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**Islamabad police sue ex-PM Khan**  
Islamabad

The Islamabad police yesterday registered a case against former prime minister Imran Khan under the anti-terrorism laws for "terrorising" a judge and senior police officials at a rally he held in the federal capital a day earlier, according to a police report.

Khan on Saturday rallied his supporters in Islamabad against the arrest and alleged torture of his chief of staff, Dr Shahbaz Gill, in custody of police. The Islamabad police and the government have denied the allegation.

**Four killed in Iraq landslide**  
Dubai

Iraqi rescue workers continued to search for survivors under rubble after a landslide hit a shrine in Karbala, killing at least four people.

Six injured people have also been pulled from the rubble at the shrine called Qattarat Al Imam Ali.

Earlier, emergency services said three children had been rescued since Saturday's disaster.

**HRH Prince Salman commends BDF's highly skilled personnel and efficient military systems**

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The Kingdom of Bahrain supports all endeavours aimed at protecting maritime security and enhancing regional stability.

This was affirmed by His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and Prime Minister.

HRH Prince Salman yesterday received the Bahrain Defence Force (BDF) Chief of Staff, Lieutenant-General Theyab bin Saqr Al Nuaimi, at Riffa Palace, following Bahrain taking command of the CTF 152 Combined Maritime Taskforce that maintains maritime security in the Arabian Gulf.

He commended the BDF, along with its allies, in furthering global efforts that safeguard international maritime traffic from threats that impact global trade, and wished them success in carrying out its duties in tak-



HRH Prince Salman receives the BDF Chief of Staff and the accompanying delegation

ing command of the CTF-152. Prime Minister highlighted the HRH the Crown Prince and BDF's combat and administrative readiness to protect regional security, driven by its highly



**100% Bahraini-built satellite project launched**

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A 100% Bahraini-built satellite project in the kingdom has been launched.

National Security Advisor and Royal Guard Commander, His Highness Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, made the announcement yesterday.

The project is in fulfillment of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa's vision, and in implementation of the directives of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister.

The satellite is expected to be completed and launched by

the end of December 2023, HH Shaikh Nasser said, noting that this project is a distinguished achievement for the Kingdom.

A group of Bahraini youth who are qualified in the field of space sciences and technologies will contribute to building it.

HH Shaikh Nasser paid tribute

to the management of the National Space Science Agency, for the tremendous efforts they have exerted to place the Kingdom among leading countries in the space sector.

He hailed the NSSA's ambitious projects and participation in various specialised gatherings, in addition to the research

and studies it has conducted and published in international conferences and scientific journals.

HH Shaikh Nasser expressed his appreciation for the efforts of the members of the Bahrain Space Team for their distinguished scientific contributions to the fields of space sciences.

Minus to Plus

**'Rude' food critic makes Bahraini woman's 'Rangina' go viral**

Zahra Ayaz  
TDT | Manama

A food critic's negative comments have brought a positive impact on a Bahraini woman's food business!

The food critic, wearing the robes of an influencer, in the usual rush to review various preparations, gave a double negative to the Bahraini woman's sweet dish Rangina, which made her heart-broken.

The woman's grief went viral across all social media platforms after her son posted a video criticising the critic.

In the subsequent hours,

many social media users came in support of the woman by following her account under the hashtag @walnut\_bh.

Now both the woman's business venture and her Rangina have become big hits; it has become a brand by itself with support pouring in from various quarters.

Thousands continue to support the woman on social media, expressing solidarity and some are even campaigning for the transformation of her home-driven business into a perfect Bahraini startup.

According to the woman's son,



The Instagram page, which has garnered support from thousands of social media users

it was his idea to send the dish to the influencer for a review while the former was on a visit to the Kingdom.

"It is his very right to dislike the dish. We don't have issues over that; but he doesn't have any right to defame our business by presenting our logo and name during a live session."

Social media users showered their anger on the influencer for disrespecting the Bahraini woman's hard work and great efforts towards building up a business venture.

Rangina is a popular sweet dish in the Kingdom made out of dates and walnuts.

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**DEATHS**  
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**CRITICAL**  
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# HM King, HRH Prince Salman hailed over women's achievements

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, yesterday received cables of congratulations from Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Infrastructure, Shaikh Khalid bin Abdulla Al Khalifa, on the

21st anniversary of the establishment of the Supreme Council for Women (SCW).

Shaikh Khalid bin Abdulla lauded HM King Hamad and HRH Prince Salman's unwavering support to Bahraini women at various work sites, enabling them to become essential and effective partners in the progress boom currently witnessed by the kingdom, under His Majesty's leadership.



HM the King



HRH Prince Salman

He commended His Royal Highness' commitment to preserving Bahraini women's rights and their wide-ranging contributions to the Kingdom's development.

The Deputy Premier expressed deepest pride in the role played by the SCW, under the leadership of Her Royal Highness Princess Sabeeka bint Ibrahim Al Khalifa, Wife of HM

the King.

He asserted that HRH Princess Sabeeka spares no effort to back the SCW's plans and programmes aimed at advancing Bahraini women, out of HRH's belief in the capabilities of Bahraini women, starting from the empowerment phase and reaching the advancement one, which entitles them to achieve balance at the national level.

# Grooming life leaders

FranklinCovey launches first regional headquarters in Bahrain

Staff Reporter  
TDT | Manama

FranklinCovey, a leading training and coaching solutions provider serving more than 140 countries with thousands of clients, including 90 per cent of Fortune 100 companies, yesterday launched its first FranklinCovey Education Middle East headquarters in Bahrain to oversee its offices in the region and serve its regional clients.

Co-Founded by Dr Stephen Covey, the author of the glob-

al best-seller "The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People," the FranklinCovey company provides leadership training and assessment services for the organisation and the individual in the areas of leadership, individual effectiveness, and business execution.

FranklinCovey Education Middle East (exclusive partner to FranklinCovey) boasts some of the world's most prominent educational-leadership programs, including the world-renowned "Leader in Me" program, which has served over



Ahmed Shawqi

5,000 schools in 80 countries plus a big number of well-known



Bill McIntyre

colleges and universities around the world. Some of the regional educational clients include New York University Abu Dhabi, American University Sharjah, Tabuk University Saudi, and the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland (RSCI) Bahrain.

Commenting on the launch of FranklinCovey Education Middle East in Bahrain, Ahmed Shawqi, Managing Director of FranklinCovey Middle East, said: "We're excited for the launch of our headquarters in Bahrain. It will allow us to oversee our operations across many countries like Saudi Arabia, the UAE, Oman, the GCC region, and other countries like Jordan and Iraq.

"We're witnessing a major step towards empowering youth and students in Bahrain and the region with the leadership and life skills they need to thrive in the 21st century."

Ali Al Mudaifa, Chief Investment Officer of the Bahrain Economic Development Board (EDB) said: "Our talent is one of our greatest competitive advantages. It has continuously made Bahrain the right destination for com-



Ali Al Mudaifa

the objectives set under the Economic Recovery Plan."

Bahrain's growing student and working-age population are driving up the demand for training and formal education, particularly for higher education - the fastest growing education subsector. As part of the National Economic Recovery Plan, the government of Bahrain aims to employ 20,000 Bahraini nationals and provide training for 10,000 Bahrainis annually by 2024.

Speaking to The Daily Tribune, on the sidelines of the event, Bill McIntyre, FranklinCovey Education Vice President for International Business Development, said: "We are really excited to be here. This is our first official education partner that we have in the Middle East. We represent the education division of the company and we are working with schools, educators and universities to empower them with life skills to succeed in life and business.

"We start with young children and we train at all levels. We chose Bahrain because Bahraini people are very friendly and welcoming. We already have some good trainers here and this is the perfect place to start from."

He said initially five consultants will be working with schools and educators, catering to the whole educational spectrum, training both students and teachers. "The programmes will be bilingual, in English and Arabic. "Our schools still function in a control, command paradigm, which is blocking the release of true potential of students. We want to bring a paradigm shift here while empowering the students to become life leaders, not just in academics but beyond as well."



**The FranklinCovey company provides leadership training and assessment services for the organisation and the individual in the areas of leadership, individual effectiveness, and business execution.**

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A segment of the audience

# Bahraini women 'key partners' in progress

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Senior government officials commended the Bahraini women's achievements in all fields on the 21st anniversary of the Supreme Council for Women (SCW) establishment.

They praised the unwavering support of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, and wife of HM the King, and SCW President HRH Princess Sabeeka bint Ibrahim Al Khalifa's belief in the ability of Bahraini women.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs, Dr Abdullatif bin Rashid Al Zayani, praised the contributions of SCW in supporting Bahraini women as effective partners in the kingdom's comprehensive and sustainable development process.

The minister also highlighted the efforts of Bahraini women at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, lauding their contributions in achieving the objectives of the kingdom's foreign policy.

Dr Al Zayani affirmed that the Kingdom will continue to support Bahraini women in line with the National Plan for Human Rights (2022-2026) and the National Plan for the Advancement of Bahraini Women (2013-2022).

Industry and Commerce Minister Zayed Rashid Alzayani said that SCW celebrated many achievements to empower Bahraini women in all sectors that



Foreign Affairs Minister



Industry Minister



Labour Minister



Justice Minister



Health Minister



Information Minister



Tourism Minister



Housing Minister



Oil Minister

contributed to strengthening the industrial and commercial sectors and women holding leadership positions in the ministry.

The accomplishments indicate the Council's commitments within government's plan 2013-2022 to enhance the role of Bahraini women.

Labour Minister Jameel bin Mohammed Ali Humaidan noted the care and support of HM the King and the government headed by HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, to

push Bahraini women towards high positions locally and internationally.

He hailed HRH Princess Sabeeka's interest to promote equal opportunities, which showed the creativity of Bahraini women and their ability to participate in the Kingdom's development process.

Health Minister Dr Jaleela bint Al Sayyed Jawad Hasan noted the role of Bahraini women in the health sector, which is a large part of the workforce and is posi-

tively reflected in the ministry's achievements in the gender balance, equal opportunities, high institutional performance and integration of the needs of Bahraini women and families within its objectives and services.

Information Minister Dr Ramzan bin Abdullah Al Nuaimi emphasised his pride in the SCW initiatives that strengthened societal stability, women's exercise of their rights and holding the highest executive, legislative, judicial and media positions.

Justice, Islamic Affairs, and Endowments Minister Nawaf bin Mohammed Al Maawda praised the national achievements in enhancing the role of Bahraini women as a key figure in the national development that embodies the objectives of the comprehensive development process led by HM the King.

Tourism Minister Fatima bint Jaffer Al Sairafi praised the ability of the SCW to implement the directives of HRH Princess Sabeeka to launch initiatives that

promote the progress of Bahraini women in various fields.

Al Sairafi said that the percentage of women in the ministry reached 47%, of whom 39% are in leadership positions, which indicates keenness to support both sexes in the tourism sector and create the appropriate environment to attract more Bahraini women.

Housing and Urban Planning Minister Amna bint Ahmed Al Rumaihi highlighted cooperation between SCW and the Housing Ministry through establishing the Equal Opportunities Committee in the Ministry, which has become an active element in many programs in terms of awareness, education and other fields.

Oil and Environment Minister, Climate Affairs Special Envoy (SCE) Dr Mohammed bin Mubarak Bin Daina highlighted the role of the SCW in enhancing Bahraini women's role in the development process, noting Bahraini women's role in the oil and environmental sectors.

## Ministerial decisions issued on classic vehicles plates' numbers

### Part of Traffic Law provisions amendment

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Interior Minister General Shaikh Rashid bin Abdulla Al Khalifa issued two ministerial decisions for the amendments of the provisions of the Executive Regulations of the Traffic Law 23/2014, concerning the registration of classic vehicles' number plates.

The first ministerial decision includes amendments to classic vehicle registration number plates, their issuance regulations and the conditions related to importing and regulating those vehicles that are banned from driving on the road.

The second ministerial decision includes the registration fees for these vehicles.

Per the two decisions, the classic vehicle registration number plate is optionally issued according to the request of its owner, provided that the registration number should be of those numbers specified for private cars.

It is not permitted to repeat the registration number on more than one classic or private

car or that the registration number plate issued for the classic car is used on other vehicles.

The Second Article of the first decision stipulates the specifications of the classic registration number plates in terms of the types of vehicles for which the plates are issued, the color of the plate and its special signs.

According to the decision, the registration of the classic imported cars would be after paying the specified fees for opening the file of an amount of (BD 500) instead of (BD 1000) for vehicles over five years old.

It is permissible - upon the request of the owner - to issue an ownership certificate and a registration number plate for the classic car without registering it as long as it is not being used and driven on public roads or is not suitable to be driven on the road, and after paying the specified fees.

Concerning the second ministerial decision regarding specifying special fees for registering the classic car, its First Article determines a BD100 fee for registering the classic vehicles for the first time and the annual registration fee per the vehicle's weight.



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# 'Long emergency queue' ordeal for SMC patients

Project to upgrade SMC Emergency Unit is currently ongoing; patient satisfaction levels stood at 80pc, as per a study conducted by the Health Ministry

Staff Reporter  
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Long queues are allegedly creating an unending ordeal for patients at the Kingdom's largest hospital. Sources say some patients had to wait up to five hours at Salmaniya Medical Complex (SMC) emergency unit where a doctor attended the case.

The sources point out that the waiting periods are quite longer during the nights, attributing the crisis to shortage of adequate staff at the unit.

"Two days before, I took a patient who suffered from serious back pain to the SMC emergency unit. He was in a miserable condition, which is hard to describe, unable to walk or sit. I must say that the nurses and the staff at the unit were very caring and cooperative, but the queue to reach the doctor was too long, worsening the predicament," a source told The Daily Tribune.

"We had to wait nearly six hours to reach the doctor, who seemed heavily exhausted after attending many patients in a stretch. During this waiting period, we could see many serious patients coming in, and joining the queue although they needed urgent attention," he explained.



The Accident and Emergency Care unit at the SMC

## 1,300

The daily patient volume at Salmaniya Medical Complex's Accident and Emergency Department.

On the flip side, another source said one major reason behind the long queues are non-emergency patients who report at the unit as emergency patients, irresponsibly creating a burden on the system.

The Daily Tribune earlier re-

ported about a special team being constituted at SMC to handle accident and emergency cases. The initiative is part of the policy being implemented across public health institutions to upgrade the existing health system in the Kingdom and is also aimed at improving the overall treatment experience of both citizens and residents.

The Accident and Emergency Department at Salmaniya Medical Complex receives 1,300 patients everyday, according to a study conducted by the Ministry of Health.

This comes amidst an ongoing project to upgrade the Accident and Emergency Department, where the capacity will be

raised from the current 80 beds to 123 beds.

The study found that the patient satisfaction at the Accident and Emergency Department stood at 80 per cent, highlighting the great infrastructure, facilities and services offered.

As part of upgrading initiatives, five new rooms will be created at the department for receiving patients; eight rooms to deal with non-urgent cases and three rooms exclusively for offering initial treatments. SMC has a busy Accident and Emergency department, which are intended to help people who have had trauma or acute surgical or medical problems.

The Emergency Medical Services was developed in 1985 within the Department of Accident and Emergency at Salmaniya Medical Center to provide pre-hospital emergency medical care services to the sick and injured patients by Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT), paramedics, at the sense and during transportation to the hospital.

Acute emergency cases handled at the hospital include road traffic accidents, cardiac cases, acute respiratory conditions, all trauma cases, burns cases, psychiatry cases and neonatal care.

## Taqeem Committee meeting



Information & eGovernment Authority (IGA) Chief Executive and Taqeem Committee Chairman Mohammed Ali Al Qaed chaired the committee's fifth meeting. The meeting covered the results of a survey conducted by the Taqeem Committee from 21 June to 5 July that sought public opinion on remote government services that eliminated the need for in-person visits. The responses showed that the services were in line with the committee's goals of enhancing remote customer service experience at ministries and government entities. It also aligned with the government's vision to improve the sustainability of government services and the advancement of the Kingdom's digital transformation. The meeting discussed preparations for Taqeem 4, the most significant amendments to the Taqeem guide's latest draft, and determining the next steps for the evaluation process.

## Asian woman jailed for scamming and money laundering

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The High Criminal Court sentenced an Asian woman to four years in prison for scamming and money laundering and fined BD46,000.

Meanwhile, it acquitted an Asian man of taking part in the crime due to a lack of evidence.

As per the police records, the defendant helped an unknown person living abroad to seize BD23,000 from several victims through fake bank calls and fraudulent contests.

According to court files, the woman's role was to help the unknown man launder the money in exchange for an agreed percentage. Her activities came to light after the General Directorate of Anti-Corruption and Economic & Electronic Security received several complaints from vic-

tims who claimed they fell prey to a scam.

The woman was captured after it was found that the money which was embezzled from the victims' accounts was initially transferred to her account before they were sent to offshore accounts.

Investigations uncovered that the woman laundered part of the money she received by making suspicious transactions.

Police officers also found that the woman used the acquitted man's bank account and visa card. However, the latter denied knowing anything about the woman's activities.

She was cleared of the charges against him as the Court doubted his participation in the scheme. The defendant will be permanently deported after serving her punishment.

## Probe call after driving class rule violation



A screenshot of the video that went viral

Staff Reporter  
TDT | Manama

Social media users have scolded for strict action against the violators after a video showing an expatriate offering driving instructions to another went viral on all social media platforms yesterday.

As per the Kingdom's law, driving instructions can only be offered by legal instructors in special vehicles allocated for the purpose.

"This is a clear violation of laws and we urge strict action," a social media user said.

The Traffic Directorate is in charge of issuing driving classes in the Kingdom. To obtain a driving license, the applicant must undergo and pass the eye exam. Subsequently, the applicant can opt for a legal instructor, who will deliver lessons in driving.

The driving license can only be obtained after passing the practical driving test conducted by the directorate.

## Tourism Ministry affirms support to Vatel Bahrain



Al Sairafi with Vatel Bahrain - International Hospitality School officials, trainers and students

### School serving hospitality sector with highly qualified and expertly trained talent

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Tourism Minister Fatima bint Jaafar Al Sairafi extended the ministry's support to Vatel Bahrain - International Hospitality School in its pivotal role of contributing to Bahrain's hospitality sector with highly qualified and expertly trained talent.

The school's development is at the forefront of the Ministry of Tourism's initiatives to develop the tourism sector under the framework of Bahrain's Tourism Strategy 2022-2026.

The Minister toured Vatel's various facilities and met with the Director General Shaikh Khaled bin Khalifa Al Khalifa.

She stressed the contin-

uation of developing the school's ability and potential to meet the labour market needs of the Hospitality sector, especially hotels, restaurants and cafes.

Al Sairafi directed the school's administration to reinforce collaborations with the hospitality sector to ensure attractive job opportunities and internships are provided which will enable the students and graduates to contribute to developing high standards in hospitality services offered in the kingdom.

She highlighted the role of Vatel Bahrain in providing quality job opportunities to Bahrainis seeing, as 62% of the students are Bahraini.

"We hope to see more Bahraini graduates in the hospitality sector, who interact directly with the Kingdom's guests, tourists and visitors, and provide them with an enriching experience of Bahrain's culture, heritage and people," she said.

The CEO of the Bahrain Tourism and Exhibitions Authority

(BTEA), Dr Nasser Ali Qaedi, expressed his appreciation of Vatel's progress in achieving tourism infrastructure and practical education, making it the most coveted place to study and support the development of the tourism and hospitality sectors in the Kingdom.

Dr Nasser stressed the various opportunities Vatel provides for skills development and guidance including jobs, volunteer work, internships and all that ensures both personal and professional development of the students.

Shaikh Khaled affirmed the commitment of Vatel Bahrain to achieve the goals set forth by the Ministry of Tourism to support the tourism sector in general and the hospitality industry specifically, and build a bright future for Bahraini students, and to help them become the ideal choice of employment as hospitality professionals.

He expressed his hope to attract international students.

## BTEA to promote Bahraini family-owned enterprises' private museums: Al Sairafi



YBA Kanoo Group Chairman, Mr Khalid Mohamed Kanoo, welcomes Al Sairafi and the accompanying delegation

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Tourism Minister Fatima Al Sairafi has stressed the ministry's support to different Bahraini family-owned enterprises to start their museums aiming to record their vibrant commercial journeys, highlighting the history and heritage of Bahrain's commercial sector and to promoting business tourism in Bahrain.

Al Sairafi affirmed the readiness of the Bahrain Tourism and Exhibitions Authority (BTEA) to promote these museums during its participation in Gulf and international events related to tourism.

She added that the Ministry supports major industrial and commercial companies in establishing their museums to showcase their contribu-

tions to Bahrain's economic growth and serve as a tourist attraction.

"To add these museums to the list of popular tourist attractions in the Kingdom, a dedicated team from the Bahrain Tourism & Exhibitions Authority (BTEA) is developing an executive strategy to turn the Kanoo Family Museum into a unique model that can be shared with other Bahraini families, businesses and industries," she said.

Dr Nasser Qaedi, the CEO of BTEA, pointed out that the Kanoo Museum will be a significant tourist destination in Manama Souq once it is completed, saying, "We are thrilled that this building will be incorporated into the Tourism Authority's plan to expand the Manama Souq."

## Noon to buy fashion venture Namshi

Reuters | Dubai

Dubai's Emaar Properties said on Saturday it is selling fashion e-commerce venture Namshi to Noon, an e-commerce company backed by Dubai billionaire Mohamed Alabbar and Saudi Arabian sovereign fund the Public Investment Fund (PIF).

Emaar said in a bourse filing its board has in principle approved the sale, which values Namshi at \$335.2 million, as a divestment to a related party.

Emaar was founded by Mohamed Alabbar and is the company's managing director.

## Iraq's foreign currency reserves above \$80 billion, central bank official says

Reuters | Cairo

Iraq's foreign currency reserves are now above \$80 billion and are expected to hit \$90 billion by the end of the year, state news agency INA cited the deputy governor of the central bank, Ammar Khalaf, as saying yesterday.

The central bank's gold reserves have climbed 30 tonnes to stand at more than 131 tonnes now, Khalaf said.

## Israeli spyware company NSO Group CEO steps down

Reuters | Jerusalem

Israeli spyware firm NSO Group said yesterday its Chief Executive Shalev Hulio is stepping down with immediate effect, with Chief Operating Officer Yaron Shohat appointed to oversee a reorganisation of the company before a successor is named.

A source in the company confirmed that around 100 employees will be let go as part of the firm's reorganisation, and that Shohat will lead the company until the board appoints a new CEO.

The surveillance firm, which makes Pegasus software, has been contending with legal action after allegations that its tools were misused by governments and other agencies to hack mobile phones.

NSO has said its technology is intended to help catch terrorists, paedophiles and hardened criminals and is sold to "vetted and legitimate" government clients, although it keeps its client list confidential.

"The company's products remain in high demand with governments and law enforcement agencies because of its cutting-edge technology and proven ability to assist these customers in fighting crime and terror," Shohat said in a statement.

"NSO will ensure that the company's groundbreaking technologies are used for rightful and worthy purposes," he added.

# India not planning to import wheat

Reuters | Mumbai

India has sufficient stocks of wheat and there is no plan to import the grain, the government clarified on Sunday after some media outlets reported New Delhi was planning to import wheat.

Local wheat prices jumped to a record 24,453 rupees (\$305.97) per tonne on Friday.

That was up nearly 16% from recent lows that followed the government's surprise ban on exports on May 14, ending hopes India could

fill the market gap left by missing Ukraine grain.

The rally in local prices has prompted traders to speculate that New Delhi would allow imports to

augment supplies, which dwindled after the production was hit by a heatwave.

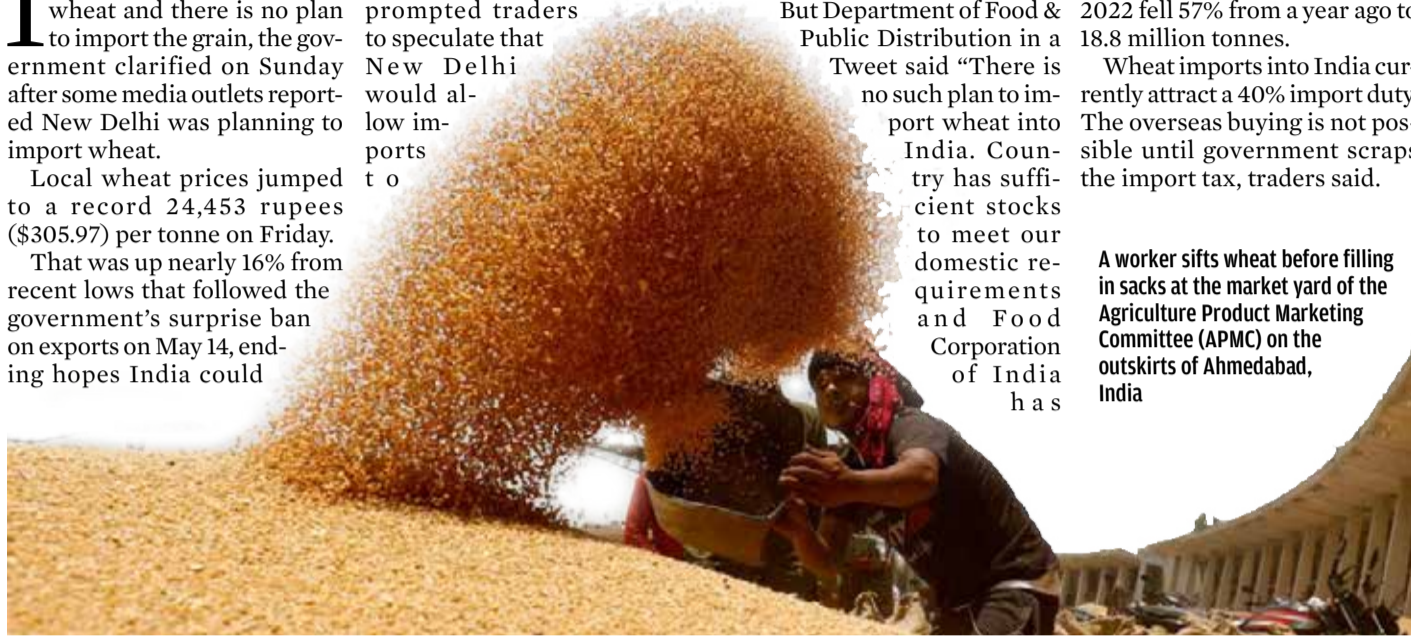
But Department of Food & Public Distribution in a Tweet said "There is no such plan to import wheat into India. Country has sufficient stocks to meet our domestic requirements and Food Corporation of India has

enough stock for public distribution."

India's wheat procurement in 2022 fell 57% from a year ago to 18.8 million tonnes.

Wheat imports into India currently attract a 40% import duty. The overseas buying is not possible until government scraps the import tax, traders said.

A worker sifts wheat before filling in sacks at the market yard of the Agriculture Product Marketing Committee (APMC) on the outskirts of Ahmedabad, India



The cultivation of wheat was started some 10,000 years ago, with its origin being traced back to southeast Turkey. It was called Einkorn (Triticum monococcum) and genetically is described as a diploid, containing two sets of chromosomes.

Wheat takes about 4 months to mature, but when it comes to making a decision about the right time to harvest it, the farmer has to know when the crop is at a premium. If the weather has been dry and hot the 'finish' will be quicker. Mature wheat is ready to harvest.

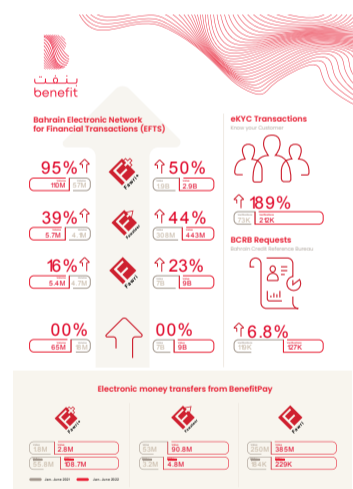
China is the world's largest wheat producer and has yielded more than 2.4 billion tonnes of wheat in the last 20 years, around 17% of total production.

# BENEFIT reports BD 12.5 billion worth e-transactions in H1 2022

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BENEFIT, a leading company in Fintech and electronic financial transactions service, announced recording a total volume of 113.7 million for all electronic fund transfer transactions (Fawri, Fawri+ and Fawateer) through BenefitPay during the first half of 2022. This is a 92% increase in volume compared to the first half of 2021.

The online payments under the Electronic Fund Transfer System, consisting of Fawri+, Fawri and Fawateer, is continuing to see significant growth during the first half of 2022, as demonstrated by the volume increase of 85%. Total volume increased from 65.7 in the first half of 2021 to 121.3 m in H1 2022



The volume of payments using Fawri+ is 55.8 m compared to 108.7 m in the first half of 2022, a growth of 95%.

Fawri+ transactions over all channels soared by 50%, with a

total value of over BD 2.9 billion in H1, increasing from BD 1.9 bn in H1 2021. Fawri+ transactions through BenefitPay's application reached a total value of approximately BD 2.7 bn, in comparison to approximately BD 1.8 bn in the first half of 2021, a growth of 51%.

Fawri transactions over all channels increased by 23% as their value in the first half of 2022 exceeded BD 9 bn, compared to approximately BD 7 bn during the first half of 2021. Furthermore, the fund transfer service has gained a total value of around BD 385 m in the first half of 2022, through the BenefitPay application, compared to around BD 250 m in the first half of 2021, showing an increase of 54%.

As for Fawateer transactions over all channels, there has been

an increase of 44%, with their total value in the first half of 2022 exceeding BD 443 m, up from over BD 308 m in the first half of 2021. Fawateer transactions through the BenefitPay application reached a total value exceeding BD 90 m, a significant increase of 71% from the first half of 2021's total value of approximately BD 53 m.

The electronic Know Your Customer (eKYC) platform totalled up to 212,663 verifications during the first half of 2022, in comparison to 73,586 verifications in the first half of 2021, demonstrating a 189% increase.

Furthermore, the Bahrain Credit Reference Bureau (BCRB) operated under BENEFIT, issued a total of 127,143 credit reports in the first half of 2022, up from 119,022 credit reports in the first half of 2021, a 6.8% increase.

## Major markets dip on oil weakness, inflation worries

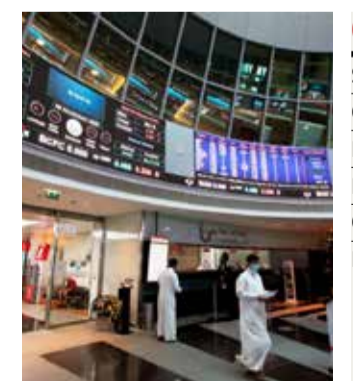
### Crude prices slipped after two days of gains

Reuters

Most major Gulf stock markets fell yesterday amid fears of a potential global recession and volatile oil prices, but Egypt continued to rise after its central bank kept its overnight interest rates steady on Thursday.

Crude prices, a key driver of the Gulf's financial markets, slipped after two days of gains and were heading for weekly losses, also under pressure from a strong dollar.

Saudi Arabia's benchmark index (.TASI) fell 0.5%, with Saudi Basic Industries Corporation



(Sabic) (2010.SE) falling 2.3% and oil behemoth Aramco dropping 0.8%. Aramco is to start trading ex-dividend on Aug. 22.

Among other stocks, Saudi Pharmaceutical Industries and Medical Appliances Corp (2070.SE) plunged 4.8% after reporting a quarterly net loss on the back of rising operating expenses.

### Closing bell

SAUDI	▼ 0.5% to 12,555 points
QATAR	▼ 0.4% to 13,967 points
EGYPT	▲ 2.4% to 10,340 points
BAHRAIN	▲ to 1,899 points
OMAN	▲ at 4,606 points
KUWAIT	▲ 0.4% to 8,618 points

However, Saudia Dairy and Foodstuff Company (2270.SE) soared 10% after its second-quarter profit almost doubled to 56.3 million riyals (\$14.99 million).

In Qatar the benchmark index (.QSI) fell 0.4%, snapping a three-session winning streak, weighed down by fi-

ancial stocks as sharia lender Qatar Islamic Bank (QISB.QA) and Commercial Bank (COMB.QA) slid 1.2% and 2.3% respectively.

Outside the Gulf, Egypt's blue-chip index (.EGX30) rose 2.4%, extending gains for a third session, boosted by its financial stocks after Egypt's central bank held rates steady after a change of governor on Thursday.

The Central Bank of Egypt (CBE) kept its overnight interest rates steady on Thursday, hours after a new governor was named to replace Tarek Amer, who quit unexpectedly on Wednesday.

The CBE's Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) said it left its lending rate unchanged at 12.25% and its deposit rate at 11.25%.

## German minister rules out keeping nuclear plants running to save gas



German Economy and Climate Action Minister Robert Habeck

Reuters | Berlin

German Economy Minister Robert Habeck ruled out yesterday extending the lifespan of the country's three remaining nuclear power plants in order to save gas, saying it would save at most 2 percent of gas use.

These savings were not sufficient to be worth reopening the debate about the exit from nuclear energy given the consensus on the topic, he said during a discussion with citizens at the government's open-door day.

The plants are due to be shut down by the end of the year under legislation introduced by the government of former Chancellor Angela Merkel following the meltdown at the Fukushima nuclear plant in Japan in 2011.

"It is the wrong decision given the little we would save," Habeck said.

However Habeck said he was open to extending the lifespan of a nuclear power plant in Bavaria if a stress test showed this was necessary to ensure the stability and supply of the electricity network in winter, he said. Results of the test are due in the coming weeks.

The southern state and manufacturing hub depends on gas-fired power plants and has few coal-fired plants and low wind power production. The fact that Germany is having to supply France with electricity due to a drop in nuclear output is another factor at play.

## Porsche expects to make as many electric Macans as combustion versions

Reuters | Berlin

Volkswagen's (VOWG\_p.DE) sportscar brand Porsche expects to produce as many units of its Macan model in the electric version as the original with combustion engine, production chief Albrecht Reimold told magazine Automobilwoche.

"We produce more than 80,000 units of today's generation, and in the long term we also plan to produce as many of the all-electric Macan," Reimold was quoted as saying.

The Macan compact sports-utility vehicle is one of Porsche's top-selling models. So far, Porsche's only all-electric model is the coupe Taycan. The Macan should follow in 2023/24.



QUOTE OF THE DAY

THE PURPOSE OF OUR LIVES IS TO BE HAPPY  
DALAI LAMA

News in brief

◆ **The governor of Indiana** arrived in Taipei yesterday, becoming the latest US official to visit Taiwan and defying pressure from China for such trips not to happen. China, which claims democratically-governed Taiwan as its own territory despite the Taipei government's strong objections, has been carrying out war games and drills near Taiwan since U.S. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi made a two-day visit to Taipei earlier this month. Last week a second group of U.S. lawmakers visited Taiwan. Governor Eric Holcomb tweeted that he would also be visiting South Korea, while Taiwan's presidential office said he would meet President Tsai Ing-wen on Monday morning. "I'm energised to spend this week building new relationships, reinforcing long time ones and strengthening key sector partnerships with Taiwan and South Korea," Holcomb tweeted.



Indiana governor latest US official to visit Taiwan

◆ **Russia said yesterday** that its Kalibr missiles had destroyed an ammunition depot containing missiles for US-made HIMARS rocket in Ukraine's southeastern Odesa region, while Kyiv said a granary had been hit. Russia's defence ministry said sea-based Kalibr missiles had destroyed a depot that also housed Western-made anti-aircraft systems. A spokesman for Odesa's regional administration said two missiles had been shot down over the sea, but that three had struck agricultural targets. There were no casualties, the spokesman, Serhiy Bratchuk, said on Telegram. An explosives expert and investigators were working at the granary, he said.

Russian missiles strike Ukraine's Odesa region

◆ **Taiwan's defence ministry** said 12 Chinese aircraft and five Chinese ships were detected operating around Taiwan on Sunday, including five aircraft that crossed the Taiwan Strait median line, as Beijing continued military activities near the island. China has been carrying out drills near Taiwan, which it claims as Chinese territory despite strong objections from the government in Taipei, since earlier this month following a visit to the island by U.S. House of Representatives speaker Nancy Pelosi.



Taiwan says five Chinese aircraft crossed Taiwan Strait median line

◆ **Japan is considering** the deployment of 1,000 long-range cruise missiles to boost its counterattack capability against China, the Yomiuri newspaper reported yesterday. The missiles would be existing arms modified to extend their range from 100 km (62 miles) to 1,000 km, the daily said, citing government sources. The arms, launched by ships or aircraft, would be stationed mainly around the southern Nansei islands and capable of reaching the coastal areas of North Korea and China, the Yomiuri said. Representatives from Japan's foreign ministry did not immediately respond to a request for comment on the report. Japan, which interprets its war-renouncing postwar constitution to mean it may use its military only for self-defense, has stepped up its military spending and taken a more assertive strategy in recent years. But it has refrained from deploying long-range missiles, among its limits on weapons that can strike targets on foreign soil.

Japan considers deploying long-range missiles to counter China, Yomiuri reports

COVID-19 Countries worst affected

Country	Total cases	Total deaths	Global tally
1 USA	95,331,020	1,065,555	600,699,459
2 India	44,339,429	527,332	
3 France	34,339,792	153,501	
4 Brazil	34,279,785	682,560	6,471,482
5 Germany	31,808,179	146,504	
6 UK	23,460,787	187,018	Recovered: 574,841,002
7 S. Korea	22,240,331	26,044	
8 Italy	21,630,998	174,659	New cases +470,327
9 Russia	19,117,343	383,560	
10 Japan	16,921,653	36,780	New deaths +719
11 Turkey	16,671,848	100,400	
12 Spain	13,314,764	112,128	
13 Vietnam	11,383,819	43,105	
14 Australia	9,912,866	13,356	

Figures as of closing

Middle East

Country	Total cases	new cases	Total deaths	New Deaths	Total recovered	Active cases
Egypt	515,645		24,613		442,182	48,850
Saudi Arabia	812,624	+74	9,277	+1	799,691	3,656
UAE	1,009,776	+660	2,341		988,147	19,288
Kuwait	656,393		2,562		653,046	785
Oman	397,574		4,260		384,669	8,645
Qatar	423,772	+654	681		418,191	4,900

# Somali forces end 30-

At least 21 killed, 117 injured; ma

Reuters | Mogadishu

Somali forces have ended a deadly siege at a hotel in the capital Mogadishu which saw more than 20 people killed and dozens of hostages freed, authorities said yesterday.

Elite armed forces in the Horn-of-Africa nation battled al Qaeda-linked militants for 30 hours, after the jihadists blasted and shot their way into the Hayat Hotel on Friday evening.

"We have confirmed so far 21 dead people and 117 others injured," Ali Haji, the minister for health, told national broadcaster SNTV.

"It is possible there were corpses that were not taken to hospitals but buried by relatives. The death toll and the casualties are

Somali security officers drive past a section of Hotel Hayat, the scene of an al Qaeda-linked al Shabaab group militant attack in Mogadishu, Somalia



based on the figure taken to hospitals," the minister added.

The al Qaeda-linked al Shabaab group, which has been fighting to topple the Somali government for more than a decade, claimed responsibility for the attack.

It wants to establish its own rule based on a strict interpreta-

tion of Islamic law.

Friday's attack at the Hayat, a hotel popular with lawmakers and other government officials, was the first major incident since President Hassan Sheikh Mohamud took office in May.

"This was the worst hotel siege we have seen," said Ahmed, a po-

## Albania investigates military factory intruders from Russia and Ukraine



An Albanian Military Force member use uses binoculars in Kucova Air Base in Kucova, Albania

Reuters | Tirana

Albania said yesterday it was investigating why two Russians and a Ukrainian had tried to enter a military factory.

The defence ministry said late on Saturday that two of its soldiers had been slightly injured while detaining a 24-year-old man from Russia who had entered the grounds of the Gramsh military factory and was trying to take photos. He resisted arrest and used spray against the soldiers.

Two others, a 33-year-old Russian woman and a Ukrainian man aged 25, were arrested nearby.

Defence Minister Niko Peleshi said on Sunday it was too early to be sure about the motive but referred to geopolitics - apparently indicating a possible link to Russia's invasion of Ukraine, which has been criticised by the Albanian government.

"In view of the broad regional context and the geopolitical context, this cannot be dismissed as just as an ordinary, civilian incident, but we cannot rush to conclusions," he said after visiting the injured soldiers in hospital.

Albanian Prime Minister Edi Rama said on Saturday the three individuals were "suspected of espionage", without giving any further details.

Tirana-based media said the three suspects were bloggers who often visited abandoned military bases and other big plants in different countries.

Peleshi said the investigation would show if they were bloggers and what their motives were. When Albania was under communist rule, the Gramsh plant produced Russian-designed AK 47 rifles.

The ministry's website says the plant now provides manufacturing services for the defence industry.

## Daughter of Russian ideologue killed

Reuters

The daughter of an ultra-nationalist Russian ideologue who advocates Russia absorbing Ukraine was killed in a suspected car bomb attack outside Moscow, Russian state investigators said yesterday.

Darya Dugina, daughter of prominent ideologue Alexander Dugin, was killed on Saturday evening after a suspected explosive device blew up the Toyota Land Cruiser she was driving, investigators said.

The Russian Foreign Ministry speculated that Ukraine might have been behind the attack. Ukraine denied any involvement.

Russia's TASS state news agency quoted Andrei Krasnov, someone who knew Dugina, as saying the vehicle belonged to her father and that he was probably the intended target.

Father and daughter had been attending a festival outside Moscow and Dugin had decided to switch cars at the last minute, Russian government newspaper Rossiiskaya Gazeta reported.

TV footage accompanying a statement by Moscow region



Journalist and political expert Darya Dugina



Investigators work at the site of a suspected



Darya Dugina, who also went by the surname Platonova and was reported by Russian state media to be 30 years old, broadly supported her father's ideas and appeared on state TV in her own right to offer support for Russia's actions in Ukraine.

Madras (now Chennai), India, founded by the British East India Company on sliver of land bought from local Nayak rulers

English Civil War begins between Royalists and Parliament



First Geneva Convention adopted in Geneva "for the Amelioration of the Condition of the Wounded in Armies in the Field" signed by 12 nations

Vietnam conflict begins as Ho Chi Minh leads a successful coup

# hour hotel siege

any hostages freed



Aden Ali, a survivor, told Reuters that he was drinking a cup of tea at the hotel when he heard the first blast. He ran towards the compound wall with others as the militants fired at them.

"We were many on the run, over a dozen. When I went out of the hotel, I could see eight of us. Maybe the rest died in the shooting," Ali said.

Another group of people in the hotel fled to an upper floor, where they were killed by the militants who first blew up the stairs to prevent escape, Ali said.

Security forces managed to free some of those who locked themselves in their rooms in the upper floors after several hours, he said.

Some 106 people were freed, including women and children, a

senior police commander said. There was no immediate information on the number of assailants involved in the attack.

Residents were milling around the bombed out hotel on Sunday, although another official had earlier told Reuters that mop-up operations were still going on at the building, which suffered extensive damage.

"We are still investigating the explosions of many plastic bags that have been scattered around the hotel," said Mohamed Ali, a military officer at the scene.

Police and military officials comb the scene of an al Qaeda-linked al Shabaab group militant attack, in Mogadishu, Somalia

Police officers stand guard near Hayat Hotel, the scene of an al Qaeda-linked al Shabaab group militant attack, in Mogadishu, Somalia

lice captain who only gave one name.

The attackers shot and killed civilians who fled towards the wall of the hotel compound and its blown-up gate after they struck, Ahmed said, adding that they killed 10 security personnel with firearms and grenades.

## ed in suspected car bomb attack



Russian politologist Alexander Dugin



ed car bomb attack

investigators showed officers collecting debris and fragments from the spot where the explosion happened.

The statement, which described Darya Dugina as a journalist and political expert, said investigators had opened a mur-

der case and would be carrying out forensic examinations.

Investigators were considering "all versions" when it came to working out who was responsible, it said. The head of Russia's Investigative Committee ordered the institution's central branch to take over the investigation.

"An explosive device was placed on the underside of the car on the driver's side," the committee said in a statement. "Darya Dugina, who was behind the wheel, died at the scene.

"The investigation believes that the crime was planned in advance and was of a contractual nature," it added.

Maria Zakharova, Russia's Foreign Ministry spokeswoman, said that if the investigation's trail led to Ukraine, then it would point to a policy of "state terrorism" being pursued by Kyiv.

Ukraine denied involvement.

"I confirm that Ukraine, of course, had nothing to do with this because we are not a criminal state, like the Russian Federation, and moreover we are not a terrorist state," said Ukrainian presidential adviser Mykhailo Podolyak, speaking on Ukrainian television.

He appeared to blame internal power struggles between "various political factions" in Russia for the killing, and suggested the incident was the "Karmic" payback for supporters of Russia's actions in Ukraine like Dugina and her father.

## Japan PM Kishida COVID positive, cancels African development conference trip



Reuters | Tokyo

Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida has tested positive for COVID-19, forcing him to cancel a planned trip to Tunisia to attend a key conference on African development, a person close to him said yesterday.

Kishida, who has just returned from a week-long vacation, will work from his residence from Monday and will join the Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD) online, the source said, asking not to be identified because he is not authorised to talk to the media.

The prime minister developed a cough and fever on Saturday and took a PCR test on Sunday morning, which confirmed the positive result in the afternoon, a Cabinet Office spokesperson said separately.

## Floods, landslides kill dozens as monsoon rains lash northern, eastern India



A general view of a bridge that collapsed following heavy rains in Kangra, Himachal Pradesh, India

Reuters | Lucknow/Bhubaneswar, India

Floods and landslides triggered by intense monsoon rains killed at least 50 people in northern and eastern India over the last three days, officials said yesterday.

The rains overwhelmed hundreds of villages, sweeping away houses and leaving residents stranded as rescue crews have been racing to evacuate survivors.

Earlier this month the federal weather office had predicted that India was likely to receive an average amount of rain in August and September, pointing to overall good crop yields in Asia's third-biggest economy that relies on farming to boost growth and generate jobs.

Farming contributes around 15% to India's \$2.7 trillion economy while sustaining more than half the population of 1.3 billion.

Heavy showers followed by landslides and flooding in the Himalayan state of Himachal Pradesh over the past three days killed at least 36 people, a state government official told Reuters.

In the neighbouring mountainous state of Uttarakhand, an official government release said that four were dead and 13 were missing due to continuous rainfall.

"We have deployed choppers to rescue people who are stuck in remote areas due to rain related incidents. The rescue operation is happening on full swing," said Ranjit Kumar Sinha, an official in Uttarakhand's disaster management department.

In the eastern state of Odisha, at least six people were dead amid ongoing torrential rains, a state official said.

Floods have affected nearly 800,000 people and displaced thousands from their homes in Odisha, with rains disrupting electricity and water supply, and damaging road infrastructure.

The state has evacuated 120,000 people so far from the affected areas.

Authorities in the Ramgarh district of the eastern state of Jharkhand said five people had been swept away by the waters of the swollen Nalkari river on Saturday.

Four bodies have been recovered so far, said Madhvi Mishra, a district official in Ramgarh.

### Oddly enough



A child takes bath in a bucket to cool off amid a heatwave warning in Huayuan county, Hunan province, China



A protestor carries a Marabou stork during a demonstration following the announcement of the results of Kenya's presidential election, in Kisumu, Kenya



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After the initial shock of a terrorist attack, victims often feel abandoned or forgotten. As we mark #VictimsOfTerrorism Day, we must ensure that they are supported by amplifying their voices, protecting their rights, and seeking justice.

@antonioguterres

02



Wishing my friend Prime Minister Fumio Kishida a speedy recovery from COVID-19.

@JPN\_PMO @kishida230 @narendramodi

03



The future of the American-made, union-made automobile industry is electric. And we're getting there by making some pretty hot cars and trucks along the way.

@POTUS

04



Yesterday, I presented the U.S. instruments of ratification for Sweden and Finland's @NATO accession to the Depository for the North Atlantic Treaty, the final step in our process to have these important partners become vital NATO Allies.

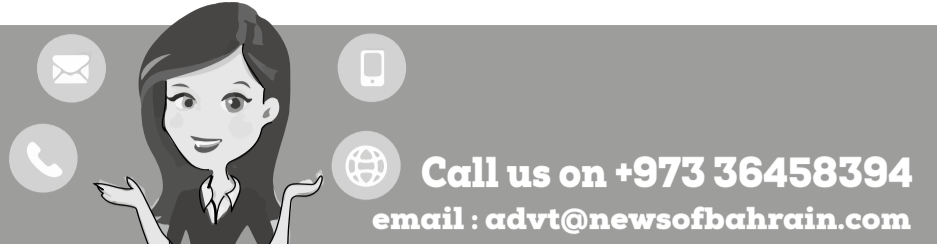
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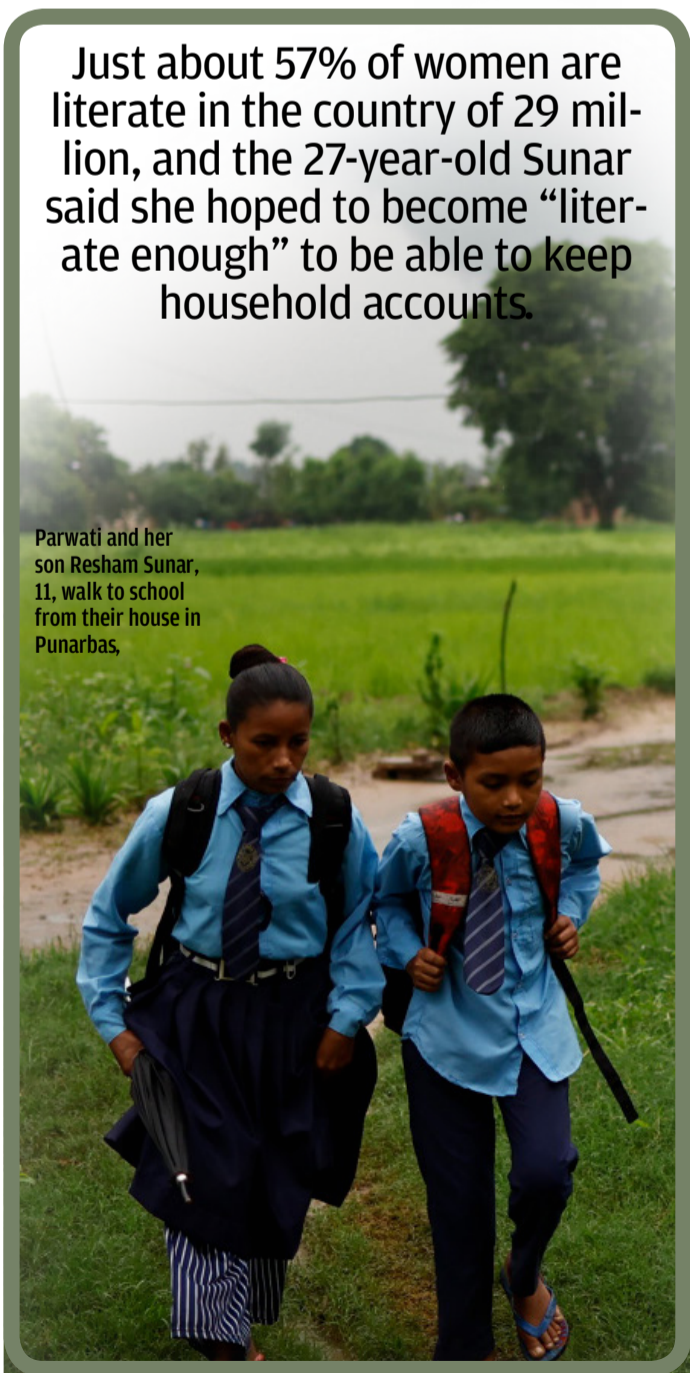
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## Nepali woman's quest to learn takes her back to school with son



Parwati and her son Resham Sunar, 11, walk to school from their house in Punarbas.

Reuters

I enjoy learning and am proud to attend with classmates who are like my own children," Sunar said from her village of Punarbas on the southwestern edge of the Himalayan nation, where she studies in seventh grade.

Just about 57% of women are literate in the country of 29 million, and the 27-year-old Sunar said she hoped to become "literate enough" to be able to keep household accounts.

"I think I should not have left my school," she said, explaining the desire to catch up on the lessons she missed, having had her first child at 16.

**"I feel good to go to school with mum," said her son, Resham, 11, who is a grade behind his mother, spends lunch breaks with her and rides pillion as she bicycles to computer classes they attend at an institute nearby.**

"We chat as we walk to school and we learn from our conversation," he said, adding that his mother hoped he could become a doctor.

As a student, Sunar was below average, but a keen learner, said Bharat Basnet, the principal of the village school, Jeevan Jyoti.

Her day begins at dawn in a tin-roofed two-room structure of bare bricks shared with sons Resham and Arjun and her mother-

in-law, with their goats penned into one area. Their home lacks a toilet, so the family use a nearby plot of public land instead.

Their daily routine involves bathing in water drawn from a handpump outside their home, working in the verdant fields around it, and even making cakes for birthdays that a smiling Resham celebrates with a hibiscus flower tucked above one ear. Sunar's husband works as a labourer in the southern Indian city of Chennai in order to support his family.

They belong to the Dalit community, formerly known as untouchables, on the lowest rungs of the Hindu caste system, but Sunar said the family faced no ill-treatment over this.

"No one discriminates against me or my family," she said.

After a simple meal of rice and lentils, Sunar puts on the school uniform of light blue blouse and skirt with a striped tie before taking the 20-minute walk with her son to the school, also a tin-roofed structure, surrounded by trees.

It was fun to be in the same class with Sunar, said Bijay B.K., one of her classmates, aged 14.

"Didi is pleasant," he said, using the Nepali term for an elder

sister. "I help her in studies and she helps me too."

Sunar's efforts could inspire village women thirsty to learn beyond their domestic horizons



in Nepal, where they still face discrimination and child marriage is widespread, even though illegal.

"She is doing a good job," said one of her neighbours, Shruti Sunar, who is in the school's 10th grade, though not a relative. "I think others should follow her and go to school."

Enrolment of girls in basic education, or grades 1 to 8, is 94.4%, official data shows, but Krishna Thapa, president of the Federation of Community Schools, said nearly half dropped out for



reasons ranging from lack of text-books to poverty.

"Schools lack infrastructure, such as toilets for girls," Thapa added. "Most girls drop out during their period because there are no toilets."

But Sunar, who gave up a job as a housemaid in neighbouring India to return to her studies, said she was determined to finish the 12th grade.

"This is the thinking now," she added. "What lies ahead, I don't know."

# celebs

## Mark Ruffalo calls Hulk an 'unwanted mentor' in She-Hulk's life

IAN S | Los Angeles

Actor Mark Ruffalo, who is returning to the iconic role of Bruce Banner/Hulk in 'She-Hulk: Attorney at Law', has called his character an "unwanted mentor" in She-Hulk's life.

Exploring the legacy of the Incredible Hulk in detail for the first time since 2008, the series will introduce Emmy Award-winning actress Tatiana Maslany as Jennifer Walters/She-Hulk. With her specialisation in superhuman-oriented legal cases, Maslany will navigate her new smashing green persona and her role as a lawyer in the series.

## Ben Affleck, Jennifer Lopez tie knot for second time

IAN S | Los Angeles

Actor-director Ben Affleck and actress-singer Jennifer Lopez have furthered their relationship. The couple celebrated their wedding with a ceremony in Georgia in front of friends and family, just over a month after saying "I do" in Las Vegas, reports People magazine.

Some stars in attendance included Affleck's long time friends Matt Damon and his wife Luciana, director Kevin Smith and his wife, Jennifer, Clerks actor Jason Mewes and his wife, Jordan Monsanto, and top Hollywood talent agent Patrick Whitesell and his wife, model/actress Pia Miller.

According to People, Lopez wore a white Ralph Lauren gown with a long, flowing train and veil at Saturday's ceremony, with Affleck in a tuxedo with a



Ben Affleck and Jennifer Lopez

white jacket and black pants.

Photographs showed them walking down a white aisle followed by their children. Popular UK-Indian podcaster and life coach Jay Shetty officiated the ceremony.

Guests were photographed wearing all white on the grounds of Affleck's 87-acre compound outside Savannah. Preparations for the big celebration included a marquee on the estate with white chairs set up for guests

Photographs showed Ben Affleck and Jennifer Lopez walking down a white aisle followed by their children

surrounded by greenery and white flowers, an all-white piano, elegant tables set up on a riverfront dock and a platform for a fireworks display.

A source earlier had told People that Affleck, 50, and Lopez, 53, had "an extraordinary weekend of celebrations planned," including "a pre-wedding party, a ceremony and ... lots of fun lined up". And, Affleck lived by his promise.

Affleck and Lopez had a post-wedding trip to Paris last month, and celebrated the birthday of the 'Hustlers' actress with a romantic dinner near Eiffel Tower.

## Kylie Jenner 'almost' had a different name

IAN S | Los Angeles

Kylie Jenner's parents had thought of a different name for her with a political pedigree. The reality TV star revealed on TikTok that her parents, Kris and Caitlyn Jenner, almost named her Kennedy Jenner.

"My name is Kylie, but it was almost," she wrote over a video of her and daughter Stormi Webster, 4. The video continued with a series of pictures from the beauty mogul with the name "Kennedy" written over them, reports People magazine.

In the last shot, The Kardashians star added a fake Kylie Lip Kit that was edited to say "Kennedy Lip Kit" instead. "Doesn't hit the same," the Keeping Up With the Kardashians alum captioned the post. According to People, her former brother-in-law Kanye West's 'I Love Kanye' played in the background of the video.

"OK but Kendall and Kennedy go really well together," a fan wrote in the comment section. "No way," commented another.

People further states that last week, Kylie celebrated her 25th birthday. For her yacht birthday party, she wore a shimmering, skintight, off-the-shoulder gown. Kylie paired the neutral number with a high bun and sparkling earrings.



Kylie Jenner

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## Will Smith jokes about his social media return

Celebretainment | Los Angeles

Will Smith has joked about his return to social media following his Oscars controversy.

The 53-year-old actor shocked everyone at the awards ceremony in April when he hit comedian Chris Rock for making a joke about his wife, Jada Pinkett Smith - and Will has now quipped about his return to social media following the high-profile incident.

Will - who has more than 63 million Instagram followers - posted a video clip of a baby gorilla poking an enormous gorilla from

behind in an effort to attract some attention.

The Hollywood star captioned the tongue-in-cheek post: "Me trying to get back on social."

Will has taken a step back from social media since the Oscars controversy.

The actor previously described his behavior as "shocking, painful, and inexcusable".

Will - who resigned from the



Will Smith

Oscars Academy after the controversial clash - said: "My actions at the 94th Academy Awards presentation were shocking, painful, and inexcusable."

"The list of those I have hurt is long and includes Chris, his family, many of my dear friends and loved ones, all those in attendance, and global audiences at home. I betrayed the trust of the Academy.

"I deprived other nominees and winners of their opportunity to celebrate and be celebrated for their extraordinary work. I am heartbroken.

"I want to put the focus back on those who deserve attention for their achievements and allow the Academy to get back to the incredible work it does to support creativity and artistry in film."

## Zoe Kravitz shares what drew her to Channing Tatum before they met

IAN S | Los Angeles

Actress Zoe Kravitz was "drawn" to Channing Tatum before they even met.

The 33-year-old actress is making her directorial debut with 'Pussy Island', and she thinks Tatum is suited to playing a "dark character" in the movie, reports aceshowbiz.com.

She shared: "I think that's exciting to watch someone who's

mostly played boy next door, good guy, love interest, all of that."

"I felt, even from afar, before I knew him, that he was a feminist and that he wasn't afraid of exploring that darkness, because he knows he's not that. That's why I was drawn to him and I

wanted to meet with him. And I was right."

Kravitz and Tatum started dating after working together on the movie.

However, the actress-turned-director wants to keep their romance out of the spotlight for the time being. She told WSJ Magazine's

Fall Women's Fashion issue: "I guess what I'll say is when you make things with people it's a very sacred space, and when you're compatible with somebody creatively it often opens up other channels, because you're kind of sharing all of yourself."

"I'm really grateful that this movie has brought him into my life that way."



Zoe Kravitz

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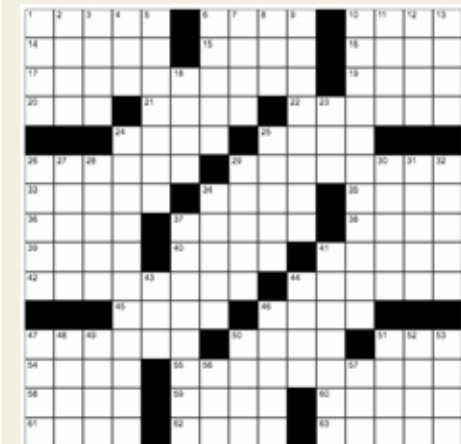
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Yesterday's solution

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## Nice stumble at Clermont as Ligue 1 hit by blizzard of red cards



Clermont-Ferrand's players celebrate a goal

Reuters | Nice

Struggling Nice lost 1-0 at Clermont on Sunday, finishing with nine men on an afternoon when seven players saw red in Ligue 1.

Brest won 3-1 at Angers, who ended with 10 men, and Auxerre won 2-1 at Montpellier as both teams had two men sent off.

Elsewhere, Toulouse and Lorient drew 2-2 and, in the early game, Strasbourg and Reims drew 1-1.

Nice, who spent much of last season in the top three before finishing fifth, have not won this season. They drew their first two league games and lost 1-0 away to Maccabi Haifa in their Europa League playoff first leg.

Saif-Eddine Khaoui scored the only goal in the fifth minute.

Nice lost Mario Lemina in the 80th minute, shown a red card for a tackle from behind. Two minutes later, Jean-Clair Todibo collected his second yellow for dissent after a foul was awarded against Aaron Ramsey.

Nice sunk to 16th.

# Tsitsipas downs Medvedev to set up Coric clash in Cincy final

Petra Kvitova to take on qualifier Caroline Garcia for Cincinnati title

## ● Borna Coric beats Cameron Norrie in semi-finals

AFP | Cincinnati

Top-ranked Daniil Medvedev committed 11 double-faults in falling to Stefanos Tsitsipas 7-6 (8/6), 3-6, 6-3 in semi-finals of the ATP and WTA Cincinnati Masters.

Medvedev helped seal his own fate in the sixth game of the final set as he double-faulted four times to hand his Greek opponent to a 4-2 lead.

Tsitsipas will play for the title on Sunday against Croatian Borna Coric, who returned to an ATP Masters final for the first time in four years by defeating Britain's Cameron Norrie 6-3, 6-4.

Tsitsipas won only his third match against Medvedev after losing seven and also defeated a reigning number one player for only the second time in 12 career attempts.

The fourth seed put a winner into the corner on the first of three match points to earn the final.

"I knew I would have a difficult task in the third set," Tsitsipas said. "He made it a very physical match, very demand-

ing. "But I took advantage of his missed first serves. They gave me time to think of my next move clearly. I was very calm and concentrated on every single task."

World number 152 Coric, who missed a year of play with shoulder problems and only returned to the tour in March, advanced in 91 minutes in a match delayed for hours by an afternoon of rain.

"It was a long day. I didn't expect to be playing in the evening," Coric said. "It was a crazy day but it finished very well."

Coric is the second-lowest-rated finalist since the rankings began in 1973, with number 191 Andrei Pavel setting that standard as he played for the Roland Garros title in 2003.

Coric got past a slow start marred by 14 unforced errors in the first six games, settling in to lift the level of his tennis.

The Croat, who lost a Masters final at Shanghai in 2018 to Novak Djokovic, limited Norrie to nine winners while sending over 17 along with 24 unforced errors.

"I played extremely well, but in the beginning I was not there," Coric said. "I then found my rhythm and began serving better. That was the key to the match."



Stefanos Tsitsipas in action during the match against Daniil Medvedev



Keys, the 2019 champion in Cincinnati, defeated three grand slam winners this week, but couldn't close out Kvitova

## Kvitova to face Garcia

In the women's semi-finals, French qualifier Caroline Garcia

survived two rain breaks and advanced to the final by defeating Aryna Sabalenka 6-2, 4-6, 6-1.

Garcia will play for the title against Czech Petra Kvitova, who constructed a 6-7 (6/8), 6-4, 6-3 comeback triumph over American Madison Keys.

Garcia is the first qualifier to ever reach the championship match at a Masters tournament.

Kvitova, a two-time Wimbledon winner who played the semi-finals in 2012 and 2018, will be aiming for her 30th career title in her first Cincinnati final.

Garcia maintained control over sixth seed Sabalenka in their contest, where the weather interruptions totaled four hours. She broke six times in a match

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STEFANOS TSITSIPAS

comprising two hours of actual play.

"What a day it has been," number 35 Garcia said. "Last night I was excited to be in the semi-finals.

"Aryna is a difficult opponent, so fast, so strong. We had a lot of very tough rallies and tough weather. You never knew when you would be coming back to the court -- but we managed it."

The pair returned after the second interruption and played out three more games as Garcia finished off the victory.

"No one would have expected this to happen," she said. "It feels great. I've had a long journey in Cincinnati. I'm proud of what I did and I'm happy to be in the final."

## Ten Hag should drop Ronaldo and Rashford for Liverpool clash: Rooney

AFP | London

Manchester United manager Erik ten Hag should drop Cristiano Ronaldo and Marcus Rashford for Monday's game with rivals Liverpool, according to Wayne Rooney.

United have made a slow start to life under Ten Hag, losing their first two games of the Premier League season, including a 4-0 humiliation at Brentford last weekend.

Much of the attention around the difficulties at Old Trafford has focused on Ronaldo, who reportedly wants to leave the club in search of Champions League football.

In his column for The Sunday Times, United's all-time top goalscorer Rooney expressed his belief that his former teammate Ronaldo should be left out of the side, having previously said he thinks the club should agree to sell the Portugal international.

"The first priority is, against Liverpool, to just compete and have a go," he wrote. "Do that and the fans will accept it, even if United get beaten. Play like they did against Brentford, and United will suffer an even worse result than their 5-0 defeat by Liverpool last season.

"I don't expect that to happen, by the way - I can't see United winning, but I believe there'll be a reaction and they'll lose by the odd goal, or even



Wayne Rooney poses with Cristiano Ronaldo after a match (file photo)

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WAYNE ROONEY

snatch a draw.

"But I wouldn't play Cristiano Ronaldo, and I wouldn't play Marcus Rashford. If I was in Ten Hag's position my main concern would be getting en-

ergy on the pitch, and United's failure to recruit a No 9 means they relied on Ronaldo against Brentford, even though he hadn't trained a lot with the team. He looked like he needs time to get match fit.

"As for Marcus, I think he needs to do a lot of soul-searching and figure out what he wants, for his own good, before anything else. Because watching him is a real concern: he looks like he wants to be anywhere but on a football pitch. I haven't seen him smile on the field for a long time. His performances have dipped - he hasn't been selected by England for more than a year.

"I'm coming from a place of wanting the best for him. He's a lovely kid and a local lad who came through the ranks at United, who everyone wants to see doing well.

## Conte hails team man Kane as striker hits personal milestones

Reuters | London

Tottenham Hotspur's Harry Kane notched up yet more personal milestones with the winning goal in a 1-0 Premier League victory over Wolverhampton Wanderers on Saturday but manager Antonio Conte said the forward remains the ultimate team player.

Kane moved above Sergio Aguero into fourth on the list of all-time Premier League scorers with 185 goals and at the same time set a record in the competition for goals for a single team. He also reached 250 in all competitions for Tottenham.

The home crowd sang their usual refrain of "He's one of our one" as Kane went through his post-match interview on the sun-kissed turf of Tottenham's home stadium at the end.

They know that with Kane they have a chance to end their long wait for silverware stretching back to 2008.

Conte knows that too, but said that it is not just Kane's goals that make him such a pivotal player.

"Harry is a player who makes the difference, for his quality, for his ability. We're talking about a really world-class striker who can be dangerous in all aspects on the pitch," the Italian, whose side have seven points from three games despite not really hitting top gear,



Tottenham Hotspur manager Antonio Conte talks to Harry Kane



Harry Kane's 185th Premier League goal for Tottenham was also the club's 1,000th home goal in the league

"Harry is a player who makes the difference, for his quality, for his ability. We're talking about a really world-class striker who can be dangerous in all aspects on the pitch

ANTONIO CONTE

told reporters.

"For me, the big surprise about Harry is not only on the football aspect but the person. We're talking about a really good person, a really good man.

"He's always ready to help the team, to work for the team. Usually when you have this type of player, they can be a bit lazy without the ball. They like to play with the ball but without the ball (they think) 'I don't run because I have to be fresh when we have the ball'.

## Australia's national basketball team arrives for World Cup qualifier



Australian national basketball team delegation members upon their arrival at the airport

TDT | Manama

Australia's senior men's national basketball team have arrived in the Kingdom ahead of their game on Thursday against Bahrain in Asian qualification for the FIBA Basketball World Cup 2023.

The visiting delegation were received upon touching down at Bahrain International Airport by officials from the Bahrain Basketball Association.

Australia have named a 12-player squad for their game against Bahrain, which will be

followed by another against Iran on August 29 in the city of Bendigo in Victoria, Australia.

Their roster features three names who were part of the team that won the gold medals in the FIBA Asia Cup last year. They are Mitchell McCarron, who was named to the tournament's All-Star Five, Rhys Anthony Vague and Samson James Froling.

The rest of the squad consists of Luke Travers, who was the 56th pick by the Cleveland Cavaliers in this year's NBA Draft, Nick Kay, Dejan Masiljevic,

Angus Brandt, Mitch Norton, Alex Mudronja, Todd Blanchfield, Alex Toohey and Rory Hawke.

The Bahrainis will face off with their heavily favoured Aussie counterparts at the Khalifa Sports City Arena in Isa Town. The Group F fixture is scheduled for a 7pm tip-off.

The other teams in Bahrain's division are Kazakhstan, China, Iran and Japan.

Following their game on Thursday night, the Bahrainis travel to Astana in Kazakhstan to take on China on August 29.

## Bahrain volleyball chief welcomes Asian under-20 participants

● **Tournament action begins today with five matches on the cards from 2pm**

● **Entrance is free for spectators to both playing courts at Isa Sports City**

TDT | Manama

The 21st Asian Men's U20 Volleyball Championship gets underway today at the Isa Sports City in Riffa.

Five matches will be taking place from 2pm, with Japan and Iran kicking off the action in Pool B.

Matches are being played at the Bahrain Volleyball Association's (BVA) Isa bin Rashid Arena and Bahrain Table Tennis Association Arena at Isa Sports City.

All are welcome to attend. Entrance is free of charge.

BVA president and chairman of the tournament's supreme organising committee, Shaikh Ali bin Mohammed Al Khalifa,



Shaikh Ali bin Mohammed Al Khalifa

welcomed all the participating nations to the Kingdom, along with all the volleyball officials and representatives from the Asian Volleyball Confederation (AVC).

Shaikh Ali expressed his hope for everyone to enjoy their stay and experience the best of Bahraini hospitality.

Shaikh Ali highlighted his great confidence in the championship's working committees to deliver a successful tournament along with the AVC.

A total of 17 nations are taking part in the competition. Hosts Bahrain are in Pool A along with Hong Kong and Saudi Arabia.

Pool B features India with Japan and Iran; Pool C includes

**Today's matches**

- 2pm:** Japan v Iran
- 4.30pm:** South Korea vs Qatar; Iraq vs Bangladesh
- 7pm:** Hong Kong vs Saudi Arabia; China vs Pakistan

South Korea, Qatar and Kuwait; Pool D features Thailand and the UAE; Pool E includes Iraq, Australia and Bangladesh; and Pool F comprises China, Chinese-Taipei and Pakistan.

Following the preliminaries, a drawing of lots for classification one to 12 (top two teams from each pool) will be conducted.

The teams which have already played each other in the preliminaries will not meet again in the one-to-12 classification, while the third-ranked teams of each pool will be relegated to contest the 13-to-18 classification.

The last edition of the competition was held in 2018, also held in Bahrain. Iran were crowned champions after beating South Korea in the final.

Bahrain had an impressive campaign, finishing ninth overall amongst the 23 participating teams.

## Mendy howler sends Chelsea crashing to Leeds defeat

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Chelsea suffered their first Premier League defeat this season as Edouard Mendy's embarrassing blunder put Leeds on course for a 3-0 win, while Brighton condemned West Ham to a third successive loss yesterday.

Mendy's costly mistake was the catalyst for Chelsea's shocking implosion at Elland Road as Brenden Aaronson netted after catching the goalkeeper taking too long in possession.

Rodrigo's fourth goal in three



Leeds' players celebrate a goal

games this season doubled Leeds' advantage before half-time.

Jack Harrison completed Leeds' first win over Chelsea since 2002 and their biggest against their old rivals since 1995.

Adding to Chelsea's misery, their Senegal defender Kalidou Koulibaly was sent off for a second booking after tripping Joe Gelhardt in the 84th minute.

"Everything that can go wrong, did go wrong. It started yesterday. We had no plane to arrive so we came on the bus. The players could fly but for the coaching staff it was a long ride on the bus. It continued today. We lost the game in the first 20 minutes, where we were clearly better and had huge chances," Chelsea manager Thomas Tuchel said.



Members of Bahrain's national team with Bahraini official Nabeel Taha, front row centre, during a recent meeting

# Bahrain suffer heavy defeat to South Korea

Hosts and two-time defending champions fall to top contenders 22-39 in Group A game of ninth Asian Men's Youth (U19) Handball Championship

● **South Koreans use game-changing 14-1 run in second half to turn a close game into a blowout**

● **Also victorious in yesterday's tournament action were Iran, Saudi Arabia, Japan and Kuwait**

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Two-time defending champions Bahrain were dealt a disheartening 22-39 defeat to contenders South Korea last night in the ninth Asian Men's Youth (U19) Handball Championship, currently being hosted in the Kingdom at the Khalifa Sports City Arena in Isa Town.

The nationals trailed by just a single goal, 16-17, at the interval, but after Hussain Alhayki tied the contest with the first goal of the second half, the South Ko-

reans went on a game-changing 14-1 run.

That included 10 successive unanswered goals as the South Koreans took full control of the contest. The Bahrainis never recovered and slumped to their first loss of the competition following a resounding opening win over Uzbekistan the evening before.

South Korea, on the other hand, claimed their second straight victory and moved top of the Group A standings. Goalkeeper Hyeonmi Kim was named the best player of the match for the victors, registering nine saves.

Others to claim wins during yesterday's play were Iran in Group A; and Saudi Arabia, Japan and Kuwait in Group B.

Today is a rest day and action will resume tomorrow. Bahrain are only back on the playing court on Wednesday against India.

In yesterday's other Group A contest, Iran enjoyed a one-sided 64-14 win over their Indian counterparts. The Iranians led



Bahrain's Mohamed Abdulla is tightly defended during their match against South Korea

31-4 at the half and never looked back, rebounding from their opening day loss to South Korea. Iran's Amirhossein Masoudnia was named the best player in the contest.

In Group B, Saudi Arabia edged past Qatar 27-24 in a tight contest. The Saudis held a narrow 14-12 lead at the break and did enough to hold on late in the

game. Ahmed Al Saeed was their top performer in the Saudis' second straight win.

Japan also claimed back-to-back victories after overcoming Iraq 36-22. The Japanese led 17-11 before raising their level in the final 30 minutes, led by best player of the game Jun Fujikawa.

Kuwait defeated the UAE 37-23 in their Group B clash between

**Standings**

Group A						
	P	W	D	L	+/-	Pts
South Korea	2	2	0	0	22	4
Iran	2	1	0	1	45	2
Bahrain	2	1	0	1	-10	2
Uzbekistan	1	0	0	1	-7	0
India	1	0	0	1	-50	0
Group B						
	P	W	D	L	+/-	Pts
Saudi Arabia	2	2	0	0	25	4
Japan	2	2	0	0	19	4
Qatar	2	1	0	1	11	2
Kuwait	2	1	0	1	9	2
UAE	2	0	0	2	-28	0
Iraq	2	0	0	2	-36	0

Gulf rivals. The Kuwaitis led 20-12 at the half and maintained their strong play after the interval to claim their first victory of the competition. Salmin Abdullatif was selected as the best player of the match.

In Bahrain's loss yesterday, the home team matched their rivals goal for goal in the opening period and only a Dongyeo Kim goal with four seconds to go before half-time gave the South Kore-

ans a slight edge.

In the second half, however, it was a completely different story, as the Bahrainis were held to just six goals, four of which came in the final 10 minutes of play with the victory already out

of reach. The South Koreans' decisive 14-1 rally was spurred by Hyeonmi Kim (another player sharing the same name as the goalkeeper) and Mingi Son, who had six and four goals, respectively, in that span. Both players finished the contest with seven goals apiece, as did Ryunhyun Kang, while Seungyong Lee added five goals. Jaffar Farsan led Bahrain with six goals while Alhayki had five.