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#### **Verstappen sets** testing pace

Three-time defending drivers' world champion steers Red Bull to top of timesheet as F1 Aramco Pre-Season Testing 2024 flags off at BIC | **P12** 





Chris Evans rules out running for office



**BUSINESS** 

BBK announces profits, cash dividend

## **Bahrain greets** Saudi Monarch on **Founding Day**

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 $\mathbf{H}$ is Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, sent cables of congratulations to His Majesty King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, on Saudi Arabia's Founding Day.



**Batelco's Retail** Game

**Changer!** 



## **Cashless payment** system joy for F1 Bahrain GP

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m Circuit\ (BIC)}$  is proud to announce its transition to a cashless payment system with the introduction of BIC PAY, powered by Festipay.

This innovative solution revolutionises the payment experience for attendees to the Formula 1 Gulf Air Bahrain Grand Prix 2024, offering seamless transactions and enhanced convenience throughout the race weekend, taking place 29 February to 2 March in Sakhir.

Celebrating the 20th anniversary of Formula 1 in Bahrain, the alliance between BIC and Festipay marks a further development of innovation at BIC. As fans gather to witness the thrilling action on the track, they can now enjoy a streamlined payment experience thanks to BIC PAY.

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# HRH Prince Salman inaugurates Kingdom's first shopping resort

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 $\mathbf{H}^{ ext{is Royal Highness Prince}}_{ ext{Salman bin Hamad Al}}$ Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, yesterday inaugurated the Marassi Galleria at Marassi Al Bahrain.

Marassi Galleria, a key anchor within the Marassi Al Bahrain masterplan, is one of the major development projects that are a key component of the Kingdom's Economic Recovery Plan.

HRH Prince Salman toured the mall, set against the stunning backdrop of Bahrain's coastline, viewing its modern and recreational facilities and lauding the efforts of all parties who have jointly contributed to the project.

Bahrain project, on an area of 114,000 square metres.

HRH the Crown Prince and



HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister opens the Marassi Galleria

shopping resort in the Kingdom, nessed by the Kingdom since prehensive development goals, located within the Marassi Al the launch of the Bahrain Economic Vision 2030, adding that bin Isa Al Khalifa. the all-encompassing Vision has Prime Minister highlighted the building on these achievements ment projects span across dif-

Marassi Galleria is the first wide-ranging achievements wit- in line with the Kingdom's com- ferent sectors, providing quality scored the pivotal role played led by His Majesty King Hamad

He stressed that the Economic provided inspiration to continue Recovery Plan's major develop-

opportunities for Bahraini cit- by the Kingdom's private sector izens, increasing the country's as a major driver of growth for competitiveness and support- the economy. He noted the iming economic diversification portance of continuing to attract efforts.

His Royal Highness under- Bahrain and its citizens.



**HRH the Crown Prince** and Prime Minister underscored the government's commitment to sustaining the Kingdom's economic growth to benefit Bahrain and its citizens.

investments that will benefit

# War's True Price

45,000 Russian soldiers confirmed dead in Ukraine since February 2022

AFP | Warsaw, Poland

The BBC Russian Service and news outlet Mediazona have confirmed the identity of around 45,000 Russian soldiers who died in Ukraine since the invasion began in February 2022.

The issue of military casualties is extremely sensitive in both countries. Russia has banned criticism of the conflict and no official figures have been released since 2022.

"The BBC, together with Mediazona... and a team of volunteers managed to establish the names of 45.123 Russian militaries who died in the war in Ukraine since February 2022," the report said.

It only included the names of soldiers publicly identified in



open-source data - mainly obit- Ukrainian anti-aircraft gunners of the 93rd Separate Mechanized Brigade Kholodny Yar fire at Russian UAVs from their uaries - and warned the real toll positions in the direction of Bakhmut in the Donetsk region. (AFP)

may be twice as high.

"Two-thirds of the dead we have identified had no links to the army prior to the invasion: volunteers, mobilised, prisoners and private company recruits," the BBC's Russian language service said.

After over a year of grinding trench warfare that failed to yield territorial gains for either Moscow or Kyiv, the Kremlin is ramping up deployments to the front.

President Vladimir Putin rarely acknowledges setbacks on the battlefield, framing the almost two-year war as a battle for Russia's survival in a bid to rally patriotism.

Ukraine also keeps its military losses and casualties secret. although analysts believe they number in the tens of thousands after two years of fighting.

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#### **Royal support**



His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, yesterday toured the Marassi Galleria at Marassi Al Bahrain and viewed its modern and recreational facilities. HRH Prince Salman inaugurated the mall, which is set against the stunning backdrop of Bahrain's coastline. His Majesty the King's Representative for Humanitarian Works and Youth Affairs, His Highness Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, and several senior officials also attended the

# Strategic partnership

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he Bahrain Tourism and Exhibitions Authority (BTEA) has officially signed an agreement with Bahrain Real Estate Investment C.O. (Edamah), the real estate arm of Bahrain Mumtalakat Holding Company, whereby Edamah will take over the management and operation of the Galali Coast Waterfront Project, scheduled to commence in the second guarter of 2024.

held in the presence of Mrs. Sa-strategic collaboration with to the Kingdom's prosperity." rah Ahmed Buhiji, CEO of Bah- Edamah underscores the imporrain Tourism and Exhibitions tance of seamlessly aligning the our ongoing endeavours at the Bahrain's tourism infrastructure Authority, Mr. Christopher Caltourism and real estate sectors. Authority to realise Bahrain and enhancing its attractiveness vert, CEO of Edamah, and staff This integrated approach aims Tourism Strategy 2022-2026 and competitiveness.



Ms. Sarah Ahmed Buhiji and Mr. Christopher Calvert sign the agreement

members from both entities.

to cultivate mutual growth and The signing ceremony was Mrs. Buhiji commented, "Our fortify collective contributions

"It is a pivotal component of

objectives. This strategic vision places a strong emphasis on advancing the marine tourism sector and strategically developing waterfronts that not only resonate with global tourists but also serve as attractive investment hubs, propelling Bahrain's overall tourism development."

Mrs. Buhiji emphasised BTEA's commitment to reinforcing and strengthening relations with all private sector partners. This is in line with its dedication to providing exceptional services to tourists and investors. The collaboration with Edamah is geared towards advancing

# Framing the Future



MP Maryam Al-Dhaen TDT| Manama

P Maryam Al-Dhaen has Memphasized the critical need for a robust legislative framework to underpin Bahrain's ambitious Economic Vision 2050.

Al-Dhaen highlighted the imperative of aligning laws with the directives of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Ham-Bahraini society's aspirations the Gulf Cooperation Council. while remaining adaptable to evolving global dynamics.

ment were underscored by Arabia, and Qatar. Emphasizrights, and private sector sup- to realizing Bahrain's vision port. She also advocated for with input from diverse stakeintegrating sustainable devel- holders.

MP Maryam Al-Dhaen affirmed a commitment to realizing Bahrain's vision with input from diverse stakeholders.

ad Al Khalifa, stressing that opment goals and fostering the vision must resonate with regional cooperation within

Al-Dhaen hailed strategic projects like the Bahrain-Qatar Key pillars such as sustain- bridge as catalysts for economability, economic diversifica- ic growth, envisioning closer tion, and national develop- ties between Bahrain, Saudi Al-Dhaen, who emphasized ing collaboration between govthe delicate balance between ernment and legislative bodies, economic stability, citizen she affirmed a commitment



# Contactless retail experience

Batelco unveils first fully-fledged Digital Experience Shop at Marassi Galleria



Beyon and Batelco CEO, management and team members at Batelco Marassi Shop

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m atelco,\ part\ of\ the\ Beyon}_{
m Group,\ unveiled\ its\ first\ ful-}$ ly-fledged Digital Experience Shop at an exclusive launch event yesterday at Marassi Galleria Mall.

The Shop provides a contactless retail experience designed to elevate the customer journey. Encompassing a diverse range of functions with remarkable features, including a smart vending machine, the new shop is helping to change the face of retail in Bahrain.

Batelco's new shop enables customers to complete all their journey. A special feature that the first of its kind in Bahrain, and it allows customers to purchase a

make better buying decisions. through our smart vending ma- the Kingdom.



**Digital Vending Machine** 

Moreover, the shop also in- chine independently." cludes advanced self-service kiosks that incorporate a wide prove the customers' digital rerange of functions including the tail experience and take it to the transactions through a simple, ability to activate a new eSIM or next level, and adding a smart smooth, and hassle-free digital replace a SIM card as well as up-vending machine alongside grade a Postpaid or Prepaid or advanced self-service digital sets the digital experience shop Fiber line. Customers can also kiosks at the retail shop is a big apart from any other shop is the refill a prepaid plan, inquire leap to elevating the experience smart vending machine, which is about their bill, make payments further," Ms. Mattar concluded. and much more.

new device on the spot through ager Consumer at Batelco said: media were present, and a live simple steps, without the need of "We are delighted to unveil this demonstration of purchasing a a sales representative's assistance. shop to our customers offering device through the smart vend-Another unique aspect of them a quicker and more con- ing machine was presented. the shop is the product display venient shopping experience. The smart vending machine inzone, where customers can Now customers can explore cludes various types of devices compare up to 3 devices side- the details of the devices in and accessories. Soon, Batelco by-side and explore their specthe interactive product display will launch more smart vending ifications, assisting shoppers to zone and then make a purchase machines in different areas of

"We aim to continuously im-

During the event, Batelco ex-Aseel Mattar, General Man- ecutives and members of the

# Salute in Stone



Photo posted on social media by Colonel Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Royal Guard's Special Force Commander, as a tribute to Major Abdulla shows when both of them were together

#### **Mahir Haneef** TDT| Manama

The Council of Represent-decided to approve it and refer the matter to the government. urgent proposal to name a

purpose was submitted by five UAE Armed Forces had also MPs including Ali Majed Al died in the attack that oc-Noaimi, Lulwa Ali Al Romaihi, curred in the capital city of Ahmed Abdulwahed Qarata, Mogadishu.

and Hassan Eid Bukhammas. During Tuesday's session, the Council of Representatives

Major Abdulla was killed mosque in the Kingdom in the in a terrorist attack while enname of martyr Major Abdulla gaged in duty at Somalia as Al Nuaimi of the Bahrain De- part of a training in connection with military coopera-An urgent proposal for the tion. Three members of the

# **Expats feel the pinch**

Rents are soaring in some areas preferred by expats. What is the reason and what is the solution?

#### Zahra Ayaz TDT | Manama

🛾 xpatriates in Bahrain are facing escalating rental □ prices, causing distress and making it increasingly challenging to find affordable housing, according to a recent poll conducted by The Daily

The poll reveals that rents in popular expat areas such as Um Al Hassam, Manama, Juffair, and Adliva have skyrocketed. prompting families to consider either bearing the high costs or relocating to more affordable areas in the southern region.

To shed light on the reasons behind the surge in rental prices, The Daily Tribune reached out to real estate experts.

Violeta Abbound, Account Manager at Carlton Real Estate, shared her insights, stating, "The escalating rents can be attributed to the amenities provided by the buildings. Areas like Adliya, Manama, and Um Al Hassam face parking issues, leading owners to capitalise on the parking shortage by charging higher rents."

"Another factor contribut- collaboration with building Violeta. ing to high rents is the service management, determines the



"Prospective property buyers are advised to opt for properties that include electricity, as this helps avoid higher municipal taxes compared to separate electricity and water expenses."

- MUHAMMAD QASIM BAKHSH, MANAG-ING DIRECTOR AT AL-GHANI GROUP

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amenities provided by the buildings. Areas like Adliya, Manama, and Um Al **Hassam face parking** issues, leading owners to capitalise on the parking shortage by charging higher rents."

- VIOLETA ABBOUND, ACCOUNT MANAG-**ER AT CARLTON REAL ESTATE** 

charge levied by the homeown-service charge imposed on er association. This group, in building owners," added Miss

Furthermore, restrictions after.

on property ownership for non-passport holders play a role in the high rent prices. Non-passport holders are limited to purchasing property only in specific areas, such as Juffair, Amwaj, Seef, Reef Island, and Durrat Marina, which naturally drives up prices.

Violeta recommends Juffair due to its rapid growth and popularity among expatriates. The area offers a variety of affordable rentals and properties, including both expensive and budget-friendly flats. Juffair's central location provides convenient access to all areas of Bahrain.

#### **Prime location**

Muhammad Qasim Bakhsh, Managing Director at Al-Ghani Group, another real estate expert, highlighted that areas like Juffair, Adliya, Umm Al Hassam, Mahooz, and Seef are known for their higher prices due to their prime location and abundance of facilities such as offices, restaurants, shopping malls, and commercial areas. These areas offer unparalleled accessibility to all corners of Bahrain, making them highly sought



## THE BENEFIT COMPANY B.S.C. (c) **CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 31 DECEMBER 2023**

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINA	ANCIAL POSITION	ON	CONSOLIDATED STATEMEN		OR LOSS		
As at 31 December 2023	31 December 2023 Bahraini dinars			AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME For the year ended 31 December 2023 Bahraini di			
	31 December	31 December		31 December 2023	31 December 202		
Assets	2023	2022		2023	202		
			Revenue				
Furniture and equipment	2,702,759	3,083,392	Switch	7,946,170	7,711,72		
System software	1,559,167	1,999,369	BCRB	1,121,261	997,34		
Building	4,970,529	5,258,021	BCTS	470,869	507.65		
Capital work-in-progress Right-of-use assets	427,321 1,047,122	697,228 1.163.667	EFTS	2,174,890	1,920,75		
Other assets	139,168	139,168	eKYC	529,239	, ,		
				,	452,64		
Total non-current assets	10,846,066	12,340,845	PKI-CA	260,610	285,12		
Cash and bank balances	1,512,382	1,412,880	WPS	149,250	155,85		
Balances with Central Bank of Bahrain	3,476,037	5,467,971	Card services	1,942,376	1,771,21		
Balances with other central banks	5,847,227	4,416,444	Total an austin a second	44.504.005	40,000,04		
Deposits with banks	5,186,326	3,522,937	Total operating revenue	14,594,665	13,802,31		
Trade receivables Prepaid expenses and other receivables	1,602,455 628,246	1,096,708 444,933	Staff cost	(6,101,382)	(5,346,565		
Total current assets	18,252,673	16,361,873	Cost of provision of services	(3,343,073)	(3,129,962		
TOTAL ASSETS	29.098,739	28,702,718	Depreciation and amortisation	(2,032,102)	(2,036,879		
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	29,096,739	20,702,710	Other operating expenses	(1,852,573)	(1,657,591		
Non-current portion of lease liabilities	722,904	944.080	Total anamating assumence		(12,170,997		
Non-current portion of deferred income	91,259	117,263	Total operating expense	(13,329,130)	(12,170,997		
Provision for employees' leaving indemnities	456,560	372,285	Operating profit	1,265,535	1,631,31		
Total non-current liabilities	1,270,723	1,433,628					
Trade payables and accrued expenses	2,178,766	3,214,541					
Current portion of lease liabilities	434,981	235,601	Interest income	235,644	58,96		
Current portion of deferred income	362,846	341,177	Interest expense on lease liabilities	(91,324)	(22,911		
Total current liabilities	2,976,593	3,791,319	Other income	274,837	122,94		
Equity			NET PROFIT FOR THE YEAR	1,684,692	1,790,31		
Share capital	3,110,400	3,110,400	0.1				
Statutory reserve	1,612,138	1,612,138	Other comprehensive income for the year	_			
General reserve Charity reserve	1,555,200 142,949	1,555,200 102,949	lor the year	l ———			
Retained earnings	18,430,736	17,097,084	NET PROFIT AND TOTAL				
Total equity	24,851,423	23,477,771	COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR	1,684,692	1,790,31		
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	29,098,739	28,702,718	TOR THE TEAK	1,004,032	-1,730,31		
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AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME For the year ended 31 December 2023 Bahraini dinars						
	31 December 2023	31 December 2022				
Revenue						
Switch	7,946,170	7,711,726				
BCRB	1,121,261	997,344				
BCTS	470,869	507,656				
EFTS	2,174,890	1,920,753				
eKYC	529,239	452,645				
PKI-CA	260,610	285,120				
WPS	149,250	155,850				
Card services	1,942,376	1,771,216				
Total operating revenue	14,594,665	13,802,310				
Staff cost	(6,101,382)	(5,346,565)				
Cost of provision of services	(3,343,073)	(3,129,962)				
Depreciation and amortisation	(2,032,102)	(2,036,879)				
Other operating expenses	(1,852,573)	(1,657,591)				
Total operating expense	(13,329,130)	(12,170,997)				
Operating profit	1,265,535	1,631,313				
Interest income	235,644	58,963				
Interest expense on lease liabilities	(91,324)	(22,911)				
Other income	274,837	122,949				
NET PROFIT FOR THE YEAR	1,684,692	1,790,314				
Other comprehensive income for the year						
NET PROFIT AND TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME	4 604 600	4.700.044				
FOR THE YEAR	1,684,692	1,790,314				

The consolidated financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors and audited by Ernst & Young - Middle East who expressed an unqualified opinion on 21 February 2024.

Mohamed Ebrahim Al Bastaki Chairman

Abdulwahed AlJanahi Chief Executive

Nabeel Kazim Vice Chairman

Licensed by Central Bank of Bahrain as Ancillary Service Provider.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY For the year ended 31 December 2023  Bahraini dinars									
	Share Capital	Statutory reserve	General reserve	Charity reserve	Retained earnings	Tota Equit			
At 1 January 2023	3,110,400	1,612,138	1,555,200	102,949	17,097,084	23,477,77			
Net profit and total comprehensive income for the year Dividend declared in 2022 Transfer to charity reserve	:			40,000	1,684,692 (311,040) (40,000)	1,684,69 (311,046			
Balance at 31 December 2023	3,110,400	1,612,138	1,555,200	142,949	18,430,736	24,851,42			
Balance at 1 January 2022	3,110,400	1,612,138	1,555,200	262,190	15,657,810	22,197,73			
Net profit and total comprehensive income for the year		_	-	_	1,790,314	1,790,31			
Dividend declared in 2021 Charity paid during the year	-	-	-	(199,241)	(311,040)	(311,040 (199,24			
Transfer to charity reserve	-	-	-	40,000	(40,000)				
Balance at 31 December 2022	3,110,400	1,612,138	1,555,200	102,949	17,097,084	23,477,77			

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS		
For the year ended 31 December 2023		Bahraini dinars
	31 December	31 December
	2023	2022
OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Cash received from switch operations	7,851,796	7,682,635
Cash received from BCRB operations	1,140,095	975,062
Cash received from card service	558,752	1,724,912
Cash received from BCTS operations	472,863	507,585
Cash received from EFTS operations	1,983,565	2,149,798
Cash received from eKYC operations	261,692	389,943
Cash received from PKI-CA operations	131,595	285,561
Cash received from WPS operations	2,550,548	35,895
Payments for operating expenses	(12,411,416)	(9,628,623)
Payment for directors' remuneration	(168,102)	(87,300)
Other receipts	35,427	34,389
Net cash from operating activities	2,406,815	4,069,857
INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Purchase of furniture and equipment	(166,954)	(217,075)
Purchase of system software	(193,091)	(47,972)
Payments for capital work-in-progress	(220,881)	(701,849)
Interest received	159,891	48,831
Acquisition of a subsidiary	10,434	-
Net cash used in investing activities	(410,601)	(918,065)
FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Dividend paid	(311,040)	(311,040)
Charity paid	(138,784)	(199,241)
Lease liabilities payments	(344,650)	(20,850)
		(=5,555)
Net cash used in financing activities	(794,474)	(531,131)
NET CHANGE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	1,201,740	2,620,661
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 January	14,820,232	12,199,571
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT 31 DECEMBER	16,021,972	14,820,232
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## **BBK B.S.C.- Consolidated Financial Statements 31 December 2023**



#### CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION As at 31 December 2023

DD IIIIIIOIIS	2023	2022
ASSETS		
Cash and balances with central banks	549.9	416.9
Treasury bills	389.2	277.9
Deposits and amounts due from banks and other financial institutions	245.8	276.6
Loans and advances to customers	1,588.3	1,614.0
Investment securities	910.1	914.2
Interest receivable, derivative and other assets	129.6	154.5
Investments in associates and joint ventures	51.2	62.3
Premises and equipment	37.8	37.5
TOTAL ASSETS	3,901.9	3,753.9
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY		
Liabilities		
Deposits and amounts due to banks and other financial institutions	406.2	289.4
Borrowings under repurchase agreement	326.9	377.4
Term borrowings	301.6	263.9
Customers' current, savings and other deposits	2,130.0	2,116.6
Interest payable, derivative and other liabilities	123.3	107.6
Total liabilities	3,288.0	3,154.9
Equity		
Share capital	173.0	164.8
Treasury stock	(4.1)	(4.7)
Share premium	105.6	105.6
Statutory reserve	86.0	78.5
General reserve	64.2	64.2
Cumulative changes in fair values	24.7	14.8
Foreign currency translation reserve	(15.5)	(15.3)
Retained earnings	131.9	128.9
Proposed appropriations	45.3	59.5
Attributable to the owners of the Bank	611.1	596.3
Non-controlling interests	2.8	2.7
Total equity	613.9	599.0
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	3,901.9	3,753.9

## **CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS**

For the year ended 31 December 2023 BD millions		
	2023	2022
Interest and similar income	237.0	152.3
Interest and similar expense	(103.6)	(49.8)
Net interest and similar income	133.4	102.5
Fee and commission income - net	14.4	18.6
Investment and other income	16.3	15.8
TOTAL OPERATING INCOME	164.1	136.9
Staff costs	(39.6)	(37.3)
Other operating expenses	(29.1)	(27.2)
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	(68.7)	(64.5)
Net provisions and credit losses	(9.9)	(8.0)
NET OPERATING INCOME	85.5	64.4
Share of (loss) / profit from associates and joint ventures	(10.2)	1.3
PROFIT FOR THE YEAR BEFORE TAX	75.3	65.7
Tax expense	(0.2)	(0.7)
NET PROFIT FOR THE YEAR	75.1	65.0
Attributable to:		
Owners of the Bank	74.5	64.4
Non-controlling interests	0.6	0.6
	75.1	65.0
Basic and diluted earnings per share (BD)	0.043	0.037

The above Consolidated Financial Statements, have been extracted from the consolidated financial statements of BBK B.S.C. for the year ended 31 December 2023 which were audited by Ernst & Young, who have expressed an unqualified opinion on 21 February 2024.

#### CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

For the year ended 31 December 2023

	2023	2022
Net profit for the year	75.1	65.0
Other comprehensive income:		
Items that will not be reclassified (or recycled) subsequently to profit or loss		
Net change in fair value of equity investments measured at fair value through other comprehensive income	3.1	(2.6)
Items that are or may be reclassified (or recycled) subsequently to profit or loss		
Movement in translation reserve:		
Unrealised loss on exchange currency translation adjustments of foreign subsidiaries	(0.2)	(3.1)
Movement in hedging reserve:		
Effective portion of changes in fair value cash flow hedges	-	1.2
Movement in fair value reserve:		
Net change in fair value of debt instruments measured at fair value through other comprehensive income	9.9	27.0
Net amount transferred to profit or loss	(2.9)	(2.4)
Other comprehensive income for the year	9.9	20.1
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR	85.0	85.1
Attributable to:		
Owners of the Bank	84.4	84.5
Non-controlling interests	0.6	0.6
	85.0	85.1

#### **CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY**

For the year ended 31 December 2023

**BD** millions

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	Share capital	Others	Retained earnings	Proposed Appropriations	Total	Non- controlling interest	Total equity
Balance at 1 January 2022	149.8	216.8	129.3	46.9	542.8	2.4	545.2
Profit for the year	-	-	64.4	-	64.4	0.6	65.0
Other comprehensive income / (loss)	-	19.6	0.5	-	20.1	-	20.1
Total comprehensive income / (loss)	-	19.6	64.9	-	84.5	0.6	85.1
Share-based payments	-	-	0.6	-	0.6	-	0.6
Dividends paid	-	-	-	(29.7)	(29.7)	(0.4)	(30.1)
Stock dividends	15.0	-	-	(15.0)	-	-	-
Donations	-	-	-	(2.2)	(2.2)	-	(2.2)
Movement in treasury stock	-	0.3	-	-	0.3	-	0.3
Transfer to statutory reserve	-	6.4	(6.4)	-	-	-	-
Movement in non-controlling interests	_	_	_	-	_	0.1	0.1
Proposed appropriations	-	-	(59.5)	59.5	-	-	-
Balance at 31 December 2022	164.8	243.1	128.9	59.5	596.3	2.7	599.0
Profit for the year	-	-	74.5	-	74.5	0.6	75.1
Other comprehensive income / (loss)	-	9.7	0.2	-	9.9	-	9.9
Total comprehensive income / (loss)	-	9.7	74.7	-	84.4	0.6	85.0
Share-based payments	-	-	(1.7)	-	(1.7)	-	(1.7)
Dividends paid	-	-	(17.2)	(49.1)	(66.3)	(0.5)	(66.8)
Stock dividends	8.2	-	-	(8.2)	-	-	-
Donations	-	-	-	(2.2)	(2.2)	-	(2.2)
Movement in treasury stock	-	0.6	-	-	0.6	-	0.6
Transfer to statutory reserve	-	7.5	(7.5)	-	-	-	-
Movement in non-controlling							
interests	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Proposed appropriations	-	-	(45.3)	45.3		-	
Balance at 31 December 2023	173.0	260.9	131.9	45.3	611.1	2.8	613.9

#### **CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS** For the year ended 31 December 2023 BD millions

2023 2022 Net cash flows from / (used in) operating activities 124.2 (42.5)Net cash flows from investing activities 9.6 88.7 Net cash flows used in financing activities (32.4)(12.6)**NET CHANGE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS** 101.4 33.6 Foreign currency translation adjustments - net (0.9)(1.4)Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the year 566.9 599.1 CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF THE YEAR 699.6 599.1

Dr. AbdulRahman Saif Murad Ali Murad Khalid Hussain Taqi Deputy Chairman **Group Chief Executive** Chairman Above information available on www.bbkonline.com Audited by Ernst & Young

# BBK announces profits, cash dividend

TDT | Manama

BK reported financial results for the year ended 31st December 2023 with a net profit attributable to the owners of the Bank of BD 74.5 million, representing an increase of 15.7% over the net profit of the previous year.

Based on the positive financial results for the year ended 31st December 2023, the Board of Directors recommended paying cash dividend of 30 fils per share (including 10 fils interim dividend paid earlier) and stock dividend of 5% per share equivalent to 5 shares for every 100 shares for the year 2023 for the Dr. AbdulRahman Saif, BBK's Group shareholders registered with the Bank on the record date, subject **Q4 results** to the approvals of the regulatory authorities and the share-Meeting (AGM).



**Chief Executive** 

holders at the Annual General owners of the Bank was BD 17.9m, to 12 fils during last year. The ers of the Bank amounted to BD experience.



Murad Ali Murad, Chairman

of BD 19.9m in the year-earlier quarter. Earnings per share Net profit attributable to the amounted to 10 fils compared come attributable to the own- customers with better banking which was reflected in strong 10.1% lower than the net profit decrease in net profit was mainly 84.4m, compared to BD 84.5m

of loss from associates and joint decrease is mainly related to a final year of our current 2022-

the Bank amounted to BD 24.0m, profit from core activities. compared to BD 54.7m in the attributable to the decrease in

#### **Full year results**

Net profit attributable to the owners of the Bank was BD achieved during the previous to 37 fils during the prior year.

The total comprehensive in-

vear-ago quarter, representing a mainly attributable to higher net customer experience". decrease of 56.1%. This is mainly interest income due to active balance sheet management in Group Chief Executive added the fair value reserve of invest- addition to the well positioning "BBK's remarkable achievement ment securities during the year. of the Bank's liquidity and assets during 2023 expressed with a the share of income from associ- to achieve its strategic goals and ate companies and joint ventures provide the best services to our 74.5m compared to BD 64.4m has decreased, while operating customers. Despite the low ecoexpenses increased mainly due nomic growth as compared to year, representing an increase to BBK's strong belief in investing pre-COVID level, BBK has conof 15.7%. Earnings per share in its human capital, as well as tinued to excel through balance amounted to 43 fils compared efforts towards implementing sheet optimization and achievvarious strategic and business ing various initiatives aimed at initiatives which aim to provide enhancing customer experience,

attributable to the higher share reported during last year. The their satisfaction stating, "As the lower increase in market valua- 2024 strategic cycle approaches, Total comprehensive income tions during the year, which was the focus remains on achieving attributable to the owners of compensated for by higher net the strategic goals which emphasize digital transformation, The increase in net profit was sustainability and enhancing

Dr. AbdulRahman Saif, BBK's toward market conditions and strong financial performance, interest rates. On the other hand, highlights the ongoing efforts financial results driven mainly Board of Directors expressed from core business activities".

## **Germany cuts 2024** growth forecast as economic woes pile

Berlin, Germany

**¬**he German government I slashed its growth forecast for 2024 yesterday, warning that Europe's largest economy was in "rough waters" as it battled a series of headwinds.

The economy ministry now sees output expanding by a mere 0.2% this year, as weak exports, high interest rates and a stuttering green transition hold back the re-

In its autumn projections, the government was still expecting 1.3% growth.

The downward revision comes after the German economy shrank by 0.3 percent in 2023, and recent data suggest the first quarter of 2024 could see another contraction.

# **ASRY opens Rest Points for company workers**



Officials and employees pose for a photo

TDT | Manama

The Arab Shipbuilding and Repair Yard Company (ASRY) opened three worker rest points equipped with essential services as one of the company's facilities. This was held in an official opening ceremony that took place last Monday at the company headquarters in Hidd, in partnership with Jotun Group and Western Area Trading Company.

In attendance was the Deputy CEO Shaikh Mohamed bin

Today we launch the first phase of the project, which will then be built upon in the upcoming period. This project aims to harness a safe and comfortable work environment that streamlines the employees' path to success, and reflects ASRY's values of safety, responsibility, and teamwork."

**DEPUTY CEO SHAIKH MOHAMED BIN RASHED AL KHALIFA** 

project.

ASRY, Jotun and Western Area ject, which will then be built Trading Company, as well as upon in the upcoming period. the employees and sub-con- This project aims to harness tractors involved in the a safe and comfortable work environment that streamlines



Officials during inauguration

teamwork."

eral Manager & the Human Re- working environment for all emsources Senior Manager, Shaikh ployees. Through providing rest Duaij bin Mohammed Al Khal- points for workers, ASRY aims to ifa, added that this social inipreserve the employees' safety During the inauguration, the the employees' path to suc- tiative comes in line with the and ward of any risks related to Rashed Al Khalifa, the Exec- DCEO commented, "Today we cess, and reflects ASRY's values company's goal of reviving the heat stress, especially during the utive Management Team of launch the first phase of the pro- of safety, responsibility, and values of social responsibility summer.

and implementing them by pro-ASRY Support Services Gen- viding a healthy and positive



China's Comac C919 airplane flies past during the Singapore Airshow

# Boeing says ready for competition with China-made plane

**AFP** | Singapore

Boeing said yesterday it was biggest airshow. The single-ais

to international buyers at Asia's and on-the-ground displays the C919 as a potential com-

The single-aisle C919 aircraft buyers. China's first domestically pro- made its international debut duced passenger plane, which this week at the Singapore Air- Aircraft Corporation of China Boeing.

was showcased for the first time show, featuring in both flying (COMAC), is seeking to position in a bid to woo international petitor to the market-leading A320, made by Europe's Airbus, The state-owned Commercial and the 737 MAX from US-based

# Nissan Bahrain introduces Z Test Drive Car

Offers prospective buyers unparalleled experience

TDT | Manama

Y.K. Almoayyed & sons, the sole distributor of Nissan vehicles in the Kingdom of Bahrain is excited to announce the launch of its new initiative, the Z Test Drive Car, enabling potential customers to fully experience the thrill and performance of the Nissan Z before finalizing their purchasing decision.

At Nissan Bahrain, we understand the importance of ensuring that our customers make informed choices when it comes to investing in their dream car.

The Z Test Drive Car is meticulously designed to show-





The Z Test Drive Car is meticulously designed to showcase the exceptional features and cutting-edge technology that the Nissan Z has to offer

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To ensure a seamless experience, Nissan Bahrain has made the Z Test Drive Car available at the Sitra Showroom. Our knowledgeable and friendly sales team will be on hand to answer any questions and provide expert guidance during the test drive process. We are committed to delivering exceptional customer service and assisting potential buyers in making an informed decision that perfectly suits their needs and desires.

Galileo's book "Dialogue Concerning the Two Chief World Systems" is published comparing the Copernican and Ptolemaic systems and whether the Earth orbits the sun

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The Last Invasion of Britain launched by the French during the Revolutionary Wars, begins near Fishguard, Wales

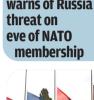
#### **News in brief**

◆ US Secretary of State Antony Blinken met with Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva yesterday amid a diplomatic crisis between the South American nation and Israel over the war in Gaza. Blinken said it had been a "very, very good meeting," in brief comments to journalists as he left the sit-down with veteran leftist Lula at the presidential palace in Brasilia. "The United States and Brazil are doing so many important things together.

Lula. Blinken meet amid Israel row

Blinken said after the more than 90-minute meeting. "It is a very important partnership." It had threatened to be a tense encounter, after Lula controversially compared US ally Israel's military offensive in the Gaza Strip to the Holocaust. Speaking Sunday, Lula, 78, called Israel's campaign a "genocide" and compared it to "when Hitler decided to kill the Jews."

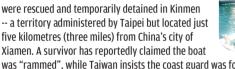
• **Sweden's Security Service** (Sapo) said yesterday Russia posed a threat to its territorial security amid heightened interest in the Arctic as the Scandinavian country prepares to join NATO. Moscow also increasingly poses a threat of industrial espionage, as Sweden was seeing a rise in undercover agents



from several countries. Sapo said as it presented its annual threat assessment report. Sweden dropped two centuries of military non-alignment and applied for NATO membership in the wake of Russia's invasion of Ukraine. Stockholm expects Hungary, the last holdout to ratify its membership on Monday. Sapo noted that Russia, along with China, was "conducting securitythreatening activities in northernmost Sweden", and Sweden's and Finland's NATO membership would extend

the alliance's border in the Arctic regions. "Russia's nterest in northern Sweden primarily concerns Swedish military capabilities," the ntelligence service said.

Taiwan seeking ◆ China vesterday accused Taiwanese to 'hide the truth' authorities of "seeking to evade their responsibilities about deadly boat and hide the truth" after two Chinese nationals died in a boat incident last week. The Chinese boat carrying four people capsized on February 14 near Taiwan's Kinmen islands while being pursued by the Taiwanese coast guard, throwing all onboard into the water. Two of the crew died and two others were rescued and temporarily detained in Kinmen -- a territory administered by Taipei but located just



was "rammed", while Taiwan insists the coast guard was following legitimate procedures.

#### CURIOSER & CURIOSER

Porn for 'spiritual growth': nuns detail abuse by renowed priest



Gloria Branciani (L) and Mirjam Kovac, two former nuns who accused of sexual abuse Slovenian Marko Rupnik, a world-renowned cleric and mosaic artist, attend a press conference AFP | Vatican City, Holy See

■ Wednesday that a Christian doctrine of three world-renowned artist priest persons within one God. made them take part in three- Rupnik was briefly excomwould "grow spiritually".

Marko Rupnik, 69, is accused reinstated after he formally of sexually and psychologically repented. He was finally exabusing at least 20 women for pelled from the Jesuit order community in Slovenia.

"He took me to pornograph- In October, Francis waived ic theatres to help me 'grow the statute of limitations on spiritually'," Gloria Branciani, the offences, opening the way who was a member of the com- for potential disciplinary promunity until 1994, told jour- ceedings. nalists at a press conference Anne Barrett Doyle, co-di-

grow spiritually if I did not ty, which documents abuse meet his sexual needs," she within the Catholic Church, said, describing how he sexu- described Rupnik as a "pow-

sex with us because he said it Church and the Vatican."

was like the Trinity," Branciani Two former nuns said said, referring to the central

somes and watch porn so they municated in 2020 for absolving someone of having sexual Slovenian mosaic artist relations with him, but was nearly 30 years at a religious -- of which Pope Francis is a member -- last June.

rector of the abuse tracking "He said that I would not site Bishop Accountabilialised religious concepts. erful cleric who was protect-"We had another nun have ed at the highest levels of the

# Hunger grips war-torn Gaza as truce talks resume in Cairo

AFP | Palestinian Territories

T Teavy fighting rocked besieged Gaza yesterday as sieged Gaza yesteruay as aid agencies warned of looming famine and new talks were held in Cairo towards an Israel-Hamas ceasefire and hostage



WHO chief Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus called for a ceasefire between Israel and Hamas and demanded unhindered access for international aid. "The health and humanitarian situation in Gaza is inhumane and continues to deteriorate," Tedros told a media briefing. "Gaza has become a death zone. Much of the territory has been destroyed," he added.

AFP | Jerusalem, Undefined

Despite Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's in-

sistence the Gaza war will end

with Israel achieving "absolute

victory", a majority of Israelis

do not think this is a likely out-

come, a poll published yesterday

Netanyahu has repeatedly stated that Israel will continue its

offensive in the Gaza Strip until

Hamas is ousted from ruling Gaza

and rendered incapable of posing

a military threat to Israel, and the



The World Health Organization (WHO), shows a convoy of ambulances during a WHO, UN humanitarian agency OCHA and Palestinian Red Crescent mission to evacuate patients from Nasser hospital in Khan Yunis in the southern Gaza Strip

Poll finds most Israelis say 'absolute victory' not possible in Gaza

The White House sent Middle East envoy Brett McGurk for renewed talks involving mediators and Hamas, a day after a United Nations Security Council resolution calling for a ceasefire was blocked by the US.

Global concern has spiralled over the high civilian death toll and dire humanitarian crisis in the war sparked by Hamas's unprecedented October 7 attack against Israel.

Combat and chaos again stalled the sporadic aid deliveries for desperate civilians in Gaza, where the UN has warned the population of 2.4 million is on the brink of amine and could face an "explosion" of child deaths

The UN World Food Programme said it was forced to halt aid deliveries in north Gaza because of "complete chaos and violence" after a truck convoy encountered gunfire and was ransacked by

Hamas called the move a "death

# New Palestinian leaders needed after Gaza war: opposition figure

After the Gaza war ends, new Palestinian leaders are needed who could helm a future independent state, opposition figure Nasser al-Kidwa, the nephew of late Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat, told AFP.

They should also seek a "peaceful divorce" with 88-vearold Palestinian president Mahmud Abbas, who should assume a purely ceremonial role, argued Kidwa, a former Palestinian foreign minister.

Kidwa, 70, said talks involving fighting between Israel and Hamas and the return of hostages, and normalising Israeli-Saudi in 2021. but also addressing day-after relations, he said.

ship reform, the creation of an out of Abbas's Fatah movement Talks are aiming to secure wealth and influence he has acindependent Palestinian state after challenging the president a ceasefire of about six weeks cumulated abroad.

Gulf states and Western powers Workers prepare graves for the funeral of Palestinians killed in overnight are seeking not just a pause in Israeli strikes at a cemetery in Rafah, on the southern Gaza Strip

"How do we put all these piec- in reality, the positions of the rael. Behind the scenes they are es together? What comes first, parties are getting closer and touching on wider post-war what comes second, et cetera?" closer, not divergent -- with the the UAE-based Dahlan is a conissues such as security, leader- said Kidwa, who was kicked exception of Israel."

starting between now and Ram adan, which is expected to begin on March 10 or 11, to allow for exchanges of Palestinian prisoners held by Israel with hostages. During the pause, there can be an "intensification of efforts in regards to the other elements,' Kidwa added.

scenes with his ally Mohammed Dahlan, a former Fatah security chief in Gaza, to convince Arab and Western powers of the plan. Dahlan, 62, originally from Gaza's Khan Yunis refugee camp, has the ear of Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nayhan, the powerful president of the United Arab Emirates which is one of the few Arab nations to have "It may seem confusing but normalised relations with Is-

> Among many Palestinians, troversial figure because of the

> > **Indian farmers**

resume Delhi

# Kidwa is active behind the hostilities around Nasser hospital in #Gaza. During yesterday's mission, an additional 19 patients, including some in critical

@DrTedros



condition, were trans-

ferred to hospitals in

southern Gaza.

One of the most powerful things we could do to stand up to Putin is pass the bipartisan National Security Bill and support Ukraine. The Senate already passed it. And if the House voted on it, it would pass there too. The Speaker must call a



agreed to boost cooper-

ation in areas like ship-

ping, connectivity and

■ EssexPoliceUK and

today's sentencing sends

a clear message. Nitrous

oxide has no place on

our streets. Last year, we

made a promise to tack-

le antisocial behaviour.

We are delivering on that

@narendramodi

defence.

day. Our talks covered key areas like technology, pharmaceuticals, skill development, space and innovation. We also

They have also brought bulldozers and excavators to the protest site, with the intention of charging through police barricades

ister Narendra Modi's government into abandoning its agricultural reform plans in 2021. Police have kept a mileslong column of farmers atop

agricultural machinery at bay since last week near the small village of Shambhu several hours' drive north of their intended destination.

Protesters again stared down efforts to disperse them with tear gas barrages and have vowed to push through a fearsome blockade of metal spikes and concrete barricades erected to halt their progress.

Anticipating a fresh effort to push past their roadblocks, police dropped tear gas on the roadside protest encampment from drones flying overhead.

ash-strapped Sri Lanka said Vesterday it had exported tea worth \$20 million to Iran to partially repay its \$251 million oil debts, with Colombo saying Tehran's visiting foreign minister had expressed "satisfaction" at the deal.

tea has been exported to Iran under the barter trade agreement," Sri Lankan Prime Minister Dinesh Gunawardena's office said in a statement af-Minister Hossein Amir-Abdol-

to use scarce hard currency to volve Iranian blacklisted banks. recent years.



Colombo's economic crisis that short of foreign currency. IMF bailout early last year. forced then-president Gotabaya Sri Lankan officials have Ceylon tea, known by the is-Rajapaksa to step down in July previously said that the tea-oil land's colonial-era name, made swap did not break US sanctions up nearly half of Iran's con-The barter deal allows sanc- on Iran, since tea was a food sumption in 2016. However,

tions-hit Iran to avoid having item and the deal did not in- the proportion has declined in

#### absolute victory" at the end of mer out a truce deal, regional and Western governments are Some 55.3 percent of respond- discussing possible plans for a ents conversely said there was a post-war Gaza that could include fairly low" or "very low likeli- an independent Palestinian state

think tank has meanwhile said he said.

only 38.3 percent of Israelis polled As the war drags into its fifth

believed there was a "very high" month and American, Qatari and

or "fairly high" likelihood of an Egyptian negotiators try to ham-

hood" of such an outcome. Just and Saudi Arabia normalising reover six percent of the 612 re- lations with Israel. pondents were undecided, the Asked whether they support

hostages taken in the October 7 achieved has come up against the southern Gaza city of Rafah, mounting international pres- where around 1.4 million Palestin-

will allow us to achieve normal- it, while 37.4 percent strongly or continuing until these goals are launching a ground operation in The Israel Democracy Institute isation and regional integration," somewhat supported it.

Israel agreeing "in principle to On Wednesday, Defence Minis- the establishment of an independter Yoav Gallant told North Amer- ent and demilitarised Palestinian ican Jewish leaders visiting Israel: state", a majority of respondents "Our goal is simple -- victory." -- 55.4 percent -- said they either "Only victory against Hamas somewhat or strongly opposed

# system despite misfire AFP | London, United Kingdom

UK has 'confidence' in nuclear

The UK government said yes-L terday that it had "absolute confidence" in its Trident nuclear deterrent system despite a reported missile test failure.

Defence minister Grant Shapps admitted to parliament that "an anomaly did occur" during an exercise on January 30, following reports that a mis-HMS Vanguard fell into the sea. OCCUr'

specific and there are no im- we need to do so."



Shapps said in the written plications for the reliability of The Sun newspaper reported statement that it was "long- the wider Trident missile sys- on Wednesday that the "first-

standing practice" not to com- tems and stockpile," insisted stage" boosters on the dummy

ment on such tests, but that the minister, who was on board Trident 2 missile did not ignite it was providing information the vessel at the time of the test. when fired off the coast of Flor-"in recognition of the level of "Nor are there any implica- ida, with an anonymous source interest" in the operation. tions for our ability to fire our saying, "it just went plop, right "On this occasion, an anom- nuclear weapons, should the next to them".

aly did occur, but it was event circumstances arise in which It is believed to be the second failed launch in a row.

## Sri Lanka repays \$20m Iranian oil debt with tea AFP | Colombo, Sri Lanka

His insistence on the war sure for Israel to refrain from ians are now sheltering

"So far \$20 million worth of ter talks with Iranian Foreign

The tea-for-oil deal was pay for imports of popular tea. The island defaulted on its agreed upon in December 2021, It also allowed Sri Lanka to \$46 billion foreign debt in April but exports were delayed by pay with tea, as the country was 2022 and secured a \$2.9 billion

# Somalia approves defence deal with Turkey

AFP | Mogadishu, Somalia

Comalia's cabinet and law-Omakers yesterday endorsed a defence deal with Turkey, with Mogadishu locked in a dispute with Addis Ababa over a maritime NATO member Turkey has close relations agreement it says threatens its with Somalia and is its leading economic

sovereignty. Under the 10-year pact, close education and health sectors, as well as ally Turkey will help defend So- in military cooperation. malia's long coastline and also rebuild the naval forces of the fragile Somalia when it signed a maritime

parliament today is solely about that the sovereignty and territorial cooperation between Somalia integrity of Somalia can never be and Turkey on maritime defence negotiated, and this has led to this and economy, it is not in any way historic agreement today," deputy aimed at creating hatred or feud defence minister Abdifatah Kasswith another country or govern- im told AFP.

In January, Ethiopia infuriated defend Somalia coasts," he added.

partner, notably in the construction,

Horn of Africa nation, President deal with the breakaway region Hassan Sheikh Mohamud told of Somaliland that would give the reporters after a joint session of landlocked country long-desired sea access. "The agreement submitted to "Somalia made its stance clear:

> driver survived. "Turkey is the best choice to

# 15 dead as truck falls into Philippines ravine: rescue official

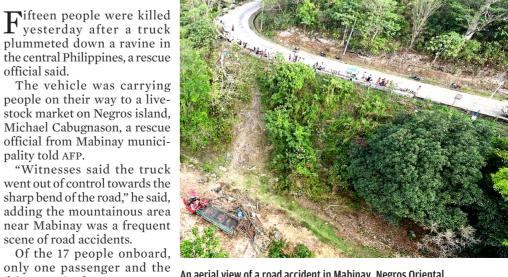
AFP | Manila, Philippines

**P**ifteen people were killed Yesterday after a truck plummeted down a ravine in the central Philippines, a rescue

people on their way to a livestock market on Negros island, Michael Cabugnason, a rescue official from Mabinay municipality told AFP. "Witnesses said the truck went out of control towards the

near Mabinay was a frequent scene of road accidents. Of the 17 people onboard, only one passenger and the

drenched in motor oil in the said. vine at least 50 metres (164 feet) common in the Philippines, ed.



An aerial view of a road accident in Mabinay, Negros Oriental.

The driver was found below the road, Cabugnason where drivers frequently flout the rules and vehicles are often wreck at the bottom of the ra- Deadly road accidents are poorly maintained or overload-

## protest push after talks fail AFP | Patiala, India Thousands of Indian

**1** farmers riding tractors attempted to resume their push towards New Delhi yesterday after failing to reach a deal with the government on their demands for higher crop prices.

The protest hopes to rep licate the year-long siege of highways into the capital that pressured Prime Min-

"We assure you that we will break the barriers," farmer Jagmohan Singh, 45, told AFP.

"Once we break it, we will only stop again in Delhi."

Farmers responded by distributing goggles and trying to bring down the aircraft by targeting them with slingshots and flying kites to obstruct their flight

at an opportune moment.

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

@JamesCleverly

Russell Crowe found out a

**Celebretainment** | Los Angeles

Russell Crowe recalled breaking both of his legs

while filming a scene for his

During a recent interview

with People magazine, the

59-year-old actor revealed that

he was unaware he had frac-

tured his legs until a decade

was a "small mishap" on the set

cullis onto rock-hard uneven

ground," Crowe told the outlet.

"We should have prepped the

ground and buried a pad, but

we were in a rush to get the

shot done in the fading light."

The Academy Award win-

ner remembered becoming

concerned about the setup of

the stunt moments ahead of

around, arrows flying and

burn pots setting the castle on

fire, there was no pulling out,"

Crowe said. "As I jumped, I

remember thinking, 'This is

The New Zealand native told legs.

"With hundreds of extras

"I jumped off a castle port-

of the action film.

jumping.

going to hurt.'

balls of his feet

landed.

People that he was trying to land on the

2010 movie "Robin Hood."

decade later he broke both of his

after what he initially thought that he "never discussed the

legs while filming 'Robin Hood'

Kim Kardashian reveals qualities of her perfect suitor

**Celebretainment | Los Angeles** 

∕im Kardashian has she looks for in a man and whether she wants to walk down the aisle again.

times to Kanye West - with whom she has North, 10, Saint eight, Chicago, six, and Psalm, four - Kris Humphries and Damon Thomas and she admits it would take a really unique person" for her to consider getting married again.

Kim Kardashian

"It was like an electric shock

bursting up through my body,"

Crowe said. "We were shooting

a big movie, so you just struggle

through, but the last month of

that job was very tricky. There

was a number of weeks where

even walking was a challenge."

Despite the lingering pain,

Crowe continued shooting

"Robin Hood." He told People

injury with production, never

took a day off because of it, I

Crowe recalled that he be-

gan experiencing "very strange

pains" in his lower legs and

decided to consult a doctor

where he underwent an MRI

serious," he told People. "After

working through a long New

York winter, my body was

just missing exercise and

However, Crowe said

he was shocked when

his doctor looked at the

X-rays and then asked

him when he had

broken his

sunshine."

"I thought it was nothing

and X-ray imaging exams.

just kept going to work."

Appearing on James Corden's 'This Life of Mine' podcast on Thursday (15.02.24), she listed the following attributes she time, but it's a lot." revealed the qualities looks for: "Accountable for actions. Takes accountability. Good teeth. Can hold their moured to be dating 31-year-old NFL play-

"I don't have to babysit all the time. I The 43-year-old SKIMS mean, just a good genuine person that's founder has been married three driven and has their own motivations in life too — the list is so long.'

Discussing marriage, she said: "There'll be moods where I'm just like, 'You know what? I understand my life is really big and I understand it takes a really, really, really special, unique person to want to deal with that.

"I think my life is really fun and whoever comes in my life will have a really good

The 'Kardashians' star is currently ruer Odell Beckham Jr.

She was with 30-year-old comedian Pete Davidson until 2022, and Kim previously insisted she wasn't in a hurry to find love again as she prioritises her children.

The businesswoman told the 'On Purpose' podcast: "I definitely will take my time, and I think there's so many factors, especially when you have kids and being mindful of people that enter in your

#### Lili Reinhart diagnosed with alopecia 'in the midst of depressive episode'



Lili Reinhart

Celebretainment | Los Angeles

ili Reinhart has been di-Lagnosed with alopecia.

The 'Riverdale' actress has revealed she is suffering with the hair loss condition, which is described by the Mayo Clinic as something that "can be the result of heredity, hormonal changes, medical conditions, or a normal part of aging".

Lili - who didn't go into detail on her diagnosis shared a TikTok video of herself undergoing red light therapy, and wrote: "Was just diagnosed with alopecia in the midst of a major depressive episode."

In the clip, she was lip-syncing to the sound of a man saying: "I'm pushed beyond the limits of what a person should be pushed to endure."

She added in the caption: Red light therapy is my new best friend #alopecia #mentalhealth."

The 27-year-old star has been candid about her personal struggles with her mental health, including battles with

anxiety and de-

## Robert Downey Jr stays sane with coffee

Celebretainment | Los Angeles

 ${
m R}$  obert Downey Jr. claims coffee has saved his sanity.

The 'Oppenheimer' actor can't start the day without his favourite hot caffeinated beverage - which he takes black - and his wife Susan Downey has learned not to try and discuss anything important with him until he's downed his morning drink.

He told People magazine: "[Every morning] I roll out of bed, I hit my knees. I have one of several prayers, usually of gratitude or just being like, 'Please let me stay out of my way.' And then I roll downstairs for coffee. I credit coffee, in part, for my sanity.

"When we have some big day ahead of us, much that I'm agnostic [Susan is] like, 'Wait, wait, wait, don't talk to him yet.' And she'll bring me a cup."

And the 58-year-old star - who has Indio, 30, with first wife Deborah Falconer and Exton, 11, and Avri, nine, with Susan - credits his childhood for his love of coffee.

He said: "To me, it is family. It is home. I cate this. I want to feel like I'm associate that morning coffee with my mom, getting ready to drive me to school. You want to talk about 'mother's little helper' back in the '60s and '70s, it's the unsung hero of proper parenting."

Robert has teamed up with entrepreneur Craig Dubitsky to launch his own coffee company, HAPPY, which

includes whole beans, ground, instant coffee and K-cup-compatible pods and it was important for the pair not to be "snobby" about their creation.

The 'Iron Man' star said: "It's just become such a massive industry, but we realised you're either getting stuff that tastes like pencil shavings, or you're getting the [artisanal] stuff that was passed through the small intestine of a yak...

"Honestly, I love it so about whether it's low-end stuff that you're getting at a truck stop or now these almost comically complicated and highfalutin blends.

"I don't want to overcomplimaking coffee that ticks all the boxes for everybody.'

Craig added: "We didn't want to be, we made up this word, baristacrats. We didn't want to be snobby.

**Robert Downey Jr** 

# Chris Evans rules out running for office

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Thris Evans is becoming a lawmaker. run for office.

launched the civic engagement Point with Mark Kassen

sisted that's as far as his political en- elected official." deavours will go as he thinks there are "better ways" to be involved than noted building up A Starting

event in Washington DC if he has "somewhat adjacent" to poli-The 42-year- ever considered running for political tics and the media and undera c t o r office, The Hill reports he said: "You standing just how difficult the know, there was a time...

"Being here [in D.C.], you realise site A Starting how much goes into it. And I'm tired! had respect, but it just grew "I don't think so.

"I think there are better ways to be hard it is to do what the and Joe Kiani a part of the world without having to elected officials do, and in 2009 but in- do the work that goes into being an what [journalists] do."

The 'Captain America' star Point frequently brought him Asked at a National Press Club to the city and has made him respective fields can be.

He added: "We already exponentially to see how

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Crowe recalled my memory he said, f e e l -'Would it have been ing his heels hit maybe 10 years the ground ago? first when he

RUSSELL CROWE

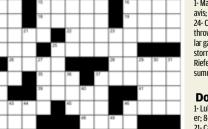
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#### How to play Place a number in the empty boxes in such way that each row across, each column lown and each 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

## CROSSWORD Across



1- Makes it?; 5- Sniff; 10- Edible mollusk; 14- French 101 infinitive; 15- Port of Crete; 16avis; 17- Superfuse; 18- Met highlights; 19- Mogadishu-born model; 20- Feeble; 22- Gathering; 24- Crusoe's creator; 25- Thespians; 26- Single entity; 28- Bits; 32- Belonging to us; 35- Slow throw; 37 - Yearly records; 38 - East Lansing sch.; 39 - Little; 41- Go bad; 42 - Cloud of interstel lar gas; 45- Univ. aides; 46- Complete collections; 47- Grenoble's river; 48- Any will do in a storm; 50- Guitarist Segovia; 54- Swollen part; 58- Ultimate; 61- Lead astray; 62- Director Riefenstahl; 63- The \_\_ Spoonful; 65- \_\_ hollers...; 66- Stiff bristle; 67- Kid leather; 68- French summers; 69- "East of Eden" brother; 70- Noted spokescow; 71- Calamitous;

1- Lukewarm: 2- Do penance: 3- Brusque: 4- Earnest: 5- Swindle: 6- Scratch: 7- Early comput er; 8- Minimal; 9- Cow catcher; 10- Incarnadine; 11- Gyro meat; 12- Asian sea; 13- Numerous; 21- Cartoon dog. 23- Green land; 25- Energy source; 27- Ingrid's "Casablanca" role; 29-Shipping deduction; 30- Bunches; 31- Concordes, e.g.; 32- Old Dodge model; 33- Manipulates; 34- Yokel: 36- Cave dweller: 37- Too: 40- Drinks (as a cat): 43- Of the seventh planet: 44-Penitential period; 46- Learned; 49- Hwy.; 51- Edible red seaweed; 52- Fauvist painter Dufy; 53- Santa's aides: 55- Civilian clothes: 56- Earth tone: 57- Baseball's Pee Wee: 58- "Born Free lion; 59- Change direction; 60- Within (prefix); 61- Dagger; 64- A mean Amin

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# **HH Shaikh Khalid says Sports Day** promotes sports as lifestyle in Bahrain

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m H}$ is Highness Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Supreme Council for Youth and Sport First Deputy Chairman, General Sports Authority (GSA) Chairman, and Bahrain Olympic Committee (BOC) President, has emphasised the importance of the Bahrain Sports Day 2024, stating that the leadership of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa has promoted initiatives to make sports a daily lifestyle for all social groups and segments in Bahrain.

HH Shaikh Khalid extended Bay. thanks and gratitude to HM the King for his interest in the for sporting activities on Bah- and athletes.



HH Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa

rain Sports Day 2024, which starts on Thursday in Bahrain

HH Shaikh Khalid also expressed thanks to His Highness sports sector, and to His Royal Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Highness Prince Salman bin Khalifa, HM the King's Rep-Prince and Prime Minister, for Work and Youth Affairs, for his allocating a half working day unwavering support for sports

Bahrain has significantly in- and across all governorates. corporated sports into its daily ities to promote positive behaviours and strengthen the concept of sports culture in hope that everyone would

The annual Bahrain Sports Day has significantly revitalised sports in the kingdom, attracting widespread participation from all sectors of soci- tutions, private institutions, ety and residents to promote a and companies to positively healthy lifestyle through sports interact with Sports Day obpractice and the development jectives by organising sporting of new initiatives to make it events that align with the spirit part of the Bahrainis' daily lifestyle, HH Shaikh added.

competitions at Bahrain Bay goals of Sports Day.

The event will involve govlife through specific initiatives, ernment ministries, private enutilising all available capabil- tities, sports federations, clubs, and community members.

His Highness expressed Bahraini society, HH Shaikh benefit from this Day and the unique opportunity it provides to practise the sport they deem appropriate for their abilities.

нн Shaikh Khalid urged all ministries, public sector instiof the day.

His Highness directed the HH Shaikh Khalid an- High Organising Committee of nounced that of GSA's prepathe Bahrain Sports Day to hold rations for the Bahrain Sports sports activities that involve Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown resentative for Humanitarian Day 2024 have been completed, participants from all segments noting that nation-wide event of the Bahraini society and will feature various events and work towards achieving the

## Son apologises for bust-up with South Korea teammate Lee



South Korea's Son Heung-min (left) with teammate Lee Kang-in

AFP | Seoul

Son Heung-min apologised yesterday for his role in a bust-up with South Korea teammate Lee Kang-in at the Asian Cup and urged fans to forgive the Paris Saint-Germain player.

South Korea were beaten 2-0 by Jordan at the tournament earlier this month and it later emerged that skipper Son had dislocated a finger in an altercation with Lee on the eve of the semi-final.

Both players released social media statements yesterday, with Tottenham's Son posting a picture of the pair together, smiling and with arms around each other's shoulders.

The 23-year-old attacking midfielder Lee, who has been blamed by fans for the fracas and dumped by advertisers, said that he had travelled to London to apologise to Son in person.

Addressing the controversy publicly for the first time, Son wrote in a statement on Instagram: "I am sincerely sorry for causing trouble and will work harder to make the national team grow fur-

The incident at the Asian Cup reportedly happened after some younger players in the national squad, including rising star Lee, rushed through their meal so they could leave early to play table tennis.

# David, Marsh propel Australia to thrilling T20 win over New Zealand

**AFP** | Wellington

Tim David hit a four off the last ball to give Australia a nail-biting six-wicket victory over New Zealand in the first Twenty20 international in Wellington yesterday.

Having been set 216 to win, Australia skipper Mitchell Marsh hammered 72 off 44 balls before batting partner David (31 not out) sealed a thrilling last-gasp victory.

"I thought we were done, to be honest," admitted the relieved Marsh.

"Timmy David is extremely calm and had a lot of confidence in his ability towards the end. We are very lucky to have him. It was a great game of cricket."

The three-match series is the last for both teams before the T20 World Cup in the United States and West Indies in June.

Rachin Ravindra had earlier put New Zealand in the driving seat by hitting 68 runs off 35 balls to claim his first half-century in the format as the hosts finished on 215-3.

bowling figures of 1-21 before er blew kisses at the crowd as leading the charge with the he was booed off the pitch. bat, hitting seven sixes and two fours in his unbeaten knock.

Head went for 24, caught by Adam Milne.



Australia's Tim David plays a shot

#### **Scorecard**

Australia 216 for 4 (Marsh 72\*, Warner 32, David 31\*, Santner 2-42) beat New Zealand 215 for 3 (Ravindra 68, Conway 63, Marsh 1-21) by six wickets

Veteran Warner followed for 32 in the sixth over, caught by Glenn Phillips.

Having criticised New Zea-Marsh finished with best land fans in the build-up, Warn-

Marsh built a partnership of 42 for the third wicket with Inglis, then Phillips dropped The captain steadied his side Glenn Maxwell, who was clean- Marsh next ball on the boundafter they lost openers Travis bowled by Lockie Ferguson on ary. Head and David Warner early 25 to leave Australia 111-3 after 10 overs.

Southee missed a catch off Josh square leg. Inglis made 20.

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extremely calm and had a lot of confidence in his ability towards the end. We are very lucky to have him. It was a great game of

MITCHELL MARSH

Inglis was dismissed with three overs left and Australia New Zealand's fielding let on 172-4 when he skied his shot Tim Southee off the bowling of them down in the 12th over as to Ravindra at deep backward



# Yelena through to ITF quarter-finals

Girls' singles second seed books berth in last eight in Bahrain ITF Juniors Championship 2024

Boys' singles top seed Denis Vishenchuk Vishenko advances to quarters

Ioana Stefania Boian, Simona Cucu through to girls' doubles semi-finals

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**T**elena Lebeau of France led six others into the girls' singles quarter-finals of the Bahrain International Tennis Federation (ITF) Juniors Samira Rashidova in the last Tennis Federation (BTF) courts of Georgia yesterday. in Isa Town.

Yelena is next set to face Boian of Romania.



Action from yesterday's play

The girls' second seed booked third seed Alina Sogomonyan of Sri Lanka. her spot with a 6-2, 6-1 win of Armenia, fourth seed Milana against British wild card Casey Konovalova, fifth seed Leah Ba- Uchil of India 1-6, 7-6 (3), 6-3 eighth seed Gloria Pop of Roma-Mauro in their round-of-16 roudi of Syria, seventh seed Irina and will now take on Leah, who nia and Oliwia Kuszel of Poland. Khayndrava, and Ioana Stefania beat Iana Teodora of Romania

Alina beat Sara Dessouky Championship 2024, current- eight. Samira was a 6-3, 6-0 win- of Egypt 6-4, 7-6 (4) to set up ly being played at the Bahrain ner against Ketevan Shavishvili a quarters meeting with Irina, who was a 6-0, 6-0 victor against Also making it through were VD Rashmi Omaya Wijewardana

7-5, 6-0.



**Bahrain** is hosting back-to-back tournaments on the 2024 **ITF World Tennis Tour** Juniors Calendar. Following this ongoing J30 event which concludes on Saturday, another of the same level follows between February 26 and March 2

The last pairing in the final Milana won against Callista winner of the match between

Meanwhile, in the boys' singles, top seed Denis Vishenchuk Vishenko barged into the ana and Simona Cucu advanced Ramazan Kaan Oktay of Tur- next stage. key, who was a 6-3, 6-0 victor

baya of Jordan, who triumphed san Ammar of Egypt 7-5, 7-6 (2). 6-1, 6-3 against Issah Ali of Great Britain.

#### **Through**

Third seed Rafael Asadullin Slovenian qualifier Klas Gorensek. He will next take on fifth seed Dev Kanbargimath of Roeight is between Ioana and the mania, who defeated Bulgarian Saturday. It will be followed by Dimitar Chilov 6-4, 6-2.

Meanwhile, the pairing of Io- Kingdom.

quarter-finals after a 6-3, 6-2 to the girls' doubles semi-fiwin against American wild card nals with a 6-2, 6-2 victory over Asim Hashem. Vishenko will Ketevan and VD Rashmi. They next square off with sixth seed await their opponents in the

In the boys' doubles, top seeds against Vladimir Guyot-Sionnest Vishenko and Kanbargimath made it through to the final Second seed Ilya Mosolkin four after beating the Bulgarian followed suit with a 6-2, 6-4 tandem of Chilov and Dimitar win against unseeded Egyptian Baychev. They will face off with Ahmed Ibrahim, and will next Turkish third seeds Utku and take on eighth seed Zaid Shel- Ramazan, who beat Ali and Has-

> Second seeds Aradullin and Mosolkin also advanced, beating France's Sacha Fontanges and Ibrahim 6-0, 6-4.

Tournament action continues also made it through, beating today at the BTF. All are welcome to watch the matches.

The competition is a J30 event, which continues until another J30 event between Feb-Seventh seed Utku Kerem ruary 26 and March 2, forming Biberlli of Turkey advanced after an impressive back-to-back of beating Kirill Kalennik 6-4, 6-1. ITF juniors tournaments in the

# Dar Kulaib win again in Arab clubs volleyball

Bahrain league champions outclass **Burgan SC of Kuwait** in four sets for second **Group B victory of** preliminaries

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 $B^{
m ahrain's\,Dar\,Kulaib\,claimed}_{
m their\,second\,straight\,win}$ yesterday in the 42nd Arab Clubs Volleyball Championship, currently being held in

The national league champions outclassed Kuwait's Burgan SC 3-1 (25-18, 22-25, 25-17, 25-23) to make it two victories from as nary round.

The result followed their Eira of Jordan.

Libya's Asswehly SC, and Iraq's North Refineries SC.

Dar Kulaib continue their Qatar SC. tournament campaign today against the Iraqis, scheduled for up their winning ways when semi-finals the following day, a 1pm start.

outfit Al Najma posted their



Dar Kulaib players celebrate after scoring a point against

25-17, 25-17).

The rest of the teams in their of Oman. They are in Group Najma playing Qatar SC at 4pm. pool include Qatar's Police SC, A of the preliminaries, along with Libya's Al Ahly Benghazi, round-robin, the top four teams

Meanwhile, fellow-Bahraini against Kazma tonight at 7pm. for third place will be held on

first win of the championship Asswehly clash at 1pm while Wednesday next week.

many matches so far in Group after sweeping past home side Najma play Al Ahly Benghazi at B of the competition's prelimi- Shabab Al Hussein 3-0 (25-21, 4pm. Both Bahraini sides then complete their preliminary Najma did well to bounce round campaigns on Saturday, opening-day triumph against back from a loss in five sets in with Dar Kulaib facing Police their first fixture against Seeb SC at 1pm and Najma taking on

> At the end of the single Kuwait's Kazma, and Qatar's advance to the quarter-finals, which will be held on February Najma will be looking to keep 26. That will be followed by the they play their third game and then the final and game Tomorrow, Dar Kulaib and the tournament's final day on

# Kohli ends speculation over absence with baby announcement

AFP | New Delhi

Virat Kohli has announced the birth of his second daughter named Vamika. child, ending speculation over ries against England.

Kohli said his wife, the Bolly- welcomed our baby boy Akaay Tuesday.

delivered a baby boy last Thurs- this world," Kohli, 35, said on day. The couple already have a Instagram.

the reason for his absence from and our hearts full of love, we time in our lives. We request India's ongoing home Test se- are pleased to inform every- you to kindly respect our prione that on 15th February, we vacy at this time," he added late

wood actress Anushka Sharma, and Vamika's little brother into

"We seek your blessings and "With abundant happiness good wishes in this beautiful

## Ankle injury forces Alcaraz out in first round of ATP Rio Open

AFP | Rio de Janeiro

orld number two Carlos against Thiago Monteiro. Alcaraz retired from his

rolling his right ankle on just and won the first game but af-

the second point of the contest ter dropping his serve in the second game he called it quits, The Spanish star took a medi- in another setback to a so-far match at the ATP Rio Open after cal timeout, had the ankle taped disappointing 2024 campaign.



# HRH the CP, PM visits BIC for F1 tests

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 $\mathbf{H}$ is Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, yesterday visited Bahrain International Circuit (BIC) following the commencement of Formula 1 Aramco Pre-Season Testing 2024.

HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister affirmed the Kingdom's unwavering commitment to enhancing its competitiveness in global sports through elaborate planning, relentless efforts, and strong leadership to achieve the visions and aspirations of His Majesty King Minister



**HRH the Crown Prince and Prime** 



HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister is accompanied on his visit by Finance and National Economy Minister Shaikh Salman bin Khalifa Al Khalifa and BIC Chief Executive Shaikh Salman bin Isa Al Khalifa

Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa.

HRH Prince Salman toured and drivers, wishing them luck which takes place next week and the teams' pitlane and track and in the upcoming Formula 1 Gulf serves as the opener for the 2024 Khalifa Al Khalifa.

met with the teams, managers Air Bahrain Grand Prix 2024,

HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister highlighted the role of BIC in enhancing Bahrain's global position in motorsports, noting the Kingdom's expertise in organising international races and events.

HRH Prince Salman expressed his pride in Bahraini citizens who have worked as a team to organise Bahrain's grand prix at BIC since its launch in 2004.

HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister was accompanied on his visit yesterday by Minister of Finance and National Economy Shaikh Salman bin

# Verstappen sets testing pace

Three-time defending drivers' world champion steers Red Bull to top of timesheet as F1 Aramco Pre-Season Testing 2024 flags off at BIC

- Tests continue today and tomorrow, with BIC set to welcome fans on both days from 12pm until 7pm
- Free entry for all race weekend ticketholders who purchased before 1 February
- Testing tickets can also be purchased at BD5 for adults and half the price for children per day

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hree-time defending drivers' world champion Max Verstappen set the pace on the opening day of Formula 1 Aramco Pre-Season Testing yesterday at Bahrain International Circuit (BIC) in Sakhir.

It was a busy day out on track for F1's star drivers and their teams, putting their 2024 contenders through their paces in two four-hour sessions at "The Home of Motorsport in the Middle East".

At the end of the day, with BIC's bright floodlights shining bright and illuminating the circuit, Verstappen continued from where he left off last season—at the very front of the pack. He set a fastest lap of one minute 31.344 seconds during yesterday's evening session to top the overall timesheet. He was on track for the full day in the constructors' world champions' RB20 contender.

tomorrow with both days open is also available to all fans who from 3pm to 7pm. to fans. BIC is scheduled to wel- had purchased their F1 Gulf Air come the public from 12pm up Bahrain Grand Prix 2024 tickets until the end of testing at 7pm. before 1 February.

Tickets are available for the

Tickets to pre-season testing straight. offer an incredible opportunity



Max Verstappen on track in his Red Bull RB20



McLaren drivers Lando Norris and Oscar Piastri get ready to test yesterday

All those coming to BIC will two open days of testing at BD5 be able to watch the F1 teams of running yesterday at BIC. He times were clocked during the for Mercedes in their F1 W15, derway just a week following for adults and half-price for chil- and drivers busy at work from dren for each day. Tickets can be the circuit's Main Grandpurchased online at bahraingp. stand, which overlooks the where he clocked a best time of com or by calling the BIC Hotline F1 pit lane and team garages, 1:32.548. as well as the circuit's main

to witness F1 cars in action at a be over two sessions, first from Testing continues today and low price. Free entry to the tests 10 am to 2 pm and then again 1.255s behind Verstappen, while

#### Massive

Verstappen completed a mashad also steered Red Bull's RB20 to first in the morning session,

Testing action will once again seconds off the leading pace in Alonso was eighth-quickest for (+4.348s) and Nico Hulkenberg in F1.



Max Verstappen set the fastest lap of one minute 31.344 seconds during the opening day's afternoon test session yesterday at **Bahrain International** Circuit. He drove Red **Bull's RB20 contender** the full day

McLaren's MCL38, while Carlos Sainz put Ferrari's SF-24 in third 1.240s back.

Daniel Ricciardo driving RB's VCARB 01 was fourth-quickest Alpine's Pierre Gasly in their Lance Stroll in Aston Martin's evening tests.



Red Bull drivers Max Verstappen and Sergio Perez in the BIC Paddock yesterday



The Mercedes of George Russell testing as the sun comes down on the afternoon session at BIC

The top 10 was completed by was 2.527s off the overall pace.

The rest of the overall day liams' Logan Sargeant (+2.538s) AMR24 followed 1.663s off the in their FW46, George Russell

the day for Aston Martin 2.041s (+4.562s) in their VF-24 challenger.

BIC is hosting F1 pre-season McLaren's Oscar Piastri 2.314s testing for the fourth year in a from the top, and Zhou Guanyu row and for the fifth time overdriving Kick Sauber's C44, who all. Bahrain also staged in-season F1 tests in 2017 and 2019.

Testing in Bahrain is part of A524 car came fifth 1.461s adrift. one classification featured Wilther F1 drivers' and teams' final preparations for the start of the 2024 FIA F1 World Championsive 142 laps over 768 kilometres pace. Each of vesterday's top six (+2.765s) who drove the full day ship. The new season gets un-RB's Yuki Tsunoda (+2.792s), the tests at this year's F1 Gulf Charles Leclerc, who was Kick Sauber's Valtteri Bottas Air Bahrain Grand Prix from 29 second-fastest in the morning, (+3.087s), Williams' Alexander February to 2 March, celebratcame seventh on the combined Albon (+3.243s), Alpine's Es- ing "20 Years of a Modern Clas-Lando Norris followed on timesheet 1.903s behind Ver- teban Ocon (+3.333s), and the sic", showcasing the Kingdom the combined timesheet 1.140 stappen's best, while Fernando Haas pair of Kevin Magnussen of Bahrain's 20th anniversary