



Moon-sighting panel to convene tomorrow evening

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Bahrain's moon-sighting panel will meet tomorrow to receive testimonies regarding the advent of the Holy Month of Ramadan.

The Supreme Council for Islamic Affairs (SCIA) said the panel will convene at its meetings hall in the evening.

It urged the public to take part in the moon-sighting efforts and report their testimonies.

HRH Prince Salman hails growing Bahrain-Algeria ties

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His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, highlighted the steady growth of Bahrain-Algeria relations, noting the importance of further enhancing ties to achieve common goals.

HRH Prince Salman was speaking as he received yesterday outgoing Tunisian Ambassador Abdelhamid Ahmed Khoja at Riffa Palace to mark the end of his tenure in the Kingdom.

His Royal Highness com-



HRH Prince Salman receives Ambassador Khoja

mended the efforts of Ambassador Khoja in fostering bilateral relations and wished him success in his future endeavours.

The Ambassador expressed his appreciation for HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister's unwavering support across bilateral relations and joint cooperation and wished the Kingdom continued progress and prosperity.

The President of the Court of the Crown Prince, Shaikh Salman bin Ahmed bin Salman Al Khalifa, also attended the meeting.

HRH Prince Al Hassan ends Bahrain visit



HH Shaikh Nasser bids HRH Prince Al Hassan farewell

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Jordan-based Arab Thought Forum (ATF) Chairman His Royal Highness Prince Al Hassan bin Talal left the Kingdom yesterday.

During his visit, HRH Al Hassan met with His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa.

His Majesty the King's Representative for Humanitarian Work and Youth Affairs and National Security Advisor His Highness Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Shaikha Nayla bint Hamad bin Ebrahim Al Khalifa and Muharrag Governor bid the prince farewell.

Making Bahrain 'proud' in sports

On behalf of HM King, HRH Prince Salman attends celebration in honour of HH Shaikh Nasser



Colourful fireworks at the event

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His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, commended Royal Endurance Team Captain, His Highness Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, on his achievement in the sport of endurance, and his contribution to making Bahrain a global competitor in this field.

This came as HRH Prince Salman, on behalf of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, yesterday attended a celebration held in honour of HH Shaikh Nasser, the Representative of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa for Humanitarian Works and Youth Affairs.

HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister presented HH

Shaikh Nasser the Order of Ahmad Al Fateh for his victory and presented the Efficiency Medal award to members of the Royal Endurance Team.

The event was held in celebration of HH Shaikh Nasser's success in achieving first place in the 160-kilometre race of the FEI Endurance World Championship held in the UAE, and his ranking first in the world in the international classification of endurance sports, which was recently issued.

The FEI Endurance World Championship featured 126 contenders representing 36 countries in Boudheib International Endurance Village.

HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister commended the advanced levels achieved by the people of Bahrain in various sports, which reflect the visions of HM the King.

His Royal Highness emphasised the ceremony's large attendance is a testament to the Kingdom's shared pride in HH Shaikh Nasser's achievement.

Appreciation

On this occasion, HM King Hamad expressed his appreciation to HH Shaikh Nasser for his achievement, noting his success as motivated by the "authentic Bahraini spirit", a proud and joyful spirit that is renowned for its proactive commitment to serving the country.

His Majesty expressed his gratitude for the ceremony, honouring a new national achievement accomplished by one of Bahrain's noble sons, who was determined to win and was able to raise the Kingdom's flag on the international sports stage.

He noted the Kingdom con-



HRH Prince Salman presents HH Shaikh Nasser the Order of Ahmad Al Fateh

tinues to be ambitious with Bahraini youth accomplishments in national service, and wished Bahrain success in all future endeavours.

Gratitude

HH Shaikh Nasser extended his gratitude to HM the King for his sponsorship of the ceremony, noting His Majesty and HRH Prince Salman's continued commitment to supporting the Kingdom's athletes and maintaining the Kingdom's sports success.

He expressed his appreciation for HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister's attendance at the ceremony, which was an honour for himself and the Kingdom's youth.

HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad emphasised that the ceremony reflected the Kingdom's lead-

ership in the sports sector, and expressed his gratitude to the Kingdom's athletes who were present in sharing such a historic moment in the Kingdom's success.

Commitment

The First Deputy President of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports, President of the Public Authority for Sports, President of the Bahrain Olympic Committee, HH Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa, gave an address in which he highlighted HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister's commitment to the Kingdom's sports and youth sector.

HH Shaikh Khalid praised HH Shaikh Nasser's victory, which is a reflection of the Kingdom's continued accomplishments in sports.



Bahrain congratulates Tunisia President on Independence Day



HM the King
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HRH Prince Salman

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

HM King Hamad and HRH Prince Salman wished President Saied abundant health and happiness, and the Tunisian people further progress and prosperity.

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between the two countries and peoples, as well as their development and growth.

HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister sent a similar cable to Prime Minister Najla Bouden.

Bahrain vows to fight trafficking in persons



Jamsheer with the training programme participants
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Bahrain is committed to developing national cadres and raising their capabilities and skills in the field of identifying the crime of trafficking in persons.

The Kingdom is also keen on adopting mechanisms to assist victims and prevent individuals from becoming potential victims, in addition to supporting the efforts of the international community to address this cross-border crime.

This was emphasised by Labour Market Regulatory Au-

thority (LMRA) CEO Nouf Abdul Rahman Jamsheer as she attended the ceremony honouring the participants in the Training of Trainers Programme 2023.

The programme was organised by the LMRA's Regional Centre of Excellence and Capacity Building for Combatting Trafficking in Persons, in cooperation with the International Organization for Migration (IOM).

During the ceremony, Jamsheer indicated that the crime of trafficking in persons is one of the most sensitive and major global issues, whose mechanisms and forms are constantly

evolving, and require addressing with exceptional effort and high skills.

She added that the Kingdom has strengthened the infrastructure of the work environment and efforts aimed at combating all forms of trafficking in persons and exploitation.

Outlining the wide-ranging efforts taken in this respect, the CEO noted that the Kingdom

has been keen to build an integrated system of prevention and protection, which includes enhancing the skills of first responders to identify victims of trafficking in persons or poten-

tial victims and hone their skills, through the implementation of multiple training programmes organised by LMRA's Regional Centre of Excellence and Capacity Building for Combatting Trafficking in Persons in cooperation with international and UN organisations, most notably the International Organization for Migration.

He pointed out that qualifying trainers to become supporters of the government's efforts and ambassadors to spread the culture of combating trafficking in persons is an integral part of these effort.

Bahrain Legislations Mobile App launched

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The Legislation & Legal Opinion Commission (LLOC), in cooperation with the Information & eGovernment Authority (iGA), has launched Bahrain Legislations Mobile App.

The App aimed at facilitating access to several legal eServices. The launch of the App reflects the continuous national efforts towards technological initiatives and reinforcing the culture of legal awareness among the society. It is available on the eGovernment App Store bahrain.bh/apps.

Bahrain Legislation App was launched during a press conference in the presence of the LLOC President Counselor Nawaf Abdullah Hamza and iGA Deputy Chief Executive of eTransformation Dr Zakariya Ahmed Al Khajah.

The counselor reaffirmed the commission's commitment to develop its eServices that promote and cultivate legal culture among all sectors in the society with the aim of consolidating the principles of the Consti-



tion and the rule of law in Bahrain, which highlighting the civilisational shift in Bahraini legislation in the prosperous era of His Majesty King Hamad

bin Isa Al Khalifa, and the follow-up of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister.

Stage set for full-scale emergency exercise at Bahrain airport today

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The Bahrain Airport Company (BAC) will conduct a full-scale emergency exercise at Bahrain International Airport (BIA) today from 7pm to 12am.

It is in line with the commitment and efforts of BAC, the operating and managing body of BIA, to maintain the highest level of safety standards towards the emergency response at the airport.

The exercise will be implemented in cooperation with strategic partners, Bahrain Civil Aviation Affairs at the Ministry of Transportation and Telecommunications, Airport Police, the General Directorate of Criminal Investigation and Evidence, Airport Customs, the General Directorate of Civil Defense, the General Directorate of Traffic, Nationality, Passports and Residence Affairs (Airport), the Operations Department, the Police Aviation Wing Department, the Public Security Health



Bahrain International Airport

Center, the General Directorate of Women's Police, and Bahrain Airport Services (BAS).

Heavy traffic will be noticed by ambulances and security vehicles in the areas around the airport during the exercise. BAC assures the public that this routine exercise will have minimal impact on the airport's operations and that there is no reason for concern about the activities which may be witnessed in the vicinity.

BIA hosts the drill every two years in accordance with regulations issued by Bahrain Civil Aviation Affairs and global industry procedures enforced by the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO).

The exercise will put the Airport Emergency Plan to the test and assess the capabilities, readiness, and effectiveness of BIA's emergency and rescue services in dealing with potential incidents.

Relief aid deal



In implementation of the noble directives of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa to provide humanitarian aid to weather the repercussions of the earthquake which rocked Syria and Turkey, Secretary General of the Royal Humanitarian Foundation (RHF), Dr. Mustafa Al Sayed, the Chief Executive of the National Committee to Support the Victims of the Earthquake in Syria and Turkiye, signed a memorandum of understanding with the Representative of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) in Turkey, Philippe Leclerc. The signing of the memo was held in the Commissioner's headquarters in Ankara.

Educational cooperation



Education Minister and Higher Education Council (HEC) Board of Trustees Chairman Dr Mohammed bin Mubarak received American University in Bahrain (AUBH) Board of Trustees Chairman Hisham Al Saie, AUBH Board of Directors Chairman Kamal Murad and AUBH President Dr Bradley Cook. The meeting discussed cooperation between the ministry, the HEC and the AUBH. The minister affirmed the support of the ministry and the council for the qualitative education provided by the university and training opportunities for students.

ISO 27001 Certification



The IT department at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs has obtained the ISO 27001 international certification - International Standard for Information Security Management. Foreign Minister Dr Abdullatif bin Rashid Al Zayani received IT Department Acting Director Rana Mohammed Hassan, who presented the ISO 27001 international certification. The department obtained IT security management certification after it started implementing the new standards of ISO 27001 in its new version 27001:2022.

Advice! Prepare your body for 'safe' fasting during Ramadan

● **Precautions needed, healthcare provider advice is a 'must'**

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As Ramadan approaches, it is vital to prepare your body, as it can be a challenging month for many people who suffer with chronic illnesses. Although precautions are appropriate for some, seeking crucial advice from a healthcare

provider is a must.

Babu Ramachandran, general practitioner, said that people who suffer from chronic illnesses and are taking long-term medicine, can partake in the Holy Month with necessary precautions.

"Those who suffer with chronic conditions should seek recommendations by their healthcare provider to assess if their medications can be changed or modified in line with their upcoming fasting routines," Dr Ramachandran said.

He said that many patients



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- BABU RAMACHANDRAN, GENERAL PRACTITIONER

if they can take their required medicines during Ramadan.

Dr Ramachandran confirmed that medication can be adjusted

during the Holy Month; however, it is important for patients to seek their medical care provider's recommendation, as conditions vary amongst different patients.

Likewise, he said that generally, people tend to overeat once it gets to dinner time, which is not healthy for a person's digestive system.

"When breaking the fast, it should be done in slow intervals so that the body can adjust to the food, as overeating can lead to negative affects to the body," Dr Ramachandran said.

For those partaking in Ramadan, preparedness should be

organised such as spacing meals out throughout the day.

However, Dr Ramachandran questioned the practicality of this method, saying: "Although this method may be useful for some, many people possess different routines and errands where they do not contain enough time in a day to practise or prepare before Ramadan."

Most importantly, during Ramadan, Dr Ramachandran emphasised the importance of staying hydrated. "Drinking plenty of water is essential during Ramadan to keep yourself and your body hydrated whilst fasting."

Markets kick off a week ahead of Ramadan



Rizwan Saddik

Zahra Ayaz
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With less than a week left for Ramadan to begin, the markets have opened up with great offers and discounts on food and household items across the Kingdom.

Ramadan is expected to begin on March 23, so for locals, shopping and night market visits is an essential part of the holy month.

From souvenirs, furniture and clothes to dry fruits, dates, snacks and spices, these markets feature a diverse array of products throughout Ramadan.



Shop-goers are preparing for Ramadan

Several malls, stores and even online platforms like Talabat are running a month-long Ramadan promotions and discounts in various product categories.

Speaking to The Daily Tribune, Rizwan Saddik, worker at Sahela supermarket, said: "We

have Ramadan deals on the majority of the things such as Sunflower oil, yogurt, fruits, and 'buy two get one free' on frozen meat items.

"As Ramadan is this week, it goes without saying that we have a booming business and

are happy to offer our customers great discounts. It's a good sale, and since most customers visit at night, we also keep our store open 24/7 during Ramadan. Many consumers purchase food goods in bulk in order to save more money overall."

Two handed jail sentences for kidnapping Asian man

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The High Criminal Court sentenced an Arab man to five years in prison and a European woman to three years for kidnapping and robbing an Asian man.

In his report, the victim stated that he knew the second defendant (the European woman) who agreed to train him on using the computer at his workplace.

On the day of the incident, as soon as the two left the company headquarters, the first defendant disembarked from a vehicle wearing a security guard uniform and manhandled the victim into the vehicle.

Accompanied by the second defendant, he drove the victim to an empty lot where he

threatened him with a razor blade, demanding that he hand over all the movables in his possession. The victim surrendered his wallet, mobile phone and company keys.

The victim added that the first defendant attempted to bind his hands with an electric cable but was prevented at the time by a passing vehicle, so the defendant got them back into the car to move to a different location.

As the car moved, the victim opened the door and threw himself onto a public road. The two defendants fled and left him lying on the ground.

Afterwards, he headed to the police station to file a report. The defendants will be deported once they complete their jail terms.



Bahrain fifth best Arab country in global connectedness index

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Bahrain ranks fifth in the Arab world and 53rd globally overall amongst 171 countries in the DHL Global Connectedness Index 2022 in the field of logistics, labelling the Kingdom as a competitive market.

The in-depth report analyses data from over 170 countries, revealing how goods, people, capital, and information move around the world, providing an in-depth review of the state of globalisation and its prospects. Additionally, the report measures trade flows, capital, population, and communication.

The report states that the normalisation of relations between Israel, the UAE, Bahrain, Sudan, and Morocco, as well as the UAE-Israel 2022 free trade agreement, signals greater diplomatic integration and cooperation among some countries within the region.

East Asia and the Pacific and the Middle East and North

49	Romania	57	+8	+3
50	Brunei Darussalam	57	-3	-1
51	Mauritius	56	-1	0
52	Serbia	56	+4	+2
53	Bahrain	56	-5	-1
54	South Africa	55	+1	0
55	Turkey	55	-4	-1
56	Philippines	54	-3	-1
57	Kuwait	54	+7	+3
58	Macau SAR, China	54	+18	+5

Africa ranks fourth on overall connectedness, behind Europe and North America; however, all regions listed above, lie above the world average in average overall global connectedness, depth, and breadth by region, according to the index.

The index says that the region has its strongest ties on the trade and people pillars, ranking second on both. However on average, countries in the Mid-

dle East and North Africa offer lower levels of global connectedness based on their structural factors. The index states this is due to one pillar, information. Despite the pillar of information, the region outperforms in the remaining three pillars.

Qatar ranked 10th and the UAE fourth for countries with the largest connectedness increase since 2001-2021, and the UAE ranked sixth in terms of

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overall global connectedness. The index highlighted that the UAE (the most globally connected country in the Middle East), significantly increased its connectedness through a multifaceted economic development strategy regarding international shipping, air connections, tourism, and finance.

Three-month prison term for issuing bounced cheque

● **Defendant account has no BD50,000**

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The Lower Criminal Court has referred the case of a who issued a BD50,000 cheque in bad faith to a fellow Bahraini to the Civil Court and sentenced the defendant to three months in prison.

According to court files, the defendant befriended the plaintiff, and he offered him to join a business deal to buy metal. The plaintiff agreed to pay BD50,000, and the defendant handed him a cheque against the paid amount.

"I went to the bank to cash the cheque, and it bounced back. I was told that the account belonged to him, but had no money," the victim told prosecutors. The defendant was referred to the High Crim-



inal Court over accusations of issuing a cheque in bad faith.

"To issue a cheque in bad faith is a crime, and the defendant has to be punished for doing that," the plaintiff's lawyer told the court in his closing argument.

The Lower Criminal Court sentenced the defendant to three months behind bars and set his bail at BD100, pending the outcome of the Appeals Court.

Meanwhile, it also referred the case to the Civil Court to compensate the plaintiff.

3,890 mangroves planted in 'less than two hours'

25 volunteers from CleanUp Bahrain and Ministry of Municipalities Affairs and Agriculture take part

● Part of Kingdom's commitment to raising climate, environmental awareness campaigns

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In less than two hours, volunteers from the CleanUp Bahrain (CUP) and the Ministry of Municipalities Affairs and Agriculture planted an additional 3,890 mangrove plants in South Sitra.

Around 25 volunteers took part in the event opening the door for larger numbers in the upcoming Mangrove Planting project to cover wider areas.

Ruqaya Hashem, Co-founder and Vice President of CleanUp Bahrain, told The Daily Tribune that the campaign has been very unique and a first of its kind for CleanUp Bahrain, as it was both a cleanup and a green up all in one.

"As a collaboration with Ministry of Municipalities Affairs and Agriculture, and as an ongoing effort to plant over 230,000 mangroves by the year 2023, the members and volunteers of CleanUp Bahrain took part in cleaning up the designated beach from washed-up natural algae that cover the newly planted mangroves.

"These are yet to grow and hinder them from the sun that they require to take root and



Participants in the eco-friendly project



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- RUQAYA HASHEM, CO-FOUNDER AND VICE PRESIDENT OF CLEANUP BAHRAIN

grow. After cleaning the area, the volunteers continued planting the remaining area with more mangrove seedlings adding up to a total of 3,890 mangroves planted in less than two hours.

"The waste that was collected was all natural algae that had covered the mangroves and hindered them from growing."

CleanUp Bahrain is an enthusiastic and proactive group of Bahraini and expatriate volunteers that aim to make a differ-

ence in the society by actively hosting beach clean-ups all over the Kingdom.

His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, has highlighted the Kingdom's commitment to raising climate and environmental awareness through the provision of initiatives, policies and programmes aimed at strengthening climate-smart sustainable development.

The Municipal Affairs and Ag-

riculture Minister, Eng. Wael bin Nasser Al Mubarak, reviewed the accomplishments last year of quadrupling mangrove coverage and doubling tree coverage across the Kingdom.

It showcased the success in achieving 100 per cent of its annual afforestation goal by planting 110,000 seedlings of mangrove trees, and approximately 140,000 trees across several governorates.

Bahrain's afforestation plan

aims to double the number of trees by 2035, with mangroves trees increasing four-fold in accordance with the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change goals.

The plan also includes a number of initiatives, such as increasing the number of trees in government projects, encouraging community collaboration to maximise green space, and encouraging individuals to participate in afforestation.

Policemen and citizens honoured

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Muharrag Governor Salman bin Isa bin Hindi Al Mannai honoured a number of policemen and citizens in recognition of their efforts to promote community partnership and foster the spirit of belonging to the nation.

The ceremony was attended by Muharrag Deputy Governor Brigadier Abdullah bin Khalifa Al Jeeran and Muharrag Police Director Brigadier Saleh bin Rashed Al Dosari.

Smart City Summit 2023 kicks off in May

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The sixth edition of the Smart City Summit Committee 2023 (SmartWay Consulting Company) will be held on May 16-17, under the patronage of Municipalities Affairs and Agriculture Minister Wael bin Nasser Al Mubarak.

The organising committee stressed that the sixth edition of the summit keeps pace with the Kingdom's vision to initiate smart and sustainable cities.

The summit will focus on presenting global practices in the digital transformation of smart cities and discussing the most prominent challenges facing countries in the transition to smart cities.

Gudaibiya running out of parking spaces

Ashen Tharaka

Gudaibiya is heavily populated with expats and is currently running out of parking spaces due to the growing number of vehicles in the area.

Some drivers have to wait for

a long time to find space for their vehicles in the designated parking area or on the road during the evening hours, from 6pm to 9pm.

After 10pm, the Exhibition Avenue is completely blocked by

vehicles on both sides of the street.

Abdul Musavir, an Indian who has been living in Bahrain since 2000, told The Daily Tribune that in some days he had to stay outside for an hour to find parking space.

"There are few open spaces where we can park in Gudaibiya, however, those areas are not secure. The majority of the property is owned by private companies, and parking is not permitted there," Musavir said.

Before this becomes a significant problem for the city, Musavir expressed the need for parking spaces for the residence.

"Residents of Gudaibiya told us that sometimes they had to pay a third party to keep the spaces open until they got back from work," he said.

They claim that the area's smart parking meters are broken and that sometimes they have been fined for breaking the



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parking laws as a result.

This is a result of more vehicles being registered in the Kingdom, and it will now pose a serious problem for the residence.

The appropriate authorities must take the required action on this developing problem before it becomes a significant one.



Some smart parking meters in Gudaibiya are broken

Civil Defence holds evacuation exercise

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The General Directorate of Civil Defence has held an evacuation exercise at the Gulf Hotel in Adliya.

The evacuation scenario began with the alarm bell, as the hotel security and safety officials, under the supervision of the specialised civil defence team, guided all employees and hotel visitors outside at the safe gathering points through emergency exits.

The team said that the drill was within the framework of the virtual evacuation operations carried out by the General Directorate of Civil Defence to ensure the readiness



Firemen conduct evacuation drill

of facilities for emergencies by ensuring that they apply public safety requirements for vital facilities, as the evacuation experience.

The exercise converted 689 employees and hotel visitors were evacuated.

Joint inspection campaign



The Labour Market Regulatory Authority (LMRA) conducted a joint inspection campaign in the Capital Governorate, in coordination with the Nationality, Passports and Residence Affairs (NPRRA) of the Ministry of Interior and the Capital Governorate Police Directorate.



Bahrain Aluminum Extrusion Company (BALEXCO)

BALEXCO invites applications for the following positions: -

SALES MANAGER

- Professional qualification in Sales, Business Admin or equivalent.
- Seven (7) plus year's managerial experience in the Sales and Marketing within an industrial organization preferably.
- Candidate is expected to assume overall responsibility for sales, foresee the markets and lead the sale activity and team.

SALES EXECUTIVE

- Bachelor degree in either Sales & Marketing, Mechanical Engineering, or any related major.
- Five (5) Plus year's hands-on experience in Sales, within an industrial organization preferably
- Candidate expected have good communication, negotiation skills and Develop customer relationships.

Candidates should be willing to travel visiting customers.
Age not more than 50 years
Applicants to submit CV along with a covering letter with photo stating the current and expected salary package, notice period for joining and relevant certificates within 7 days to email: career@balexco.com.bh

India's Titan, Aerolam Middle East to invest US\$45 million in Bahrain

● Titan will be opening 3 retail outlets over a span of 15 months to 18 months

● Aerolam plant will be at Bahrain International Investment Park

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Bahraini officials during a meeting with Titan company officials



Meeting with Aerolam officials

Two industrial behemoths from India, Aerolam Middle East and Titan Company Limited (Titan), are to set foot in Bahrain bringing around US\$45 million investment to the Kingdom.

Bahrain's Economic Development Board announced this milestone achievement during a recent visit by a high-level Bahraini delegation to India.

Titan, a part of the billion-dollar Tata group, is the world's fifth-largest wristwatch man-

ufacturer and plans to launch Tanishq, its flagship and fastest-growing fine jewelry brand in India, in Bahrain with an expected investment of around USD 30 million.

Tanishq currently has a presence of 410 stores and is India's most trusted jewellery brand with an extremely high brand recall.

Naresh Nair, Head of operations, at Tanishq, said, "We have earmarked the location of our

first store and will be opening 3 retail outlets over a span of 15 months to 18 months."

Similarly, Aerolam Middle East is establishing its first overseas manufacturing unit in Bahrain with an investment of USD 14.5 million. The plant will operate out of Bahrain International Investment Park (BIIP).

The company, a subsidiary of Aerolam Insulations from India, specialises in the production of insulation materials like

foam sheets and Cross-Linked Polyethylene pipes, using cutting-edge engineering and research and development techniques.

"We are thrilled to have the unwavering support of the Bahraini government as we establish our first manufacturing unit outside of Gujarat, India," said Brijesh Patel, Managing Director at Aerolam Insulations Pvt. Ltd. "Bahrain's strategic location and advanced logistics infrastruc-

ture make it an ideal choice for us to serve the GCC region with greater efficiency and speed."

Ali AlMudaifa, Chief of Business Development at Bahrain EDB, also expressed optimism about the investments, stating, "With Bahrain's business-friendly environment and state-of-the-art logistics infrastructure, we anticipate both companies will establish a strong presence in Bahrain, contributing to the diversity of our economy and



India remains one of Bahrain's top 10 trading partners. In fact, trade between the two countries has surged by 30% since 2018, hitting a whopping USD 1.4 billion in 2022. By prioritizing key industries such as financial services, ICT, logistics, manufacturing, and tourism, Bahrain's Economic Development Board (EDB) has successfully attracted over USD 1.1 billion in foreign direct investment from a diverse range of global companies this year alone. These investments are expected to create more than 6,300 jobs over the next three years.

leveraging Bahrain's position as a gateway to the region."

Nissan Bahrain launches Ramadan bundle offers



Cars on display at the Nissan showroom

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Y.K. Almoayyed & Sons, the sole distributor of Nissan vehicles in Bahrain, said it has "irresistible" offers on every Nissan vehicle for this Ramadan.

The offers are available on popular models like Sunny, Maxima, Kicks, All New X-Trail, X-Terra, Pathfinder and Patrol.

Under the offer, customers can enjoy a free service package for up to five years, a five-year manufacturer's warranty, insurance, regis-

tration, rustproofing, and tinting.

The promotion covers all Nissan models, from Sunny starting at BD 6,795 to Patrol starting at BD 25,495, including Kicks at BD 7,995, X-Trail at BD 11,195, X-Terra at BD 11,895, Maxima at BD 13,995, and Pathfinder at BD 17,495, all inclusive of VAT.

"We are certain that these offers by Nissan will receive a lot of positive response, as it has in the previous years," stated Ahmed Al Dailami, General Manager, Nissan Bahrain.

Bank ABC AGM approves US\$46 million dividend

Shareholders approved 1.5% dividend or US\$1.5 cents for each outstanding share

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Bank ABC's (Arab Banking Corporation) Annual Ordinary General Meeting yesterday approved a recommendation to distribute a dividend of US\$46.4 million, which is a 50% increase from last year's dividend.

The dividend will be paid in cash at US\$1.5 cent per share, compared to US\$1.0 cent per share in 2022.

Shareholders further approved the consolidated financial statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2022, with a net profit attributable to



Bank officials during the AGM

shareholders of US\$154 million. The results come on the back of significant growth in core business across the Group's net-

work, aided by higher interest rates prevalent during the year, contributing towards crossing a historic US\$1 billion mark in

revenue.

Commenting, Bank ABC's Group Chairman, Saddek Omar El Kaber, said, "The Bank continues to accelerate performance, and set bold aspirations, aiming to gain market share notwithstanding continuing economic headwinds such as ongoing war in Europe, persistent inflation, and tighter monetary policy in many of our markets. We remain steadfast on capitalizing our strengths and leveraging our investments to continue to drive profitable growth for 2023 and the years to come."

BBK launches Ramadan car loan offers

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BBK, a top retail bank in auto and vehicle lease financing, has unveiled its Ramadan Car Loans campaign aimed at providing competitively preferential interest rates on car loans.

BBK plans to offer these loans through simple and quick procedures at all auto dealers and resellers in Bahrain.



Dr Adel Salem

Dr Adel Salem, General Manager of Retail Banking at BBK, confirmed the bank's commitment to simplified loan procedures, expedited approvals, flexible payment terms, and loan tenors in accordance with the customer's financial solvency. Dr Salem explained that Car Loan offers are part of BBK's integrated loan portfolios,

which also include Personal and Mortgage loans that come with unique benefits.

"We are keen to establish BBK as the go-to source for finance that is ideal for helping retail customers realize their dreams. We are dedicated to continuing offering the best financial products to meet all of the objectives of our valued clients."

Fintech investment in EMEA region drops significantly in 2022: report

Despite a significant decline from 2021, global fintech investment managed third-best year

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Investment in the Fintech sector in the Europe, Middle East, and Africa (EMEA) region experienced a significant decline last year, despite the year being the third best globally for Fintech investment ever and second strongest for deal value, according to a report.



Manav Prakash - Advisory Partner

As per Pulse of Fintech H2'22 published by KPMG, Investment

in the Fintech sector in EMEA region dropped from US\$79 billion across 2,379 deals in 2021 to US\$44.9 billion across 1,977 deals in 2022.

The lack of high-value deals worth over US\$1 billion in H2'22 contributed to the significant drop-off.

While H1'22 saw eight M&A transactions and two VC rais-

es, H2'22 saw just three M&A deals over US\$1 billion, leading to a rapidly changing market condition.

Despite being the third best year, Global fintech investment also fell from a record US\$238.9 billion across 7,321 deals in 2021 to US\$164.1 billion across 6,006 deals in 2022.

In addition, investment in

crypto and blockchain declined from US\$30 billion in 2021 to US\$23.1 billion in 2022 due to a plummeting of investor sentiment in the consumer crypto space and crypto exchanges.

The report said Investors are now looking towards broader blockchain-based solutions and value propositions, leading to potentially more diversified

investments in the blockchain sector in 2023.

As per Manav Prakash, Advisory Partner at KPMG in Bahrain, the challenging market conditions are unlikely to ease as we move into H1'23, leading to subdued fintech investment, although some fintech sub-sectors are expected to be more resilient than others.

News in brief

◆ **Yesterday, Ecuadorian and Peruvian officials collaborated to evaluate the aftermath of a powerful earthquake that rattled the area, resulting in a minimum of 15 fatalities and several hundred injuries. The quake, measuring 6.8 magnitude, occurred at noon on Saturday in the Guayas province of Ecuador and caused tremors in various parts of both countries' northern border towns. By midnight on Saturday, the Ecuadorian government had confirmed 12 fatalities in El Oro province and two in Azuay province, with over 440 reported injuries.**



Ecuador, Peru authorities assess damage after earthquake that killed at least 15

◆ **New Hampshire Governor**

Chris Sununu expressed yesterday that the possibility of charging former President Donald Trump for his alleged involvement in covering up hush money payments to a porn star during his 2016 campaign is generating sympathy for the Republican leader. Despite Trump's supporters storming the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021, to try to overturn his 2020 presidential election defeat, he took to social media on Saturday to announce that he expected to be arrested on Tuesday. In his post, Trump cited leaks from the Manhattan district attorney's office and urged people to protest but did not address the possible charges. "It's building a lot of sympathy for the former president," Sununu told CNN's "State of the Union" program, citing conversations he had with people who were not "big Trump supporters" but felt that he was being unfairly targeted. Trump is seeking the 2024 Republican nomination, while Sununu, a relatively moderate member of the party, is considering a run. A spokesperson for Trump denied that he had received any arrest notifications, and Trump did not provide evidence of any leaks from the Manhattan district attorney's office.

Possibility of Trump's arrest builds sympathy among his supporters



◆ **A white tiger cub, believed to be a victim of the illegal wildlife trade, was found abandoned in a rubbish bin at an Athens zoo, and Greek veterinarians are working to save it. According to Reuters, the three-month-old cub was discovered under a garbage bin in the parking lot of the Attica Zoological Park by a cleaner on February 28th, and the zoo founder, Jean-Jacques Lesueur, stated that it was the first time an animal of this kind had been dumped outside the zoo. The zoo's security camera footage shows a vehicle arriving at the bins before midnight on the previous night, and authorities are attempting to trace the license plates. The cub's back leg was found to have a metal pin inserted during an X-ray, and if it survives, it will be relocated to a sanctuary as the zoo has no other animals of its kind. International wildlife and animal welfare organizations have already reached out to the zoo to offer assistance. The cub is in a serious condition, and caring for tigers is challenging due to their size, diet, and aggressiveness, according to the zoo's head keeper for cats, Andrea Cerny.**



Athens zoo fights to save tiger cub found in garbage

CURIOSER & CURIOSER

WWII naval mine destroyed in Croatia bay



Representative picture. (Courtesy of the Washington Post)

Zagreb, Croatia

Experts yesterday destroyed a large World War II naval mine found by chance in a northern Croatian port, prompting hundreds of residents to be evacuated, officials said. The 150-kilo (330-pound) mine, laid by German forces more than 80 years ago during WWII, was uncovered during construction work at the Rijeka port in June. The explosive device had not been noticed earlier as it was partially buried in the muddy seabed at a depth of about 50 metres (164 feet), officials have previously said. Traffic was halted and some 500 residents of the area where the mine was found were evacuated for safety reasons ahead of the operation, conducted by special police divers helped by the army, according to an AFP photographer. The mine was towed from the port to the Rijeka bay where it was successfully destroyed, according to local civil protection official Hinko Mance.

Assad in UAE for second po

● **Sheikh Mohamed greeted Assad and his wife Asma in the capital**

● **Assad praised the UAE's role in strengthening relations**

AFP | Dubai, United Arab Emirates

Syrian President Bashar al-Assad met yesterday with Emirati leaders in Abu Dhabi, his second Gulf visit since last month's earthquake in his country prompted renewed efforts to bring Damascus back into the Arab fold.

The trip -- Assad's second to



Sheikh Mohamed welcomes the Syrian President (Courtesy of WAM)

the United Arab Emirates in as many years -- comes after a visit to Oman last month, his only official engagements in Arab coun-

tries since the start of Syria's war in 2011. The UAE's president, Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan,

greeted Assad and his wife Asma in the capital, the official news agency WAM said, before high-level meetings at the presi-

Kuwait reinstates old parliament after annulling 2022 vote

AFP | Kuwait City, Kuwait

Kuwait's constitutional court yesterday nullified last year's legislative elections and ruled to reinstate the previous parliament, state media said. The ruling was made due to discrepancies in the decree dissolving the previous parliament, the official KUNA news agency said.

The September polls saw opposition members take a parliamentary majority with 28 out of 50 seats.

"The Kuwaiti Constitutional Court issued a verdict on Sunday annulling the results of the 2022 National Assembly elections," KUNA said.

It also ruled to reinstate the parliament that was elected in 2020 but dissolved following orders by the crown prince in June, KUNA said.

"The dissolved council, from the date of issuance of this ruling... will regain its constitutional authority, as though it was never dissolved," president of the Constitutional Court Mohammad bin Naji told lawyers and journalists.

Marzouq al-Ghanim returns as parliament speaker, a position he had held since 2013 but lost in last year's poll. He replaces Ahmed al-Saadoun.

Lawyer Nawaf al-Yassin said Sunday's ruling followed several electoral appeals.

"The appeals relate to the invalidity of the electoral process, the decrees calling for elections, and the decree dissolving the previous National Assembly," he told AFP.

In January, Kuwait's government resigned three months after it was sworn in due to disputes with lawmakers. It was the sixth government in just three years.



Firefighters extinguish a bus which met with an accident in Madaripur

19 killed in Bangladesh bus crash

Dhaka, Bangladesh

At least 19 people were killed and up to 25 were injured yesterday in Bangladesh after a bus smashed through a highway fence and plunged into a roadside ditch, according to police.

Police said they suspected the driver lost control at 8:00 am (0200 GMT) and hit the railing of a recently built major expressway, sending the bus tumbling 30 feet (nine metres) into the ditch.

"The death toll has risen to 19. At least 12 people were critically injured. They have been sent to Dhaka Medical College Hospital in the capital," local police chief Masud Alam

Police said they suspected the driver lost control at 8:00 am (0200 GMT) and hit the railing of a recently built major expressway, sending the bus tumbling 30 feet (nine metres) into the ditch.

told AFP after the crash in the southern district of Shibchar. Road accidents are frequent in Bangladesh due to old and badly maintained vehicles and roads, as well as poorly trained drivers.

According to the Bangladeshi passengers' welfare association, a record 9,951 people were killed in road accidents in Bangladesh last year.

Putin v trip to c

● **Russia marks the ninth anniversary of the peninsula's annexation**

● **Putin took a tour of the city and was seen driving a car**

● **The visit triggered an angry reaction from Ukraine**

● **Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov told reporters the visit was "spontaneous"**

Kyiv, Ukraine

Russian President Vladimir Putin made a surprise trip to Mariupol, the Kremlin said yesterday, his first visit to territory captured from Ukraine since the start of Moscow's invasion.

Just hours after Putin visited Crimea to mark the ninth anniversary of the peninsula's annexation, video distributed by the Kremlin showed him landing by helicopter in Mariupol, the port city that Moscow captured after a long siege last spring.

North Korea fires ballistic missile: Yon

Seoul, South Korea

North Korea fired a ballistic missile yesterday, Yonhap news agency reported, the latest launch to come as South Korea and the United States stage major military drills.

"North Korea fires ballistic missile towards the East Sea," Yonhap reported, citing Seoul's Joint Chiefs of Staff and referring to the body of water also known as the Sea of Japan.

After a record-breaking year of weapons tests and growing nuclear threats from Pyongyang, Seoul



People watch a television showing a news broadcast with file footage of a North Korean missile test, at a railway station in Seoul

and Washington have ramped up security cooperation, and on March 13 kicked off their largest joint military drills in five years.

Known as Freedom Shield, the drills run for 10 days.

North Korea views all such exercises as rehearsals for invasion and has repeatedly warned it would take "overwhelming" action in response.

Sunday's launch also comes just days after Pyongyang test-fired its largest and most powerful missile, a Hwasong-17 -- its second ICBM test this year.

The North's state media de-

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Alessandro Volta reports his discovery of the electric battery in a letter to Joseph Banks, president of the Royal Society of London

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Napoleon enters Paris after escape from Elba, begins 100-day rule



Dachau the first Nazi concentration camp, is completed

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Barack Obama becomes the first US President to visit Cuba since 1928, arriving for a 3 day tour

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Post-quake Gulf visit

dential palace. "We held constructive talks aimed at developing relations between our two countries," the Emirati president said in a statement.

"Our discussions also explored ways of enhancing cooperation to accelerate stability and progress in Syria and the region," Sheikh Mohamed added.

"The UAE's approach and efforts towards Syria are part of a deeper vision and a broader approach aimed at strengthening Arab and regional stability," said senior Emirati presidential adviser Anwar Gargash.

"The UAE's position is clear regarding the need for Syria to return to its place in the Arab world and regain legitimacy in the

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The UAE had pledged more than \$100 million in assistance to quake-hit Syria, by far the largest sum from any single nation

region, Gargash said on Twitter. "This was confirmed by His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed during his meeting today" with Assad, the adviser added.

During Sunday's meeting, Assad praised the UAE's role in strengthening relations between Arab countries, according to a statement by the Syrian presiden-

cy. The Syrian president criticised the policy of severing of ties between Arab states as an "incorrect principle in politics," arguing that relations should be "fraternal," the statement said.

The UAE had pledged more than \$100 million in assistance to quake-hit Syria, by far the largest sum from any single nation.

It had also dispatched a search and rescue team, provided thousands of tonnes in emergency relief items and provided medical treatment for Syrian quake victims in Emirati hospitals.

And the UAE's foreign minister, Sheikh Abdullah bin Zayed Al Nahyan, last month became the first senior Arab official to visit Syria since the quake.

Iran's Raisi 'welcomes' invitation by Saudi king: official

Tehran, Iran

Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi has "welcomed" an invitation from Saudi Arabia's King Salman to visit the kingdom following the reconciliation deal between the two countries, an Iranian official said yesterday.

"In a letter to President Raisi... the King of Saudi Arabia welcomed the deal between the two brotherly countries (and) invited him to Riyadh," tweeted Mohammad Jamshidi, the Iranian president's deputy chief of staff for political affairs, adding that "Raisi welcomed the invitation".

Saudi and Iran announced on March 11 a Chinese-brokered deal to restore ties nearly seven years after they were severed. Iranian Foreign Min-



Iran's President Ebrahim Raisi

ister Hossein Amir-Abdollahi-told reporters Sunday that the two countries had agreed to hold a meeting between their top diplomats.

He added that three locations for the talks had been suggested, without specifying which.

Putin visits Mariupol in first occupied territory



Russia's President Vladimir Putin (L) speaking with apartment block residents as he visits the Ukrainian city of Mariupol

Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov told reporters the visit was "spontaneous", adding that Putin's movements around the city and his meeting with locals were not planned.

He added that the visit took place "very late" on Saturday and in the early hours yesterday.

It was Putin's first trip to the eastern Donbas region since he launched the invasion in February 2022, and comes almost a year after Moscow announced the capture of Mariupol after a campaign that saw the destruction of the Azovstal steel works, the last holdout of Ukrainian forces in the strategic port city.

Beijing, a strategic ally of Moscow, has touted the trip as a "visit for peace" as it seeks to play mediator in the Ukraine conflict.

Putin also met army chiefs including the chief of the general staff, Valery Gerasimov, in the southern Russian city of Rostov-on-Don near the border with Ukraine, the Kremlin said.

He also made a surprise visit to Crimea on Saturday, with Russian state TV showing him visiting the Black Sea port city of Sevastopol accompanied by the local Moscow-appointed governor Mikhail Razvozhayev.

Israeli-Palestinian talks in Egypt aim to 'restore calm'



Palestinians ride camels during an event marking the 47th anniversary of Land Day in Deir al-Balah in the central Gaza Strip

Cairo, Egypt

Israeli and Palestinian officials were holding talks in Egypt yesterday "to restore calm" after a surge in deadly violence in the occupied West Bank, Egypt's foreign ministry said.

The meeting, which follows similar talks last month in Jordan where both sides pledged to prevent more violence, comes amid concerns of a feared escalation during the holy month of Ramadan starting in the coming week.

The meeting is aimed at "supporting dialogue between the Palestinian and Israeli sides to put a stop to unilateral actions and escalation and break the cycle of violence", Egypt's foreign ministry added.

Officials from Egypt, Jordan and the United States were at-

tending the meeting in the Red Sea resort of Sharm al-Sheikh, it added.

Hussein al-Sheikh, Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) secretary general, said Saturday on Twitter that the Palestinian delegation would participate "to demand an end to the continuous Israeli aggression against us".

Few details have emerged from the talks, but the efforts were already rejected by militant Palestinian factions.

The Israeli-Palestinian conflict has claimed the lives of 86 Palestinian adults and children this year.

Thirteen Israeli adults and children, including members of the security forces and civilians, and one Ukrainian civilian have been killed over the same period, according to an AFP tally based on official sources from both sides.

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Russia annexed Crimea in 2014 following a referendum that was not recognised by Kyiv and the international community.

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scribed the ICBM launch as a response to the ongoing, "frantic" US-South Korea drills.

Just hours after the ICBM was fired Thursday, South Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol arrived in Japan to thaw long-frozen ties and boost cooperation in the face of an increasingly aggressive Pyongyang.

Last year, North Korea declared itself an "irreversible" nuclear power, and leader Kim Jong Un recently called for an "exponential" increase in weapons production, including tactical nukes.

Former Qatar finance minister charged with bribery, corruption

● Al-Emadi, 54, was arrested in May 2021

Doha, Qatar

Qatari prosecutors have charged former finance minister Ali Sharif Al-Emadi with bribery, money laundering and a range of corruption charges, the state news agency said yesterday.

Al-Emadi, 54, was arrested in May 2021 when he was one of the most influential business



Ali Sharif Al-Emadi

executives in the Middle East. He will face trial with other defendants, Qatar News Agency reported.

The former minister has been charged with "bribery, appropriation of public money, abuse of office, abuse of power, damage to public money and money laundering," prosecutors were quoted as saying.

Al-Emadi, who became finance minister and chairman of Qatar National Bank in 2013, has not been held in detention.

Prosecutors said the investigation had been completed "by interrogating the accused, hearing witnesses, and examining the technical reports" but gave no details on the charges, the

sums involved or the identity of the other accused.

Al-Emadi rose through the ranks after joining QNB in 2005 as it became one of the most influential banking groups in the Middle East.

Diplomats with knowledge of the investigation said that scores of business people and government officials have been questioned in the case.

Just ahead of Al-Emadi's arrest, Qatar's emir, Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani, revised the law to end immunity from prosecution for ministers.



TOP 4 TWEETS

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India is increasingly becoming aspirational. We are leaving no stone unturned to empower our citizens. Promise as well as performance... here is why it is India's Moment.

@narendramodi

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Latte is really just an excuse for adults to order warm milk without sounding like a baby

@elonmusk

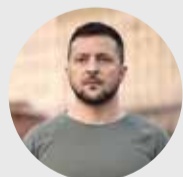
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The climate crisis is also a water crisis - but all of us can be part of the solution.

@antonioguterres

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All those who produce weapons for terror against Ukraine, who help Russia incite aggression, in particular by supplying Shahed drones, who support Russia's destruction of international law, can only be marginals for the world.

@ZelenskyyUa

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celebs

I don't want to disappoint fans, says Ke Huy Quan

Celebretainment | Los Angeles

Ke Huy Quan doesn't want to "disappoint" his supporters.

The 51-year-old star recently won the Best Supporting Actor gong at the Oscars for his role in 'Everything Everywhere All At Once', and he's now turning his focus towards the future.

He told Variety: "I attended an event recently and sat next to Cate Blanchett. I told her that I don't know



Ke Huy Quan

what I'm going to do next, but I feel I have a responsibility to do something good, and that I don't want to disappoint all the people that have supported me. And she said, Just go with your heart and be irresponsible: Don't worry about what other people think. Choose something that you believe in, choose something that you love, and

things will work out."

Quan endured a fallow period in his career before he returned to the spotlight and achieved spectacular success.

And despite his frustrations, the actor never looked for any excuses.

Quan - who was born in Vietnam, before his family moved to the US in the 1970s - explained: "I was taught never to blame anybody.

"If something doesn't go the way you want, it's either because you didn't work hard enough,

you weren't good enough or you didn't try hard enough.

So when I couldn't get a job, I blamed myself: I thought I wasn't tall enough, I wasn't good-looking enough, or I wasn't a good enough actor because I wasn't classically trained. I never blamed anybody - even to this day.

"We talk about Asian representation, but I don't like to look at the past and say, 'Oh, my God, how bad it was!' I'd rather focus on the present and moving forward. A lot has changed."

Quan endured a fallow period in his career before he returned to the spotlight and achieved spectacular success

Keira Knightley rules out Pirates of the Caribbean return

Celebretainment | Los Angeles

Keira Knightley has ruled out a return to the 'Pirates of the Caribbean' series.

The 37-year-old actress is happy with how her character Elizabeth Swann's story was told in the Disney franchise so despite producer Jerry Bruckheimer having expressed an interest to make a new movie with original star Johnny Depp, she doesn't think there would be a reason to bring back her alter ego.

She told 'Entertainment Tonight': "What about Elizabeth Swan?"

"I mean, she sailed away so nicely. She sailed away in brilliant style."

The first movie in the series celebrates its 20th anniversary this year but Keira doesn't remember "very much" about the film because it came at such a pivotal point in her career when she was incredibly busy.

She said: "It sort of launched me out of a rocket, really, as far as my career went.

"That year was 'Bend It Like Beckham', 'Love Actually' and 'Pirates of the Caribbean'.

"So, I'm being asked about all three. Unfor-

tunately, I was 16 and 17. So I don't really remember very much of it, but yes, it certainly was a very big year for me."

Keira's comments came just a few days after producer Jerry admitted he "would love" to bring Johnny back as Captain Jack Sparrow.

He said: "We'll see. I would love it. I would love to have him in the movie. That's all I can tell you."

The filmmaker and his team are "very excited" about what is in store for the sixth movie in the series.

Asked for an update on the project, he said: "We're all working on it. We'll see how it comes out.

"But we're all very excited. I think we're gonna have a great screenplay, and we're getting close."

Jerry - who has produced block-

busters including 'Beverly Hills Cop' and 'Top Gun' - previously confirmed that the character of Captain Jack Sparrow would never be killed off.

He said: "You can't. We tried to kill him. It didn't work."

Keira Knightley



Keira Knightley

Rupert Grint: Everything seems dangerous when you're a dad!

Celebretainment | Los Angeles

Rupert Grint never stops worrying about his daughter.

The 34-year-old actor has two-year-old Wednesday with 'Angus, Thongs, and Perfect Snogging' star Georgia Groome but admitted that becoming a parent has turned him into a "hypochondriac" before joking that it can be "really stressful" to have both his daughter and a cat running around.

He said: "I think becoming a dad forces you to discover things, and now I'm a bit of a hypochondriac. Having a baby, you're worried about her at all times. Everything seems dangerous. I bought a full-size ostrich skeleton. It's 8 feet tall and came fully assembled, but it's so delicate. It's really stressful to have in your living room, especially when we've got a cat and Wednesday running



Rupert Grint

Millie Bobby Brown: I need a beauty routine!

Celebretainment | Los Angeles

Millie Bobby Brown "needs" to have a beauty routine because of her busy schedule.

The 19-year-old actress is known for her role as Eleven in 'Stranger Things' and also stars in the 'Enola Holmes' film franchise and admitted that taking time out of her hectic lifestyle to complete a 10-minute skincare routine is a must.

She told Parade magazine: "I have a routine because I need routine—I think everyone needs routine. I think it's really

important to be able to have that 10 minutes of your day so that you can focus on yourself and give back what your soul needs.

"So much of the day consists of work, work, work for me, so being able to take that 10 minutes out of my day to drink a bottle of water, sit down, do something I enjoy, play with my ani-



Millie Bobby Brown

mals—you know, even just sit in my office and be able to talk to people, take care of myself, take care of my skin. I think so much of that is what makes me ready for the next day. So that routine is just basically, consists of drinking water, playing with my animals, doing my skincare routine, going to therapy, journaling and doing what I love, creating more goals."

Nicolas Cage discusses forgotten Superman film

Celebretainment | Los Angeles

Nicolas Cage "doesn't need" to be of the Marvel Cinematic Universe.

The 59-year-old was tipped to play the title role in 'Superman Lives' in the 1990s before the movie was eventually shelved and explained that it never happened even though he was sure it would be a "bullseye

to hit" and he pushed for Tim Burton to direct.

He told Variety: "They wanted Renny Harlin to do the movie. I sat down with Renny. I was doing another picture, he came to the trailer and we talked. I liked Renny... but I thought if I'm going to do this, it's such a bullseye to hit.

"I said, this has to be Tim Burton. I called Tim and said, 'Would you do this?' Tim didn't cast me, I cast Tim, and Tim said yes. I loved what he did with Michael [Keaton] and Bat-



Nicolas Cage

man, and I was a big fan.

"It was more of a 1980s Su-

perman with like, the samurai black long hair. I thought it was gonna be a really different, sort of emo Superman, but we never got there."

Meanwhile, the 'Unbearable Weight of Massive Talent' star actor - whose real name is Nicolas Kim Coppola - took his stage surname from Marvel character Luke Cage but understands the "frustration" of the franchise these days and insists he does not feel the need to star in it in any capacity.

He added: "I've gotta be nice

about Marvel movies, because I named myself after a Stan Lee character named Luke Cage. What am I going to do, put Marvel movies down? Stan Lee is my surrealistic father. He named me. I understand what the frustration is. I get it. But I think there's plenty of room for everybody. I'm seeing movies like 'Tár'. I'm seeing all kinds of artistic and independently driven movies. I think there's plenty of room for everybody.

"I don't need to be in the MCU, I'm Nic Cage!"

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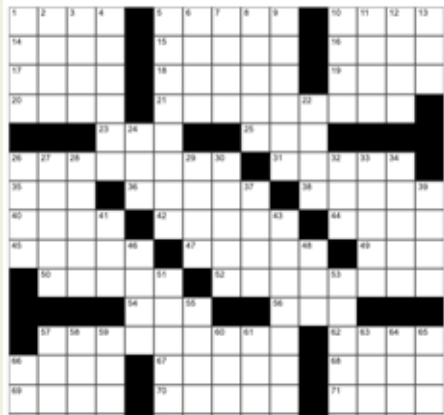
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How to play

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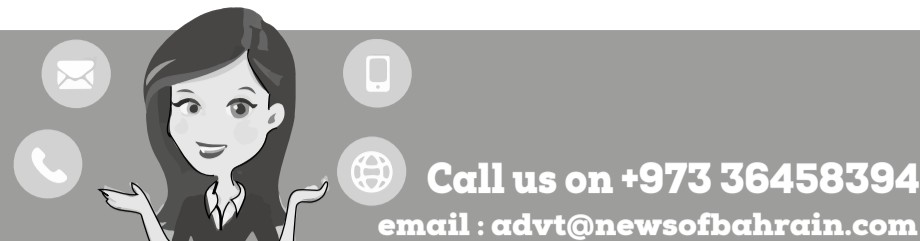
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Yesterday's solution

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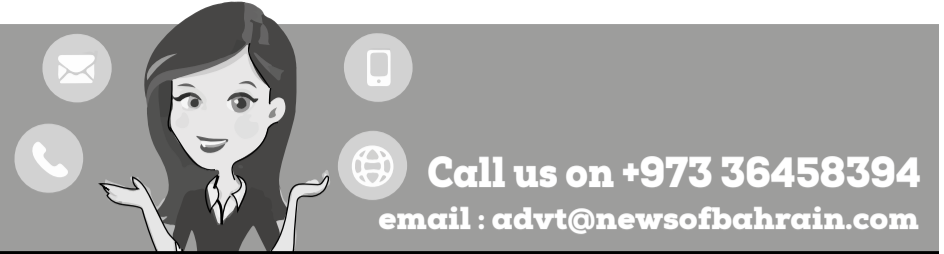
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Alcaraz sets desert duel with Medvedev with No. 1 at stake



Daniil Medvedev hits a forehand return to Frances Tiafoe

AFP | Indian Wells

Former world number ones Carlos Alcaraz and Daniil Medvedev will battle for a first Indian Wells ATP Masters 1000 title after straight sets semi-final victories on Saturday.

Spain's second-ranked Alcaraz, the top seed who can return to the summit with a third Masters 1000 title yesterday, defeated 13th-ranked Italian Jannik Sinner 7-6 (7/4), 6-3 to reach his third final of 2023.

After a season start delayed by injury, Alcaraz has won the title in Buenos Aires and reached the final in Rio de Janeiro last month.

Meanwhile, Medvedev is riding a 19-match ATP win streak and seeking his fourth title in as many tournaments after victories in Rotterdam, Doha and Dubai.

The sixth-ranked Russian - who had never made it past the fourth round at Indian Wells -- survived a late surge from Frances Tiafoe for a 7-5, 7-6 (7/4) victory over the 16th-ranked American.

In control for most of the match, Medvedev needed eight match points to finally put it away with an ace on his final opportunity.



I am an ambitious guy. I want to play against the best players in the world and I would say that Daniil is the best player right now. Amazing winning streak -- it's going to be a difficult challenge but I am prepared for that

CARLOS ALCARAZ



Carlos Alcaraz of Spain in action



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"I'm just really happy that I managed not to lose this match and not to have regrets, nightmares, whatever," Medvedev said.

Alcaraz, who beat Sinner in an epic five-setter on the way to the US Open title last year, had gained the upper hand on the Italian with an early first-set break, but he gave it back with a sloppy game that featured four unforced errors and allowed Sinner to level the set at 4-4.

With Alcaraz suddenly struggling, Sinner held for 5-4 and piled on the pressure with a set point at 6-5 that Alcaraz saved with a drop shot followed by a textbook volley winner.

'Best in the world' Starc helps Australia crush India

● Starc and Marsh lead Australia to rapid 10-wicket rout of India in second ODI

● Starc takes five wickets, Marsh smashes unbeaten 66

● India were bowled out for 117 with Australia racing to their target in a one-day game that lasted only 37 overs

AFP | Visakhapatnam

Mitchell Starc yesterday returned figures of 5-53 with his excellent swing and seam to power Australia to a series-levelling 10-wicket win over India in the second one-day international.

Starc, a left-arm quick, rattled the Indian batting with his pace and swing to bundle out the opposition for just 117 in only 26 overs in Visakhapatnam. Openers Travis Head, who hit 51, and Mitchell Marsh, who smashed 66 off 36 balls, then took apart the Indian bowling to romp home in 11 overs.

Australia finished the chase with 39 overs to spare and bounce back from their opening defeat to hand India their biggest ODI loss in terms of balls remaining.



Australia's Mitchell Starc (R) celebrates with teammates after the dismissal of India's captain Rohit Sharma



Only four India batters reached double-figures after not having answers to Starc's swing and pace

Starc led the team's lethal attack with the wicket of Shubman Gill for a duck after the tourists decided to bowl first after overnight rain.

"It was a great day for us," man of the match Starc told broadcasters Star Sports.

"I think the bowling unit was pretty spot on. I guess the con-

ditions helped the ball swing a bit but I think we bowled really good areas. We were probably on the more aggressive side when we started to get a few wickets in the powerplay."

Marsh, who stood out with his blazing knock that included six fours and six sixes, praised Starc.

"It was a pleasure to watch. You know what he can do with the white-ball, especially when he is swinging it. He is the best in the world," said Marsh.

Two successive strikes from Starc to get returning skipper Rohit Sharma for 13 and then Suryakumar Yadav, out for a second straight first-ball duck, pushed India onto the back foot.

KL Rahul played out the hat-trick ball but lasted for just 11 more deliveries before falling leg before wicket to Starc, who



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returned figures of 4-31 in his first spell of six overs.

Skipper Steve Smith took a stunning one-handed catch at first slip to dismiss Hardik Pandya for one off the bowling of Sean Abbott, who took three wickets.

Smith went full stretch to his right and was airborne when he took the catch off an edge from Pandya, setting social media abuzz with praise for his "superman" effort.

Virat Kohli attempted to hit back for India with a score of 31 that included four boundaries before he was trapped in front by Nathan Ellis.

Wickets kept tumbling and the departure of Ravindra Jadeja, the hero from Friday's first match in Mumbai, for 16 off the bowling of Ellis added to India's woes.

Dominant New Zealand close on series sweep of Sri Lanka

AFP | Wellington

New Zealand maintained their dominance over Sri Lanka in the second Test yesterday, enforcing a follow-on and setting up the likelihood of a series clean sweep with two days to play.

The tourists reached 113-2 in their second innings at stumps on day three but still trailed by 303 runs at Wellington's Basin Reserve.

They need a massive turnaround to avoid defeat after being skittled out for 164 in their first innings in response to the Black Caps' 580-4 declared.

Starting off with a deficit of 416 runs, they showed more fight in their second turn at bat. Captain Dimuth Karunaratne



Sri Lanka's Kasun Rajitha (R) is run out by New Zealand's Michael Bracewell (L)

posted his second half-century of the day before being dismissed by counterpart Tim Southee for 51, caught in the deep after fellow-opener Oshada Fernando had been removed

cheaply. Kusal Mendis was at the crease on 50 and Angelo Mathews unbeaten on one off 40 balls, with the pair seeing off the last 11.5 overs in stoic



To take three wickets in the first innings is a nice surprise and to have it happen on day three is pretty exciting for a spinner

MICHAEL BRACEWELL

fashion. Sri Lanka's best hopes of saving the Test could rest with the weather.

Rain is forecast for the final day, meaning they could force a stalemate if they can successfully bat through Monday, when cold, blustery conditions are expected and may make life uncomfortable for New Zealand in the field.

Bahrain volleyball teams set for Asian events

Two of Kingdom's national squads set for leading continental competitions this summer

● **Bahrain in Pool F alongside Sri Lanka, Indonesia for AVC Challenge Cup for Men**

● **Bahrain in Pool D with Chinese Taipei, Mongolia for Asian Senior Men's Volleyball Championship**

● **Bahrain in Pool B with India, Thailand, Australia for Asian Men's U16 Volleyball Championship**

TDT | Manama

Two of Bahrain's national volleyball teams have learned of their preliminary round groups in three Asian competitions they will be competing in this summer.

The senior men's squad will be playing in two of those events, while the youth national team will contest the other.

The draws for all three tournaments were held by the Asian Volleyball Confederation.



Bahrain's senior men's national volleyball team in a tournament last year (File photo)

Bahrain's senior men will first be competing in the 2023 AVC Challenge Cup for Men in Taipei, Chinese Taipei from July 8 to 15.

The Bahrainis are among a record 17 teams that will vie for the lone berth up for grabs in the FIVB Men's Challenger Cup—a pathway to the FIVB Men's Volleyball Nations League.

The nationals will be playing in Pool F alongside Sri Lanka and Indonesia. Pool A features two teams in hosts Chinese Taipei and Kazakhstan; Pool B comprises Saudi Arabia, Thailand

and South Korea; while Uzbekistan, India and Hong Kong are in Pool C.

Pool D consists of Mongolia, the Philippines and Macau, with Australia, Pakistan and Vietnam in Pool E.

Following this event, the men's national team will also face off with the continent's best in the 22nd Asian Senior Men's Volleyball Championship, to be held in Tehran, Iran between August 19 and 26.

Bahrain are in Pool D with Chinese Taipei and Mongolia. Two-time champions Iran are

in Pool A with Hong Kong and Iraq; while Japan, Uzbekistan and Thailand are in Pool B. Pool C consists of China, Kazakhstan and Indonesia; while Qatar, India and Afghanistan are in Pool E. Pool F rounds out the teams with Pakistan, South Korea and Bangladesh.

Meanwhile, the youth national team will be playing in the first edition of the Asian Men's U16 Volleyball Championship from July 22 to 29 in Tashkent, Uzbekistan.

There are 15 teams set to compete in the tournament, which



Bahrain's senior men will be competing in the 2023 AVC Challenge Cup for Men in Taipei from July 8 to 15 and then the 22nd Asian Senior Men's Volleyball Championship in Tehran between August 19 and 26

also serves as Asian qualification for next year's FIVB Volleyball Men's U17 World Championship, with the top three teams booking their tickets.

Bahrain are in Pool B with India, Thailand and Australia; while Kazakhstan and Hong Kong join hosts Uzbekistan in Pool A. Pool C consists of Saudi Arabia, Iran, Japan and China; with Kuwait, Pakistan, Mongolia and Chinese Taipei in Pool D.

Conte slams 'selfish' Spurs players after Southampton draw



Antonio Conte
AFP | London

Tottenham Hotspur boss Antonio Conte tore into his "selfish" players, saying they "didn't want to play under pressure" after they squandered a chance to go third in the Premier League with a 3-3 draw Saturday away to bottom-of-the-table Southampton.

Spurs were on course to secure an important win in their quest for Champions League qualification when Ivan Perisic scored in the 74th minute after earlier goals by Pedro Porro and Harry Kane.

The visitors led 3-1 at that stage, after Che Adams had cancelled out Porro's opener.

But the Saints hit back, with Theo Walcott cutting the deficit in the 77th minute before James Ward-Prowse's stoppage-time penalty extended Spurs' winless run on the road to five matches.

Tottenham's recent defeats by AC Milan and Sheffield United saw them exit the Champions League and FA Cup respectively to ensure the club have now gone 15 years without a major trophy.

Man Utd capitalise on Fulham red mist to reach FA Cup semi-finals

AFP | London

Manchester United set up a FA Cup semi-final against Brighton in remarkable fashion as Fulham captain Aleksandar Mitrovic was sent off for pushing the referee in a 3-1 defeat at Old Trafford yesterday.

Mitrovic was shown one of three Fulham red cards in a matter of seconds as he barged into Chris Kavanagh for awarding United a penalty after a VAR review for Willian's handball on the line.

The Brazilian was also dismissed, along with Fulham manager Marco Silva on the touchline.

United took advantage as two goals from Bruno Fernandes and



Manchester United's Antony (L) vies with Fulham's Antonee Robinson (R)

Marcel Sabitzer's first for the club kept Erik ten Hag's men on course for a treble of cup competitions.

The Cottagers had been on

course to reach the last four for the first time in 21 years when Mitrovic fired them ahead early in the second half.

United needed goalkeeper

David de Gea to make a remarkable save to deny the Serbian a second before the tie completely turned on one incident 18 minutes from time.

Willian used his hand to deflect Jadon Sancho's shot behind, preventing a certain goal.

Kavanagh initially only gave a corner, but reversed his decision on seeing the replay to spark chaotic scenes.

Silva was first to be shown red for approaching the official near the VAR monitor.

Willian was then dismissed, but it is Mitrovic who faces the most severe ban after pushing the referee on the arm and then squaring up to Kavanagh.

Fernandes coolly sent Bernd Leno the wrong way from the penalty spot to level.

Saka stars as rampant Arsenal move eight points clear



Arsenal's English midfielder Bukayo Saka shoots to score their second goal

● **Bukayo Saka runs the show as Arsenal cruise past rudderless Crystal Palace**

AFP | London

Arsenal surged eight points clear at the top of the Premier League as Bukayo Saka's brace inspired a 4-1 rout of Crystal Palace yesterday.

Gabriel Martinelli opened the scoring in the first half at the Emirates Stadium to put the leaders on course for a sixth successive league victory.

It was redemption for Martinelli, whose missed penalty condemned Arsenal to Europa League last 16 defeat in their shoot-out against Sporting Lisbon on Thursday.

Mikel Arteta's side needed just 45 minutes against struggling Palace to erase the bitter taste of that loss.

Saka followed Martinelli's

After surrendering top spot with a defeat against City in February, Arsenal have responded impressively, showing a maturity and composure far beyond the Gunners' teams that routinely underachieved in recent years

goal by doubling Arsenal's lead before half-time.

Granit Xhaka netted the third after the interval and Jeff Schlupp's reply was no consolation as the influential Saka's second capped Arsenal's stylish display.

Arsenal now have a substantial eight-point lead over second placed Manchester City, who took the weekend off from Premier League duty to thrash Burnley in the FA Cup quarter-finals on Saturday.

Ruthless Napoli continue title march with Torino thrashing

AFP | Milan

Victor Osimhen and Khvicha Kvaratskhelia were again the heroes for Napoli yesterday as Italy's champions-elect thumped Torino 4-0 and moved a whopping 21 points clear at the top of Serie A.

Nigeria striker Osimhen took his league-leading goal tally to 21 with two towering headers in each half with Kvaratskhelia's 35th-minute penalty sandwiched between his attacking partner's brace.

Kvaratskhelia then laid on Tanguy Ndombele's first Serie A goal in the 68th minute following great hold-up play from Osimhen as Napoli took another step towards a first league title since 1990 in front of an army of fans in Turin.

It was their first away trip after the end of



Napoli's Victor Osimhen (L) scores a header past Torino's goalkeeper Vanja Milinkovic-Savic

a two-month ban on travelling supporters following a motorway dust up with Roma fans in January.

"It feels great, the support has been over-

whelming... there are so many in this place, we were surprised to see them," Osimhen said.

"They are hoping, it has been so many years they have been believing and their support has been so good. No one deserves this more than the Napoli fans... I'm really happy to put a smile on their faces."

The fans were on hand to see their team put in a typically dominant display which means at worst Napoli will be 18 points ahead of Inter Milan with 11 matches remaining, if Simone Inzaghi's inconsistent side beat Juventus in Sunday's big match.

Lazio will move one point ahead of Inter if they win the Rome derby with fifth-placed Roma in the evening, a match which could have a big impact on the fight for the top four positions.

HH Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad hails success of Strength Week



HH Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa with winners at the event

TDT | Manama

First Deputy Chairman of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports (SCYS), Chairman of the General Sports Authority (GSA) and President of Bahrain Olympic Committee (BOC), His Highness Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa, has lauded the outstanding success of the "Strength Week" 2023.

Organised by His Highness' Media Office, the Strength Week 2023 (The Strongest Bahraini Man, and Strongest GCC Man contests) took place

at the arena opposite the Avenues Mall - Bahrain, under HH Shaikh Khalid's patronage.

HH Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad attended the two competitions, and congratulated the first three winners, praising the massive participation and the fair competition among the participating athletes, reflecting the prestigious reputation of the Strength Week.

HH Shaikh Khalid asserted that the success of this year's edition consolidates Bahrain's status as a favourable destination for organising various sporting event.



A competitor in action

Bahrain's Kimutai wins in Barcelona marathon

Three of Kingdom's elite athletes shine in international road races yesterday

● **Shumi Dechasa narrowly misses podium with fourth in New Taipei City Wan Jin Shi Marathon in Taipei**

● **Abraham Cheroben claims a solid sixth in Semi Marathon de Lille in France**

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Three of Bahrain's elite athletes excelled in international races yesterday, highlighted by Marius Kimutai who powered to an impressive victory in the Zurich Marato Barcelona in Spain.

Kimutai triumphed in the men's race of the 42.2-kilometre event while setting a new meeting record and personal best in the process.

The run was a 2023 World Athletics Label Road Race Gold level competition.

Kimutai was part of the leading pack who broke away from the rest of the field and battled for the crown. He and two other competitors maintained a fast pace throughout the middle part of the race before separating himself alongside Othman El Goumri from Morocco.



Marius Kimutai raises his arm in victory as he finishes the men's race in Barcelona in first place yesterday

Kimutai then broke free with around three kilometres to go and went on to win in two hours five minutes 53 seconds. He beat the old meeting record of 2:05:53, set by Yihunilign Adane of Ethiopia last year, and also shattered his old personal mark of 2:05:47, which he clocked in 2016 in Amsterdam.

El Goumri finished six seconds behind Kimutai as runner-up, while Kaan Kigen Ozbilien of Turkey was third in 2:05:37.

"I am very happy," said Kimutai after the race. "I felt strong, and I thank God for the win."

He was the lone Bahraini ath-

lete competing in Barcelona.

Meanwhile, Bahrainis Shuma Dechasa and Abraham Cheroben also had impressive results in leading international-level races yesterday.

Dechasa narrowly missed out on a podium after placing fourth in the New Taipei City Wan Jin Shi Marathon in Taipei, and Cheroben claimed a solid sixth in Semi Marathon de Lille in France.

In Taipei, Dechasa completed the 42.2km men's race in a time of 2:14:13. Barnabas Kiptum led an all-Kenyan trio to the podium, winning in 2:11:57. James Mburugu was second in 2:12:09 while Emmanuel Kibet came

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While winning the men's race in the Zurich Marato Barcelona in Spain yesterday, Bahraini Marius Kimutai beat the old meeting record of 2:05:53, which was set by Yihunilign Adane of Ethiopia last year

third in 2:12:37. Dechasa's time was far from his personal best of 2:06:43 in the marathon—a mark he clocked in 2014.

In Lille, Cheroben raced in the 21.1km men's half marathon and finished in 1:01:54.

A trio of Kenyans were on the podium once again, led by Patrick Mosin who won in 59:31. Alfred Barkach followed just a second behind, while Solomon Kipchoge was third in 59:37.

Cheroben's personal best in the half-marathon is 58:40, which is also currently the Asian and Bahraini record in the distance.

BIC set for doubly exciting Drag and Drift Nights

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Bahrain International Circuit (BIC), "The Home of Motorsport in the Middle East", hosts today the latest edition of the Ebrahim K Kanoo Drag and Drift Nights, set to light up the drag strip and the drift park in Sakhir.

The widely popular double-header gives speed enthusiasts the opportunity to take their very own cars or motorbikes and push them to their limits down the strip, or put on an amazing display of power sliding along BIC's vast vehicle dynamics area.

There is also the option for participants to do both, making for twice the thrills in one action-packed event.

Ebrahim K Kanoo Drag and Drift Nights will take place from 6pm to 11pm. Registration for participants can be done on site from 5pm.

Both the drag and the drift can be enjoyed for a single fee of BD11. Participation in just the drag racing or just the drifting costs BD8. Those who would like to experience the drag or drift as a passenger can get into a participant's car for an additional BD4,500.

BIC's quarter-mile strip is highly regarded as one of the best in all of drag racing. It is a part of the prestigious World-



A car in action at BIC (file photo)

wide Network, under the banner of the US-based National Hot Rod Association (NHRA).

The vehicle dynamics area, meanwhile, features a specially configured layout at BIC's car park for the drifters. It is surrounded by safety barriers, and it is one of the largest open tarmac areas in Bahrain, making for an exciting drift park for drifting enthusiasts to showcase their skills.

As part of the Ebrahim K Kanoo Drag and Drift Nights, BIC's most adrenaline-pumping passenger ride, the Dragster Experience, is also available today.

Known as "the Fastest Ride

on Earth", fans will have a chance to get a taste of pure speed as they are taken from zero to 100kph in just one second while seated in a Top Dragster. The Dragster Experience is available at BD44 for the first passenger while the second passenger can get 50 per cent off.

Spectators are invited to attend the evening's events. Tickets can be purchased at the gate or online at BIC's official website bahraingp.com for BD2 apiece. Tickets for children aged 12 and below are BD1 each.

For more information, visit bahraingp.com or call the BIC Hotline on +973-17-450000.

Red Bull's Perez wins Saudi Arabian GP



Red Bull Racing's Mexican driver Sergio Perez celebrates after winning the Saudi Arabia Formula One Grand Prix

AFP | Jeddah

Red Bull dominated the second Formula One Grand Prix of the season in Jeddah yesterday as Sergio Perez won after starting from pole position while team-mate Max Verstappen charged through the field from 15th to finish second.

Two-time champion Fernando Alonso, who started on the front row, crossed the line third in his Aston Martin. He took his place on the podium but was then dropped to fourth because he was hit with a six-second penalty for failing to take a

Verstappen, who was halted by mechanical problems in qualifying, held on to the championship lead by picking up an extra point for driving the fastest circuit of the race in his 50th and last lap

five-second penalty correctly during the race.

George Russell, who chased furiously in the final stage, egged on by his pit chief over the radio, finished within six seconds of the Spaniard to take

third. Lewis Hamilton in the other Mercedes was fifth.

The Red Bull pair reversed their finishing positions in the season-opening Bahrain GP. Verstappen, who was halted by mechanical problems in qualifying, held on to the championship lead by picking up an extra point for driving the fastest circuit of the race in his 50th and last lap.

Carlos Sainz took sixth with his Ferrari team-mate Charles Leclerc seventh after starting 12th as a penalty for changing components in his power unit.