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The UAE, Saudi Arabia and Bahrain were the happiest Arab countries from 2020 to 2022, according to the World Happiness Report, which was published yesterday.

The report, titled "World Happiness, Trust and Social Connections in Times of Crisis," surveyed respondents from around the world for the three years spanning the COVID-19 pandemic.

It measured well-being through three main indicators: life evaluations, positive emotions and negative emotions. Happiness rankings were based on a three-year average of life evaluations.

Out of the 137 countries measured, the top three Arab countries were the UAE at 26, Saudi Arabia at 30 and Bahrain at 42.

The three Gulf states were the only Arab countries out of the 13 listed that were in the top third of the global list.

Lebanon, suffering from economic malaise and a political crisis, was the unhappiest Arab state and second-last out of the 137 countries measured in the study.

**New US weapons boost for Ukraine**

The US announced a new arms package for Ukraine yesterday in the amount of \$350 million, according to Secretary of State Antony Blinken.

Yesterday's pledge will come from the Pentagon's stockpiles, making it the 34th such drawdown since Russia invaded Ukraine in February 2022.

Washington will provide more ammo for HIMARS, howitzers, Bradley Infantry Fighting Vehicles, High-speed Anti-radiation missiles (HARM missiles), anti-tank weapons and riverine patrol boats through the latest package.

**Saudi calls on Muslims to look for Ramadan crescent**

**World prepares for blessed month**

Riyadh

Saudi Arabia has called on Muslims to sight the Ramadan crescent moon this evening, the Saudi Press Agency (SPA) reported.

Tuesday corresponds to Shaban 29, 1444 and if the Ramadan crescent is spotted tonight, then Ramadan will begin tomorrow. If not, the holy month will



The crescent moon is seen behind a mosque

start on Thursday.

The crescent moon marks the beginning of the holy month of Ramadan when Muslims fast from sunrise to sunset.

The Supreme Court said anyone who sights the Ramadan crescent with their eyes or through binoculars should notify the nearest court to their location and record their testimony there, or contact the nearest center so that they can be directed to the nearest court.

Saudi Arabia's moon sighting committee usually observe the

moon in the days leading up to the expected start date of Ramadan, but they have encouraged other Muslims who wish to sight the moon to do so as well.

During Ramadan, Muslims refrain from eating and drinking from sunrise to sunset as part of the Islamic ritual that aims to encourage patience, charity, and community.

In Muslim countries, employees are allowed to work shorter days - either six hours per day or 36 hours a week. Students also have shorter school hours.

**'Loyalty to the nation' praised**

**Cabinet highlights importance of strengthening Kingdom's sense of community partnership**

**HM King Hamad and citizens are greeted on upcoming holy month of Ramadan**

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HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister chairs the weekly Cabinet meeting at Gudaibiya Palace

The Cabinet emphasised the importance of loyalty to the nation and commended the initiatives adopted by the Ministry of Interior to strengthen the Kingdom of Bahrain's sense of community.

This came as the country marked the Community Partnership and Belonging to the Nation Day, which is observed by the Kingdom on March 18.

The Cabinet, chaired yesterday by His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, extended its

best wishes to His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, to Bahraini citizens, and to the Arab and Islamic nations on the occasion of the upcoming holy month of Ramadan.

Marking Bahrain Youth Day, which falls annually on 25 March, the Cabinet commended the role played by Bahraini youth in furthering the Kingdom's comprehensive development, led by HM the King.

The Cabinet welcomed Bahrain International Airport be-



Dr. Souhail Shabib with the four-year-old patient

ing named as the World's Best Airport for Baggage Delivery and the Best Airport Staff in the Middle East at the World Airport Awards, held at the 2023 Passenger Terminal EXPO in Amsterdam.

In this regard, the Cabinet noted the importance of developing airport services and competitiveness and commended the Ministry of Interior, the Ministry of Transportation and Telecommunications, and the Bahrain Airport Company for this achievement.

**KHAMH pediatric patient**

**Successful operation for boy who 'swallowed' coin battery**

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A four-year-old boy who accidentally swallowed a coin battery was the first pediatric patient to visit the King Hamad American Mission Hospital (KHAMH) in A'Ali as it softly opened its doors to the public.

Dr. Souhail Shabib, Consultant Pediatric Gastroenterology, Chairman of the Department of Pediatrics, said that the coin

battery was removed via endoscopy in AMH Manama two days earlier, and the child was seen at KHAMH for follow-up.

According to Dr. Shabib, Lithium coin batteries are extremely dangerous when swallowed.

They attach themselves to the gut wall, mainly in the esophagus, and download their electric charge burning the esophageal wall within two hours. This may be complicated with the perforation of the esophagus and may even cause death in some cases.



X-ray shows the coin battery in the patient's esophagus



Dr. Souhail Shabib with the four-year-old patient

In this patient's case, the battery was removed in less than two hours from the time of swallowing it revealing an already burned area under the site where the battery was found.

Dr. Shabib said Lithium coin batteries, magnets, small and loose plastic toys, and loose remote control must be kept out of children's reach.



# Locals show concern over rising number of beggars

Citizens and expatriates should pay 'zakat' to charitable organisations, say Islamic scholars

Zahra Ayaz  
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Ramadan is approaching, and locals are concerned about beggars seen in malls, parking lots, and Juffair food streets.

While some are genuinely in need, there are a large number of women carrying small children and run elaborate begging syndicates.

Last year, Muharraq police cracked down on more than 70 beggars, and after taking legal measures, they were deported as most of them were expats.

The Daily Tribune has earlier reported the issue of beggary in Manama, Gudaibiya and streets of Muharraq and the inconvenience they cause to citizens and residents. Women carrying children enter shops asking for money from shopkeepers and customers.

Several reports state that begging has become lucrative for many in the Gulf, especially foreigners. A recent report by Gulf News says that Dubai po-



Faraz Ahmed

lice have arrested beggars with Dh40,000 along with other Arab and foreign currencies during Ramadan.

However, locals and expats told Tribune that they are not seeing it as a crime but as a social problem.

Lina Stahl, volunteer and owner of 'Box Forward', said: "We want to help those in need and who are genuinely struggling at this time of the year. Of



Beggary is a growing social problem

course, begging is not a crime and since they are poor and not well off, they ask money from people, which is totally accepted especially in Ramadan since it's the month of giving.

"There are many families who are coming from reasonably good families, you may never know their personal problems. However, I believe people should also not take advantage of Ramadan."

Speaking to The Daily Tribune, local resident Faraz Ahmed said: "People should not give money to beggars who stand near stoplights, houses and on streets.

"Giving them money hinders the work and efforts of anti-begging authorities trying to clamp down on beggars.

"Those with documents stating they are suffering from medical problems are exempt and it



Lina Stahl

is okay to give them money but not from 'zakat' money because the extent of their medical problems is not known to the general public."

"For instance, despite having an illness, they may still be capable of working but choose to beg instead," he added.

The study stressed the citizens and expatriates should pay 'zakat' to charitable organisations instead of to beggars.

## Derasat launches survey measuring awareness of genetic disorders

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The Bahrain Center for Strategic, International and Energy Studies (Derasat) has launched a survey aimed at measuring citizens and residents' awareness regarding a number of genetic disorders.

The survey launched sheds light on the following syndromes: Down, Marfan, and Klinefelter.

The survey sample aims to collect data from all segments of society.

It also intends to identify the extent of societal awareness towards these genetic disorders and knowledge of their prominent symptoms and to examine the importance of early detection during pregnancy, and challenges facing some carriers of these diseases in conceiving.

Furthermore, measuring the awareness and importance of mental health support in aiding patients suffering from one of these three syndromes, their spouses, families, and relatives are to be assessed.

The results of the survey shall be announced in a specialized symposium held by Derasat later this year on the topic featuring local and international experts.

The survey comes as an initiative by Derasat in promoting topics of importance to the general public. It is launched in both Arabic and English and can be accessed via the center's official platforms. It is also accessible via a specialised QR code.

## Book launch ceremony



The Bahrain Authority for Culture and Antiquities (BACA) yesterday launched the French version of the book "Bahrain Fort: The Ancient Port and Capital of Dilmun" by its author Dr. Pierre Lombard. The launch ceremony was hosted at the Bahrain Fort Site Museum on the sidelines of the celebration of the International Day of Francophonie. The event was attended by BACA President Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed bin Abdullah Al Khalifa, the French Ambassador to the Kingdom of Bahrain Jerome Cauchard, in addition culture and media figures.

## 97 merchants pledge to fix food prices during Ramadan

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Ninety-seven merchants have pledged to fix commodity prices and not raise prices during Ramadan, according to Khaled Al Amin, head of the Food Wealth Committee.

Using these terms, it will support purchasing power, market stability, and consumer rights.

Al Amin assured citizens and residents that all foodstuffs are available during Ramadan, emphasising that there is no shortage of different foodstuffs in the local market.

He urged people not to store goods, particularly during Ramadan, in a video broadcast by the Bahrain Chamber of Com-



Khaled Al Amin

merce and Industry (BCCI) on its official Instagram account, saying, "The goods available in the markets are sufficient until after the holy month."

Al Amin also stated that, in collaboration with the Ministry



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of Commerce and Industry, all facilities for the smooth flow of goods within the local market were provided, and he congratulated everyone on the occasion of the blessed month.

## Bahrain keen on UPI linking for faster payment

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Bahrain has expressed interest in India's retail payment system and held preliminary talks with the government about a possible collaboration.

"It (UPI-PayNow linkage) is a good example. We have interest in it but we haven't got to the stage of saying it would be done yet. But initial discussions have happened," Abdulla Adel Fakhro, Minister of Industrial and Commerce told Indian media.

"During the discussion, Indian government officials were open to sharing their experience on the technology. QR code-based merchant payments through UPI apps are already enabled in Singapore and UAE."

This is in line with the recent integration of India's Unified Payment Interface (UPI) and Singapore's PayNow payment system.

Bahrain is interested in investing in all sectors, particularly in those related to food, manufacturing, information and communication technology, petrochemicals, and research and development.

## Training programme ends

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The national training program to enhance the capacities of those involved in the protection of human rights in the criminal justice system has concluded.

Public Prosecutor Dr Ali bin Fadhl Al Bouainain attended the closing ceremony which was held at the Crowne Plaza.

The event was also attended by UN Development Programme Resident Representative Firas Gharaibeh, prosecutors, judges, public security officers and other officials.

The Special Investigation Unit (SIU) organised the training programme in collabora-

tion with the Royal Academy of Police and the Institute of Judicial and Legal Studies.

Addressing the event, Dr Al Bouainain in achieving to achieve the Kingdom's future vision for the promotion of human rights.

"The unit has become the nucleus of continuous and effective cooperation between all concerned national institutions and agencies to create an integrated work system that ensures the application of the highest standards and principles of human rights, in light of the fruitful cooperation with the United Nations Development Program," he said.

## Productivity down by 30% in most sectors during holy month

Tofoof AlMansoor  
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Productivity decreases by 30% during the month of Ramadan in all sectors, including administrative fields, financial and public services, except for sectors that require continuity of production and services, such as factories, Batelco and Alba.

This was according to productivity expert Dr. Akbar Jafari who added that this affects the national economy directly and hinders the contribution of companies and individuals to economic growth.



Dr. Akbar Jafari

Dr. Jafari explained that the reasons do not relate to fasting and lack of nutrition, but rather to behaviours and attitudes that

people exhibit during the holy month.

Most tend to suffer from lack of sleep, and this leads to fatigue and exhaustion which affects the employee's motivation, hence the low productivity.

He said that there must be bodies dedicated to conducting a study on productivity during Ramadan and to what extent it damages the economy of the kingdom.

Dr. Jafari stated that awareness has to be raised to change these patterns and obtain high productivity.

# Precious Delos Santos crowned Miss Philippines Bahrain 2023

Ashen Tharaka  
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Ms. Precious Dane Delos Santos was crowned Miss Philippines Bahrain 2023 during a ceremony held on 17 March at Hilton Hotel Bahrain.

Her Excellency Anne Jalando-on Louis, Ambassador-designate of the Philippines to the Kingdom of Bahrain, graced the event with Mr. Ric Advincula, President of the Filipino Club Bahrain, the only Filipino NGO duly registered and recognised by the government of Bahrain through the Ministry of Labour and Social Development and also the organiser of this event.

The event was organised in celebration of the International Women's Month and the 45



Miss Philippines Bahrain 2023, Precious Dane Delos Santos, centre, with, from left, Mr. Ric Advincula, first runner-up Angel Bles Ison, second runner-up Chloe Keith David, and Philippine Ambassador-designate Ann Jalando-on Louis

years of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the Philippines and Bahrain.

The venue was packed with all the candidates' supporters.

Miss Philippines Bahrain aims to celebrate the intelligence, grace and competence befitting of a role model of the modern Filipina, as well as empower women to take charge of their success and happiness, and break down personal and social boundaries to achieve their dreams and goals.

This year's contestants have shown this by displaying their courage and dedication to improve themselves and their future.

The event will now be an annual gathering for the Filipino community in Bahrain, according to organisers.

## Microsoft unveils AI for office use



Sajin Henry  
Zahra Ayaz  
TDT | Manama

Microsoft previewed a new integration of artificial intelligence (AI) "copilot" for Microsoft 365, its product suite that includes Word documents, Excel spreadsheets, PowerPoint presentations and Outlook email.

Moreover, AI can offer a draft in Microsoft's applications, speeding up content creation and freeing up workers' time, the company said in a statement.

Microsoft acknowledges in its Copilot demo that its AI may occasionally get it wrong or miss important details, emphasising that workers can choose to review, edit, or even discard results produced by the tool.

Microsoft notified that Copilot follows the customer's security, compliance and privacy policies for Microsoft 365, and that it does not use company data to train its system.

According to Sajin Henry, Managing Director of Syskode Technologies and a tech expert, technologies are reaching new heights, and Microsoft and Google are competing with one another. These tools are being used all over the world.

"This, I believe, could be a significant asset for Bahraini businesses, as it could be used to analyse customer data and develop better strategies for their products and services," he said.

## Rising temperatures pose serious threats to Bahrain

Julia Cassano  
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As temperatures are gradually increasing in Bahrain, serious effects due to warming temperatures, such as sea level rise pose massive threats to the country, which could result in irreversible damage.

Rising sea levels in the Kingdom could submerge between 27 to 56 per cent of Bahrain, which is already the

smallest country in the Middle East by 2100, according to sources.

The Ministry of Transportation and Telecommunications' Meteorological Directorate reported in their monthly weather summary that the month of February 2023, went on record for being "warmer than normal in temperatures."

The report stated that the mean temperature of the month was 19.7C, which is 1.3C above

the long-term normal for February. February 2023 goes on record as the fourth highest mean temperature for February since 1902.

The mean maximum temperature of the month was 23.2C, which is also 1.2C above the long-term normal, and the report states that this temperature for February 2023 goes on record as the seventh highest mean maximum temperature since February 1946.

## Bahrain Pharma manufactures first pharmaceutical products

- Producing omega-3 soft gel capsules and Ivynise syrup

- Products available in Arab countries

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The Bahrain International Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Company Limited (Bahrain Pharma), the first pharmaceutical factory in the Kingdom of Bahrain, has start-

ed producing the first batch of pharmaceutical products which are omega-3 soft gel capsules and Ivynise syrup (cough syrup).

The National Health Regulatory Authority (NHRA) granted Bahrain Pharma a manufacturing license in 2020 and was certified to Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP) in 2022, allowing the company to manufacture and market their products.

The pharmaceutical product will be available in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Oman, Iraq and Yemen.

## ILA inaugurates new 2023 Executive Committee

Julia Cassano  
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The Indian Ladies Association (ILA) celebrated the trials, tribulations, and success of the year 2022 with cultural performances, and inaugurated the 2023 Executive Committee to take on the challenging yet rewarding roles of the association.

"It is enlightening to see how over the years, ILA has expanded to touch the communities in various ways and share the Indian culture amongst the country," the outgoing President of ILA, Shipra Dhir Passi, said.

Highlighted during the speech was Sneha, a flagship and dream project, which aims to provide a



Outgoing and new ILA members

haven for children with special needs, as well as acquire functional literacy and apply daily living skills.

"Our main vision in 2022 was to get Sneha back on track, and with the selfless work of the Sneha volunteers, parents, teachers, and others, we did just that, as

we welcomed back all of the children in September 2022."

A key goal for ILA is to relocate to a new and better premise to offer the Sneha children a location that provides indoor and outdoor space, as Sneha's current premise does not provide the efficient space for the children's full ex-

posure to development.

Recently, ILA brought additional focus on educating and empowering the parents of Sneha with children with special needs providing workshops on human behavior, and how to maximise the potential of the children, as well as discuss-

ing the recent medical developments that can improve the children's conditions.

The event concluded with welcoming the new executive committee for the next term and honouring the outgoing committee, highlighting their dedication and selfless service to the ILA.

## First Bahraini cruise Banoosh

Bahrain Tourism and Exhibitions Authority (BTEA) CEO Dr Nasser Qaedi attended the inauguration ceremony of the Southern Tourism Company first tourist Banoosh cruise in Bahrain. The company, one of the companies of Bahrain Mumtalakat Holding Company (Mumtalakat), held the ceremony at the port of Manama, adjacent to Al Fateh Corniche on the eastern coast. The 12-passenger Banoosh offers scheduled 30-minute cruises from the port of Manama. The CEO praised the initiatives undertaken by the Southern Tourism Company in support of the marine tourism sector and expressed the support of BTEA for various private tourism bodies participating in the progress of the tourism sector.



# Pakistan Embassy celebrates International Women's Day

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On the occasion of International Women's Day, the Pakistan Embassy in Bahrain, in collaboration with Middle East Hospital and Pakistan Women Association, organised a remarkable event to celebrate the contributions and achievements of women.

The event was held on March 18, 2023, and was attended by a diverse group of women from all walks of life.

The event was opened with a welcome speech by Mr. Muhammad Ayub, the Pakistan Ambassador to the Kingdom of Bahrain, who highlighted the importance of women's empowerment and their role in society.

He praised the efforts of Pakistani women living in Bahrain and their contribution towards the development of the country.



Pakistan Ambassador Muhammad Ayub with women from all walks of life at the event

The next speaker was the Chief Operations Officer of Middle East Hospital, Dr. Paridhi Rawat, who emphasised the importance of gender equality as a basic human right.

She also stressed the impor-

tance of women empowerment as vital to the health and social development of families, communities, and countries on the broader spectrum.

Dr. Shaista Sariwal, a specialist obstetrics & Gynaecologist and

cosmetic Gynaecologist, led a discussion on women's wellness.

She talked about the importance of regular check-ups and screenings and also addressed common health concerns faced by women.

Dr. Sariwal emphasised that

taking care of one's physical and mental health should be a top priority.

Ms. Fatima AlMansoori, a yoga therapist at Middle East Medical Centre, Hidd, conducted an interactive workshop on the ben-

efits of Yoga for mental health.

She demonstrated some simple yoga techniques that can be easily done at home or in the office to relieve stress and improve mental health.

The final speaker of the event was Ms. Raheela Nadeem, CEO of Desi Dastarkhwan and a certified life coach who talked about the importance of mental health.

She discussed the common mental health issues faced by women and the need to address them. She also shared some tips and techniques to improve mental health and well-being.

The event ended with a health check-up conducted by the medical team of Middle East Hospital, where participants could get a basic medical check-up done. Refreshments were also served, and participants enjoyed the opportunity to network and connect with other women.

## Philippine Embassy inaugurates Sentro Rizal as 'symbol of nationalism'

● Centre aims to promote nationalism, arts and culture

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The Philippine Embassy in Bahrain led the inauguration of Sentro Rizal, a centre named after the Philippine's national hero, Dr Jose P. Rizal, on 19 March 2023 at its grounds.

Her Excellency, Ambassador Anne Jalando-on Louis together with Hon. Antonio A. Morales, Department of Foreign Affairs Undersecretary for Administration with the Knights of Rizal Bahrain, graced the event.

In her speech, Ambassador Jalando-on Louis underscored the relevance of establishing the Sentro Rizal as a symbol of



Ambassador Anne Jalando-on Louis presides over the ribbon-cutting ceremony

nationalism that will nurture culturally literate and participative communities of overseas workers.

She extended her sincere gratitude for the continuous support rendered by the Knights of Rizal Bahrain as well as the Filipino Creatives and Filipino Writers' Circle for their art

works, paintings, sculptures and literary writings.

Meanwhile, the event's guest of honour, Undersecretary Morales, spoke during the ceremony emphasising that "Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs) are ambassadors of our country, whatever is done will be reflected in the entire Filipinos".



Members of the Filipino community at the event

He added: "The Department of Foreign Affairs thanks and values all your contributions to strengthen the services of the embassy."

According to Mr. Ahbet Quinto, the Events Program Director of the Knights of Rizal Bahrain: "The mission of Sentro Rizal is to promote the Philippines in

the fields of cultural awareness, economic diplomacy, patriotism, education and training, that will include educational awareness on the studies, life and works of the national hero, Dr Jose P. Rizal, to the young generation of Filipinos who are residing and studying in the Kingdom of Bahrain."

Attendees and guests were given a tour of the facility on a stand-alone villa, which was adorned with enormous paintings in watercolours, oils and charcoals exhibited by Filipino Creatives Bahrain and historical photographs of Jose Rizal depicting his life and works to include his ancestral family.

Labour Attaché, Atty. Vic Cabe, Consul Bryan Jess Baguio, Vice Consul Blitz B. Sumagaysay and Welfare Officer Redina Manlapaz attended the ceremony with other embassy staff.

The Knights of Rizal Bahrain Chapter, led by Noel Morales, the Chapter Commander, was also present during the ribbon-cutting ceremony with Ed Hernandez, Deputy Chapter Commander. Other members who participated were Rene Casada, Paul Barrios, Lito Doblado, Elpie Quitevis, Adon Gabunan and Quinto.



**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](mailto:career@balexco.com.bh)

## BCICAI hosts 3rd Women CA Conference successfully



Bahrain Chapter of ICAI members and other event participants

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The Bahrain Chapter of ICAI (BCICAI) successfully hosted its 3rd Women CA Conference on March 17, 2023 at the Gulf Hotel Bahrain.

The conference was graced by the presence of eminent personalities and amazing speakers.

Inaugural session was graced by H. E. Piyush Srivastava, Ambassador of India to Bahrain, Ms. Nuha Sulaiman, Director

of Project Assessment, Labour Fund (Tamkeen), Mrs. Monika Srivastava, Wife of Ambassador, virtual message by ICAI President CA Aniket Talati and Chairperson, Women & Young Members Empowerment Committee of ICAI CA Priti Savla.

The conference included cultural dance performance by young talent and knowledge-packed sessions by speakers from India and Bahrain.

Speakers from India includ-

ed Smriti Nagpal (Founder at Atulyakala, Forbes 30 under 30), Abha Maryada Banerjee (Leadership Author, Speaker and Thought Innovator) and Amruta Fadnavis (Banker, Singer and Social Activist).

Speakers from Bahrain encompassed Dalal Al Qais (Group CEO, Bahrain Development Bank & Forbes' List of ME's 100 Most Powerful Women), Shaikha Al Shaiba (Renowned Para-Athlete and Motivational Speaker).

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# Swiss-Arab relations witnessing growth in economic aspects- UAC President

UAC President and BCCI Chairman hold consultative meeting with Arab-Swiss Chamber of Commerce

● Arab ambassadors attend meeting to discuss strengthening economic cooperation

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The President of the Union of Arab Chambers (UAC), and the Chairman of Bahrain Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCCI) Samir Abdullah Nass held a consultative meeting with the Board of Directors of Arab-Swiss Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CASCI).

Arab ambassadors in Switzerland attended the meeting to discuss strengthening means of cooperation and coordination to serve Arab economic interests and increases the volume of trade exchanges between the Arab world and the international communities in general and Switzerland in particular. Nass stressed the keenness of the



Officials during the meeting

leaders and heads of Arab countries, to strengthen Arab cooperation in the economic field to achieve economic integration that strengthens the Arab international and regional position to reach to the development goals of the Arab people.

BCCI chairman pointed out that Bahrain under the leadership of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, gives

a high importance to strengthening the bonds of economic relations with the Arab world and internationally and facilitating the flow of investments and joint Arab projects as it is a basic pillar for laying the foundations of Arab action and overcoming the current economic challenges.

UAC president highlighted the importance of Arab economic openness

UAC President highlights the importance of Arab economic openness balanced with global economic entities to overcome current economic challenges caused by COVID-19 pandemic and the Russian-Ukrainian war

balanced with global economic entities, especially in light of the productive and development leap witnessed by Arab resources, with the aim of overcoming the challenges and repercussions caused by the current global repercussions as a result of COVID-19 pandemic, and the Russian-Ukrainian war.

He said that the economic reforms and future strategic visions adopted by Arab governments to enhance levels of economic flexibility contribute to creating true global partnerships and open the way for Arab markets to global investments in the interest of the Arab

peoples and meet their aspirations to achieve comprehensive economic development.

BCCI chairman indicated that CASCI was established since 1974, to strengthen economic and cultural relations between the two parties, and expand opportunities for industrial and technical cooperation.

He emphasized on working together to transfer technology and vocational training and establish joint companies in the fields of industry and trade.

Nass called on the Arab-Swiss business communities to take advantage of the commercial and investment opportunities offered through the CASCI.

UAC president affirmed the importance of exchanging experiences between the two sides in the fields of entrepreneurship, small and medium enterprises, and areas related to innovation and technology, within the framework of the extensive experience enjoyed by both parties in these fields to serve trade movement in the Arab countries and the Switzerland.

## Solidarity Bahrain approves 20pc cash dividend and appoints new board members

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Solidarity Bahrain B.S.C., a major insurance company in the Kingdom of Bahrain and a subsidiary of Solidarity Group Holding, recently held its Annual General Assembly Meeting for the financial year ended December 31, 2022.

The meeting, which was attended by shareholders and representatives from various organizations, approved the cash dividend at 20 per cent, which is equivalent to 20 fils per share for each ordinary share.

The Central Bank of Bahrain has also approved this cash distribution.

In addition to reviewing and approving the minutes of the previous General Assembly meeting, the shareholders also



Shaikh Khalid bin Mustahil Al Maashani, Chairman of the Board of Directors

approved the financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2022.

New board members for Solidarity Bahrain were elected for the term (2023-2025), including Shaikh Khalid bin Mustahil Al Mashani, Salman Al Mahmeed, Tariq Al Aujali, Anwar Murad,



Jawad Mohammed, Chief Executive Officer of Solidarity Bahrain

Ashraf Bseisu, Dr. Nawaf Al Hamar, and Ahmed Qassim.

Speaking about the strong financial results showcased by Solidarity Bahrain, Shaikh Khalid bin Mustahil Al Maashani, Chairman of the Board of Directors, said that these efforts resulted in enhancing the level

of growth with an increase in net profits amounting to 38% for the year 2022.

"We are fully confident in the experience of the new board members in achieving the aspirations of the shareholders, and we believe that the Company will maintain its ongoing growth trajectory, underpinned by our continuous achievements in the Kingdom's insurance sector," he added.

Meanwhile, Jawad Mohammed, Chief Executive Officer of Solidarity Bahrain, expressed his pleasure in successfully concluding the year, launching various initiatives, and accomplishing many milestones as a result of the continuous hard work of the team at Solidarity Bahrain.

## Fatema Al Ghenaim wins the grand prize from Points by NBB



NBB officials hand over the grand prize to the winner

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The National Bank of Bahrain (NBB) has revealed the grand prize winner of its Points raffle campaign, during a ceremony hosted at NBB's headquarters, to mark the end of the campaign. During the event, the lucky winner, Fatema Al Ghenaim, was rewarded a brand new Jeep Wrangler, in the presence of the bank's representatives.

In line with the Bank's commitment to developing customer-centric initiatives, of the 7-month long campaign provided Points by NBB app users with the opportunity to redeem their points with raffle tickets which in return qualified them to enter the Jeep Wrangler draw. Customers who participated in the Credit Card balance transfer campaign were also eligible for one raffle entry for every BHD 50 transferred to their account. Commenting on the occasion, Subah Abdullatif Al Zayani, Chief Executive of Retail Banking at NBB, said: "The variety of offers and engagement within Points by NBB ensures that our customers receive a rewarding banking experience. Our loyalty rewards app offers an array of benefits, delivering immediate value and engagement to our customers' lifestyles, underlining our commitment to being 'Closer to You'."

## Batelco launches new raffle campaign

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Batelco, part of the Beyond Group, has announced a new raffle campaign, giving customers the opportunity to win a luxurious waterfront villa in Diyar Al Muharraq.

Following the success of their 'Win Your Forever Home' campaign in 2022, Batelco is offering an even bigger prize this year.

The luxurious 3-bedroom waterfront villa features an outdoor pool and is situated in a desirable location with access to world-class facilities, such as shopping malls, schools, and dining venues.

New and existing Batelco Home Broadband customers who subscribe, renew, or upgrade their packages will be entered in the raffle draw to win the villa.

Batelco's Home Broadband



Batelco officials at the launch of the new raffle campaign

packages are designed to meet the connectivity needs of today's consumers, with options for heavy social media users, avid gamers, remote workers, and movie lovers.

Monthly packages for Mobile Broadband start from BD11 for 300GB, while Fiber Broadband packages start from BD17,600 for 50Mbps with unlimited usage.

Batelco was rated as the top-performing broadband network experience in Bahrain, according to the Bahrain TRA Consumer Experience Report for 2022.

Batelco General Manager Consumer Aseel Mattar said, "We couldn't resist rolling out a new campaign with an even bigger prize than last year.

We are thrilled to launch the 'Win a Luxurious Waterfront Villa' campaign as a huge win like this can set a family up for life."

The winner of the raffle will be announced in January 2024, and Mattar expressed excitement about the anticipation leading up to the announcement.



Reminder

Annual General Meeting

The Board of Directors would like to remind the shareholders of the ordinary general meeting, which will be held on Wednesday March 22, 2023 at 10.30 am at Awal Hall in Gulf Hotel, to discuss and approve the agenda announced previously.

Abdul Rahman Mohamed Jamsheer  
Chairman

News in brief

**Australian ex-soldier arrested over alleged Afghanistan war crime** ♦ An Australian former soldier was arrested yesterday over allegations that he murdered a man while deployed in Afghanistan, part of a long-running investigation into war crimes. The arrest comes more than two years after a damning internal investigation found 39 civilians and prisoners had been "unlawfully killed" by Australian elite special forces. A 41-year-old veteran was expected to be charged with a war crime and could face life in prison if found guilty, Australian Federal Police said. "It will be alleged he murdered an Afghan man while deployed to Afghanistan with the Australian Defense Force," police said in a statement.

**Ex-US Marine accused of helping China was lured to Australia: lawyer** ♦ The lawyer of an ex-US Marine accused of training China's military yesterday accused Australia of luring him to the country for arrest and eventual extradition to the United States. Daniel Edmund Duggan was arrested in Australia in October 2022 at the request of the US government, which has accused him of violating an arms embargo by training Chinese military pilots between 2010 and 2012. The 54-year-old was a highly-regarded jet pilot who spent 12 years in the US Marine Corps, reaching the rank of Major and working as a tactical flight instructor.

**Tear gas, arrests as Kenya opposition stages protests** ♦ Kenyan riot police fired tear gas yesterday to disperse demonstrators gathered in Nairobi for a day of action called by the opposition to protest the country's punishing cost of living crisis, AFP correspondents said. The government of President William Ruto has vowed to take a tough stance over the demonstrations, which opposition leader Raila Odinga vowed would go ahead despite not receiving police authorisation. Demonstrators also hurled rocks at anti-riot police outside government offices in the capital, while about two dozen people were arrested, including two opposition MPs, correspondents at the scene said. "We will be here until they run out of tear gas," said one protester, Markings Nyamweya, 27.

CURIOSER & CURIOSER

**Media mogul Murdoch, 92, engaged for fifth time**

AFP | New York

Conservative media tycoon Rupert Murdoch will tie the knot for the fifth time, at the age of 92 years, he said yesterday in an interview with his own newspaper, the New York Post.

Murdoch is engaged to Ann Lesley Smith, a 66-year-old former police chaplain in San Francisco and widow of American country singer and media executive Chester Smith.

"I was very nervous. I dreaded falling in love -- but I knew this would be my last. It better be," he told the tabloid. "I'm happy."

Murdoch divorced his fourth wife, model Jerry Hall, last year after six years of marriage.

The Australian Murdoch, whose media empire includes The Wall Street Journal, Fox News and other influential outlets, is worth more than \$20 billion, according to Forbes.

Murdoch met his new fiancée last year at an event he hosted at his vineyard in California and soon enough



Rupert Murdoch



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the pair decided to spend "the second half of our lives together," the tycoon was quoted as saying.

"In perspective, it's not my first rodeo. Getting near 70 means being in the last half," said Smith. "I waited for the right time. Friends are happy for me."

The wedding will take place this summer and the couple plans to split their time between the United States and Britain.

Murdoch, who has six children, was first married to Patricia Booker, an Australian flight attendant, whom he divorced in the late 1960s.

He and his second wife, Anna, a newspaper reporter, were together more than 30 years before divorcing in 1999. His third marriage to Wendi Deng ended in 2013.



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**Putin says ready to China's Ukraine plan**

Vladimir Putin welcomes China's plan to settle 'acute crisis' in t

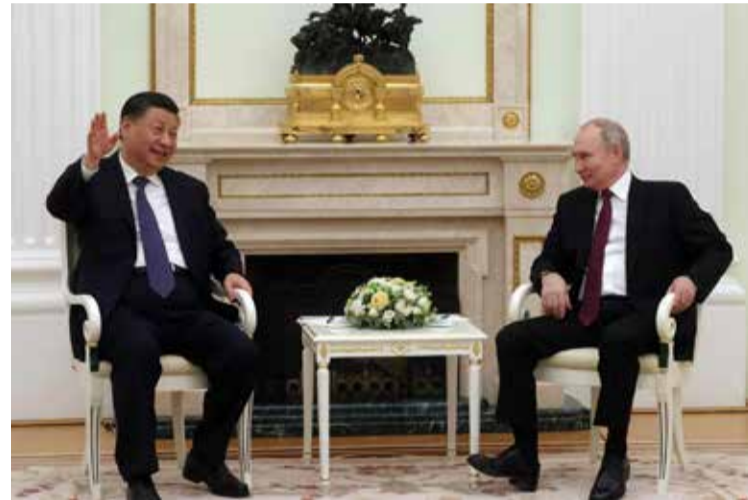
● Russian president tells Xi 'we are always ready for negotiating'

AFP | Moscow

President Vladimir Putin told his Chinese counterpart Xi Jinping yesterday that Russia was open to discussing China's proposals to end the fighting in Ukraine at the start of high-stakes talks in the Kremlin. "We are always open to negotiations," Putin told Xi, who was on his first visit to Moscow since the start of Russia's military intervention in Ukraine last year.

"We will certainly discuss all these issues, including your initiatives which we treat with respect, of course," Putin said.

The summit between the Russian president and the Chinese leader comes as China seeks to portray itself as a neutral party in the Ukraine conflict.



Russian President Vladimir Putin meets with China's President Xi Jinping at the Kremlin in Moscow

Xi's three-day trip also serves as a show of support for internationally isolated Putin, just days after a war crimes tribunal issued a warrant for his arrest over accusation of unlawfully deporting Ukrainian children.

Shortly after landing at Moscow's Vnukovo Airport, Xi said

his visit would give "new momentum" to Chinese-Russian ties.

He was greeted by Deputy Prime Minister Dmitry Chernyshenko on a red carpet as a military brass band played the countries' anthems, Russian state media showed.

During his initial meeting with



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Putin, Xi hailed "close ties" with Russia and the Russian leader said the two countries had "plenty of common objectives and tasks". The two will continue talks today.

'Constructive role'

The two leaders are due to discuss China's 12-point position paper on the Ukraine conflict, which includes a call for dialogue and respect for all countries' territorial sovereignty.

Putin has welcomed Beijing's statements on Ukraine as being indicative of a willingness to play

**Nine Chinese nationals killed in Central African Republic**

AFP | Beijing

Nine Chinese mine workers were killed in an attack in the Central African Republic, sparking a rare call yesterday from China's President Xi Jinping for the perpetrators to be "severely" punished.

The attack by "armed men" happened at about 5:00 am near Bambari, said the central town's mayor Abel Matchipata.

Matchipata said that "nine bodies and two wounded" had been counted, adding that the victims were Chinese workers at a site run by the Gold Coast



A soldier stands in front of a destroyed Chinese mining building (file photo)

Group, 25 kilometres (15 miles) from his town.

China's foreign ministry confirmed the toll, and Xi called



**Civil conflict has hit the Central African Republic, one of the world's poorest countries, since 2013, when armed groups ousted president Francois Bozize**

on authorities in the Central African Republic to "severely punish" those behind the killings.

The president had ordered "an all-out effort to treat the wounded, handle the aftermath in a timely manner, severely punish perpetrators in accordance with the law, and ensure the safety of Chinese citizens", an unnamed China foreign ministry spokesperson said in a statement.

Local authorities did not release further details of the attack, nor was there any claim of responsibility.

**UN chief: rich nations must achieve net zero carbon quicker, by 2040**

AFP | London

UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres called on wealthy countries yesterday to move up their goals of achieving carbon neutrality as close as possible to 2040, mostly from 2050 now, in order to "defuse the climate time bomb."

Introducing a capstone report by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change on the impacts and trajectory of global warming, Guterres delivered a blunt assessment of the challenge to prevent climate catastrophe.

"Humanity is on thin ice -- and that ice is melting fast," the United Nations chief said in a video message as the IPCC experts group issued its latest report, which he likened to "a survival guide for humanity."



A polar bear on melting ice floes in Russia's Franz Josef Land archipelago

Guterres said the world still has time to limit average temperature increases to 1.5 degrees Celsius (2.7 degrees Fahrenheit) compared to pre-industrial times but this requires "a quantum leap in climate action" by

all countries in all sectors. "It starts with parties immediately hitting the fast-forward button on their net zero deadlines," Guterres said, but he acknowledged countries have different levels of responsibility



**This is the moment for all G20 members to come together in a joint effort, pooling their resources and scientific capacities as well as their proven and affordable technologies through the public and private sectors to make carbon neutrality a reality by 2050**

ANTONIO GUTERRES

and ability to change course. Rich countries should commit to achieving carbon neutrality as close as possible to 2040, he said, "the limit they should all aim to respect."

1349

Between 100 and 3,000 Jews are killed in Black Death riots in Erfurt, Germany

1804

Napoleonic Code adopted in France, stresses clearly written and accessible law

1871

Journalist Henry Morton Stanley begins his famous expedition to Africa



1975

Ethiopia abolishes its monarchy after 3,000 years

2014

Russia formally annexes Crimea amid international condemnation

# to discuss at Xi talks

## Talks with Xi Jinping

a “constructive role” in ending the conflict.

But Kyiv yesterday reiterated calls for Russia to withdraw its forces from Ukraine.

“We expect Beijing to use its influence on Moscow to make it put an end to the aggressive war against Ukraine,” Ukrainian foreign ministry spokesman Oleg Nikolenko said.

A day before Xi’s arrival, Putin went to the Russian-held Ukrainian city of Mariupol -- his first visit to territory captured from Kyiv since Moscow’s forces pushed across the border in February 2022.

Xi’s visit also comes just days after the International Criminal Court (ICC) issued an arrest warrant for Putin on the accusation of unlawfully deporting Ukrainian children.

Beijing said yesterday the ICC should avoid what it called “politicisation and double standards” and respect the principle of immunity for heads of state.

The court should “uphold an

objective and impartial stance” and “respect the immunity of heads of state from jurisdiction under international law”, foreign ministry spokesperson Wang Wenbin told a regular briefing.

Russia said it opened a criminal probe into ICC prosecutor Karim Khan, saying he had accused “a person known to be innocent” and was planning “an attack on a representative of a foreign state enjoying international protection”.

Beijing and Moscow have drawn closer in recent years under a partnership that has served as a diplomatic bulwark against the West.

China has lambasted what it sees as a US-led pressure campaign against Russia as Moscow’s military effort in Ukraine drags on, instead calling for what it calls “impartial” mediation of the conflict.

“No single country should dictate the international order,” Xi wrote in a Russian newspaper article published yesterday.

## North Korea’s Kim leads ‘nuclear counterattack’ simulation drill



North Korea’s leader Kim Jong Un (centre R) and his daughter (centre L) walking together as they attend a warhead missile launch exercise  
AFP | Seoul

The drills were the fourth show of force from Pyongyang in a week and came during Freedom Shield, the biggest US-South Korea military exercise in five years

North Korean leader Kim Jong Un led two days of military drills “simulating a nuclear counterattack”, including the launch of a ballistic missile, state media reported yesterday.

Kim expressed satisfaction over the weekend drills, which were held to “let relevant units get familiar with the procedures and processes for implementing their tactical nuclear attack missions”, said the report by the official Korean Central News Agency (KCNA).

The drills were the fourth show of force from Pyongyang in a week and came during Freedom Shield, the biggest US-South Korea military exercise in five years.

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

The weekend drills in North Korea were divided into exercises simulating the shift to a nuclear counterattack posture and a drill for “launching a tactical ballistic missile tipped with a mock nuclear warhead”, KCNA said.

South Korea’s Joint Chiefs of Staff said Sunday that the short-range ballistic missile flew 800 kilometres (500 miles) before landing in the East Sea, also known as the Sea of Japan.

They branded it a “serious provocation” that violated United Nations sanctions.

## Japan PM says India ‘indispensable’ in ensuring free Indo-Pacific

AFP | London

Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida yesterday called India vital to ensuring a free and open Indo-Pacific after talks with his counterpart touching on shared concerns about China.

Speaking in New Delhi after meeting Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Kishida laid out plans for billions of dollars in investments in infrastructure and other sectors across the region.

“I have described Japan’s plan to develop a free and open Indo-Pacific. To achieve this, India is an indispensable partner,” Kishida said.

“Japan will strengthen coordination with the US, Australia, UK, Canada, Europe and elsewhere. Of course, India is indispensable.”

India, Japan, the United States and Australia make up the Quad alliance, which positions itself as a bulwark against China’s growing assertiveness in the Asia-Pacific region under President Xi Jinping.

India’s relations with China nosedived after 20 Indian troops died in clashes with Chinese soldiers in 2020 on their disputed Himalayan frontier.

In December Japan, officially pacifist since 1945, revamped its defence policy after warning that China, with which it has a fraught history, posed the “greatest security challenge ever”.

Japan is also boosting military spending and is carrying



Japan’s Prime Minister Fumio Kishida (L) shakes hands with his Indian counterpart Narendra Modi after attending a joint media briefing

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out more joint exercises with other countries, including India, which has also deepened defence cooperation with Western nations.

**Quad summit**

In June, Kishida had said Japan would help train 800 maritime security personnel and provide at least \$2 billion to other countries to buy patrol boats and build up infra-

structure as part of the Free and Open Indo-Pacific (FOIP) strategy.

Kishida said yesterday that FOIP’s scope would expand to include new areas like climate change, cybersecurity and food security.

It would also direct public and private capital worth \$75 billion towards Indo-Pacific infrastructure by 2030.

Kishida’s visit came less than a fortnight after Modi hosted his Australian counterpart Anthony Albanese for talks that also covered worries about China.

Albanese, who is also forging closer ties with the United States and Britain under the separate so-called AUKUS alliance, is due to host all Quad leaders in May.

The Quad members deny hostile intentions and stress that they are not a military alliance, but China has described the grouping as an attempt to encircle it.

## Thai PM dissolves parliament, calls election

AFP | Bangkok

Thai Prime Minister Prayut Chan-O-Cha dissolved the country’s parliament yesterday, setting up a general election in May as the former coup leader seeks to extend army-backed rule.

The vote pits unpopular former army chief Prayut, who came to power in a 2014 putsch, against the daughter of billionaire former PM Thaksin Shinawatra, whose shadow still looms over the kingdom’s political scene despite more than a decade in exile.

The main opposition Pheu



Thailand’s Prime Minister Prayut Chan-O-Cha speaks to press

Thai group, fronted by Paetongtarn Shinawatra, is polling strongly but Thailand’s junta-scripted 2017 constitution will make it hard for the party to secure the top job.

**The election is the second since the 2014 coup and the first since the country was rocked by massive youth-led pro-democracy protests in Bangkok in 2020**

A statement in the official Royal Gazette published yesterday announced the dissolution, and the Election Commission will confirm the date of the poll later, with May 7 or 14 tipped as the most likely.

## Kuwait desert oil spill sparks ‘state of emergency’: company

AFP | Kuwait City

The Kuwait Oil Company declared a “state of emergency” yesterday following an oil spill on land.

The emergency followed an “oil leak in the west of the country”, the state-owned company said in a statement, as video posted by Kuwaiti media showed a gushing pipe surrounded by a large slick of oil.

“No injuries have occurred as a result of the leak and production has not been affected,” company spokesman Qusai Al-Amer was quoted as saying, adding that no toxic fumes had been reported.

The leak “occurred on land



Screenshot from a video posted by Kuwaiti media shows a gushing pipe surrounded by a large slick of oil

but not in a residential area”, he later said.

Teams have been dispatched

to determine the source of the leak and contain the incident, Al-Amer said, declining to give the exact location or the extent of the spill.

Kuwait’s Al Rai newspaper released a video on Twitter showing a pipe spewing large amounts of oil onto barren land.

Kuwait is a major oil-producing country where nearly 90 percent of government revenues come from oil.

The key member within the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) is currently producing about 2.7 million barrels per day.

The Kuwait Oil Company has previously reported oil leaks in its fields in 2020 and 2016.

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TWEETS

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The climate time-bomb is ticking but the latest @IPCC\_CH report shows that we have the knowledge & resources to tackle the climate crisis. We need to #ActNow to ensure a livable planet in the future.

@antonio\_guterres

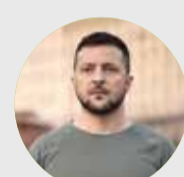
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A story of catastrophic loss and touching solidarity. When the earthquakes struck, the world mobilised to support the people in Türkiye and Syria. We now need to support the survivors to rebuild their lives. I invite all nations to contribute

@vonderleyen

03



When the Ukrainian people defend themselves, when the power of the UN Charter and the power of justice are restored on our land, this will guarantee peace for many other parts of the world as well.

@ZelenskyyUa

04



I had the honor of celebrating Women’s History Month alongside a phenomenal group of trailblazers. Together, they are fearlessly using their voices to inspire and empower people everywhere.

@VP

Disclaimer: (Views expressed by columnists are personal and need not necessarily reflect our editorial stances)

# celebs

## Courtney Cox: 'Filming Scream 6 was strenuous!'

Celebretainment | Los Angeles

Courtney Cox found the shooting of 'Scream 6' to be "strenuous."

The 58-year-old actress has starred as reporter Gale Weathers in the spoof-horror franchise since its inception 1997 but is the only original cast member to return for its latest instalment and "missed" other characters during the production, as she noted that she has been "lucky" to have been part of several other long-running projects such as 'Friends.'

She told 'Entertainment Tonight': "You're so busy running or chasing Ghostface. I love this film. Of course, other characters are missed, but it's so great, this movie. They did such a good job. It took a long time to film it was pretty strenuous, I might say, but it was fun. I've been lucky to do a lot of things for long periods of time. 'Friends' and 'Cougar Town' and 'Scream', it feels great to have family in every single situation

Meanwhile, directors Matt Bettinelli-Olpin and Tyler Gillett expressed their "surprise" that the franchise - which returned to cinemas in 2022 after more than a decade away from the big screen - had managed to make a successful comeback.

Tyler said: "I think us and [writers] Guy [Busick] and Jamie Courtney Cox

[Vanderbilt], we approach it as fans and like, what would we want to see? And so, in a way, it's a reaction to our own reaction, which is also a fan reaction."



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Matt added: "I think it was such a surprise to have Scream come back, to be involved in it, and I think we just knew that for as warm and comforting and as homage-y as the last one was, we had to take a really hard left turn for the next one, just to keep ourselves interested, right? To keep ourselves engaged and surprised. That's always been the compass; what is thrilling and fun and exciting to us? And hopefully people love the same thing."



## Paris Hilton: I love proving people wrong

Celebretainment | Los Angeles

Paris Hilton loves "proving people wrong".

The 42-year-old star thinks she's been underestimated throughout her career, and she still loves to prove her doubters wrong.

Paris explained to the Guardian newspaper: "I'm a human being so things would be hurtful when people would just assume ... but I always loved when people underestimated me, I loved proving people wrong."

The blonde beauty found global fame in 2003, when a sex tape involving Paris and Rick Salomon, her then-boyfriend, was leaked.

Paris can still remember feeling devastated at the time.

She said: "It was extremely painful. I did not want to leave my house. I was just so depressed and so humiliated."

"That was just one night, with someone who I was in love with, who I trusted, that was never meant for

anyone else to see." Paris insists that the public's perception of her didn't chime with reality. She explained: "I was portraying this sex-symbol vibe, but inside I did not feel that way at all. And I did not trust anyone because I had such huge walls that I built around my heart. "I didn't want to let anyone in, and I didn't want to be hurt, so I didn't want to ever give myself to

someone. I thought, if you only kiss them, that's not a big deal. If something bad happens or they cheat on me, it won't hurt as bad."

Earlier this month, meanwhile, Paris revealed that she's loving her experience of motherhood.

The 'Stars Are Blind' hitmaker and her husband Carter Reum welcomed their first child, a baby boy called Phoenix, in January via surrogate, and Paris has relished the challenge so far.

She said: "My favorite moments are when he's just laying on my chest and he's looking into my eyes and my heart just melts and I just feel that this is just the most magical time in my life."



Paris Hilton

## Seth Rogen isn't a fan of Marvel films

Celebretainment | Los Angeles

The 40-year-old actor serves as an executive producer on the popular superhero series 'The Boys' but has confessed that he is not a fan of Marvel Cinematic Universe (MCU) blockbusters as he finds them aimed towards children.

In an interview with Total Film magazine, Seth said: "I think Kevin Feige is a brilliant guy, and I think a lot of the filmmakers he's hired to make these

movies are great filmmakers.

"But as someone who doesn't have children... It is (all) kind of geared toward kids, you know? There are times where I will forget. I'll watch one of those things, as an adult with no kids, and be like, 'Oh, this is just not for me.'"

'The Boys' is a comic book show that appeals to adult audiences but Seth admits that the Amazon programme would "not exist or be interesting" without the influence of

the MCU. 'The Fabelmans' star said: "Truthfully, without Marvel, 'The Boys' wouldn't exist or be interesting. I'm aware of that. "I think if it was only Marvel (in the marketplace), it would be bad. But I think it isn't - clearly. "An example I'm always is, there's a point in history where a bunch of filmmakers would have been sitting around, being like, 'Do you think we'll ever make a movie that's not a Western again? Everything's a Western! Westerns dominate the f\*\*\*\*\* movies. If it doesn't have a hat and a gun and a carriage, people aren't going to see it anymore.'"



Seth Rogen



Cardi B

## I want to style other celebrities, says Cardi B

Celebretainment | Los Angeles

The chart-topping rap star - who is one of the world's best-selling music artists - has taken to Twitter to reveal that she'd love to style other celebrities.

Cardi, 30 - who is known for having a bold fashion sense - wrote on the micro-blogging platform: "I really want to style other celebs."

In response, Chrishell Stause posted a side-by-side image of herself and Cardi, explaining that they were both wearing dresses from the same designer.

Chrishell, 41 - who is best known for starring in 'Selling Sunset', the hit Netflix show - wrote: "We wore the same designer @GG\_Studio [clapping and fire emojis] (sic)"

## Harrison Ford addresses fan theories he suffers from 'social anxiety'

Celebretainment | Los Angeles

Harrison Ford has insisted he doesn't have "social anxiety", he just hates "boring situations".

The 80-year-old actor has responded to fan theories about his mental state due to some people's perception that he often appears shy at events and

during interviews.

He told The Hollywood Reporter: "That sounds like something a psychiatrist would say, not a casual observer."

"I don't have a social anxiety disorder. I have an abhorrence of boring situations... I know

who the f\*\*\* I am."

He did admit that early on his stage career, he had nerves due to the new environment.

He explained: "I wasn't shy, I was f\*\*\*\*\* terrified. My knees would shake so badly, you could

see it from the back of the theatre.

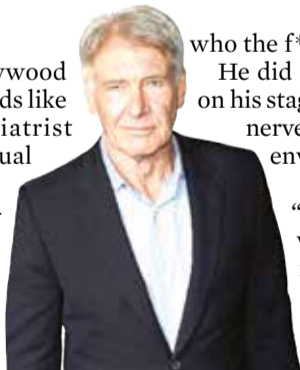
"But that's not social anxiety. That's being unfamiliar with the territory..."

"I was able to talk myself through that and then enjoy the experience of being onstage and telling a story with collaborators."

At this point in his life,

the 'Star Wars' legend admitted while he isn't shying away from the spotlight, he does "try to blend in" when possible.

He said: "I have a protective colouration. I try to blend in. That's what I do. When I'm getting dressed, if people are going to be wearing a suit, I wear a suit."



Harrison Ford

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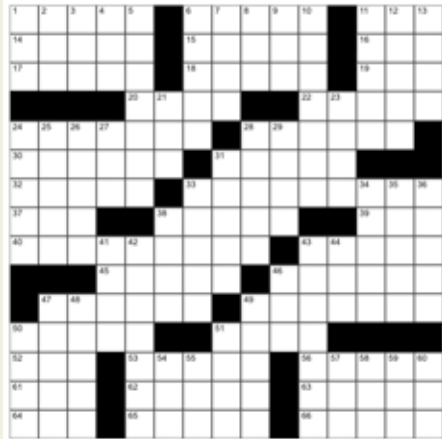
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**LULU BAHRAIN HYPERMARKET W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of PORTER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17558558 or careers@bh.lulumea.com

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**MOON STAR CLEANING CONSTRUCTION CO. W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of CLEANER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 16199376 or MOONSTARCBH@GMAIL.COM

**Stiller Agency for the Supply Workers w. I.** has a vacancy for the occupation of KITCHEN WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17717730 or ALAZZAMGROUP@YAHOO.COM

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**Lazard Contracting Co. W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of FOREMAN(CONSTRUCTION), suitably qualified applicants can contact 17728630 or lazardcontracting@gmail.com

**LATAIF JEWELLERY W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of SALES MANAGER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17820007 or RAFAIZY1984@GMAIL.COM

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**MARKHOR COFFEE W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER(SALES), suitably qualified applicants can contact 38924587 or BABARMUMTAZKHAN@GMAIL.COM

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**BOKHWA CONTRACTING & TRADING GROUP W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17255980 or ADEEBALI@BOKHOWAGROUP.COM

**KENTUCKY** has a vacancy for the occupation of KITCHEN WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17262998 or MHAHMED@AMERICANA-FOOD.COM

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**Oriental Intrnational for construction** has a vacancy for the occupation of MASON, suitably qualified applicants can contact 33322402 or STE.1@HOTMAIL.COM

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**ALMOAYYED CONTRACTING GROUP W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of HEAVY VEHICLE DRIVER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17400407 or profice@almoayyedcg.com

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**Doniv Marble W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17785525 or DONIVMAR@BATELCO.COM.BH

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**SEA BIRD MECHANICAL AND MARINE CONTRACTING W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of SUPERVISOR, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17273133 or SIAM7373@BATELCO.COM.BH

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**Pisgah Cleaning Co. W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 33797932 or GEORGE2099@GMAIL.COM

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**INTERNATIONAL 360 SECURITY SERVICES W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of SECURITY GUARD, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39411673 or FISHERMANSENSE@GMAIL.COM

**NAWAF SULTAN CONTRACTING** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 33495428 or NAWAFSULTANBH@GMAIL.COM

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**KHALIL ABDULLA MOHAMMED SHARIF (IVANA/7965)** has a vacancy for the occupation of FISHERMAN, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17672220 or mahmoodball@hotmail.com

**AHMED NASEEB M. MUBARAK ( THEEB AL ZALLAQ / 5891 )** has a vacancy for the occupation of FISHERMAN, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17666666 or JEEHAN.ASHEER@GMAIL.COM

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**BAHRAIN MAINTENANCE & DIVING SERVICES CO** has a vacancy for the occupation of STEEL FABRICATOR, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39600924 or info@bmds.co

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**ALHAJ HASSAN GROUP B.S.C CLOSED** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17551111 or VIJESH.NAIR@HAJIHASSAN.COM

**SEVENTIES KARAK** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 32070301 or FASALUTFPFAZAL@GMAIL.COM

**ABDULAZIZ ALSAYED TRADING & CONTRACTING W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of LABOURER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 33747598 or AHMEDALSAYED88@HOTMAIL.COM

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**ONLINE TRAVEL** has a vacancy for the occupation of SALES WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17401330 or ZANABRM@HOTMAIL.COM

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**BEENU WORKSHOP** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39622367 or HASSAN.JAB88@HOTMAIL.COM

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**PLANNERS GROUP INTERNATIONAL** has a vacancy for the occupation of MECHANIC(MAINTENANCE).GENERAL, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17532010 or m.vishal@exibah.com

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ALSAMMAK999@HOTMAIL.COM

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**Alzayani 66 speed garage** has a vacancy for the occupation of MECHANIC, suitably qualified applicants can contact 33251731 or sahed.sen@gmail.com

**Texas Chicken** has a vacancy for the occupation of WAITER/BARTENDER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 33629071 or human.resources@binrajab.co

**AGRO FRESH FISH AND MEAT MART W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of BUTCHER (ANIMALS), suitably qualified applicants can contact 34443540 or ROYVICTOR92@GMAIL.COM

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## Hamilton takes 'positives' for Mercedes from Saudi Arabia



Mercedes' British driver Lewis Hamilton competes during the race  
AFP | Jeddah

Lewis Hamilton said Mercedes could take "positives" out of Sunday's Saudi Arabian Grand Prix after he and teammate George Russell finished fifth and fourth respectively.

For a few hours Russell was, in fact, promoted to third after Aston Martin's Fernando Alonso was handed a post-race 10-seconds penalty for an infringement during his pit-stop when he was serving a five-second penalty for making an incorrect start.

Russell described the decision as "harsh", a view that the FIA agreed with when Aston Martin appealed. Alonso was reinstated for the 100th podium of his career.

That change, however, did not take the gloss off an encouraging weekend for Mercedes although, like everyone else they are struggling to keep pace with the Red Bulls of Sergio Perez and Max Verstappen who completed a third successive 1-2.

"We got some great points



Mercedes, who struggled in 2022 and took fifth and seventh in the opening race of this season in Bahrain, have changed direction with their car development

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LEWIS HAMILTON

as a team today," said Hamilton immediately after the race. "George got third, which is amazing. I went forward, one foot in front of the other!"

"I'm really grateful to have come from seventh place.

"The strategy didn't work for me. The set-up was a bit off. If I had George's set-up I would be in a better position. There's lots to work on but we can take the positives."

Mercedes still finished far behind the commanding Red Bulls as Perez claimed his fifth career victory ahead of defending double champion Max Verstappen, who came through the field from 15th on the grid.

Mercedes once enjoyed similar domination, winning eight consecutive constructors' titles.

"You've got to give credit to what Red Bull have done," said Russell. "The gap is bigger than any since Mercedes in 2014. It's a serious gap and everyone needs to work harder."

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## Alonso reinstated to podium after Aston Martin appeal penalty



**Alonso was initially handed a five-second penalty for an error on the starting grid and another for failing to serve it properly -- the rear jack being in contact with the car before the five seconds were up**

AFP | Jeddah

Fernando Alonso took the 100th podium of his career after being reinstated as the third-placed finisher at the Saudi Arabian Grand Prix early yesterday.

The Spaniard finished Sunday's race in third place but was demoted to fourth when he was handed a post-race 10-seconds penalty for an infringement as he tried to serve an earlier five-second penalty in a pit stop.

The stewards judged that a mechanic touched the car with a rear tyre jack before the five seconds had elapsed and so the penalty had not been served



Winner Red Bull Racing's Mexican driver Sergio Perez celebrates with Aston Martin's Spanish driver Fernando Alonso on the podium

correctly.

That handed third place to Mercedes' George Russell who described the penalty as "harsh".

Aston Martin, however, launched an appeal, prompting the FIA to reverse their decision.

"Having reviewed the new evidence, we concluded that there was no clear agreement, as was suggested to the stewards previously, that could be relied upon to determine that parties had agreed that a jack touching a car would amount to working on the car," the FIA said in a statement.

"In the circumstances, we considered that our original

decision to impose a penalty on Car 14 (Alonso) needed to be reversed and we did so accordingly."

The two-time champion had incurred the original penalty when he took the lead at the first corner of the 50-lap race, but started from an incorrect position, too far to the left in his grid slot.

Alonso had appeared unperturbed when he was initially stripped of third after he had appeared on the podium with race winner Sergio Perez and his Red Bull teammate Max Verstappen and in the post-race interviews.

"I'm not too upset," he said. "It was good and it doesn't hurt



**"I'm not too upset. It was good and it doesn't hurt much. I was on the podium, I took the pictures, I got the trophy. I celebrated with the champagne"**

FERNANDO ALONSO

much. I was on the podium, I took the pictures, I got the trophy. I celebrated with the champagne."

The 41-year-old blamed the FIA for the mishandling of the penalty.

"You can't apply the penalty 35 laps after the pit-stop. They had enough time to inform us. If I knew about the penalty, I would have had 11 seconds with the car."

Even Russell agreed: "That penalty for Fernando was harsh. They deserved a podium finish today," said the Briton who went back to fourth.

The pit-lane problem was a similar infringement to that of Alpine driver Esteban Ocon who was given three penalties at the season-opening Bahrain Grand Prix.

The Aston Martin team's later appeal drew attention to the confusion over the rule.

## Xavi and Ancelotti at odds over disallowed Asensio goal

AFP | Barcelona

Barcelona and Real Madrid coaches Xavi Hernandez and Carlo Ancelotti disagreed over a late Marco Asensio goal ruled offside by VAR in the Clasico on Sunday.

Barcelona won 2-1 as Franck Kessie struck the winner in stoppage time to send his team 12 points clear at the top of La Liga, but with the score poised at 1-1 with 10 minutes remaining, Asensio netted to put Madrid ahead.

However after a VAR check, the goal was ruled out for offside against the Spanish forward.

"We did not win because of an offside that we're still doubtful about," Ancelotti told reporters.

"It was not so sure. We have



Spanish referee Ricardo De Burgos Bengoetxea (R) talks to Real Madrid's Spanish midfielder Marco Asensio after annulling his goal following a VAR decision

doubts about it, and we go back to Madrid with this doubt."

However Xavi was in complete disagreement with his op-

posite number.

"It's clear, offside is clear, it's a scientific thing, no? I am surprised by what Ancelotti said,"



**"We did not win because of an offside that we're still doubtful about. It was not so sure. We have doubts about it, and we go back to Madrid with this doubt"**

CARLO ANCELOTTI

Xavi told reporters.

"Without VAR, everything is more difficult. It ends up being fairer, above all on offside.

"A penalty or a handball, it can be hard to referee it, but this either is, or it isn't, so that's why I'm surprised by Ancelotti."

The coach said the league was not won yet but admitted his team were in the driving seat.

# BIC crowns champions of Bahrain Rotax MAX Challenge at BIKC

TDT | Manama

The champions of the 2022/2023 Bahrain Rotax MAX Challenge (BRMC) were crowned over the weekend following the series' season-finales at Bahrain International Karting Circuit (BIKC), the world-class grassroots motorsport facility at Bahrain International Circuit (BIC) in Sakhr.

Ali Almoayed, Nasser Nass, Luca Houghton, Fahad Alkhaled and Omar Alderayan all emerged as winners of their respective classes at the end of a hotly contested campaign that featured eight exciting rounds.

Ali and Alderayan headed into the curtain-closer having already secured their titles in the Micro MAX and DD2 MAX categories, respectively. Joining them on the list of 2022/2023 champions were Nasser in the Mini MAX, Luca in the Junior MAX and Alkhaled in the Senior MAX class.

In the weekend's final round of action at BIKC, Adam Awan was the winner in the Micro MAX final, finishing the nine-lap race in a time of nine minutes 45.815 seconds. He was well ahead of runner-up Rayyan Najjar, with the pair also classified in the same order during their pre-final.

Following the result, Adam finished just a single point be-

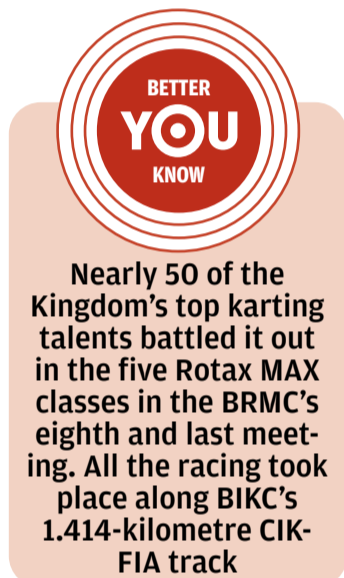


Winners celebrate on the podium

hind Micro MAX champion Ali on the standings. Ali, who did not compete in the finale, had 213 points in first place, followed closely by Adam, while Tariq Soofi was a distant third on 57 points.

In Mini MAX action, Shaikh Rashid bin Salman Al Khalifa took first place on the provisional classification of the nine-lap final. Shaikh Rashid triumphed in 9:17.591, with Aaryan Singh in second and Shaikh Ahmed bin Saqer Al Khalifa third.

The pre-final saw Nasser claim first place ahead of Shaikh Rashid, which earned him crucial points towards his Mini MAX championship. He thus completed the season with 215 points provisionally on the table,



followed by Shaikh Ahmed on

197 and Shonal Kunimal in third with 175 points.

Luca wrapped up his Junior MAX title-winning campaign in style, taking the chequered flag in both the pre-final and final. His victory in the final came after 15 laps in a time of 13:43.235. Luca was 3.127s ahead of Mohammed Alhasan, while Sager Almousherji came third 6.070s behind.

Luca's victories helped him improve to 218 points to end the season—17 ahead of Gracie Grantham, who was fifth in the final. Alhasan came third on the table with 200 points.

The Senior MAX saw Jasper Sjoberg take the final after ending the race narrowly ahead of Lewis Smith. Sjoberg won in



Action from the round

13:55.328 after 15 laps—3.766s in front of Smith, while Tijl Josep Huisman completed the podium placers 4.352s back in third.

Alkhaled, who was classified fourth in the final, earned enough points to take the class title with 183 on the standings. Muhammad Wally came second on 172 and Leen Alarifi third with 165 points. Alarifi had earlier claimed the pre-final in the round.

In the DD2 MAX championship standings, Alderayan finished with 213 points in first place, followed by Abdulla Jaweed with 174 and Talal Al Attas and Ahmed Alsaleh tied on 54 markers.

Amongst the winning entrants in the 2022/2023 BRMC season,

Praga Middle East Racing and Forza Bahrain Racing won two titles apiece, with NorthStar Racing taking the other. Praga triumphed in the Mini MAX and Junior MAX classes, whereas Forza won the Senior MAX and DD2 categories. NorthStar were first in the Micro MAX class.

Nearly 50 of the Kingdom's top karting talents battled it out in the five Rotax MAX classes in the BRMC's eighth and last meeting. All the racing took place along BIKC's 1.414-kilometre CIK-FIA track.

Following the action, the podium ceremonies wrapped up the proceedings attended by officials from BIC, BIKC, the Bahrain Motor Federation and the Bahrain Karting Commission.

## Alcaraz routs Medvedev for Indian Wells title, return to No. 1

AFP | Indian Wells

Spain's Carlos Alcaraz swept past Daniil Medvedev 6-3, 6-2 on Sunday to win the Indian Wells ATP Masters 1000 and secure his return to number one in the world.

US Open champion Alcaraz ended Medvedev's 19-match winning streak, denying him a fourth title in as many tournaments to ensure he will supplant Australian Open champion Novak Djokovic atop the rankings.

"It feels amazing to lift the trophy here, to recover the No. 1," Alcaraz said. "I would say this has been the perfect tournament."



Carlos Alcaraz of Spain poses with the trophy

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CARLOS ALCARAZ

Serbia's Djokovic, barred from entering the United States because he hasn't been vaccinated against Covid-19, sat out Indian Wells and will miss the Miami Open starting this week, where Alcaraz is the defending champion.

Alcaraz, 19, who became the

youngest world number one ever after his triumph at Flushing Meadows last year, claimed his third Masters 1000 title and joined compatriot Rafael Nadal as the only players to win at least three as a teenager. Nadal won six before turning 20.

He was unstoppable on Stadium Court, breaking through what he'd called the "wall" of Medvedev's formidable defenses.

Medvedev, coming off titles in Rotterdam, Doha and Dubai, could find no answer as Alcaraz fired winners from all over the court, defying the windy conditions.

## Rybakina beats Sabalenka to win Indian Wells WTA title

AFP | Indian Wells

Wimbledon champion Elena Rybakina edged Aryna Sabalenka 7-6 (13/11), 6-4 on Sunday to win the Indian Wells WTA title and avenge her loss to the Belarusian in the Australian Open final.

Kazakhstan's Rybakina, the world number 10 who ousted top-ranked defending champion Iga Swiatek in the semi-finals, followed up with her first victory over second-ranked Sabalenka in five career meetings.

Rybakina, projected to rise to seventh in the world, handed Sabalenka just her second defeat of the year, denying her a third title to go with a win in Adelaide that presaged her first Grand Slam triumph at Melbourne.

"It's actually the first time it goes my way," Rybakina said as she accepted the trophy, a smiling Sabalenka leaning to the



Elena Rybakina of Kazakhstan poses with the winner's trophy

microphone to interject, "I will make sure it was the last one."

"We'll see next time," Rybakina laughed.

The banter belied another tense battle between the two, who had gone to three sets in all four prior encounters.

Sabalenka had the edge from the base-

**It was a rollercoaster. With all these double faults, I think we were both so tight, because we both knew that it's not easy with our serves to hold it but also to try to break**

ELENA RYBAKINA

line, but, in the face of fierce pressure from Rybakina, the serve demons that beset the Belarusian last year resurfaced and her 10 double faults in the opening frame ultimately proved too much to overcome.

After fending off three break points in a marathon fourth game, she broke Rybakina to gain the first advantage.

But Sabalenka handed back the break with a double fault as Rybakina leveled the set at 4-4.

## Richarlison, Marquinhos out with injuries for Brazil-Morocco

AFP | Rio De Janeiro

Tottenham forward Richarlison and Paris Saint-Germain defender Marquinhos will both miss Brazil's friendly against Morocco on March 25 due to injury, joining star Neymar on the absent list, the team said.

The new injuries leave the five-time world champions without a string of top players as they prepare to take on surprise World Cup semi-finalists Morocco in Tangier in their first match since Qatar.

Richarlison, 25, left the pitch in tears Saturday after suffering an injury early in Tottenham's 3-3 draw at Southampton.



Brazil's Richarlison (R) celebrates scoring a goal with teammate Marquinhos (file photo)

"National team doctor Rodrigo Lasmar contacted Richarlison's club, and established that the athlete will not be fit to play for the friendly," the Brazilian Football Confederation (CBF) said in a statement late Saturday.

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## Ramsey backs Wales to prosper in post-Bale era



Wales' Gareth Bale and Aaron Ramsey celebrate a goal (file photo)

AFP | London

Aaron Ramsey believes a new generation of Wales players can forge their own success after Gareth Bale's retirement.

Midfielder Ramsey is the new national captain, replacing former Real Madrid and Tottenham forward Bale, who called time on his career in January.

Bale, Wales' record goal-scorer and most-capped player, was not the only senior star to quit international football after the World Cup in Qatar.

Chris Gunter, Joe Allen and Jonny Williams also retired from Wales duty after a golden era that included a run to the Euro 2016 semi-finals.

Wales manager Rob Page is ushering in a new era and Ramsey is confident there are enough emerging youngsters to keep his country in contention during the Euro 2024 qualifying campaign.

# Bahrain through to Asian beach soccer quarters

Kingdom's national team advance despite losing final preliminary round game to tournament hosts Thailand

● **Tanandon Praracha, Watchara Lepajit score for Thailand in victory**

● **Bahrain to next face Iran in knockout quarter-final, set for tomorrow**

TDT | Manama

Bahrain secured their tickets to the quarter-finals of the 2023 AFC Beach Soccer Asian Cup despite losing 0-2 yesterday to hosts Thailand in their concluding match of the tournament's preliminary round.

On target for the home team were Tanandon Praracha in the 20th minute, and then Watchara Lepajit fired in the Thais' second goal a minute from full time.

To add to the Bahrainis' woes, skipper Rashed Jamal was sent off in the 35th minute.

The nationals suffered their



Bahrain's Abdulla Abdullatif battles to keep possession against Thailand's Komkrit Nanan

first setback of the competition with the result but still made it through to the next phase as runners-up in Group A.

They finished behind the Thais, who had a superior goal difference, with both sides finishing on six points apiece.

Saudi Arabia were third in

their pool while Afghanistan last. The Saudis beat their Afghan rivals 4-2 on penalties in yesterday's other Group A fixture. The match was tied at 4-4 after extra-time.

Bahrain now move on to face Iran in the round of eight, while Thailand take on the UAE. Both



**Bahrain suffered their first setback of the competition with yesterday's loss but still made it through to the last eight as runners-up in Group A. They finished behind the Thais, who had a superior goal difference, with both sides finishing on six points apiece**

The other two quarter-final games will be determined today after the conclusion of the Group C and Group D contests. Japan currently lead China, Lebanon and Indonesia on the Group C table while Oman top Group D ahead of Kuwait, Palestine and Kyrgyzstan.

Those quarters matches will be held on Thursday.

The semi-finals then follow on Saturday and both the gold and bronze medal games on Sunday, the concluding day of the championship.

Bahrain are one of 16 teams competing in the continent's premier beach soccer tournament, which has been organised and is being run by the Asian Football Confederation (AFC).

It also acts as a qualification competition for the 2023 FIFA Beach Soccer World Cup, with the two finalists set to book their tickets to the global championship, along with the UAE, who qualified automatically as hosts. If the UAE are in the final, the bronze-medallists will make it through.

## New Zealand demolish Sri Lanka to sweep Test series

AFP | Wellington

New Zealand claimed victory against Sri Lanka by an innings and 58 runs yesterday to secure a 2-0 Test series whitewash despite a late fightback from the visitors.

Sri Lanka notched just 164 in their first innings and were asked to follow on after the Black Caps declared at 580 in Wellington. They were then bowled out for 358.

"It was nice to get the win finished off, especially as the weather forecast wasn't great, which is part of the reason why we asked for the follow on," said New Zealand captain Tim Southee.

"It's been a pleasing few weeks in the whites with a number of guys stepping up at different times," he added with New Zealand on three straight Test wins including last month's thrilling victory over England to level that series 1-1.

New Zealand stuck to their task after Dhananjaya de Silva launched a fightback yesterday, passing 3,000 Test runs before being caught on 98, missing a



New Zealand's Blair Tickner celebrates with the teammates after the dismissal of Sri Lanka batter Dinesh Chandimal



**Losing the toss and being asked to bat and being able to put a score on the board was very pleasing to see, and set up the performance the bowlers produced over the last two days**

NEW ZEALAND CAPTAIN TIM SOUTHEE

10th Test century.

The home seamers had already sniffed victory when they broke his 76-run partnership with debutant wicketkeeper Nishan Madushka, who was caught just before the tea break.

The loss of de Silva signalled the end of the resistance -- Sri Lanka lost their last three wickets for 40 runs as the tailenders were picked off.



**New Zealand came into the fourth day in a commanding position: Sri Lanka was 113-2 when play began, still 303 runs behind, and New Zealand found itself in a race to complete the win against the possibility of a rained-out final day**

Southee and New Zealand seamer Blair Tickner did most of the damage with three wickets apiece.

After Sri Lanka resumed the day on 113-2, New Zealand's pace attack offered no respite in the first over of yesterday as Matt Henry's delivery saw Kane Williamson catch Kusal Mendis on 50.

## Bangladesh-Ireland ODI washed out after record innings



Ground staff cover the pitch with plastic sheets

AFP | Sylhet

The second one-day international between Bangladesh and Ireland was called off due to rain in Sylhet yesterday after the home side posted their highest-ever ODI total.

The rain prevented Ireland from starting their innings after the hosts reached 349-6 thanks to Mushfiqur Rahim's century, the fastest ODI ton by a Bangladeshi batsman.

Match officials called the game off shortly after 8:30 pm (2030 GMT) with no prospect of the weather improving at Sylhet International Cricket Stadium.

Bangladesh, fresh from beating England 3-0 in T20s, are 1-0 up in the series with one match remaining on Thursday.

Mushfiqur was unbeaten on 100 off just 60 balls, while Najmul Hossain and Liton Das added 73 and 70 runs respectively.



**The matches are useful practice on South Asian pitches for Ireland ahead of the ODI World Cup in India later this year, for which they are yet to qualify**

This helped the hosts break their record of 338-8 set in only the previous match, which they won by 183 runs.

Sent in to bat first, Bangladesh began cautiously in slightly overcast conditions before Liton and skipper Tamim Iqbal grew in confidence to put on 42 runs.

## Italy want to 'do well' in Euro qualifier for the late Vialli, Mancini says

TDT | Manama

European champions Italy want to "do well" against England in their first Euro 2024 qualifier as a tribute to late former striker Gianluca Vialli, coach Roberto Mancini said



Gianluca Vialli

yesterday.

Vialli, who died in January at the age of 58 following a long battle with pancreatic cancer, was Mancini's best friend and long-time strike partner in their playing days at Sampdoria in the 1980s and 1990s.

The former Juventus, Chelsea and Italy striker played a significant role in Italy's European Championship title-winning campaign in 2021, assisting Mancini, despite having been diagnosed in 2017.