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Novak Djokovic surged into an Australian Open quarter-final clash against Carlos Alcaraz with a dominant victory yesterday while women's world number one Aryna Sabalenka was a ruthless winner | **P 12**

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HM King ratifies law regulating time-sharing in residential units

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa has ratified and issued Law No. (1) of 2025, which regulates time-sharing in residential units, following its approval by both the Shura Council and the Council of Representatives.

The law provides a comprehensive framework for time-sharing activities, introducing a clear set of definitions.

In the context of this law, "Kingdom" refers to the Kingdom of Bahrain, while "Minister" denotes the official responsible for the tourism sector or another minister appointed by decree.

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Discount plan for elderly fee under review

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An ambitious plan to grant elderly citizens a 50 per cent discount on state fees has been sent back for further review by the Shura Council, delaying proposed amendments to Bahrain's 2009 Elderly Rights Law.

The draft law, originally introduced by Parliament, also seeks to exempt the elderly from certain charges, subject to Cabinet approval, and to encourage discounts on essential goods and services from private companies and government agencies.

TikTok restores service in US

AFP | Washington

TikTok restored service in the US yesterday after briefly going dark, as a law banning the wildly popular app on national security grounds came into effect.

TikTok credited President-elect Donald Trump, who retakes power on Monday, for making it possible.

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'We're finally home'

Thousands of displaced, war-torn Gazans shocked to find houses reduced to rubble

First three Israeli hostages freed as ceasefire begins

AFP | Palestinian Territories

Thousands of displaced Gazans carrying tents, clothes and personal belongings began heading to their homes yesterday after a long-awaited ceasefire between Israel and Hamas took effect after more than 15 months of war.

Palestinians travelled by truck, donkey cart and on foot back to their homes through devastated swathes of Gaza, particularly in the northern parts of the Palestinian territory.

The first three Israeli hostages were released yesterday.

In the northern area of Jabalia, hundreds of war-weary Palestinians streamed down a sandy path, heading back to an apocalyptic landscape piled with rubble and destroyed buildings.

Rubble

"We are finally in our home. There is no home left, just rubble, but it's our home," said Rana Mohsen, 43, back in Jabalia.

An initial 42-day truce brokered by Qatar, US and Egyptian mediators is meant to enable a surge of sorely needed humanitarian aid into Gaza, as Israeli hostages are to be released in exchange for Palestinians in Israeli custody.

The first three hostages, all women, were reunited with their mothers shortly after being taken back to Israel by security forces.

Hamas fighters had handed over the trio - Emily Damari,



Displaced Palestinians walk along a road in the Saftawi area of Jabalia toward the Gaza Strip. (AFP)

Region 'fundamentally transformed': Biden

AFP | Charleston, US

President Joe Biden yesterday welcomed the ceasefire taking hold between Israel and Hamas in Gaza, saying the "region has been fundamentally transformed."

"After so much pain, death and loss of life, today the guns in Gaza have gone silent," the outgoing president said, just hours after the ceasefire took effect.

Romi Gonen, and Doron Steinbrecher - to Red Cross officials in a bustling square in Gaza City surrounded by a sea of people including gunmen.

Biden was speaking during a visit to South Carolina on the last full day of his presidency, with Donald Trump set to succeed him - and to inherit the complex task of helping shepherd the initial ceasefire to a more lasting peace.

"After 471 days Emily is finally

home," said her mother Mandy Damari, but "for too many other families the impossible wait continues".

In central Tel Aviv, there was elation among the crowd who had waited for hours in a plaza dubbed "Hostage Square".

The Hostage and Missing Families Forum campaign group hailed their return as "a beacon of light", while Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said they had emerged "from darkness".

Exchange

Dozens of Palestinian prisoners are due to be released by Israel in exchange later on yesterday.

A total of 33 Israeli hostages, 31 of whom were taken by the Hamas fighters during their October 7, 2023 attack, are due to be returned from Gaza during

the initial truce in exchange for around 1,900 Palestinians.

The next hostage-prisoner swap would take place on Saturday, a senior Hamas official told AFP.

Humanitarian aid

Minutes after the truce began, the United Nations said the first trucks carrying desperately needed humanitarian aid had entered the Palestinian territory.

UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres welcomed the truce, saying "it is imperative that this ceasefire removes the significant security and political obstacles to delivering aid".

The truce is intended to pave the way for a permanent end to the war, but a second phase has yet to be finalised.

Schedule

It came into effect nearly three hours later than scheduled.

During the delay, Israel's military said it was continuing operations, with the territory's civil defence agency reporting 19 people killed and 25 wounded in bombardments.

Thousands of Palestinians carrying tents, clothes and their personal belongings were seen going home yesterday, after the war that displaced the vast majority of Gazans, in many cases more than once.

"We are finally in our home. There is no home left, just rubble, but it's our home."

- RANA MOHSEN, A PALESTINIAN FROM JABALIA

Presidential homecoming

Trump arrives in Washington ahead of inauguration

AFP | Washington

Donald Trump landed in Washington on Saturday ahead of his inauguration, with the billionaire Republican set to attend a series of events and celebrations before reclaiming the presidency.

Trump, who arrived with his wife Melania and other family members at Dulles International Airport, headed to a private event, including a fireworks show, at his golf club in Virginia outside Washington.

Earlier Saturday, Trump told NBC News that he plans to sign a record number of executive orders after being sworn in, beginning "right after" he delivers his inaugural address on Monday.

Orders

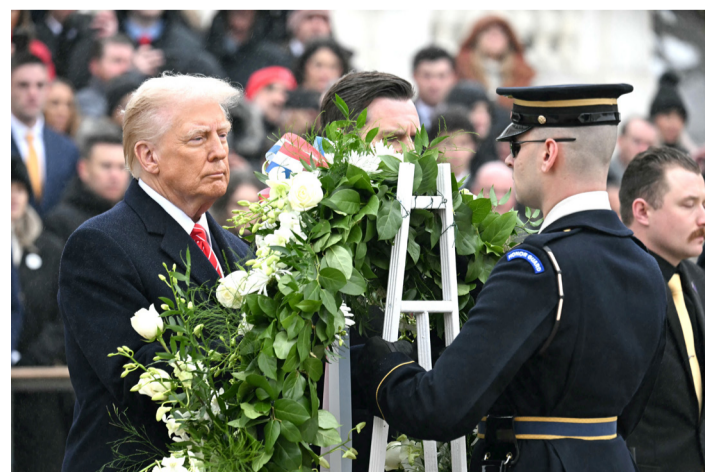
He said the number of orders he will sign after taking office had not yet been determined but the figure will be "record-setting."

Asked if it would exceed 100, Trump said "at least in that category."

The president-elect is expected to sign orders undoing many of the policies advanced during President Joe Biden's outgoing administration.

Mass deportation

Trump's promises for Day 1 of



US President-elect Donald Trump looks on as Vice President-elect J.D. Vance lays a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Virginia. (AFP)

his new term also include a mass deportation program.

The expulsion of undocumented migrants will "begin very, very quickly," Trump told NBC.

"I can't say which cities because things are evolving. And I don't think we want to say what city. You'll see it firsthand," he said in the phone interview.

'Border czar'

Hardline immigration official Tom Homan, whom Trump has named his "border czar," told The Washington Post Saturday that the incoming administration was rethinking its initial moves following media leaks.

When technology meets law

Public Prosecution charts a bold future with restorative justice at its core

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The Public Prosecution unveiled a sweeping vision for 2025 that blends technological innovation, legal reforms, and community-focused initiatives.

An annual press conference was held yesterday at the Public Prosecution's headquarters to review its achievements, outline ongoing projects, and announce an upcoming conference that puts Bahrain at the forefront of criminal justice reform in the Arab world.

Commitment

The Chief Prosecutor emphasised the institution's commitment to transparency and legal excellence.

Among the standout reforms was the establishment of the Litigation Unit to bolster the preparation of high-profile cases, and the creation of the Financial Investigation Directorate, a specialised unit targeting financial crimes and money laundering.

These measures, introduced under recent regulatory decisions, mark a significant step forward in aligning Bahrain's



Public Prosecution officials speak at a press conference

legal frameworks with global standards.

AI systems

Technology took center stage as officials detailed the rollout of AI systems in case management, a move that is revolutionising how justice is served in Bahrain.

Through the "Smart Prosecution" initiative, the department aims to eliminate paper-based processes, reduce delays, and enhance decision-making accuracy.

The electronic case filing system, which saw a 40% increase

in use last year, was also highlighted for its success in making legal processes more accessible and transparent.

Outreach programs

The Public Prosecution's social outreach programs also garnered attention.

Collaborating with NGOs and community leaders, it launched initiatives to educate citizens about their legal rights and responsibilities, focusing on empowering young people and marginalised groups.

Such programs aim to create a

more informed and harmonious society.

Restorative justice

In a key announcement, the Public Prosecution revealed plans to host a groundbreaking conference titled "Promoting Restorative Criminal Justice: A Look at the Evolution of Justice Management Models."

Scheduled for Sunday, January 26, the event will explore Bahrain's strides in restorative justice — an approach that prioritizes reconciliation and rehabilitation over punitive measures.

The conference will delve into topics such as:

- The historical and legal foundations of restorative justice.
- Its role in promoting human rights and advancing sustainable development.
- Comparative insights from global justice systems.
- The impact of restorative frameworks on modern penal policies.
- Challenges and opportunities in implementing restorative justice.

The Chief Prosecutor closed the session with a forward-looking agenda.

Upcoming plans include tackling cybercrime and environmental law through specialised units, expanding international partnerships to combat transnational crimes, and enhancing legal aid programs to support underprivileged communities.

As Bahrain solidifies its position as a regional leader in legal innovation, the Public Prosecution remains at the forefront, balancing tradition and modernity to create a justice system that serves all its citizens.



The rollout of AI systems in case management is revolutionising how justice is served in Bahrain.

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Ethiopian 'Epiphany' celebrated in Bahrain



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The Ethiopian Orthodox Christian community in Bahrain celebrated the Baptism festival, also known as Epiphany, yesterday at the Al Najma Sports Club, commencing at 4am.

Approximately 1,000 followers of the religion attended this year's festival, marking its fifth celebration in Bahrain.

The Epiphany celebration, traditionally known as "Timiket" in Amharic, is a UNESCO-registered intangible cultural heritage of the Ethiopian Orthodox Christian tradition.

It's a joyous outdoor event traditionally celebrated for two days in Ethiopia.

On the first day, the Ark of Covenant is carried from the sanctuary/church to the baptismal pool.

On the second day, the Ark is returned to the church.

The festival includes the chanting of priests at night, the morning mass, and the baptism of followers.

Upon its return to the church, the ark is escorted by the Sunday school children and mem-



Ethiopians take part in activities commemorating the Baptism festival

bers of the faith through songs. The main highlight of this event was the vibrant showcase of different Ethiopian communities displaying their traditional attire, dances, and songs.

Divorce granted after husband accuses wife of immorality

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The High Sharia Court has granted a divorce to a woman in her twenties after her husband accused her of infidelity, a claim the court rejected.

The couple, married for less than four years and with a young child, had been embroiled in a bitter dispute.

According to Dr Mohammed Al Kooheji, the wife's lawyer, the husband's behaviour changed dramatically three years into the marriage.

He evicted his wife from their home, preventing her from seeing their infant child, whom he kept with his mother.

Marital disagreements

The lawyer attributed the husband's actions to marital disagreements, including interference from family members, accusations of infidelity, and the husband's failure to provide adequate housing and financial support.

These issues prompted the wife to file for divorce on grounds of harm.

"He failed to provide a safe and stable home environment, financially support her, and treat her with the respect and consideration she deserved as his wife; instead, he subjected her to public humiliation and emotional abuse," the lawyer argued during the court hearing.

Trust in clicks

Industry Ministry tightens rules to enhance e-commerce trustworthiness and create fairer playing field for businesses

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Bahrain's e-commerce sector is taking a step forward as the Ministry of Industry and Commerce sharpens rules to ensure online businesses meet their legal obligations.

Commercial registration (CR) holders running eMarketplaces, websites, or web portals under ISIC4 Code 6312 are now required to update their 'eStore/eMarketplace Address' in the Sijilat System at www.Sijilat.bh.

Businesses failing to comply risk facing violations, the ministry has warned.

The Ministry described the move as part of a broader effort to strengthen consumer trust and create a fair playing field for businesses.

Adding to this effort, the Ministry has introduced the eCommerce Seal (eFada), a free certification system aimed at confirming the legitimacy of e-commerce websites.

His Excellency, Abdullah bin Adel Fakhro, Minister of Industry and Commerce, launched the system during an event at Bahrain Financial Harbour's Bourse Hall, describing it as a tool to help build trust between businesses and their customers.

"Every online business in Bahrain should operate with



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a licence, and eFada ensures that consumers know which businesses are legitimate," he said. "This simple and free service offers businesses a way to strengthen their reputation, and our IT team is ready to lend a hand with the process."

Maram Al Mahmeed, who heads the Information Systems Directorate, said the initiative is designed to make e-commerce more trustworthy.

"The eFada seal is about giving people assurance when shopping online," she said. "It encourages more businesses to embrace e-commerce, while customers can feel confident

that they're buying from legitimate sellers."

The Ministry said eFada forms part of its broader strategy to grow Bahrain's digital economy, encouraging electronic transactions while ensuring fairness and reliability for everyone involved.

Meanwhile, the Ministry has also addressed misunderstandings surrounding its rules for virtual commercial registrations.

It made clear that the updated framework applies only to virtual businesses, not family-run enterprises, which are managed by the Ministry of Social Devel-

opment.

The updated rules allow virtual businesses to sell 71 products and services online, including textiles, clothing, antiques, software, and management consulting, while restricting the sale of 12 categories such as food, tobacco, medical products, and heavy machinery.

To apply for a virtual commercial registration, applicants must be Bahraini citizens, operate as sole proprietors, and provide a permanent correspondence address.

Those involved in food preparation, such as chefs, must also follow strict hygiene standards, ensure food safety, and display their commercial registration number on their platform.

The Ministry has also scrapped three older decisions on virtual registrations, clearing the way for the updated rules.

This includes Decision No. (152) of 2016, which authorised virtual businesses, and Decisions No. (11) and (12) of 2021, which governed specific activities like online sales and 'chef' services.

Businesses interested in applying for the eFada seal or ensuring compliance with the new rules can do so via the Ministry's website.

Further assistance is available by email at ecom@moic.gov.bh or by calling 17574888.

Chocolate distributor to pay 15,000 Kuwaiti dinars in damages

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The High Civil Court has ordered a Bahraini chocolate distributor to pay 15,000 Kuwaiti dinars in damages to a claimant following a breach of an exclusive distribution agreement.

The case, detailed by the claimant's lawyer, Zuhair Abdullateef, centres on a September 2023 agreement where the claimant was to be the exclusive distributor of a specific chocolate brand, marketed as a "four-tain," in Kuwait.

According to lawyer Abdullateef, the claimant transferred nearly 19,000 Kuwaiti dinars to the defendant in October 2023, with the understanding that the products would be delivered within 8 to 10 weeks.

However, the defendant failed to deliver the goods despite repeated requests, offering only false promises.

"My client discovered that the defendant's company registration was inactive and legally cancelled. The defendant had established a new company with a similar name and a different registration number, transferring the payment to this new entity. A criminal complaint was filed, and the defendant admitted to receiving the funds and his obligation to repay them, along with the claimant's expenses," Abdullateef argued before the High Civil Court.

70-day maternity leave for private sector workers proposed

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Private-sector maternity leave may extend to 70 days, with an extra 15 unpaid days, under a proposed amendment to Bahrain's Labour Law.

MP Hanan Fardan has put forward the plan, which aims to improve support for working mothers and bring Bahrain closer to practices in nearby countries.

The amendment would revise paragraph "A" of Article 32 of

the Labour Law in the Private Sector, issued under Law No. 36 of 2012.

The proposed text reads: "A female worker is entitled to 70 days of paid maternity leave, covering the period before and after childbirth, provided she submits a medical certificate from a recognised government health centre or an employer-approved clinic specifying the expected delivery date. Additionally, the female worker may take an unpaid leave of 15 days related to childbirth, in addition

to the aforementioned leave."

Guidance

The proposal looks to other countries for guidance.

In Saudi Arabia, women are entitled to 10 weeks of fully paid maternity leave under the Labour Law, with up to four weeks allowed before the expected delivery date.

Meanwhile, in Egypt, women receive 90 days of fully paid leave, spanning pre- and post-delivery periods.

The explanatory note for the



MP Hanan Fardan

proposal points to constitutional principles that safeguard equality for women while balancing their work and family responsibilities.

Clause "B" of Article 5 of the Constitution affirms equal opportunities for women in political, social, cultural, and economic life, provided these align with Islamic values. Additionally, Clause "A" of Article 92 empowers members of Parliament to propose legal changes.

MP Fardan explained: "The legislative authority has a responsi-

bility to revisit and adjust laws when circumstances demand, particularly those that touch on key social structures. This proposal seeks to provide a stronger framework for supporting working women and their families."

The proposed change is designed to enhance conditions for working mothers and ensure Bahrain's labour policies remain competitive.

It also reflects a broader effort to update workplace regulations to meet the needs of today's workforce.

Calorie labelling delay a 'recipe for obesity'

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Efforts to enforce calorie labelling on restaurant menus and food products in Bahrain have been held up for years, sparking renewed calls to revive the measure and address the growing issue of obesity, particularly among teenagers.

Approved in 2018 with plans for implementation by January 2019, the initiative stalled due to the lack of a unified calculation method and the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, leaving many frustrated at the delay.

Ahmed Al Salloom, head of the Strategic Thinking Bloc and chairman of the Parliamentary



Dr Bassam Al Benmohamed



Khalid Ali Al Ameen



MP Ahmed Al Salloom

Financial and Economic Affairs Committee, has called for the task to be handed to a private company.

"A specialised organisation could handle inspections and certification at a reasonable cost," he said, suggesting that implementation could be delayed until

December 2025 to give authorities time to get it right.

Shura Council member Dr Bassam Al Benmohamed has urged authorities to make nutritional information more accessible, saying the current Gulf technical regulations are outdated and insufficient.

"We need to step up efforts to inform consumers about the food they're eating, as this plays a key role in improving health and safety," he said.

Dr Al Benmohamed pointed to Abu Dhabi's food labelling system and Saudi Arabia's calorie disclosure rules for restaurants as

examples Bahrain could follow, adding, "These approaches have already shown their worth in improving public health."

The Ministry of Health defended its position, citing ongoing inspections to ensure food safety and compliance with regional standards.

Products made locally or imported are tested in laboratories, it said, to verify they meet health requirements.

However, Dr Al Benmohamed argued that Bahrain must move beyond basic compliance and embrace clearer labelling systems that meet the growing demand for better health education.

By contrast, Saudi Arabia has successfully enforced calorie

labelling, even shutting down restaurants that failed to comply.

Bahrain's initial plan in 2018 set a high standard but never came to fruition, leaving the public without access to much-needed nutritional information.

Khalid Ali Al Ameen, chair of the Bahrain Chamber of Commerce and Industry's Food Sector Committee, threw his support behind the idea, describing calorie labelling as a key step in building trust between restaurants and diners.

"People deserve to know what they're eating so they can make choices that suit their health. This is about showing respect for your customers," he said.

New Iraq entry measures simplified for Bahrainis

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Congestion at Iraqi border crossings, including ports of entry, has begun to ease following a reversal of recently implemented visa measures.

These measures, which included mandatory biometric fingerprinting and a significant increase in visa fees, were introduced without prior notice, stranding Bahraini nationals for up to 72 hours.

The delays prompted numerous distress calls to Bahraini authorities for assistance.

His Excellency Khalid Al Mansour, Bahrain's Ambassador to Iraq, confirmed that Iraqi authorities have now adopted a policy allowing travelers to enter the country with just a passport stamp, eliminating the need for fingerprinting entirely.

Ambassador Al Mansour shared that the delays caused by the previous electronic visa processing and fingerprinting requirements — initiated last Wednesday — are already diminishing.

The new procedure, which simplifies entry to a passport stamp and fee collection, is expected to significantly reduce congestion at the Safwan border crossing within hours.

Educational workshops on space science

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In line with its commitment to promoting scientific knowledge across various segments of society, the National Space Science Agency (NSSA), in collaboration with the Smart Cities Association, has announced the launch of a series of specialised educational workshops focused on space science and its applications.

The workshops, set to be presented by members of the Bahrain Space Team from the NSSA, will cover a wide range of topics including an introduction to space science and technology, the role of space in the development of smart cities, remote sensing technologies, innovation in renewable energy, space security, and the fields of science and technology education (STEM) as well as space law.

His Excellency Dr. Mohammed Ibrahim Al-Asiri, CEO of the National Space Science Agency, emphasised the importance of the initiative, stating: "This collaboration with the Smart Cities Association reflects our shared vision to raise awareness of space science, a vital field that not only improves the quality of our daily lives but also supports sustainable development efforts. These workshops will showcase the vast potential of space science in areas such as disaster management.

Embracing fairness and transparency

Bahrain tightens timeshare rules with 36-article law, introduces tough punishment for violators

Mohammed Darwish
TDT | Manama

Timeshare activities in Bahrain are now governed by strict new rules under a 36-article law ratified yesterday by His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa.

The legislation takes aim at overselling, bans misleading advertising, and introduces tough penalties for breaches, including fines of up to BD50,000 and licence suspensions.

With these changes, Bahrain is setting new standards for fairness and transparency in the timeshare sector.

Law No. (1) of 2025, approved by the Shura Council and the Council of Representatives, is a major step forward in protecting consumers and ensuring the proper regulation of the industry.

The law requires all timeshare projects to have a licensed manager responsible for day-to-day operations.

While the project owner can take on this role, they can also appoint another licensed individual or company.

Requirements

Either way, the project owner remains legally accountable for



Transparency is strengthened by mandating the recording of all contracts and transactions in the timeshare registry

meeting all requirements.

The Bahrain Tourism and Exhibitions Authority (BTEA), or another body assigned by decree, is tasked with overseeing licences, ensuring projects meet the required standards, and enforcing compliance.

The legislation grants the BTEA wide powers to handle breaches.

If a violation is confirmed, the authority can order the offender to stop the misconduct immediately and address its consequences.

Harsher measures

Should they fail to comply, the authority can impose harsher measures, including service restrictions, fines of up to BD50,000, temporary licence suspensions of up to three months, or complete revocation of the licence.

Penalties are assessed based on the seriousness of the violation, the benefits gained by the offender, and the harm caused to others.

To ensure fairness, the au-

thority must notify violators in writing before taking any action, giving them a chance to respond.

Public disclosure of confirmed breaches is allowed, but only after the appeal period has passed or a court ruling is final.

Any evidence of criminal behaviour uncovered during investigations must be handed over to the Public Prosecution.

Licence

For businesses, the path to obtaining a licence has also been made clear.



The law requires all timeshare projects to have a licensed manager responsible for day-to-day operations.

Applications must meet set conditions, and any rejection, whether explicit or due to inaction for 30 days, can be challenged through a grievance process with the minister.

Applicants unsatisfied with the minister's response may escalate the matter to the courts.

The law also imposes tight restrictions on advertising.

Only licensed projects can market timeshare products, and all promotional materials must comply with guidelines issued by the BTEA.

Misleading promotions are banned, and timeshare products cannot be marketed as investment tools.

Bahraini man acquitted in mall theft drama

H Naser
TDT | Manama

A Bahraini man found himself embroiled in a theft accusation after selflessly assisting a woman who claimed her son had drowned.

However, the Lower Criminal Court ultimately acquitted him of all charges.

The incident unfolded in a well-known shopping mall, as detailed by the defendant's lawyer, Ibtisam Al Sabbagh.

Two women in niqab entered the mall and headed to the electronics section, where one of



them asked a store employee to show her a mobile phone.

While the employee was distracted, her accomplice stealthily stole five iPhones and a pair of AirPods.

They then moved to the grocery section, where the thief broke the boxes containing the stolen phones and concealed

them in her clothing before quickly exiting through an emergency exit.

At the same time, the accused was arriving at the mall in his car to meet his wife, with whom he was having a dispute.

He was aware that she took their daughter to the mall's play area every Friday. In an effort to reconcile, he intended to surprise them.

However, he was startled when the masked woman suddenly emerged from the emergency exit, waved at him, and entered his vehicle without his permission.

BD3,000 loan plan to furnish new homes



MP Abdulla Hassan Al Dhaen
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Five MPs have proposed a BD3,000 loan for low-income families to help them furnish their new housing units, addressing the rising costs that often leave homes bare and unready for living.

The proposal, put forward by Bader Saleh Al Tamimi, Abdulla Hassan Al Dhaen, Dr Ali Al Nuaimi, Hamad Al Doy, and Abdulla Al Rumaihi, aims to ease the financial strain faced by many citizens after receiving their homes.

The MPs explained that many families struggle with limited incomes and mounting financial obligations, leaving them unable to afford essential items like furniture and appliances.

They argued that econom-



MP Bader Saleh Al Tamimi

ic pressures and high prices make it particularly difficult for new homeowners to turn their units into comfortable spaces.

The Ministry of Housing, in its response, said that providing loans for furnishing homes falls outside its responsibilities under current laws.

Measures

However, it outlined existing measures designed to support housing beneficiaries.

These include a six-month grace period before housing instalments start, calculated from the date beneficiaries open their accounts with Eskan Bank, and the continuation of housing allowance payments for three months after beneficiaries receive their keys.

Uniting for hope



The 'Smile' initiative, in collaboration with Faris Child Development Center, launched a comprehensive support program for children with cancer and their families in Bahrain, formalized through a newly signed MoU. The initiative includes specialised workshops to empower parents and children, fostering resilience and community care.

Solidarity Bahrain Rewards Safe Drivers with Solidarity Drive Mobile Application

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Solidarity Bahrain, one of the largest insurance companies in the Kingdom of Bahrain and a subsidiary of Solidarity Group Holding, has officially announced its pioneering mobile application "Solidarity Drive" during a press conference held earlier today. This innovative platform is set to be the first of its kind in the Kingdom of Bahrain. The press conference was attended by the General Directorate of Traffic, Central Bank of Bahrain, and other prominent figures.

This new initiative aims to encourage safer driving behaviour and enhance road safety across Bahrain. Users of Solidarity Drive will enjoy a range of exclusive benefits and rewards, including weekly rewards, annual discounts on motor insurance. Drivers can also earn points



based on their driving habits, which is tracked in real-time using the app. These behaviours include observing speed limits, smooth braking, cautious turning, and avoiding mobile phone use while driving. Solidarity has also announced the launch of the "Solidarity Drive Challenge," which is set to begin

on the launch date and run for three months. All citizens and residents who meet the eligibility criteria are invited to participate. At the end of the challenge, a raffle will take place, offering committed drivers the chance to win exciting prizes, including two Skoda cars, a trip for two to London, and an iPhone 16 Pro.

Commenting on the launch, Jawad Mohamed, Chief Executive Officer at Solidarity Bahrain, stated: "Driven by our commitment to social responsibility, we are excited to announce the launch of the Solidarity Drive initiative. This innovative application aims to enhance driving standards and ensure the safety



of both citizens and residents in the Kingdom of Bahrain. Today, I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to the General Directorate of Traffic and the Central Bank of Bahrain for their unwavering support of private sector initiatives, particularly Solidarity Bahrain Company. He added: "In today's fast-

paced digital era, we are excited to introduce an innovative app that leverages advanced technology to encourage responsible driving practices, offering users a host of exclusive benefits and rewards. We aim to create a culture of safety on the roads, encouraging everyone to adopt behaviors that protect themselves and others."

This initiative demonstrates the recent collaboration between Solidarity Bahrain and Vitality Drive International, a unique incentive-based driver behaviour programme, aimed at creating real value for road users and making a positive impact on the Bahraini community.

The launch of "Solidarity Drive" reaffirms Solidarity Bahrain's leadership in innovation and its unwavering dedication to social responsibility, as it works towards creating safer roads for everyone in the Kingdom.

IMF raises global growth outlook and flags rising economic divergence

● IMF expects the global inflation rate to continue decelerating, reaching 4.2% this year and 3.5% in 2026

● Euro area growth to increase slightly to 1.0% this year, and 1.4% in 2026

● Growth in the Middle East and Central Asia is expected to pick up by less than previously forecast due largely to the effect of oil production cuts by the OPEC

AFP | Washington, United States

Global growth is expected to increase slightly this year while remaining stuck below its



pre-pandemic average, the IMF said Friday, flagging the growing economic divide between the United States and European countries.

In an update to its flagship World Economic Outlook report, the International Monetary Fund said it expects global growth to hit 3.3% this year, up 0.1 percentage point from its previous forecast in October, and to remain at 3.3% in 2026.

"Growth is steady," IMF chief economist Pierre-Olivier Gourinchas told AFP in an interview, adding that it remained

below the average global growth rate in the first two decades of the 21st century of 3.7%.

The IMF expects the global inflation rate to continue decelerating, reaching 4.2% this year and 3.5% in 2026, with prices cooling faster in advanced economies than in emerging markets.

Growing divergence

"Among advanced economies, the interesting development here is the strength and resilience and growth of the US economy," Gourinchas said, pointing to the IMF's decision to hike its

outlook for US growth to 2.7% in 2025 and to 2.1% in 2026.

"The labor market has been strong, there is strong demand, private demand is robust, there is good confidence," he said.

One of the risks to the IMF's forecasts is policy uncertainty in the United States, where Donald Trump is preparing to return to the White House.

The IMF did not include the Republican president-elect's policy proposals in its forecasts and instead based its projections on existing US policies.

"The bottom line is, when we look at the risk for the US, we see an upside risk on inflation," he said.

The economic picture in the United States stands in stark contrast to the Euro area, where a sharp downgrade for Germany has dampened expectations for a rebound in growth.

The IMF now forecasts Euro area growth to increase slightly to 1.0% this year, and 1.4% in 2026, below its October forecasts.

"Some of the divergence is structural," Gourinchas told reporters on Friday, noting the "persistently stronger" productivity growth in the United States than in Europe, especially in the technology sector.

This, he added, was "linked to a favorable business environment and deeper capital markets."

The Fund left its outlook for growth in Japan unchanged this year and next, and slightly increased its outlook for the United Kingdom in 2025.

In Russia, which is affected by the ongoing and costly war in Ukraine, the IMF expects growth to slow sharply from 3.8% in 2024 to 1.4% this year, and to 1.2% in 2026.

'Rebalancing' in emerging markets

The IMF expects China's growth rate to continue cooling this year to 4.6%, up 0.1 percentage point from the October forecast, before easing to 4.5% next year. The slight upgrade was due

to the Chinese government's recently announced package of fiscal support to help prop up the slowing economy, which is struggling with a property market slump and uncertainty about trade policy once Donald Trump takes office next week.

The slowdown in growth in the world's second-largest economy is leading to something of a "rebalancing" among emerging markets, Gourinchas said, with countries including India -- which the IMF expects to grow by 6.5% this year and next -- playing a more important role.

Growth in the Middle East and Central Asia is expected to pick up by less than previously forecast due largely to the effect of oil production cuts by the OPEC+ group of oil-producing nations, which includes Saudi Arabia.

Economic activity is expected to rise more quickly in Latin America, the IMF said, adding that it also expected growth in sub-Saharan Africa to pick up this year.

Zahraa Taher represents Bahrain-India Society at Kochi Dialogue 2025

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The Kochi Dialogue 2025, a premier Track 1.5 diplomacy conference, concluded successfully on January 17, 2025, bringing together government officials, diplomats, business leaders, and policy experts from India and the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) nations. Organized by the Center for Public Policy Research (CPPR) in collaboration with the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, the dialogue focused on strengthening India-GCC relations under the theme "India's Look West Policy in Action: People, Prosperity and Progress." His Excellency Jassem Mohamed Albudaiwi, Secretary General of the Gulf Cooperation Council, had a special address in the forum highlighting the India-GCC cooperation as a catalyst of global peace, innovation and economic growth.



Indian diaspora key to Bahrain's economy

Representing Bahrain-India Society, Mrs. Zahraa Taher, Managing Director of FinMark Communications and Secretary General of the Bahrain-India Society, played a key role in the session titled "India & the GCC: Leveraging the Diaspora Connect." As a well-respected voice in Bahrain-India relations, she highlighted the strategic importance of the Indian diaspora in enhancing trade, investment, and cultural relations between

Bahrain and India. Speaking at the session, Mrs. Taher stressed the importance of the Indian diaspora in Bahrain's economy, noting their contributions across finance, trade, healthcare, and entrepreneurship. She called for stronger business networks and policy frameworks to ensure Bahrain remains a key hub for Indian businesses looking to expand in the GCC.

The session, moderated by Ambassador Venu Rajamony, included senior figures from the Indian and GCC business and policy sectors, including Dr.

Suresh Kumar, Joint Secretary (WANA), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India; Thaha Muhammed Abdul Kareem, President of IBPC Qatar; Ajith Kolassery, CEO, NORKA Roots; James Mathew, CEO & Managing Partner of UHY James; and Shihab Kottukad, a distinguished Indian social worker.

Strategic entry point

Mrs. Zahraa Taher's participation at Kochi Dialogue 2025 emphasized several key areas where Bahrain and India can strengthen their collaboration.

She highlighted the importance of encouraging Indian investment in Bahrain's finance, technology, and industrial sectors, enhancing bilateral trade relations through stronger business networks, and positioning Bahrain as a strategic entry point for Indian businesses in the GCC.

Commenting on her participation, Mrs. Taher stated, "Bahrain has long been a thriving center for the Indian diaspora, playing a pivotal role in business, trade, and cultural exchange. Strengthening these connections through structured policies and initia-

tives can unlock new economic opportunities for both regions. It is an honor to contribute to this distinguished forum, which highlights the strategic importance of collaboration between India and the GCC region. Through dialogues like these, we can explore new opportunities to advance economic and cultural partnerships while fostering mutual growth and prosperity."

Platform for discussions

The Kochi Dialogue 2025 served as a vital platform for discussions on policy, business networking, and international cooperation, covering key sectors such as trade, investment, education, healthcare, energy, and maritime security. The conference concluded with a special address by Vice Admiral V. Srinivas, AVSM, NM, Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Southern Naval Command, emphasizing the strategic importance of India-GCC partnerships.



News in brief

◆ **A Spanish ski resort** reopened yesterday, a day after a chairlift there broke, sending skiers hurtling to the ground and leaving 30 people injured. The lift at Astun in the Pyrenees remained closed while officials investigated, said Andres Pita, deputy director of Eivasa, the company that runs the site. But the resort was open again and skiers were descending the slopes, TVE television pictures showed. Pita said police, Aragon regional authorities and the company itself along with the lift's manufacturer were investigating. Officials said on Saturday that 10 people had been hospitalised and 20 treated at the ski station by emergency services. Two young people remained in hospital with serious injuries on Sunday in the northern city of Zaragoza. Pita said the damaged lift and all the others at the site had been "up to date" with legal safety inspections.



Spain ski resort reopens day after ski lift collapse

◆ **The death toll** from the explosion of a petrol tanker truck in Nigeria that killed people rushing to gather fuel has risen to 86, emergency services said yesterday. The truck carrying 60,000 litres (nearly 16,000 gallons) of gasoline exploded after flipping over on a road in the centre of the country on Saturday, authorities said. "The final death toll from the tanker explosion is 86," said Ibrahim Audu Hussein, spokesman for the Niger state's emergency management agency.

◆ **Nigeria tanker truck blast toll rises to 86: rescuers**

"We buried 86 burnt corpses between 12:00 pm yesterday to 2:00 am of today," he said, updating an earlier toll of 70. "It took us 14 hours to bury the bodies because we couldn't get excavators and had to get locals to dig the mass grave manually." He said 52 other people suffered "severe burns from the explosion". The blast struck at the Dikko junction on the road linking the federal capital Abuja to the northern city of Kaduna.

◆ **Joe Biden** will travel to South Carolina on Sunday, his last full day as US president, where he will mark a national holiday honoring civil rights icon Martin Luther King Jr. Biden will visit Royal Missionary Baptist Church in Charleston, where he will attend services and speak about "the continued fight to make Dr King's dream a reality," a White House official said. He will also attend an event at the city's International African American Museum. Monday is a national holiday in the United States honoring King, the Nobel Peace Prize winner who advocated for the use of non-violent resistance in the fight for equal rights for Black Americans. He was assassinated in 1968. Monday is also the day Donald Trump will be sworn in to succeed Biden as president. The White House said Biden's "last official trip as president... will continue his long relationship with the state of South Carolina."

Biden to visit Charleston church on last full day as president



SPOTLIGHT

TikTok goes dark in US as Trump seeks reprieve from ban

AFP | Washington, United States

TikTok went dark in the United States on Sunday as millions of dismayed users found themselves barred from the popular app, with President-elect Donald Trump vowing to seek a reprieve.

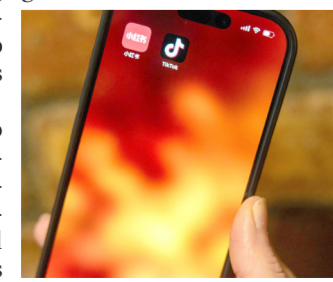
Hours before a law banning the Chinese-owned platform in the name of national security came into effect, TikTok was removed from app stores and told users attempting to log on that under the new legislation "you can't use TikTok for now."

It said "we are fortunate that President Trump has indicated that he will work with us on a solution to reinstate TikTok once he takes office. Please stay tuned!"

Trump, who had previously backed a ban and during his first term in office made moves towards one, posted "Save TikTok!" on his own Truth Social platform early Sunday.

The blackout followed a US Supreme Court decision on Friday to uphold the legislation banning the video-sharing platform, unless Chinese owner ByteDance reached a deal to sell it to non-Chinese buyers by Sunday.

From teenage dancers to grandmothers sharing cooking tips, TikTok has been embraced for its ability to transform ordinary users into global celebrities when a video goes



"We are finally in our home. There is no home left, just rubble, but it's our home"



This aerial view shows displaced Palestinians returning to the war-devastated Jabalia refugee camp in the northern Gaza Strip

Hamas hands over first hostages

AFP | Jabalia, Palestinian Territories

The first three Israeli hostages returning home under a long-awaited Gaza truce were transferred to the Red Cross yesterday, a Hamas official and the Israeli military said.

The hostages, all women, "were officially handed over to the Red Cross" in Gaza City ahead of their return to Israel, the senior Hamas official told AFP.

It came hours after the ceasefire between Israel and Hamas took effect in the morning, nearly three hours later than scheduled, after more than 15 months of war.

During the delay, Israel's military said it was continuing to operate, with the territory's civil defence agency reporting 19 people killed and 25 wounded in bombardments.

Minutes after the truce began, the United Nations said the first trucks carrying sorely needed humanitarian aid had entered the Palestinian territory, as displaced, war-weary Palestinians set off across the devastated Gaza Strip to return to their home areas.

Thousands of people carrying tents, clothes and their personal belongings were seen going home, after the war that displaced the vast majority of Gaza's population, in many cases more than once.

In the northern area of Jabalia, hundreds streamed down a sandy path, returning to an apocalyptic landscape piled with rubble and destroyed buildings.

"We are finally in our home. There is no home left, just rubble, but it's our home," said Rana Moshes, 43, back in Jabalia.

Another returning resident, Walid Abu Jiab, said

he had found "massive, unprecedented destruction", with "nothing left" in Gaza's war-battered north, which has seen intense violence over the past months.

In the southern city of Rafah, Ahmad al-Balawi said that "as soon as I returned... I felt shock." "Entire areas have been completely wiped out", he told AFP, describing "decomposing bodies, rubble, and destruction everywhere".

'Massive' aid effort

Aid workers say northern Gaza is particularly hard-hit, lacking all essentials including



A prisoner transportation bus moves outside the Ofer military prison located between Ramallah and Beitunia in the occupied West Bank

ing food, shelter and water. Jonathan Whittall, interim chief of the UN's OCHA humanitarian agency for the Palestinian territories, said on X that the first trucks started entering following the truce, after "a massive effort" to prepare for a surge of aid across the territory.

The truce had been scheduled to begin at 8:30 am (0630 GMT) but a last-minute dispute over the list of hostages to be freed on the first day led to the holdup.

Qatar, a mediator of the truce, later confirmed it had gone into effect.

The Hostage and Missing Families Forum campaign group identified the three women set to be released later on Sunday as Emily Damari, Romi Gonen and Doron Steinbrecher.

The Israeli military said that "the Red Cross has communicated that the three Israeli hostages were transferred to them and are on their way" to be taken by Israeli forces.

Hamas earlier said it was waiting for Israel to furnish "a list containing the names of 90 prisoners from the categories of women and children" also to be released on the first day.

A total of 33 Israeli hostages, 31 of whom taken by militants during Hamas's October 7, 2023 attack, will be returned from Gaza during an initial 42-day truce, in exchange for around 1,900 Palestinians in Israeli custody.

The truce is intended to pave the way for a permanent end to the war, but a second phase has yet to be finalised.

It follows a deal struck by Qatar, the United States and Egypt after months of negotiations.

In a televised address on Saturday, Netanyahu called the first phase a "temporary ceasefire" and said Israel had US support to return to the war if necessary.

In Gaza City, well before the ceasefire went into effect, people were already celebrating, waving Palestinian flags in the street. The Israeli army warned Gaza residents early Sunday not to approach its forces or "the buffer zone" near Israeli territory "for your safety".

In Israel, the ceasefire was met with guarded optimism. "I don't trust our side or their



The health ministry in Hamas-run Gaza said Sunday that the death toll in the war between Israel and Hamas had reached 46,913 as of midnight Saturday. The ministry said at least 110,750 people had been wounded in more than 15 months of war between Israel and Hamas, sparked by the Palestinian group's October 7, 2023, attack. The death toll does not include fatalities overnight or from Sunday morning before the ceasefire came into effect.

their families. Health workers have warned of the psychological challenges the captives will face upon release.

600 trucks

Egyptian Foreign Minister Badr Abdelatty said 600 trucks a day would enter Gaza after the ceasefire took effect, including 50 carrying fuel.

The war's only previous truce, for one week in November 2023, also saw the release of hostages held by militants in exchange for the truce took effect on the eve of Donald Trump's inauguration for a second term as president of the United States.

Trump, who claimed credit for the ceasefire deal after months of effort by the outgoing administration of President Joe Biden, told US network NBC on Saturday that he had told Netanyahu the war "has to end".

"We want it to end, but to keep doing what has to be done," he said.

Under the deal, Israeli forces will withdraw from densely populated areas of Gaza and allow displaced Palestinians to return "to their residences", Qatar's prime minister said in announcing the deal.

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TOP 4 TWEETS

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I have been profoundly moved by all I saw & heard during my visit to Lebanon. After one of the most difficult years in generations, the country is on the cusp of a more hopeful future. As the Lebanese people travel this road together, the @UN is proud to stand with them.

@antoniogeturres

02



The ceasefire agreement offers great hope that Israeli hostages will be liberated after more than 450 days in #Gaza. I've met many of their families and some of those who were released previously — they all suffered for too long. We mourn those who died in captivity.

@DrTedros

03



On this special occasion of the Raising Day of the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF), we salute the courage, dedication and selfless service of the brave personnel who are a shield in times of adversity. Their unwavering commitment to saving lives, responding to disasters

@narendramodi

04



I have been against a TikTok ban for a long time, because it goes against freedom of speech. That said, the current situation where TikTok is allowed to operate in America, but is not allowed to operate in China is unbalanced. Something needs to change.

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LEGAL VIEWPOINT

Appointment of Board of Directors in Public Joint-Stock Companies

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Public joint stock companies, have many shareholders. Here comes the issue, of how to manage such companies with many unlimited shareholders. To overstep this point, such companies shall be managed by "Board of Directors", to be elected by the shareholders. The management of the company based on this, shall be undertaken by a board of directors the formation and term of which shall be specified by the company's Articles of Incorporation.

As per Article (172) of The Commercial Companies Law of Bahrain (2001) as amended, the number of members of the board of directors shall not be less than five (5), and the term of membership shall not be more than three (3) years which may be renewed (based on this renewal, we see the terms extended to many long years? This is clear contravention of the corporate governance rules calling for changing faces in the Board of Directors & not sticking to certain faces). The Board of Directors must include independent directors and non-executive directors in accordance with rules specified in a regulation issued by (the Central Bank of Bahrain) with respect to companies which are licensed by the Central Bank and a regulation issued by (the competent Minister for commerce) with respect to other companies. A member of the board of directors shall fulfill certain conditions as, must have full legal capacity to act, must not have been convicted in a crime involving negligent or fraudulent bankruptcy or a crime affecting honor or involving a breach of trust or in a crime on the account of his breach of the provisions of the law, unless he has been reinstated, not prohibited from assuming a directorship of a Joint Stock Company pursuant to the laws in force in the Bahrain, with respect to the chairman and the deputy chairman, must not assume simultaneously such position and the position of the most senior executive in the company, any other conditions specified in a regulation applicable to the executive, non-executive and independent directors of companies that are not licensees of the Central Bank of Bahrain as specified in a regulation issued by the competent Minister for commerce, any other conditions specified in a regulation applicable to the executive, non-executive and independent directors of companies that are licensees of the Central Bank of Bahrain subject to Article (65) of the Central Bank and Financial Institutions law and any other conditions that may be specified in the company M o A or A o I.

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Any person, who owns ten percent (10%) or more of the capital, may appoint members on the board of directors for the same percentage of the capital he owns, by rounding the digits of the number to the nearest round figure. If he exercises this right, he shall lose his right to voting for the percentage for which he appointed a proxy. Each person who has not exercised his right to appoint members on the board of directors, or who does not own a percentage qualifying him to appoint another member, may use this percentage in voting. His right to appoint members shall be forfeited in case he does not exercise it in any election or to appoint members on the board of directors, in each case separately, unless it is provided otherwise in the M o A or A o I.

In all cases, due observance shall be given in the formation of the board of directors to the rules under the Articles of Incorporation and those specified under Article (172) of the company law. As we can see, there are many particulars to be observed in appointing members of the board of directors. All this, so as to make sure that they qualified and competent to exercise the great essential powers conferred on them.

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CAMPUS

BIS equips students with tools for well-being



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Bhavans – Bahrain Indian School (BIS) recently conducted an inspiring workshop aimed at helping students in grades 8 and 9 manage academic and emotional stress. The session, held on Thursday, was led by Dr. Feba Percy Paul from the American Mission Hos-

pital. It focused on the seven dimensions of well-being and how stress impacts students' mental capacity, overall health, and daily lives.

Dr. Paul explained how disruptions in the seven dimensions of well-being could lead to significant challenges, such as irregular sleep patterns, anger issues, behavioural problems, fatigue, poor academic

performance, and low self-esteem. By highlighting these effects, she helped students understand how stress influences their mental and physical health.

The workshop was packed with practical strategies to manage stress effectively. Dr. Paul guided students in identifying their stress triggers and provided actionable techniques to

build resilience and enhance their well-being. The interactive nature of the session encouraged students to open up about their own experiences and share coping strategies with their peers, fostering a sense of community and mutual support.

BIS's Directors, Mr. Himanshu Verma and Mrs. Ritu Verma, emphasized the critical role of mental health education in creating a



nurturing learning environment. Mrs. Ritu Verma shared, "We believe that equipping our students with the tools to manage stress is essential for their academic success and personal development."

Principal Mr. Saji Jacob reaffirmed the school's commitment to supporting students' mental health and emotional growth. "Providing our students with resources like this

workshop is crucial to helping them develop resilience and healthy coping strategies," he said.

The workshop is part of BIS's broader efforts to foster a supportive environment where students can thrive academically and personally. It reflects the school's dedication to preparing students for a balanced, successful future.

New Millennium School declared champions in Mental Math contest



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New Millennium School students clinched the Champion's Trophy at Bahrain Mental Math Contest held on 11th January, 2025, at New Horizon School. Competing against fourteen schools, NMS students

emerged victorious, showcasing unparalleled mathematical aptitude and problem-solving skills.

The competition involved rigorous challenges, testing participants' speed, accuracy, and mental agility in solving complex mathematical problems. A total

of 167 students from NMS had participated in the contest. The achievements of the students are as follows.

CHAMPIONS (1ST POSITION WINNERS)- Adwik Panda (Grade 3), Kaushal Sah (Grade 4), Advaita Irukula (Grade 5), Sambhav (Grade 6), Tejus Chauhan

(Grade 7)

1ST RUNNERS UP - Vimalan Vignesh (Grade 1), Saathvikan Arivasu (Grade 5), Drithi Varma (Grade 9)

2ND RUNNERS UP- Namish pandey (Grade 3), Dheemat Sai Prasad (Grade 4), Gaurav Sangiseti & Mihir Kalamkar (Grade

5), Vikranth Pothina (Grade 7), Atharva Lalit & Rohit Aneez Nair (Grade 8), Sathivga Gobi Das (Grade 9), RakisthReddy (Grade 11)

The Bahrain Mental Maths Competition 2025 trophy was received by the principal along with the Head of

Mathematics Dept. and the students.

Principal Dr Arun Kumar Sharma, Chairman, Dr Ravi Pillai and Managing Director, Mrs Geetha Pillai, congratulated all the participants, the teachers and parents for the impressive performances.

Al Noor International School conducts charity event

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Al Noor International School recently held a Charity Bake sale for students from the AS/A Level, British Senior Section, and CBSE.

The funds raised from this initiative were donated to the

Royal Humanitarian Foundation during a special event held at the School Multi-Purpose Hall on January 14, 2025. The ceremony was graced by the presence of Mr. Yusuf Abdullah Al Yaqoob, Assistant Secretary General for Planning and Charity Resources Development, as

the Chief Guest. Other guests included Ms. Mai Ahmed Al-Saie, Head of the Charity Donations Section; Ms. Reem Yusuf Al-Omran, Charity Donation Specialist; and Ms. Dana Erekat, Acting Head of the Donations Department. The event was attended by the school's

Director, Dr. Muhammad Mashood and the Acting Principal, Mr. AbdulRahman AlKoheji.

In his address, Mr. Yusuf Abdullah Al Yaqoob praised the students' efforts, stating, "Through this humanitarian act, you have sowed the seeds for a noble cause."



RCSI Bahrain equips nursing students with career insights and opportunities



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Under the patronage of Lieutenant General Dr Shaikh Mohammed bin Abdulla Al Khalifa, Chairman of the Supreme Council of Health, the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland (RCSI) – Medical Univer-

sity of Bahrain hosted its Annual Nursing Careers Day. The event aimed to provide final-year nursing students with insights into employment opportunities and career development pathways.

The event commenced with a welcome by Professor Kathryn Strachan, Head of the School of Nursing and Midwifery, who

addressed Dr Jalila bint Al Sayyed Jawad Hassan, Minister of Health, healthcare officials, faculty, and over 115 nursing students. Lieutenant General Dr Shaikh Mohammed stressed the importance of cultivating a skilled nursing workforce to achieve Bahrain's healthcare strategies and National Vision.

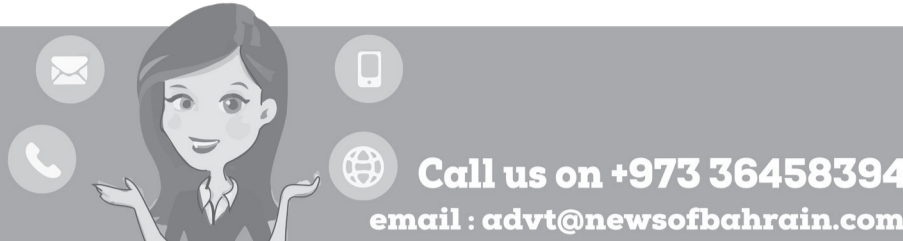
Guest speakers, including Dr Jameela Mukhaimer, President of Bahrain Nursing and Midwifery Society, and Ms Lamya Habaishi, NHRA Nursing Profession Registration Specialist, discussed NHRA Examinations, scholarships, international qualifications, and RCSI's MSc in Nursing programme. Alumni

and faculty shared insights into career pathways.

Keynote speaker Professor Rowaida Al Maaitah emphasized, "Investing in nursing and midwifery is not just about health outcomes—it fosters economic growth, societal resilience, and global health security."

Since its establishment in 2006, the School of Nursing and Midwifery has graduated 1,452 nurses, with an impressive 92% employment rate as of June 2024. Professor Strachan highlighted RCSI's commitment to preparing nursing students to excel in dynamic, multicultural healthcare environments.

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BRAVE CF launches scouting series in Indonesia to discover the nation's next MMA superstar

TDT | Manama

The most global MMA organization in the world, BRAVE Combat Federation, has kick-started the BRAVE Scouting Series in Indonesia, aimed at finding the next big MMA superstar from the nation.

The first event of the BRAVE Scouting Series in Indonesia will be held today, 19 January and will feature some of the top rising talents from Indonesia in action to impress the BRAVE CF matchmakers. The event will be supported by the Indonesia Mixed Martial Arts Federation, further highlighting BRAVE Combat Federation's vision of creating a sustainable MMA eco-



system by collaborating with local federations.

BRAVE CF has a long history with Indonesia, and the organ-

ization has so far hosted three events in the nation. BRAVE CF's debut event in Indonesia happened back in May 2018 with

BRAVE CF 12. The fight card featured some big names, including Eldar Eldarov and Jarrah Al-Silawi. The organization

returned to Indonesia in 2022 with BRAVE CF 66, and a year later, BRAVE CF hosted BRAVE CF 76 in the nation as well. Having brought some of the best MMA talent from around the world to compete in Indonesia, BRAVE CF is now putting its world-class scouting program into action to elevate the Indonesian MMA circuit further.

Known for discovering talents like Ilia Topuria, Khamzat Chimaev, Muhammad Mokaev, among others, the BRAVE CF scouting program has been lauded as one of the best in the world of MMA. Now, fighters in Indonesia will benefit from the same as they compete in the BRAVE Scouting Series.

Mbappe shines as Real Madrid thrash Las Palmas to claim Liga lead

Madrid, Spain

Kylian Mbappe struck twice and produced a brilliant performance to power Real Madrid to a 4-1 win over Las Palmas and take the reigning champions top of La Liga on Sunday.

Los Blancos enjoyed a perfect weekend, overtaking Atletico Madrid by two points after their neighbours slipped up with a shock defeat at Leganes on Saturday, while Barcelona, third, could only draw at Getafe. Mbappe has hit top form in recent weeks after an inconsistent start to life at Real Madrid following his dream switch from Paris Saint-Germain last summer.

The 26-year-old reached 12 league goals with his brace, becoming the Spanish league's second top-scorer behind Barcelona's Robert Lewandowski.

Mbappe now has 18 goals for the season in 30 appearances across all competitions, and is looking increasingly crucial for his side in attack.

Messi scores for Miami in pre-season victory

Los Angeles, United States

Lionel Messi got on the scoresheet Saturday as Inter Miami opened their pre-season campaign with a penalty shoot-out victory over Mexico's Club America in Las Vegas.

Argentinian superstar Messi headed home a Luis Suarez cross from close range after 34 minutes to equalise for the Major League Soccer side after America had taken the lead through Henry Martin moments earlier.

Israel Reyes fired America back in front in the 52nd minute at the Allegiant Stadium to make it 2-1.

Women's futsal squad storms into AFC Asian Cup 2025 final

Hussain Almaskati
TDT | Manama

Bahrain's women's futsal team ended their qualifying campaign for the AFC Women's Futsal Asian Cup 2025 on a high note, beating Palestine 3-1. The match, which took place yesterday at the Yunusobod Sports Complex in Tashkent, Uzbekistan, saw Bahrain dominate from the first whistle.

The game got off to a shaky start for Bahrain as Palestine took the lead, but Manar Yaqoob capitalized on a defensive blunder from Palestine to level the score. It wasn't the cleanest of finishes, but it was one that set the tone for the remainder of the match. Bahrain quickly showed their ability to pounce on errors and put their opponents under pressure.

But it was Hessa Isa who stole the limelight just minutes after the equalizer. From a pinpoint cross, Isa made a perfectly



timed run and struck a volley into the far corner. The finish was a thing of beauty and technique, leaving the goalkeeper with no chance. It gave Bahrain a deserved 2-1 lead, putting the game almost beyond Palestine's reach.

The second half was more of the same from Bahrain, who controlled the game with at-

tacking intent. Isa wasn't done yet. After a few near misses, she found herself in the perfect spot to tap in a third goal and secure a brace. The simple finish capped off a standout individual performance.

Rising Confidence

This comfortable win for Bahrain was a statement. The

team has shown massive growth throughout the qualifiers, and their chemistry and flair were on full display yesterday. With the AFC Women's Futsal Asian Cup 2025 now within reach, Bahrain will head into the final with renewed belief and excitement about their potential to compete with the continent's best.

Pakistan's Sajid and Abrar demolish West Indies in first Test win

AFP | Multan, Pakistan

Spinner Sajid Khan took five wickets and Abrar Ahmed another four to guide Pakistan to a 127-run win on the third day of the first Test against West Indies in Multan yesterday.

Sajid took 5-50 for match figures of 9-115, while leg-spinner Abrar Ahmed snared 4-27 as West Indies were dismissed for 123, falling well short of their victory target of 251.

Pakistan's spinners took all the wickets in West Indies' second innings, with Noman Ali chipping in with 1-42, as the home side took an early advantage in the two-Test series.

Left-handed batter Alick Athanaze hit 55, the only half-century of the match for the tourists, and added 41 runs for the sixth wicket with Tevin

Imlach.

Sajid removed the dangerous Athanaze, while Abrar's haul included the final wicket of Jomel Warrican.

Left-arm Warrican had led the spin attack for the tourists with a career-best 7-32 as Pakistan were bowled out for 157 in

their second innings.

They were the best figures by a West Indian bowler in Pakistan, topping fast bowler Malcolm Marshall's 5-33 at Lahore in 1986.

Pakistan captain Shan Masood praised his spinners but said he wanted to see an im-

provement in the side's batting. "The spinners were clinical and Abrar along with Noman and Sajid was great," Masood said.

"Batting was tough on this pitch but we still need to add more runs with the last few wickets and there are improvements to be made."

His beaten counterpart Kraigg Brathwaite wanted West Indies' batters to believe in their abilities.

"The batters didn't play as well as they should have," Brathwaite said.

"We saw how Alick played so we just have to be brave. We have got one more Test and we have to believe in ourselves."

Pakistan's players walk back to pavilion after winning the first Test cricket match between Pakistan and West Indies at the Multan Cricket Stadium in Multan





Djokovic sets up Alcaraz clash

Sabalenka surges into Melbourne quarters

AFP | Melbourne, Australia

Novak Djokovic surged into an Australian Open quarter-final clash against Carlos Alcaraz with a dominant victory yesterday while women's world number one Aryna Sabalenka was a ruthless winner.

Double defending champion Sabalenka is on a collision course with in-form world number three Coco Gauff in the semi-finals in Melbourne if both win in the last eight.

On the hottest day of the tournament so far with temperatures hitting 34 degrees Celsius (93 Fahrenheit), Alcaraz went through when Britain's Jack Draper retired injured.

The 37-year-old Djokovic then kept up his end of the bargain with a 6-3, 6-4, 7-6 (7/4) win over Czech 24th seed Jiri Lehecka in the prime-time match on Rod Laver Arena.

Djokovic is anticipating a "big battle" against Alcaraz on Tues-

day. "The kind of matches that I played against him remind me of my match-ups versus (Rafael) Nadal in terms of the intensity and the energy on the court," he said.

Djokovic appears to be growing into the tournament in an ominous sign for his rivals, as he pursues a record-extending 11th Melbourne crown and historic 25th Grand Slam title.

He dropped a set in each of his opening two matches but has won the previous two in straight sets.

Djokovic and Alcaraz have played each other seven times with the Serb leading 4-3, including victory in their last clash in the Paris Olympics final.

But they have never played at Melbourne Park, where Djokovic has achieved his greatest success.

"When we are seeing him playing, he seems like he's young again... it's unbelievable. He's in a really good shape," said Alcaraz, who has vowed to get a

kangaroo tattoo if he wins the Australian Open for the first time.

The 21-year-old Spaniard, who has never gone beyond the quarter-finals in Melbourne, was leading 7-5, 6-1 when Draper pulled the plug.

Draper had come through all three of his previous matches in five sets, and all from 2-1 down, and it appeared to have taken its toll. "It's not the way I wanted to win, but obviously I'm happy to play another quarter-final here in Australia," said Alcaraz.

The 23-year-old Draper, whose rise has been held back by issues with his body, said his hip injury had been a "ticking time bomb" and he had "multiple areas really in pain".

American 12th seed Tommy Paul destroyed Spain's Alejandro Davidovich Fokina for the loss of just three games as he bids to match or better his semi-final appearance from 2023.

Paul will meet German second seed Alexander Zverev, who

survived a mid-match wobble to oust France's Ugo Humbert.

Zverev, who is zeroing in on a maiden Grand Slam title, won 6-1, 2-6, 6-3, 6-2.

Sabalenka warning

Sabalenka blew away Russian 17-year-old Mirra Andrejeva 6-1, 6-2 in a chilling warning to sweep into the quarter-finals.

The Belarusian was out on a roaring centre court for only 62 minutes before registering an 18th consecutive win at Melbourne Park.

"I'm super happy to get through this difficult match in straight sets," said Sabalenka, who faces Russian 27th seed Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova next.

Sabalenka struggled with her serve in colder conditions during the first week, but was untouchable as the mercury soared.

"The ball was flying like a rocket," said Sabalenka.

A dangerous Gauff faces Spain's 11th seed Paula Badosa

after the American fought back to beat Belinda Bencic 5-7, 6-2, 6-1.

Gauff dropped a set for the first time in 2025 but extended her unbeaten streak to 13 matches going back to last year's WTA Tour Finals.

"Two out of three sets at this stage of my career is not that physically hard for me," said the 20-year-old Gauff, who is chasing a first Melbourne title.

"The off-season I just put in so much work physically so I'm not worried at all about recovering emotionally or mentally."

Badosa declared she "loves" Gauff -- but said that will not prevent her looking for "revenge".

The pair have a 3-3 head-to-head record but Gauff won both their meetings in 2024, with each going to three sets.

The last time was in the semi-finals of the WTA China Open in Beijing, where Gauff won 4-6, 6-4, 6-2 on her way to lifting the title.

Hatton holds nerve to clinch 'dream' Dubai title from Hillier



England's Tyrrell Hatton

Dubai, United Arab Emirates

England's Tyrrell Hatton said it was "a dream come true" after the LIV Golf player continued his remarkable form on the European Tour on Sunday claiming the Dubai Desert Classic as Rory McIlroy's gallant effort to secure the title three years in a row came up short.

At the Majlis course of Emirates Golf Club, the 33-year-old Englishman holed a nerve-racking five-footer par putt on the 18th to stay one ahead of overnight leader New Zealand's Daniel Hillier (71), who had closed the gap to one shot with a birdie of his own on the par-5 finishing hole. Despite starting the day with a bogey, Hatton closed with a solid three-under-par 69 for a 15-under-par total. His fifth Rolex Series win ties him with his LIV Golf captain Jon Rahm for the most wins in the DP World-backed European Tour's version of elevated events. England's Laurie Canter (68) was in sole third at 13-under.

McIlroy shot a 66, with five birdies on the back nine, to get up to tied fourth place alongside Danish sensation Niklas Norgaard (66).

Man Utd, Spurs sink again as Forest maintain Premier League title dream

AFP | Manchester, United Kingdom

Manchester United slumped to a 3-1 defeat at home to Brighton as Old Trafford remembered the legendary Denis Law on Sunday, while Tottenham's troubles also persist after they lost 3-2 at Everton.

Nottingham Forest maintained an unlikely title challenge with a 3-2 victory over Southampton to take Nuno Espirito Santo's men level with second-placed Arsenal and within six points of Liverpool.

United, by contrast, are 24 points adrift of the leaders and focused on mere survival after Brighton stormed Old Trafford for the third consecutive season.

Ruben Amorim's men looked to have turned a corner after a thrilling 2-2 draw at Liverpool was followed by knocking Arsenal out of the FA Cup earlier this month.

But after Amad Diallo's late hat-trick papered over the cracks in a 3-1 win over bottom-

English Premier League results on Sunday:

Everton 3 (Calvert-Lewin 13, Ndiaye 30, Gray 45+7-og) Tottenham 2 (Kulusevski 77, Richarlison 90+2)

Manchester United 1 (Fernandes 23-pen) Brighton 3 (Minteh 5, Mitoma 60, Rutter 76)

Nottingham Forest 3 (Anderson 11, Hudson-Odoi 28, Wood 41) Southampton 2 (Bednarek 60, Onuachu 90+1)

Playing later

Ipswich v Manchester City (1630 GMT)

Played Saturday

Arsenal 2 (Martinelli 35, Havertz 55) Aston Villa 2 (Tielemans 60, Watkins 68)

Brentford 0 Liverpool 2 (Nunez 90+1, 90+3)

Leicester 0 Fulham 2 (Smith Rowe 48, Traore 68)

Newcastle 1 (Guimaraes 25) Bournemouth 4 (Kluivert 6, 44, 90+2, Kerkez 90+6)

West Ham 0 Crystal Palace 2 (Mateta 48, 89-pen)

Playing Monday

Chelsea v Wolves (2000 GMT)

of-the-table Southampton in midweek, Brighton exposed the glaring holes in the foundations of Amorim's United project.

Kaoru Mitoma squared for Yankuba Minteh to open the scoring inside five minutes.

Bruno Fernandes' penalty levelled for United before the break.

Mitoma restored Brighton's lead on the hour mark before Andre Onana dropped a cross into the path of Georginio Rutter



Brighton's Gambian midfielder #17 Yankuba Minteh (L) fights for the ball Manchester United's Portuguese defender #20 Diogo Dalot

to rifle in a third.

Victory lifts Brighton up to ninth and within four points of the top four.

Tottenham are now winless in six league games after Everton boosted their survival chances

with the first victory of David Moyes' second spell in charge.

The goal-shy Toffees had failed to score in nine of their previous 11 league games but struck three times before the break. Dominic Calvert Lew-

in's first goal since September opened the scoring before a brilliant individual run and finish from Iliman Ndiaye.

Archie Gray's own goal compounded Tottenham's misery.

Late goals from Dejan Kulusevski and Richarlison reduced Spurs' deficit but could not avoid a 12th defeat in 22 games.

Everton pull four points clear of the bottom three and within four points of 15th-placed Tottenham.

Forest were also rampant in the first 45 minutes to cut the gap at the top and consolidate their lead in the race for a place in the Champions League next season.

Elliot Anderson, Callum Hudson-Odoi and Chris Wood netted before the break.

Southampton salvaged some pride in the second period through Jan Bednarek and Paul Onuachu but they remain on course for an immediate return to the Championship, 10 points adrift of safety, later at Ipswich.