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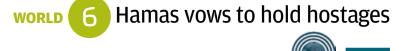
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MPs: Link CR to quotas Government says nay

Minister rejects stricter rules, says current measures are enough to boost Bahrainisation

- Government opposed proposals for stricter **Bahrainisation quotas** tied to commercial licence renewals, citing existing fines as adequate deterrents.
- Workers urged to report unfair treatment or dismissals through hotline email to Tamkeen
- The minister rejected the proposal to establish a joint committee for monitoring wage support, arguing that such measures are already covered by the **National Employment** Programme.

Mohammed Darwish TDT | Manama

ahrainisation rate is on establishments. boost if further at this time.

Bahrainisation rates are on the rise across several sectors, which is proof of the existing system's effectiveness. Training schemes are also being rolled out to ensure Bahrainis are promoted to management roles, with some industries now expected to maintain **Bahrainisation rates** of up to 50%

GHANIM BIN FADHL ALBUAINAIN, THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS

es to hire more Bahrainis.

Fadhl AlBuainain, the Minister Bahrainis. of Parliamentary Affairs, in re-

tions should be conditioned on effects," he warned. For, the current initiatives are meeting Bahrainisation targets, The minister also dismissed **Tamkeen's Role in Wage**



unable to renew their licences committee to monitor wage sup-This was stated by Ghanim bin if they did not employ enough

measures are required to renewal of commercial registra- businesses and have adverse proper legal process."

sufficient to encourage business- meaning businesses would be a proposal to establish a joint Support

port for Bahraini workers, saving it would be redundant as such However, the minister reject- monitoring is already includsponse to MPs who had called for ed this idea, arguing that the ed in the National Employment ed. The minister also highlightstricter enforcement of Bahrai- current BD500 fine for non-com- Programme. He emphasized, ed that strong deterrent measnisation quotas for commercial pliance is already a significant "Employers are prohibited from ures are in place to deal with deterrent. "Imposing more strin-reducing benefits or dismissing cases of fraudulent employment the rise, and no further The MPs suggested that the gent measures could suffocate workers without following the or wage manipulation.

is under the strict oversight of Tamkeen, which has established for their commitment to secura hotline and an email service to ing jobs for Bahrainis, acknowlreport unfair treatment. Addi- edging that their efforts align tionally, inspection campaigns with the government's initia-

creased site visits," the minister he stressed

revealed.

Training Initiatives

Besides, the government has also introduced training schemes to prepare Bahrainis for management roles, with some industries expected to maintain Bahrainisation rates of up

Addressing Wage Support Gaps

Regarding potential gaps in wage support, the minister assured MPs that the Labour Ministry and Tamkeen have systems in place to ensure workers receive their full wages. "There are severe penalties for employers found breaking the law," he add-

He encouraged workers to report any dismissals through the newly established support line.

$\label{the wage support mechanism} \textbf{Appreciation for MPs' Efforts}$

The minister thanked the MPs have been intensified. "Tamkeen tives. "We will continue to prohas extended the inspection tect the interests of our citizens period by another year and in- and ensure their job security,"



Bahrainisation seeks to enhance the employment of Bahraini nationals across multiple sectors. Initiated in the 1980s, it was expanded to encompass the private sector in the 1990s. The **Economic Vision 2030,** introduced in 2008, further underscores the importance of **Bahrainisation** as part of a larger strategy to diversify the economy and reduce remance on oil.

Gaza 'hell on Earth' for one million children: UN

Geneva, Switzerland

The one million chil-The one minor dren in Gaza are living a "hell on Earth", the UN said yesterday, with around 40 children having been killed there every day over the past year. More than a year into Israel's war against Hamas in the besieged Palestinian territory "children continue to suffer unspeakable daily harm", said James Elder, spokesman for the United Nations children's agency UNICEF.

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Large-scale operation

North Korea to send '12,000 soldiers' for Russia's war in Ukraine: Yonhap

AFP | Seoul, South Korea

North Korea has decided to send "large-scale troops" to support Russia in its war against Ukraine, South Korea's Yonhap news agency reported yesterday citing Seoul's spy agency.

"The National Intelligence Service said it has learned that the North has recently decided to send four brigades of 12,000 soldiers, including special forces, to the war in Ukraine," Yonhap said. The NIS declined to confirm the report to AFP.

"The movement of North Korean troops has already begun," an NIS source told Yonhap.

ymyr Zelensky said Thursday sia in its fight against Kyiv.



"They are preparing on their he had intelligence reports A satellite image by Airbus Defence and Space of Russia's Khabarovsk military facility, where the NIS said North Korean personnel gathered within the training

that North Korea was training land, 10,000 soldiers, but they

Ukrainian President Volod- 10,000 soldiers to support Rus- didn't move them already to Ukraine or to Russia," Zelensky change," he said.

said after meeting NATO defence ministers.

NATO cannot yet confirm:

NATO chief Mark Rutte said Friday the alliance could not vet confirm South Korean intelligence that North Korea was deploying large-scale troops to support Russia's war in Ukraine.

"At this moment, our official position is that we cannot confirm reports that North Koreans are actively now as soldiers engaged in the war effort," Rutte told reporters following a meeting of NATO defence ministers in Brussels.

"But this, of course, might

Hamas confirms death of leader **Yahva Sinwar** Doha, Qatar

Hamas yesterday con-firmed its leader Yahya Sinwar had been killed, a day after Israel announced his death in Gaza.

"We mourn the great leader, the martyred brother, Yahya Sinwar, Abu Ibrahim." Oatar-based Hamas official Khalil al-Hayya said in a recorded video statement broadcast by Al Ja-

Sinwar became Israel's most wanted man after the October 7, 2023 attack, the deadliest in Israeli history.

Israel announced Sinwar's death on Thursday, which Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu called a "heavy blow".

Workers' neighbourhood gets a new lease on life

Block 204 in Muharraq set for transformation under new development plan

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lock 204 in Muharraq, known as the Workers' Neighbourhood, is poised for revitalization.

The government has approved a parliamentary proposal to rehabilitate the block and integrate it into the ongoing Muharraq development project, initiated by His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa.

This urgent proposal was approved by Parliament in October 2023 and led by MPs Mohammed Al Alawi, Mohammed Al Hussaini (who lost his parliamentary seat). Abdullah Al Dhaen. Hisham Al Awadhi, and Hamad

Covering 1.4 million square



will be executed in phases, surveying, and infrastructure been secured. which include studies, land improvements. The necessary fi-

meters, the rehabilitation plan acquisition, planning, design, nancial allocations have already ed that this initiative follows ing the reign of the late Shaikh over the years, leading to infra-

An official statement indicate leadership of His Royal High- He pointed out that the area has outages and sanitation problems.

ness Crown Prince and Prime Minister Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa. It aligns with efforts to preserve Bahrain's historical and cultural identity, as seen in the restoration of Isa Al Kabeer Palace and the broader Muharraq development initiative.

"While the Muharraq development project is phased, with the first phase focusing on neighbourhood improvements, Block 204 will be incorporated in subsequent phases. The government is currently studying and planning these later developments," the statement confirmed, affirming government approval of the proposal.

MP Al Alawi emphasized that Block 204 is the oldest housing project in Bahrain and the Arabian Gulf, established in 1959 dur- not seen significant upgrades a Cabinet decision under the Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa. structural issues such as power



Muharraq was once the capital of Bahrain until 1923, before the capital was moved to Manama. Muharraq is rich in history and

culture, home to numerous traditional buildings and heritage sites, including the Bahrain Fort and the famous Muharrag soug. The area is also known for its role in the pearl diving industry, which was a significant part of Bahrain's economy before the discovery of oil.

Reunited at last

Five Bahraini riders finally return home after a long ordeal in Yemen



Zainab Abdulameer

Detained since 1st August, the men's disappearance caused mounting concern among their families

They initially set off from Bahrain to Salalah, Oman, and crossed into Yemen legally

They were stopped by authorities in Marib, a region governed by Yemen's internationally recognized government

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nally returned home, much to gratitude.





The families are now waiting eagerly for their sons to complete the final steps before being fully reunited.

UM FADEL, MOTHER OF ONE OF THE MEN,

fter a harrowing two-month the relief of their families. As Aordeal, five Bahraini riders the men undergo the final steps detained at a security check- of their return, the atmosphere point in Marib, Yemen, have fi- is filled with anticipation and

Um Fadel, mother of one of sions. the detained riders, expressed her heartfelt appreciation for Bahrain to Salalah, Oman, and in Riyadh for their unwavering this challenging time. "We're ing forward to exploring the reso grateful to MP Abdulameer gion. Their planned route would for staying in touch with us and take them through Yemen and us the strength to get through er, their adventure took a drastic d'affaires at the Bahraini Embasgratitude.

A Journey Gone Awry

into an unexpected nightmare their families back home. for the group of adventurers, known for their daring excur- their loved ones urged the Bah- dulameer emphasized.

They initially set off from the support they received during crossed into Yemen legally, lookkeeping us informed. It gave into Abha, Saudi Arabia. Howevthis difficult time," she said, her turn when they were stopped by sy in Riyadh to push for action. voice a mixture of relief and authorities in Marib, a region governed by Yemen's interna- men briefed the Ministry of In-

What was meant to be a fun been detained, causing grow- documented. "It was crucial that and carefree road trip turned ing anxiety and concern among the families were kept informed



Jalal Kadhem

raini government to intervene and secure their release.

Government intervenes

Talking to The Daily Tribune, MPs Zainab Abdulameer and Jalal Kadhem confirmed the men's safe return on Friday. Abdulameer expressed her gratitude to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Interior, and the Bahraini Embassy support throughout the ordeal. "I've been working closely with the authorities throughout this ordeal," she said, revealing her efforts to liaise with the chargé

She further stated that the tionally recognized government. terior upon their return, ensur-Since August 1st, the men had ing that their experiences were throughout the process, so they In a desperate bid for help, were never left in the dark," Ab-

Building restrictions eased in residential zones

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The government has approved the relaxation of building restrictions in residential areas, a move expected to streamline the construction process and promote the development of much-needed housing.

Details regarding specific adjustments to setback requirements and building ratios will be announced in the coming weeks.

This decision follows feedback from citizens and the Parliament, including a surprisingly popular suggestion for more distinctive architectural styles within residential developments.

"We have carefully examined the proposals concerning the amendment of regulatory conditions for construction in residential areas," a government statement noted.

Ahmed Al Musallam, Speaker of the Council, emphasized the government's commitment to enhancing collaboration with the Council. He highlighted that the relevant ministry worked alongside municipal councils and other authorities to gather public feedback, ensuring that these insights will be incorporated into the new residential construction regulations.

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Job cuts sometimes inevitable

Government assures all measures for reemployment, training

Sacked workers can claim jobless pay covering 60% of their last wage for up to nine months, with a maximum of BHD 1,000 per month

The Ministry explores options such as relocating workers or offering early retirement to mitigate job losses

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ob cuts are inevitable some times, but "we leave no stone unturned to prevent Representative picture



job losses," the government as- ernment assured that sacked Immediate Assistance sured parliamentarians as they workers can claim jobless called for urgent efforts to sup- pay. These payments covport people who were laid off er 60% of the worker's last atives expressed that families

The government stated that all month. possible measures are in place, explaining that job losses at outsourcing firms resulted from those firms completing their work for both government and private bodies.

Acknowledging Inevitable Job

"Still, the Ministry admitted that in some cases, job cuts

To soften the blow, the gov- opportunities.

Exploring Options

enabled some firms to retain retirement options.

The Labour Ministry also confirmed that they are procouldn't be avoided. Where who lost their jobs as a short- cil of Representatives for its consackings must occur, we step in term safety net. Additionally, cern, adding, "We are eager to to help the workers," the Minis- a team is in place to link these work closely with the Council

The Council of Representby outsourcing firms ahead of wage for up to nine months, need immediate assistance as with a cap of BHD 1,000 per they face rising costs, particularly for food and gatherings during

> The Ministry stated that they "We are exploring all op- are in contact with businesses to tions to keep Bahraini workers explore ways to avoid job lossemployed," the Ministry said, es, such as relocating workers adding that wage support has to other roles or offering early

Collaboration

As Ramadan draws near, the viding jobless pay to those government thanked the Counindividuals with available job to safeguard the well-being of our people."

Government rejects national observatory proposal, Emphasises 'Skills Bahrain'

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Aparliamentary proposal to establish a "National Observatory" for Bahrainising jobs was rejected, citing the ongoing development of the "Skills Bahrain" initiative. This project, which is funded by the Labour Fund (Tamkeen), is being implemented by the Information and eGovernment Authority.

It is important to note that the proposal was put forward by MP Mohammed Al Hussaini, who lost his parliamentary seat in July 2023. He had called for the government to take the necessary legal steps to establish the regulations.

Skills Bahrain: A Central **Employment Platform**

proposal redundant, stating that employment benefits. "Skills Bahrain" is an employment platform will provide Aligning Education with ment platform under devel- comprehensive data on essen- Market Needs companies.

Once launched, this project

The observatory would monitor current and potential job opportunities in both the public and private sectors, providing accurate and upto-date data and recommendations to policymakers.

MOHAMMED AL HUSSAINI

observatory and its governing database that contains infor- labour market needs. mation on job seekers' quali-The government deemed the and training processes, and un-ment underscored.

opment in collaboration with tial skills and job requirements,



Additionally, the system will fications, specialisations, and generate various reports reexperience, as well as available quired for domestic and intervacancies, national employment national purposes, the govern-

both public and private sector which will inform future poli- currently finalising a project portunities in both the public cies for government institutions to establish professional lev- and private sectors, providing and higher education estab- els and skill assessments for accurate and up-to-date data will serve both job seekers and lishments, thereby enhancing issuing professional licenses. and recommendations to poliemployers by acting as a central educational outcomes to meet "This aims to regulate profes- cymakers.

sions within the labour market and establish professional standards," the government

Furthermore, a collaborative effort is underway to align university curricula with labour market demands, involving the Ministry of Education, the Higher Education Council, and the University of Bahrain. This initiative focuses on in-demand specialisations and addresses challenges faced by graduates in specific fields.

"The Ministry of Labour is also working with the Ministry of Education to encourage the integration of new school graduates into vocational education and training programmes. Experienced mentors will guide and train students and job seekers, while training courses will be provided for educators at various levels," the government pointed out.

Al Hussaini argued that the observatory would monitor The Ministry of Labour is current and potential job op-

Luxury living comes at a cost

Realty firm hit with BD 7.194 bill after rent-free stay

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Enjoying a luxury water-front flat for seven months without paying any rent has landed a well-known real estate company in the Kingdom in hot waters.

The High Civil Court ordered the firm to pay BD 7,194 to landlord for overstaying the lease period that expired in April by seven months.

As per the lease agreement, the firm was authorized to odduring which the company stay in the flat on Dilmunia overstayed. Island in Galali, for BD 1,027

September after the company the landlord's favour. ceased paying rent in January

further BD 4,111 for the peri- enforcing the judgement.



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Despite warnings, the comper month since March 2022. pany also failed to appear in However, the landlord filed court or present any defence. a case against them in late As a result, the judge ruled in

The judge also directed the company to cover BD 30 in le-Represented by lawyer, gal costs and BD 500 in law-Zainab Ali Madan, he sought yer's fees. In addition, the firm BD 3,083.439 for the first three was ordered to pay BD 246.500 months of unpaid rent, plus a in court fees, plus BD 10 for

Real Madrid set to kick off Football Academy in Bahrain

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Real Madrid is set to establish a football academy in Bahrain this year or early next year, according to Adel Al Safar, chairman of the Al Safar Group. The group has signed an agreement with the Spanish football club to bring Real Madrid academy coaches to the Kingdom. As per Al Safar, the group will begin by appointing Spanish coaching staff to manage the academy.



Representative picture

"Bahraini personnel will also nerships with private schools, newspaper Alayam. be recruited to assume future inviting them to participate in Al Safar emphasised the mulleadership roles. The acade- Real Madrid academy sport- tifaceted benefits of this invest- potentially in Muharraq, Riffa, Madrid planned for early my will initially focus on part- ing activities," he told our sister ment, highlighting its social, or Manama. In the interim, the November to further refine

sporting, cultural, and financial academy will utilise existreturns. However, he stressed ing facilities at Bahraini that the primary focus will be sports clubs, forming on the social and sporting de- partnerships to train velopment of Bahraini children their staff and inteand youth, equipping them for grate them into the future success in the field.

"Real Madrid's global presties. School sports ence, with approximately 4,000 facilities will also be centres worldwide, will provide a valuable framework for the Bahrain academy's training timeline, Al Safar programmes. This will help to stated that the launch prepare young players for elite is imminent. "The selecopportunities," he explained.

The Al Safar Group plans to management and coachconstruct a dedicated stadium ing staff will be finalised for the Real Madrid academy, this week, with a trip to

academy's activiutilised.

Regarding the tion of Spanish academy the launch plan. The academy programme is expected to commence in December or January. The group hopes to invite prominent figures from the world of football, potentially arranging visits from Real Madrid representatives to Bahrain," he stressed. Al Safar also hint-

ed at the possibility of bringing FC Barcelona's La Masia academy to Bahrain in the future and organising visits from Barcelona players, specifically mentioning Lionel

Personal loans cannot become housing loans

Eskan Bank, in collaboration with local banks, offers various housing loan programs designed to ease the financial burden on citizens. with a minimum loan amount of BD 40,000.

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♦ he government has confirmed that personal loans cannot be converted into housing loans, rejecting a proposal to this effect. Officials warned that such a move could jeopardize current housing Ahmed Al Musallam. schemes and upset the balance of the housing finance system. that housing loans are strictly This decision was communicat- designated for securing homes. ed in a letter to the Speaker of "The government believes this the Council of Representatives, suggestion could diminish the



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value of housing loans, making The government clarified it harder to meet family needs."

Financial Burden

highlighted its efforts to alle- for citizens using the Mazaya viate the financial burden on scheme. Furthermore, banks citizens. Eskan Bank, in part- may extend mortgage terms to nership with local banks, of- 30 years to reduce the monthly fers housing loans through pro- payment burden. grams like 'Tas'heel Financing' and 'Mazaya,' designed to keep monthly payments manageable based on individual earnings

as a grant. Loans can also go up offer a 'Joint Security Over to BD 70,000 with government Mortgage Asset Programme,' backing, ensuring citizens have allowing citizens to obtain extra access to loans without excessive pressure.

Salary Deduction Clarifications

the government noted that some that the proposal is unfeasible. cases, they allow deductions Council to meet citizens' hous-Additionally, the government of up to 65 percent, especially ing needs fairly and practically.

Property Registration Fees

The government also mentioned that it has followed the and what borrowers can afford. directives of Crown Prince Increased Loan Accessibility and Prime Minister Salman To assist those whose salaries bin Hamad Al Khalifa to cover don't qualify for larger loans, property registration fees for the government has raised the citizens utilizing the 'Tas'heel' minimum loan amount to BD program. Additionally, banks 40,000, with the excess treated involved in the housing schemes mortgage loans alongside their initial ones.

While the government appreciates the Council of Repre-Regarding salary deductions, sentatives' interest, it stressed banks do not always adhere to However, it remains committhe 50 percent rule; in certain ted to working closely with the

133,000 families benefit from Cost-of-Living allowance



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The number of families benefiting from the "cost of living allowance," designed to support low-income households, has risen to 133,000 between May and August 2024, up from 130,000 at the end of last

A recent report from the Ministry of Social Development indicates that 185,807 families are now receiving cash compensation due to the removal of subsidies on meat, marking an increase of 5,000 from last year's total of 180,000.

Additionally, 17,694 individuals are benefiting from social security, while 14,466 receive disability allowances, and there are 19 beneficiaries of fire compensation.

The cash compensation for meat subsidy removal is based on the applicant's registration, as defined by the head of the household in the Information and eGovernment Authority. This support is available to both men and women of all ages, regardless of employment status, income level, property ownership, or business records.

Since the Cabinet's decision in 2015, the number of families benefiting from meat subsidies has increased by 22%. Initially, 147,971 families were supported, which has now grown to 185,807, according to the latest statistics.

Cash compensation is disbursed every three months, coordinated with the Information and eGovernment Authority and the Ministry of Finance and National Economy. Citizens can register directly through the electronic system, with assistance available from social services staff at community centres for those who face challenges registering online.

To qualify for meat subsidies, applicants must be Bahraini nationals registered as the head of a household in the Information and eGovernment Authority and must hold permanent residency in Bahrain. Monthly income, including salary, property ownership, and business records, does not impact eligibility for this support.

Government warns against bill to waive court fees, citing risk of frivolous lawsuits

H Naser TDT | Manama

The government has urged ■ parliamentarians to reconsider a bill proposing the waiver of court fees, warning that it could result in an increase in

frivolous lawsuits. The bill, introduced by Dr. Ali Al Nuaimi, aims to exempt recipients of social support under Law No. 18 of 2006 (concerning social security) and pensioners with monthly incomes below BHD 1,500 from paying court



fees. This proposal pertains to existing law already provides Article 10 of Decree-Law No. sufficient flexibility to accom-3 of 1972, which governs court modate cases of financial hard-

The government explained that current exemptions are paid, with exemptions being granted only to those who can the exception rather than the prove their inability to pay, with rule. approval from the Minister of Justice and the cabinet.

sought to replace this discre- lawsuits could encourage inditionary power with a mandato- viduals to pursue claims lacking ry exemption for the specified genuine merit, thereby burdengroups.

Officials argued that the state resources.

ship. They emphasized that court fees should generally be

Furthermore, the government expressed concern that remov-The proposed amendment ing the financial barrier to filing ing the court system and wasting





High school students from New Millennium School, Bahrain, recently held an educational visit to the Indian Embassy as part of its 'Visit Embassy' programme, the initiative aimed to foster cultural understanding and international awareness among the students. The students participated in an engaging session with Dr. Vinod K. Jacob, the Indian Ambassador to Bahrain, and his diplomatic team. They also had the opportunity to meet with embassy officials, who provided insights into the workings of their respective departments. Dr. Ravi Pillai, School Chairman, along with Managing Director Mrs. Geetha Pillai and Principal Dr. Arun Kuumar Sharma, expressed their gratitude to the Indian Ambassador for facilitating such a unique and enlightening experience for the students.

Batelco named by Avaya as UC Cloud partner of the Year

Award Presented at GITEX Global 2024

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atelco, part of the Beyon Group has been recognized as the "UC Cloud Partner of the Year" by Avaya, an established provider of business communications software and systems.

The prestigious award highlights Batelco's dedication to delivering innovative cloudbased Unified Communication (UC) solutions that empower businesses in Bahrain and

Through their strategic partnership with Avaya, Batelco has successfully introduced advanced UC cloud solutions, enabling businesses to streamline communications, enhance



collaboration, and improve op- gether." erational efficiency. The recognition by Avaya reflects Batel- Sales Leader at Avaya who preco's superior ability to support sented the award to Batelco said, digital transformation across "We would like to congratulate various industries in the region Batelco on the award and recogas well as driving growth in the nition as UC Cloud Partner of the evolving digital economy. The vear. It is expected that by 2028, award was accepted by Batelco enterprises will have replaced Enterprise General Manager Ab- 60% of outdated SaaS workplace dulla Danesh during a ceremony apps for advanced ones emheld at Avaya's stand at GITEX powered by Gen AI, seamlessly Global 2024.

Mr. Danesh said: "This achieve- minimizing employee oversight. ment reflects our dedication to Batelco has been pivotal in enaproviding innovative solutions bling this transformation with that address the evolving needs their superb cloud infrastrucof our customers. We look for- ture, delivering enterprise-grade ward to deepening our partner-technology that future-proofs ship with Avaya and continuing organizations' communications to deliver exceptional value to- set-ups."

Mr. Samer Sarraf, Regional blending into productivity tools, Commenting on the occasion, streamlining workflows, and

Government rejects new SME Fund proposal

Stands by Tamkeen's Support for Businesses

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Aproposal to create a new fund for small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) as a replacement for Tamkeen, the Labour Fund, has been rejected by the government.

In its defense, the government asserted that Tamkeen already effectively meets the goals of the proposed fund.

the parliamentary bill, the gov-record. ernment emphasized that estab-



In a memorandum addressing frastructure and successful track of its total support has been al-

be redundant and inefficient, contributions to the SME sector, towards larger companies.

given Tamkeen's established in- noting that approximately 96% located to micro, small, and me-cessful initiatives such as the A government statement high- dium-sized businesses since its lishing a duplicate entity would lighted Tamkeen's significant inception, with only 4% directed

In a memorandum addressing the parliamentary bill, the government emphasized that establishing a duplicate entity would be redundant and inefficient, given Tamkeen's established infrastructure and successful track record.

The government cited suc-"Career Development Programme" and the "Business out the Central Bank of Bah- unnecessary duplication that a

idence of Tamkeen's positive to review and expand their SME impact on SME development.

centive programs for promising products. sectors and the launch of the 2022-2026 Financial Services Development Strategy.

increase in SME access to avail- 4.8% in 2022—an impressive able financing, ultimately boosting their growth and contribu- year. This progress underscores tion to the national economy.

Growth Programme" as ev- rain's directive to retail banks new fund would entail.

financing targets. This includes Additionally, the government establishing dedicated departreaffirmed its commitment to ments within credit divisions supporting SMEs through var- to manage SME financing and ious initiatives, including in- developing tailored financial

Notably, the government reported a significant increase in SME financing by banks, rising This strategy aims for a 20% to 10.5% last year, compared to growth of over 50% in just one the effectiveness of current The government also pointed strategies and highlights the

Bonuses for state entity executives won't be tied to profits, says Govt

The government argues that public authorities are established to

and economic objectives that align with the public interest, rather

manage services and specific sectors with the aim of achieving social

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Aproposal to tie annual bo-nuses for chairmen and board members of government authorities and companies to profit achievements has been rejected by the government. The draft law, submitted by MPs ports by the Minister of Finance general budget. and National Economy.

In its response, the government argued that public authorities are established to manage with the aim of achieving social the goals of government bodies undue pressure and negatively and aim to generate profit to specific legal rules within their the overall public good.

than to generate profits. Ahmed Qarata and Abdulha- and economic objectives that and those of commercial compa- impact public service quality. support national development, in managing state-owned comkeem Al Shenu, suggested that align with the public interest, nies, explaining that government Instead, incentives should be While the government retains panies. bonuses should only be paid if rather than to generate profits. entities prioritize long-term based on criteria like improved ownership of capital shares profits were achieved, and not It noted that these entities are national interests and strategic service quality or environmental

Public Service, Not Profit-

in cases of losses. It also includ- responsible for developing ser- objectives set by the state. Un- sustainability. ed three articles regarding the vices within their revenue limits like private firms, government approval of annual financial re- without placing a burden on the bodies do not produce financial reports in the same manner and **Owned Companies** are subject to oversight mechanisms to ensure the efficient use panies, the government clariof resources for strategic goals. fied that these entities operate The government highlighted Linking bonuses to profits, the as private legal persons with services and specific sectors the crucial difference between government added, could create independent financial accounts sized that these companies have ensure effective governance and

Independent Rules for State-

Regarding state-owned com-

and associated rights, such as

Administrative Flexibility and Governance

bylaws, providing them with administrative and financial flexibility to determine work rules and bonus criteria aligned with their objectives, strategies, and commercial practices. It argued that the proposed bill interferes with this flexibility, potentially disrupting the balance between financial and national objectives

In conclusion, while the government acknowledged the profit-sharing and management parliament's role, it urged a reparticipation, the assets remain consideration of the proposal, the property of the company citing potential negative impacts on government authorities and companies. It stressed the importance of maintaining a balance between financial incen-The government also emphatives and the national interest to

Politburo throws

out Leon Trotsky

and his followers

Streptomycin, the first antibiotic remedy for tuberculosis, is isolated by researchers at Rutgers University in Piscataway, New Jersey

Black Monday: Stock markets around the world crash, including the Dow Jones Industrial Average, which falls 508.32 points (22%), 4.5 times the previous daily record

News in brief

UN envoy proposes partitioning Western Sahara

on the concept of a partition of the

It is considered a "non-autonomous territory" by the United Nations..

Singapore has bov who was

a busy suburb, the interior minister said yesterday. adding it was a "very close shave". After watching Islamic State propaganda glorifying knife attacks, the

before he was arrested in August, Home Minister K. Shanmugam said. "He was quite serious because he actually practised stabbing motions with the scissors. He checked out which place would cause death -- basically the neck area -- so he practised hitting at the neck," Shanmugam told reporters..

Top Texas court stays execution of autistic man in 'shaken baby' case



execution on Thursday to an autistic man whose murder conviction was based on what his lawyers say was a misdiagnosis of "shaken baby syndrome." Robert Roberson, 57. had been scheduled to die by lethal injection at the state penitentiary in Huntsville on Thursday for the February 2002 death of his two-year-old

Supreme Court issued

daughter. Nikki. But the Texas Supreme Court temporarily stayed the execution following an appeal from Texas lawmakers who issued a subpoena to Roberson so he can testify before a House committee that is examining his conviction.

SPOTLIGHT

N. Korea's Kim says road blasts mark end of 'evil relationship' with South

North Korea's leader Kim Jong Un (C) visiting the command of the 2nd Corps of the Korean People's Army, at an undisclosed location in North Korea AFP | Seoul Kim in January defined Seoul

as his country's "principal en-North Korean leader Kim emy" and said the North was Jong Un called South Ko-no longer interested in reuni-

Kim visited the headquar- earlier this year.

Korean Central News Agency links with the South, Kim said. (KCNA) said. In his discussions with closure but also the end of the military commanders, Kim evil relationship with Seoul "stressed that our army should which persistently lasted cenkeep in mind once again the tury after century... and unreastark fact that the ROK is a for-sonable idea of reunification," eign country and an apparent KCNA reported. hostile country," KCNA said, South Korea's military re-

ficial name, the Republic of day of North Korean soldiers Relations between the two and railways connecting the Koreas have deteriorated since two Koreas.

to Western Sahara has proposed dividing the territory between

Polisario Front in order to resolve the decades-old conflict. "I have discreetly revisited and expanded with all concerned Territory," Staffan de Mistura said during on Wednesday. Western Sahara is largely

independence for the territory since before colonial ruler Spain pulled out in 1975.

Singapore arrests teen for planning

allegedly planning an ISIS-inspired terror attack on

17-year-old visited the suburb to rehearse his attack

a last-minute stay of



rea a "foreign" and "hostile fication. country" as he visited troops, On Thursday, state media state media reported yester- had said the North's constituday, adding that the recent tion now defines the South as destruction of transport links a "hostile" state, the first time marked an end to an "evil re- Pyongyang had confirmed the lationship". legal changes called for by Kim

ters of the 2nd Corps of the The country last week Korean People's Army on held a key meeting of its rub-Thursday, where he reviewed ber-stamp parliament, where defence plans following experts had widely expect-Pyongyang's recent decision ed the constitution to be to blow up road and rail links revised. with the South, the official Cutting the road and rail

"means not only the physical

referring to South Korea's of- leased video footage on Tuesdynamiting symbolic roads

Hamas vows to hold hostages

Palestinian group maintains hostage release contingent on war's end and Israeli withdrawal

Hamas mourns leader Sinwar, killed in Israeli drone strike

Group demands complete Israeli withdrawal and prisoner release for hostages

AFP | Jerusalem

Tamas vowed yesterday it would not release the hostages it seized during its October 7 attack on Israel until the Gaza war ends, as it mourned the death of its leader, Yahya Sin-

"We mourn the great leader, the martyred brother, Yahya Sinwar, Abu Ibrahim," Qatar-based Hamas official Khalil al-Hayya said in a recorded video statement.

The hostages "will not return.. unless the aggression against our people in Gaza stops, there is a complete withdrawal from it, and our heroic prisoners are released from the occupation's prisons,"

Hamas's confirmation of the an Israeli battle tank rolling in the Rafah area in the southern Gaza Strip of the deadliest attack in Israeli including 34 who Israeli officials dent, told AFP. history, came a day after Israel say are dead.

war in Gaza by staging the deadli- chief, Ismail Haniyeh. of 1,206 people, mostly civilians, end to the war. according to an AFP tally of offi-

took 251 people hostage back into return to normal," Jemaa Abou According to Gaza's civil de- "catastrophic" levels of hunger levi vowed to keep fighting "un- Israelis to flee their homes.

Hamas sparked the year-long the killing in July of its political

During the attack, gunmen would end and our lives would ground.

death of Sinwar, the mastermind Gaza. Ninety-seven remain there, Mendi, a 21-year-old Gaza resi- fence agency, rescuers recovered this winter.

dealt a massive blow to the group Chief of Hamas in Gaza at the on the ground is quite the oppohome in the north of the territory es seized by gunmen has killed by a drone. with the announcement of his time of the attack, Sinwar became site. The war has not stopped, and after it was hit at dawn. the group's overall leader after the killings continue unabated."

"But unfortunately, the reality children from the rubble of their mas and bring back the hostag- tian border, while being tracked

"We always thought that when pummelling the territory, accord- pitals.

est-ever attack on Israel on Octo- In Gaza, there was little hope Israel conducted air strikes ing in recent weeks, and where which the UN considers reliable. an object at the drone.



drone footage of what they claim were Sinwar's final moments, showing a wounded individual throwing an object at the drone near Egypt's border

til we capture all the parties involved in the October 7 massacre and bring all the hostages home". With Hamas already weakened

more than a year into the Gaza war, Sinwar's death deals an immense blow to the organisation, but whether it will trigger a shift in its own strategy is unclear.

It is also unclear whether his successor will be named in Qatar, where Hamas's political leadership has long been based, or in Gaza, the focus of the fighting.

The Israeli military said Sinwar was killed in a firefight in souththe bodies of three Palestinian Israel's campaign to crush Ha- ern Gaza's Rafah, near the Egyp-

42,500 people in Gaza, the ma- It released drone footage of The Israeli military said it was jority civilians, according to data what it said was Sinwar's final pressing its operation in Jabalia, from the health ministry in the moments, with the video showing one of the focuses of the fight- Hamas-run territory, figures a wounded individual throwing

ber 7, 2023, resulting in the deaths Sinwar's killing would bring an on Gaza yesterday, with several strikes on Thursday killed at least With the civilian toll in Gaza Israel is also fighting a war raids overnight and early morning 14 people, according to two hos- mounting, Israel has faced criti- in Lebanon, where Hamas ally cism over its conduct of the war, Hezbollah opened a front by this moment arrived the war ing to an AFP journalist on the A UN-backed assessment has including from the United States. launching cross-border strikes

India PM Modi returning to Russia for BRICS summit **AFP** | New Delhi

Indian Prime Minister Nar-Lendra Modi will attend this month's BRICS summit in Russia, New Delhi said yesterday.

Modi's government has longstanding ties with Moscow that have persisted despite India's courtship of closer security partnerships with Washington and other Western allies.

The balancing act has seen New Delhi avoid condemning Russia's war in Ukraine and instead propose itself as an intermediary to broker a peaceful resolution to the ongoing

India's foreign ministry said Modi would be in Russia on October 22 and 23 for the summit, held in the city of Kazan along the Volga river. Modi's visit is his second to

Russia this year following an India to look for other sources The BRICS group takes its earlier trip to Moscow in July. for arms instead of Russia, tra-name from the initial letters of peace, saying that "no problem become a major purchaser of China and South Africa. should be solved on the battle- Russian crude, providing a It has since expanded to in-



Russia's President Vladimir Putin sees Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi off following their talks at the Kremlin

The Ukraine war has forced cow's war coffers.

Russia is a vital supplier of for Russia after it was dropped tries, including Iran.

Modi visited Kyiv the follow- ditionally its biggest provider. the five members who joined ing month where he called for At the same time, India has in 2009 -- Brazil, Russia, India,

much-needed export market clude Middle Eastern coun-

cut-price oil and weapons to by traditional buyers in Europe. Yury Ushakov, Russian Pres-India, but Moscow's isolation That has dramatically reconident Vladimir Putin's foreign from the West and growing ties figured their economic ties, policy aide, said this month that with Beijing have impacted its with India saving itself billions leaders of 24 countries would partnership with New Delhi. of dollars while bolstering Mos- be attending the summit.

Angry Macron blasts media over reporting of Israel comments

Prench President Emmanuel I Macron yesterday faced accusations of seeking to reduce the media to merely reproducing press releases after blaming journalists, ministers and commentators for the furore over comments attributed to him on Israel.

A visibly furious Macron late Thursday began his press conference after an EU summit in Brussels with a tirade against those who he accused of distorting remarks made in Emmanuel Macron a closed-door cabinet meeting and showing a "lack of professionalism" in their work.

The remarks attributed to Macron that Israel needed to adhere to UN resolutions in its campaigns in Lebanon and Gaza as the state was created by the world body angered Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu but also sparked strong reactions in France.

His comments were quoted by two participants who spoke to AFP after the meeting and asked not to be named. "Mr Netanyahu must not for-

get that his country was created by a decision of the UN," Macron told ministers, referring to the resolution adopted in November 1947 by the United Nations General Assembly on

the president of showing his what exactly I said." "ignorance" of history.



YOU Macron's remarks on

Israel's UN creation sparked international and domestic criticism, with **Netanyahu accusing** him of historical distortion, while French journalists defended their reporting ethics

versy, denying his remarks "as they were reported", arguing his words were taken out of context. "I believe I say enough about

'Checks sources rigorously'

He called on ministers to 'show respect for the rules and functions so as not to circulate false information" and on journalists "to treat the remarks reported with the necessary precautions".

After come critics in France questioned whether Macron had been casting doubt on Israel's right to exist, the president said that "there is no ambiguity" in the position of

But the Association of the

to repeating official statements. Macron attacked "ministers", The definition of journalism



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day. We will stand with Ukraine for as long as it takes - now with a loan of up to €35 billion. We want a just and lasting peace for Ukraine. In parallel, we are preparing for what will come after peace is achieved

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King Charles arrives in Australia for landmark tour AFP | Sydeny

ing Charles III touched Adown in Australia yesterday, embarking on the most strenuous foreign trip since his life-changing cancer diagnosis

eight months ago. After a gruelling 20-plus hour journey, the 75-year-old monarch and his wife Queen Camilla landed in a rain-sodden Svdney, and were greeted by local dignitaries and posy-bearing The king is on a nine-day tour

of his far-flung Australian and

Samoan realms that will show-

case a busy public barbecue, famed landmarks and pressing climate dangers. He is the first reigning monarch to set foot Down Under since 2011, when thronging crowds flocked to catch a

white-gloved wave from his mother Queen Elizabeth II. The king's long-planned trip is designed to bolster the monarchy among an increasingly disinterested Australian public, whose British heritage is now just one element in a melt-

"I'd forgotten they were even ming up the mood in Australia's undoubtedly bring pomp, cerecoming," said 73-year-old Syd- largest city. neysider Trevor Reeves, sum- The visit is also said to be per- erage.



visit to Australia is his first since 2011, and comes as the country

debates its ties to the monarchy, with a recent poll showing a third of Australians support becoming a republic

sonally important to Charles, who had been forced to scale back public engagements while receiving ongoing cancer treat-

There was an early hiccup, however, when plans to project a montage of images of Charles onto the sails of Sydney's famed Opera House were briefly delayed -- a cruise ship called the Queen Elizabeth was blocking the view.

But the week-long tour will

mony and plenty of media cov-

Philippine VP Duterte threatens to dig up dictator Marcos' remains

Dhilippine Vice President Sara Duterte threatened yesterday to dig up the remains of President Ferdinand Marcos' dictator father and toss them into the sea, as their

bitter feud heats up ahead of upcoming elections. The Duterte and Marcos families have had a very public falling out as both attempt to shore up their rival support bases and secure key positions ahead of the mid-term elections next year and

presidential polls in 2028. The remains of the elder Marcos were laid to rest at the "Cemetery of Heroes" in 2016 after then-president Rodrigo Duterte, Sara's father, dismissed public criticism that the long-deceased dictator -- accused of widespread rights abuses and embezzling bil-

Sara Duterte, 46, told reporters of your father and throw it yesterday she had relayed the exhumation threat to the incumbent president's elder sister, Senator Imee Marcos, and warned their family to stop harassing her.

Effigies of Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos (L) and Vice President Sara Duterte are seen as protesters march to congress (file photo) lions -- did not deserve the hon- **One of these days, I will go** claimed by Manila. there. I will get the body

in the West Philippine Sea

Philippine Sea," Duterte said, using the Filipino name for the Marcos' spokesman Cesar Chavez said the presidential pal-

ace had no comment on the issue.

portion of the South China Sea

Duterte is facing impeachment threats in the House of Representatives, led by Marcos's cousin there. I will get the body of your Martin Romualdez, who is also "One of these days, I will go father and throw it in the West expected to run in 2028.



the plan to partition Palestine solemnly told reporters at the France. into a Jewish state and an Arab start of his news conference on

Netanyahu accused Macron "I must tell you how aston- groups together reporters covof a "distressing distortion ished I was to read so many ering the head of state, said Maof history" and "disrespect". comments, comments on com- cron had "seriously questioned In France, the speaker of the ments, reactions, including the ethics of the press, which upper house Senate, Gerard from political leaders, foreign investigates and cross-checks Larcher, said he was "astound- or French, to remarks that I its sources rigorously." ed" by the remarks and accused made without seeking to know "Our work cannot be limited

"I would like you to allow me "journalists" and "commenta- cannot be a presidential prerogto recall a few rules," Macron tors" for the ensuing contro- ative," it said.

Billie Eilish had 'dark times' on tour

Bang Showbiz | Los Angeles

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m B}$ illie Eilish has experienced "dark times" on tour.

The 'What Was I Made For?' hitmaker admitted she used to was very lonely for many years, jamming, and it's find life on the road "kind of and I'm not interested in that amazing. It's unpleasant" and after trying to anymore. I want to enjoy the so nice to not view it as a "temporary" stage show as well as my days." in her life, she's learned to embrace playing live and wants to "enjoy" it.

She told America's Vogue magazine: I didn't realise that "I've had I could make touring some really enjoyable. I just was very dark times lonely for many years, and on tour. For I'm not interested in that a long time anymore. I want to enjoy I was kind the show as well as of living like it was temporary. Like, yeah, I'm touring for now and it's kind of unpleas-

"And the truth is, it's the rest career, I was not inof my life.

"I didn't realise that I could make touring enjoyable. I just time ever, I'm

The 22-year-old star has also sure of like, been enjoying playing Is this going music just for fun, to be the rather than be- next single?

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ant, and whatever. It'll be over. And because it was my terested.

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Billie's curdone that. rent 'Hit Me But things Hard and Soft' blewupforme tour will be at an age when her first with-I would've been out her brother jamming with buddies. Finneas O'Connell **Billie Eilish**

playing guitar, and without their parents on the road with her, and her family view the concert series as her "college" days.

Her mom, Maggie Baird, said: "It's sort of our 'going off to college year,' I Finneas

added: Y o u want your family to come visit often, you don't want your family to, like, be the dean of the college, or in your dorm

Jamie Lee Curtis 'retires' from Halloween

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Jamie Lee Curtis has "re-tired" from Halloween.

The 65-year-old actress who is best known for her portrayal of Laurie Strode in multiple movies in the 'Halloween' franchise over the last four decades - no longer feels any "pressure to go all out" for the spooky holiday on 31 December, so won't be following tradition and decorating her house.

She told People magazine: "I have retired my pumpkins. loween' and her last appear-I have hung up my butcher ance came in 'Halloween Ends' knives. I have stepped away two years ago. from the vehicle. I am bowing gently to others who are taking up the mantle."

Discussing her decoration plans, she added: "Nothing.

The 'Freaky Friday' star - who has Annie, 37, and Ruby, 28, with husband Christopher Guest - insisted she no longer has a reason to do anything to mark the occa-

She joked: "Nobody comes by our house except my neighbour and we do that at like three o'clock

"My children are old enough now that they don't want me to decorate for them. So no, I'm just gently stepping into the darkness."

And Jamie won't be watching her own horror films on Halloween.

She quipped: "No, what kind of life do you think I have?"

Jamie made her debut as Laurie in 1978's 'Hal-



I have retired my pumpkins. I have hung up my butcher knives. I have stepped away from the vehicle. am bowing gently to others who are taking up the mantle

JAMIE LEE CURTIS

The actress previously admitted saying goodbye to her alter ego was "very tough". In a behind-the-

scenes clip from Entertainment Weekly, an emotional Jamie said: "The whole concept of a horror movie is to stimulate emotions. and the making of it does the same thing.

"So to have done it three times with a group of people, and knowing that I'm not going to get to do it again with that same group of people, really has been very tough for me.

"It will be difficult to say goodbye to this group of people.

Jamie Foxx filled with 'pure joy' after returning to the stage

Bang Showbiz | Los Angeles

Jamie Foxx is filled with shows he started in Atlanta, "pure joy" after returning Georgia, this month. to the stage following his 2023 medical emergency.

The 'Django Unchained' ac- Monday (14.10.24) tor, 56, was hospitalised in April showing a gallery last year due to an unspecified of photos from health condition, and after he his performance and his family spent months staying silent about the details showed him apof the illness, a video emerged pearing to wipe in July of the star telling fans he had been hit with a "bad headache" on 11 April and "asked my said on the soboy for an

to him being gone for 20

Jamie has now updated fans again during one of his solo

stagram post on one of which away tears.

my days

BILLIE EILISH

He added: "I had an opportunity to tell my side of the story and there was no bet-



Jamie also Advil" - leading cial media platform his "soul is filled with nothing but pure joy".



Georgia. "I have to thank you

was made up it in my way. of nothing but pure love and that's what you

about his illness: "I inspiration". don't remember any-The next doctor said, wrong". Jamie Foxx

ter place than Atlanta 'There's something going on up there."

Jamie said in March he was Atlanta you showed up going to address the incident and you showed out, I on stage, saying at an African haven't been on stage American Film Critics Associain 18 years but I tion awards luncheon: "Everyneeded the stage body wants to know what hapand I needed an pened, and I'm going to tell you audience that what happened, but I gotta do

"I'm gonna do it in a funny

Jamie later announced a one-man show and teased that Jamie added to he would share his "journey fans in the video through a serious health scare, that emerged in July filled with humour, heart, and

But in his Monday Instagram thing... my sister and post he cryptically described his my daughter took me to show not as stand-up comedy the first doctor. "They but "an artistic explanation" of gave me a cortisone shot. something that "went terribly

Jamie Lee Curtis

Hugh Jackman appeals for help finding missing Broadway star

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Hugh Jackman has appealed for help finding Zelig Williams.

South Carolina on October safe return.' 3 urging anyone with any information to come for- pass this message on!!!"

ward and telling his followers to Williams - who appeared in the stage performer.

wrote: "Please ... if anyone has any 2019. The Hollywood actor has information as to the whereabouts joined the search for the of Zelig Williams please reach out New York and had been working 28-year-old 'Hamilton' to your local authorities. Zelig we as a dance teacher in his home star after he vanished in love you and are praying for your town in South Carolina. Williams

share the message in a bid to find 'Hamilton' and 'MJ The Mu- missing persons report and offi- ing cell phones and some other Sharing a picture of Williams Jackman on his 'The Man. The way star's car in a parking lot at this point." missing Broadway dancer on his Instagram page, Jackman Music. The Show.' world tour in close to the Palmetto Trail hiking Lott added that Williams is in

> He recently moved back from Park. was last seen on October 3 by Jackman then added: "Please his mother Kathy at her home in Columbia.

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ious locations. Other investigative to describe it."

His worried family later filed a techniques that we will use involvsical' - previously worked with cials went on to find the Broad- things that I don't want to discuss

Williams' cousin Mieoki Corb-Officials have mounted a search in-Jacobs added to the outlet: "We using helicopters, boats and drones can't describe it, its devastation. Richland County Sheriff Leon It's devastation for someone who Lott told Wistv.com: "We've is so close to his family to just dissearched on foot in the air of var- appear like that ... there's no way

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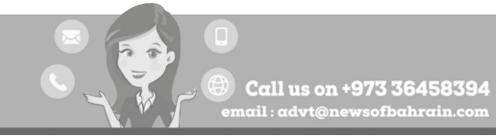
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Pakistan level series against England

Spinner Noman Ali's spectacular eight-wicket haul leads Pakistan to historic home victory

Noman Ali takes career-best 8-46 in second innings

First home Test win for Pakistan since February 2021

Debutant Kamran **Ghulam scores century** replacing Babar Azam

AFP | Multan

pinner Noman Ali took eight wickets as Pakistan crushed England by 152 runs in the second Test to level the series yesterday in Multan.

Noman grabbed 8-46 and Sajid Khan took 2-93 as the pair and Bangladesh. wrapped up England's second

win since February 2021 and came after they were thumped by an innings in the first Test on the same Multan pitch.

in Rawalpindi on October 24.

Noman finished with a match haul of 11-147 while Sajid had their character. figures of 9-204, only the second two bowlers took all 20 wickets

in Rawalpindi more than three pened this past week." years ago. It was followed by 11 home Tests without a win.



Ben Stokes' dismissal was particularly unusual, as he jumped out of the crease to attack Noman Ali but lost his grip on the bat before missing the ball and getting stumped

This also becomes Shan Masood's first win as skipper after getting the job last year, including 3-0 and 2-0 whitewashes at the hands of Australia

Pakistan's ploy of dropping innings for 144 after the visitors ace batsman Babar Azam in one were set a daunting target of 297. of four changes after the first It was Pakistan's first home Test and playing on a reused pitch with three spinners paid off handsomely.

Azam's replacement, debutant Kamran Ghulam, made a centu- in cricket-mad Pakistan, added: The third and final Test starts ry to anchor Pakistan's first-innings 366.

Masood praised his side for

is always special," said Masood.

"This has come after some Pakistan's last Test win at rough times and the boys home came against South Africa stepped in after a lot has hap-



Pakistan's Noman Ali (R) celebrates after the dismissal of England's captain Ben Stokes

"We came up with a strategy to get 20 wickets and we made it happen.

"We were never afraid of tak-"The first one (win) for me ing risks. Three years and 11 time in Pakistan's history that and long awaited for the team months creates hunger, so it's good to win at home."

'Tough ask'

England, who made 291 in (nought) late on Thursday. their first innings, came into the The captain, who like his team fourth day firmly up against it pitch offering sharp spin, Ben had been under fierce pressure after losing openers Zak Craw- Stokes' men managed to add just with a sharp turning delivery Lanka in Colombo last year.

Scorecard

Pakistan 366 (Ghulam 118, Ayub 77, Leach 4-114) and 221 (Salman 63, Bashir 4-66) beat England 291 (Duckett 114, Sajid 7-111) and 144 (Noman 8-46) by 152 runs

ley (three) and Ben Duckett

Resuming at 36-2 on a reused

108 runs before folding.

"When Pakistan were ahead of the game they could really put their foot down," said the England skipper.

today was the only way we could

day off-spinner Sajid -- one of Jack Leach (one) and Shoaib Pakistan's four changes from the Bashir (nought), improving his first Test -- removed Ollie Pope previous best of 7-70 against Sri

The first one (win) for me and long awaited for the team is always special. This has come after some rough times and the boys stepped in after a lot has happened this past week

SHAN MASOOD

and caught the miscued drive off his own bowling. Pope made 22.

Noman then trapped first-Test history-maker Joe Root leg-before for 18 and Harry Brook for 16 to leave England facing defeat

Brook smashed an epic 317 and Root a brilliant 262 -- eclipsing Alastair Cook's England Test run record -- in the first match, and their dismissals signalled England's demise was fast approaching.

Noman's fourth wicket came in the form of Jamie Smith, whose uppish slog sweep was held by Masood at mid-on. Smith scored six.

Stokes and Brydon Carse fought hard to take the total to 125 when Stokes was stumped in a comical manner, jumping out "It was a tough ask for us, but of the crease to loft Noman but the way we took the game on missing the ball as his bat flew out of his hands.

Noman wrapped up the match In just the second over of the with the wickets of Carse (27),

Nadal defeated by 'animal' Alcaraz in Saudi Arabia as career nears end

AFP | Riyadh

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m R}$ afael Nadal admitted his fitness level was well off the tour's top players after falling Thursday in straight sets to fellow Spaniard Carlos Alcaraz, who described the exhibition match as "a little bit sad".

The 38-year-old Nadal, who announced last week he would retire from tennis after the Davis Cup Finals in Malaga next month, lost 6-3, 6-3 to 21-yearold Alcaraz in the semi-finals of the "Six Kings Slam" event in Saudi Arabia.

Afterwards he described Alcaraz, winner of the French Open and Wimbledon this year. as an "animal" and acknowledged he was not competing at the highest level.

"I have not much pressure here. I'm just trying to have fun," he told a post-match press conference.

"I know I'm going to play against players that... are in much better shape than me because they are on the professional tour and winning tournaments.'

Alcaraz said he knew the Saudi crowd was against him but 22 Grand Slams including 14 win," said Alcaraz. French Open titles, bask in the

support. a really comfortable moment for now," he added.



Rafael Nadal signs tennis balls after he was defeated by Carlos Alcaraz

Prior to the match in Saudi, Nadal had made his last singles appearance at the Olympic Games in Paris where his campaign was cut short by old rival **Novak Djokovic in the** second round

wanted to let Nadal, winner of me. Obviously I really wanted to on Saturday after the Serbian

it's no friends, no idols" but "I champion Jannik Sinner, who "It's a little bit sad... It was not think this is his moment right prevailed 6-2, 6-7 (0/7), 6-4 and

Prior to Thursday's match Nadal had made his last singles appearance at the Olympic Games in Paris where his campaign was cut short by old rival Novak Djokovic in the second round.

He had also teamed-up with Alcaraz in men's doubles at the Games and may reprise that role at the Davis Cup Finals.

Nadal will play Djokovic again great lost a much tighter match "Once you step on the court to Australian Open and US Open will take on Alcaraz in the final.

I have not much pressure here. I'm just trying to have fun. know I'm going to play against players that... are in much better shape than me because they are on the professional tour and winning tournaments

RAFAEL NADAL

Uncapped spinner replaces Shakib in Bangladesh Test squad

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m angladesh}$ called up uncapped spinner Hasan Murad yesterday to replace retiring Shakib Al Hasan ahead of the first Test against South Africa after security fears led the ex-skipper to cancel plans to return home.

Shakib announced his reball series at home.

But the 37-year-old is also an own security". him a target of public anger. Dhaka on Monday.



Shakib cancelled plans to tirement from international return home on Thursday for cricket last month but said that the first time since the August he wanted to play one last red- uprising, saying the decision was made as "a matter of my

ex-lawmaker in a government Left-arm spinner Murad, ousted by a revolution, and his 23, was named in the squad links to Bangladesh's autocrat- instead for the first match of ic former premier has made a two-Test series starting in



Asian football body takes Bahrain concerns 'seriously' after threats

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sian football chiefs said on A vesterday they took Bahrain's concerns "seriously" after the country looked to get a World Cup qualifier moved out of Indonesia over alleged death

Bahrain are scheduled to play Indonesia away in March in the decisive third round of Asian qualifying for the 2026 World Cup in North America.

The teams met last week and drew 2-2, with hosts Bahrain equalising in the ninth minute of injury time.

Indonesian officials and supporters later complained bitter- tion (BFA) said this week it will ly that the added time had gone ask for the return fixture to be "subjected to a torrent of inon for too long.



Referee Ahmed Al-Kaf with police after the match

moved out of Indonesia "to pre-sults, slander, threats and hack-the match."

Bahrain's football associa- serve the safety of the team".

Bahrain's players have been

ing operations" online, the BFA alleged.

Indonesia's FA said the Bahrain team would be safe.

The Asian Football Confederation said it was "aware of the

"The AFC takes these concerns seriously and is fully committed to ensuring the safety and well-being of all players, officials, and fans, while condemning all forms of online abuse and threats," it said in a

"The AFC will discuss the matter further with FIFA, the BFA. and the Football Association of Indonesia to create a safe and secure environment for all stakeholders involved in

Howe says he was not contacted by FA over England job



Newcastle United's head coach Eddie Howe speaks with players (file photo)

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Tewcastle boss Eddie Howe for a new England manager, said: "No, I wasn't." which ended with the appointment of Thomas Tuchel.

Wednesday that the former from the FA. Chelsea and Bayern Munich taking up his post from Jan-

FA chief executive Mark future. Bullingham said the govern-

ful of English coaches in the when certain things are said

bly the strongest homegrown candidate.

But when asked at his said yesterday he was not pre-match press conference contacted by the Football As- whether he had been intersociation during the search viewed for the position, he

Howe, whose team host Brighton on Saturday, said The FA announced on there had been no contact

The Newcastle boss said he boss would be the permanent was glad the "distraction" over successor to Gareth Southgate, who would succeed Southgate was at an end, but that he might be interested in the

"There was no one more ing body had "interviewed appleased than me to see Thomproximately 10 people" includas get the job, really, and take it ing some English candidates because it's just a distraction -before opting for the German. not that it distracts me, but you Howe, one of only a hand- can see it's unsettling at times Premier League, was argua- and written about," he said.

Odegaard nearing Arsenal return, says Arteta

AFP | London

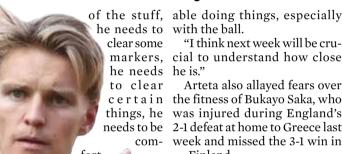
Mikel Arteta has revealed weekend but the situation will be reassessed ahead of Odegaard is nearing a return next week's games against to fitness after a lengthy injury Shakhtar Donetsk, in the lay-off and could be fit to face Champions League, and Livtitle rivals Liverpool next week. erpool.

The Norway midfielder has been sidelined with an ankle fit for this game," Arteta told problem suffered on interna- reporters yesterday. tional duty early last month.

Although Odegaard has not ferent story, but again, played for the Gunners since in that later stage of August 31, Arteta's side remain rehab where he unbeaten in the Premier League is at the moand are just one point behind ment, because leaders Liverpool ahead of Sat- he's doing alurday's game at Bournemouth. ready a lot

The Spaniard said Odegaard would not be ready for this

"I think he's not going to be "Next week will be a dif-



he needs to with the ball. "I think next week will be cru-

markers, cial to understand how close he needs he is." Arteta also allayed fears over

certain the fitness of Bukayo Saka, who things, he was injured during England's needs to be 2-1 defeat at home to Greece last com- week and missed the 3-1 win in

The Arsenal boss said a late call would be made over the fitness of the wing-

"It's not a serious injury," he said. "He's evolving really well. He's done a few things in the last two days.

Martin Odegaard

India fight back after Ravindra's ton

Rachin Ravindra's 134 powers New Zealand; India respond with strong batting on Day 3

Kohli hits 70, Sarfaraz remains unbeaten on 70

India trails by 125 runs at stumps, reaching 231-3

AFP | Bengaluru

ndia hit back with a batting blitz after New Zealand's Rachin Ravindra struck 134 to guide the visitors to a lead of 356 on day three of the rain-hit opening Test yesterday.

The hosts were 231-3 at stumps and still trailed the Black Caps by 125 runs after Glenn Phillips got Virat Kohli caught behind for 70 on the last ball of the day in Bengaluru.

Kohli, who unsuccessfully reviewed his dismissal, put on a stand of 136 with Sarfaraz Khan, who was still batting on 70.

"Important for us to hold our lines and lengths and do that for long periods like Test cricket is," Ravindra told reporters.

at it... in the morning.

Sarfaraz raced to his fifty in 42 balls but the crowd erupted when senior partner Kohli got ground of IPL team Royal Challengers Bengaluru.



India's Virat Kohli plays a shot

Kohli soon passed 9,000 Test Sharma put on 72 runs. "The wicket of Virat was very runs, only the fourth Indian to

Spinner Ajaz Patel removed his half ton at his adopted home the Indian openers after a strong for four, six and four to raise his the Wellington-born Ravindra, an eighth-wicket stand of 137 start to the innings when Yashasvi Jaiswal and skipper Rohit by Patel onto his stumps and was ton and was the last Kiwi to fall 65 with five fours and four sixes. day was washed out due to rain.

Jaiswal made 35 before the massive and hopefully we stick reach the landmark after Sachin left-hander danced down the a nervy start and got his first Tendulkar (15,921), Rahul Drav- track in his attempt to hit Patel id (13,265) and Sunil Gavaskar and got stumped by wicketkeeper Tom Blundell.

Rohit smashed Matt Henry fifty but soon played a delivery who smashed his second Test with Tim Southee, who smashed est ever on home turf. The first

out for 52.

Number three Kohli had runs after 14 balls but eventually found his groove, smashing eight century with a boundary off Ravfours and a six.

But the day's star remained



Virat Kohli became tne rourth indian batsman to surpass 9,000 Test runs, joining Sachin Tendulkar, Rahul Dravid, and Sunil Gavaskar

in the tourists' first innings total of 402.

Father in crowd

Ravindra, a batting all-rounder whose parents hail from Wellington and whose father was in for runs," said Kuldeep, who the crowd, said the familiarity helped him in his knock.

"Ît's a little bit comforting although the wicket is completely different, nice knowing the surroundings," he said. "It's a lovely wicket to bat."

Ravindra resumed on his overnight score of 22 and raised his ichandran Ashwin before lunch.

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India's quicks bowled good spells in the morning after New Zealand resumed on 180-3 with Mohammed Siraj and Jasprit Bumrah striking early.

Ravindra Jadeja led the attack as he and fellow spinner Kuldeep Yadav took three wickets each.

"It was tough to control runs on this wicket, because even the good balls were being hit wrapped up the New Zealand innings with Ravindra's wicket.

India wicketkeeper Rishabh Pant remained off the field after he injured his knee on Thursday, with Dhruv Jurel substituted.

It was the same knee Pant hurt in a serious car crash in December 2022 that forced him out of action for more than a year.

New Zealand bowled out He kept up the charge during India for 46 on day two, their third-lowest Test score and low-