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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, sent cables of congratulations to Azerbaijan President Ilham Aliyev of Azerbaijan, on his country's Day of Restoration of Independence.

HRH Prince Salman sent a similar cable to Prime Minister Ali Asadov.

**Hamas chief Sinwar 'killed' in Gaza: Israel**  
AFP | Jerusalem

Israel announced yesterday the killing of Hamas chief Yahya Sinwar, mastermind of the October 7 attack, calling his death a "heavy blow" to the Palestinian group it has been fighting for more than a year.

The Israeli military said that "after a year-long pursuit", troops "eliminated Yahya Sinwar, the leader of the Hamas organisation, in an operation in the southern Gaza Strip" on Wednesday.

Hamas has not confirmed his death. Israel's announcement on Sinwar comes weeks after it assassinated Hezbollah chief Hassan Nasrallah in a massive strike in Lebanon, where the Israeli military has been at war since late September.

*(Detailed report on World Page)*

**Iraq seizes over half a million captagon pills**  
AFP | Baghdad

Iraqi authorities yesterday announced the seizure of more than half a million captagon pills, as the country grapples with a ballooning trade in the banned stimulant.

Authorities in Iraq regularly announce large hauls of captagon, much of it trafficked across the porous 600-kilometre (370-mile) border with war-torn Syria.

Iraq's national security service confirmed they were able to "seize more than 500,000 captagon pills".

# Plan for Sunday holidays rejected

Government turns down Council of Representatives' weekend shift proposal

Mohammed Darwish  
TDT | Manama

Bahrainis won't see public holidays moved to Sundays anytime soon, as the government has turned down a plan to shift holidays to line up with the weekend.

They said it was important to keep the true meaning of religious and national celebrations.

In a written reply to the Council of Representatives, the government agreed that the issue was important but stated that the suggested changes couldn't be made at this time.

**Amiri Decree**

Public holidays are currently governed by Amiri Decree No. (5) of 1973. This ensures that if a holiday falls on a Friday, Saturday, or another public holiday, an extra day off is provided.

"The official holidays in Bahrain include religious events, which follow the Islamic calendar and vary each year," the government stated.

"Some holidays might fall in the middle of the week one year, and at the beginning or end in another year. Other holidays are linked to national and civil occasions, which carry deep national, religious, and cultural significance. It is crucial to preserve their symbolic value."



The government also pointed out that private sector workers are entitled to paid leave during public holidays, according to Law No. (36) of 2012.

Employers can ask workers to work on these holidays, but they

must either pay 150 per cent of their wage or offer compensatory leave, depending on the worker's choice.

The government stressed the need to keep holiday rules fair for both the public and private

sectors.

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"Coordination between all sectors of employment is essential to balance the rights of all parties," the government response added, noting that the proposal's potential impact needed thorough evaluation by relevant authorities.

While the proposal was turned down, the government expressed its appreciation to the Council of Representatives for raising the issue.

"We remain determined to enhance cooperation with the Council within the framework of constructive and fruitful relations between the executive and legislative branches, for the benefit of our beloved nation," the response concluded.

Panic in the Skies

## Wave of hoax bomb threats causes chaos for Indian airlines

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Indian air travel has been thrown into disarray as a series of hoax bomb threats targeting multiple airlines has sparked widespread panic and disrupted operations.

In the latest incident, a Vistara flight from Frankfurt to Mumbai was hit with a social media threat, forcing security agencies into action.

Fortunately, the plane landed safely in Mumbai, but the fear rippling through passengers and authorities alike continues to mount.

Since Monday, at least 19 flights across various Indian airlines have been affected by these fake bomb scares, leading to emergency landings, long

delays, and the involvement of international security agencies.

Flights from Air India, IndiGo, SpiceJet, and more have all been targeted, causing operational chaos.

**Emergency landing**

In one incident, Singapore scrambled fighter jets to escort an Air India Express plane, while another Air India flight from Delhi to Chicago was forced to make an emergency landing in Canada.

Indian authorities are now cracking down, with the arrest of a minor suspected of making several of these threats.

"Very strict action will be taken against those responsible," vowed India's Aviation Minister Ram Mohan Naidu, empha-



Fear grips passengers aboard a Vistara flight en route to Mumbai. (AFP)

sizing that safety remains the top priority for the country's airlines.

The motives behind the surge in threats remain unclear, but the damage is very real.

Airlines are facing massive financial losses due to these disruptions, and passengers are enduring delays, diversions, and heightened security measures.

India's Civil Aviation Ministry and security agencies are on high alert, with additional officers being deployed along sensitive routes to prevent further incidents.

As the hoaxes continue to plague Indian skies, passengers are left uneasy, and the aviation industry is grappling with the fallout of these malicious threats.

# Shining moment

Joyalukkas opens its second showroom in Bahrain, now the largest jewellery destination in the country

## Tourism Minister is Chief Guest in grand opening

Ashen Tharaka  
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As part of its global expansion, Joyalukkas, the world's favourite jeweller, unveiled its largest showroom in the Kingdom with a grand opening yesterday.

The event, held at the new showroom located in the iconic Manama Center, was a dazzling affair attended by esteemed dignitaries, including the Chief Guest, Her Excellency Fatima Jaafar Al-Sairafi, Minister of Tourism, and Mr. John Paul Alukkas, Managing Director of Joyalukkas Group.

This momentous occasion further solidifies Joyalukkas' strong presence in the region, blending luxurious artisanship with timeless tradition.

### New chapter

In his address at the grand opening, Mr. Alukkas said, "Today, we open the doors to a new chapter in Joyalukkas' journey in Bahrain, the heart of the Gulf's jewellery market. This showroom reflects our commitment to providing our customers with the finest in jewellery excellence, combining our legacy of trust with a promise of quality and artistry. We look forward to serving Bahrain's jewellery lovers with a vast array of exquisite collections, from traditional to contemporary designs that are sure to become the treasures of tomorrow."

The grand inauguration showcased a collection that brings the best of Joyalukkas, offering customers an exclusive opportunity to experience the beauty of fine jewellery like never before.

The showroom's luxurious layout invites customers to explore stunning gold, diamond,



H.E. Fatima Jaafar Al-Sairafi with Mr. John Paul Alukkas touring the showroom (Pictures by Ashen Tharaka)



The Tourism Minister inaugurates the showroom with other distinguished guests



Official cake-cutting ceremony to commemorate the occasion

and precious stone jewellery that transcends trends, while also offering investment-grade pieces such as gold coins and bars.

To celebrate the launch, Joy-

alukkas has rolled out exclusive offers for their customers.

Shoppers who visit between 16th October and 2nd November can enjoy a free 500 mg 24k gold bar with purchases of diamond

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- MR. JOHN PAUL ALUKKAS, MANAGING DIRECTOR OF JOYALUKKAS GROUP

and precious stone jewellery worth BD300.

For those looking to purchase more, a free 1 gm 24k Lakshmi idol or gold bar is available on purchases of diamond and precious jewellery worth BD500 or gold jewellery worth BD2,000. And for customers visiting on 29th October, a free 200 mg 22k gold coin awaits them with purchases of BD300 worth of gold jewellery.

### Expansion plans

As part of its ambitious expansion plans, Joyalukkas is progressing with its second store in the UK, while currently operating five stores in the USA, with three more to open soon.

The brand also plans to extend its footprint into Australia, Canada and New Zealand in the near future.

Currently the brand operates in 11 countries with more than 160 world class showrooms.

## Honouring strong India-Bahrain ties



A reception was hosted onboard ITS Indian ships Tir and Veera to honour the strong India-Bahrain ties. H.E. Ambassador Fatma AlDhaen DG, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Bahrain; CdA India in Bahrain (Embassy of India, Bahrain), and CO INS Tir spoke about the robust relations, and defence ties.

## Commemorative stamps released to mark 100 years of municipal elections

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Bahrain Post, in collaboration with the Ministry of Transportation and Telecommunications and the Ministry of Municipalities and Agriculture, has announced the release of commemorative postage stamps celebrating the centennial of the first municipal council elections in the Kingdom of Bahrain.

The stamps feature a historical image of the original municipal council building in Manama.

The stamps, priced at BD1 for a first-day cover and BD5 for a sheet of ten, will be available for purchase at the Bahrain National Museum and all Bahrain Post branches across the country, including Muharraq, Al Hidd, Manama, Diplomatic Area, Bahrain Mall, Sitra, Al Budaiya, Hamad Town, Isa Town, and Sanad.

They will be on sale during regular business hours, Saturday to Thursday.

This latest release continues Bahrain Post's tradition of commemorating significant historical events.



Commemorating a significant historical event

The stamps mark the 1920 elections, a pivotal moment in Bahrain's history.

The late Shaikh Abdullah bin Isa Al Khalifa served as the first president of the municipal council.

He was succeeded by the late Shaikh Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa in late 1920, who held the position until 1929, after which the late Shaikh Mohammed bin Isa Al Khalifa assumed the presidency.

During this period, the council's membership expanded from eight to 20 members to ensure a quorum and strengthen decision-making.

## 'MEPA Unleashed' event concludes with flying colours in Bahrain

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"MEPA UNLEASHED" the Global Entrepreneurship Event concluded yesterday in the Kingdom of Bahrain.

Hosted by The Entrepreneurs' Organization (EO) Middle East, Pakistan, and Africa (MEPA) under the theme "Automate to Thrive," the event drew over 220 participants from around the globe.

The event culminated with recommendations to increase the integration of artificial intelligence (AI) across all facets of the entrepreneurship sector.

Participants underscored the critical need to prepare future generations with the skills and knowledge to effectively leverage AI, thereby driving growth within the digital economy.

In addition to promoting AI adoption, the event emphasized the importance of stimulating

research and analysis into AI's far-reaching impact on the knowledge economy, sustainable development, and income diversification.

### Digital economy

Participants also stressed the need to strengthen technology and communication infrastructure, encouraging young entrepreneurs to embrace the digital economy within their SMEs.

Recognizing the importance of responsible AI implementation, participants called for the development of clear regulatory frameworks that maximize the benefits of AI while mitigating potential risks.

Furthermore, they advocated for increased public-private partnerships to drive innovation and investment in AI research to develop cutting-edge technical solutions that cater to both local and global market needs, while fostering fresh



Dignitaries and participants at the event

ideas that drive and enhance the entrepreneurial ecosystem.

### Enthusiasm

Mr. Bob Thaker, President of EO Bahrain, expressed his enthusiasm for the successful conclusion of the gathering, stating, "This has been a truly remarkable event for our organization. By bringing together over 220 participants from across the globe, MEPA Unleashed has facilitated invaluable knowledge exchange and fostered connections between entrepreneurs and experts in diverse fields."

"The Entrepreneurs' Organization (EO), with its extensive network of over 18,000 leaders in 76 countries, is dedicated to providing entrepreneurs with the resources and support they need to thrive, and we are particularly proud of the innovative ideas generated at this event, which have the potential

to significantly accelerate digital transformation and the adoption of cutting-edge technologies across Bahrain, the region, and the world."

### Dedication

Mr. Thaker emphasized the organization's dedication to fostering entrepreneurial growth, stating, "We remain committed to supporting initiatives that empower entrepreneurs to expand their businesses and achieve prosperity, and we strive to help them refine their ideas and navigate the complexities of the global economy. This annual gathering serves as a dynamic platform for thought leaders and innovators to engage in critical discussions shaping the future of entrepreneurship."

"This year, our focus on artificial intelligence as a catalyst for sustainable development has been particularly insightful.

## Two Asian drug traffickers jailed, fined

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The High Criminal Court has sentenced two Asian defendants to five years in prison and imposed a fine of BD3,000 for trafficking in narcotics and psychoactive substances using a dead drop method for financial gain.

The court also ordered their deportation from the country following the completion of their sentences and the confiscation of the drugs found in their possession.

Details of the case reveal that authorities received information from confidential sources indicating that the defendants were receiving quantities of narcotics through dead drops from unknown sources and distributing them in the same manner to generate profit.

Following an intensive investigation, law enforcement identified the suspects and their residence.

The enforcement team arrested the first defendant at his residence before proceeding to the second defendant's location.

# Servicing blunder

## High Appeals Court upholds ruling against car agency in maintenance dispute

H Naser  
TDT | Manama

The High Appeals Court has upheld a ruling rejecting a car agency's request to charge a client BD4,700 for vehicle maintenance, instead ordering the agency to cover only the cost of spare parts after it was found to have made errors in the servicing.

According to lawyer Hameed Al Samak, his client purchased a vehicle from an exclusive car dealership and regularly visited the agency for routine maintenance, as it was the authorised service provider for that type of car in Bahrain.

After less than three years of operation, the vehicle experienced a minor malfunction, prompting the client to return to the agency's service centre for repairs. This issue recurred multiple times until the engine ultimately failed.

The client took the car back to the service center, where extensive repairs were conducted, including a complete engine replacement.



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However, the agency demanded a payment of BD10,000 for the repairs.

### Engine failure

The client refused to pay, arguing that this amount was equivalent to the price of a new car and that the engine failure was due to prior maintenance mistakes made by the agency.

In response, the agency reduced the repair cost to BD4,798, which the car owner still refused to pay.

Consequently, the agency filed a lawsuit in civil court, seeking to collect the repair costs and requesting a precautionary seizure of the vehicle, claiming it was in their possession during the maintenance process.

### Counterclaim

In turn, Al Samak filed a counterclaim against the agency, demanding full compensation for the repairs and appointing a vehicle engineering expert to prepare a technical report assessing



Hameed Al Samak, defendant's lawyer

the agency's responsibility for the vehicle's malfunctions and any decrease in its market value.

The final technical report concluded that the agency was indeed responsible for the vehicle's issues due to incorrect diagnostics and poor maintenance during the previous repairs.

As a result, the civil court rejected the agency's claim for repair costs and the request to seize the vehicle, instead ordering the client to pay only for the consumed spare parts, which amounted to BD1,100.

## Three arrested in shrimp poaching escape attempt

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Three men of Asian descent have been arrested after a failed bid to escape from Bahraini Coast Guard officers while fishing illegally near Umm Jaleed Island.

The trio was caught red-handed using outlawed bottom trawling nets to scoop up shrimp, a practice banned due to its destructive impact on marine life.

The Coast Guard spotted the boat in the restricted waters and ordered the crew to halt.

Instead, the suspects attempted to flee, only to be quickly apprehended.

Their catch — still fresh from the sea — was seized, and the boat was impounded.

The haul of shrimp has since been sold off at a public auction.

According to a statement from the Public Prosecution yesterday, the suspects have admitted to the charges, which include obstructing law enforcement during the inspection.

Authorities have launched further inquiries to identify any others involved in the illicit fishing operation.

## MPs propose cutting GCC car registration fees

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MPs are pushing to cut car registration fees for imported vehicles with GCC plates that are over five years old, from BD1,000 to BD300.

This step is meant to ease money worries for low-income citizens ahead of the October deadline.

At the latest Parliament session, a group of MPs put forward an urgent plan to lower fees for cars with Gulf plates that entered Bahrain before October 2024, which was fully backed by the Council of Representatives.

The plan includes a 30-day grace period for citizens to update their vehicle registrations.

### Plan

Led by MP Hanan Fardan and backed by several colleagues, the plan seeks to help car owners struggling with high registration fees.

Besides these fees, citizens



MP Hanan Fardan

are now dealing with a 15% charge in taxes and customs duties on the vehicle's full worth, causing many to think about removing their cars from the kingdom.

MPs pointed out that low-income people are hit hardest by these costs, as they can't afford the high price of switching their vehicle plates to Bahraini ones.

Fardan said the plan is meant to ease the money strain on citizens by addressing their needs.

## Empowering young minds

### Parliament pushes for new centre to support Bahrain's student inventors

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The parliament has proposed the creation of a centre to nurture student inventors, with plans for them to gain hands-on experience in patent law through a global programme.

The government has responded positively, announcing its intention to support the Kingdom's brightest minds and enhance the use of Bahrain's registered patents by backing rare skills and scientific research.

"The government is focused on backing new ideas and inventions," it stated, reaffirming its goal to encourage the Kingdom's top talents to keep advancing research, development, and creativity.

The government also highlighted its existing initiatives, particularly a specialist centre under the Ministry of Education that supports gifted students in developing their academic and creative abilities.

### Workshops

This centre offers workshops



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on patent registration through the global 'GLOBE' programme, aiming to support students as they refine their skills.

Further assistance for inventors comes from the Cloud Innovation Centre (CIC), a partnership between Bahrain Polytechnic and Amazon Web Services (AWS).

The CIC encourages collaboration between organisations, students, and the community, using Amazon's processes to test new ideas and access AWS's technical expertise to support the next generation of Bahraini

inventors.

The government also pointed to other initiatives designed to nurture young talent, including the 'Lamea' project, the 'Masari' project, the Nasser bin Hamad International Youth Creativity Award, and the 'Youth City 2030' project.

### Creativity

These programmes, along with the 'Fikra' Government Innovation Competitions, aim to foster creativity among Bahrain's youth.

On intellectual property,

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- GOVERNMENT STATEMENT

the government reassured the Council that Bahrain's membership in international agreements, such as the Paris Convention and the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), ensures strong patent protection.

The National Patent Office, overseen by the Ministry of Industry and Commerce, manages the patent registration process, providing local and international protection.

### Private sector

The government also encouraged the private sector to step in, calling on businesses to provide the financial support and resources needed to turn inventors' ideas into reality.

## Tougher penalties for selling herbal smoking substitutes

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Sellers of herbal alternatives to tobacco could face up to a year in jail or a fine of up to BD1,000 under new rules aimed at curbing smoking in public spaces, including barber shops and parks.

The tougher penalties come as the government seeks to close loopholes in the country's anti-smoking laws, targeting not

only traditional tobacco products but also herbal or non-nicotine substances used as substitutes.

Punishments now include up to a year in jail or fines ranging from BD100 to BD1,000 for anyone caught importing, selling, or distributing these alternatives.

### Fine

Additionally, a further fine of



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BD20 to BD50 will be imposed on those who violate the ban on smoking in indoor public spaces.

This includes locations such as transport hubs, airports, government offices, hospitals, schools, and barber shops — along with other places clearly designated by the minister.

Courts have also been granted the power to shut down businesses for up to three months or

confiscate materials involved in any violations.

These amendments to Law No. 8 of 2009, which regulates all forms of tobacco use, have already been submitted to the Council of Representatives for review.

Furthermore, selling cigarettes individually or distributing tobacco products to minors under 18 will now result in a BD100 fine.

# Identity crisis no more

Bahraini family wins long-fought legal battle to correct names and surnames after 70 years

H Naser  
TDT | Manama

A Bahraini family has finally won a decades-long legal battle to correct their identities after nearly 70 years of struggle.

A ruling from the Lower Civil Court granted the family the right to amend the names and surnames of their six children and minor grandchildren.

Lawyer Khawla Al Shamsi, representing the family, explained that her clients' ancestor arrived in Bahrain from a neighbouring Gulf country approximately 70 years ago without proper documentation.

He was granted Bahraini citizenship under a different name and family name than his original one.

Al Shamsi stated that after many years, the family members sought to reconnect with their



Khawla Al Shamsi, the family's lawyer

relatives on their father's side, leading them to the Gulf country where their ancestor originated.

## Extended family

After considerable effort, they successfully identified their extended family and obtained a final court ruling in the Gulf country to amend their names and their father's name in their



records.

This ruling formed the basis of their subsequent case in Bahrain's Lower Civil Court, filed after their father's passing.

The court stated that the plaintiffs sought to compel the defendants (relevant government bodies) to amend their birth certificates, passports, and smart cards, and to register

these changes in official records.

The case was referred to a specialised committee as per legal requirements.

## Plaintiffs' request

The committee recommended granting the plaintiffs' request, and the court accepted this recommendation, basing its decision on the committee's



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well-reasoned report.

The court subsequently ruled in favour of the plaintiffs, granting their request to officially correct their identities.

This victory concludes a lengthy and arduous legal process for the family, finally securing their rightful identities after decades of hardship.

## Employer acquitted of false accusations by domestic worker

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An employer was acquitted of charges filed against him by his domestic worker, who had lived in his home for eight years.

The worker had alleged that he withheld her wages and restricted her communication with her family.

According to the court records, the case began when the domestic worker fled her employer's residence and filed a complaint, claiming that he had detained her full wages during her employment from 2017 to 2024.

She accused him of exploiting her situation and forcing her into labor without payment.

The prosecution alleged that the employer engaged in human trafficking by facilitating her transport from her home country to Bahrain through a manpower agency. The worker claimed she was coerced into serving him and his family.

## Asian expat sentenced to one year in prison for arson

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The High Criminal Court has sentenced an Asian expatriate to one year in prison for intentionally setting fire to a portion of another person's vehicle.

In addition to the prison term, the court ordered the defendant to pay BD180 in damages for the vehicle and mandated

his deportation from the country upon the completion of his sentence.

According to details provided by the victim, on the day of the incident at around 5:15am, he was at home with his brother when they detected the smell of smoke coming from outside.

The victim's brother went outside to investigate and discovered a fire in the rear tire of the victim's car.

He quickly extinguished the flames with water.

## Damage

When the victim came out to assess the damage, he found that the tire was completely destroyed and immediately called the police and civil defense to report the incident.

Security footage revealed a person lingering around the vehicle before approaching and

bending down toward the tire, from which smoke subsequently emerged.

The crime scene report indicated that the fire started slowly and was concentrated at the rear of the car, specifically on the left rear tire.

While at the police station reviewing video footage of the arson, the victim identified the accused and informed the police of his location, leading to the suspect's arrest.

During the public prosecution's investigation, the defendant confessed to the charge of arson.

Investigators determined that the fire was caused by intentionally introducing a burning heat source to a piece of cloth found under the tire, igniting it and resulting in the damage.



The defendant was also ordered to pay BD180 in damages for the vehicle.

## Bahrain-based Filipino educator chosen for US exchange program

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A member of the Filipino Writers' Circle (FilWrite) Bahrain and a committed educator has recently been chosen for a prestigious exchange program in the US.

The selection of Ruth Mirhan Orense, vice president of the Filwrite Bahrain, for this highly competitive initiative underscores a rigorous evaluation process that recognizes her exceptional teaching skills and commitment to education.

Orense, known for her passionate commitment to teaching and her contribution to the literary community, expressed her excitement about the opportunity.

"I am happy to be part of this exchange program. It will allow me to enhance my teaching methods and relate with fellow educators," said Orense, who has been teaching in Bahrain for 17 years.

As an Ambassador Teacher



Filwrite president Cecilia V. Ancheta, left, with Ruth Mirhan Orense

at John W. Tolbert Elementary School in the State of Virginia's Loudoun County Public School District, Orense will have an avenue to share her unique experiences, insights, and creative approaches to teaching that further her professional growth and inspire her colleagues and students.

Cecilia V. Ancheta, president of Filwrite, said that the Filipino Writers' Circle is deeply honoured by the accomplishments of their colleague.

"This recognition represents her personal achievement, as well as a very good chance to share the unique Filipino cultural heritage with the diverse educational environments of the United States," said Ancheta.

"Such exchange carries the transformational power of education and points out how cross-cultural partnership makes the world better through the empowerment and inspiration of people," she added.

## WITH REGARD TO BNP PARIBAS CEASING THE PROVISION OF GLOBAL MARKET SERVICES

Pursuant to the provisions of Article (50) of the Central Bank of Bahrain and Financial Institutions Law No. 64 of 2006 as amended, BNP Paribas branches in Bahrain registered under C.R. No. 1910-1 and C.R. No. 4632-1, Respectively a Retail Bank (Branch) and Wholesale Bank (Branch) licensed by the Central Bank of Bahrain License No: RB/010 and License No: WB/007, hereby declares their intention to cease providing Global Market Activities.

## 'Vettaiyan' fan event



Over 500 fans gathered at Mukta A2 Cinemas in Bahrain to celebrate legendary Indian actor Rajinikanth at the 'Vettaiyan' fan event. The celebration featured DJ performances, dance acts, a Rubik's Cube mosaic of Rajinikanth's iconic character, and Nashik Dhol beats. Organized by the Bahrain Rajini Fans Association, the event paid tribute to the superstar's enduring legacy and influence in cinema.

## Huawei unveils over 30 new eKit products at Gitex Global



Zhang Lin speaks at the event

TDT | Manama

At Gitex Global 2024, Huawei successfully hosted the HUAWEI eKit Forum under the theme "Together for Growth, Digitalization for Success."

The event served as a platform to launch over 30 new HUAWEI eKit products and showcase upgraded scenario-based solutions designed to bolster the competitiveness of Huawei's distribution partners and accelerate digital transformation for SMEs across various industries.

Huawei underscored its commitment to partner success by highlighting its end-to-end strategic investment in its distribution business, spanning R&D, marketing, sales, supply, and services.

Zhang Lin, President of Partner Development and Commercial & Distribution Business Department, Enterprise Sales Department, Huawei, stated, "Distribution is a key strategy for Huawei's enterprise business growth. Through continuous end-to-end investment, we aim to cultivate a thriving distribution partner ecosystem that empowers SMEs to embrace digital and intelligent transformation."

Echoing this sentiment, Wei Xianbin, Director of Distribution Business Department, Enterprise Sales Department,

Huawei, added, "HUAWEI eKit leverages innovative products, joint marketing efforts, and dedicated partner enablement to unlock new opportunities in the SME market. We are committed to working closely with our partners to shape the future of distribution."

The new HUAWEI eKit product lineup includes the Datacom SOHO S220S and S310S series GE & 2.5G converged access switches, the flagship triple-radio Wi-Fi 7 product AP 673, the IdeaHub Board 2 Pro for intelligent collaboration in offices and classrooms, the MiniFTTO large-capacity five-in-one optical gateway F1002-AC-H1, and the Wi-Fi 7 optical AP F700C-36-1GH. These offerings cater specifically to the SME market, elevating small businesses' path to success in the digital era.

Recognizing the diverse needs of SMEs, Huawei also showcased enhanced solutions tailored for micro, small, and medium-sized businesses. These solutions address specific requirements in sectors like hospitality, office environments, and education. For instance, budget hotels can leverage the all-in-one wall plate AP, GE & 2.5G converged access switch, and all-optical core switch for large-scale network upgrades. Similarly, SMEs can opt for the Wi-Fi 7 AP, 2.5GE switch, and 10G core switch to enhance office bandwidth.

## India's Infosys bumps growth forecast on high client spending



Signage of Infosys is seen in Bangalore

AFP | New Delhi

Indian IT giant Infosys raised its annual growth forecast yesterday for the second time this year after recording a 4.7 percent on-year rise in net profit for the September quarter.

The results indicate a steady increase in client spending at India's second-largest software services exporter, which earns more than 80 percent of its revenue from Western markets.

Infosys earned \$777 million (65.06 billion rupees) in net profit for the quarter, beating expert estimates, while on-

year revenue was up 3.7 percent to \$4.89 billion.

"The growth was broad based with good momentum in financial services," chief executive Salil Parekh told reporters.

"Our large deals at \$2.4 billion... reflect our differentiated position."

Headcount, a key metric for company performance in India's competitive IT sector, increased for the first time in seven quarters.

Infosys added nearly 2,500 employees in the last quarter, after having ended the previous one with almost 2,000 fewer.

# NBB concludes TechStride educational programme

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The National Bank of Bahrain (NBB) has successfully concluded the TechStride Educational Programme in partnership with Fab Lab Bahrain.

A closing ceremony was held at the Bahrain Science Centre, which was graced by the presence of Rawan bint Najeeb Tawfiqi, the Minister of Youth Affairs, and was attended by NBB representatives.

As part of the programme, TechStride trained students on vital technology skills in Robotics, Artificial Intelligence (AI), Machine Learning (ML), Computer Vision, and Game Design. Through a project-based learning model, the youth gained proficiency in different developmental stages and iterative cycles. The four-week programme concluded with an exhibition showcasing the novel projects developed by participants.

Following an extensive tour, attendees gathered for the ceremony, which included a welcome speech and video



Rawan bint Najeeb Tawfiqi, the Minister of Youth Affairs, attends the event

presentation highlighting the achievements of the young learners throughout the programme. Awards were also presented to the partners and creators of the winning projects. The event ended with a group photo to commemorate

the occasion. The TechStride Educational Programme provided a platform for young innovators to enhance their technical knowledge, creativity, and problem-solving abilities, contributing to Bahrain's growing innovation ecosystem.

By collaborating with Fab Lab Bahrain for this initiative, NBB has highlighted its ongoing commitment to inspiring and empowering the next generation of Bahrain's technology leaders, paving the way for continued progress in the Kingdom.

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## Al Baraka launches World Elite Mastercard credit card

TDT | Manama

Al Baraka Islamic Bank, one of the leading Bahraini financial institutions in the field of Islamic banking, has announced the launch of the World Elite Mastercard credit card, adding a new dimension to its credit card portfolio.

The World Elite card was designed for a high-end lifestyle, offering a range of unique benefits that meet the needs of a distinguished clientele. These include exclusive access to lavish airport lounges, concierge services, and special offers at a range of international hotels and restaurants.

The launch ceremony was held at the Awal Private Terminal, Bahrain International Airport, in the presence of VIP guests as well as officials from Al Baraka Islamic Bank, Bahrain Airport Company, Hala Bahrain, Gulf Air Group, and Mastercard.

In this regard, Dr. Adel Salem, Chief Executive Officer of Al Baraka Islamic Bank, stated, "The launch of the World Elite Mastercard credit card demonstrates Al Baraka's commitment



Adel Salem, CEO of Al Baraka Islamic Bank



Mohamed Yousif Al Binfalah, CEO of Bahrain Airport Company



Reem Tannir, Country Manager for Bahrain at Mastercard

to innovation in the field of Islamic banking. The card combines Sharia-compliant financial services with luxury lifestyle perks, setting a benchmark in the banking sector."

Furthermore, the card features a unique rewards program. On every purchase, cardholders can earn points which can be redeemed for a variety of rewards, including tickets, hotel stays, and more, catering to the diverse preferences of the bank's elite customers.

Mohamed Yousif Al Binfalah, Chief Executive Officer Bahrain Airport Company, stated, "We are delighted to partner with Al Baraka Islamic Bank to offer World Elite MasterCard cardholders with many exclusive benefits, including the complimentary access to Awal Private Terminal at Bahrain International Airport."

Reem Tannir, Country Manager for Bahrain at Mastercard, commented, "Partnerships with innovative financial institutions

such as Al Baraka Islamic Bank play a crucial role in our efforts to deliver products and services that benefit the discerning nature of the market's clientele."

This launch follows the signing of a partnership agreement between Al Baraka Islamic Bank and Bahrain Airport Company, under which a range of exclusive benefits and rewards are available to World Elite Mastercard cardholders, enhancing their overall experience at Bahrain International Airport.

## Nestle overhauls executive team as sales slump

TDT | Manama

Nestle's new CEO lowered sales growth expectations for 2024 and announced a leadership reshuffle yesterday in what one analyst described as a "painful reset" for the global food giant.

Chief executive Laurent Freixe took over from Mark Schneider on September 1 in a surprise change at the top of the Swiss group, whose brands including everything from Nespresso coffee capsules to Purina dog food and Haagen-Dazs ice

cream.

Freixe, a Frenchman who headed Nestle's Latin America unit, was appointed to turn things around following slumping sales and a series of product scandals.

The company reported yesterday sales totalling 67.1 billion Swiss francs (\$77.4 billion) for the first nine months of the year, a 2.4 percent drop from the same period last year.

"Consumer demand has weakened in recent months, and we expect the demand environ-



Logo of Swiss food giant Nestle on the company's headquarters in Vevey, western Switzerland

ment to remain soft," Freixe said in a statement.

Freixe said Nestle now expects organic sales growth, excluding the impact of currency fluctuations and acquisitions, of two percent this year.

The group had already cut its annual sales outlook from four percent to three percent in July, as consumers moved towards cheaper alternatives following years of high inflation.

The global packaged-food giant and its rivals had logged high sales growth in the past three years as they raised prices to make up for higher costs due to soaring inflation.



News in brief

Australia to send fleet of ageing Abrams tanks to Ukraine... Australia will donate an ageing fleet of 49 American-made Abrams tanks to Ukraine, bolstering its ground forces ahead of a difficult winter campaign, the defence department said yesterday.

Family feud reignites over Singapore ex-PM's historic home... A bungalow where Singapore's early leaders spent long hours laying the country's foundations is under the spotlight as a bitter feud rages between former prime minister Lee Kuan Yew's children.

Venezuelan opposition leader denies Maduro claim she fled country... Machado denied claims that she has left the country, after President Nicolas Maduro implied that she had fled to Spain following elections she denounced as illegitimate.

CURIOSER & CURIOSER

Bondi beach 'closed' as Sydney shores hit by 'tar balls'



A group of 'tar balls' are seen at a beach in Sydney

AFP | Sydney

Lifeguards declared Sydney's famed Bondi beach and several other strands closed yesterday, as more mysterious black "tar ball" globules washed up along the city's shores.

For days, thousands of black spheres -- ranging from the size of peas to tennis balls -- have appeared on the sand, puzzling locals and tourists alike.

Chemical testing has identified them as hydrocarbon-based tar balls, local officials said.

Tar balls can form when slicks of spilled oil are battered by wind and waves, mixing to form a sticky seawater emulsion that eventually breaks into smaller pieces or "balls".

The source is still unknown. "As a precaution, all Waverley Beaches will be closed until further investigation has been carried out," a local council that includes Bondi said.

The mayor of another beachside council, Dylan Parker, said three other beaches were also closed.



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"Our beaches will remain closed and we are investigating," he said. "We are still waiting for the tides to come in."

While formally closed, access to the beaches has not been forcibly restricted, so some brave surfers and swimmers could still be seen in the water.

It is common for authorities to declare beaches closed during large swells.

Israel claims possible Sinwar kill

Israeli forces investigate whether Hamas chief was eliminated during recent Gaza

DNA tests underway to confirm Sinwar's identity among three eliminated Hamas members

AFP | Gaza

Israel said yesterday it was checking whether it had killed Hamas chief Yahya Sinwar in a Gaza operation, in what would constitute a massive blow to the group it has been fighting since the October 7, 2023 attack.

Israel accuses Sinwar of masterminding the attack, the deadliest in Israeli history, and has been hunting him down since the start of the Gaza war.

He became the Iran-backed Palestinian armed group's new leader after the killing of its former political chief Ismail Haniyeh in July.

Hamas and Iran blame Israel for Haniyeh's killing in an attack in Tehran, but Israel has not commented on it.

Israel's announcement on Sinwar comes weeks after it assassinated Hezbollah chief Hassan Nasrallah in a massive strike in Lebanon, where its military has escalated a war since late September.

A slew of other Iran-backed commanders have also been killed in recent months.

Israel said earlier this year that it had killed Mohammed Deif, Hamas's military chief, in a strike, though the Palestinian group has not confirmed it.

Deif stood accused of working with Sinwar to plan the October 7 attack.

With Hamas massively weakened more than a year into the Gaza war, Sinwar's death, if confirmed, would deal a seismic blow to the organisation.

In a brief statement, the military said that during "operations in the Gaza Strip, three Hamas members were eliminated".

North Korea says constitution now defines South as 'hostile' state



An explosion as North Korea's army blows up roads and railways connecting to South Korea

AFP | Seoul

North Korea said yesterday that its constitution now defined the South as a "hostile" state, the first time Pyongyang has confirmed legal changes called for by leader Kim Jong Un earlier this year.

Relations between the two Koreas have deteriorated since Kim



People walk past destroyed buildings in Khan Yunis in the southern Gaza Strip



Israel's retaliatory campaign in Gaza has killed 42,438 people, the majority civilians

conducting a DNA test on a body to confirm whether it was Sinwar's.

In a post on X, Israel's Defence Minister Yoav Gallant said the country would "reach every fighter and eliminate them".

US President Joe Biden was briefed aboard Air Force One while heading to Germany and was being kept informed of developments, a US official said yesterday.

War on many fronts

Israel has been at war with Hamas since the October 7 attack, which resulted in the deaths of 1,206 people, mostly civilians, according to an AFP tally of official Israeli figures.

Israel's retaliatory campaign in Gaza has killed 42,438 people, the majority civilians, according to data from the health ministry in

the Hamas-run territory, which the UN considers reliable.

Following the October 7 attack, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu vowed to crush Hamas and to bring home all 251 hostages seized by gunmen in their cross-border onslaught.

Israel has since expanded the scope of its operations to Lebanon, where Hamas ally Hezbollah opened a front against Israel by launching low-intensity cross-border strikes that forced tens of thousands of Israelis to flee their homes.

Netanyahu has vowed to battle Hezbollah until victory, and Israel yesterday launched strikes on the south Lebanese city of Tyre, where the group and its allies hold sway.

Israel also issued evacuation warnings for civilians in parts of Lebanon's eastern Bekaa Valley, a

Hezbollah stronghold.

It had earlier struck a Hezbollah target in Syria, according to a war monitor, while Israel's main ally the United States used heavy bombers to hit rebel targets in Yemen.

Syria, the Huthi rebels in Yemen, Hezbollah in Lebanon and Hamas in Gaza all belong to the "axis of resistance" of groups aligned with Iran.

Tehran on October 1 conducted a missile strike on Israel, over which Israel has vowed to retaliate, sparking concern around the world that what is already a war on multiple fronts could morph into an all-out regional conflict.

Iran's Revolutionary Guards chief Hossein Salami yesterday warned Tehran would hit Israel "painfully" if it attacks Iranian targets.

Liam Payne falls to death at Argentina hotel

AFP | Buenos Aires

British singer Liam Payne, a member of the best-selling boy band One Direction, died Wednesday aged 31 after plunging from the third floor of Buenos Aires hotel, police and emergency responders said.

It was not immediately clear if the fall was accidental or whether Payne, who has spoken publicly of struggles with alcohol abuse, may have been intoxicated.

Minutes after the news of his death broke, distraught fans -- most in their 20s and 30s -- and onlookers gathered near the scene in the Argentine capital, where medical teams were at work.

"The news hit me hard," fan Pilar Bilik, 27, said outside the hotel.

"So upsetting to hear the news of @LiamPayne passing. Sending love and condolences to his family & loved ones. RIP my friend," reality star and businesswoman Paris Hilton



Liam Payne

wrote on social media with a crying emoji.

A police statement announced that "Liam James Payne, composer and guitarist, former member of the band One Direction, died today after falling from the third floor of a hotel."

The singer had suffered "very serious injuries incompatible with life as a result of his fall," the head of the city's SAME

Payne attended a concert by former bandmate Niall Horan in Buenos Aires just days before his untimely death

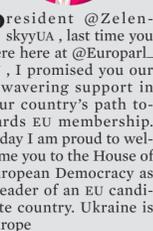
emergency medical service, Alberto Crescenti, told local television, adding "there was no possibility of resuscitation."



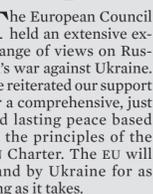
This year's #EndPoverty Day comes at a critical time for @WBG\_IDA. As we prepare for the December replenishment meeting, we need renewed support of the international community. Let's unite in solidarity & secure an ambitious #IDA21



President @ZelenskyyUA, last time you were here at @Europarl\_EN, I promised you our unwavering support in your country's path towards EU membership. Today I am proud to welcome you to the House of European Democracy as a leader of an EU candidate country. Ukraine is Europe



The European Council held an extensive exchange of views on Russia's war against Ukraine. We reiterated our support for a comprehensive, just and lasting peace based on the principles of the UN Charter. The EU will stand by Ukraine for as long as it takes.



I cast the tie-breaking vote to advance the American Rescue Plan as Vice President. @POTUS and I are clear: Our entire country benefits from the success of union workers -- because when unions are strong, America is strong.

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October 18 - Day of Restoration of Independence of Azerbaijan



SHAHIN ABDULLAYEV, AMBASSADOR OF AZERBAIJAN TO BAHRAIN

October 18 is a significant day, inscribed with honor and pride in the history of the Azerbaijani people. It has been 33 years since Azerbaijan restored the country's independence on October 18, 1991, with the Constitutional Act of State Independence of Azerbaijan -- an event that ended more than seven decades of Soviet rule.

The Constitutional Act of State Independence of Azerbaijan ushered in the rebirth of the statehood founded by the Azerbaijan Democratic Republic (ADR) in 1918. The document announced the Republic of Azerbaijan as the successor of ADR, which had a brief life in the early part of the 20th century.

President Ilham Aliyev stated at the swearing-in ceremony on February 14 that the first stage of the "Great Return" program will be completed by the end of 2026, with 140,000 displaced people expected to return to their ancestral lands.

Every year millions of Azerbaijanis around the globe observe October 18 as Azerbaijan's Restoration Day Independence and remember the contributions of their forefathers to the spread of democracy in the regions of Caucasus as well as celebrate the remarkable achievements made by the Republic of Azerbaijan.

The first years of the country's regained independence went through serious hardships that consecutively paved the way for political and economic troubles. Armenia launched full-blown military aggression against Azerbaijan following the Soviet Union's dissolution in 1991.

However, former President Heydar Aliyev's rise to power in 1993 at the request of the people of Azerbaijan, which made it possible to preserve and develop our independence. As a result of his successful policy, Azerbaijan penned numerous successive reforms. The economy in the country was rebuilt based on market economy principles, allowing our country to integrate into the world economy.

Staying true to political traditions and the supreme values of state defense, President Ilham Aliyev -- a worthy follower of the political course determined by the Great Leader Heydar Aliyev -- carries out unprecedented reforms to build a democratic society in Azerbaijan and further develop democratic legal statehood.

Meanwhile, this year's Day of Independence Restoration takes place amidst the fourth anniversary of the second Karabakh War between Armenia and Azerbaijan in the latter's Karabakh (Gara-bagh) region.

Hostilities between the two counties broke out on September 27, 2020, after Armenia's forces deployed in the occupied Azerbaijani lands shelled military positions and civilian settlements of Azerbaijan. The 44-day war, which was raging in September-November 2020, resulted in Azerbaijani Forces smashing Armenian occupants, sending them into disarray and effectively destroying them.

In September of 2023, Azerbaijan restored its sovereignty over the entire Karabakh region. The anti-terror operation by the Azerbaijan Armed Forces from September 19-20 ousted the Armenian armed formations from the region. On October 15, President Ilham Aliyev raised the State Flag in the territories cleared of the separatists, including the cities of Khankendi, Khojaly and Khojavand, and the settlements of Aghdara and Asgaran.

The Patriotic War put an end to the longing of the Azerbaijani people for Karabakh and paved the way for the restoration and reconstruction work in the liberated territories in accordance with the latest standards. Life has returned to Karabakh.

Azerbaijan has initiated a comprehensive program of reconstruction and restoration in the territories liberated from occupation. Under direct guidance from the state administration, these efforts have been designated as a governmental priority of the state administration, these efforts have been designated as a governmental priority

struction and restoration in the territories liberated from occupation. Under direct guidance from the state administration, these efforts have been designated as a governmental priority. The state is strategically utilizing all available resources to revitalize these long-occupied regions. Presently, the focus is on establishing an economy that meets modern standards in Garabagh and Eastern Zangazur, with construction in these areas adhering to the most advanced practices.

It should be emphasized that most of the funds were directed toward infrastructure projects. These projects have reached a significant scale, with 3,000 kilometers of highways constructed. Among the overall projects, 45 tunnels are planned, totaling 70 kilometers in length. Building these tunnels and roads in mountainous areas is no easy task, and the construction of 450 bridges is also planned. Additionally, two international airports have been commissioned.

Armenia's failure to provide our country with accurate maps of mines planted in our territories not only seriously violates the right to life and the right to health but also significantly hinders the safe return of our former IDPs to their homes, the realization of their right to live in a healthy environment, and reconstruction and restoration works in the region.

In this regard, we express our appreciation to the Government of Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for its humanitarian assistance to demining activities in the liberated territories of the Republic of Azerbaijan provided through King Salman Humanitarian Aid and Relief Centre.

After gaining independence, Azerbaijan established good political relations with Arab countries, including Saudi Arabia and Bahrain, and tried to develop them in all other areas.

Azerbaijan and Saudi Arabia have many issues related to their politics, economy, and society that are built on solid common ground. In recent years, the economic ties between Azerbaijan and Saudi Arabia have flourished, extending beyond the realm of traditional oil and gas industries. The collaboration between the two nations has expanded into renewable energy, marking a significant milestone in their bilateral relations.

One of the focal points uniting Azerbaijan and Saudi Arabia is their joint commitment to addressing global climate challenges. This commitment takes center stage with Azerbaijan hosting the upcoming COP29 event, underscoring the mutual interest in renewable energy production and the development of sustainable energy sectors.

A key player in this collaboration is "ACWA Power," a leading Saudi Arabian company specializing in renewable energy. Currently, ACWA Power is undertaking a groundbreaking project in Azerbaijan, constructing a 240 MW wind power plant.

In addition, the second GCC-Azerbaijan economic forum, which will take place in Baku on September 25-26, 2024, is one of the factors affecting the development of economic relations between the Gulf countries and Azerbaijan.

The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia holds a special place in Azerbaijan's diplomatic engagements, given its prominence in the Islamic and Arab worlds. The enduring bond between Azerbaijan and Saudi Arabia underscores a commitment to mutual prosperity and solidarity within the broader Muslim community and beyond.

It is worth noting that Azerbaijan satisfy to cooperate in various fields within the framework of OIC, including economic development, education, health and culture, and we emphasize the great potential for joint action in other fields.

The decision of the OIC member states to hold the 16th Islamic Summit of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation in Azerbaijan in 2026 also shows the value these countries attach to our Republic.

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# celebs



## Britney Spears admits she doesn't feel 'seen or loved' as she reflects on 'crazy year'

**Bang Showbiz | Los Angeles**

**B**ritney Spears has had "such a crazy year".

The 42-year-old pop superstar took to social media on Monday (14.10.24) evening to claim that she doesn't really feel "seen" at the minute but still gets emotion-

Britney Spears

al when she thinks also thinks about recent times.

She wrote on Instagram: "When people get emotional and say you are so seen and so loved, I'm like — I haven't even begun to be seen... I haven't had a professional photographer in 6 years !!! I appreciate all that love and right here y'all, I just be COOKING !!! Stirring it up and putting them all together last year in 2023 !!!

"I have just had such a crazy year and could cry TEARS OF

JOY !!!"

The '...Baby One More Time' hitmaker closed off her message by reminding her fans that they are "seen and loved" by her and jokingly warned them to always make "good" choices in life.

She wrote: I want you guys to know you are all seen and loved as well !!! CLOSE YOUR EYES MY BEAUTIFUL FRIENDS — what do you see ??? Meditate always on loving pure thoughts !!! Oh s\*\*\*and one last thing: ALWAYS BE GOOD" (sic)

Over the course of the last year, Britney - who has estranged sons Sean, 19, and Jayden, 18, with her ex-husband Kevin Federline - finalised her divorce from Sam Asghari after just over a year of marriage, and also vowed that she will "never" return to the music industry.

Britney - who regained control of her multimillion-dollar fortune and various aspects of her life when a conservatorship that had been governed by her immediate family was terminat-

ed in 2021 - has become known for posting selfies and videos of herself dancing to her social media pages in recent years.

In a further update, Britney posed on a sun lounger where she marvelled at how "gorgeous" the weather had been in LA and that she had decided that "laughter" was the way forward.

She said: "It was so freaking gorgeous today !!! Laughing and being silly is life's best medicine."

## Robert Downey Jr hails friend Johnny Depp as 'an artist through and through'

**Bang Showbiz | Los Angeles**

**R**obert Downey Jr. has hailed Johnny Depp as "an artist through and through".

The 59-year-old actor has thrown his support behind his "brother" after attending the 'Pirates of the Caribbean' star's 'A Bunch of Stuff' immersive and experimental art exhibition in Manhattan.

He wrote on Instagram: "Wow... Don't miss A Bunch of Stuff now on exhibition at the Starrett-[Lehigh] Building in NYC.

"My brother JD is an artist through and through, no surprise, just delight."

The 'Iron Man' star shared a video of himself at the exhibit, giving his followers a glimpse at some of the artwork and blowing a kiss to the camera.



Robert Downey Jr and Johnny Depp

He said: "That's my boy! Alright, let's take a look at the show."

The two pals have been supporting each other, as Johnny, AGE, recently went to see his longtime friend in his first

Broadway role.

He is currently starring in new play 'McNeal' at the Vivian Beaumont Theatre.

Johnny wrote on Instagram last week: "Most fortunate to witness my dear, brilliant friend

Bob Downey and the superb cast of 'McNeal' last night at @ltheater.

"Outstanding! Go see it if you can!!!"

Johnny's exhibition includes artwork going back to his early 20s, and features some personal artifacts and phemera from his own homes and art studios.

He previously described art as his "sanctuary", while insisting the process of actually making something isn't always "comfortable".

He told People magazine in a statement last month: "Through the magic and madness of life, art has been my sanctuary.

"These pieces, born of different stages of my journey are a residue of a life lived. Creation is not always a comfortable process, but for me it's a necessary one."

## Anne Hathaway sent 'very personal' apology over 'awful' interview

**Bang Showbiz | Los Angeles**

**A**nne Hathaway has sent a "very personal" apology over an "awful" interview.

The 'Devil Wears Prada' actress has responded to reporter Kjersti Flaa over a "cringe" interview the pair had in 2012 to promote 'Les Miserables' which saw the now 41-year-old actress deliver one word answers and refuse to answer her first question in song after a joke by the journalist.

In a new TikTok video a week after reposting the awkward chat, Flaa said: "I have to say, I was pretty shocked [by the apology].

"I had not expected her to reach out to me at all. I thought she was never going to even see that video, but she did and she did something pretty amazing."

Flaa revealed that in the "long email", Hathaway explained what she was dealing with herself at the time, and said sorry for the "awful interview".

During the initial conversation, the Hollywood star simply said "no" to questions about whether she remembered her first crush, or if she thought "love was more passionate" during the time period of 'Les Miserables'.

Flaa - who has also been critical of Blake Lively after a car crash interview in 2016 - admitted the apology is "so touching to me".

She continued: "Just talking about it makes me

almost teary-eyed. I was just so grateful that she did that.

"It was a very personal note and we decided that I wouldn't share exactly what was in the email, but I just wanted to share with you guys what she did because I thought that was just so amazing."

She accepted the star's apology for her behaviour 12 years ago, and will get to speak to Hathaway again to promote her next movie.

She added: "If you ever want to sit down and talk about it, I'm here."

"And she invited me to interview her for her next movie that's coming out in May..."

"It was a very personal note and we decided that I wouldn't share exactly what was in the email, but I just wanted to share

with you guys what she did because I thought that was just so amazing."



## Reese Witherspoon 'still waiting' for key update on Big Little Lies

**Bang Showbiz | Los Angeles**

**R**eese Witherspoon and Nicole Kidman are still "waiting" for an update on 'Big Little Lies'.

The 48-year-old actress and her 57-year-old co-star are both excited to be returning for a third season of the hit HBO show - which originally ran from 2017 to 2019 - but the novel's author Liane Moriarty has been working on some new material.

She told E! News: "Nicole and I have been waiting. We're in waiting for Liane Moriarty. She's going to be turning in something very soon.

"We're back to the original author and we're going to go

**” Nicole and I have been waiting. We're in waiting for Liane Moriarty. She's going to be turning in something very soon**

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back to the original characters." While the 'Legally Blonde' actress doesn't have much to share, she's keen to find out how the characters have developed.

She added: "It's exciting, too, because I think the kids are probably a little bit older now. "So that might add another el-

ement. I don't know yet, I haven't read it yet."

Nicole confirmed plans for a new season in November 2023, and over the summer she admitted she was over eager sharing the news at the time.

In June, she told Vanity Fair: "I got excited. But we are now! We're moving fast and furious, and Liane is delivering the book. Yeah, and we're in good shape."

Reese Witherspoon



Meanwhile, the 'Perfect Couple' actress - who also starred alongside Laura Dern, Zoe Kravitz and Shailene Woodley in the show - insisted it's best to keep details about the new season under wraps until there has been actual progress.

She said: "We need to shut up. There's this whole thing that you should never talk about something until you've done it.

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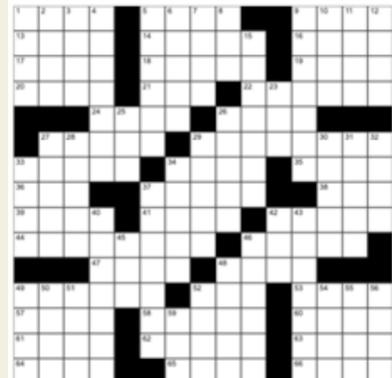
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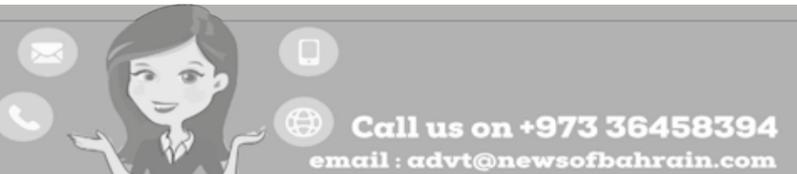
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## Shaikh Isa bin Ali Al Khalifa attends French Embassy celebration for Paris 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games

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On Wednesday, His Highness Shaikh Isa bin Ali Al Khalifa, Vice President of the Bahrain Olympic Committee, attended a special event organized by the French Embassy in Bahrain.

During the event, Shaikh Isa bin Ali expressed his delight at attending and praised the outstanding organization of the Paris 2024 Games. His Highness highlighted the significance of this being France's third time hosting the Olympics—following the 1900 and 1924 editions—and praised the country's ability to deliver a successful event a century after its last hosting.

### Strengthening Bahrain-France Relations

In his speech, HH Shaikh Isa bin Ali emphasized the strong and growing relations between Bahrain and France, which continue to flourish across various sectors. He pointed out the importance of ongoing efforts to develop bilateral cooperation and strategic partnerships. These efforts, he said, will help achieve common aspirations and benefit both nations and



HH Shaikh Isa bin Ali Al Khalifa with French Ambassador Eric Giraud-Telme

their people.

On the positive side, continuing to strengthen the relationship between Bahrain and France opens doors for mutual economic and cultural benefits. Increased collaboration in sports, education, and trade can encourage innovation and growth

for both countries. However, challenges may arise, such as aligning different political or economic priorities, which could slow down the progress of joint projects. Both nations will need to navigate these differences while maintaining respect for each other's sovereignty.

## Alcaraz will face 'difficult' clash with 'idol' Nadal

AFP | Riyadh

Carlos Alcaraz admitted Wednesday it will be a "difficult moment" facing "idol" Rafael Nadal when the Spanish superstars clash for the final time.

Nadal, the winner of 22 Grand Slam titles, announced last week that he will retire from tennis after the Davis Cup Finals in Malaga next month.

Yesterday, however, the 38-year-old will take on Alcaraz for a place in the final of the "Six Kings Slam" exhibition event in Riyadh.

"Since I started to play tennis, I'm watching his match-



Rafael Nadal (L) embraces Carlos Alcaraz (C) after a match (file photo)

es. I look up to him and I grew

up watching him. He was my idol, he is still my idol," Alcaraz said on court after defeating Holger Rune 6-4, 6-2 to set-up an emotional meeting with Nadal.

"A really important person for my life, for my career and he was one of the reasons that I wanted to become a professional tennis player. Knowing he is going to retire is pretty tough for everyone, for me."

Alcaraz, the reigning French Open and Wimbledon champion, added: "I will try to enjoy sharing the court with him once again, but I think it is really difficult for everyone."

## Pogba 'willing to give up money' to stay at Juve

AFP | Turin

Paul Pogba is adamant that he wishes to return from his reduced doping ban with Juventus even if it means accepting a pay cut, the French World Cup winner told La Gazzetta dello Sport in an interview Wednesday.

"I'm willing to give up money to be able to play again with Juve, I want to come back with this club," said Pogba in an interview published on the Italian sports daily's website.

"The reality is that I am a Juve player and I am preparing to play for Juve."

Pogba's contract with the Italian giants expires in June 2026 and is currently worth eight million euros (\$8.684 million) a year.

During his ongoing suspension, the midfielder receives only the minimum salary stipulated in the Serie A collective agreement -- just over €2,000 a month.

However, since Pogba's ban was reduced, Italian press have reported that Juventus are nonetheless seeking to terminate his contract.

"It will be a new Pogba, a hungrier, wiser and stronger one... I just want to play football," added the former Manchester United star.

"I want to be ready to train and play for Juve, I'm a Juve player, in my mind, that's all there is at

Paul Pogba

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the moment."

Pogba had his four-year ban for doping reduced to 18 months earlier in October by the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) and can return to

action from March 11 next year, four days before his 32nd birthday.

Pogba tested positive for testosterone-



# Pakistan sense series-levelling win over England after Sajid heroics

Hosts close in on series-levelling win as Sajid Khan shines with seven wickets in Multan

● **Pakistan sets England a target of 297**

● **England at 36-2 with 261 runs needed**

AFP | Multan

Pakistan were in a strong position to win the second Test and level the series after removing both England openers on a tricky Multan pitch yesterday with spinner Sajid Khan their hero.

The hosts set England a daunting target of 297 before Sajid dismissed Ben Duckett (nought) and fellow spinner Noman Ali had Zak Crawley (three) to leave England on 36-2 after a captivating day three.

Ollie Pope and Joe Root were unbeaten on 21 and 12 respectively with 261 still needed for victory and two days left.

Noman said cracks on the pitch -- the same used in the

first Test, which the visitors won by an innings -- will make England's task tougher.

"We are getting good spin from the rough patches as well as from the middle so it will be a tough chase and we will do everything to win this Test," said Noman.

England assistant coach Paul Collingwood still believes that his fearless side can do "special things" despite being up against it.

"It's going to be a tough chase tomorrow on what



Sajid Khan

is effectively probably the ninth day on that wicket," said the former England allrounder.

"Realistically it's going to be a tough chase but this team's capable of some special things, it's got some batters in there who can put bowlers under pressure in these kinds of conditions."

Pakistan made 221 in their second

innings to go with their first-innings 366 and give them a handy lead.

Middle-order batsman Salman Agha scored 63 and together with Sajid (22) lifted the home side from a precarious 134-5 with a ninth-wicket stand of 65.

Spinners Shoaib Bashir (4-66) and Jack Leach (3-67) had given the visitors the sniff of another victory but England did



**Sajid Khan's 7-111 was his second five-wicket haul, helping bowl England out for 291, putting Pakistan in a commanding position**



England's Ben Duckett walks back to the pavilion after his dismissal by Pakistan's Sajid Khan

not help themselves, dropping Agha on four and then six.

In the end, it was Brydon Carse (2-29) who dismissed Agha, caught in the slip, before fellow pacer Matthew Potts had Sajid to wrap up the innings.

Earlier, off-spinner Sajid took 7-111, his second five-wicket

haul, to bowl England out for 291.

Despite a rocky start in their chase, Collingwood says England have what it takes to win the Test and wrap up the series with a match to play.

But he cautioned: "We've got to be realistic, it's a tough ask."

# Bahrain gears up for school games

Technical committee confirms readiness for International School Games in Bahrain

● Final preparations underway for International School Games

● Venues and equipment confirmed to be ready for competition

● Focus on safety and organization for a successful event

Hussain Almaskati  
TDT | Manama

With less than a week until the launch of the highly anticipated International School Games, the Technical Committee has confirmed that preparations are in full swing. The games, set to take place from October 23 to 31 under the royal patronage of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, will see Bahrain host



Officials attend a meeting

student-athletes from around the world.

During a key meeting held at the Executive Committee's headquarters in Seef District, Lounes Madene, Chair of the

Technical Committee, led discussions on the final logistical and administrative arrangements. The review covered everything from venue readiness to competition schedules, ensuring

that all necessary equipment and supplies were in place. According to Madene, the focus in the coming days will be on intensifying efforts to guarantee that all aspects of the tournament are



The International School Games will bring together student-athletes from around the world, promoting not only competition but also cultural connections through sports

prepared to run smoothly.

A major topic of the meeting was the readiness of stadiums and other sports facilities where the events will be held. The committee confirmed that all sports equipment has been secured, and venues are fully equipped to host both the athletes and their competitions. With preparations entering their final phase, the

committee is confident that the venues will meet the highest standards, ensuring a smooth experience for participants and spectators alike.

## Ensuring Safety and Organisation

Safety and efficient organization are paramount as the countdown to the games continues. The committee discussed ongoing coordination with various stakeholders to ensure all safety protocols are in place. These efforts are designed to provide the ideal environment for competition while maintaining a strong emphasis on sportsmanship and fair play throughout the event.

The International School Games aim to foster connections between student-athletes from different countries, creating a platform for cultural exchange through sport. The committee is optimistic that the tournament will not only be a successful competitive event but will also offer a unique and enriching experience for everyone involved.

# Thrills Continue at BIC's Open Track Day tomorrow

TDT | Manama

The track continues to heat up at Bahrain International Circuit (BIC) as the 2024/2025 season gets into full swing.

The thrills continue tomorrow at 'The Home of Motorsport in the Middle East' with one of its most popular on-track activities - Open Track Day.

This experience offers speed lovers a drive like no other - taking their very own cars or motorbikes and pushing them to their limits within BIC's safe and secure environment.

Saturday's event is scheduled from 11am to 6pm, making for a whole day's adventure and then wrapping up beneath the beautiful sunset setting in Sakhir. It will be held along BIC's 2.55-kilometre Inner Circuit - the same used in the kingdom's premier national championships.

Open Track is one of the most sought-after activities at BIC, with speed enthusiasts being



Cars on the track at BIC

able to satisfy their need for an adrenaline-pumping ride.

Driver etiquette is of ultimate importance in every Open Track activity, so there is no close or

aggressive overtaking permitted. Overtaking is by invitation between corners and driving is monitored, with poor or dangerous driving being dealt with

swiftly.

Those interested in taking part can book their slot in advance at a reduced rate. The cost for the full day is BD82,500,

while the half day is BD55, and a single session is BD22. If booking on the day itself, the cost is BD93,500 for the full day, BD66 for half the day, and BD27,500 for a single session.

Instructor sessions are available, while additional drivers and passengers can also participate, all for an additional fee.

BIC is also offering options for an Open Track Pack, which gives access to Open Track events throughout the whole season.

The Gold Membership, priced at BD935, offers participation in all Open Track events for 2024/2025. Silver Membership, costing BD495, gets access to six full or 10 half Open Track activities this season, while Bronze Membership, priced at BD385, gets access to four full or six half Open Track participations.

Each option also offers additional benefits available only to Open Track Pack subscribers.

## Mbappe to keep any explanations for Swedish justice, 'if necessary' - lawyer

AFP | Madrid

Kylian Mbappe, linked by media to being the target of a rape investigation in Sweden, is to keep any explanations for Swedish justice, "if necessary", his lawyer said yesterday.

"He retains primacy of his explanations, if necessary, to the Swedish justice system," Marie-Alix Canu-Bernard said. The lawyer strongly denounced "media allegations suggesting that Kylian Mbappe spoke about the events of his trip to Stockholm".

French daily Le Parisien and RMC Sports both reported yesterday the France and Real Madrid striker had consensual sex with a young woman during the trip last week.



New Zealand's players celebrate after a wicket

# New Zealand on top after India bowled out for 46 in rain-hit Test

AFP | Bengaluru

New Zealand powered into a lead of 134 after fast bowlers Matt Henry and William O'Rourke combined to devastating effect to dismiss India for 46 in the weather-hit first Test yesterday.

Opener Devon Conway hit 91 before being bowled while he attempted a reverse sweep off spinner Ravichandran Ashwin on a dramatic day two in Bengaluru.

New Zealand were 180-3 at stumps with Rachin Ravindra on 22 and Daryl Mitchell on 14 when bad light stopped play in an extended session.

India were dismissed in 31.2 overs in the second session after they elected to bat in overcast

conditions. The opening day of the Test -- the first of a three-match series -- was washed out.

It was India's third-lowest Test score ever and lowest on home turf. Their previous lowest at home was 75 against the West Indies in New Delhi in 1987.

Their lowest overall is 36 against Australia in a pink-ball Adelaide Test in 2020.

New Zealand launched a strong reply. Conway put on 67 runs for the first wicket with new skipper Tom Latham, who made 15.

The left-handed Conway took on the Indian attack and handled the spinners with aplomb as he reached 50 off 54 balls with a six off Ashwin.

Kuldeep Yadav struck next ball to send back Latham with his



India's 46 all-out is their lowest Test score on home soil, with five ducks, including Virat Kohli's, and Matt Henry becoming the 13th New Zealand bowler to take 100 Test wickets

in their favour after the umpire denied the appeal.

Conway put on a partnership of 75 with Will Young, who hit 33 and was in for the injured Kane Williamson.

Young fell to Ravindra Jadeja before Indian wicketkeeper Rishabh Pant missed a stumping and in turn injured his knee to hobble off the ground.

Dhruv Jurel came in as the substitute wicketkeeper.

Earlier, Pant top-scored with 20 in a disastrous Indian innings that witnessed five ducks, including that of star batsman Virat Kohli.

Henry wrapped up the innings with a five-wicket haul, and his last strike of Kuldeep was his 100th Test wicket.