



**Mpox outbreak 'not the new Covid', says WHO**

AFP | Geneva

The mpox outbreak is not another Covid-19, the World Health Organization said yesterday, because much is already known about the virus and the means to control it.

While more research is needed on the Clade 1b strain which triggered the UN agency into declaring an international health emergency, the spread of mpox can be reined in, the WHO's European director Hans Kluge said.

"Mpox is not the new Covid," he said. "We know how to control mpox."

**Israeli strikes kill three in Lebanon**

AFP | Beirut

Lebanon's health ministry said three people were killed yesterday in Israeli strikes in the country's south, while Hezbollah said its group launched barrages of rockets and drones at Israeli troops.

The Iran-backed Hezbollah has traded near daily cross-border fire with Israeli forces since the Gaza war began in October.

But fears of a major escalation have grown in recent weeks after the Israeli killing of a top Hezbollah commander.

**World's oldest person dies**



AFP | Madrid

The world's oldest person, Spain's Maria Brnyas Morera, who was born in the US and lived through two world wars, died yesterday at the age of 117, her family said.

Guinness World Records had officially acknowledged Brnyas's status as the world's oldest person in January 2023 following the death of French nun Lucile Randon aged 118.

**Empowering Bahraini workforce a 'priority'**

**HRH Prince Salman: We will create programmes to secure more jobs for locals in private sector**

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The Kingdom of Bahrain is committed to creating programmes that encourage the private sector to employ Bahraini professionals.

This was emphasised by His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, as he met yesterday with the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Isa bin Salman Education Charitable Trust and Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Labour Fund (Tamkeen), His Highness Shaikh Isa bin Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, and members of the Board of Directors of Tamkeen, at Al-Sakhir Palace.

HRH Prince Salman highlighted the importance of increasing productivity and efficiency to improve individual and societal outcomes.

He stressed the significance of providing high-level training programmes for Bahraini professionals to help achieve the goals of the comprehensive development, led by His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa.

HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister noted that the skilled and capable Bahraini workforce has played a crucial



HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister meets with HH Shaikh Isa bin Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa

role in Bahrain's history, emphasising the importance of providing appropriate training and employment opportunities within the private sector in support of citizens and the economy.

His Royal Highness expressed appreciation for the tireless efforts of HH Shaikh Isa bin Salman bin Hamad in achieving the aspirations and goals for which Tamkeen was established.

He expressed his gratitude to Tamkeen's Board of Directors and employees for their efforts

**"It is important to provide appropriate training and employment opportunities within the private sector in support of citizens and the economy."**

- HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS PRINCE SALMAN BIN HAMAD AL KHALIFA, THE CROWN PRINCE AND PRIME MINISTER

and dedication in enhancing the Fund's workstreams and adding value to the Kingdom's wide-ranging economic objectives.

**Achievements**

During the meeting, HRH Prince Salman reviewed Tamkeen's extensive efforts over the last few months, commending the achievements that demonstrate the Fund's commitment and dedication to ensuring citizens remain at the forefront of

development.

In this regard, His Royal Highness stressed the importance of building on efforts to achieve the Fund's goals, which contribute to ensuring Bahraini citizens remain the preferred choice for employment in the Kingdom's vibrant labour market.

His Royal Highness noted that Bahraini citizens are the wealth of the nation and are the foundation for all development paths, and emphasised Bahrain's commitment to empowering and creating quality job opportunities for Bahraini citizens.

**Gratitude**

HH Shaikh Isa bin Salman bin Hamad expressed gratitude for HRH Prince Salman's commitment to supporting Tamkeen's efforts to develop and enhance the Bahraini workforce across all fields.

His Highness underlined the importance of fostering a supportive environment for Bahraini professionals to develop and thrive and creating new opportunities and strengthen their role in the labour market.

The Minister of Finance and National Economy, His Excellency Shaikh Salman bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, also attended the meeting.

**Bahrain investment boom**

**Construction sector set to reach \$3.04bln this year**

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The construction sector in Bahrain is expected to reach \$3.04 billion in investments by the end of 2024, according to a recent report.

This represents a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 4.18%, fueled by major investments in infrastructure, renewable energy, and oil and gas projects, all aligned with Bahrain's Economic Vision 2030, reported our sister newspaper Al Ayam based on a report published by the Market Research Future.

In 2023, the construction sector witnessed a slight decline in investment, reaching approximately \$1.7 billion, with a growth rate of only 1.2%.

This slowdown was attributed to factors such as rising interest rates and project delays.

However, in 2022, the sector saw a more robust growth of 2.5%, reaching \$1.8 billion, driv-



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en by infrastructure projects and growth in the real estate sector.

**Market expansion**

The "Market Research Future" report on Bahrain's construction sector highlights the growing construction activity in

commercial, residential, industrial, and infrastructure sectors, driving market expansion.

The sector is experiencing a surge in demand for various services, materials, and skilled labour.

The report also emphasises

the role of technological innovation and sustainable practices in bolstering the construction sector in Bahrain. Market players are focusing on resource optimization, project efficiency, and minimising environmental impact.

The report further stresses the government's initiative to promote affordable housing and urban development, attracting both domestic and international investors.

**Strong position**

With the continuous demand for housing, the construction sector is expected to maintain its strong position in the market.

Bahrain has already launched several major projects in the construction sector in 2024, including the Bahrain Metro project, one of the largest infrastructure projects aimed at enhancing public transportation.

Other significant projects include the Salman Industrial City, aiming to boost the industrial sector and provide a favourable environment for investors, and the expansion of the Salmaniya Medical Complex, focusing on improving healthcare facilities and increasing capacity.





**Boosting Bahrain-Qatar ties**

His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, yesterday met with the newly appointed Ambassador of the Kingdom of Bahrain to the State of Qatar, His Excellency Mohammed bin Ali Al Ghatam. HRH Prince Salman highlighted the longstanding relationship between Bahrain and Qatar, which is supported by His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, and the Amir of Qatar, His Highness Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al-Thani. His Royal Highness noted the Kingdom's commitment to further strengthening cooperation between the two countries. He wished Ambassador Mohammed bin Ali success in performing his diplomatic duties.

**Royal leadership commended for strong support of women's causes**

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To mark the 23rd anniversary of the Supreme Council for Women (SCW) in Bahrain, a series of congratulatory messages were exchanged among the royal family and government officials, celebrating the achievements of Bahraini women.

The messages acknowledged the roles of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, and Her Royal Highness Princess Sabeeka bint Ibrahim Al Khalifa, the Wife of His Majesty and President of the SCW in advancing women's rights and contributing to national development.

They praised the accomplishments of Bahraini women across various fields, attributing their success to the support from the leadership and the strategic efforts of the SCW under HRH Princess Sabeeka's guidance.

HM the King received a message of congratulations from Her Highness Shaikha Thajba bint Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, who conveyed warm congratulations and best wishes.

HRH Princess Sabeeka expressed appreciation for the support His Majesty has provided to Bahraini women, enabling them to achieve prominent positions.

She commended HM King Hamad's belief in the role of women within his development projects, which are supported by HRH Prince Salman.

His Royal Highness's government has introduced programmes designed to advance and empower women. HH Shaikha Thajba also acknowledged the vision of HRH Princess Sabeeka.

This vision has significantly influenced the progress of Bahraini women and their rise to leadership roles.

# Power of cooperation

H.E. Dr. Abdullatif bin Rashid Alzayani takes part at 3rd Voice of Global South Summit in India

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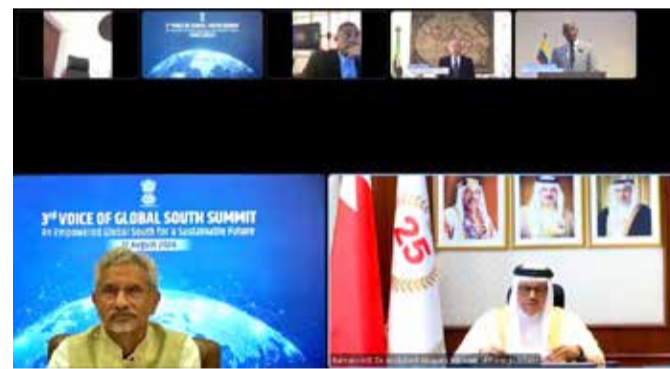
The Minister of Foreign Affairs, His Excellency Dr. Abdullatif bin Rashid Alzayani, represented the Kingdom of Bahrain in the Foreign Ministers' session of the 3rd Voice of Global South Summit (VOGSS 3.0) held in India on 17 Aug 2024 with the overarching theme of "An Empowered Global South for a Sustainable Future".

The Voice of the Global South aims to unite countries from the Global South on a shared platform to discuss their perspectives and priorities on a broad spectrum of issues.

The session was held with the theme "Global South and Global Governance" of the summit chaired by H.E. Dr. S Jaishankar, Minister of External Affairs, India.

In his address in the second

Foreign Ministers' Session, Dr. S Jaishankar highlighted the importance of global institutions and governance architecture and the need to reform multilateralism to revive its credibility; and the importance of ac-



H.E. Dr. Abdullatif bin Rashid Alzayani and H.E. Dr. S Jaishankar with other participants at the online discussion

cess to finance and technology to unlock the development potential of the Global South.

range of issues.

**Host**

India had hosted the 1st Voice of Global South Summit from 12-13 January 2023 where H.E. Dr. Mohammed bin Mubarak bin Daina, Minister of Oil and Environment, represented Bahrain in the Energy Ministers' session of the summit chaired by Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas of India.

The Deputy Prime Minister, H.E. Shaikh Khalid bin Abdulla Al Khalifa, represented Kingdom at the Concluding Leaders' session of the 2nd Voice of Global South Summit hosted by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on 17 November 2023.

**Collective initiatives**

He also discussed the need for collective initiatives to show greater willingness to act on issues of common interest; and making inter-dependence a strength through intensifying South-South interactions to ensure that exposures and vulnerabilities are not leveraged.

The Voice of Global South envisages bringing together countries of the Global South to share their perspectives and priorities on a common platform across a whole

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## Promoting Odisha's products and tourism



H.E. Vinod K Jacob (left) briefing H.E. Rawan Bint Najeeb Tawfiqi (centre), Minister of Youth Affairs of Bahrain, about the products from Odisha Tourism and One District One Product initiative at the exhibition stall set up as part of the 'International Week' of Youth City.

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The Embassy of India in Bahrain, in association with the Odia community in the Kingdom, set up an exhibition stall at the 'International Week' of

Youth City 2024 organized by the Ministry of Youth Affairs, Bahrain.

His Excellency Ambassador Vinod K. Jacob accompanied H.E. Rawan bint Najeeb Tawfiqi, Minister of Youth Affairs, to

visit the stall.

The stall, which was part of the Embassy's 'Focus State/Union Territories' initiative, showcased products from Odisha Tourism and the One District One Product initiative.

## Two human traffickers' prison terms reduced



The victims were forced to work at a nightclub against their will

● From three years to one year following appeal

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The High Appeals Court has reduced the sentence of a woman and a man convicted of human trafficking from three years to one year in prison.

The defendants were initially found guilty of trafficking three women after promising them jobs as food servers, only to force them into dancing at a nightclub against their will.

The First Instance Criminal Court had sentenced both defendants to three years in prison, a fine of BD3,000 each, and ordered them to cover the costs of returning the victims to their home country.

The first defendant was also ordered to be permanently deported from Bahrain upon completion of her sentence.

The Public Prosecution had

charged the defendants with human trafficking between 2023 and 2024.

### Consent

The defendants were accused of receiving, transporting, housing, and recruiting the three victims, exploiting their vulnerable circumstances and personal situations, and rendering them unable to give their consent.

They were further accused of illegally detaining the victims to force them into labour, exploiting them for forced labour, and confiscating their passports, which had been entrusted to the defendants.

The second defendant was also accused of assault against the second victim, which resulted in injuries that healed over time.

According to the court's findings, the three victims contacted the first defendant in 2023 and 2024, who promised them lucrative employment opportunities in Bahrain as food servers.

# Smile gone sour

50-year-old dental technician's 15-year career in Bahrain ends with forged credentials

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A 51-year-old Asian man, who has worked as a dental technician in Bahrain for over 15 years, faces a court verdict on September 16th after being accused of using forged credentials to obtain his license.

The case came to light following a personal dispute between the defendant and an unknown individual, who anonymously reported the forged documents to the National Health Regulatory Authority (NHRA).

In April-May 2022, the NHRA received an email from a person of the same nationality as the defendant, alleging that his dental technician certificate was fraudulent.

The NHRA subsequently verified the authenticity of his academic credentials through a specialized company.

Investigations revealed that the defendant had submitted forged certificates to the NHRA in 2006.

### License

Based on these documents, he was granted a license to practice dentistry in 2007, which was



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renewed annually until May 13, 2022.

During the Public Prosecution's investigation, the defendant confessed to the charges.

He admitted that a university degree was required to obtain a dental technician license.

In 2004-2005, he conspired with a friend in his home country to obtain a fake university certificate.

### False information

He filled out a form with false information, claiming to have

received a diploma in dental technology from a university, and attached a forged copy of the diploma to his application.

This led to the issuance of a one-year dental technician license from the Ministry of Health.

He continued to renew this license annually until 2022, when his deception was uncovered.

The Public Prosecution charged the defendant with manipulating the Ministry of Health's registration and licensing office's information technol-

ogy system from 2005 to 2022.

### Renewal forms

He was accused of altering renewal forms to falsely claim he was practicing as a dental technician with a legitimate license.

The investigation confirmed that both the academic certificate and the transcript presented to the Ministry of Health were forged, leading to the issuance of the dental technician license.

The court will now decide the defendant's fate on September 16th.



The suspect has claimed to have received a diploma in dental technology from a university in an Asian country, outside of Bahrain.

## Groom wins BD4,600 in compensation after a wedding planning heartbreak

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A Bahraini groom has been awarded compensation after a wedding planner failed to deliver on his promises, leaving the groom and his family humiliated and financially out of pocket.

This is not the first case of its kind, with several other couples having sought legal action against the same planner for similar breaches of contract.

Lawyer Eman Al Ansari, representing the groom, revealed

The High Court Appeals Court ruled that the planner's actions had resulted in both financial and emotional harm to the groom.

that the High Appeals Court, Second Instance, overturned an initial court decision and awarded her client BD4,600 in compensation.

The groom had signed a contract with the wedding planner four months prior to his

wedding, paying BD4,300 for the planning and booking of a wedding venue at a hotel.

### Booking

As the wedding date approached, the groom contacted the planner to confirm arrange-

ments, only to discover that no booking had been made.

The hotel confirmed that no reservation existed under either the groom's or the planner's name.

Al Ansari explained that the planner's actions deprived the groom of the use of his money and caused him significant embarrassment, as he had already announced the wedding date and venue to his family and friends.

The groom subsequently filed a lawsuit seeking compensation for his losses.

## Online rain damage claims service plan

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Specialists at the Ministry of Works are presently working on introducing a service for submitting damage compensation requests through the ministry's website.

The service will be made available once the necessary procedures have been completed, according to Minister of Works, His Excellency Ibrahim Al Hawaj.

Al Hawaj, addressing a proposal by Abdullah Ashour, the municipal council member representing the Sixth District

in the Northern Governorate, stated that the service will be launched after all formalities are finalised.

Ashour's proposal, aimed at improving the current system, recommended that the Ministry of Municipalities Affairs and Agriculture, along with the Ministry of Works, establish a more advanced and user-friendly online service for citizens and residents to submit compensation requests for rain damage.

At present, compensation claims are submitted via traditional forms.

## Sponsor set to face trial for 'exploiting' domestic worker

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The Public Prosecution has announced concluding its investigation into a human trafficking case and has ordered the accused to stand trial in the High Criminal Court on August 27, 2024.

The case originated from a report filed by the Labour Market Regulatory Authority (LMRA) alleging that the victim, a domestic worker, was exploited by her sponsor.

The sponsor had brought her to Bahrain in 2017 and forced her to work without pay, essentially holding her in servitude.

Furthermore, the sponsor prevented her from leaving the country after her contract expired and failed to renew her passport, residency, and work permit.

Upon receiving the report,

the Public Prosecution swiftly initiated an investigation.

The victim and witnesses were interviewed, and the accused was interrogated. He admitted to withholding the victim's wages for the entire duration of her employment.



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### Credit cards scam



Three men, all of Asian nationalities, have been sentenced to prison after being caught red-handed by the Anti-Economic Crimes Directorate. They were apprehended using counterfeit credit cards to buy goods worth over BD70,000. The deception came to light when a local bank flagged unusual transactions related to high-end electronics and other expensive items. The General Directorate of Anti-Corruption and Economic and Electronic Security confirmed the arrests, noting that the men had used fake credit cards across several shops during their spending spree. Upon arrest, the men were found with both the counterfeit cards and the goods they had purchased.

## Al Sada files appeal against opponents

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In a surprising turn of events, Saleh Al Sada, a candidate for the first constituency in Muharraq Governorate, has filed an appeal against his opponents, former MP Hamad Al Kooheji and businessman Ebrahim Al Shaikh, in the upcoming by-election.

This move came despite publicly expressing on Monday satisfaction with the supervisory committee's decision regarding his initial objection to their candidacy.

The appeal, filed with the High Court of Appeals, alleges that Al Kooheji and Al Shaikh do not reside in the constituency.

Al Sada claims to have presented evidence.

# Govt Services Revolutionised

500 services streamlined in record time for efficiency and quality

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The Kingdom of Bahrain has successfully completed the development of 500 government services across 24 agencies, marking a significant milestone in its ongoing efforts to enhance the efficiency and quality of public services.

This ambitious project, aligned with the key pillars of Bahrain's government plan for 2023-2026, was announced by His Excellency Mr. H.E. Hamad bin Faisal Al Malki, Minister of Cabinet Affairs, who emphasized the government's dedication to simplifying procedures and removing obstacles to ensure better service delivery for citizens and residents.

The comprehensive development initiative, which was accomplished in just seven months, covered a wide array of

services, including 240 services for individuals, 180 services for businesses, and 80 shared services.

This overhaul was guided by the principles of sustainability, competitiveness, and justice, reflecting the broader developmental vision led by His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and supported by His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister.

### Initiative

As part of the initiative, the government achieved a 50% reduction in the documents required for various procedures, streamlining processes and making it easier for citizens and residents to access services swiftly and effectively.

The steps for applying for electronic services have also



H.E. General Shaikh Rashid bin Abdulla Al Khalifa



H.E. Hamad bin Faisal Al Malki



The government is committed to simplifying procedures and removing obstacles to ensure better service delivery for citizens and residents.

been minimized to a maximum of four steps, significantly improving user experience and operational efficiency.

Additionally, the duration of service level agreements was reduced by at least 25%, ensuring that high-quality services are

delivered in the shortest possible time.

### Efforts

The minister also praised the efforts of the Ministerial Committee for Information and Communications Technology

(MICT), chaired by H.E. General Shaikh Rashid bin Abdulla Al Khalifa, Minister of Interior, for its pivotal role in driving the continuous development of electronic government services.

The committee's work has

bolstered the technical sector and advanced Bahrain's digital transformation goals.

To execute these developments, specialized working teams were established within each government agency, tasked with implementing service re-engineering proposals.

These teams focused on enhancing service sustainability and quality through the adoption of modern technologies, all while keeping the citizen at the heart of the development process.

### Commitment

The minister reaffirmed the government's commitment to facilitating and simplifying procedures, emphasizing that the initiatives undertaken will ensure the smooth and seamless delivery of government services across the Kingdom.

# Youth City 2030 holds 'Out of This World' theme

Mohammed Darwish  
TDT | Manama

As Youth City 2030 rounds the final corner of this year's run, themed 'Out of This World,' The Daily Tribune visited the site, eager to meet the minds behind the experience.

Ahmed Al Awadhi, who handles social skills and teamwork training, shared his thoughts with TDT.

"Young people today crave influence, but there's a gap that needs bridging," he said.

He explained that the younger

generation often feels cut off, glued to their screens.

"There's an over-focus on safety from parents," Al Awadhi noted, "which has made children reluctant and drained them of the impulse to take the first step. True learning comes from striking the right balance between safety and risk, allowing children to grow by brushing up against the unfamiliar."

Ali Al Oraibi, who leads the research skills workshops, discussed their goal of sparking logical thought and igniting scientific curiosity in young minds,



Activities at the venue

noting how certain topics clearly captivate their attention.

### Gender differences

This week's focus, he explained, is on gender differences in car maintenance.

"By encouraging youngsters to debate and explore subjects that matter to them," Al Oraibi said, "we channel their energy into deeper thinking, shaping sharp, creative minds."

Hasan Al Mulla, the chief coordinator, reflected on this year's general mood among the youth. Sustainability, he observed, has

risen to the top of their concerns, with discussions frequently revolving around climate change, renewable energy, and pollution.

Last week, he noted, the focus was on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), with workshops and awareness drives bringing them into the spotlight. The recycling team, too, showcased some of their results.

Al Mulla pointed out that much of the site's décor is a mix of repurposed, reused, recycled, or refurbished items.



## CONDENSED INTERIM STATEMENT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

CONDENSED INTERIM STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30 JUNE 2024	30 JUN 2024	31 DEC 2023
Amounts are in Bahraini Dinars	Reviewed	Audited
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash and Bank Balances	11,955,231	14,053,271
Mudaraba deposit	1,150,000	1,150,000
Statutory deposit	100,967	97,000
Insurance and other receivables	856,253	870,733
Financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income	6,901,449	6,158,282
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	6,971,891	6,445,525
Reinsurance contract assets	861,259	868,630
Investment property	538,357	538,357
Right of use assets	860,552	927,101
Property, plant and equipment	841,178	892,835
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>31,037,137</b>	<b>32,001,734</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Reinsurance contract liabilities	57,282	134,155
Insurance contract liabilities	11,552,877	11,242,353
Lease liabilities	799,052	888,438
Other liabilities and provisions	2,444,535	2,878,002
	<b>14,853,746</b>	<b>15,142,948</b>
<b>Equity</b>		
Share capital	5,000,000	5,000,000
Statutory reserve	2,500,000	2,500,000
Investment Fair value reserve	44,122	77,505
Retained earnings	8,639,269	9,281,281
<b>Total equity</b>	<b>16,183,391</b>	<b>16,858,786</b>
<b>Total equity and liabilities</b>	<b>31,037,137</b>	<b>32,001,734</b>

These financial statements have been reviewed by BDO.

These reviewed condensed interim financial information were approved, authorised for issue by the Board of Directors and signed on its behalf by:

CONDENSED INTERIM STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS FOR THE QUARTER AND SIX MONTH PERIOD ENDED 30 JUNE 2024	SIX MONTHS PERIOD ENDED 30/06/2024	SIX MONTHS PERIOD ENDED 30/06/2023	THREE MONTHS PERIOD ENDED 30/06/2024	THREE MONTHS PERIOD ENDED 30/06/2023
Amounts are in Bahraini Dinars	Reviewed	Reviewed	Reviewed	Reviewed
Insurance revenue	5,694,408	4,995,061	2,840,561	2,490,090
Insurance service expenses	(3,327,292)	(3,437,187)	(1,656,982)	(1,742,685)
<b>Insurance service result before reinsurance contracts held</b>	<b>2,367,116</b>	<b>1,557,874</b>	<b>1,183,579</b>	<b>747,405</b>
Allocation of reinsurance premiums	(157,400)	(137,834)	(79,219)	(69,282)
Amounts recoverable from reinsurers for incurred claims	(66,214)	17,128	6,381	(7,712)
Net expense from reinsurance contracts	(223,614)	(120,706)	(72,838)	(76,994)
<b>Insurance service results</b>	<b>2,143,502</b>	<b>1,437,168</b>	<b>1,110,741</b>	<b>670,411</b>
Insurance finance expenses for insurance contracts issued	(773,108)	(304,044)	(357,119)	(155,376)
Reinsurance finance income for reinsurance contracts held	60,228	27,386	32,611	13,931
Net financial (expense)/income	(712,880)	(276,658)	(324,508)	(141,445)
Other insurance income	741,668	639,275	373,560	323,499
<b>Insurance service results</b>	<b>2,172,290</b>	<b>1,799,785</b>	<b>1,159,793</b>	<b>852,465</b>
Income from investments	1,024,082	1,001,571	273,825	499,267
<b>Indirect portion of income/(expenses):</b>				
Staff costs	(71,636)	(67,660)	(35,681)	(34,893)
General and Administrative expenses	(88,780)	(85,873)	(43,774)	(38,113)
Depreciation	(17,487)	(3,801)	(8,649)	(3,895)
Amortisation of right-of-use assets	(4,871)	(7,513)	(2,435)	(1,900)
Directors' remuneration	(150,000)	(100,000)	(75,000)	(50,000)
Charity expense	(20,000)	(20,000)	(10,000)	(10,000)
Other Income	14,390	28,658	8,007	10,283
	(338,384)	(256,189)	(167,532)	(128,518)
<b>NET PROFIT FOR THE PERIOD</b>	<b>2,857,988</b>	<b>2,545,167</b>	<b>1,266,086</b>	<b>1,223,214</b>
<b>Basic and diluted earnings per share</b>	<b>572 Fils</b>	<b>509 Fils</b>	<b>253 Fils</b>	<b>245 Fils</b>
<b>CONDENSED INTERIM STATEMENT OF OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE QUARTER AND SIX MONTH PERIOD ENDED 30 JUNE 2024</b>				
Net Profit for the Period	2,857,988	2,545,167	1,266,086	1,223,214
<b>Other Comprehensive Income/(loss):</b>				
Items that will or may be reclassified to profit or loss:				
Valuation gains/(losses) on fair value through other comprehensive income on debt instruments	(33,383)	(39,036)	(16,183)	(47,861)
<b>Total comprehensive income for the period</b>	<b>2,824,605</b>	<b>2,506,131</b>	<b>1,249,903</b>	<b>1,175,353</b>

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## Car market up 5.5% in first half of 2024

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Economic figures have revealed that Bahrain's car market saw a 5.5% rise by June 2024, with total sales reaching 14,000 new vehicles in the first half of the year.

The economic report, published by the vehicle-focused website "Focus2Move," noted that Bahrain's car market kept up a positive trend through May and June 2024, during which monthly sales hit 2,500 vehicles.

Sales for the first half of the year rose to 14,000 vehicles.

The report also mentioned that "Toyota" continues to dominate Bahrain's vehicle market, followed by "Hyundai," which has climbed a spot, and in third place is "Nissan."

The "Toyota Land Cruiser" remains the most sought-after car in Bahrain.

The report forecasted that Bahrain's economy would grow by 3.5% in 2024, driven largely by the non-oil sector, which is expected to expand by around 4%.

# Non-oil exports rise by 4%, narrowing deficit as imports and re-exports surge

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Bahrain's non-oil exports (National Origin) saw a 4% increase in July 2024, reaching BD337 million compared to BD323 m in the same month of 2023, according to the latest Foreign Trade report from the Information & eGovernment Authority. This report includes data on Trade Balance, Imports,

National Origin Exports, and Re-exports.

The report highlighted that the top 10 countries accounted for 68% of the total value of National Origin exports. Saudi Arabia ranked first among these countries with BD61m (18%), followed by the United States at BD28 m (8%) and the United Arab Emirates at BD25m (7%).

On the import side, non-oil

imports rose by 5%, totaling BD464m in July 2024, up from BD441m in July 2023. The top 10 countries for imports constituted 70% of the total import value. China led with BD73m (16%), followed by Australia at BD65m (14%) and Brazil at BD37m (8%).

Among imported products, Aluminum Oxide was the top, valued at BD66m (14%), fol-

lowed by Non-Agglomerated Iron Ores and Concentrates at BD42m (9%), and Private Cars at BD14m (3%).

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The total value of non-oil re-exports increased by 22%, reaching BD61m in July 2024, up from BD50m in July 2023. The top 10 countries accounted for 84% of the re-exported value, with the United Arab Emirates leading at BD21m (34%), followed by Saudi Arabia at BD18m (30%), and Germany at BD3m (5%).

Private Cars were the top

re-exported product from Bahrain, valued at BD9m (15%), followed by Gold Ingots at BD6m (10%), and Smartphones at BD3m (5%).

The Trade Balance, representing the difference between exports and imports, recorded a deficit of BD66m in July 2024, slightly improving from a BD68m deficit in July 2023.

## Joyalukkas names winner of Golden Drive Promotion in Bahrain

TDT | Manama

Joyalukkas, the world's favorite jeweler, just wrapped up their Golden Drive promotion in Bahrain. This grand promotion by the brand gave customers a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to win an Audi Q3 and gold bars on their gold and diamond jewelry purchases. The Golden Drive promotion was valid from 6th June to 3rd August 2024.

The Golden Drive grand prize-giving ceremony was held on 15th August 2024 at the Joyalukkas store in Bahrain and was attended by several dignitaries. At this much-awaited occasion, the brand handed out keys to a brand-new Audi Q3 to Mr. Sheshachala Chalapathi (Coupon Number OV9244), who was the grand prize winner of the mega raffle draw. The Golden Drive promotion also included the brand's regional raffle draw, in which 12 winners from Bahrain won 22-karat gold bars weighing 10 grams each.

Speaking about the Bahrain



Joyalukkas personnel handing over the keys of a brand-new Audi Q3 to the Golden Drive promotion winner, Mr. Sheshachala Chalapathi (Coupon Number OV9244). As a part of the promotion, 12 winners from Bahrain also won 22-karat gold bars weighing 10 grams each.

event and the mega success of the exciting promotion, Mr. John Paul Alukkas, Managing Director of Joyalukkas Group, said, "We received a fantastic response to our Golden Drive promotion in Bahrain and

would like to congratulate all the winners. We hope to serve our customers with the best of jewelry at all times and keep giving them winning opportunities on occasion to make their relationship with us more joyful."

Joyalukkas is not just known for their stunning craftsmanship and high quality but also for delivering smiles to their customers. With the Golden Drive promotion, they have managed to do just that.

## NBB raises shareholding in SICO to 21.07%

TDT | Manama

The National Bank of Bahrain (NBB) has announced that it has increased its shareholding in SICO B.S.C. from 12.51% to 21.07%. The NBB Group said



it continues to seek strategic opportunities that contribute

to elevating its position as a leading financial institution in Bahrain, with a growing presence in the region.

## Tesla faces lower-rate EU tariffs on China-made EVs

Brussels, Belgium

The European Commission announced plans yesterday to impose an extra nine-percent tariff on Tesla's China-made electric cars, much lower than what Chinese firms face unless Beijing compromises in a trade row.

Brussels last month slapped EVs imported from China with hefty provisional tariffs -- on top of current duties of 10 percent -- after an anti-subsidy probe found they were un-

fairly undermining European rivals.

On Tuesday the commission released a draft plan making the tariffs definitive, at slightly revised rates, subject to input from interested parties by end August, and to approval by EU member states by end October at the latest.

China's commerce ministry reiterated that it "firmly opposes" the tariffs, while voicing hope Brussels would work with Beijing "in a rational and pragmatic manner to avoid the escalation of trade frictions".

## Le Domain Italian restaurant introduces new menu of Tuscan Delights

Chef Simona Girelli Leads the Culinary Journey at Sapori di Toscana



TDT | Manama

Le Domain Italian Restaurant is thrilled to announce the launch of its new menu, showcasing a delectable selection of Tuscan dishes that will transport diners to the flavors of Italy.

Renowned Italian Chef Simona Girelli takes the helm, bringing her expertise and passion for authentic Tuscan cuisine to Le Domain. The new menu offers a variety of delicious options, including artisan gnocchi, flavorful Vitella al latte, the famous

Spaghetti Scoglio, and delightful Macedonia di Frutta al forno.

Mr. Pankaj Mishra, the General Manager of the hotel, expresses his enthusiasm for the new menu, emphasizing Le Domain's commitment to providing an exceptional dining experience. He

commends Chef Simona Girelli for her culinary skills in crafting a menu that combines authentic Tuscan flavors with fresh, locally sourced ingredients.

Chef Simona Girelli is excited to share her creations with guests, showcasing her passion

for Italian cuisine in every dish. With the support of a skilled team trained under her for two years, she ensures that every visit to Le Domain is a memorable dining experience.

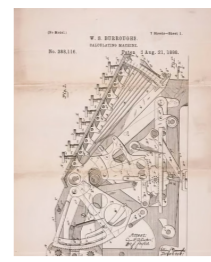
Guests are invited to embark on a culinary journey at Le

Domain Italian Restaurant, indulging in the vibrant flavors of Tuscany. To reserve a table and explore the new menu, contact The Domain Hotel and get ready to savor the artistry of Italian cuisine while enjoying warm hospitality.

QUOTE OF THE DAY WHAT WE THINK, WE BECOME BUDDHA

TODAY IN HISTORY 1192 Minamoto Yoritomo becomes Sei Tai Shogun and the de facto ruler of Japan. (Traditional Japanese date: July 12, 1192)

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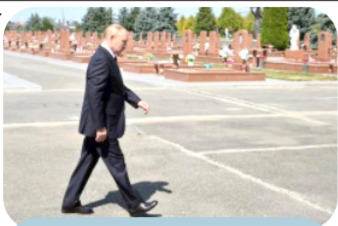


1888 American inventor William Seward Burroughs patents the adding machine

1911 Mona Lisa" stolen from the Louvre by Vincenzo Peruggia; recovered in 1913

News in brief

Russian President Vladimir Putin on Tuesday paid his first visit to the site of the Beslan school since the 2004 killing there of more than 330 people -- mostly children -- in a hostage siege. Images published by the Kremlin showed Putin visiting memorials, including at a cemetery and the site of the destroyed school, where Chechen militants took more than 1,000 people hostage. The September 2004 siege lasted some 50 hours, ending in a gunfight when Russian special forces stormed the building following a series of explosions in the school gym, where the hostages were being held. The siege in the Caucasus region of North Ossetia came amid a guerrilla insurgency being waged by Islamist Chechen separatists, branded "terrorists" by Putin, against Moscow.

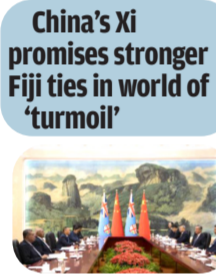


Putin visits Beslan school, 20 years after massacre

Ukraine's parliament yesterday voted to ban the Russia-linked Ukrainian Orthodox Church, as Kyiv cuts religious, social and institutional ties with bodies it considers aligned with Moscow. Kyiv has been trying to curb spiritual links with Russia for years -- a process that was accelerated by Moscow's 2022 invasion, which the powerful Russian Orthodox Church endorsed. A majority of MPs approved the bill outlawing religious organisations linked with Russia, including the Russia-linked Ukrainian Orthodox Church (UOC), which is linked to the Moscow patriarchate. The bill needs to be signed by President Volodymyr Zelenskyy to come into force and will take years to implement, but still caused dismay among followers of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church.



China's Xi Jinping pledged to strengthen ties with Fiji in a world beset with "turmoil" as he met the Pacific island's Prime Minister Sitiveni Rabuka in Beijing yesterday. China has stepped up its courtship of South Pacific nations in recent years, triggering concern among Western powers -- particularly the United States and Australia -- that have historically held sway over the region. Rabuka met Xi in Beijing's Great Hall of the People after touring the length and breadth of China for more than a week. "Our two countries have always supported and helped each other as good friends, good partners, and have become a model of being equals and friendly cooperation between countries large and small," Xi told Rabuka. He said Beijing was keen to "promote the building of a China-Fiji community with a shared future in a world of turmoil and chaos, and to bring more benefits to our people". Xi also praised Fiji's recent sporting successes in rugby, for which it won a silver medal at the Paris Olympics last month.



China's Xi promises stronger Fiji ties in world of 'turmoil'

Divers search Sicily yacht wreck with UK tech boss among missing

Divers spent a second day yesterday searching for six people believed trapped when a luxury yacht sank off the Italian island of Sicily, including a British tech tycoon, colleagues and his teenage daughter. The 56-metre sailing yacht "Bayesian" was anchored some 700 metres from port with 10 crew and 12 passengers on board when it was struck by a waterspout, a sort of mini tornado, before dawn on Monday. Fifteen people, including a mother and her one-year-old baby, were rescued but the body of one man -- reported to be the yacht's chef -- was found. Among the six missing were UK tech entrepreneur and investor Mike Lynch and his 18-year-old daughter Hannah, and Jonathan Bloomer, the chair of Morgan Stanley International, and his wife Judy. The passengers were guests of Lynch -- sometimes referred to as the UK's answer to Bill Gates -- celebrating his recent acquittal in a massive US fraud case. Experts and Italy's coastguard described the rapid sinking of the superyacht as an "extraordinary" event. The search was made difficult by the fact the yacht remains largely intact, emergency services said.



Divers off Porticello on the site where the British-flagged luxury yacht Bayesian sank with 22 people onboard

The British-flagged boat is lying 50 metres below the surface, with specialist divers taking one minute to get down to the wreck, and another minute to get back. They are restricted to 12 minutes in total each dive because of the water pressure, according to Luca Cari, spokesman for the fire service. Lynch's wife Angela Bacares was among those rescued, according to Salvo Cocina, head of Sicily's Civil Protection Agency. As well as Bloomer, who testified for Lynch in the US case, the missing included Lynch's lawyer Christopher Morvillo, and his wife, according to law firm Clifford Chance. Lynch, 59, was acquitted on all charges in a San Francisco court in early June after he was accused of an \$11 billion fraud linked to the sale of his software firm Autonomy to Hewlett-Packard.

Blinken meets Egyptian prez in Gaza truce push

Blinken is on his ninth visit to the Middle East in more than 10 months of the Israel-Hamas war

More truce talks are expected in Egypt this week

Egypt and Qatar are working alongside the US to broker a truce



Palestinians carry their children as they flee after an Israeli strike on a school, housing displaced Palestinians, in the Rimal neighbourhood of central Gaza City

US diplomat Antony Blinken met Egypt's president yesterday for talks about a Gaza ceasefire after saying Israel had accepted a "bridging proposal" for a deal and urging Hamas to do the same. The Palestinian group said it was "keen to reach a ceasefire" agreement but protested US modifications in the latest proposal, accusing Israel of "setting new conditions". Blinken, on his ninth visit to

the Middle East in more than 10 months of the Israel-Hamas war, flew from Israel to the Egyptian Mediterranean city of El Alamein, where he met with President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi and other officials. "The time has come to end the ongoing war," Sisi told Blinken, according to an Egyptian statement, warning of the consequences of "the conflict expanding regionally". Both Egypt and Qatar are working alongside the United States to broker a truce, which diplomats say would help avert a wider conflagration in the Middle East that could draw in Iran and Hezbollah in Lebanon. Egyptian Foreign Minister Badr Abdelatty, after meeting with Blinken, "expressed his hope that the coming round of negotiations

sees a genuine Israeli political will to end the war", an official statement said. More truce talks are expected in Egypt this week. From El Alamein, Blinken was to head to a meeting with Qatari Emir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al-Thani in Doha, where ceasefire mediators held talks last week with Israeli negotiators. Hamas had called on the mediators to implement a framework set out by US President Joe Biden in late May, rather than hold more negotiations. The Iran-backed movement said on Sunday that the current US proposal, which Washington had put forward after two days of meetings in Doha, "responds to Netanyahu's conditions". And on Monday, responding to comments by Biden

that it was "backing away" from a deal, Hamas said the "misleading claims... do not reflect the true position of the movement, which is keen to reach a ceasefire". One of the main sticking points has been Hamas's long-standing demand for a "complete" withdrawal of Israeli troops from all parts of Gaza, which Israel has repeatedly rejected. Blinken said Monday he had "a very constructive meeting" with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, who "confirmed to me that Israel accepts the bridging proposal". Israel and Hamas have blamed each other for delays in reaching an accord that would stop the fighting, free Israeli hostages and allow vital humanitarian aid into the besieged Palestinian territory.

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US sanctions ex-Haiti president Martelly for drug trafficking



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The US Treasury Department unveiled sanctions against former Haitian president Michel Martelly yesterday for trafficking drugs, including cocaine, destined for the United States. The actions taken by Washington echo similar moves from the Canadian government, which imposed sanctions in 2022 against Martelly and two ex-prime ministers, accusing them of profiting from armed gangs.

Delon's dog saved from euthanasia

AFP | Paris, France

Alain Delon's pet dog Loubo will not be put down and buried with the film star as he wanted, the Brigitte Bardot Foundation said yesterday following an outcry from animal rights activists. Delon, who died Sunday aged 88, had said he wanted the Belgian malinois to be humanely killed and buried with him. But the foundation named after former film idol Bardot quoted Delon's family as saying the wish would not be carried out. "Do not worry about Loubo," the foundation said in a post on the X social media platform. "Many of you have sent us messages concerning the fate of Loubo," it added. "He has his home and his family," the family of Alain Delon have confirmed to us and they will take care of him. Loubo will of course not be euthanised," Delon announced in 2018 that he wanted to be buried with the dog.



Picture for representation

"He is my end of life dog. A Belgian shepherd who I love like a child," Delon told the Paris Match magazine. "If I die before him I will ask the vet to let us go together. He will inject him so that he dies in my arms. "I would rather than knowing that he would let himself die on my grave with so much suffering." Loubo was among the names given when the family announced Delon's death on Sunday. "Alain Fabien, Anouchka, Anthony, as well as Loubo, are deeply saddened to announce the passing of their father," the actor's children said in a statement. Two of Delon's sons posted on social media on Tuesday for the first time since the death. Anthony Delon posted three photos of his father in his younger days with the message "RIP Papa". Delon's youngest son, Alain-Fabien, put up pictures of wreaths left outside Delon's home at Douchy in central France where he died.

Israel says bodies of six hostages retrieved from Gaza tunnel

AFP | Jerusalem, Undefined

The Israeli military said yesterday it retrieved the bodies of six hostages from a tunnel in Gaza's southern area of Khan Yunis after a battle with Palestinian militants.



A woman reacts after an Israeli strike on a school, housing displaced Palestinians

The hostages were Yagev Buchstab, Alexander Dancyg, Yoram Metzger, Nadav Popplewell, Chaim Perry, previously announced dead, and Avraham Munder, whose kibbutz of Nir Oz near Gaza announced his death earlier Tuesday. Their families had been informed following intelligence analysis, the military said in a statement, later adding that the bodies were found on Monday night in a tunnel. "During the operation, the forces located a tunnel shaft about 10 meters (yards) deep leading to an underground tunnel route where the bodies of the hostages were found," the military said. "The rescue was carried out after prolonged combat in a built-up area and in multi-story buildings" against militants, some of whom were killed, it added. Earlier on Tuesday, the Israeli kibbutz community of Nir Oz, near the Gaza border, announced the death of Munder, 79, "in captivity in Gaza after suffering physical and mental torture for months". Metzger, Perry and Dancyg also hailed from Nir Oz, a community that was particularly hard hit in Hamas's October 7 attack that triggered the ongoing war.

Gaza engineer harnesses sunlight to make saltwater drinkable

AFP | Khan Yunis, Palestinian Territories



People line up to fill containers with water at a makeshift camp for displaced Palestinians in Deir al-Balah in the central Gaza

In war-ravaged Gaza, every drop of water counts, making Inas al-Ghul's makeshift sun-powered water filter a vital asset for parched Palestinians surviving endless bombardment under the territory's scorching heat. Using wood from the few pallets of aid that make it into Gaza, and window panes salvaged from buildings that have largely been abandoned in 10 months of war, the 50-year-old agricultural engineer built a glass-covered trough. She lets saltwater evaporate from the trough, heated by the greenhouse effect created by the glass panes, allowing the water to distil and leaving behind the salt. From there, a long black hose carries the evaporated water to other containers filled with activated charcoal to further filter out impurities. "It is a very simple device, it's very simple to use and to build," Ghul told AFP after taking a long

plant is down and electricity supplies from Israel have been cut for months. With fuel also in short supply, Gaza's desalination plants that haven't been damaged in the fighting have been working at a drastically reduced capacity. Mohammad Abu Daoud, a displaced Gazan sweating in the midday sun, said Ghul's invention "comes exactly at the right time". "For about two months, we have relied on it entirely," he told AFP. This brings crucial help to those who benefit from it, as the available water for Gazans currently averages 4.74 litres per day, "under a third of the recommended minimum in emergencies", Oxfam reported in July. This represents "less than a single toilet flush", the aid group warned in a report, which estimates that available water per person per day in the Gaza Strip plummeted by 94 percent since the beginning of the war. Water was already scarce before the conflict erupted, and most of it was undrinkable. The 2.4 million population relies primarily on an increasingly polluted and depleted aquifer, humanitarian agencies say. "Water as a weapon of war" In the school-turned-shelter where Abu Daoud lives, close to Ghul's house, other displaced families have come to rely on the water filtration system to fill up their bottles. The 250-litre tank that stores the clean water quickly empties. Oxfam accuses Israel of using "water as a weapon of war", and has warned of "a deadly health catastrophe" for Gazans, almost all of whom have been displaced at least once. The aid group calculated that "Israeli military attacks have damaged or destroyed five water and sanitation infrastructure sites every three days since the start of the war". The lack of clean water has had drastic effects on the population,

BETTER YOU KNOW The war broke out with Hamas's October 7 attack on Israel, which resulted in the deaths of 1,199 people, mostly civilians, according to Israeli official figures. Israel's retaliatory offensive in Gaza has killed at least 40,173 people, according to the territory's health ministry, which does not provide a breakdown of civilian and militant deaths.

Russia summons US diplomat over Kursk media reporting

AFP | Moscow, Russia

Russia said yesterday it had summoned a US diplomat over reports in the US media from parts of its Kursk region captured by Ukraine, warning it will investigate journalists for "illegally" crossing its border. Russia has furiously denounced some Western media for reporting from the area controlled by Ukrainian forces since their surprise incursion, opening a criminal probe against Italian journalists for a TV report from there. Moscow's foreign ministry said it called in the US embassy's Deputy Chief of Mission Stephanie Holmes to "declare a strong protest in connection with the provocative actions of American reporters who illegally entered the Kursk region." It did not name the media



Rescuers clear debris of a house destroyed following a strike in the town of Bilopollya, near the Russian border in the Sumy region

but said it planned "necessary investigative actions to bring them (the reporters) to justice." Several US media have published reports from inside Sudzha -- the main town of Ukrainians have taken over -- in recent days. The foreign ministry said "such actions" show the US is a "direct participant" in the conflict with Kyiv -- an argument Moscow has long used to portray Ukraine as a country which does not make its own decisions.

Uganda police arrest man after 17 skulls found

AFP | Kampala, Uganda

Ugandan police arrested a man following the grisly discovery last month of 17 skulls in a shrine west of the capital Kampala, officials said yesterday. Shocked villagers unearth the remains, which police at the time said included three children's skulls, on July 28 in an underground chamber in Mpigi town, some 30 km (18 miles) west of Kampala. "The police crime intelligence squad got a tip-off and they apprehended Lujja Bbosa Tabula on August 19," police spokesman Kituuma Rusoke told AFP on Tuesday, saying he was in custody. "Tabula was wanted in connection with the human skulls that were found in his residence in Mpigi recently," he said. Rusoke said Tabula will appear before court once investigations are concluded. He did



Representative picture

not indicate a date for the court appearance. It remains unclear how the skulls ended up at the site, located on a steep hill, buried within four metallic boxes inside a two metres (seven feet) deep underground chamber. Local media reported residents as saying that people had previously gathered at the location to worship. Tabula was also wanted by police in connection to a separate case involving the murder of a prominent traditional Baganda leader, entrepreneur Daniel Bbosa, and had been on the run prior to the discovery of the skulls. The killing in Kampala was reportedly carried out by hired gunmen as Bbosa returned home from work in February this year.

King Charles III visits UK town where child stabbings sparked riots

AFP | Southport, United Kingdom

King Charles III yesterday visited the town in north-west England where a devastating knife attack that killed three young girls sparked nationwide anti-immigration riots. The 75-year-old monarch inspected a vast sea of floral tributes to the victims and will also meet children who survived the attack in the seaside town of Stockport. Buckingham Palace said he wanted to thank "frontline emergency staff for their ongoing work serving local people". Charles had earlier been criticised by some including historian Kate Williams for not issuing a public statement on the riots. Although the monarch conveyed his condolences to the families of the three girls killed, he did not comment on the unrest until nearly two



Britain's King Charles III reacts as he views tributes outside Southport Town Hall

weeks later. Traditionally, the monarch does not comment on anything that could cause political controversy.

TOP 4 TWEETS



01 Humanitarian operations coordinated by the @UN provided life-saving aid to more than 140 million people last year. On #WorldHumanitarianDay, I salute their courage, their determination, and their service to humanity. @antoniojuterres



02 Had fruitful talks with @anwaribrahim of Malaysia. We took stock of the full range of bilateral ties between our nations and considering the extensive engagements between the two nations, we have decided to elevate our partnership to a Comprehensive Strategic Partnership. @narendramodi



03 #Sudan's escalating conflict is devastating its health system, with 14.7 million people in need of lifesaving healthcare. A lack of safe, unfettered access is preventing delivery of medicines and supplies, and endangering civilians and health workers. @DrTetros



04 From the standpoint of the faaaaaa left, this platform is far right, but it's actually just centrist. @elonmusk

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# celebs

## Halle Berry 'requests sole custody of son'



Halle Berry  
Bang Showbiz | Los Angeles

Halle Berry is reportedly seeking sole custody of her 10-year-old son amid a bitter dispute with her ex-husband Olivier Martinez.

The 58-year-old Hollywood actress is believed to have filed court papers asking to be granted full physical and legal custody of Maceo after previously sharing custody with his dad Olivier with TMZ.com reporting the documents state Halle is worried her ex's "turbulent and detrimental behaviour" has affected their little boy.

The website reports Halle expresses concerns that Olivier is prioritising Maceo's sports practice over his education and is refusing to hire a tutor to help with his schoolwork.

According to TMZ, Halle claims Maceo has "serious behaviour and learning problems" and has fallen behind at school and she also alleges he becomes "angry and combative" following visits with his father.

She's said to be asking for sole custody to enable her to make solo decisions about Maceo's education and therapy, adding she's not a "perfect person" but her parenting has been "exemplary".

Halle and Olivier married in 2013 and their son was born later that year. They split in 2015 after two years of marriage, but their divorce wasn't finalised until 2023 following a series of disagreements over the raising of their son.

The actress is also mum to 16-year-old daughter Nahla with ex Gabriel Aubry, who she dated from 2005 to 2010, and she is currently in a relationship with singer/songwriter Van Hunt after they became close during the COVID-19 lockdowns.

## Ryan Reynolds hails 'kind and classy' Hugh Jackman

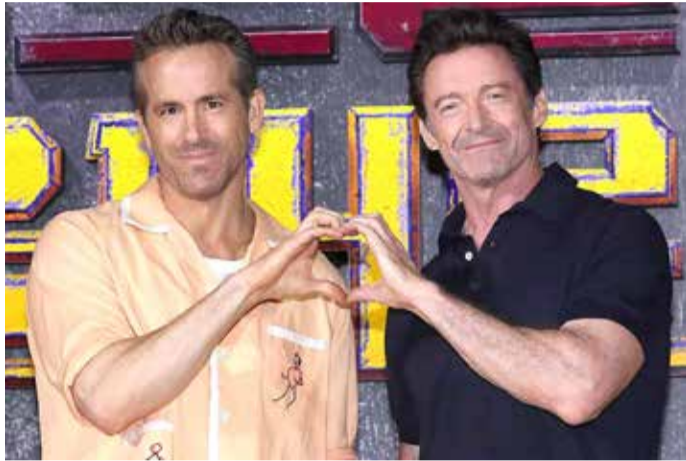
Bang Showbiz | Los Angeles

Ryan Reynolds was a "nervous mess" when he first met Hugh Jackman.

The 47-year-old actor recently starred alongside Hugh, 55, in 'Deadpool and Wolverine', and he's taken to social media to pay a glowing tribute to his showbiz pal, describing Hugh as the most "thoughtful, kind and classy" man he knows.

In a post on X, Ryan shared: "I met him in Sydney around 2007. Back then he was already a movie star and I walked onto set a supporting actor. Showing up midway through production isn't too different to starting a new school. I was a nervous mess. Film sets can have a scary imbalance of power and I remember seeing how he treated every member of the crew with genuine respect and appreciation. He made a case that the term "filmmaker" isn't just for people with their name on the poster.

"I don't know anyone more thoughtful, kind and classy than this man. He'll do anything for



Ryan Reynolds and Hugh Jackman

someone he loves. He'll do anything for someone he just met.

"In Deadpool and Wolverine Hugh didn't just make dreams come true for fans of Wolverine. He made MY dreams come true too. He is THE X-Man. #TilYoure90 (sic)"

In July, Hugh revealed that he relished the challenge of getting in shape for 'Deadpool and Wolverine'.

The Hollywood star reprised the role of Wolverine for the Marvel movie, and Hugh re-

vealed that he loved the challenge of transforming his physique.

He told PEOPLE: "I had got to the point, it must have been probably ten years ago, I was like, I'm not enjoying it. It was hurting. It was tough.

"But I've had a break, and I've been doing a lot of dance. I've been doing stage shows and arena shows. And so when I came back to it, it was really fun and I was thrilled."

## Pete Davidson 'is determined to better his mental health'

Bang Showbiz | Los Angeles

Pete Davidson remains focused on "bettering his mental health".

The 30-year-old comedian checked into a mental wellness facility in July and despite suggestions that he could soon resume his stand-up tour, Pete is determined to prioritise his mental health.

A source told Us Weekly: "Pete remains in his treatment program and would appreciate privacy at this time while he focuses on bettering his mental health."

Pete previously decided to take some time out of his career in order to focus on his mental wellbeing.

The 'Saturday Night Live' star chose to check into a facility, after performing more than 200 stand-up shows across the US.

The actor - who has previously dated the likes of Kim Kardashian, Ariana Grande and Kaia Gerber - actually underwent treatment for borderline

personality disorder last year.

A source told PEOPLE at the time: "Pete will often check himself into rehab to work on these issues. His friends and family have been supportive during this time."

Meanwhile, Pete previously admitted that it feels "weird being happy".

The Hollywood star has struggled with his mental health for years, and Pete confessed that he "lived in discomfort for so long".

The actor said on the 'Real Ones With Jon Bernthal' podcast: "The only thing you can control is who you have around you, what you put your energy in to, who loves you, and who you love back.

"It's a weird thing for me to even grasp now because I've lived in discomfort for so long where that became comfortable. So now I actually have people around me now that love me, and it's weird.

That's a whole new thing I never thought of. It's weird being happy."



Pete Davidson

## Justin Timberlake worried about Britney Spears movie

Bang Showbiz | Los Angeles

Justin Timberlake is worried about the Britney Spears biopic.

The 43-year-old singer and popstar Britney, 42, met in 1992 before going on to have a high-profile relationship from 1999 to 2002 and, after it was revealed that Britney's memoir 'The Woman In Me' is set to be adapted for the big screen, Justin is anxious about how he will be portrayed.

A source told heat magazine: "There's no question that Justin and Britney's relationship is going to be covered in the movie version of her tell-all book and he is already freaking out about it.

"Both Justin and his wife Jessica [Biel] have been having tense talks about what the biopic will mean for them and their family. They already found it difficult with the release of the book, now the idea of Justin



Britney Spears and Justin Timberlake (file photo)

being portrayed in a bad light on the big screen is just a step too far for them both.

"The book was one thing but the movie is another."

Justin is reportedly worried that he will emerge as the "main villain in the Britney movie".

The insider said: "Justin has his own movie career as an

actor to think about and his reputation has already been tarnished enough as it is. If he is seen as the main villain in the Britney movie, then casting directors might think twice about putting him in a project.

"Justin's really upset about it and Jessica is trying her best to console him."

## Mariah Carey cannot believe she is the mother of teenagers: 'I'm eternally 12...'

Bang Showbiz | Los Angeles

Mariah Carey cannot believe she is a mother of teenagers.

The 55-year-old singer has twins Monroe and Moroccan with her ex-husband Nick Cannon and after they recently celebrated their 13th birthday, she admitted that she just "loves them" so much as she joked that they are not "bad or evil" like she was at that age.

She told E! News: "I know, normally I'd say 'Well here's the thing, I'm eternally 12, so I don't even know how that's possible!' How did that happen? But I love them so much, they're really good kids. Do you know what I mean? I don't

think they're bad or evil in any way like I was! They're really good kids, they're very smart and they're funny and I'm the mom."

The 'Always Be My Baby' hitmaker is also unsure what her children think of their mom's status as a music icon but admitted that they were recently keen to come to one of her shows to see her perform.

"I don't know what they think [of me]. They did wanna come show the other night but I didn't know if they really wanted to come or if it was someone else saying it.



Mariah Carey

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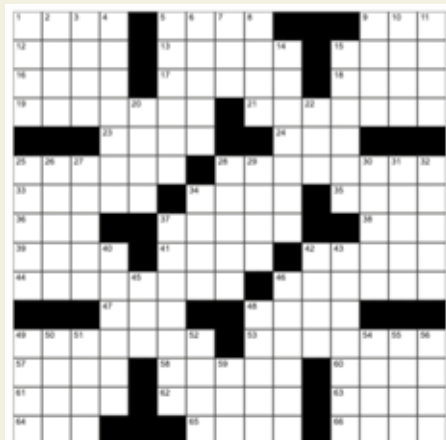
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Yesterday's solution

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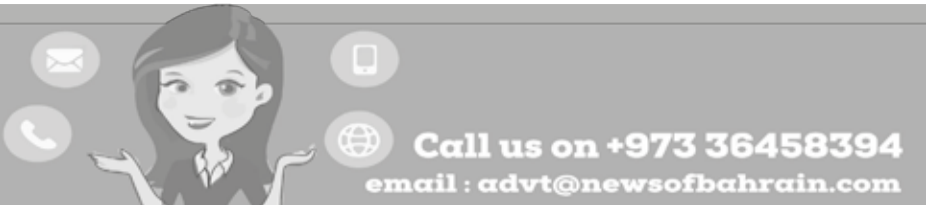
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# Bahrain Victorious gears up to conquer Lidl Deutschland Tour

Team aims for stage wins and strong GC performance in challenging German race

● **Santiago Buitrago and Matevz Govekar lead the charge**

● **New talent Vlad Van Mechelen makes debut for Bahrain Victorious**

● **Team focuses on executing strategies and seizing opportunities**

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As the first week of the final Grand Tour of the season unfolds in Spain, another contingent of Bahrain Victorious riders prepares to take on the challenge of the newly named Lidl Deutschland Tour in Germany.

This tour, now in its sixth edition since its revival in 2018, will run from August 21 to 25, traversing the picturesque and demanding terrains of Bavaria, Baden-Württemberg, and Rheinland-Pfalz, before concluding in Saarbrücken.

The Lidl Deutschland Tour kicks off with a 2.9-kilometer prologue in Schweinfurt, setting the stage for four intense stages through some of Germany's most scenic landscapes. With the team's focus on securing a stage win and making a strong



The Lidl Deutschland Tour features a 2.9-km prologue in Schweinfurt, followed by four intense stages through Germany's scenic landscapes, covering over 800 km

impression in the general classification, all eyes are on Bahrain Victorious.

Leading the charge is Santiago Buitrago, a rider known for his aptitude on tough climbs, poised to shine on the more demanding stages. Alongside him is Matevz Govekar, a versatile competitor capable of both sprinting and climbing, giving the team multiple options to achieve success.

## Tactical insights, rising talents

Enrico Poitschke, Team Bahrain Victorious Sports Director, expressed confidence in the team's prospects: "We have a strong squad here, especially with Buitrago and Poels, two excellent climbers. Although this year's race lacks the long climbs typical of Ger-

many, we believe we can fight for a good result in the GC with Santiago and potentially capitalize on bonus seconds with Matevz."

The team also introduces new talent, with 20-year-old Belgian rider Vlad Van Mechelen making his debut for Bahrain Victorious. "He is very talented and motivated

to ride for the first time with the team," Poitschke said. "We'll see how he can contribute, and perhaps even achieve a stage result in his first race."

## Stage-by-stage battle

The tour begins with a fast, flat prologue that promises tight competition. Poitschke highlighted the importance of a strong start, with an aggressive strategy aimed at securing bonus seconds just 8 kilometers before the finish of the opening time trial.

Stage 2 presents a steep 13% climb and a tough finish, testing the riders' endurance and tactics as they navigate three category climbs and an uphill battle for bonus seconds 1.5 kilometers before the end.

Stage 3, the longest of the race at 212 kilometers, challenges the riders with nearly 3,000 meters of elevation gain. Bahrain Victorious plans to leverage their climbers' strengths on this grueling day, aiming to make significant gains in the GC.

The final stage from Aneiler am Trifels to Saarbrücken, at 172 kilometers, features two significant climbs and a fast finish. Here, Bahrain Victorious will be eyeing the

“We have a strong squad here, especially with Buitrago and Poels, two excellent climbers. Although this year's race lacks the long climbs typical of Germany, we believe we can fight for a good result in the GC with Santiago and potentially capitalize on bonus seconds with Matevz

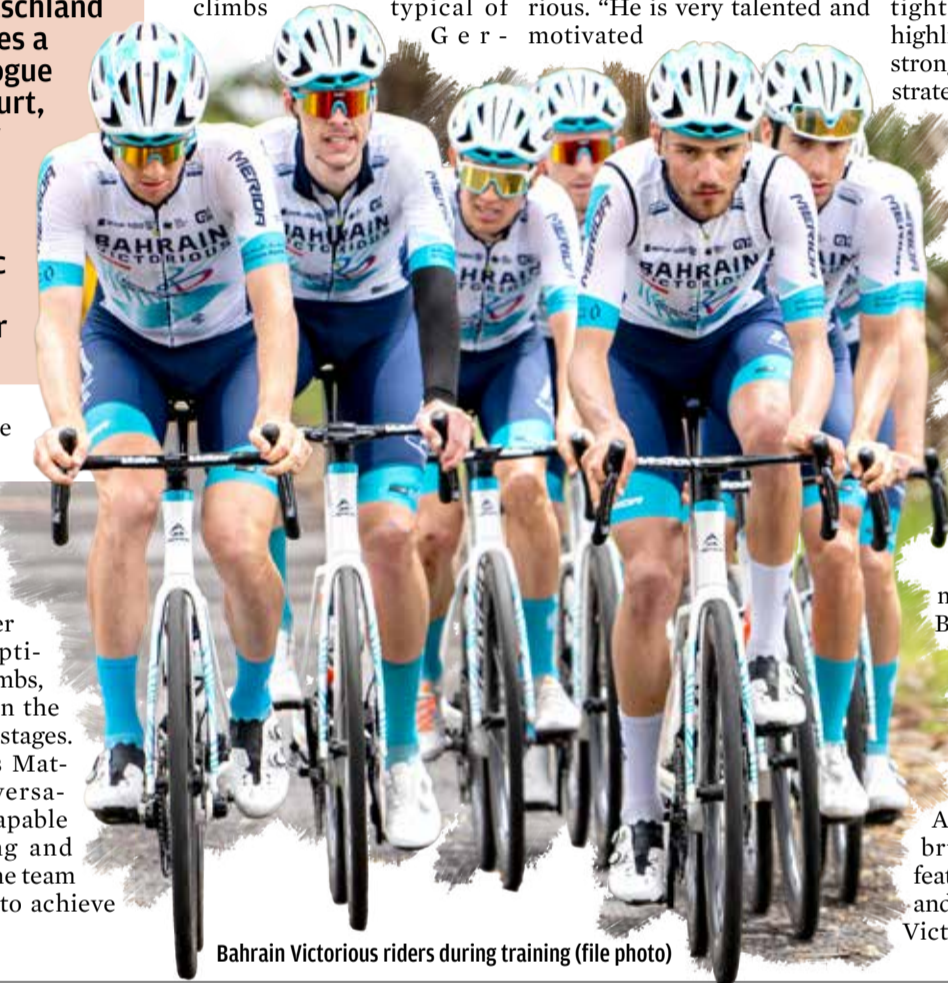
ENRICO POITSCHKE, TEAM BAHRAIN VICTORIOUS SPORTS DIRECTOR

GC standings closely, with a particular focus on securing bonus seconds 4.7 kilometers before the finish.

## Aiming for glory

"Our goal is to win a stage, and we'll see what's possible by the end of the tour," Poitschke said. "With a mix of experienced riders and young talent, all motivated to deliver strong results, Bahrain Victorious is ready to make their mark on the Deutschland Tour."

As the riders begin this challenging journey, the team's focus remains on executing their strategies with precision and seizing every opportunity to shine on the German roads.



Bahrain Victorious riders during training (file photo)

## Sabalenka downs Pegula to win WTA Cincinnati Open

AFP | Cincinnati

Aryna Sabalenka thrust herself into US Open title contention on Monday with a 6-3, 7-5 defeat of Jessica Pegula to win the ATP/WTA Cincinnati Open.

The third seed who missed Wimbledon with a shoulder injury won a trophy for the first time since collecting her second Grand Slam title at the Australian Open in January.

Sabalenka had it all her way against the American sixth seed until the closing stages when she lost serve for the first time leading a set and 5-4.

But a quick re-break and an-



Aryna Sabalenka reacts during her match

other hold of serve solved that problem and produced a first

Masters-level trophy on hardcourt since 2021 for the Belarus player.

"I really couldn't have wished for more -- it was a really great day at the office," Sabalenka said afterwards.

"Just super happy with the level I played in the final and I was able to get this title. It's really important going into the US Open."

Sabalenka -- beaten in last year's US Open final -- has now defeated Pegula, champion last week in Toronto, in five of seven matches.

The winner will move to second in the world in the WTA rankings and has emerged as

a serious contender when the Open begins in New York next Monday.

"I'm sure Jess and I will have more battles in the future," Sabalenka said. "Let's keep it up."

The win marked Sabalenka's sixth WTA 1000 title and the 15th of her career.

She fired 10 aces and broke three times in the 1hr 15min success.

Pegula had been hoping for a trophy double after winning Montreal last week.

"The last few weeks have been crazy, I'd put together quite a streak. But hopefully the team and I can keep going forward," the American said.

## Sinner beats Tiafoe to win ATP Cincinnati Open



Jannik Sinner celebrates with the trophy

AFP | Cincinnati

World number one Jannik Sinner on Monday lifted his third ATP Masters trophy as the world number one beat Frances Tiafoe 7-6 (7/4), 6-2 to win the Cincinnati Open.

The Italian top seed warmed up for next week's US Open in style, bidding his time in a hard-fought first set before breaking the match open in the second. Tiafoe, whose game faded after losing the first-set tiebreaker, still made an impression.

The American, who moves into the ranking top-20, saved three match points before Sinner claimed his 15th career

title. Cincinnati is the fifth trophy of 2024 for the 23-year-old Italian, who began the season with an Australian Open crown in Melbourne.

"I'm happy, this was a very difficult week," Sinner said. "It was tough mentally but I tried to do my best."

"Frances and I were both tired from the (Sunday) semi-finals and there was a lot of tension."

"I'm just glad I kept my level in the important moments. I handled the situations on court well. There were many ups and downs, but that's normal. At the big moments of each match I played well."

## Cricket Players' Union to review the sport's 'broken' structure

AFP | London

The World Cricketers' Association has launched a ground-breaking review into the sport's "broken and unsustainable" schedule.

The players' union, formerly known as FICA, plan to put forward a solution that allows international cricket and domestic leagues to "co-exist in a clear, coherent calendar" for all.

Former England and Wales Cricket Board chief executive Tom Harrison and ex-Pa-

kistan women's captain Sana Mir are part of a six-strong panel who will work with independent consultants on the review.

They will produce recommendations to the WCA board after conferring with players, administrators, team owners and broadcasters.

"The current model is broken and unsustainable," a WCA statement said on Monday.

"Confusing and chaotic global scheduling with no clarity on the interplay between interna-



General view inside the stadium during the T20 Cricket World Cup match between USA and India in New York (file photo)

tional cricket and the domestic leagues means players are increasingly forced to choose between representing their country and optimising their careers."

"Change is badly needed to create ongoing clarity, and value, for players, boards and fans alike."

WCA chair Heath Mills added: "We are fortunate that cricket is spoilt for choice and has three core formats across both the international game and domestic leagues."

# Bahrain welcomes U15 Basketball heroes

Team receive hero's welcome at Bahrain International Airport after Gulf title win over Kuwait

● Key figures, including Captain Walid Al-Alawi and player families, greeted the team

● Leadership praised for unwavering support in advancing Bahraini sports

● "Giant" basketball program recognized for nurturing young talent

**Hussain Almaskati**  
TDT | Manama

The Bahrain Olympic Committee organized a heartfelt reception for the national U15 basketball team, who were recently crowned in the Gulf Championship held in Qatar.

The young athletes clinched the title with a decisive 70-52 victory over Kuwait in the final



Officials interact with the team during the reception

match. Yesterday, the team arrived at Bahrain International Airport to a grand welcome. Captain Walid Al-Alawi, President of the Bahrain Basketball Federation, was among those present to greet the champions, alongside board members, Maden Al-Wanas, Director of Technical Affairs at the Olympic Committee, Bualai, Head of Sports Federations, and

several players' families. The jubilant team was met with flowers and enthusiastic cheers from supporters, including Hussein Al-Samahiji, President of the Al-Ahli Club Association, and Younis Salman, President of the Al-Hidd Club Association.

The atmosphere was further charged with celebratory banners carried by the players' fam-

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The "Giant" basketball program aims to support and develop young players, contributing to Bahrain's growing prominence in international sports, with the U15 team's victory being a testament to its success



Players celebrate after their arrival

forts of Bahrain's government and recognized the role of His Highness Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, President of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports, and His Highness Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa, President of the General Sports Authority, in advancing the nation's sporting success. Mohamed Al-Ajmi, Advisor to

His Highness the Chairman of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports, also expressed his appreciation for the achievement, highlighting the "Giant" basketball program's role in nurturing young talent. This initiative aims to support and develop players from a young age, contributing to Bahrain's growing prominence in international sports.

## Bahrain Handball Federation announces 30th ordinary general assembly meeting

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The Bahrain Handball Federation has set the date for its 30th Ordinary General Assembly meeting, to be held on September 21.

The meeting will be conducted under the supervision of the General Sports Authority, ensuring that all proceedings are carried out with transparency and in accordance with regulations

The agenda includes the approval of the



Representative image

minutes from the previous meeting, discussions on administrative and financial reports, and the resignation of the current Board of Directors.

Following these discussions, elections will be held to form the new Board for the 2024-2028 term.

The Handball Federation has formally invited all 12 member clubs to participate in the General Assembly meeting.

All relevant reports have been distributed to the clubs for their review and approval ahead of the meeting.

## Bangladesh captain hopes Shakib shines despite political setback



Pakistan's captain Shan Masood and his Bangladesh's counterpart Najmul Hossain Shanto (L) pose with the Test series trophy

AFP | Rawalpindi

Bangladesh's cricket captain yesterday was confident that ace allrounder Shakib Al Hasan will compete at his best in a Test against Pakistan this week, after protests over the former lawmaker's inclusion. Shakib, 37, was a member of the now dissolved Bangladesh parliament led by ex-premier Sheikh Hasina, who was forced to flee the country at the start of the month following mass protests.

The interim government last week gave permission for Shakib, who has not commented on the political crisis, to feature in the two Tests against Pakistan, the first of which starts Wednesday.

"He has played this game for so, long so he knows his role and how to prepare himself. I am not thinking about his political career," Bangladesh skipper and captain Najmul Hossain Shanto said at a press conference.

Asked if the political setback would affect Shakib's performance, Shanto said: "I don't think so because he is a professional cricketer, we all treat him as a cricketer, to be

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honest." "I hope he will do something special in this series," he added.

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Bangladeshis in Dhaka protested over Shakib's continued inclusion in the team, with former Bangladesh Cricket Board member Rafiqul Islam criticising him for staying silent as protesters died in clashes with security forces.

## Bahrain's 3-1 win over Kuwait ignites quarter-final dreams

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Bahrain's national volleyball team clinched a nervy 3-1 win against Kuwait, advancing to the quarterfinals of the West Asian Youth Volleyball Championship.

The competition, which kicked off last Wednesday, has been a testament to Bahrain's growing reputation in the sport, with the team proving their mettle on the court.

The match was a nail-biter, with both teams pushing their limits. The first set saw Bahrain narrowly edge out Kuwait 25-23, only for Kuwait to fight back and take the second set 23-25.

The tension was palpable as the teams entered the third set,



Action from the match

but Bahrain's resilience shone through as they dominated with a 25-15 win.

The fourth set was equally intense, but Bahrain, fuelled by national pride and the cheers of their supporters, sealed their victory with a 25-22 finish.

This win is more than just a step forward in the tournament; it symbolizes Bahrain's pursuit of excellence in sports.

The team's journey continues as they prepare to face new challenges in the upcoming matches, with the competition set to run until August 25.

Bahrain's volleyball team has already made the nation proud. They carry the hopes of the country with them as they march towards the finals.

## Pope ready to lead England his way but glad of Stokes support

AFP | London

Ollie Pope is prepared to "do his own thing" as England Test captain but accepts he is in caretaker charge of what is still effectively Ben Stokes's side.

Pope will become the 82nd man to take up the captaincy when he leads England out in



England's Ben Stokes (L), Ollie Pope (C) and Jonny Bairstow (R) celebrate during a match (file photo)

the first Test against Sri Lanka at Old Trafford starting Wednesday.

The 26-year-old Surrey batsman was promoted from vice-captain after Stokes was ruled out after suffering a torn hamstring playing in the Hundred.

Stokes is set to miss the three-match series against Sri Lanka.

Pope's elevation caps a rapid rise for a cricketer who was not certain of his place when Stokes took charge two years ago alongside coach Brendon McCullum.

Stokes first led England, in 2020, deputising for father-to-be Joe Root who left a message reading "do it your own way".