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## HM King hails HRH Prince Salman's successful US visit

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa commended the fruitful and constructive efforts exerted by His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, to ensure the success of his recent US visit.

This came as HM the King, the Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces and President of the Supreme Defence Council, chaired the SDC meeting, attended by HRH Prince Salman, the Deputy Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces, at Al Sakhir Palace yesterday.

The SDC reviewed the fruitful outcomes of HRH the Crown



HM the King with HRH Prince Salman

Prince and Prime Minister's successful official visit to the US, which featured the signing of the Comprehensive Security Inte-

gration and Prosperity Agreement between the two countries. The Bahrain-US pact aims to enhance the long-standing cooperation between the two friendly countries towards more unprecedented levels of bilateral integration in the security, military, modern technology, trade and investments fields. It also contributes to strengthening the security and economic systems between the two countries and region, which will open up wider horizons for development.

**Humanitarian contributions**

HM King Hamad also praised the continuous humanitarian contributions of the Royal Humanitarian Foundation, led by His Highness Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, HM

the King's Representative for Humanitarian Work and Youth Affairs, citing the RHF's provision of urgent relief aid to those affected by the earthquake and floods in Morocco and Libya, respectively, expressing pride in all those who contributed to the relief operations and ensured their success.

HM the King also paid tribute to the Bahrain Defence Force (BDF), the National Guard and the Interior Ministry for their tireless efforts and constant keenness to carry out their patriotic duties with unrelenting courage and determination to safeguard the homeland and defend its gains and the security of its citizens.

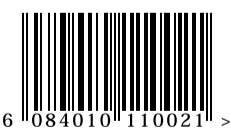
**HRH Princess Sabeeka congratulates HH Shaikha Hessa**  
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Her Royal Highness Princess Sabeeka bint Ibrahim Al Khalifa, Wife of His Majesty the King and President of the Supreme Council for Women (SCW), sent a cable of congratulations to Her Highness Shaikha Hessa bint Khalifa Al Khalifa, Supreme Council for Women (SCW) Member, INJAZ Bahrain Board of Directors Chairperson, for receiving the Social Work Pioneer Medal from the Ministers of Social Affairs and Social Development of the GCC countries. (Report on Page 4)

**Saudi's Uruq Bani Ma'arid Reserve enters World Heritage List**  
Dubai

Saudi Arabia's Uruq Bani Ma'arid Reserve has officially been added to the Unesco World Heritage List, it was announced yesterday. This marks the Kingdom's first Unesco Natural Heritage Site on the list.

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# US affirms enduring presence in Mideast

New agreement deepens US-Bahrain ties, signals US commitment to region

● This is a big step, but it's just the first step, says US Ambassador Bondy

Ashen Tharaka  
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The Comprehensive Security Integration and Prosperity Agreement (C-SIPA) between the United States and Bahrain is a sign that the US is committed to an enduring presence in the region.

US Ambassador to Bahrain Steven C. Bondy made these remarks at a press conference held yesterday at the US Embassy in Manama to highlight the importance of the C-SIPA agreement, which was signed on September 13-14, 2023.

"This agreement, to me, should cement in the minds of the people and the governments of the region that the United States will have an enduring presence here," Bondy said during a press conference Q&A session.



His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, and US Secretary of State Antony Blinken sign the C-SIPA at Washington DC

"We do not accept the idea that we are leaving. And this agreement should stand as proof that the United States will remain in the region for a long time to come."

**Open for others**

The agreement formalises cooperation to deter conflict in the region, enhance regional

stability, de-escalate tensions, and bolster trade and economic cooperation.

In such a backdrop, Ambassador Bondy also said that the C-SIPA is open to other countries joining.

"That is absolutely our hope and it is our expectation as well," he said. "And that is why it is necessary at this time for my government, for the Bahraini gov-

ernment to show the benefit."

Ambassador Bondy also highlighted that the US government is not pushing towards the agreement, but rather the agreement itself is pulling in other friendly countries.

**Legal background**

During the press conference, it was highlighted that the C-SI-

The agreement is a manifestation of the US and Bahrain working together in favor of peace and prosperity in their two countries and the region.

PA between the US and Bahrain is legally binding and has no time frame.

"From the United States' point of view, this is a binding executive agreement," Bondy said. "And those words that I just used were carefully reviewed, and our legal advisors said, 'Yes, indeed, that is the nature of the agreement. So it will have an enduring length of time. In fact, there is no end point in this agreement.'"

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# GCC hails Bahrain's success in fighting human trafficking

Labour ministers applaud Kingdom's achievements in safeguarding workforce

● Kingdom supports efforts to improve Gulf labour markets

Muscat

The GCC countries labour ministers praised Bahrain's achievements in maintaining the lead role in US Department of State's 2023 Trafficking in Persons Report 2023, for the sixth year in a row. They noted the level of progress that the Kingdom has achieved in terms of protecting the workforce.

This came as Labour Minister Jamil bin Mohammed Humaidan headed the Bahraini delegation participating in the ninth meeting of the Committee of GCC Labour Ministers, held in Oman on September 19-20 with the participation of GCC countries labour ministers.

Humaidan stressed Bahrain's support for joint Gulf action and coordination efforts among member states to improve Gulf



Mr. Humaidan with the GCC Labour Ministers



**"Bahrain supports joint Gulf action and coordination efforts among member states to improve Gulf labour markets and exchange successful experiences."**

- JAMIL BIN MOHAMMED HUMAIDAN, LABOUR MINISTER

labour markets and exchange successful experiences, especially with regard to plans for employing the national workforce and facilitating the transition of

Gulf manpower between Gulf labour markets in accordance with their common principles.

He noted the role of this meeting in activating and implement-

ing the decisions issued by the Supreme Council in the field of labour and studying the development of legislative tools in the GCC countries to keep pace with developments in labour fields.

**Measures**

The ministers discussed the measures taken by member states to facilitate the employment and movement of citizens of the GCC countries for the purpose of work and what they have

done towards equality with the citizen workforce, in addition to enhancing coordination between the GCC countries in international forums.

The meeting also discussed developments in labour markets, the effects of technological development, changes in work patterns, potential impacts on the workforce and developing recommendations to reduce job losses through continuous learning policies, training, and rehabilitation programmes.

**C-SIPA to boost US-Bahrain investment**

(Continuation from Page 1)  
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The Comprehensive Security Integration and Prosperity Agreement (C-SIPA) is expected to lead to increased investment between the US and Bahrain, as well as cooperation on emerging technologies.

"We expect that there will be greater interest in American companies investing in Bahrain and Bahraini companies investing in the United States in order to work on either cutting-edge kinds of projects, such as emerging technology, which is also part of this agreement, or in other ways that meet basic human needs," US Ambassador to Bahrain Steven C. Bondy said.

The ambassador concluded by saying that the C-SIPA is a significant step forward in the US-Bahrain relationship.

"This is a big step, but it's just the first step," he said. "And now we need to see what else we can do to work with one another."

C-SIPA provides a framework for increased cooperation in three key ways: Security and defense, Economic relationship, and science, technology, and network security.

## Prison services, programmes safeguard human rights for all



MP Dr. Maryam Al Dhaen speaks at the event

● Bahrain follows global standards and practises

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MP Dr. Maryam Al Dhaen emphasised that the Alternative Penal Code "Open Prison Program" is an important step to integrate the beneficiaries of convicts into society and enable them to correct their course, noting that this pioneering experience would properly reintegrate them into society and ensure that they do not reoffend.

The Ministry of Interior has taken care to adopt the best international standards in alternative punishments and open prisons.

On the sidelines of its participation in the second Arab conference of national human rights institutions and representatives of Arab ministries of the interior, a working paper on the prospects for cooperation in the protection and promotion of human rights between ministries of the interior and national human rights institutions in the Arab region, held from 19 to 20 September in Cairo, was enti-



MP Dr. Maryam Al Dhaen speaking at the event

led best practices, challenges, and visions of cooperation.

She highly noted the efforts of the Ministry of the Interior, led by General Shaikh Rashid bin Abdullah Al Khalifa, Minister of the Interior, and its role in further developing the programme of alternative punishments and open prisons, as well as its plans and training and rehabilitation programmes that contribute to the participation of the beneficiaries of convicted persons in society as active participants. It noted that prison conditions in the Kingdom of Bahrain reflect ongoing official efforts to safeguard human rights.

It noted that the open prison programme was a flashpoint in the human rights march in Bahrain, thanks to the Royal Instructions of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and the determination of the

Government, under the leadership of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, to improve its application.

She emphasised that the Open Prisons Programme was one of the most effective programmes for strengthening social security and developing the human rights system. It commended the rehabilitation and training services and programmes provided to the beneficiaries of the Open Prisons Programme, as well as the modern facilities and equipment and advanced techniques used in the running of the programme and the procedures followed, which complemented the success of the alternative punishment project.

She pointed out that the approach adopted by the Government has helped to promote self-reliance, reduce crime rates, consider the maintenance of a balance in terms of services provided to inmates without any abuse in law enforcement and the administration of justice, while preserving the social fabric. It points out that consideration has been given to providing modern and equipped educational facilities, gyms and fully equipped exercising area.

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# Canadian skips queue; Gets quicker hip at AMH

Mahir Haneef  
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Long waiting times for essential yet non-emergency surgeries in the Western world is resulting in patients opting for hospitals in the Middle East that are able to provide treatment at the same quality at an affordable cost but without any waiting time.

One such example was reported yesterday from King Hamad American Mission Hospital in A'ali in Bahrain, where a 68-year-old resident from Canada opted to have a hip replacement done by a team led by Orthopedics and Trauma Consultant Dr. Gianluca Cusmá Guatteri, popularly referred to as Dr. Luca by patients and in the medical circles.

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Canada provides free healthcare but many non-emergency procedures require a long wait time. According to data from the Canadian Institute for Health Information, the benchmark wait times for a surgery



Patient from Canada with Dr Luca

for hip replacement and knee replacement in the country is six months and for a cataract surgery is 3.7 months.

When Dr. Luca examined the patient from Canada, it was found that her left hip was completely destroyed, due to arthritis, resulting in no space between the bones, with many bone spurs that were causing

pain and severely limiting mobility.

A hip replacement surgery using minimally-invasive techniques was done by Dr. Luca and team. This was followed up by implanting a new joint using ceramic material, resulting in the patient having a new pain-free hip that allows a great range of motion including walking and



King Hamad American Mission Hospital

return to normal activity, the medical team said.

It was the great care received at the American Mission Hospital (AMH) while living in Bahrain that prompted her to seek treatment from there again when faced with a huge waiting time back in Canada, the patient, along with her husband, said in a statement issued through the hospital.

"In the past, we were very satisfied customers of AMH.

We were on the waiting list in Toronto, Canada to receive a hip replacement and when we heard of the new hospital, we considered the possibility of having the surgery here. After a tele-consult, we were very impressed by the comprehensive information given on the procedure and costs. The care has been outstanding and we wholeheartedly recommend overseas visitors considering care to take this option," she stated.

## State-of-the-art Sharifa Kanoo Arts Centre to rise in Muharraq



Mr. Al Hawaj, Mr. Tawfiqi and Khalid Mohammed Kanoo at the agreement-signing ceremony

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A groundbreaking agreement was signed to construct the Sharifa Kanoo Arts Centre in Muharraq.

Works Minister Ebrahim Bin Hasan Al Hawaj, Youth Affairs Minister Rawan bint Najeeb Tawfiqi and Khalid Mohammed Kanoo, Board of Directors Chairman at Yusuf bin Ahmed Kanoo Company, signed the deal in a ceremony.

This state-of-the-art center aims to empower and support young talented artists in Bahrain by providing them with comprehensive training programs, workshops, and initiatives.

The Kanoo family's long-standing commitment to the artistic, cultural, and social development in Bahrain was highly praised by Al Hawaj, emphasising the significant contribution of Yusuf bin Ahmed Kanoo Company to the nation's progress.

The Work Minister said the ministry will support the centre by supervising all stages of design and construction.

A competition will be announced where architecture students, engineering graduates, young architects, professionals or engineering offices can compete to present design and concept proposals for the centre.

Tawfiqi welcomed the strategic partnership with Yusuf bin Ahmed Kanoo Company, which is considered one of the top socially responsible organisations in Bahrain.

She commended the approach of promoting Bahraini youth as one of company's top priorities and working to create youth incubators to embrace national talents.

The minister said that the arts centre will be built on a land owned by the Youth Affairs Ministry in Muharraq.

### Support for arts

Khalid Mohammad Kanoo said the agreement underscores the company's interest in supporting artistic initiatives, recalling that the Sharifa Kanoo Arts Centre was the first of its kind in Bahrain.

Kanoo touched on the potential that the art sector holds in creating investment and job opportunities.

He explained that the center will support talented artists and help them become stand-alone businesses, with the potential to become an academic institution offering certificates in various specialties and equipping youth with skills for the labour market.

The chairman highlighted the company's keenness to strengthen partnerships.

## Bahrain sends humanitarian aid to Libya

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The Royal Humanitarian Foundation (RHF) has sent a shipment of humanitarian relief aid to the victims of floods in Libya.

This act of generosity is in line with the directives of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, the honorary president of RHF.

The aid aims to alleviate the suffering caused by the devastating disaster that has befallen Libya.

RHF Secretary General Dr. Mustafa Al Sayed praised the leadership of HM King Hamad and His Highness Shaikh



Bahrain's medical and food supplies for the Libyan people

Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Representative of His Majesty the King for Humanitarian Work and Youth Affairs, for their unwavering commitment

to humanitarian work.

In line with the strong bond between Bahrain and Libya, the foundation has prepared 40 tons of medical and food sup-

plies, as well as relief and shelter materials.

This initiative aims to meet the basic and essential needs of the affected population and alleviate their suffering during these challenging times. The foundation's delegation, accompanied by the aid shipment, was warmly received by Mr. Al Zubair Hamad Al Gharyani, the representative of the Libyan Red Crescent, upon their arrival at Benina International Airport in Benghazi.

Al Gharyani expressed the thanks and appreciation of Libya and its people for Bahrain's generosity.

## LMRA refers 16 unlicensed manpower agencies for legal action

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The Labour Market Regulatory Authority (LMRA) has announced that 16 manpower agencies have been referred for legal action after failing to obtain the required licenses.

The action was taken during a joint inspection campaign conducted in coordination with the Ministry of Interior (MOI), specifically the General Directorate for Criminal Detection and Forensic Evidence and the Nationality, Passports and Residence Affairs (NPRA).

The campaign also revealed several violations related to work permits, leading to 33 irregular workers being referred for legal action.

## Praise for Amcham role in enhancing Bahrain-US trade and economic ties



The Industry Minister with Al Zubi and the Amcham Bahrain Board of Directors members  
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Industry and Commerce Minister Abdullah bin Adel Fakhro praised the role of the American Chamber of Commerce (Amcham) in strengthening Bahrain and the US trade and economic ties, noting the Kingdom's attractive investment environment and the privileges and facilities it provides to investors.

Fakhro affirmed the long-standing Bahraini-US relations, noting the importance of strengthening bilateral cooperation through joint visits and agreements.

Fakhro was speaking as he met with Qays Al Zubi, President of the Amcham in Bahrain, and a number of members of the Board of Directors.

The meeting discussed topics of common interest.

Al Zubi appreciated the continuous support of the ministry and stressed the importance of such meetings in enhancing economic cooperation.

"This reflects our shared commitment to promoting an environment conducive to business growth and investment, which ultimately leads to the economic prosperity of the Kingdom of Bahrain," Al Zubi said.

# Achieving goals together

Collaborative efforts of executive and legislative branches drive development process

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The executive and legislative branches have expressed pride in their collaborative efforts, which are instrumental in achieving the goals of the comprehensive development process 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.

During a joint meeting, the two sides reviewed the outcomes of the semi-annual closure of ministries and government agencies for the period ending on 30 June 2023.

The meeting, chaired by Council of Representatives Speaker Ahmed bin Salman Al Musallam and Shura Council Chairman Ali bin Saleh Al Saleh, representing the legislative branch, and National Economy Minister Shaikh Salman bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, representing the government, highlighted the achievements resulting from their cooperation.



Council of Representatives Speaker Al Musallam and Shura Council Chairman Al Saleh representing the legislative branch

The representatives from the executive branch emphasised the government's dedication to realising the goals of the Fiscal Balance Programme according to the predetermined schedule.

This commitment aims to strengthen the kingdom's financial stability, foster economic development, and create high-quality job opportunities for its citizens.

Ministries and government agencies have demonstrated their commitment to the state budget for 2023-2024, despite global challenges such as declining oil prices.

The semi-annual closure re-

vealed a decrease in total revenues by 2% compared to budget projections, reaching BD1,441 million.

Total expenditures amounted to BD1.823 million, resulting in a deficit of BD381 million. However, there is optimism for increased public revenues in the second half of the year due to expected oil price rises and diversified income sources.

The executive and legislature representatives reviewed the agreements on which the general state budget had been approved. They include mainly:

- Adherence to the goals of the Fiscal Balance programme by

continuing to reduce expenditures and increase revenues to reach the balance point.

- Determining the priority for implementing the required projects related to infrastructure and services, including roads, municipal projects and sanitation.

- Launching initiatives to raise the citizens' salaries in the private sector and enhance their employment preference.

- Raising work fees for non-Bahraini employees to make the citizens the best choice for employment.

- Expanding professional development programmes for Bah-

raini employees.

- Supporting the employment of citizens by enacting the necessary legislation to deduct an amount from the surpluses of the Insurance against Unemployment Fund for the benefit of the Labour Fund (Tamkeen).

- Increasing the monthly living improvement allowance for retirees from BD125 to BD 165 dinars for those whose pensions are less than BD1500, and from BD150 to BD190 for those whose pensions are less than BD700, so that 92% of retirees will benefit from it.

- Increasing the monthly living improvement allowance for public sector employees from BD60 to BD100 and from BD50 to BD85, so that 94% of public sector employees will benefit from it.

- Doubling the monthly support for people with severe disabilities to reach BD200.

- Raising the public debt ceiling by one billion Bahraini Dinars to cover financing needs during the implementation period of the general budget for the years 2023-2024.

## HH Shaikha Hessa receives Social Work Pioneer Medal



HH Shaikha Hessa Muscat

Her Highness Shaikha Hessa bint Khalifa Al Khalifa, Supreme Council for Women (SCW) Member, INJAZ Bahrain Board of Directors Chairperson, has been granted the Social Work Pioneer Medal by the Ministers of Social Affairs and Social Development of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) countries.

HH Shaikha Hessa was conferred the prestigious medal during the second ceremony to honour local social work pioneers in GCC countries, held in Muscat, Oman.

Osama bin Ahmed Khalaf Al Asfoor, Minister of Social Development, received the medal on behalf of HH Shaikha Hessa.

She was recognised for her success in achieving her goals in the social and humanitarian goals, especially in the fields of youngsters and youth.

Under HH Shaikha Hessa's leadership, INJAZ Bahrain has, over the past 18 years, benefited about 615,000 students by fostering their creativity and preparing them to meet the requirements of global labour markets.

On the occasion, HH Shaikha Hessa expressed her deepest pride in obtaining the top award in the name of Bahrain, dedicating the prestigious GCC medal to His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, as well as to Her Royal Highness Princess Sa-beeka bint Ibrahim Al Khalifa, wife of HM the King and SCW President.

## Bahrain-UN cooperation



Sustainable Development Minister Noor bint Ali Khulaif met Navid Hanif, UN Assistant Secretary-General for Economic Development in the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), on the sidelines of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) 2023 Summit in New York. The meeting discussed ways to enhance cooperation between Bahrain and the UN and areas of capacity building, especially with regard to strengthening data systems and national statistical capacity. The meeting also highlighted Bahrain's progress in the field of preparing the unified framework for environmental, social and governance standards.

## Bahrain-Kuwait ties



Osama bin Ahmed Khalaf Al Asfoor, Minister of Social Development, met with Shaikh Firas Saud Al Malik Al Sabah, Kuwaiti Minister of Social Affairs, Family Affairs and Childhood. The meeting came on the sidelines of the ninth meeting of the Committee of Ministers of Social Affairs and Social Development in the GCC countries, held in Oman. They exchanged ideas on developing social affairs in the areas of family development and people with determination, in addition to the Bahraini ministry's projects to empower productive families.

## Bahrain-India relations



Dr. Shaikha Rana bint Isa bin Daij Al Khalifa, Director General of Bahrain Institute for Public Administration, received Vinod Kurian Jacob, Ambassador Designate of India to Bahrain. The director general praised the long-standing Bahrain-India relations in various sectors, affirming Bahrain's commitment to boost diplomatic cooperation. She highlighted the Institute's commitment to extend its cooperation with India in the fields of training.

## NSSA data analyst wins global award

● For leadership in space science and technology

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Aisha Al Hajri, Space Data Analyst at the National Space Science Authority (NSSA), has been honoured with the Special Achievement in Geographic Information Systems (SAG) Award by Esri in San Diego, US.

Al Hajri received the award for her exceptional use of mapping and geographic analysis technology, as well as her leadership in the field of space science and technology.

"I am proud to receive this award, which aims to show appreciation to institutions from various countries that use Geographic Information System (GIS) technology for their ability to absorb huge amounts of



Al Hajri with Dr. Al Aseeri

space data and harness geospatial technologies to solve the problems we face on Earth," Al Hajri said.

She expressed her pride in receiving the award and highlighted the importance of GIS technology in solving Earth's challenges by utilizing space data.

Dr. Mohammad Ibrahim Al Aseeri, CEO of the NSSA, commended Al Hajri's achievement, emphasising the government's support for developing skills

and capabilities in the space sector.

"The authority is keen to support all its members to develop their capabilities and develop their skills in all fields related to its work to serve all sectors in the Kingdom," Al Aseeri said.

Esri, a California-based company founded in 1969, is a global leader in GIS Mapping Software, Location Intelligence, and Spatial Analytics, serving numerous organizations worldwide.

## Public health and safety readiness accreditation



Bahrain International Airport (BIA) has earned the prestigious Airports Council International (ACI) Public Health & Safety Readiness Accreditation, for successfully demonstrating its proactive management practices and commitment to the safety and well-being of Bahrain International Airport's passengers. This acknowledgement aligns with BIA's ongoing commitment to prioritising health and safety measures in strict accordance with the ICAO Council Aviation Recovery Task Force (CART) recommendations and the health protocols outlined by ACI Aviation Business Restart and Recovery guidelines. The ACI Public Health & Safety Readiness Accreditation program serves as a testament to Bahrain International Airport's capabilities to manage unforeseen public health and safety disruptive events, by demonstrating it can effectively respond to crises while maintaining the highest level of service and passenger satisfaction.

## Ford reaches Canadian labor deal as US auto strike enters 6th day

Detroit, United States

The Canadian auto workers union has reached a tentative agreement with Ford, averting a strike as the labour group's US counterpart eyes expanding its ongoing stoppage to more plants.

Unifor, which represents Canadian auto workers, said late Tuesday the agreement pertained to more than 5,600 Canadian Ford workers who stood poised for a potential walkout.

"We believe that this tentative agreement, endorsed by the entire master bargaining committee, addresses all of the items raised by members in preparation for this round of collective bargaining," said Unifor National President Lana Payne.

"We believe that this agreement will solidify the foundations on which we will continue to bargain gains for generations of auto workers in Canada," Payne said in a statement.

# Stocks advance as Fed looms, UK inflation dips

AFP | London, United Kingdom

Wall Street and European stock markets mostly rose yesterday as traders gear up for an expected pause in the US Federal Reserve's interest rate hike campaign.

Investors also welcomed a surprise drop in UK inflation in August, while oil prices bounced around.

But markets were focused on the Fed announcement later Wednesday, with analysts widely expecting the central bank to keep rates unchanged as it looks to avoid sparking a recession.

Wall Street's main indices were mostly higher while London, Paris and Frankfurt all closed with solid gains.

US monetary policymakers have hiked rates 11 times since March last year in its effort to tame inflation, which has slowed but remains above the Fed's two-percent target.

With little suspense over the

### Key figures around 1530 GMT

New York - Dow:	▲ 0.5% at 34,688.24 points
London - FTSE 100:	▲ 0.9% at 7,731.65 (close)
Frankfurt - DAX:	▲ 0.8% at 15,781.59 (close)
Paris - CAC 40:	▲ 0.7 percent at 7,330.79 (close)
EURO STOXX 50:	▲ 0.8% at 4,275.98 (close)
Tokyo - Nikkei 225:	▼ 0.7% at 33,023.78 (close)
Hong Kong - Hang Seng Index:	▼ 0.6% at 17,885.60 (close)
Shanghai - Composite:	▼ 0.5% at 3,108.57 (close)
Euro/dollar:	▲ at \$1.0720 from \$1.0692 on Tuesday
Pound/dollar:	▲ at \$1.2396 from \$1.2383
Dollar/yen:	▲ at 147.62 yen from 147.61 yen
Euro/pound:	▲ at 86.46 pence from 86.34 pence
Brent North Sea crude:	▲ less than 0.1% at \$94.40 per barrel
West Texas Intermediate:	▲ 0.5 percent at \$91.68 per barrel

rate decision, investors will be more interested in reading the central bank's statement and listening to Fed chair Jerome Powell's press conference for any clues about its next move, including future hikes.

"All the attention will be on the Fed today," said Fawad

Razaqzada, market analyst at Forex.com and City Index.

"At the moment, the market is pricing in about even odds of another rate increase before the year is out," he said.

Deutsche Bank analysts also expect the Fed to signal one more rate increase this year.

## Batelco launches first of its kind in Bahrain Enterprise Portal

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Batelco, part of the Beyon Group, announced the launch of its new online portal, which serves as a digital one-stop-shop specifically designed for the Enterprise sector. The online portal simplifies the Enterprise journey by providing them with an overview of all their services, allowing them to view and manage their usage and consumption as well as apply for new services.

The portal's suite of services includes renewal and upgrade of packages, activating additional lines, adding bolt-ons within seconds, settle device installments, and restore inactive lines. Moreover, customers can also apply for new services such as Mobile Voice, Mobile Broadband and Fixed Broadband with a simple digitized journey.

A key feature of the portal is the multiuser interface that provides business customers with multi access of their account, allowing them to assign roles to sub-users. Sub-users can access the portal and complete transactions related to their fields or area of busi-



Abdulla Danesh

ness. The multiuser feature keeps track of all the activities related to each sub user, which supports in managing and controlling the usage of the portal.

Batelco General Manager Enterprise, Abdulla Danesh said, "The launch of the portal is in line with Batelco's ambitions to support the digital transformation of business customers, providing them with a comprehensive solution to streamline their operations and enhance their user experience, making their telecom journey more functional and effective," he concluded.

The new portal can be accessed by customers through "My Account" on Batelco's website. New customers are invited to join by visiting batelco.com or calling 101 to activate their portal access.

## French Apple workers call strike on iPhone 15 debut

AFP | Paris, France

Workers at Apple stores in France are set to strike and disrupt the launch of the iPhone 15 in a battle over pay, trade unions. The unions called for two days of action on social media beginning on Friday, when the new handset is due to launch, saying Apple management had ignored their "perfectly legitimate" demands. Apple has faced a rough time in France lately, with the government blocking sales of the iPhone 12 last Tuesday after it returned illegally high readings for radiation emissions.

Apple workers in France have been campaigning for a seven percent pay rise but management have offered 4.5% -- which the unions say is too low given vast increases in the cost of living. Organisers said most of Apple's 20 stores across the country would be affected, with staff walkouts expected at some branches and demonstrations planned at others.

## Nissan Bahrain donates 100 bags to charities

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Y.K. Almoayyed & Sons, the sole distributor of Nissan in Bahrain, announced donating 100 bags filled with essential supplies to local charities.

The donation campaign, organized by Nissan Bahrain, aimed at making a positive impact beyond the realm of automobiles. Recognizing the importance of education and equal opportunities, the bags were curated with essential items such as stationery and



school supplies.

"We believe in the power of giving back to society and supporting those in need," said Ahmed Al Dailami, General Manager of Nissan Bahrain. "By donating these bags, we hope to alleviate some of the challenges faced by the less fortunate, particularly during these difficult times."

Additionally, Nissan Bahrain utilized the versatile Nissan X-Trail as a key asset in the distribution process.

## The Ritz-Carlton names Joergen Sodemann as Executive Chef

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The Ritz-Carlton has announced the appointment of Joergen Sodemann as its new Executive Chef.

With over 30 years of experience in the culinary world, Chef Joergen brings with him a wealth of knowledge and creativity. His career includes working for The Ritz-Carlton brand in a variety of locations around the world including Berlin, Oman, and Amman.

Joergen has been an integral part of many hotel opening



Joergen Sodemann

teams in Abu Dhabi, Dubai, Cairo, Jeddah, Ras Al Khaima, Al Wadi Desert, Al Hamra Beach and most recently, The

Ritz-Carlton Amman in Jordan. In addition, he was also part of the opening team of EDITION Abu Dhabi where he worked with renowned 2 Michelin-starred chef Tom Aikens, and in Tokyo where he learned the Japanese art of perfection.

"We are confident that his leadership and culinary expertise will further strengthen our reputation as the most sensational gastronomic destination for food enthusiasts in the Kingdom of Bahrain," Bernard de Villele, General Manager, commented on the occasion.

## Bahrain-Thai business matching event



Yesterday, the Bahrain Chamber, in partnership with the Royal Thai Embassy and the Thai Trade Center, organized a business matching event featuring a showcase of Thai F&B products. Sameer Nass, Chairman of the Bahrain Chamber, emphasized the significance of food security as a cornerstone of the Chamber's strategy aligned with the priorities of the Bahraini government. Piyapak Sricharoen, the Thai Ambassador to Bahrain, praised the substantial growth in trade, which exceeded 342 million US dollars in 2022. He underscored the importance of further augmenting this trade volume and exploring new avenues for business cooperation. Additionally, he commended the Bahrain Chamber for collaborating with the embassy to host an event that benefits both business communities Khalid Al Ameen, the head of Bahrain Chamber's Food Sector Committee, disclosed that more than 25 Thai F&B businesses participated in the event. He also reiterated the untapped potential within Bahrain's food sector and emphasized the importance of collaborative efforts to enhance food security.

## UK backtracks on net zero policies

London, United Kingdom

The UK will soften policies aimed at achieving net zero carbon emissions by 2050 and instead pursue a "pragmatic" approach to hitting the target, Prime Minister Rishi Sunak said Wednesday.

"We can adopt a more pragmatic, proportionate and realistic approach to meeting net zero," Sunak told a news conference, saying a ban on the sale of petrol and diesel cars would be pushed back from 2030 to 2035.

## Tamkeen to hold consultation sessions from Sunday

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The Labour Fund (Tamkeen) announced a series of consultation sessions on the 24th and 25th September 2023.

The sessions will be focused on several pillars aimed at the following segments: training service providers, human resource specialists in the private sector, as well as business owners and enterprises.

Participants will have the opportunity to interact direct-

ly with representatives from Tamkeen and share their feedback and observations on the most prominent opportunities and challenges they are currently facing.

The consultation sessions will highlight the most prominent strategic priorities under the current strategic cycle.

Visit the events page on Tamkeen's website for more information regarding the consultation sessions and how to register for attendance.

## Al Baraka Group gifts Islamic Finance and Banking literature

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Al Baraka Group, a Bahrain-based Islamic investment firm, recently gifted a number of Islamic banking and finance books to the Ministry of Education and Abdulla bin Khalid College of Islamic Studies.

The Group has gifted the Ministry of Education's Knowledge Resource Centres

and the Abdulla bin Khalid College of Islamic Studies, a collection of books to be utilised as a primary resource for students and teachers.

The donated books also include research gathered during Al Baraka's Islamic Economics Symposium (Nadwa); an annual event hosted in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia that convenes on various banking matters.

## Finland tests digital passports

Helsinki, Finland

Finland is currently testing the use of digital passports at Helsinki airport as part of efforts to speed up border control procedures, project officials told AFP.

The Digital Travel Credentials (DTC) scheme was launched on August 28 for direct Finnair flights to three British destinations -- London, Manchester and Edinburgh. It only works at Helsinki airport, and not at the British destinations.

Travellers wanting to take part have to first download a special DTC app on their

smartphone.

They must then go in person to a Helsinki police station, where a digital version of their passport is created by scanning the enclosed chip.

They are also photographed to allow facial recognition at the airport.

Once the DTC has been loaded onto the passport, travellers must send their flight details to the Finnish Border Guard up to 36 hours -- but no later than four hours -- before their flight.

At Helsinki airport, a special queue at the border control is reserved for those with a DTC.

News in brief

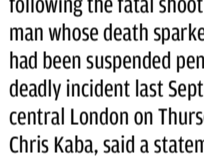
◆ **The EU will deliver aid** worth 140 million euros (\$150 million) to Afghanistan, especially for women and girls, after confirming they would benefit from the assistance. The country's Taliban rulers have imposed harsh restrictions on women since their return to power in 2021 -- effectively squeezing them out of public life. The European Union decided to freeze the funds in December 2022 following a Taliban order to national and international groups to stop their women employees from working. But after six months of monitoring the situation, the European Commission said it decided to release the money after confirming aid is reaching Afghan girls and women. The EU funds will go through United Nations agencies, the World Bank and international non-governmental organisations on the ground, the commission said in a statement. The bloc agreed in February that aid must continue only in sectors and areas where women can work on its delivery or benefit from the assistance. The UN mission to Afghanistan said in July that 24.4 million people are in need of humanitarian assistance.



**EU releases 140 mn in frozen funds for Afghanistan**

◆ **Seventeen American soldiers** stationed in South Korea are being investigated by the local police for "alleged illegal drug behaviour", the United States Forces Korea said yesterday. Two women, a South Korean and a Filipina, involved in the case have been arrested for allegedly smuggling drugs from the United States through military mail, South Korea's Yonhap news agency reported. The women also engaged in the use, sale, or distribution of the banned substances, it said. The 17 American soldiers have been referred to prosecutors and could face charges but have not been detained, Yonhap said. South Korean police have seized drug sales proceeds of \$12,850 as well

◆ **South Korea investigates 17 US soldiers for drug crimes**



as 80 ml of synthetic cannabis and other related material from the suspects, according to Yonhap.

◆ **An officer from London's scandal-hit Metropolitan Police** has been charged with murder following the fatal shooting of a 24-year-old black man whose death sparked protests. The firearms officer had been suspended pending an investigation after the deadly incident last September. He will appear in court in central London on Thursday charged with the murder of Chris Kaba, said a statement by the Independent Office for Police Conduct. Kaba died hours after he was struck by a single gunshot fired into the vehicle he was driving on September 5, 2022, according to the police watchdog.

◆ **London policeman charged with murder over fatal shooting**



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Old Israeli tank stolen from base, found in scrapyard



Police said they were investigating why and how the tank was stolen.

AFP | Jerusalem, Undefined

A decommissioned Israeli tank was stolen from a military base, only to be found hours later in a nearby scrapyard, police said Wednesday. A report was received from the defence ministry "about a tank stolen from an IDF (Israeli Defense Forces) training base near Elyakim junction," police said.

Forces began searching the area in northern Israel and soon enough "found the tank in a scrapyard in the area of Neshet," a nearby town. Police said they were inves-

tigating why and how the tank was stolen.

The Israeli army said the tank was a Merkava 2, "decommissioned many years ago".

"The tank was stripped of armament, and its systems do not work," the army said in a statement, noting that it was stationary and used for training in a firing zone accessible to hikers.

It wasn't the first time an old tank was stolen in Israel in recent months.

In February, a tank was stolen from a memorial site, to be used as part of a protest against the government.

India warns on Canada t

● **India's foreign ministry said it was concerned for the safety of its citizens in Canada**

● **The advisory did not name specific cities or locations**

● **Modi expressed "strong concerns about continuing anti-India activities of extremist elements in Canada"**

● **Nijjar was shot dead by two masked assailants**

AFP | New Delhi, India

India yesterday warned its citizens against visiting parts of Canada, the latest salvo in a diplomatic row over allegations New Delhi was involved in the killing of a Sikh separatist near Vancouver.



(FILES) Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau (L) and Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi arrive for a meeting at Hyderabad house in New Delhi

Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau has demanded India treat with "utmost seriousness" the bombshell revelation of its probe into the murder.

The fallout prompted tit-for-tat diplomatic expulsions and a forceful denial from India, which said any suggestion it played a role in the June killing of Hardeep Singh Nijjar was "absurd".

Without explicitly referring to the row, India's foreign minis-

try said it was concerned for the safety of its citizens in Canada because of "politically-condoned hate crimes and criminal violence".

"Threats have particularly targeted Indian diplomats and sections of the Indian community who oppose the anti-India agenda," a ministry statement said.

"Indian nationals are therefore advised to avoid travelling to regions and potential venues

in Canada that have seen such incidents."

The advisory did not name specific cities or locations for Indians to avoid.

Nijjar was shot dead by two masked assailants outside the Sikh temple he presided over in Surrey, an outer suburb of Vancouver.

An activist for the creation of a Sikh state known as Khalistan, Nijjar was wanted by Indian authorities for alleged terrorism and conspiracy to commit murder.

He had denied those charges, according to the World Sikh Organization of Canada, a nonprofit organisation that says it defends the interests of Canadian Sikhs.

The Indian government accuses Ottawa of turning a blind eye to the activities of radical Sikh nationalists who advocate the creation of an independent Sikh state to be carved out of northern India.

'Not looking to provoke'

Trudeau, who met with Modi on the sidelines of this month's G20 in New Delhi, said Tuesday that his government did not rush

Charles III welcomed in France for first

AFP | Paris, France

King Charles III on Wednesday embarked on his first state visit to France as monarch, a three-day trip aimed at showing the fundamentals of the cross-Channel alliance remain strong despite a litany of political tensions after Brexit.

Charles and his host President Emmanuel Macron were driven down the Champs-Elysees for their talks at the Elysee Palace, escorted by 136 horses of the Republican Guard and standing up with the car roof open to acknowledge the greetings of a few thousand people lining the famed avenue.

The trip was initially planned for March and was supposed to have been Charles' first state visit abroad since becoming monarch on the death of his mother Queen Elizabeth II. But it was shelved due to widespread rioting and strikes across France against pension reforms.



(From L) Britain's King Charles III, Britain's Queen Camilla, French president's wife Brigitte Macron, French President Emmanuel Macron arrive at the Elysee Palace in Paris

The original itinerary in the capital Paris and the southwestern city of Bordeaux -- packed with ceremony and pomp in a country which abolished its monarchy in the 1789 revolution and then executed the king -- is largely

unchanged.

The king and his wife Queen Camilla were welcomed at Paris Orly airport by Prime Minister Elisabeth Borne, with the visit blessed by pristine autumn clear skies, an AFP correspondent said.

At UN, Zelensky set for first in-person Russia showdown of war

AFP | United Nations, US

Ukraine's president is set to go face to face with Russian officials for the first time since his country was invaded, as the UN Security Council meets yesterday for a potentially dramatic session.

Volodymyr Zelensky flew to New York for the annual UN General Assembly, where he delivered a speech Tuesday in his trademark military fatigues urging the world to stand firm against Russia.

On Wednesday, he will address a special session on the war at the powerful Security Council, where Russia is a permanent member wielding veto



Volodymyr Zelensky

power against any decisions.

Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov arrived in New York late Tuesday, with official media saying he flew a circuitous route to avoid European airspace. It remains unclear if Moscow's sharp-tongued top diplomat -- himself a former UN ambassador -- will attend the

Security Council session and face Zelensky.

The potential showdown "could create one of those iconic UN moments," said Marti Flacks, an expert at the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington.

Two other permanent members, the United States and France, will be represented by their own top diplomats -- Secretary of State Antony Blinken and Foreign Minister Catherine Colonna. Albania, a strong supporter of Ukraine, is the current president of the Security Council and has agreed to speaking spots for a massive 60 representatives, according to an agenda seen by AFP.

French Revolution: The National Convention passes a proclamation announcing the formal abolition of the French monarchy

Empress Dowager Cixi seizes power and ends the Hundred Days' Reform in China, imprisoning the Guangxu Emperor



US President Warren G. Harding signs a joint resolution of approval to establish a Jewish homeland in Palestine

Chinese Communist leaders proclaim the People's Republic of China

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to judgment in the case and had worked closely with its intelligence agencies.

"India needs to take this matter with the utmost seriousness," he said. "We are doing that, we are not looking to provoke or escalate."

The United States has joined Canada in calling for India to reveal what it knows about the slaying. "We are deeply concerned about the allegations referenced by Prime Minister Trudeau," National Security Council spokeswoman Adrienne Watson said in a statement.

"It is critical that Canada's investigation proceed, and the perpetrators be brought to justice."

## 'No surprise'

Modi expressed "strong concerns about continuing anti-India activities of extremist elements in Canada" during his meeting with Trudeau at the G20.

Canada had also suspended negotiations for a free-trade agreement with India, and last week its trade minister cancelled a trip to the country planned for October.

## visit as king

They then paused to remember war dead by laying wreaths at the Arc de Triomphe.

Driven down the Champs-Élysées, Macron and the king were seen chatting amicably while Camilla and Macron's wife Brigitte followed behind in a similar vehicle.

The Macrons will then in the evening host the royal couple at a sumptuous state banquet at Versailles, the palace west of the capital synonymous with French royalty.

The menu will include delicacies including blue lobster cooked as a starter by star chef Anne-Sophie Pic, who has said she was inspired by the tastes of the so-called "Sun King" Louis XIV.

Dinner guests at the glittering Hall of Mirrors will include Charlotte Gainsbourg, the actor and daughter of Serge Gainsbourg and Jane Birkin, Hugh Grant and French former Arsenal football manager Arsene Wenger.

## Scientists rediscover small Brazil tree, 185 years on

AFP | Rio De Janeiro, Brazil

A species of small holly tree that was last seen nearly two centuries ago and was feared extinct has been rediscovered pluckily clinging to life in an urban area in northeastern Brazil, scientists said Tuesday.

The tree, "Ilex sapiformis," was found in the city of Igarassu, in Pernambuco state, by an expedition that spent six days combing the region in hopes of finding it, said the conservation group that backed the project, Re:wild, co-funded by Hollywood star Leonardo DiCaprio.

Better known as the Pernambuco holly, the tree was first documented in Western science by the Scottish biologist George Gardner in 1838.



## Saudi Embassy reception



On behalf of His Royal Highness the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Deputy Prime Minister, HE Shaikh Khalid bin Abdulla Al Khalifa, on Wednesday attended a reception organised by the Embassy of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to the Kingdom of Bahrain commemorating the 93rd Saudi National Day.

## Mahsa Amini, Elon Musk nominated for EU's top rights prize

AFP | Brussels, Belgium

Mahsa Amini, the Iranian Kurdish woman who died in custody a year ago, and billionaire Elon Musk were among a field of nominations put forward yesterday for the EU's top rights prize.

The European Parliament's three biggest political groups each backed Amini as the recipient for this year's Sakharov Prize, making her the frontrunner for the award which will be presented in December.

The legislature's small far-right bloc was the only one to nominate Musk, the tech titan behind X, the platform former-



Elon Musk

ly known as Twitter, as well as electric car company Tesla and space rocket firm SpaceX.

Other parliamentary groupings put forward activists from Afghanistan, Georgia, Nicaragua, Poland, El Salvador and the United States as their nominations. Amini died age 22 on September 16, 2022 while being



Mahsa Amini

held by Iran's religious police for allegedly breaching the Islamic republic's strict dress code for women.

Musk was put forward by the Identity and Democracy grouping in the parliament, which counts nationalistic and extreme-right lawmakers among its members.

## UNESCO adds Rwanda genocide memorials to World Heritage list

AFP | Paris, France

Four memorials to the 1994 genocide in Rwanda of more than 800,000 people, mainly Tutsi, were added to UNESCO's World Heritage list on Wednesday, the UN cultural body said. The sites at Nyamata, Murambi, Gisozi and Bisesero commemorating the mass killings were "just inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage list", the organisation posted on X (formerly Twitter).

The four sites commemorate the genocide that targeted the Tutsi in large part but also moderate Hutus between April and July 1994. Skulls, bone fragments, torn clothing and images of piled up corpses confront visitors to the Kigali Genocide Memorial in Gisozi, the final resting place of around 250,000 victims.

Each year more are buried as new graves are uncovered around the country, with remains also housed at a former Catholic church at Nyamata, a school complex at Murambi and a memorial at Bisesero built in 1998.

In addition to human remains, the sites also feature material evidence of the 100-day killing spree by Hutu extremist forces -- spears, machetes,



Human skulls preserved are exhibited on April 4, 2014 at the Genocide memorial in Nyamata, inside Catholic church where thousands were slaughtered during the 1994 genocide in Rwanda.



In April 1994, the genocide against the Tutsi erupted in Rwanda, with neighbors turning on neighbors and family turning on family. Over 800,000 people -- up to 1 million on some accounts -- were brutally slaughtered in just 100 days, leaving the once-beautiful country in ruins.

clubs, and bladed weapons.

Three of the sites were themselves the scene of massacres.

At Nyamata, more than 50,000 people who had sought shelter in the church were slaughtered over a 24-hour period. Its chapel now houses the clothing and the rosaries worn by the victims along with the weapons used by the perpetrators. At Murambi, tens of

thousands of people who were encouraged to take refuge in the technical school under the pretext of ensuring their safety were executed in one of the genocide's bloodiest episodes.

At Bisesero, a "resistance memorial" pays tribute to Tutsis who fought back with spears and stones as Hutu extremists murdered hundreds of people in the surrounding hills.

## Putin says accepted Xi's invitation to visit China in October

AFP | Moscow, Russia

Russian leader Vladimir Putin said on Wednesday he had accepted Chinese President Xi Jinping's invitation to travel to China in October.

China and Russia describe each other as strategic allies, with both countries frequently touting their "no limits" partnership and economic and military cooperation.

## Russia says repelled drone, missile attack on Crimea

AFP | Moscow, Russia

Russian air defence systems fended off an Ukrainian aerial attack targeting Crimea Wednesday, a regional official said, in Kyiv's latest assault on the Black Sea peninsula annexed by Moscow.

The territory has been targeted regularly since Russia launched full-scale hostilities in Ukraine last year, including the peninsula's largest city and key military port Sevastopol. "Our air defences repelled a missile attack on Sevastopol," the Russia-installed governor Mikhail Razvozhayev said.

Authorities were clarifying the extent of any damage or whether there were victims, he added, describing the city as "calm" in the wake of the attack.

Earlier he said air defence systems had downed several drones and that debris had fallen on Verkhnosadove and Kacha on the outskirts of Sevastopol without causing any casualties.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky has vowed to recapture Crimea, taken by Russia in 2014, and his newly appointed defence minister is from the region.

Last week Kyiv claimed to have damaged two Russian vessels undergoing repairs in a missile attack.



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I became Secretary-General with a commitment to ensuring gender parity at the @UN. We achieved that at senior levels and are on track to do so across the system. Gender equality is not the problem. Gender equality is the solution.

@antonioguterres

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Yesterday was a very special day for our democracy. I am confident that the new Parliament will enhance the dedication and further transformative governance for our nation.

@narendramodi

03



I would urge you not to treat the issue of human rights in isolation and pay equal attention to nursing Mother Nature which is deeply wounded by the indiscretions of human beings. In India, we believe that every particle of the universe is a manifestation of divinity.

@rashtrapatibhvn

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Falcon 9 launches 22 @Starlink satellites to orbit from Florida

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The World's first female crash test dummy called SET 50F, designed by a Swedish engineer to help make sure women are better protected in cars, is prepared to be tested in the Swedish National Road and Transport Research Institute in Linköping, 200 kilometers (125 miles) south of Stockholm

# Women in driver's seat with female crash test dummy

AFP | Linköping, Sweden

**H**er name is SET 50F and she's the world's first female crash test dummy, designed by a Swedish engineer to help make sure women are better protected in cars.

Legislation only requires carmakers to conduct crash tests with dummies based on male proportions -- a model dating back to the 1970s -- even though statistics show that women are more at risk of injury in the event of a frontal collision.

Carmakers have used smaller-sized versions of male dummies to represent women and children, but those have not taken into account the different morphology of women's bodies.

Astrid Linder, an engineer at the Swedish National Road and Transport Research Institute (VTI), decided to change that with "the world's first average-sized female crash test



Tested in Sweden since late 2022, the female prototype made of rubber, metal and plastic is fitted with 24 sensors, measures 162 cm (5 feet 3 inches) and weighs 62 kilos (137 pounds). It is 15 cm and 15 kg fewer than the male crash test dummy. Developed thanks to subsidies from the European Commission, the female crash test dummy is already being used by some carmakers, including Volvo in Sweden, but there are no international regulations requiring manufacturers to do so

dummy," according to VTI.

In a warehouse in Linköping, 200 kilometres (125 miles) south of Stockholm, the female dummy is strapped into a car seat projected along a metal rail at 16 kilometres per hour (10 miles per hour), before being brought to a sudden halt.

A screen shows the body moving in slow motion at the moment of impact, the mannequin's chest visibly distinguishing it from a standard male crash test dummy.

"The muscles in the neck are normally weaker in a woman," says Tommy Petterson, one of Linder's colleagues at VTI, pointing to the nape of the dum-

my's neck, deformed by the impact.

"If you compare it with a male dummy, this neck is more flexible and has more movement."

#### Narrow shoulders, wide hips

Tested in Sweden since late 2022, the female prototype made of rubber, metal and plastic is fitted with 24 sensors, measures 162 centimetres (5 feet 3 inches) and weighs 62 kilogrammes (137 pounds). That is 15 cm and 15 kg fewer than a male crash test dummy.

Her shoulders are also narrower and her hips wider.

These differences, as well as a lower centre of gravity, play

an important role in evaluating the risks women face in a car accident.

"For non-fatal injuries which can lead to disabilities, statistics show that the factor that always stands out is the difference between men and women," Linder told AFP.

"The resulting suffering can last a lifetime. It is essential to establish how everyone can be protected."

According to a 2019 study from the University of Virginia in the United States, women are 73-percent more likely than men to be injured in the event of a frontal collision.

They are also twice as likely

to suffer whiplash injuries in an accident because of the morphology of their necks and the design of neck supports in cars.

#### 'Excluding females'

Linder's female dummy, developed with subsidies from the European Commission, is already being used by some carmakers, including Volvo in Sweden.

But there are no international regulations requiring manufacturers to do so.

"In the regulation it says you have to use the model of an average man for all the testing, full stop," lamented Linder, who also teaches auto engineering.

She was honoured earlier this year with a prize celebrating women's contributions to the auto industry. But the market has yet to pick up speed.

"In our society and culture, for a long time we focused on keeping men safe in vehicles because initially that's how the culture was. It was predominantly men that were driving," explained Emily Thomas, head of automobile testing at the US non-profit organisation Consumer Reports.

"And even though the culture shifted, unfortunately the safety innovations didn't shift along with it," she said.

Linder urged legislators to get on board.

"We are aiming for a sustainable society and an inclusive society, and we have legislation which is excluding females at the moment," she said.

She hopes to make more copies of SET 50F to spread the word around the world.

## Alef flying car



Jim Duchovny, the co-founder and CEO of Alef Aeronautics, unveils the Alef flying car during a presentation at the Detroit Auto Show on September 13 in Detroit, Michigan. The car was awarded an air worthiness certificate from the FAA in July 2023. Auto makers and companies prominent in the automotive industry gathered at Huntington Place in Detroit for the annual Detroit Auto Show.

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## 2024 Ford Bronco

A 2024 Ford Bronco runs through a test course during the North American International Auto Show at the Huntington Place convention center in Detroit, Michigan



## FIAT 500e

The FIAT 500e is on display during the 2023 North American International Auto Show at the Huntington Place convention center in Detroit, Michigan



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# Enduring 47-hrs without sleep at Ultra-Trail du Mont-Blanc

HH Shaikh Nasser receives first Bahraini to complete UTMB ultramarathon

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Fatima Hussain, the Bahraini runner and the first athlete representing Bahrain and the GCC to participate in the Ultra-Trail du Mont-Blanc (UTMB), revealed that she had to stay awake for a staggering 47 hours during the event.

What saved her, according to Fatima, was the breathtaking scenery of the majestic mountains.

“Being surrounded by majestic mountains with stunning views helped me get through the race and ultimately make it to all the checkpoints on time,” she added.

Fatima added, “Hoisting the



Fatima Hussain with HH Shaikh Nasser

Bahraini flag at the race's finish line, a historic first, made all the years of hard work truly worthwhile.”

She shared the trials and tribulations faced throughout the race during a meeting with His Highness Shaikh Nasser

bin Hamad Al Khalifa, HM the King's Representative for Humanitarian Work and Youth Affairs.

HH Shaikh Nasser extended his heartfelt congratulations to Hussain, who is also a senior process engineer at the Bahrain Petroleum Company (BAPCO), on her trailblazing performance in the world-renowned trail running event.

HH noted that the difficulties and challenges faced in this race make its completion by a young Bahraini woman a significant addition to Bahrain's track record of international championships. “Bahrain takes pride in its sports talents who continue to leave their mark in international sport events,” HH added.

# Ronaldo's Man Utd return 'turned out wrong': Solksjaer

London, United Kingdom

Ronaldo left the club in acrimonious fashion 12 months later and currently plays his football in the Saudi Pro League with Al Nassr.

Former Manchester United manager Ole Gunnar Solksjaer has admitted the club's re-signing of Cristiano Ronaldo “turned out wrong”.

Solksjaer was in charge when United brought the five-time Ballon d'Or winner back to Old Trafford in a much-hyped move in August 2021.

At the time the transfer was viewed as a coup that could potentially fuel a Premier League title challenge for the Red Devils, who had finished second the previous season.

But things soon unravelled as the team struggled and Solksjaer was sacked in November that year.

“It was about taking the next step to challenge for the title. And, unfortunately, it just didn't work out,” Solksjaer told the Athletic. “It was a decision that was very difficult to turn down and I felt we had to take it, but it turned out wrong.”

“It felt so right when he signed and the fans felt that at that Newcastle game (when he scored twice), when Old Trafford was rocking. He was still one of the best goalscorers in the world, he was looking strong.”

But the Norwegian added: “When you have a group you need everyone to pull in the same direction. When things didn't go right, you could see certain players and egos came out.”



# Piastri signs new deal with F1 team McLaren

London, United Kingdom

Australian driver Oscar Piastri has signed a new deal to keep him at McLaren until 2026, the Formula One team announced on Wednesday.

Piastri joined the British outfit as a reserve driver last year and made his F1 debut this season at Bahrain, finishing fourth at the British Grand Prix in July.

The 22-year-old further showed his potential with a sec-

ond-place showing in the sprint race at the Belgian Grand Prix and will now continue alongside British racer Lando Norris at McLaren.

“I am thrilled to be extending my partnership with McLaren

for many years,” Piastri said.

“I want to be fighting it out at the front of the grid with this team and I am excited by the vision and foundations that are already being laid to get us there.”

McLaren chief executive Zak



Brown said: “I'm delighted to be continuing our partnership with Oscar through to the end of 2026. “He's an incredible talent and an asset to the team so it's fantastic to be committing to each other in the long term.”

# Tazhudinov crowned world champion!

Wrestler Akhmed Tazhudinov captures men's freestyle 97kg category gold medal at World Wrestling Championships 2023 in Belgrade, secures qualification for Paris Olympics

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**B**ahraini wrestler Akhmed Tazhudinov was crowned world champion in the men's freestyle 97kg category at the World Wrestling Championships 2023, held in Belgrade, Serbia.

In the process, Tazhudinov also secured his qualification for next year's Paris Olympic Games.

Tazhudinov captured the gold medal after defeating Magomedkhan Magomedov of Azerbaijan 8-1 in the final, held late on Tuesday night.

Earlier in the semi-finals,

Tazhudinov ousted two-time Olympic gold-medallist and five-time world champion Abdulrashid Sadulaev, who is nicknamed the "Russian Tank" and is Tazhudinov's mentor. Tazhudinov won their fight after Sadulaev retired.

In the quarter-finals, Tazhudinov took out four-time Olympic and world champion Kyle Snyder of the US 11-0. Earlier, Tazhudinov beat Maxwell Lacey of Costa Rica 10-0 in the round of 16 and Magomed Ibragimov of Uzbekistan 10-0 in the round of 32.

Joining Tazhudinov and Magomedov on the podium were

Snyder and Givi Matcharashvili, who came away with the shared bronze medals following a re-echage.

On the occasion of Tazhudinov's achievement, General Sports Authority (GSA) vice-president and Bahrain Combat Sports Council chairman His Highness Shaikh Salman bin Mohammed Al Khalifa extended his warmest congratulations to His Majesty King Hamad and to His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Crown Prince and Prime Minister.

HH Shaikh Salman also congratulated His Majesty the

King's Representative for Humanitarian Work and Youth Affairs and Supreme Council for Youth and Sports (SCYS) chairman His Highness Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa; and SCYS first deputy chairman, GSA president and Bahrain Olympic Committee chief His Highness Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa. The World Wrestling Championships, which continue until Sunday, are organised by United World Wrestling for the wrestling styles of freestyle wrestling and Greco-Roman wrestling.

Tazhudinov celebrates on the podium with his gold medal



# Manama tip off FIBA clubs challenge

Bahrainis eye title in highly competitive 33rd FIBA Intercontinental Cup in Singapore

● **Manama to face off with German outfit Telekom Baskets Bonn in opening game today at 10am, Bahrain time**

● **Bahraini roster reinforced by American trio of Sir Dominic Pointer, Travin Thibodeaux, Latavious Williams**

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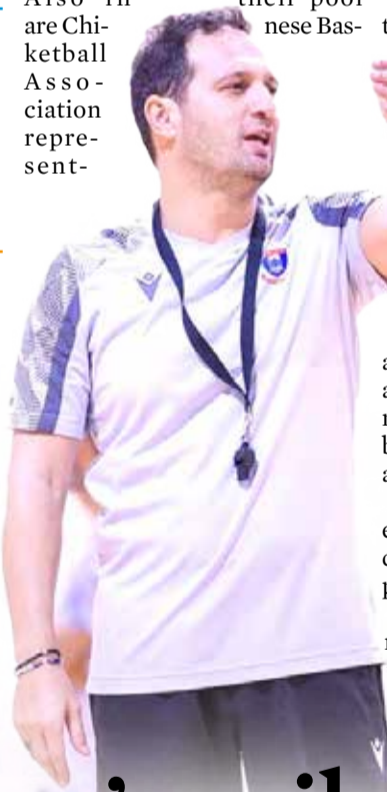
**B**ahrain basketball champions Manama Club take on German outfit Telekom Baskets Bonn today in their opening game of the 33rd FIBA Intercontinental Cup, being held in Singapore.

The contest is scheduled for a 10am tip-off, Bahrain time, and it will be the first for both teams in Group B of the competition's preliminary

Head coach Pantelis Gavriel gives out instructions during training

round.

Manama are taking part in the prestigious six-team competition, which is also known as the FIBA Club World Cup, as the first-ever champions of the FIBA West Asia Super League (WASL). Also in their pool are Chinese Basketball Association representatives



atives Zhejiang Golden Bulls.

Group A features Basketball Champions League Americas winners Sesí Franca from Brazil, Basketball Africa League champions Al Ahly from Egypt, and the NBA G League Ignite.

Coached by Greek-Cypriot tactician Pantelis Gavriel, Manama will be relying heavily on their Bahraini stars including Mustafa Hussain, Ali Hussain, Hasan Nowrooz, Mohammed Ameer, Ahmed Salman and veteran court general Hussain Shaker.

Their team has been reinforced by their three American players in Sir Dominic Pointer, Travin Thibodeaux and Latavious Williams. Pointer and Thibodeaux were instrumental in Manama's clinching both the national league title and their FIBA WASL crown.

Manama arrived in Singapore earlier this week and immediately conducted their final preparations for the event.

Manama's participation marks the debut of a Bahraini team in the tournament, which

is for professional basketball clubs.

Each side will play two games in the group stage. After this phase, a last day of competition will be held on September 24, with the top teams from their respective groups squaring off in the final.

There will also be a game for third place between the teams that were runners-up in the groups, while the teams that were ranked third will battle to determine fifth place on the event's final ranking.

Manama captured the gold medals in the inaugural edition of the FIBA WASL after defeating Kuwait SC 67-59 in the final of the FIBA WASL Final Eight, which was held in Dubai.

Hussain Shaker is guarded by Ali Hussain during a team practice in Singapore



Manama's participation marks the debut of a Bahraini team in the FIBA Intercontinental Cup, also known as the FIBA Club World Cup. They gained qualification after becoming the first-ever champions of the FIBA West Asia Super League

# Kingdom's spikers face tough test against Iran

Bahrain's Janahi gestures during training yesterday at the Asian Games

● **Bahrain's under-23 Olympic football team aim for first win when they play Kuwait**

● **Sailors Abdulla Janahi, Khalifa Al Doseri to begin medal bids in respective classes**

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**B**ahrain's senior men's national volleyball team and



Bahrain volleyball team players come together after scoring a point in their match against Nepal

under-23 Olympic football team are back in action today at the 19th Asian Games in Hangzhou, China, while the pair of Abdulla Janahi and Khalifa Al Doseri get their medal bids underway in sailing.

The volleyball squad will

be looking to secure their second Pool B victory as they face a mammoth challenge against continental powerhouses Iran.

The game is scheduled for a 9.30am start, Bahrain time, at China Textile City Sports Centre Gymnasium.

The Kingdom's spikers had won their first game against Nepal in four sets on Tuesday, and after Iran's 3-0 (25-9, 25-15, 25-13) win over Nepal yesterday, the Bahrainis are already assured their place in the next round.

Their game against the Iranians will decide if they go through as Pool B winners or runners-up. Meanwhile, Bahrain's under-23 Olympic football team will be looking to post their maiden win in Group E of men's football today.

They take on their Kuwaiti counterparts at 11am, Bahrain time, at Jinhua Sports Centre Stadium.

The Bahrainis had drawn their opening game 1-1 against Thailand on Tuesday. It was a disheartening stalemate, as the nationals only conceded the equaliser in the game's dying

moments in the fifth minute of second-half stoppage time.

The under-23 nationals head into today's affair currently third in the Group E table, following South Korea's 9-0 drubbing of Kuwait in the other divisional fixture on opening day.

Also today, Janahi and Al Doseri will be taking to the water at Ningbo Xiangshan Sailing Centre.

Janahi will be competing in the men's dinghy category while Al Doseri will be contesting the boys' dinghy.

The sailing competitions at the Hangzhou Asiad consist of 10 races, to be held over five days. Each competitor competes in two races a day. Points are won to determine the positions in each stage, and at the end the sailor with the lowest points emerges the winner.



# Bahrain name full-strength handball squad



Bahrain stars Hussain Al Sayyad and Ali Mirza share a laugh during training

Head coach Aron Kristjansson directs a local practice session

Kingdom's senior men's national team eye handball gold at 19th Asian Games in Hangzhou, China

● **Bahrainis in Group C for preliminary round alongside Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan**

● **Nationals depart for Hangzhou where they will play opening game on Sunday**

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Bahrain have named a full-strength, 16-player team that will be going for gold in the men's handball competi-

tion at the 19th Asian Games in Hangzhou, China.

The Kingdom's senior men's national handball squad was announced yesterday by the Bahrain Olympic Committee (BOC).

The roster includes Bahrain's top stars in the game who have multiple years' experience and have competed at the highest levels, including at the Olympics and the world championships, as well as in previous editions of the Asiad.

The Bahrainis will be spearheaded by skipper Hussain Al Sayyad, goalkeeper Mohammed Abdulhussain, Ali Eid, Mohammed Habib Nasser, Mohammed Habib Ahmed, Ali Mirza and

Mohammed Mirza.

The rest of the team includes Ahmed Fadhel, Qassim Qambar, Hassan Madan, Mohammed Hameed Rabia, Hasan Mirza, Mahdi Saad, Mohammed Ali Abdulredha, Hesham Issa and Hassam Al Samaheji.

The nationals are being coached by Aron Kristjansson from Iceland. Kristjansson guided Bahrain to the silver medals at the 2018 edition of the Asian Games held in Indonesia, and also steered the Bahrainis to their historic first-ever Olympic appearance at the Tokyo Games, to name a few of his achievements.

The nationals departed the

Kingdom yesterday for Hangzhou. The men's handball tournament is scheduled to get underway on Sunday. The Bahrainis are in Group C for the preliminary round, which features 13 nations divided into four groups. Bahrain are in the same pool as Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan. Group A features China, Kuwait and Thailand; Group B comprises Qatar, South Korea and Hong Kong; and Group D includes Saudi Arabia, Iran, Mongolia and Japan.

Bahrain play the Kazakhs in their maiden assignment on opening day and then battle with Uzbekistan three days later on 27 September. Following



**Bahrain's senior men's national handball team have medalled in both previous editions of the Asian Games. In 2014, they clinched bronze in Incheon, South Korea, and then in 2018 in Indonesia, they came away with silver. They are now focused on capturing their first Asiad gold**

the group phase, the top two teams from each pool move on to the main round, where the eight squads will once again be divided into two pools for another single round-robin from 29 September to 1 October.

That will determine the four semi-finalists, who will clash on 3 October; which will in turn set up the bronze and gold medal games on 5 October.

The nationals claimed the silver medals in 2018 after losing to their counterparts from Qatar 27-32 in extra-time in the final.

It was the second medal for Bahrain handball at the Asian Games, having claimed bronze in 2014.

## Rowers make historic Asiad debut

● **Bahrainis Maryam Abdulhameed, Fahad Albanki and Omar Alhasan to take part in repechage round of respective rowing competitions**

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The Kingdom's top international rowers made their historic debut yesterday at the 19th Asian Games in Hangzhou, China.

The trio of Maryam Abdulhameed, Fahad Albanki and Omar Alhasan flew the Bahrain flag high at the Fuyang Water Sports Centre but came up short in their bids for direct qualification to the ensuing rounds of their respective competitions. Despite this, they still have another shot today of

going through.

Maryam did not advance to the women's single sculls semi-finals but will have a second chance in her event's repechage.

She was competing in the first of three heats yesterday and finished fifth overall. She had a time of 11 minutes 30.96 seconds, nearly four minutes from winner Anna Prakatzen from Uzbekistan. Joanie Delgado from the Philippines was second and Wing Wun Leung from Hong Kong third.

In her repechage today, Maryam will be up against Haya Almamy from Saudi Arabia, Sehyeon Chae from South Korea, and Thi Duy Ho from Vietnam. The first three advance to the semi-finals.

On the distaff, Bahrainis Albanki and Alhasan also could not make it past the first stage of the men's doubles skulls, but today will have another shot in

their repechage.

Competing in the second of two heats yesterday, Albanki and Alhasan were sixth in their race, which they finished in a time of 8:14.76. They were nearly two minutes behind the winners from Uzbekistan, while Iran and Iraq completed the top three.

In their repechage, Albanki and Alhasan will be going up against two-man crews from Thailand, Iran, Indonesia and South Korea. The first two in each of the two repechage races today will advance to Final A, while the remaining crews go to Final B.

Rowing is one of the five sports Bahrain is competing in that begin their events before the Asian Games' official opening ceremony on Saturday.

Action in both volleyball and football have also gotten underway, while sailing begins today and table tennis tomorrow.

Albanki and Alhasan compete during their men's doubles skulls heat yesterday

## New York, Florida and Texas to host T20 World Cup matches

London, United Kingdom

New York, Florida and Texas will host matches at next year's men's Twenty20 World Cup, the International Cricket Council announced on Wednesday.

The ICC awarded the hosting of the event, to be held in June 2024, to the Caribbean and the United States in November 2021.

A 34,000-seat temporary, or modular, stadium will be built

in Eisenhower Park in Nassau County, New York, while existing venues in Grand Prairie, Texas, and Broward County, Florida, will be increased in size.

"We're delighted to announce the three USA venues that will host part of the biggest ICC Men's T20 World Cup ever staged, with 20 teams competing for the trophy," said ICC chief executive Geoff Allardice.

"The USA is a strategically

important market and these venues give us an excellent opportunity to make a statement in the world's biggest sport market."

The United States launched its own T20 competition -- Major League Cricket -- in July, with Grand Prairie Stadium hosting the final.

England are the current T20 world champions, winning their second title when they beat Pakistan in the final in Melbourne last year.

## Heart condition forces Belgian cyclist Van Hooydonck to retire aged 27

Paris, France

Belgian cyclist Nathan Van Hooydonck has been forced to retire aged 27 due to a heart condition discovered after losing control of his car, his team announced on Wednesday.

"After a series of tests we've diagnosed a heart irregularity," Jumbo-Visma reported.



"It provoked the problem that almost cost him his life last week.

"This discovery means the end of his professional career," the team's statement added.

Van Hooydonck raced the Tour de France in July, helping his teammate Jonas Vingegaard win the overall title.

Nathan Van Hooydonck