

# Golden future ahead

HM King Hamad: Bahrain's Olympic winners are a 'source of inspiration' for future generations



HM the King received HRH Prince Salman, HH Shaikh Khalid, and Bahrain's Paris 2024 Olympic medal winners Winfred Mutile Yavi, Ahmed Mohammed Taj Eddin, Salwa Eid Naser, and Gor Tigran Minasyan on Sunday

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 First-Class Medal of  
 Competence to four  
 Olympic winners

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 HRH Prince Salman  
 for patronising  
 youth and sports

● Top sports leaders  
 and officials hailed;  
 athletes highlight  
 solid royal support

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**H**is Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa has emphasised that the Bahrain athletes' achievements at the 2024 Paris Olympics serve as a source of inspiration for future ambitions.

HM the King commended their unwavering determination and commitment to continued excellence in upcoming competitions.

His Majesty was speaking as he received yesterday at Sakhir Palace the winners of the four medals (two gold, one silver, and



one bronze) from the Olympics.

His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, and His Highness Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa, First Deputy Chairman of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports (SCYS), Chairman of the General Sports Authority (GSA), and President of the Bahrain Olympic Committee (BOC), attended the reception.

#### Contributions

In recognition of their contributions, HM the King awarded the First-Class Medal of Competence to athletes Winfred Mutile Yavi, Ahmed Mohammed Taj Eddin, Salwa Eid Naser, and Gor

Tigran Minasyan.

Yavi won the gold medal in the women's 3,000m steeplechase; Eddin claimed silver in the men's 800m race; Salwa secured silver medal in the women's 400m event; and Minasyan won bronze in the men's +102kg weightlifting category.

His Majesty wished them and all the Kingdom's athletes continued success and progress in their upcoming participations in international competitions.

#### Appreciation

HM King Hamad expressed his appreciation to the Bahraini athletes and officials for their outstanding performance and dedication, which led to Bah-

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- HIS MAJESTY KING HAMAD BIN ISA AL KHALIFA

rain's historic achievement of ranking first among Arab nations and 33rd globally out of approximately 204 countries participating in the Olympics. He congratulated the athletes on their remarkable success.

His Majesty also commended the leadership and efforts of His Highness Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, HM King's Representative for Humanitarian Work and Youth Affairs, and HH Shaikh Khalid in advancing Bahrain's sports sector, which has resulted in significant accomplishments on regionally and internationally.

Acknowledging the support of the Bahraini sports community, His Majesty highlighted the collective efforts that have propelled Bahrain to competitive prominence and led to the attainment of many titles and honours.

#### Gratitude

The athletes expressed their gratitude to His Majesty for the honour and the unwavering support they receive, which contributed in their success.

They pledged to continue striving for further achievements in future competitions, extending their thanks

to HH Shaikh Nasser and HH Shaikh Khalid for their continued encouragement.

HH Shaikh Khalid conveyed his sincere appreciation to His Majesty for his steadfast support of Bahrain's sports sector, emphasising that the historic Olympic achievement in Paris 2024 is a result of His Majesty's visionary leadership and unlimited backing.

#### Support

He affirmed that this support will continue to drive further progress and elevate Bahrain's sports to new successes.

HH Shaikh Khalid reiterated his gratitude to HM King Hamad and expressed hope for more achievements under his leadership.

He also extended his thanks to HRH Prince Salman for his ongoing support of the sports sector and to HH Shaikh Nasser for his dedication to Bahrain's youth and sports.



# Bahrainis at heart of progress

His Majesty King Hamad hails HRH Prince Salman's continued efforts in creating opportunities for citizens

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa affirmed that Bahraini citizens will continue to be the Kingdom of Bahrain's primary focus of all developmental plans and programs.

HM the King made the statement as he received His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, at Sakhir Palace yesterday.

He commended the continued efforts of HRH Prince Salman in creating opportunities for citizens and enhancing Bahrain's regional and international position.

These efforts align with the aspirations of the Bahraini people, driving the nation toward greater progress, prosperity, and development.

The meeting was attended by His Highness Shaikh Abdullah bin Hamad Al Khalifa, HM King's Personal Representative; His Highness Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa, First Deputy Chairman of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports (SCYS), Chairman of the General Sports Authority (GSA), and President of the Bahrain Olympic Com-



HM the King receives HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister

mittee (BOC); Shaikh Khalid bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, Minister of the Royal Court; His Highness Shaikh Mohammed bin Khalifa bin Hamad Al Khalifa; and Shaikh Salman bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, Minister of Finance and National Economy.

The meeting reviewed topics related to national affairs, aiming to advance the Kingdom's developmental journey and ensure continued progress and achievements across all sectors.

HM the King also commended the efforts of the ministers in serving the Kingdom and its citizens.

He expressed pride in the unity of Bahrain's people, emphasising

the deep sense of fraternity, solidarity, and shared responsibility.

HM the King reaffirmed Bahrain's unwavering commitment to the values and principles rooted in its rich history and civilisation.

### Openness

HM King Hamad highlighted the Kingdom's commitment to openness towards all cultures, religions, and civilisations, and its ongoing promotion of coexistence and mutual respect.

He emphasised that establishing the King Hamad Award for Peaceful Coexistence represents Bahrain's vision to foster global

peace and harmony among all people.

This initiative underscores the Kingdom's commitment to advancing the inter-civilisational dialogue and promoting peaceful coexistence worldwide.

His Majesty underscored the kingdom's continuous commitment to fostering the convergence and blending of civilisations and cultures to achieve global peace and unite humanity around common values and principles.

### Women's status

On the 23rd anniversary of the Supreme Council for Women (SCW), which coincides with

the Kingdom's Silver Jubilee celebrations of His Majesty the King's Accession, HM the King expressed pride in the contributions of Her Royal Highness Princess Sabeeka bint Ibrahim Al Khalifa, Wife of His Majesty the King and President of SCW, for her role in advancing the status of women across various sectors.

HM King Hamad praised HRH Princess Sabeeka for her national contributions through her leadership of SCW and efforts in elevating the status of women in strengthening Bahraini families and supporting their aspirations in the national development process.

He congratulated HRH Princess Sabeeka, all members of SCW, and Bahraini women on this occasion.

HM the King commended the distinguished status of Bahraini women, their progress, leadership, and active roles as a key partner in the development and advancement process.

HM King Hamad also highlighted the accomplishments and successes achieved by Bahraini women across all developmental fields, which have bolstered Bahrain's position regionally and internationally.

### Immediate ceasefire

Regarding regional and international developments, including the current situation in the Middle East, HM the King emphasised the necessity of an immediate ceasefire in the Gaza Strip, ensuring the protection of civilians there, and providing sufficient, safe, and sustainable humanitarian assistance.

He emphasised the importance of de-escalation and the prevention of conflict expansion in the region.

HM King Hamad underscored the importance of finding a method for lasting and comprehensive peace.

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**Farewell**

His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa received His Highness Shaikh Mohammed bin Khalifa bin Hamad Al Khalifa, who bid HM the King farewell before departing to pursue his university studies abroad. HM the King wished HH Shaikh Mohammed bin Khalifa further success and prosperity.

**Boosting aviation sector**

His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, yesterday met with Zayed R. Alzayani, at Al-Sakhir Palace. HRH Prince Salman expressed his gratitude to Alzayani and the Gulf Air Group Holding's Board of Directors for their efforts during their tenure. His Royal Highness highlighted Gulf Air Group Holding's role in enhancing the Kingdom's logistics sector and the quality of its services. He affirmed the role of the aviation sector in enhancing the economic competitiveness of the Kingdom. His Royal Highness noted the importance of implementing Gulf Air's development plans to achieve the Kingdom's far-reaching aspirations. Alzayani and the previous members of the Board of Directors expressed their gratitude for His Royal Highness's support of Gulf Air's development and for enhancing the Kingdom's logistics sector. The Personal Representative of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and President of the Supreme Council for Environment, His Highness Shaikh Abdullah bin Hamad Al Khalifa, and the Minister of Finance and National Economy, HE Shaikh Salman bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, also attended the meeting.

## Push for job Bahrainization

Parliament to debate 30% cap on foreign workers in commercial sector



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The Council of Representatives is currently grappling with a proposal aimed at bolstering job opportunities for Bahraini citizens.

The Services Committee is reviewing a draft law that would impose a 30% cap on the number of foreign workers allowed in commercial establishments.

This proposed legislation, if enacted, would significantly impact the country's labour market dynamics.

The proposed law is rooted in the desire to promote "Bahrainization," a national policy aimed at increasing the employment of Bahraini citizens in various sectors.

The law seeks to achieve this goal through a two-pronged approach: establishing a fixed percentage of foreign workers permitted in each commercial establishment, and imposing substantial financial penalties for exceeding this limit.

The proposed fees, which could reach up to 20% of a foreign worker's salary, are intended to act as a deterrent for businesses that rely heavily on foreign labour.

### Phased increase

Beyond the immediate 30% cap, the proposal also envisions a phased increase in Bahrainization rates over time.

This would involve setting a maximum ceiling for foreign workers within the National Labour Market Plan, a comprehensive framework designed to guide the country's labour market development.

This ceiling would apply not only to commercial establishments but also to the overall labour market, effectively limiting the total number of foreign workers permitted to work in Bahrain.

Furthermore, the proposed law mandates that the National Labour Market Plan include a maximum limit on the total number of work permits issued by the Labour Market Regulatory Authority (LMRA) within a specific timeframe.

### Greater control

This limit could be applied across all sectors or tailored to specific professions and economic activities, providing greater control over the flow of foreign workers into the country.

The proposed law does, however, acknowledge the need for flexibility in certain sectors where a sufficient pool of Bahraini workers is not readily available.

Exemptions would be granted for specific professions, as well as for domestic workers.

The proponents of the proposed law draw upon several articles of the Bahraini Constitution, particularly Article 10, which emphasises the importance of social justice and fair cooperation between the public and private sectors.

### Economic development

The article underscores the objective of economic development based on a planned strategy and the pursuit of prosperity for all citizens.

The proposed law, currently under review by the Services Committee, is expected to face significant debate in the Council of Representatives.

The potential impact on businesses, particularly those heavily reliant on foreign workers, and the feasibility of achieving the desired Bahrainization goals are among the key concerns that will be scrutinised during the legislative process.

The outcome of this debate will have far-reaching implications for Bahrain's labour market and its economic future.

# Price of losing cool in school

Lower Civil Court orders supervisor to pay BD1,000 in compensation for assaulting female student

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A school supervisor has been ordered by the Lower Civil Court to pay BD1,000 in compensation to a female student she assaulted.

The ruling comes after the supervisor was previously convicted in a criminal court for the assault.

According to lawyer Ahmed Al Haddad, the student's father filed a civil lawsuit after the supervisor was found guilty of assaulting his daughter in 2022.

The supervisor had struck the student on the neck and shoulder with a small bag, causing muscle injuries to the right neck and shoulder.

Al Hadad stated that the criminal court had previously sentenced the supervisor to a BD50 fine.

This final ruling led the father, acting as his daughter's legal guardian, to file a civil claim seeking BD2,500 in compensation for both material and moral damages.

### Physical and emotional harm

The court acknowledged that the student had suffered physical and emotional harm due to the assault.

While the court recognised the father's request for compensation, it ultimately decided to award a smaller amount of



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- STUDENT'S FATHER

al demeanor.

### Traumatised

"My daughter was traumatised by this incident," the father stated. "She was physically injured and emotionally shaken. She was afraid to go back to school and felt unsafe in an environment where she should have been protected."

He added, "This ruling sends a message that violence against children will not be tolerated and that those who commit such acts will be held accountable."

"I hope this case serves as a deterrent for anyone who might consider harming a child," the father concluded. "Children deserve to feel safe and secure, especially in educational settings."

BD1,000.

The court stressed that as a school supervisor, the defendant had a responsibility to uphold educational standards and ensure the safety of students.

Instead, she acted with anger and used violence, failing to maintain a calm and profession-

## 'Blue Moon' to grace Bahrain's skies today

### ● Third full moon of current summer season

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Skywatchers in Bahrain are in for a treat today as a "Blue Moon" will illuminate the night sky.

The celestial event coincides with the full moon of the Islamic month of Safar 1446.

According to Bahraini astronomy researcher Mohammed Reza Al Asfoor, this will be the



Mohammed Reza Al Asfoor, Bahraini astronomy researcher

third full moon of the current summer season.

The fourth and final full

moon of the summer will occur on September 18th, and will be accompanied by a partial lunar eclipse, he stated.

While the term "Blue Moon" might evoke images of a blue-hued orb, Al Asfoor clarifies that this is simply a name for the third full moon in a season that experiences four full moons. The name has no impact on the moon's actual appearance or color.

The moon will be visible throughout the night, rising at 6:12pm, local time in Bahrain, shortly after sunset.

## Debate set for key decrees

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The Shura Council and the Council of Representatives will tackle seven decrees carried over from the previous two legislative periods during their session in October.

The decrees address a variety of issues. One amends the internal rules of the Council of Representatives, dating back to a 2002 law.

Another revises the 2017 Real Estate Regulatory Law. A separate decree introduces a new article to a 2006 regulation concerning industrial practices for Gulf Cooperation Council states.

Additional decrees include adjustments to development bonds, changes to the 2006 drainage law, updates to the 1999 law governing the Bahrain Petroleum Company, and amendments to the 2002 Telecommunications Law.

## Asian employee faces bribery attempt case

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An Asian employee working for an engineering company contracted by the General Sports Authority (GSA) to provide staff is facing bribery charges.

The employee, who has not been publicly identified, denies allegations that he demanded a BD30,000 bribe from a contractor working for the GSA in exchange for securing a contract.

The Lower Criminal Court is scheduled to hear closing arguments in the case on August 21st, marking a crucial stage in the legal proceedings.

The incident came to light after the Public Prosecution received a report from the General Directorate of Anti-Corruption and Economic & Electronic Security detailing a complaint filed by the GSA.

The complaint alleged that an employee had solicited a bribe from a contractor.

The Financial Crimes and Money Laundering Prosecution investigated the matter thoroughly, taking statements from GSA officials and witnesses.

They also translated audio recordings of conversations between the accused and the contractor.

## Young woman's divorce from first husband 'never officially finalised'

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In a case reminiscent of a film plot, a young woman discovered three years after her divorce from her first husband and the birth of two children with another man, that her divorce was never officially finalised.

This revelation forced her to seek legal recourse to secure her divorce and establish the paternity of her children.

As detailed by lawyer Aisha Flamarzi, her client married her first husband in 2017.

The couple divorced in 2020 after three years of marriage, with the husband forcing her out of the marital home. All contact ceased between them.

In 2021, the woman entered into a temporary marriage contract with another man for a period of nine years, with a dowry of BD50.

### Marriage

Two years later, she gave birth to her first child, followed by a second child in 2023. It was



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during this time that she formalised her marriage with the second man.

Flamarzi explained that her client approached official authorities to complete the necessary paperwork for her children and obtain birth certificates.

However, she was stunned to learn that the divorce from her first husband had never been officially finalised.

Unable to contact her former spouse, she filed a lawsuit seeking a divorce on grounds of harm,

which was granted in 2023. She also filed a lawsuit to establish the paternity of her children.

### Lawsuit

The court ruled that the woman was officially divorced from her first husband on August 17, 2023. Subsequently, a lawsuit was filed in the Supreme Sharia Court to establish the paternity of the two children.

DNA samples were collected from the mother, the children, and the alleged father.

# No infrastructure, no subdivision

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The Ministry of Housing and Urban Planning has issued a decree prohibiting land subdivision in areas lacking infrastructure within Bahrain's villages and cities.

This temporary ban, outlined in Decision No. 788 of 2024, amends certain provisions of the Executive Regulations of Decree-Law No. 3 of 1994 concerning the subdivision of lands designated for urban development.

The decision states that subdivision within any area is prohibited if it lacks infrastructure, has incomplete infrastructure, or if the existing infrastructure's capacity does not align with the proposed subdivision.

This ban remains in effect until the reason for the prohibition



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is resolved.

## Timeframe

The ban can be lifted if the landowner undertakes the necessary infrastructure development at their own expense within a timeframe set by the Minister.

This timeframe can be extended upon recommendation

from the CEO of the Housing Authority.

Landowners are required to provide a notarized statement confirming their commitment to infrastructure development at their own expense.

Additionally, they must provide another notarised statement confirming that they will

not lease, sell, or dispose of any land within the subdivision before the completion of infrastructure works.

## Guarantee

Landowners who wish to dispose of any land before the completion of infrastructure works must provide a guarantee to the Housing Authority ensuring the completion of these works.

They can dispose of a portion of the subdivided land, but the total value of the disposed land cannot exceed the total construction cost plus 5% of that cost.

The Housing Authority, upon recommendation from the CEO, will determine the number of plots that can be disposed of, subject to the Minister's approval. This approval will specify the plots that can be disposed of.

# MP hails Bahrain as 'beacon of peace and humanitarian efforts'

Kingdom joins global community in celebrating Humanitarian Day

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MP Dr. Maryam Al Dhaen highlighted the Kingdom of Bahrain's exemplary role in peace and humanitarian work as World Humanitarian Day is observed.

She emphasized that Bahrain's achievements, both locally and internationally, are deeply rooted in Arab culture, Islamic teachings, and humanitarian values.

Al Dhaen praised the leadership of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, noting their significant contributions to enhancing Bahrain's reputation for coexistence and humanitarianism.

The MP also commended the efforts of His Highness Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Representative of His Majesty the King for Humanitarian Work and Youth Affairs, and Shaikh Ali bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, Secretary-General of the Royal Humanitarian Foundation, for their work in advancing humanitarian and development initiatives.

Dr. Al Dhaen pointed out that the establishment of the King Hamad Award for Peaceful Coexistence reflects the King's commitment to promoting global peace and dia-



MP Dr. Maryam Al Dhaen



"Bahrain serves as a hub for civilizations and cultures, embracing various religions and allowing freedom of worship."

- MP DR. MARYAM AL DHAEN

logue among civilizations.

This award recognizes individuals and organizations making strides in fostering dialogue and coexistence, combating extremism, and preserving human rights.

She further noted that Bahrain serves as a hub for civilizations and cultures, embracing various religions and allowing freedom of worship.

This commitment to tolerance and openness has established Bahrain as a symbol of peace and a model for humanitarian efforts.

Through these values, Bahrain has achieved notable success in promoting coexistence and peace worldwide.

# New system aims to streamline thriving real estate development

Mohammed Darwish  
TDI | Manama

A new system has been introduced to streamline infrastructure development in key subdivision plans, designed to simplify processes and enhance the real estate sector.

This system requires landowners to hire accredited contractors for infrastructure projects and allows them to sell part of their land to finance these developments.

Once completed, the infra-

structure will be handed over to the government for ongoing management, ensuring its maintenance and promoting greater fairness and transparency in the market.

The Urban Planning and Development Authority, in partnership with the Ministry of Works, the Electricity and Water Authority (EWA), the Survey and Land Registration Bureau (SLRB), and the Real Estate Regulatory Authority, recently held a press conference to unveil this new system.

Eng. Ahmed Abdulaziz Al



The system is designed to attract investment and ensure fairness and transparency in the real estate market.

Khayyat, Chief Executive of the Authority, explained that the system is intended to simplify infrastructure development and improve the real estate sector.

Property owners are required to provide infrastructure through accredited contractors and may sell a portion of their land to finance these projects.

Upon completion, the infrastructure will be transferred to the government for management, ensuring its long-term upkeep.

# Bahrain, US boost space cooperation

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His Excellency Dr Mohammed Ibrahim Al Assiri, Chief Executive of the National Space Science Agency (NSSA), met with Elizabeth Hatting, Acting Deputy Chief of Mission at the US Embassy in Bahrain to strengthen cooperation in the space sector.

Hatting was given an overview of the NSSA's work and achievements since its formation.

The discussion touched on ongoing collaboration and explored potential joint projects between the NSSA and US space institutions and research centres.

Hatting expressed her appreciation for the preparations made for the meeting, noting the NSSA's progress on both a national and international level.

She conveyed her interest in further cooperation.

# BTEA takes part in WOW Awards Asia Expo in Mumbai



BTEA's Island Wedding team

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The Island Wedding team of the Bahrain Tourism and Exhibitions Authority (BTEA) recently participated in the WOW Awards Asia 2024 expo held at the Jio World Convention Centre in Mumbai, India, on August 17 and 18.

The Authority's participation aims to promote the Kingdom as a premier destination for weddings, social events and conferences in the Republic of India, while showcasing the

potential Bahrain offers in attracting such events through its luxurious hotels and distinguished tourist and historical facilities.

The Island Wedding team met with major Indian and international wedding organising companies and tourism firms, to gain insights into their experiences in promoting exhibition and conference tourism.

The strategic presence at WOW Awards Asia 2024 not only positions Bahrain as a prime wedding and MICE destination but also shines a spot-

light on the country's rich cultural heritage, natural beauty, and world-class infrastructure, further boosting its appeal on the global tourism stage.

Dr. Ali Foulad, Tourism Advisor to the BTEA, emphasised that their participation in the event for the fourth consecutive year is aimed at further solidifying Bahrain's position as a premier destination for weddings and social events.

"We are showcasing our unique blend of modern luxury and authentic Arabian hospitality," Dr. Foulad added.

# Bahrain protects 23 victims and witnesses in criminal cases



Counselor Amina Isa Mubarak

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The Public Prosecution Office in Bahrain has successfully implemented a comprehensive programme to protect victims and witnesses in criminal cases, ensuring their safety and facilitating their participation in the justice system.

The programme, overseen by the Office of the Protection of Victims and Witnesses headed by Counselor Amina Isa Mubarak, has already provided protection to 23 individuals.

These cases range from domestic violence and sexual

assault to crimes against children and human trafficking.

The programme provides a range of measures, including relocation, identity change, and security protection.

These measures are implemented based on individual assessments of the threat level and the potential danger to the individual or their family.

"The programme is not limited to specific types of crimes," emphasised Counselor Mubarak. "It is based on the need to protect the safety of the victim or witness, ensuring they can provide their testimony without fear or intimidation."

# The Westin and Le Méridien City Centre Bahrain names Paul Dunphy Complex GM

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Paul Dunphy

The Westin and Le Méridien City Centre Bahrain has named Paul Dunphy as Complex General Manager. Most recently, Dunphy occupied roles with Millennium Hotels and Resorts in Dubai and before that was the Area GM for the Eastern Province based at the Intercontinental Hotel, Al

Khobar, before rejoining Marriott International.

With nearly two decades of experience with Marriott International, he is no stranger to the Westin brand. Earlier in his career, he served as Executive Assistant Manager at the Westin Dublin Hotel. He then focused on the Sheraton brand in Ireland and the UK before moving to the GCC, where he became

General Manager of the Sheraton Riyadh Hotel & Towers.

As Paul Dunphy steps into his new role, The Westin and Le Méridien City Centre Bahrain eagerly anticipate the fresh perspectives and continued excellence he will bring. His extensive background and commitment to high standards promise a new chapter of growth and success for both properties.

# Tamkeen supports Wage Increments for over 1,000 at BAS



The deal signing  
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The Labour Fund “Tamkeen” announced its support of salary increments for more than 1000 employees at Bahrain Airport Services (BAS), approximately 71% of the total Bahraini workforce at the company. Additionally, 400 Bahraini employees have received training through the Enterprise Training Support Programme, in line with the company’s growth plans, by increasing employee competitiveness and outlining clear career development plans to retain skilled and experienced talent.

BAS plays a pivotal role in the logistics sector in the Kingdom, being the sole operator of in-ground handling services at Bahrain International Airport. The company provides a range of services, including ground operations, air cargo, airline catering services, and aviation engineering. It is also a leading supporter of local talent, employing 1,500 Bahraini employees.

Maha Abdulhameed Mofeez

, Chief Executive of the Labour Fund (Tamkeen), stated: “This announcement reflects Tamkeen’s ongoing commitment to supporting the logistics sector in the Kingdom and enhancing Bahrain’s position as a leader in regional logistics. The sector contributed 7.4% to the GDP in 2023 and provides promising future opportunities due to the Kingdom’s unique advantages, making it a gateway to the GCC market as the region’s first logistics services hub.”

Mr. Nabeel Khalid Kanoo, Chairman of the Board at BAS, commented: “The ongoing partnership between BAS and Tamkeen is a significant milestone in our company’s development. We are grateful for the support provided by Tamkeen, which enhances the development and empowerment of our national workforce.”

Mohamed Khalil Ahmed, Chief Executive of Bahrain Airport Services, praised the support offered and stated: “We continue to improve the quality of our services by investing in our Bahraini workforce.”

# Mumtalakat announces new board for Gulf Air Group Holding

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Bahrain Mumtalakat Holding Company (Mumtalakat), the sovereign wealth fund of the Kingdom of Bahrain, announced yesterday a new Board of Directors for local portfolio company Gulf Air Group Holding B.S.C. (Closed), under the chairmanship of Mr. Khalid Hussain Taqi.

The new Board of Directors shall comprise the following members:

- H.E. Shaikh Fahad bin Abdulrahman Al Khalifa
- Mrs. Sara Ahmed Buhiji
- Mrs. Fatema Bashar Al Hasan
- Mr. Ali Moosa Shafiee
- Mr. Tarek Abdulaziz Sultan
- Mr. Charlie Foreman
- Mr. Faisal Ali Al Jalahma
- Mr. Alaa Abdulkhaleq Saeed

This aligns with Mumta-



Khalid Hussain Taqi (Chairman)

H.E. Shaikh Fahad bin Abdulrahman Al Khalifa

Sara Ahmed Buhiji

Fatima Bashar Alhasan

Ali Moosa Shafiee

Tarek Abdulaziz Sultan

Charlie Foreman

Faisal Ali Al Jalahma

Alaa Abdulkhaleq Saeed

lakat’s strategic priorities to proactively manage its portfolio and drive sustainable growth that supports the aviation industry’s contribution to Bahrain’s economic recovery. Key facets of Mumtalakat’s strategy include active asset management, strengthening board governance, and generating stable financial returns.

Mumtalakat expressed its gratitude and deepest appreciation towards the former Chairman and Board members for their exceptional service and contribution during their tenure.

Gulf Air and Bahrain Airport Company are companies under Gulf Air Group Holding.

Mumtalakat’s portfolio consists of over 50 companies, including some of the Kingdom’s leading companies such as Alba, Batelco, National Bank of Bahrain and Gulf Air. In addition, the fund includes direct international investments and co-investments managed by leading international funds.

# Bangladesh’s Yunus reassures on garment exports

AFP | Dhaka, Bangladesh

Bangladesh’s interim government will support the country’s Rohingya refugee population and vital garment export trade, lead-

er Muhammad Yunus said Sunday in his first major policy address since taking office.

The South Asian country is home to around one million Rohingya refugees.

# ila Bank offers chance to win up to BHD 1,000

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Bahrain’s revolutionary bank, Bila, powered by Bank ABC, announces an opportunity for customers to win up to BHD 1,000 when transferring their existing credit card balance with any bank to the ila Switch Credit Card. As part of the offer, ila Bank will settle customers’ existing credit card balance with

other banks and allow them to pay back the amount at 0% interest for up to six months.

The campaign, which has launched this month and will continue up to 31 December 2024. Two lucky customers will be picked each month to have their credit card outstanding of up to BHD 1,000 fully paid by ila Bank.

Abdulla Abuidrees, Head of

Marketing and Acquisition, ila Bank, said, “Customers usually have a number of credit cards for which they pay the minimum balance each month and keep getting charged interest on their outstanding balance. With the ila Switch Credit Card, they have the golden opportunity to have their balance transfer settled and their interest waived off for six months. Additionally, they

can also win up to BHD 1,000 to have their credit card fully paid for them! This campaign truly reflects the personalised benefits and advantages that ila consistently offers its customers while propelling them towards their dream lifestyle.”

ila’s credit cards offer customers a host of unmatched advantages including seamless convenience and control over



their finances. Users enjoy a tailor-made, flexible rewards programme that is designed with the customer in mind, easy payment plans, and exclusive partner offers for discounts on

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# IBS Intelligence Digital Banking Awards 2024: Codebase Technologies and BCFC recognised as regional winners

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Codebase Technologies and Bahrain Commercial Facilities Company (BCFC) are selected as regional winners at the esteemed IBS Intelligence Digital Banking Awards 2024.

This accolade highlights the exemplary collaboration between Bahrain Commercial Facilities Company, Codebase Technologies and Atfyaf eSolutions in launching the Sahel App, a cutting-edge digital lending platform that is revolutioniz-



Abdulla Bukhawa, Chief Executive Officer of BCFC



Tamer Al Mauge, Managing Director - MENA, Codebase Technologies.

ing the financial services sector in Bahrain and is powered by Codebase Technologies’ Digibanc platform.

Abdulla Bukhawa, Chief Executive Officer of BCFC, expressed his pride in the award, stating, “The Sahel App marks a significant milestone in our digital transformation journey, and we are honored to receive this accolade alongside Codebase Technologies.”

“We are immensely proud to support innovative organiza-

tions like BCFC. Winning the IBSI Digi-tal Banking Award 2024 is a testament to the power of successful collaborations,” commented Tamer Al Mauge, Managing Director – MENA, Codebase Technologies.

Within the first three months of its launch, the app has exceeded the target number of active users and facilitated the issuance of 50% of BCFC’s credit cards in 2024. Additionally, the app allows customers to receive lending decisions and access

funds within minutes and offers the ability to compare and instantly renew motor insurance policies.

“This project was selected by our judges for its innovative approach in the integration of instant credit card issuance, remote onboarding, and personalized features into an engaging experience that showcases both companies’ commitment to excellence in customer-centricity.” Nikh-il Gokhale, Director- Research & Digital Properties.



# CAMPUS

## BSB earns “Outstanding” in BQA review

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The British School of Bahrain (BSB) announced that it has earned the highest rating of “Outstanding” in its recent review conducted by the Bahrain Education and Training Quality Authority (BQA).

This prestigious recognition follows the school’s most recent accolade of being rated “Outstanding in all areas” by the British School Overseas (BSO), just last week.

BSB is the first school in Bahrain to navigate the new framework. The leading institution was chosen by the Ministry of Education to pioneer the merging of the BQA and British School Overseas (BSO) inspections.

Inspectors representing both accreditors, conducted a joint inspection of the school, in line with their respective standards, paving the way for joint inspections for other BSO-members schools in the Kingdom.

This exceptional result illustrates how the school’s delivers



A view of the British School of Bahrain

a world-class British education that prioritises academic excellence, student well-being, and a global perspective.

The BQA review is a comprehensive and thorough evaluation process, meticulously assessing the performances of schools. BSB’s “Outstanding” rating across areas such as academic achievements, personal development and wellbeing, teaching, learning, as well as

leadership, management, and governance, reflects the dedication of BSB’s staff and leadership to continuous improvement.

The BQA report emphasised the dynamic culture of innovation witnessed across the school through various pioneering projects that concentrate on sustainability and the utilisation of Artificial Intelligence (AI).

The report commended the presence of a diverse range of

extracurricular activities to cater to students’ interests and passions, further underscoring the Kingdom’s largest offering of extracurricular activities.

The report also praised the school’s success in adopting exceptional student-centred teaching and learning strategies to accommodate diverse student learning needs, ensuring every learner thrives.

Liz Stanley, BSB Executive Headmaster, commented: This ‘Outstanding’ rating is a monumental achievement for our school. Maintaining this rating since the previous review in March 2016 reflects the passion of our educators, staff, and students. It underscores our commitment to cultivate an exceptional learning environment where students are encouraged to excel academically, develop strong character, and embrace a global perspective. We are incredibly proud of this accomplishment and will continue to strive for excellence in all that we do.”

## The Curious Case of Money



ANUSHKA GOGIA

Growing up with a house full of bankers and financial consultants, our family dinners - much to my dismay - were less ‘pass the salt’ and more “let’s delve into the recent changes in interest rates”. Each meal resembled a high energy fueled debate, with my father and brother as formidable opponents, each passionately presenting their viewpoints. Meanwhile, my mum and I exchanged knowing smiles of ‘here we go again’ as we turned our undivided attention to the real task at hand - devouring the culinary delights before us. Each bite was a delicious escape from the intellectual storm brewing across the table - ridding the incessant battle we witnessed every night at the table.

But then, like a knight in shining armour (or maybe just a really well-written textbook), GCSE Economics came to my rescue. Soon these heated debates became more than just background noise that I tried to tune out - it became a new language. One I was adamant to learn. Much to the dismay of my mother, I started paying more attention to the dinner pitching in while she was left alone to focus on the food.

Soon, I started questioning everything. Whether it was the clinking of coins in my pocket or the swipe of the credit card at the till, the payments made online along with the chatter of cryptocurrency on news bulletins - these everyday realities started to instil curiosity. They became puzzles demanding answers - which one of these is “money”?

Money: what was once a simple tool - a source of happiness for my mother who is a firm believer of treating herself to weekend retail therapy and a means to buy that coveted candy bar I was craving for myself - morphed into a complex enigma. Where did it come from? Who printed it? How did paper money become so widely accepted? How do people trust that money has value?

These questions ran rampant in my mind like an unbridled storm - leading me down a rabbit hole which urged me to explore the topic further and delve into the intricacies of the concept of “money” in economic thinking.

Money is defined as a medium of exchange in the form of coins and banknotes. However, over time, the exact definition of money has evolved and been distorted by technological advancements wherein certain elements such as the tangibility and the intrinsic value of the money have been altered over the passage of time. Initially, money was created to address the inherent impracticalities relating to the bartering process which was riddled with issues like divisibility, a measure of value, and other monetary aspects. Bartering was further complicated by the necessity of achieving a double coincidence of wants, making transactions cumbersome and inefficient.

Therefore, money in terms of coins and banknotes was created with the emergence of banks and financial institutions. The establishment of these tangible entities of fiat currency enabled an easier medium of exchange which significantly enhanced transactional efficiency wherein the introduction of a universally accepted unit of account provided a standardised metric to set prices and determine the value of commodities. Furthermore, unlike non-durable goods and perishable commodities, money possessed durability as well as stability - acting as a store of value and a standard of deferred payment. Such improvements in the money system expedited monetary transactions, fostering efficiency as well as transcending the countless limitations associated with the bartering process.

However, over time, the very essence of money underwent a metamorphosis driven by technological advancements. The rise of digital currencies like Bitcoin and Ethereum challenged the status quo wherein their decentralised structure enables individuals to conduct peer-to-peer transactions, bypassing traditional financial institutions like banks. This disrupts the existing power dynamic, potentially reduces transaction fees, and raises questions about the future role of central banks in managing money supply.

In conclusion, the concept of money in economic thinking has continuously adapted throughout history. From commodity-backed currencies to the rise of digital assets, the core function of facilitating exchange remains, but the form and underlying mechanisms have transformed. As technology continues to evolve, we can expect further challenges and opportunities that will redefine our understanding and use of money.

Speaking about evolving, as has our dinner table which has developed from a battleground to a whole economic coliseum thanks to a newer and worthier opponent (in my humble opinion), dethroning my brother’s title (whilst he is not there to defend it) and leaving only one bewildered audience member. Sorry about that mum - maybe you should pick up an Economics textbook too!

*(The views and opinions expressed in this article are those of the author and do not necessarily reflect the official policy or position of the Daily Tribune)*

## Unlocking future success with BEng (Hons) Mechanical Engineering (Dual Award) at ASU

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The Applied Science University (ASU) in Bahrain is offering an exciting opportunity for future engineers through its BEng (Hons) Mechanical Engineering (Dual Award) programme.

This comprehensive programme provides students with the theoretical knowledge and practical skills required to excel in the field of mechanical engineering, particularly in the dynamic regions of Bahrain and the Gulf.

The dual-award degree provides students with the opportunity to acquire academic qualifications from both ASU and London South Bank University (LSBU), with enhanced technical skills and increased opportunities in the labor market after graduation.

Mechanical engineers are pivotal to many industries and are highly sought after in Bahrain and the Gulf region.



A view of the Applied Science University

In Bahrain, the demand for mechanical engineers is extensive and continues to grow, reaching into industries such as the energy, oil and gas, manufacturing, construction, and automotive sectors.

Bahrain provides a strong working environment for mechanical engineers, with significant investments in infrastruc-

ture and renewable energy that require a wide range of engineering skills. In the wider Gulf region, mechanical engineering is an important and growing field.

Major construction projects in Bahrain KSA and the UAE, provide numerous opportunities for mechanical engineers. Furthermore, ASU has wide

links with the industry where students are offered unique internships and placements in the largest companies and industrial firms in the Kingdom.

The programme is properly designed to equip students with a deep understanding of the theoretical aspects and practical skills in mechanical engineering.

It provides an intricate blend of rigorous theoretical education and immersive practical training, aiming to develop a strong comprehension of the fundamental mechanical engineering principles, including solid mechanics, thermodynamics, fluid dynamics, mechanical design, and structural analysis.

However, theoretical knowledge alone is insufficient in this ever-evolving field. The programme also integrates a wide range of practical elements such as laboratory work, individual and group projects, and industrial training period.

## ISB celebrates India’s Independence Day



The Indian School Bahrain (ISB) celebrated India’s 78th Independence Day on Thursday. The event was held at the Isa Town Campus in the presence of ISB Chairman Adv. Binu Mannil Varughese, Secretary V. Rajapandian, Executive Committee Member-Transport Mohammad Nayaz Ullah, Principal Pamela Xavier, as well as parents and staff from both campuses. The celebration commenced with the unfurling of the Indian national flag by Adv. Binu Mannil Varughese, followed by the national anthem. In his presidential address, Adv. Binu Mannil Varughese highlighted the overwhelming public support received for the ‘Viksit Bharat’ initiative and emphasized the importance of remembering the sacrifices made for freedom. He highlighted the goal of fostering a strong sense of national pride and duty among students through such celebrations, striving for a brighter future for the next generation.







# Man City start title defence strong

Haaland and Kovacic score as Manchester City defeat Chelsea 2-0 in Premier League opener

● Haaland scores on 100th City appearance

● Kovacic nets against former club

● City's Euro 2024 finalists rested

AFP | London

Manchester City got their Premier League title defence off to a winning start as goals from Erling Haaland and Mateo Kovacic inflicted a 2-0 defeat on Enzo Maresca in his first match in charge of Chelsea.

Haaland marked his 100th appearance for the club with his 91st goal before Kovacic struck on his return to Stamford Bridge to give Pep Guardiola's men the perfect start to their attempt to win a record fifth consecutive English top-flight title.



Erling Haaland of Manchester City scores his team's first goal

City were shorn of all four of their Euro 2024 finalists -- Rodri, Kyle Waker, John Stones and Phil Foden -- from the start as Guardiola opted to give them extra time off to recover from their summer exertions.

Yet, the champions were still able to lay down a marker

against one of the few sides they failed to beat in the league last season.

Maresca has the tough task of moulding a functioning team unit from a bloated Chelsea squad that has 43 players and over 50 on the books including those on loan.

The consequences of those difficult decisions played out even before kick-off as Raheem Sterling's camp released a statement expressing his dismay at being left out of the matchday squad.

Ben Chilwell was another to face the cull, while Conor Gallagher and Romelu Lukaku are among those not to have been handed squad numbers.

None of Chelsea's nine summer signings to date were included in Maresca's starting line-up.

Even more surprisingly, Enzo Fernandez was named captain despite being embroiled in a race row for a post on social media after Argentina's Copa America victory last month.

City, by contrast, are a model of continuity and consistent excellence.

Haaland was one of City's few stars to have had a summer off from international tournaments and took just 18 minutes to make his mark.



91 goals have been scored by Haaland in his first 100 appearances for Manchester City

Jeremy Doku's low cross was deflected by Bernardo Silva into the Norwegian's path and he coolly dinked over Robert Sanchez.

Kevin De Bruyne curled inches wide and Sanchez leapt high to turn over Doku's deflected shot.

But Chelsea ended the first half in the ascendancy and should have been level before the break.

Ederson spilled Cole Palmer's tame shot but was bailed out by Nicolas Jackson's straying needlessly offside before he turned in

the rebound.

Foden was forced into action earlier than Guardiola would have hoped at half-time as the lively Savinho was forced off injured on his Premier League debut.

The lack of pre-season minutes for many on show was apparent in the more pedestrian pace than normal for a major Premier League clash.

Chelsea did most of the pressing for an equaliser but offered City chances to extend their lead in doing so.

Sanchez made a fine save to deny Haaland a second before De Bruyne again fired inches off target when unmarked at the edge of the area.

However, the Chelsea goalkeeper was at fault for the goal that sealed their fate.

Kovacic was allowed to burst through the midfield unchallenged and took aim for the top corner, which he found thanks to a weak hand from Sanchez.

## No.1s Sinner, Swiatek stage Cincy fightbacks as Zverev escapes

AFP | Cincinnati

World number ones Jannik Sinner and Iga Swiatek both turned around losing situations on Saturday to move into the semi-finals of the ATP and WTA Cincinnati Open.

Sinner prevented rival Andrey Rublev from repeating a triumph from last Saturday in Montreal as he defeated the sixth seed in a 4-6, 7-5, 6-4 fightback.

Swiatek did the same in the women's draw as she worked to overcome teen Mirra Andreeva

Jannik Sinner in action

There was a lot of mental strength required today. It was tough conditions, very, very windy

JANNIK SINNER

4-6, 6-3, 7-5.

Sinner will square off in the semis against third-ranked 2021 champion Alexander Zverev, who got past rain interruptions in the final set to defeat Ben Shelton 3-6, 7-6 (7/3), 7-5.

The third set was start-stop but the German advanced to his third con-

secutive Cincinnati final-four spot.

"Conditions and the interruptions were tough, but Ben was the toughest part of the match," Zverev said.

"He has played amazing tennis all week. It was tough to find my comfort zone today, but it's great to get the win."

In the bottom of the draw Frances Tiafoe will play Holger Rune.

The American advanced 6-3 after half an hour when fifth seed Hubert Hurkacz who underwent knee surgery a month ago, had to retire with a calf injury.

"At 2-2

I felt he was a little off," said Tiafoe, who claimed his 200th Tour match win. "I know how it feels dealing with pain, rehab... he did come back pretty quick."

Rune, who had never won a match here until this week beat Briton Jack Draper 6-4, 6-2 in 75 minutes.

Rune broke twice in the second set to take the win in 75 minutes.

"The scoreboard was not how the match felt," Rune said. "It was very difficult, Jack was going after it," he said.

Top seed Sinner took to the court for only his second match of the week after a first-round bye and a walkover on Friday.

Iga Swiatek

## Columbus, Philadelphia and LAFC reach Leagues Cup semis

AFP | Los Angeles

Reigning MLS champions Columbus Crew will face the Philadelphia Union in the semi-finals of the Leagues Cup after victories in the last eight on Saturday.

Columbus marched into the last four with a 4-3 win on penalties over New York City after the game ended 1-1 while a



LAFC's Denis Bouanga (R) and Columbus' Aidan Morris

ten-man Union also needed a shoot-out to beat Mexican team Mazatlan.

Just 14 seconds into the game in Columbus, visitors New York City took the lead when Alonso Martinez robbed Crew defender Rudy Camacho and burst into the box before slotting home.

Striker Cucho Hernandez had a great chance to level the game but dragged his shot wide from

inside the box and the Colombian forced a fine save from Matt Freese.

But four minutes before the interval, Columbus, who had eliminated Cup holders Inter Miami in the previous round, drew level. Max Arsten whipped in a cross from the right and Hernandez met it with a perfectly angled header into the bottom corner.

## Bahrain Victorious unveils new young talent

TDT | Manama

Bahrain Victorious has announced the signing of three young riders as stagiaires for the remainder of the 2024 season.

Dutch cyclist Max van der Meulen, Italian sprinter Daniel Skerl, and Belgian Vlad Van Mechelen will join the WorldTour team, with their professional contracts beginning in 2025.

Van der Meulen, 20, joins the

team after a successful season with the U23 team CTF Victorious, where he clinched a stage and points jersey at the Ronde de l'Isard. Skerl, 21, also from CTF Victorious, boasts impressive results including a recent stage victory and second overall at the Ronde de l'Oise.

The 20-year-old Van Mechelen arrives from development team DSM and brings with him a bronze medal from the junior



The new cyclists joining the team

road race at the World Championships.

In addition to the three stagiaires, Bahrain Victorious has confirmed the signing of 18-year-old Slovenian Zak Erzen, who will join the WorldTour team in 2025 after completing the season with CTF Victorious.

The team has expressed its commitment to nurturing young talent and providing a pathway to the WorldTour.

## Bagnaia wins Austrian MotoGP and takes championship lead



Ducati Lenovo Team's Italian rider Francesco Bagnaia (foreground), Prima Pramac Racing's Spanish rider Jorge Martin (L) and Ducati Lenovo Team's Italian rider Enea Bastianini (background) compete

AFP | Vienna

Double world champion Francesco Bagnaia won a third successive Austrian MotoGP to complete a dream sprint-race weekend double and take the outright lead in the world championship yesterday.

Jorge Martin, who went into the weekend atop the riders' standings, had to settle for second with Enea Bastianini completing the podium at the Red Bull Ring circuit.

This was the Turin-born Bagnaia's seventh race success of the season to match his tally from last season with still nine races remaining.

That is a sobering thought for Martin who has a better sprint record than Bagnaia but when it comes to the main event it is Bagnaia who invariably comes out on top.

"Our pace was incredible," said the race winner.

"I knew over the last laps anything could happen so I'm very happy to win three times here," added Bagnaia, referring to the circuit that is KTM's home, but Ducati's back yard with the Italian team winning here in eight of the past nine years.

Martin said: "I would have preferred a better start, but we were super close. He (Bagnaia) pulled away but at the

I knew over the last laps anything could happen so I'm very happy to win three times here

FRANCESCO BAGNAIA

end of the race I tried again to push. Second was not what I expected."

Martin had no complaints unlike 24 hours later when a long lap penalty severely compromised his chances of denying Bagnaia the top of the podium with the gap between them less than five seconds.

There was no similar hard luck story in this 11th round of the season.

Martin had secured pole but second-placed Bagnaia had quickly moved into the lead as his new teammate next season, Marc Marquez suffered a nightmare grid getaway.

Setting off on the front row in third the six-time former MotoGP champion had plummeted to 13th by the first corner after a tangle with Franco Morbidelli.

Up front Martin kept close tabs with Bagnaia on the factory Ducati in the early laps, at one point briefly regaining command.

# Bahrain's junior volleyball team sweeps to victory in West Asian Championship

TDT | Manama

Bahrain's junior volleyball team continues to make waves in the 2nd West Asian Youth Volleyball Championship, delivering a resounding 3-0 victory in their latest match. The energy and determination of Bahrain's players were on full display as they dominated their Syria, setting the tone for what promises to be an impressive

campaign.

The opening set saw Bahrain establish their dominance with a confident 25-21 win. The team's synergy and precise execution left their opponents struggling to keep up. From the outset, it was clear that Bahrain was playing with a sense of purpose, determined to bring glory to the Kingdom.

Building Momentum

The second set further dis-

played Bahrain's superiority, with the team pulling away to a 25-16 victory. The players, fueled by the passionate support of their fans, showed exceptional skill and coordination. Each point brought them closer to the ultimate goal of securing a commanding win.

In the final set, Bahrain's athletes remained relentless, closing out the match with a decisive 25-18 score. This victory not

only reflects the hard work and dedication of the players but also speaks to Bahrain's growing stature in the region's volleyball scene.

As the championship progresses, Bahrain's junior team stands as a beacon of pride, embodying the spirit and resilience that define the Kingdom's athletic endeavors. With each match, they continue to inspire and bring honor to Bahrain.



Action from the match

# Bahrain dominate Saudi to reach U15 Basketball final

U15 team advances to GCC Championship final after dominating semi-final victory

● Bahrain wins 80-62 against Saudi Arabia

● Khalid Bin Hamad League nurtures young talent

● Strong offense and tenacious defense key to victory

● Final showdown against Kuwait today at 7 PM

Hussain Almaskati  
TDT | Manama

Bahrain's U15 basketball national team, nurtured through the Khalid Bin Hamad Golden Generation League, asserted their dominance with an 80-62 victory over Saudi Arabia in the semi-finals of the GCC Under-15 Championship, currently being held in Qatar.



Action from the match

This win secured their place in the championship final against Kuwait and cemented Bahrain's

status as a formidable force in regional basketball. From the outset, Bahrain took



Bahrain's U15 basketball team is emerging as a regional powerhouse, showcasing talent nurtured through the Khalid Bin Hamad Golden Generation League

control of the game, employing a well-balanced offensive strategy and a tenacious defense. Their swift pace and precision left the Saudi team struggling to keep up, as Bahrain steadily built a lead that would carry them through the match.

Bahrain's young stars delivered stellar performances, with each player contributing to the team's overall success. Their co-



Bahrain's players during a discussion

ordination and teamwork were evident as they outplayed their opponents, never allowing Saudi Arabia to close the gap.

As Bahrain celebrates this significant victory, the team's focus

now shifts to the final which is set to take place against Kuwait today at 7 PM. With their eyes on the championship title, Bahrain is determined to bring the trophy home.

# Bahrain's bodybuilders shine at 5th West Asia Championship

Hussain Almaskati  
TDT | Manama

Bahrain's national bodybuilding team made a remarkable impact at the 5th West Asia Bodybuilding Championship, securing an impressive haul of medals and titles. The event, held in the Sultanate of Oman, saw Bahrain's finest athletes competing against the best in the region, and they delivered outstanding performances.

Bahraini athlete Jaffar Al Mughani captured the gold medal in the Master Bodybuilding category, adding another prestigious title to his illustrious career. Meanwhile, Mohammed Bukhlaf emerged as the star of the championship, winning the



Bahrain's national bodybuilding team members receive their prizes

coveted "Champion of Champions" title in the Classic Physique category and securing a gold



medal in the same division. Ali Ibrahim Kuwayed, a member of Bahrain's National Junior

Bodybuilding Team, earned a commendable third place in the Junior Bodybuilding category, marking his rise in the sport. Abdullah Al Mansour also delivered a stellar performance, taking home the silver medal in the 173cm Physique category, further cementing Bahrain's reputation in bodybuilding.

These achievements shed light on Bahrain's growing influence in the world of bodybuilding, with the nation's athletes consistently proving their mettle on the international stage. The 5th West Asia Bodybuilding Championship was yet another opportunity for Bahrain to prove its strength and determination in this competitive sport.

# Mashwani triumphs at BRAVE CF 85



Pakistan's Zia Mashwani secured a decisive victory over India's Bharat Khandare in the highly anticipated India vs Pakistan bout at BRAVE CF 85, held in Lahore, Pakistan. Mashwani earned an early win by submitting Khandare with a triangle choke, igniting the crowd with his dominant performance