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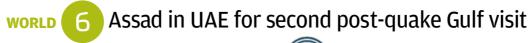
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Manama to play in FIBA Intercontinental Cup

Champions of firstever FIBA West Asia Super League get invite for global event, to be held in Singapore





Margot Robbie: 'Clueless inspired Barbie'

The Cabinet noted Bahrain's comprehensive development The Minister of Housing and man, board, staff and players

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NBB offers financing solutions at Housing Finance Exhibition

Circular on Eid Al-Adha holiday

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His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, yesterday issued a circular regarding the Arafah and the Eid Al-Adha holidays.

According to the circular, the Kingdom's ministries and public institutions will be closed on the day of Arafah, and on Eid Al-Adha, corresponding to 27-30 June, respectively.

As Friday is already an official holiday, Sunday, 2 July, will be given in lieu, the circular added.

Israeli troops kill five **Palestinians**

Jenin, West Bank

Tsraeli forces, backed by Lthe rare use of helicopter gunships, killed five Palestinians including a teenager and wounded more than 90, as a West Bank raid led to an hours-long gunbattle with armed fighters, the military and health officials said.

Eight Israeli personnel were wounded after troops came under fire during an operation in the flashpoint city of Jenin to arrest two Palestinians suspected in attacks, the military said. At least three of the Palestinians killed in the fighting belonged to the armed Islamic Jihad group.

US-India ties 'turning point'

New Delhi/Washington

Tndian Prime Minister **▲** Narendra Modi heads to the US this week for a visit billed as a turning point for bilateral relations, with deeper cooperation in defence industry and sharing high technology in sharp

The visit is expected to give India access to critical American technologies Washington rarely shares with non-allies, strengthening a new bond that is underpinned by not just global politics but also business and economics.

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Call to Support Bahraini Haj Pilgrims

HRH Prince Salman commends Saudi for commitment to ensure seamless Hajj season

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is Royal Highness Prince Salman bin LHamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, directed relevant entities to support Bahraini citizens participating in the Hajj pilgrimage.

HRH Prince Salman commended the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia under the leadership of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, and the support of HRH Prince Mohammed bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, for their commitment to ensure a seamless Hajj season.

His Royal Highness was speaking as he chaired yesterday the weekly Cabinet meeting at Gudaibiya Palace.

The Cabinet highlighted the at His Majesty's residence in provides an assessment of global Cabinet emphasised that the ficking. meeting further strengthened relations between the two countries and their peoples.

Tier 1 status



HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister chairs the weekly Cabinet meeting

Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, year. The annual publication Minister. Abu Dhabi. In this regard, the efforts to combat human traf-

issues of trafficking.

achievement to the Kingdom's grammes for Bahraini citizens.

importance of the official meet-success in retaining a Tier 1 led by His Majesty the King and Urban Planning reviewed the of the Al Najma Club on wining between His Majesty King status in the US Department of supported by the government, success of the exhibition in ning the 25th Asian Men's Club Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and State's Trafficking in Persons under the leadership of HRH the UAE President, HH Shaikh report for the sixth consecutive the Crown Prince and Prime

The Cabinet attributed this finance services and pro- in the history of the College.

achieving its objectives.

The Cabinet congratulated the graduates of the Bahrain Additionally, the Cabinet Teachers College as well as exmonitored progress on the pressed their appreciation to implementation of His Royal the Board of Directors and staff Bahrain's high rating reflects Highness' directives to hold for their efforts in driving acaits competency in mitigating events and exhibitions that demic excellence, resulting in for their wins and their role in raise awareness on housing the largest number of graduates affirming Bahrain's position as

It congratulated the chair- stage.

League Handball Championship and the Manama Club on being champions at the inaugural FIBA West Asia Super

The Cabinet commended the athletes of both sports clubs a leader on the global sports

Ranked 25th globally

Bahrain global competitiveness improves

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♦ he Kingdom of Bahrain ranked 25th globally, improving by five spots, in the World Competitiveness Ranking issued by the Institute for Management Development The ranking is a comprehen-

sive report that ranks countries according to how they manage their competencies to achieve long-term value creation. The report showed that the

Kingdom ranked first globally in seven indicators and was among the top 10 countries worldwide in 36 indicators.

Bahrain witnessed a significant 16 spot improvement in the 'Economic Performance' factor ranking 23rd globally.

69.4% of executives surveyed for tor to its economy.



the report, while 61.3% of them Its business-friendly environ- noted the Kingdom's skilled ness Ranking placed Bahrain ment was also highlighted by workforce as a contributing fac-first globally in the availability of third globally in the flexibility skills, and sixth globally in the

The IMD World Competitive- market. qualified engineers in the labour and adaptability of the labour finance skills.

Bahrain improved its ranking in the IMD World Competitiveness Ranking 2023 3rd1st Globally Globally Globally Globally 6th 5th Globally Globally Globally

force, third in technological/dig-The Kingdom also ranked ital skills, fourth in labor force