imports.

However, the woman's legal representative asserts that the contract did not specify



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any particular wood type, and the company unilaterally altered the agreed-upon colour scheme.

The woman only received the living room decor, which featured numerous flaws, including incorrect wood installation, a faulty bed frame, missing components, and improperly sized side tables.

Despite repeated attempts to encourage the company to complete the project, the woman was left with no option but to file a lawsuit.

The company's defence ar-

gued that the delays were due to unforeseen circumstances, specifically the need to import materials.

However, the court found this argument unconvincing, as the contract did not mention any specific wood type.

Ultimately, the court ruled in favour of the woman, ordering the company to pay her BD2,923,600, along with 1% annual interest from the date of the claim until full payment is made.

The court also ordered the company to cover the woman's legal fees.

## Bahrain condemns assassination bid on Trump

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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has expressed Bahrain's strong condemnation and denunciation of the attempted assassination of the former US President, Republican presi-

dential candidate, Donald Trump.

The Kingdom expressed its sympathy and solidarity with the US, its people, the former president and his family in the



face of political violence, and its rejection of all that threatens its security, stability, and democratic process.

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# Guardian of innocence

Child Rights Commissioner pledges to help protect Bahraini children's rights

Mohamed Darwish  
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Ensuring the safety of our little ones — both online and offline — remains a critical concern, despite a reported decline in cyber extortion cases.

Dr Hooriya Al Dairi, the Child Rights Commissioner, sheds light on the continued efforts to safeguard the nation's youth in an exclusive interview with The Daily Tribune.

As a key figure in the National Institution for Human Rights (NIHR), Dr Al Dairi balances the task of aligning Bahrain's domestic policies with global human rights standards.

Q: What is the role of the Child Rights Commissioner in Bahrain, and what are its main priorities?

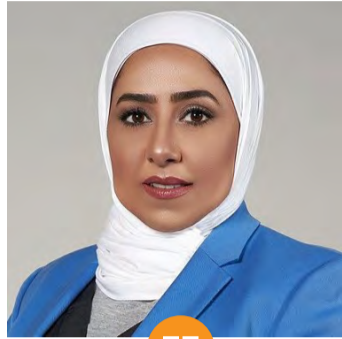
A: My role is to advocate for the welfare of children across Bahrain. I lead a position established under Law No. 26 of 2014, which was later updated, to promote the protection of children's rights and ensure that our legal framework meets international standards. There are many challenges to address, but our primary objective is clear: to improve the lives of Bahraini children.

Our work involves creating laws, conducting research, and addressing grievances. We also focus on raising awareness both domestically and internationally. Our ultimate aim is to empower children with the tools they need to shape their own futures.

## Society

Q: How do you prepare children for their roles in society?

A: We aim to enable children to actively engage with their own lives, rather than merely following decisions made for them by adults. Through workshops and discussions designed



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DR HOORIYA AL DAIRI, THE CHILD RIGHTS COMMISSIONER

specifically for those under 18, we help them develop critical thinking skills and equip them to handle future challenges.

Collaboration is essential. We work closely with government agencies and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) to ensure that children's rights are upheld. When rights are violated, we respond swiftly, often in partnership with civil society groups and international organizations.

Q: What systems are in place for handling complaints related to children?

A: The NIHR operates a platform called "Complaints and Call Center" accessible through a website, a hotline (80001144), in-person visits, and a mobile app. Children or their guardians can file complaints, and we ensure each case is thoroughly investigated.

As Commissioner, and in accordance with the establishment law of NIHR, I have the authority to visit any location where potential violations may have occurred, including schools and correctional centers. This proactive ap-



proach enables us to respond swiftly and ensure that children are protected. Additionally, we regularly train our staff to handle complaints more effectively, thereby building trust within the community.

## Role

Q: How does the Child Rights Commissioner role affect Bahrain's international standing?

A: This position has highlighted Bahrain's role in child protection on the international stage. By adhering to global agreements and participating in human rights forums, we have demonstrated our commitment to these causes. For instance, during the 54th session of the Human Rights Council in Geneva, we presented Bahrain's efforts to protect children's rights.

Our work not only safeguards children domestically but also bolsters Bahrain's reputation in global human rights discussions. It showcases our determination to meet international standards and serves as a model for other countries in the region.

Q: Can you share any data on the cases related Child Rights Commissioner has handled?

A: Since launching the position in June 2023, we have received 49 complaints related to children's rights, covering issues such as identity, health, and education. In 2023, we addressed 25 complaints: 21 focused on economic, social, and cultural rights, while four concerned

civil and political matters.

In 2024, the number slightly decreased to 24 complaints, but the range of issues remains broad. We also monitor the media and social platforms to stay informed about any emerging concerns.

## Initiatives

Q: What initiatives has Child Rights Commissioner introduced to promote children's rights?

A: We have been actively involved in numerous initiatives to spread awareness about children's rights. At the 'Youth City 2030' event, we launched the 'Youth Human Rights Ambassadors Initiative' and hosted the session 'My Voice is Heard,' engaging young people in meaningful discussions about their rights and roles in society.

Additionally, we are part of the nationwide 'Himaya' initiative, which aims to protect children from cyberbullying by equipping them with the necessary information and tools to defend their rights, especially online. Although the role of the Child Rights Commissioner continues to evolve, our core mission remains unchanged: to protect children and ensure they grow up in a nurturing and secure environment. By collaborating closely with regional and international partners, we strive to elevate the standards of child protection, not only in Bahrain but throughout the region.

# Government rejects proposal to audit sports and labour unions



Council of Representatives in session

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The government has rejected a legislative proposal that aimed to place sports and labour unions under the supervision of the Financial and Administrative Audit Bureau.

The government's response to the Council of Representatives emphasised that the law does not classify the funds of labour unions as public money and does not grant them the protection afforded to public funds.

The government's response to the Council of Representatives, the government stated that the Bahrain Olympic Committee is an independent body with legal personality and financial, administrative, and technical autonomy.

It operates under the provisions of the Olympic Charter and its president issues a unified statute covering the formation, administration, dissolution, meetings, and international participation of sports federations, along with their administrative and financial matters.

The government emphasised that the federations operate in accordance with laws and regulations issued by the international federation for each sport.

It also highlighted that the Olympic Committee receives financial support from the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports, further solidifying the private nature of their funds.

## Purpose

Regarding labour unions, the government explained that their purpose is to protect the interests and rights of workers.

They are granted independent legal personality upon registration with the Ministry of Labour and are required to include provisions in their statutes regarding the preservation of their funds, financial systems, and financial records.

The government's response to the Council of Representatives emphasised that the law does not classify the funds of labour unions as public money and does not grant them the protection afforded to public funds.

Their financial resources are limited to membership fees, contributions, grants, donations, bequests, proceeds from events, and other sources that comply with the law and the organisation's statutes.

## Oversight

While the government maintains that these organisations are private entities and their funds are not subject to the Financial and Administrative Audit Bureau's oversight, it acknowledged a potential for oversight.

The Minister of Youth and Sports can request the Bureau to audit the financial records of sports federations, based on the Associations Law.

This provision allows the minister to review the income and expenses of sports associations and clubs, ensuring the integrity of their resources and the legitimacy of their spending.

However, this oversight is discretionary and not mandatory.

# Qarata, Al Sada undergo training ahead of new legislative sessions

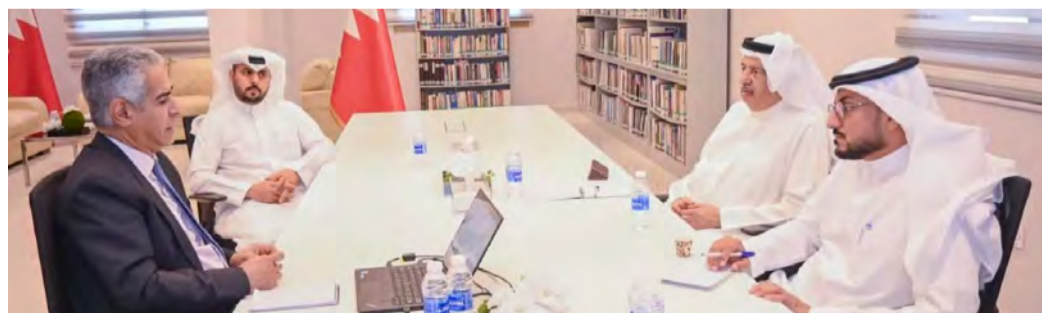
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Abdulwahid Qarata, fresh from his electoral victory, and Dr Anwar Al Sada, newly appointed to the Shura Council, began their political training at the Bahrain Institute for Political Development (BIPD) yesterday.

The programme, running under the "Insights" initiative, is designed to prepare them for the legislative and oversight responsibilities they'll face as the next convening period picks up pace.

Both chambers — the Shura Council and the Council of Representatives — are set to resume sessions in mid-October for the Third Convening Period.

Qarata, who secured his seat in Busaiteen's by-polls, and Dr Al Sada, appointed to fill the seat of the late Abdulrahman Jamsheer, are expected to take their oaths at the first session.



Qarata and Al Sada are formally introduced to their constitutional duties

Dr Al Sada will join the Shura Council as it navigates the kingdom's legislative agenda, while Qarata prepares to take his seat in the Council of Representatives, where he will face significant challenges.

## Duties

Both will be formally introduced to their constitutional duties during the councils' first session.

The BIPD programme is designed to provide essential

training on political engagement and the relationship between government and legislative bodies.

The first day covered practical topics, including the government's approach to legislation and an overview of Bahrain's fiscal policies.

Abdulnabi Salman, First Deputy Speaker, discussed parliamentary skills, while Shura Council member Dr Bassam Al Binnom explained the Fiscal Balance Programme.

Hameed Al Muhaimeed concluded the session with guidance on managing media relations and navigating Bahrain's public and civil institutions.

The training will continue with further focus on parliamentary protocols, internal regulations, and the legal frameworks that underpin Bahrain's governance.

Both Qarata and Dr Al Sada will need to absorb these lessons as they step into their roles in the legislative process.

# Promoting Philippine cultural heritage

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The annual National Language Month at the Philippine Embassy successfully promoted Philippine cultural heritage with various activities.

The event was organized in collaboration with the Philippine School Bahrain and the Wika Toastmasters Club centered around the inspiring theme, "Filipino: Wikang Mapagpalaya" (Filipino: A Language that Liberates).

Poetry recital, storytelling, contests, and cultural performances from kids and adults alike marked the event.

The much-anticipated Tagisan ng Talino, an intellectually enriching quiz competition between two well-prepared

teams of students in Grades 5-8 was won by Jian Matthew L. Murillo, Francheska Louise S. Lampero, Axl John C. Artillaga, and Myles Pauline B. La Pastora claiming the championship title.

On the other hand, the team represented by Roshan Yvonne Dionson, Eduard Matteus L. Tangug, Byul G. Kim, and Aybil Eileen F. Paraiso, was also able to present very impressive and skillful performances, which is deserving of a respectable first prize. Their energetic involvement increased the spirit of competition and showed the potentials and wits of both parties. Marvin C. Dallego and Gabriel Angelo C. Alunday won first and second places, respectively, in the Table Topics category.

# BBK sets new benchmarks with Sustainability achievements

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**B**ank of Bahrain and Kuwait (BBK), the leading retail and commercial bank in Bahrain, has announced its key achievements according to the Bank's Sustainability Report for 2023. This report highlights the Bank's significant contributions to enhancing environmental and social sustainability and its unwavering commitment to governance across all business sectors. It also showcases BBK's qualitative achievements in sustainability, emphasizing its ongoing dedication to sustainable finance, social responsibility, and the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals.

In 2023, BBK recognized the critical role financial institutions play in addressing climate challenges. Consequently, the Bank established a specialized task force on climate change risks, including green finance initiatives. This move underlines BBK's commitment to environmental responsibility, aligning with the directives of the Central Bank of Bahrain.

## Gender diversity

BBK has also reinforced its commitment to board independence, with independent directors now holding 50% of the board seats. The Bank has also



Yaser Alsharifi, BBK Group Chief Executive



Hassaan Burshaid, BBK Group Chief Human Resources & Administration Officer

made significant strides in improving gender diversity within its Board of Directors, with women occupying 31.8% of the board seats across BBK in 2023, up from 16.6% in 2022. These efforts reflect BBK's dedication to enhancing its governance and management frameworks.

Mr. Yaser Alsharifi, BBK Group Chief Executive, stated, "BBK takes pride in dedicating its efforts in 2023 to achieving these significant milestones. Through these initiatives, we reaffirm our commitment to embedding sustainability at the heart of our culture. The Bank has strategically aligned its priorities with the United Nations Sustainable

Development Goals, striving to fulfill Bahrain's Economic Vision 2030 and achieve the target of net-zero emissions by 2060."

Mr. Alsharifi added, "15-35% of the Bank's executive management targets are related to sustainability KPIs, reflecting BBK's commitment to serving the community and providing products and services that enrich people's lives without harming the environment. This year, the Bank aims to deepen its

commitment to education, the environment, financial inclusion, women's empowerment, and health to ensure a better future for all and to meet diverse needs." Mr. Hassaan Bur-

shaid, BBK Group Chief Human Resources & Administration Officer, commented, "We are delighted to add these new achievements to BBK's distinguished sustainability record. These successes affirm our commitment to the highest environmental, social, and governance standards, reinforcing our position in the industry."

Mr. Burshaid emphasized that as a responsible corporate entity, the Bank believes that meaningful social and economic development is achieved through a conscientious approach to addressing collective risks, such as environmental challenges, women's strategic inclusion in the workforce, youth empowerment, and capacity building.

## Transparency

He also added, "Our sustainability report not only showcases our ongoing efforts but also underscores our dedication to transparency and integrity with our stakeholders and valued clients. It highlights our commitment to delivering exceptional banking experiences through a holistic approach to sustainability, reflecting our dedication to generating positive environmental, social, and economic impacts." BBK also launched "Women on Board" program in cooperation with the Bah-

rain Institute of Banking and Finance (BIBF), which aimed to empower Bahraini women to reach senior executive and leadership positions, including board memberships.

## Bahrainisation

By focusing on attracting local talent, BBK achieved a Bahraini workforce rate of 95.54% in 2023, marking significant progress in employing Bahraini nationals. The percentage of women in the Bank's workforce increased from 40.72% in 2022 to 42% in 2023, while the representation of women in senior executive management rose from 20% in 2022 to 24% in 2023.

In 2023, BBK saw a notable improvement in customer satisfaction levels, with the Net Promoter Score (NPS) increasing from 67 in 2022 to 75. This growth reflects heightened customer loyalty and satisfaction with the Bank's services.

## Economy

BBK also supported local suppliers by allocating 81% of its budget to bolster the national economy. The Bank also maintained its dedication to community partnership initiatives, investing 3% of its pre-tax profits in community development. In 2023, BBK employees contributed a total of 116 volunteer hours

to various social causes.

In 2023, the Bank experienced a significant shift in customer transaction processing, with 82% of transactions conducted through e-channels and Mobile apps, up from 77% in 2022. Additionally, the Bank introduced sustainability-related loans, offering customers preferential interest rates.

## Environment

Furthermore, BBK also launched several pioneering programmes and initiatives to enhance its sustainability efforts and demonstrate its commitment to environmental, social, and governance (ESG) considerations. These initiatives include the "Digital Academy" Digi Pro, which aims to enhance the digital capabilities of its employees, and a strategic partnership with "Nasmaakum" application to improve communication for individuals with hearing and speech disabilities, and the launch of the BBK Business platform to facilitate the digital transformation of companies.

The Bank reduced its environmental impact as well by decreasing paper consumption by 19%, introduced the "Grow" program to develop the skills of university graduates in banking.

## The Art Hotel & Resort expands Eco-Friendly Amenities with Porsche EV Charging Station

TDT | Manama

**I**n alignment with Bahrain's Vision 2030, The Art Hotel & Resort announced the installation of a new electric vehicle (EV) charging station, underscoring its commitment to sustainable hospitality.

In collaboration with Porsche, a leading innovator in the automotive industry, The Art Hotel & Resort proudly introduces this cutting-edge EV charging station. The first vehicle to benefit from the facility was the latest Porsche Taycan model, symbolizing a key milestone in the resort's sustainability initiatives.

"We are excited to support this forward-thinking project," said Timothy Price, General Manager of Porsche Bahrain.

Located conveniently in the hotel's parking area, the new charging station is available at no cost for use by guests staying at the resort or those visiting for dining and leisure.



"Sustainability is at the heart of our operations at The Art Hotel & Resort," stated Ramez Nemah, General Manager of The Art Hotel & Resort.

The high-powered charging station can fully recharge most electric vehicle models within 4-6 hours, providing ample time for guests to enjoy the re-

sort's wide array of amenities, from fine dining to relaxing by the pool. "This initiative is a testament to how technology can be leveraged to support environmental sustainability," added Mr. Zaher El Kassir, Resident Manager at the Art Hotel & Resort.

## BCFC celebrates winners of BD10,000 for September



TDT | Manama

**A**s part of its "Get Financed and Qualify for a Chance to Win 2 Cars and Total Cash Prizes of BD 100,000" campaign launched in August, Bahrain Commercial Facilities Company (BCFC) announced the two winners of cash prizes totaling BD 10,000 during the September draw. This campaign offers customers the opportunity to obtain personal, mortgage, or vehicle financing, along with the chance to win two cars and valuable cash prizes totaling up to BD 100,000.

The September prize winners included Mrs. Hesa Meeber and Mr. Mohamed Abdulla, where they each received a cash prize worth BD 5,000.

On this occasion, Mr. Mazen Sater, Vice President - Head of Consumer Finance at Bahrain Commercial Facilities Company, congratulated the winners on winning these prizes, stating: "We would like to extend our sincere congratulations to the winners, and we look forward to providing our valued customers with further opportunities to achieve their dreams and receive valuable prizes that support and align with their financial goals. We invite everyone to apply for a new loan or top up their current loan during the campaign period, which extends until April 30, 2025, to enhance their chances of winning one of the monthly prizes that will be awarded to 20 winners throughout the campaign."

Customers applying for new personal, mortgage and vehicle loans, or top up their existing personal and vehicle loans with BD 3,000, and BD 50,000 for mortgage loans, will be eligible for the chance to win during the campaign, which runs from August 1, 2024, to April 30, 2025. This includes a flexible tenor period and competitive interest rates.

The campaign includes total cash prizes of BD100,000, distributed over BD 5,000 for two monthly winners, over a span of nine months. Additionally, there will be two grand prize winners who will get the chance to win cash prizes worth BD 10,000 each, in addition to a "Chevrolet Tahoe" and "Honda ZR-V".



The recent Non-Binding Agreement between Alba and Maaden's Aluminium marks a pivotal step for Bahrain's industrial sector, aiming to place the country among the top 10 global leaders. This announcement was made by Alba's Chairman of the Board, HE Khalid Al Rumaihi, during a press conference held at the company's headquarters yesterday. The agreement explores a potential business combination with segments of Maaden's Aluminium Strategic Business Unit in Saudi Arabia. If realized, this merger will significantly impact the global aluminium industry, establishing the new entity as one of the world's largest aluminium producers. This partnership promises to create a vertically integrated global leader with benefits such as expanded production capacity, a broader global footprint, enhanced ESG performance, increased energy security, and substantial value creation for shareholders. (By Ashen Tharaka)

## GFH receives ratings affirmation from CI ratings

TDT | Manama

**G**FH Financial Group yesterday announced that Capital Intelligence Ratings has affirmed its Long-Term Foreign Currency Rating (LT FCR) and Short-Term Foreign Currency Rating (ST FCR) at 'BB-' and 'B', respectively. The Outlook on the LT FCR remains Stable.

According to CI, the ratings remain underpinned by GFH's adequate liquidity and low refinancing risk, alongside good debt service record, and reasonable diversification of assets by geography, improved capitalisation, and satisfactory profitability.

The ratings report further

highlighted that GFH continues to strengthen its core businesses, invest in human capital and infrastructure, and improve risk and compliance functions. CI underscored that the Group is well managed, and that the business strategy, which has been effectively executed has established GFH as a fully integrated Sharia'a compliant financial group with a successful GCC-based business franchise.

The Group's steadily expanding balance sheet over the last four years. This includes progress at GFH's retail banking subsidiary Khaleeji Bank (KB) in Bahrain. According to CI, balance sheet expansion was driven by the launch of new

business segments notably lower risk treasury activities. This is expected to help diversify risk assets and revenue streams and, consequently, improve the Group's risk profile over recent periods. In addition to sound liquidity management, the Group was also said to be maintaining an appropriate funding structure, which remains crucial for debt service under both normal and distressed conditions. This factor supports the ratings and was highlighted as an important pillar of GFH's funding policy. The report concluded by highlighting that GFH remains a steady performer, with key profitability metrics having improved in H1 24.

QUOTE OF THE DAY IT IS DURING OUR DARKEST MOMENTS THAT WE MUST FOCUS TO SEE THE LIGHT ARISTOTLE

TODAY IN HISTORY

1811 British East India Company force led by Baron Minto conquers Java, part of the Dutch East Indies, Stamford Raffles appointed lieutenant governor



1812 Great Fire of Moscow burns out after 5 days, 75% of the city destroyed and 12,000 killed

1947 The Central Intelligence Agency officially comes into existence after being established by President Truman in July

1976 Chinese Communist Party Chairman Mao Zedong's funeral takes place in Beijing, China...

News in brief

Two Chinese Coast Guard ships arrived in Russia's far east yesterday for a series of joint drills and patrols with Moscow's forces...



Two more Chinese ships join Russia for exercises

The death toll has risen to 21 in the extreme weather and flooding let loose by Storm Boris in central Europe...

Storm Boris toll rises to 21 in central Europe Romania and Slovakia since last week...

Iranian authorities have released an Austrian who was jailed in the country's northeast...

Iran releases Austrian man from prison

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London hospital to trial sending blood samples by drone



London, United Kingdom

Urgent blood samples taken from patients will be sent for testing by drone to avoid London traffic in a UK first...

The six-month trial set to begin in the coming weeks will send blood samples from Guy's Hospital in south London to a lab via drones...

The pilot project will help "improve patient outcomes and deliver significant environmental benefits"

A test last month found that drone delivery did not damage the quality of the blood.

The blood samples pilot will be run with healthcare logistics company Apian and drone delivery company Wing.

Apian is also part of a National Health Service (NHS) programme delivering critical medical supplies to hospitals using drones...

Drug-resistant superbugs to kill 39 million by 2050

AFP | Paris, France

Infections of drug-resistant superbugs are projected to kill nearly 40 million people over the next 25 years...

Superbugs -- strains of bacteria or pathogens that have become resistant to antibiotics...

The analysis has been billed as the first research to track the global impact of superbugs over time...

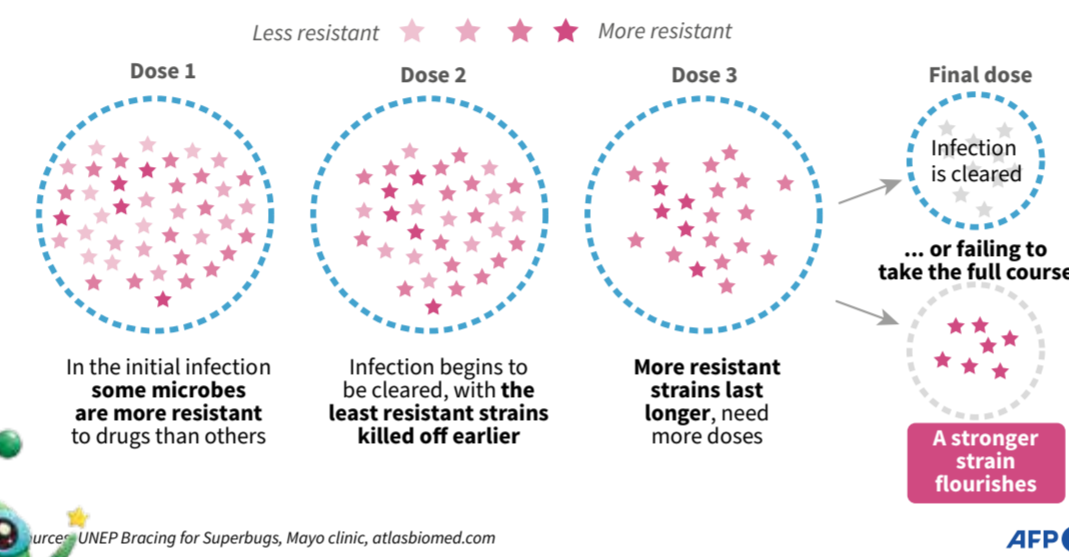
More than a million people died from the superbugs -- also called antimicrobial resistance (AMR) -- per year across the world between 1990 and 2021...

Deaths among children under five from superbugs actually fell by more than 50% over the last three decades...

Superbug evolution: incomplete treatment

How use of antimicrobials can give rise to antimicrobial resistance (AMR)

An incomplete treatment course can allow the strongest bugs to thrive



And deaths of over-70s have surged by more than 80% over the same period, as an ageing population became more vulnerable to infection...

CURIOSER & CURIOSER

Eats, shops and leaves: Koala ambles through Australian supermarket



Picture for representation only Sydney, Australia

A koala has been spotted ambling through an Australian small-town food store, briefly clambering out of the trees to take a peek at the day's groceries...

US Secret Service insists Trump well-protected despite second scare

AFP | West Palm Beach, United States

The embattled US Secret Service on Monday defended its role a day after a gunman managed to lie in wait for Donald Trump...

The suspected gunman did not have a line of sight on the former president and failed to fire a shot before he was discovered by agents...

As security officials revealed new details, including their belief the suspect acted alone, Trump sought to blame election rival Kamala Harris and President Joe Biden for Sunday's scare...

Trump's politicization of the incident, in which a man allegedly planned to fire on him while Trump played golf in Florida...

Both Biden and Harris have denounced the apparent assassination bid, with Biden saying: "I've always condemned political violence. I will not."



Ryan Wesley Routh following his arrest in Martin County, Florida

Biden also telephoned Trump and conveyed his relief that he is safe, the White House said...

The suspect, identified by police as 58-year-old Ryan Wesley Routh, was arrested Sunday after being spotted while hiding with an assault-style rifle at the edge of Trump's golf course in West Palm Beach.

Trump returns to campaign trail after assassination scare

AFP | Flint, United States

Donald Trump returns to the campaign trail Tuesday traveling to Michigan two days after another apparent assassination attempt against him was foiled.

His Democratic rival Kamala Harris will also be campaigning, as she heads to the key battleground state of Pennsylvania for an interview with the National Association of Black Journalists (NABJ).

Political violence is "unacceptable and I strongly condemn it," Harris told Spanish-language radio broadcaster Nueva Network early Tuesday...

"We have to have civil dialogue and discourse... Violence has no place," she said.

Ex-president Trump was whisked away by the US Secret Service after a gunman was discovered Sunday in a hedgerow at his Florida golf course...

Trump launches new crypto platform with scant detail

AFP | New York, United States

Former US president Donald Trump along with his sons and entrepreneurs late Monday launched a cryptocurrency platform but provided few details.

Little was revealed about the Trump family crypto project during a two-hour online presentation other than an offer to let people buy digital "tokens" giving them a vote in platform decisions.

The event went ahead as planned despite an apparent assassination attempt against Trump on Sunday at his golf club in West Palm Beach, Florida.

World Liberty Financial intends to offer services based on so-called decentralized finance, a mechanism that eliminates the need for an intermediary such as a bank to carry out transactions with a third party...

Archbishop asks court to evict nuns in Spanish convent dispute

AFP | Madrid, Spain

A Spanish archbishop asked the courts on Monday to evict 10 nuns who are refusing to leave a convent after being excommunicated in a dispute with the Vatican.

The Archbishop of Burgos, Mario Icaza, demanded in June that the Poor Clare sisters leave the 15th-century convent of Santa Clara in the northern town of Belorado.

The nuns announced in May that they were breaking away from the Roman Catholic Church



poor Clare sisters are ordered to leave the 15th-century convent of Santa Clara because it had blocked their attempt to buy another convent.

The nuns say they see themselves as under the jurisdiction of excommunicated ultraconservative priest Pablo de Rojas Sanchez-Franco, head of a group regarded as heretics by the Catholic Church and considered by some experts to be a sect.



Poor Clare sisters are ordered to leave the 15th-century convent of Santa Clara

because it had blocked their attempt to buy another convent. They declared allegiance to a group that challenges the legitimacy of the current Pope.

Qatar says Gaza truce mediation efforts 'ongoing'



An amputee stands with crutches as he waits to be fitted with a new prosthetic limb at the Jordanian field hospital in Khan Yunis in the southern Gaza Strip

AFP | Doha, Qatar

Qatar's foreign ministry said Tuesday efforts to forge a Gaza truce were "ongoing", after several rounds of talks aimed at ending the now 11-month war ended without a breakthrough.

"The efforts are still ongoing and channels of communication remain open... the goals and visits and meetings are ongoing," ministry spokesman Majed

al-Ansari told reporters. Months of behind-the-scenes negotiations mediated by Qatar, Egypt and the United States have failed to halt the fighting between Hamas and Israel, apart from a one-week truce beginning in late November.

Ansari declined to comment Tuesday on whether any further proposal had been relayed to Israel or Hamas.

"When it comes to the possibility of a deal taking place any-

time soon, of course we remain hopeful at every juncture," he said. "I can't comment on the prospects of a deal taking place right now but I can tell you that we remain hopeful and we continue with our efforts."

Hamas said its delegation met Qatari and Egyptian mediators in Doha last week to discuss a truce and potential hostage and prisoner exchange, again without indicating that any breakthrough had been reached.

More than 95,000 Japanese aged over 100, most of them women

AFP | Tokyo, Japan

The number of people in Japan aged 100 or older has hit a record high of more than 95,000 -- almost 90 percent of them women -- government data showed Tuesday.

The figures further highlight the slow-burning demographic crisis gripping the world's fourth-biggest economy as its population ages and shrinks.

As of September 1, Japan had 95,119 centenarians, up 2,980 year-on-year, with 83,958 of them women and 11,161 men, the health ministry said in a statement.

On Sunday separate government data showed that the number of over-65s has hit a record high of 36.25 million, accounting for 29.3 percent of Japan's population.

The proportion puts Japan at the top of a list of 200 countries and regions with a population of over 100,000 people, the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications said.

Japan is currently home to the world's oldest living person Tomiko Itooka, who was born on May 23, 1908 and is 116 years old, according to the US-based Gerontology Research Group.

The previous record-holder, Maria Branyas Morera, died last month in Spain at the age of 117. Itooka lives in a nursing home in Ashiya, Hyogo prefecture in western Japan, the ministry said.



She often says "thank you" to the nursing home staff and expresses nostalgia about her hometown, the ministry said. "I have no idea at all about what's the secret of my long life," Japan's oldest man, Kiyotaka Mizuno, who is 110, told local media.

Mizuno, who lives in Iwata, Shizuoka prefecture in central Japan with his family, gets up at 6:30 am every morning and eats three meals a day -- without being picky about his food.

His hobby is listening to live sports, including sumo wrestling, the ministry said. Japan is facing a steadily worsening population crisis, as its expanding elderly population leads to soaring medical and welfare costs, with a shrinking labour force to pay for it.

The country's overall population is 124 million, after de-

clining by 595,000 in the previous, according to previous government data. The government has attempted to slow the decline and ageing of its population without meaningful success, while gradually extending the retirement age -- with 65 becoming the rule for all employers from fiscal 2025.



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TOP 4 TWEETS

01



At a time of global division, science can be a powerful unifying force. I fully endorse the Statement on Trust in Science issued by my Scientific Advisory Board. @antonio gutierrez

02



Deeply appreciate your kind wishes and message Prime Minister @KumarJugnauth. Mauritius is our close partner in our endeavours for a better future for our people and humanity. @narendramodi

03



We celebrate this International Day of Democracy with renewed determination to protect the rights and privileges that democracy provides and to continue our efforts to make them available to all. @SecBlinken

04



While #Chad is facing multiple crises of its own, including hunger, floods and disease outbreaks, we are grateful to the government for accommodating the needs of the hundreds of thousands of Sudanese refugees. @DrTedros

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# CELEBS

## celebs

### Jennifer Lopez is 'trying to be friendly' with Ben Affleck

Bang Showbiz | Los Angeles

Jennifer Lopez is reportedly "trying to be friendly" with her estranged husband Ben Affleck for the sake of their kids.

The singer/actress split from the Hollywood actor in April after less than two years of marriage, and she filed for divorce on August 20 - the date of their second wedding anniversary. The former couple were pictured having brunch together in Los Angeles with their kids over the weekend and it's been reported that Jennifer wants to remain on good terms with her ex for the sake of their children.

A source told PEOPLE: "They all came together for a fun lunch so the kids could hang out.



Ben Affleck and Jennifer Lopez

[Lopez is] trying to be friendly with Ben. They are still moving forward with the divorce though."

The insider added: "A divorce is never easy, but Jennifer doesn't want to be selfish about it. The kids always got along

and have fun together. It makes her happy seeing the kids happy together. Happy kids are her priority."

The former couple were pictured out at the Polo Lounge at the Beverly Hills Hotel in Los Angeles on Saturday along with Ben's kids Seraphina, 15, and Samuel, 12, as well as Jennifer's 16-year-old twins, Emme and Max with ex Marc Anthony. Ben is also dad to 18-year-old Violet - who is at college - from his marriage to Jennifer Garner.

Pop superstar Jennifer, 55, was engaged to Hollywood actor Ben in the early 2000s, but the relationship ended shortly before they were due to get married.

### Dwayne Johnson declares real men know when to ask for help

Bang Showbiz | Los Angeles

Dwayne Johnson is convinced real men know when to ask for help.

The movie hardman, 52, opened up about his definition of masculinity while discussing his new film 'Moana 2', in which he reprises his role as flamboyant demigod Maui, who he first voiced in 2016's 'Moana' animation.

He told Entertainment Weekly while discussing the cartoon character: "The idea of asking for help is actually a superpower.

"Masculinity, to me, is not being tough. It's not being a bada\*\*."

"Powerful masculinity is having the confidence to look inside and say, 'This is what I'm feeling, and it's OK - here's my chest, I'll gladly rip it open to someone who can help me.'"

Dwayne added he didn't "know" who the Maui character was when he was first offered the role as he pretends to be in control.

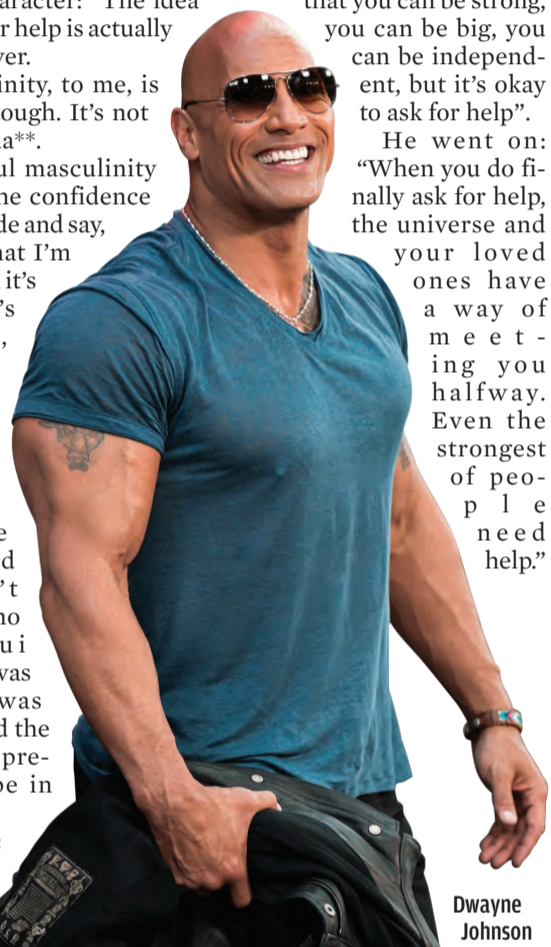
He said: "This guy who

is very presentational, who puts on a show, who loves to hold court, sing and dance, and make people feel good.

"But there's a lot that's brewing deep down that, eventually, he is going to have to contend with because it's like a ball that you're holding underwater. "Eventually, you've got to let the ball go, and it's going to explode."

The former wrestler said the 'Moana 2' contains "an important moment for people to see that you can be strong, you can be big, you can be independent, but it's okay to ask for help".

He went on: "When you do finally ask for help, the universe and your loved ones have a way of meeting you halfway. Even the strongest of people need help."



Dwayne Johnson

### Tom Cruise performed Risky Business dance on date with Heather Locklear

Bang Showbiz | Los Angeles

Tom Cruise performed his famous 'Risky Business' dance on a date with actress Heather Locklear.

The 'Melrose Place' actress, 62, has revealed she first met Tom at an audition for a film during their early years in Hollywood and they became friends even though they both gave a "terrible" performance and missed out on the parts.

Speaking during a panel at 90s Con Florida on Saturday (14.09.24), Heather explained: "We both did an audition for the film together - the two of us - and I



Tom Cruise and Heather Locklear

was like, 'Oh my gosh, I'm terrible' ... He's even worse!"

"So at that time he was just like this little baby boy that I feel like I was a little bit older, and he ended up coming over to my house with Sean Penn. And they were just

nice, but he was very, 'yes ma'am' to me, and I was like, 'okay, sir'."

However, Heather did agree to go out on a date with Tom and he ended up pulling out his best dance moves which later ended up on screen in his 1983 movie 'Risky Business'.

Heather said: "We went out dancing to Club Lingerie at that time and, and I've said this before, I mean, he was really cute ... He actually did that [the dance moves] before [the movie], and I was dancing along like, 'Do you stop dancing if they're down there?'. I was like 'Yay!' But he was very nice to me."

### Anna Kendrick reveals her struggles with domestic life: 'I don't know how to cook...'

Bang Showbiz | Los Angeles

Anna Kendrick "doesn't know how" to cook.

The 39-year-old actress admitted that while she is a "homebody" whenever she is not working, she has no skills in the kitchen and joked that she cannot really do anything domestic.

She told People: "I'm kind of a homebody. Either I'm out and working or I want to be a homebody. I don't cook. I don't know how to. I really just don't know how to do anything useful in life."

The 'Pitch Perfect' star also noted that it should not come as

a shock to any of her fans that she is "lazy" and enjoys the convenience of using an iced coffee maker when she is at home.

She said: "It's not a surprise to anybody that I'm kind of a lazy bones, and so just convenience and ease is everything. [My coffee maker] is perfect because it's so fast and, frankly, I get to stay in my house. I would definitely go out and get coffee or even order it in, so the fact that it's just kind of foolproof is perfect."

The 'Into the Woods' star is currently thought to be single and has previously opened up about the alleged abuse she suffered at the hands of a former

boyfriend, whom she did not name.

She said about immediately connecting with the script for her movie 'Alice, Darling': "I was coming out of a personal experience with emotional abuse and psychological abuse."

Anna Kendrick



### Reese Witherspoon teases new project

Bang Showbiz | Los Angeles

Reese Witherspoon has teased an upcoming project.

The 48-year-old actress cannot say much about what is on the cards for her but did note that she was recently in close contact with someone who is known for starring on Bravo's 'Real Housewives' hit media franchise.

She told E! News: "I feel like I can't catch up. But I did sit next to a Real Housewife on a flight re-

cently."

When asked to give any names, the 'Legally Blonde' star kept quiet but teased that something coming through her own production company "might" be on the horizon.

She added: "Umm, well, we might have a Hello Sunshine project cooking now, but I can't say anything. But it was cool, it was very cool."

Last month, the Reese Witherspoon

'Morning Show' star posted a snap of her grinning beside her beaming mom Betty on Sunday on her Instagram, alongside a gushing tribute.

She said in a caption: "Happy birthday to the most amazing Mama in the world! "You bring so much sunshine into my life. (Star emojis.) Thank you for always believing in me and cheering me on. I love you! (Pink heart emoji.)"

It was from her own celebrations in March when she turned 48, while another photo showed the pair smiling as they posed in a café.



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#### CROSSWORD

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Down

- From a distance; 2- She played Ginger on 'Gilligan's Island'; 3- Getting \_\_\_ years (aging); 4- Singer Etheridge; 5- Singer Newton-John; 6- The dark; 7- French summers; 8- Singer Garfunkel; 9- Place in a bank account; 10- Son of \_\_\_; 11- Pie crust ingredient; 12- Concept; 15- Jewelry typically worn by women; 23- Stage hog; 25- Rent; 26- Wrinkle removers; 27- Eight Days \_\_\_; 28- Country singer Gibbs; 29- Brittle; 30- Audacity; 31- For want of \_\_\_; 32- Old Fords; 33- Oceans; 34- Donkeys; 37- Serving no function; 40- Unity; 42- Prefix with profit or fiction; 43- Version; 45- \_\_\_ Moines, Iowa; 46- Cedex; 48- Tooth; 49- Mater preceder; 50- Aforementioned; 51- Canadian gas brand; 52- Patriot Nathan; 54- Church section; 55- Qatar's capital; 56- Quickly, briefly; 59- Bell and Barker;

Yesterday's solution

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AYMAN ABDULJALIL M ALMERBATI / LUULAT ALDAYRIH - 7800 has a vacancy for the occupation of FISHERMAN, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39777924 or BALMRBATY@GMAIL.COM

NOOR GATE STATIONERY COMPANY W.L.L has a vacancy for the occupation of ACCOUNTANTS, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17000880 or HATIMED31@GMAIL.COM

MUHAMMAD ARSHAD CONSTRUCTION OF FLOATING W.L.L has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER(CONSTRUCTION), suitably qualified applicants can contact 33282300 or MUSHTAQ29SP@GMAIL.COM

FAISAL ABDULLA MAJED BUILDING COMPLETION has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER(CONSTRUCTION).GENERAL, suitably qualified applicants can contact 35137132 or NIGRANKHANBH@GMAIL.COM

Driver auto service has a vacancy for the occupation of CLEANER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17770525 or INFO@DRIVER-BH.COM

MOHAMMED AHMADI CO W.L.L has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER-CLEANING-(HAND & CHEMICAL SOLUTIONS), suitably qualified applicants can contact 17268111 or hrd1@macbh.com

AREENA CONTRACTOR GROUP CO. W.L.L has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER(CONSTRUCTION), suitably qualified applicants can contact 17245222 or ALANSARI@AREEN-AGROUP.COM

FLAMINGO LAUNDRIES W.L.L has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER(LAUNDRY), suitably qualified applicants can contact 39997774 or bills@alsaadon.com.bh

ALMOAYYED CLEANING & MAINTENANCE W.L.L. has a vacancy for the occupation of CLEANER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39770606 or proffice@almoayyedcg.com

ALFARES FOR CUSTOM CLEARING FORWARDING & STEVEDORING AND PACKAGI has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER(DOCKER), suitably qualified applicants can contact 17292372 or ALFARESEST.BH@GMAIL.COM

MOHAMMED AHMADI CO W.L.L has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER-CLEANING-(HAND & CHEMICAL SOLUTIONS), suitably qualified applicants can contact 17268111 or hrd1@macbh.com

MINI CAR AUTO SERVICES has a vacancy for the occupation of MECHANICAL HELPER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 33507161 or SHAHIDMANZOORMANZOOR32@GMAIL.COM

ROASTERDAM SPECIALTY COFFEE ROASTERY W.L.L has a vacancy for the occupation of ROASTER(COFFEE), suitably qualified applicants can contact 36029029 or sales@roasterdam.com

Mr. sparkle cleaning has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER/PACKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 33331155 or

JSHAIBANI@GMAIL.COM

PANAMA CAFETERIA has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER(JUICE & SANDWICHES), suitably qualified applicants can contact 33220070 or ABBAS\_ALJAMRI@YAHOO.COM

SILVER RAFFAY EVENTS AND TRADE SHOWS W.L.L has a vacancy for the occupation of ADMINISTRATOR, suitably qualified applicants can contact 33860377 or HURAINLUVH@GMAIL.COM

ARAB ORGANIZERS has a vacancy for the occupation of FABRICATOR(FIBERGLASS RODUCTS), suitably qualified applicants can contact 35555510 or araborganizers.bh@gmail.com

AREENA CONTRACTOR GROUP CO. W.L.L has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER(CONSTRUCTION), suitably qualified applicants can contact 17245222 or ALANSARI@AREEN-AGROUP.COM

Area for selling used goods has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER(SALES), suitably qualified applicants can contact 39665776 or althuraia143@hotmail.com

CHILLI BUN RESTAURANT W.L.L has a vacancy for the occupation of MANAGER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 33644654 or MRIYAS25@GMAIL.COM

CYBER SALON has a vacancy for the occupation of BARBER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39884720 or JAZERY@HOTMAIL.COM

REEMCO MANAGEMENT COMPANY W.L.L has a vacancy for the occupation of DATA ENTRY OPERATOR, suitably qualified applicants can contact 33701411 or REEMAALAA75@GMAIL.COM

NATIONAL HOTELS COMPANY B.S.C. (DIPLOMAT HOTEL) has a vacancy for the occupation of CHEF, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17530838 or zalajjawi@nhcbahrain.com

I CHECK AUTO has a vacancy for the occupation of ADMINISTRATOR, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17770525 or INFO@DRIVER-BH.COM

HANI CAR MAINTENANCE has a vacancy for the occupation of MECHANIC, suitably qualified applicants can contact 33383990 or HANIAZIS4321@GMAIL.COM

H N H MARKETING W.L.L has a vacancy for the occupation of OFFICE WORKER HELPER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 33635044 or SAKEERHUSAINSL0122@GMAIL.COM

ALHANAFI CLEANING CO. W.L.L. has a vacancy for the occupation of CLEANER (GENERAL), suitably qualified applicants can contact 39904366 or hanafico@batelco.com.bh

Galali Live Restaurant has a vacancy for the occupation of WAITER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 35064072 or vmbiana@gmail.com

ANATOLIA PUBLICITY AND ADVERTISING COMPANY W.L.L has a vacancy for the occupation of OFFICE ASSISTANT, suitably qualified applicants can contact 37410136 or IQBALGONDAL303@GMAIL.COM

ALSHUROOQ SWEET W.L.L has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKERS(FOOD & BEVERAGES INDUSTRY), suitably qualified applicants can contact 33214563 or ALSHUROOQSWEETS@GMAIL.COM

Kingdom Security Protection Services W.L.L has a vacancy for the occupation of SECURITY GUARD, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39415444 or RASHEED@SECURICORE.BH

ALFARES FOR CUSTOM CLEARING FORWARDING & STEVEDORING AND PACKAGI has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER(DOCKER), suitably qualified applicants can contact 17292372 or ALFARESEST.BH@GMAIL.COM

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NASS MARINE SHIPYARD COMPANY W.L.L has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER (SHIPBUILDING YARD), suitably qualified applicants can contact 17725522 or yousif@aanass.net

R&B Fashion Bahrain W.L.L has a vacancy for the occupation of STORE MANAGER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17564451 or ahmed.alqassab@apparelglobal.com

KOOHEJI CONTRACTORS W.L.L has a vacancy for the occupation of CONSTRUCTION WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17786500 or careers@kcbahrain.com

ASTERIA RESTAURANT W.L.L has a vacancy for the occupation of WAITER/BARTENDER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17717780 or hussein@themeatco.com

HKH CONTRACTING W.L.L has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER(CONSTRUCTION).GENERAL, suitably qualified applicants can contact 33871683 or MK\_ALKHALIFA.36@HOTMAIL.COM

ARRAY INNOVATION W.L.L has a vacancy for the occupation of COMPUTER SOFTWARE SPECIALIST, suitably qualified applicants can

contact 39926662 or HALQASEER@MUMTALAKAT.BH

OBRAS CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE SERVICES W.L.L has a vacancy for the occupation of CLEANER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39133302 or OBRAS.CMS3@GMAIL.COM

AlFateh Group W.L.L. has a vacancy for the occupation of DRIVER(HEAVY VEHICLE), suitably qualified applicants can contact 17222222 or agm@alfateh.bh

AZEE INTERIOR DECORATION CO. W.L.L has a vacancy for the occupation of OFFICE BOY / FARRASH, suitably qualified applicants can contact 35124062 or JAWAIDMALIK90@YAHOO.COM

FAHEEM CONSTRUCTION OF FLOATING COMPANY W.L.L has a vacancy for the occupation of CONSTRUCTION WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 37410136 or SAFDARHAYATFBUSINESS@GMAIL.COM

WAQAS TRADE CO W.L.L has a vacancy for the occupation of TRADES FORMAN, suitably qualified applicants can contact 37589129 or WAQASGUJJAR479@GMAIL.COM

FAISAL ABDULLA MAJED BUILDING COMPLETION has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER(CONSTRUCTION).GENERAL, suitably qualified applicants can contact 35137132 or NIGRANKHANBH@GMAIL.COM

INTERNATIONAL MOTOR TRADING AGENCY W.L.L has a vacancy for the occupation of TECHNICIAN(CARS ENGINES), suitably qualified applicants can contact 36379946 or SUZY\_KANOO@KEKANOO.COM

YOUSIF AL-ZAYANI TRADING & CONTRACTING CO. W.L.L. has a vacancy for the occupation of CARPENTER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17224381 or ZAYNICO@BATELCO.COM.BH

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R.B. HILTON LIMITED has a vacancy for the occupation of WORK SUPERVISOR, suitably qualified applicants can contact 36379946 or ALTRADMENAI.MAILBAHRAIN@ALTRAD.COM

EXCELLENCE INDUSTRIAL MAINTENANCE COMPANY W.L.L has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER(MAINTENANCEW).GENERAL, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17532010 or a.jawahery@exibah.com

Arkan Itihad Development Co. W.L.L. has a vacancy for the occupation of DRIVER(FOOD DISTRIBUTION), suitably qualified applicants can contact 13300444 or HROFFICER@AIMS-BAHRAIN.COM

NASS CONTRACTING COMPANY (W.L.L) has a vacancy for the occupation of CLERK, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39470985 or yousif@aanass.net

ALMUFEED DAIRY has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER(DAIRY FARM).GENERAL, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39467745 or almufeed.finance@gmail.com

ALJAMEEL TOWER CONSTRUCTION & TRADING has a vacancy for the occupation of SHEARDISER(ZINC COATING ,IRON PROD.), suitably qualified applicants can contact 33111179 or ALJAMEELDOCL@GMAIL.COM

TECHNO INDUSTRIAL SUPPORT CENTER W.L.L has a vacancy for the occupation of MECHANICAL TECHNICIAN, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17272975 or TISC@BATELCO.COM.BH

AL-KARAMA SANDWICHES CO W.L.L has a vacancy for the occupation of WAITER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39611067 or manzoork1970@gmail.com

Araeen supermarket has a vacancy for the occupation of SALESMAN, suitably qualified applicants can contact 33345415 or A123AFT-AB@HOTMAIL.COM

KINGDOM ASPHALT COMPANY W L L has a vacancy for the occupation of ASPHALT-PAVING-MACHINE OPERATOR (ROADS), suitably qualified applicants can contact 17466776 or ABDULLA@KINGDOM.BH

NASS MECHANICAL CONTRACTING COMPANY W.L.L has a vacancy for the occupation of MECHANICAL HELPER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39470985 or yousif@aanass.net

EXCELLENCE INDUSTRIAL MAINTENANCE COMPANY W.L.L has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER(MAINTENANCEW).GENERAL, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17532010 or a.jawahery@exibah.com

ALGHANIM INTERNATIONAL GENERAL TRADING AND CONTRACTING CO. - For has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER(CONSTRUCTION), suitably qualified applicants can contact 17300616 or karim.eissa@falghanim.com

FRUIT GARDEN CENTER has a vacancy for the occupation of SALESMAN, suitably qualified applicants can contact 33794733 or S20532005@gmail.com

DREAM PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT CO. W.L.L has a vacancy for the occupation of CLEANER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 36094012 or HRD@DREAMGROUP.BH

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MASSIMO GENTS SALON has a vacancy for the occupation of HAIR DRESSER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 33299991 or BOSSCO099@GMAIL.COM

ALKHUNAIZI INSULATION SYSTEMS.AL-KHUNAIZI COMPANIES GROUP W.L.L has a vacancy for the occupation of TECHNICIAN WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17406633 or INFO@KUC-BH.COM

MAGIC SHINE CLEANING CO. W.L.L has a vacancy for the occupation of CLEANER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 365509129 or info@magicshinebh.com

VISSION CONSTRUCTION has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER(CONSTRUCTION), suitably qualified applicants can contact 33300177 or TAHAAJ@GMAIL.COM

Beroa Abu Obaid Industrial Insulation Company W.L.L has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER(MAINTENANCEW).GENERAL, suitably qualified applicants can contact 36555788 or BEROAABUOBAID@GMAIL.COM

SULTAN MARINE INTERNATIONAL W.L.L has a vacancy for the occupation of MECHANICAL FITTER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 37755718 or admin@sultanengineering.com

HUAWEI TECHNOLOGIES BAHRAIN W.L.L has a vacancy for the occupation of MANAGER (PROJECT), suitably qualified applicants can contact 33993977 or MOHAMMED.ALDER-AZI@HUAWEI.COM

APRIL ALUMINIUM FACTORY W.L.L has a vacancy for the occupation of ALUMINIUM TECHNICIAN (GENERAL), suitably qualified applicants can contact 33955562 or APRILALUMINIUM@GMAIL.COM

EXCELLENCE INDUSTRIAL MAINTENANCE COMPANY W.L.L has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER(MAINTENANCEW).GENERAL, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17532010 or a.jawahery@exibah.com

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PETALS GIVEAWAYS AND FLOWERS has a vacancy for the occupation of SALESMAN, suitably qualified applicants can contact 33991392 or FAHADALANZY88@GMAIL.COM

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ABDOULAZIZ ABDULRAHIM MUSTAFA RAHIMI has a vacancy for the occupation of BAKER(GENERAL), suitably qualified applicants can contact 36738888 or A.AZIZRAHIM@HOTMAIL.COM

Vega International Service Wll has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER(CONSTRUCTION), suitably qualified applicants can contact 36666996 or M.K.ALMUSALAM@GMAIL.COM

B.M. HAJEN Aluminium Workshop W.L.L has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER(GLASS CUTTING), suitably qualified applicants can contact 33610210 or HAJEN.CONST@GMAIL.COM

S N COATING WORKSHOP W.L.L has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER(METAL CLEANING), suitably qualified applicants can contact 33074488 or SNCOATING@GMAIL.COM

NEJOU RESTAURANT MANAGEMENT COMPANY-FOREIGN BRANCH has a vacancy for the occupation of COFFEE SERVER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 66366711

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SHABAB GARMENTS W.L.L has a vacancy for the occupation of TAILOR, suitably qualified applicants can contact 38408359 or shabab\_sa@outlook.com

AIN AL NOOR TRADING COMPANY W.L.L

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TECHNO PAK CONTRACTING CO W.L.L has a vacancy for the occupation of CONSTRUCTION WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39245981 or ZAHEERAB-BAS1283@GMAIL.COM

CORDOBA CAR SERVICES has a vacancy for the occupation of MACHINIST, suitably qualified applicants can contact 35528116 or BB313BB@GMAIL.COM

BUKEN EVENT CENTER W.L.L has a vacancy for the occupation of MARKETING EXECUTIVE, suitably qualified applicants can contact 33041556 or BUKENYAHASSAN98@GMAIL.COM

FFF GENTS SALOON W.L.L has a vacancy for the occupation of BARBER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 33486727 or FAISAL-MAC313@GMAIL.COM

BIG AUTOWORLD W.L.L has a vacancy for the occupation of ASSISTANT MANAGER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 32285577 or ALSAAD@ARATAINTER.COM

QARAMZI SERVICES CO W.L.L has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER(MAINTENANCEW).GENERAL, suitably qualified applicants can contact 33356119 or NAZIR60M@GMAIL.COM

ABU HASHIM REPAIR OF ELECTRONIC W.L.L has a vacancy for the occupation of ELECTRICIAN, suitably qualified applicants can contact 35563190 or UMAR04372@GMAIL.COM

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MANAN DECOR CO W.L.L has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER(SALES), suitably qualified applicants can contact 39924646 or gujjuramir74043@gmail.com

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LAKE SAND CONTRACTING W.L.L has a vacancy for the occupation of CLEANER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 33097268 or IMRWORM.RAFIQ@GMAIL.COM

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ALGHANIM INTERNATIONAL GENERAL TRADING AND CONTRACTING CO. - For has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER(CONSTRUCTION), suitably qualified applicants can contact 17300616 or karim.eissa@falghanim.com

BLUE WAYS DESIGNING W.L.L has a vacancy for the occupation of OFFICE ASSISTANT, suitably qualified applicants can contact 66689868 or SUZAN15@GMAIL.COM

ISA TAREQ I. ALMAJED - WELLD MAJED - 9102 has a vacancy for the occupation of FISHERMAN, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39625239 or IALMAJED97@GMAIL.COM

FINE FOODS CATERING W.L.L has a vacancy for the occupation of WAITER (GENERAL), suitably qualified applicants can contact 17729595 or sakina@hnm-group.com

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LAZER AUTO SERVICES W.L.L has a vacancy for the occupation of CAR WASHER/CLEANER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 36383555 or hassan@emaar.bh

ALHAMRIYA GARAGE has a vacancy for the occupation of SUPERVISOR, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17784188 or HAMRIYAGARAGE@GMAIL.COM

ALBANOOSH COMPANY WLL has a vacancy for the occupation of CARPENTER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39660585 or info@albanoosh.co

Royal Ambassador Property Co. W.L.L. has a vacancy for the occupation of CLEANER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17786500 or pasha@kcbahrain.com

TWO SEAS VAPE W.L.L has a vacancy for the occupation of SALESMAN, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17300482 or ADNAN-FU@HOTMAIL.COM

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SECURE SERVICES LIMITED W.L.L has a vacancy for the occupation of SECURITY GUARD, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17797998 or Carl@SECURESERVICES.BH

ABU DUWAESH SANDWICHES has a vacancy for the occupation of SANDWICHES MAKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39469624 or SAED33310666@GMAIL.COM

KINGDOM ASPHALT COMPANY W L L has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER(CONSTRUCTION), suitably qualified applicants can contact 17466776 or ABDULLA@KINGDOM.BH

SAUDI CABLE COMPANY has a vacancy for the occupation of CABLE JOINTER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39669208 or SAYAD.AHMED@GMAIL.COM

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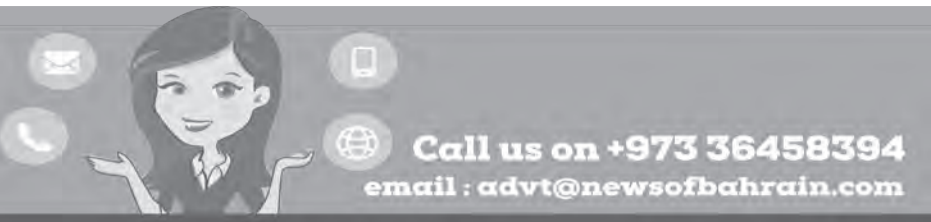
TOOQ ALKHALIJ PROPERTIES INVESTMENT W.L.L has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER(MAINTENANCEW).GENERAL, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17813979 or SHAJID@SUNRISEBAHRAIN.COM

JABERI WOODEN FACTORIES W.L.L has a vacancy for the occupation of TILES FIXER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39452896 or hr.jwf@jaberigroup.com

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KLEEN LAND RECRUITING MANPOWER SERVICES has a vacancy for the occupation of CLEANER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 36368006 or KLEENLANDMANPOWER@GMAIL.COM

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AL TAYYAR TRAVEL & TOURS CO. W.L.L. has a vacancy for the occupation of TICKETING CLERK, suitably qualified applicants can contact 33662222 or ALRAEESH@GMAIL.COM

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SITRA MEAT FACTORY. W.L.L. has a vacancy for the occupation of FOOD SERVICE WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17732252 or gm@sitrafactory.com

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JIVAN CONTRACTING CO W.L.L. has a vacancy for the occupation of MECHANICAL FITTER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 34377617 or tonya.ponomarova@gmail.com

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EMCAN-TEC INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CO. W.L.L. has a vacancy for the occupation of SALES AGENT, suitably qualified applicants can contact 33340388 or MOHAMEDSABER-HUSSIENT14@GMAIL.COM

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KAHRAMANA COMPANY W.L.L. has a vacancy for the occupation of RECEPTIONIST, suitably qualified applicants can contact 33488484 or ASAADALJOBORY@GMAIL.COM

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BRIDGETON INTERNATIONAL W.L.L. has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER(CONSTRUCTION).GENERAL, suitably qualified applicants can contact 37219947 or Sbrakesh@GMAIL.COM

TAIBA DAIRY MANUFACTURE W.L.L. has a vacancy for the occupation of SUPERVISOR, suitably qualified applicants can contact 36622995 or ASAD\_BARBARY@YAHOO.COM

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# Bahrain welcomes world's best in High Diving World Cup

Top divers compete in 2024 World Aquatics High Diving World Cup series kickoff in Bahrain this weekend

● **Australia's Rhiannan Iffland seeks fifth consecutive world title**

● **Canada's Molly Carlson aims to repeat 2023 World Cup success**

● **Divers to jump from 20m (women) and 27m (men) platforms**

**Hussain Almaskati**  
TDT | Manama



Iffland competing in Doha where she won her 4th world title

Bahrain is ready to welcome the best of high diving as the 2024 World Aquatics High Diving World Cup kicks off this weekend.

This marks the start of an exciting two-stop World Cup series, culminating in a final push towards the World Aquatics Championships Singapore 2025.

High divers will descend from heights of 20m for the women and 27m for the men.

**Top Contenders to Watch**

Australia's Rhiannan Iffland, a four-time world champion, enters the competition with dominance, but Canada's Molly Carlson, who famously defeated Iffland in the 2023 World Cup, is looking to repeat her success

in Bahrain.

Iffland recently defended her title at the 2024 World Aquatics Championships in Doha and aims to kick off the World Cup season with another victory.

The 33-year-old, a former cruise ship entertainer, has dominated the sport since her debut in 2017, securing four consecutive world titles.

Canada's Molly Carlson, a rising star and former Youth Olympic Games (Nanjing 2014)

participant, is one of Iffland's strongest rivals.

Despite only entering high diving competitions in 2021, Carlson impressed by winning the 2023 World Aquatics High Diving World Cup, edging out Iffland by less than 10 points.

Both women will push the limits, with the stakes high for the season's opening competition.

On the men's side, Great Britain's Aidan Heslop, who recently

ended a two-season dry spell with a world championship win, will face tough competition from Romania's Catalin Preda and Constantin Popovici.

Heslop's primary rival is Preda, who secured second place at the World Championships in Doha and has been a consistent podium contender over the last two seasons, including at the World Aquatics Championships Fukuoka 2023.

Alongside Preda, Popovici,

the gold medalist from Fukuoka 2023, will also be vying for top honors from the 27m platform.

The Romanian compatriots will be determined to maintain their strong performances and ensure the Romanian flag flies high in Bahrain.

The Kingdom has become a premier venue for international sports, and the High Diving World Cup is no exception. The iconic skyline of Manama

**Competing Athletes**

**Men:**

1. Zach Picton (Australia)
2. Michael Foisy (Canada)
3. Francois Imbeau-Dulac (Canada)
4. Miguel Garcia Celis (Colombia)
5. Carlos Gimeno (Spain)
6. Davide Baraldi (Italy)
7. Andrea Barnabà (Italy)
8. Antonio Corzo Diaz (Mexico)
9. Sergio Guzman (Mexico)
10. Yolotl Otniel Martinez Cabral (Mexico)
11. Jonathan Paredes (Mexico)
12. Braden Rumpit (New Zealand)
13. Constantin Popovici (Romania)
14. Catalin-Petru Preda (Romania)
15. Jean-David Duval (Switzerland)
16. Pierrick Schafer (Switzerland)
17. Oleksiy Pryhorov (Ukraine)
18. David Colturi (USA)
19. Matt Cooper (USA)
20. Scott Lazeroff (USA)
21. James Lichtenstein (USA)

**Women:**

1. Rhiannan Iffland (Australia)
2. Xantheia Pennisi (Australia)
3. Molly Carlson (Canada)
4. Simone Leathead (Canada)
5. Maria Paula Quintero (Colombia)
6. Annika Bornebusch (Denmark)
7. Madeleine Bayon (France)
8. Anna Bader (Germany)
9. Elisa Cosetti (Italy)
10. Alejandra Sofia Aguilar Tovar (Mexico)
11. Ginni Van Katwijk (Netherlands)
12. Morgane Herculano (Switzerland)
13. Kaylea Arnett (USA)
14. Meili Carpenter (USA)
15. Maya Kelly (USA)
16. Ellie Smart (USA)

**Schedule**

**Saturday, 21 September**

- 09:00 - Women's 20m: Round 1 & 2
- 11:30 - Men's 27m: Round 1 & 2

**Sunday, 22 September**

- 09:00 - Women's 20m: Round 3
- 09:35 - Women's 20m: Round 4
- 11:30 - Men's 27m: Round 3
- 12:15 - Men's 27m: Round 4

will serve as the backdrop for a display of athleticism, as competitors take the plunge from platforms twice the height of the Olympic 10-meter board.

## Bangladesh Tests 'no dress rehearsal', says India's Rohit

AFP | Chennai

Captain Rohit Sharma yesterday warned his India team there is "no dress rehearsal" in cricket as they face a Bangladesh side fresh from a historic Test series win over Pakistan.

India lead the World Test Championship (WTC) standings ahead of Australia, where Rohit's team will tour for a five-match series later in the year.

But first they host Bangladesh in a two-Test series, starting with the opener in the northern Indian city of Chennai from Thursday.

India are clear favourites but the visitors recently celebrated a landmark 2-0 series sweep in Pakistan.

"There is no dress rehearsal kind of stuff happening here," Rohit told reporters, cautioning against minds turning too quickly to Australia.

"Every game is important because of what is at stake -- the



India's captain Rohit Sharma, head coach Gautam Gambhir (C) and chief selector Ajit Agarkar (R) look on during a practice session (file photo)

WTC table is quite wide open," Rohit added. "We want to win here, and start the season on a high."

The skipper added: "In terms of preparation, in terms of readiness, I feel we are quite ready for this game, and what lies ahead of us."

India's last Test series was at home earlier this year when they beat England 4-1.

India won the T20 World Cup in June, their first International Cricket Council title in 11 years.

But there was "no way" his players would "relax and sit back" as a result, the 37-year-

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ROHIT SHARMA

old Rohit said.

"Us cricketers, we have got limited time to play the game, to make an impact in the sport that we play," he said.

India will host New Zealand for three Tests in October and November, before travelling to Australia, the current World Test champions.

"Every team likes to beat India. Let them have fun," said Rohit of a Bangladesh team on a high after their first win over Pakistan.

"We need to win the match and that's what we are here for."

## Man City's Rodri warns of strike action over fixture increase

AFP | Manchester

Manchester City midfielder Mer Rodri has warned leading footballers could go on strike if clubs continue to face an ever-expanding schedule.

City, the 2023 Champions League winners, face Italian giants Inter Milan at the Etihad Stadium on Wednesday, in their first match of the competition's new league phase.

The expanded 36-team tournament, in which all clubs play eight league fixtures, is a far cry from the original European Cup which only featured reigning national champions.

City will also compete in an expanded Club World Cup at the end of the season.

"Yes, I think we are close to that," said Rodri when asked yesterday if there was a possibility of players going on strike.

"If it keeps this way we will have no other option. It is something that worries us."

City manager Pep Guardiola was more re-

served, however, saying: "We are in our first game, then the second and we will see what happens in the last games to go through."

"It is not necessary to look now. It's in the future. We will see."

Spain star Rodri's comments echoed those of Liverpool goalkeeper Alisson, who said players were being ignored by football chiefs when it came to the issue of fixture congestion.

Liverpool are away to AC Milan yesterday in their opening fixture.

"Sometimes nobody asks the players what they think about adding more games," Alisson told reporters on Monday.

"Maybe our opinion doesn't matter, but everybody knows what we think about having more games."



Rodri

## Players ignored in loaded football season, says Liverpool's Alisson

AFP | London

Liverpool goalkeeper Alisson said on Monday players are being ignored as more matches are played during sea-

sons, ahead of the start of the extended Champions League this week.

Liverpool head to AC Milan yesterday in the revamped

competition, which includes an eight-game league phase and a possible two-legged play-off before the last 16.

Earlier this month, global

footballers' union FIFPro called for safeguards to be introduced for players who already face excessive workloads amid a constantly growing calendar.

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**0 BD .195**

Watermelon



Kleenex Daily Care Tissues 120 Sheets

5 قطع في العبوة Pieces Per Pack  
**0 BD .890**



Nadec Cream Cheese 500 Gm

2 قطع Pieces  
**SAVE 65%**  
~~3.740~~ BD  
**1.290** BD



**18-21** SEPTEMBER  
عرض لمدة أيام 4 DAYS OFFER

للكيلو KG/  
**3 BD .995**

Fresh Norwegian Salmon



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**1 BD .990**

Pakistani Beef Bone In



Jif Cream Lemon 500 ML

2 قطع Pieces  
**SAVE 26%**  
~~2.290~~ BD  
**1.690** BD



Ariel Regular 14 Kg / Tide Regular 15 Kg

**SAVE 30%**  
~~9.990~~ BD  
**6.990** BD



**PHILIPS**

6.2 LTR 2000 WATTS

**SAVE 55** BD  
~~94.990~~ BD  
**44.990** BD

MyCLUB **39.990** BD

Air Fryer HD9270



**SAMSUNG**

4K Smart TV

**SAVE 60** BD  
~~259.990~~ BD  
**234.990** BD

Crystal UHD

MyCLUB **199.990** BD

UHD TV 65" UA65DU7



**SAMSUNG**

6.8" 5G 256 GB

12 MP FRONT 200 MP + 10 MP + 50 MP BACK

**SAVE 198** BD  
~~537.990~~ BD  
**359.990** BD

MyCLUB **339.990** BD

Mobile S24 Ultra



**SAMSUNG**

6.7" 4 GB 64 GB 4G

50+2 MP 8 MP

**SAVE 8** BD  
~~37.990~~ BD  
**32.990** BD

MyCLUB **29.990** BD

Mobile A05



**Bankoussi رنكوسسي**

**SAVE 74%**  
~~10.990~~ BD  
**2.990** BD

MyCLUB **2.750** BD

White Duvet  
Size: 160 x 200 Cm



**MOONLIGHT**

قطع في الطقم Pieces Set  
**SAVE 53%**  
~~7.990~~ BD  
**3.990** BD

MyCLUB **3.750** BD

Moonlight single comforter set (Fitted Sheet: 90 x 200 Cm) + (Comforter: 160 x 250 Cm) + (Pillow Case: 50 x 70 Cm) + (Pillow 500 Gm)



**Nomad**

قطع في الطقم Pieces Set  
**SAVE 49%**  
~~34.990~~ BD  
**18.990** BD

MyCLUB **17.990** BD

Nomad Hard Case Trolley Set



**KORKMAZ**

قطع في الطقم Pieces Set  
**SAVE 40%**  
~~49.990~~ BD  
**39.990** BD

MyCLUB **29.990** BD

Astra Cookware Set

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