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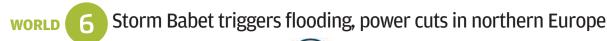
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Kyrgyzstan, Iran win promotion

Women's national tennis teams from both nations move up to Asia/Oceania Zone Group II for next year's Billie Jean King Cup





Joe Biden to host new Americas summit on migration, economy

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Israel steps up bombing of Gaza; Hamas says offered to free 2 hostages, but Israel refused

Jerusalem, Undefined

The Israeli military announced it was stepping up its bombardment of Hamas-controlled Gaza Saturday just hours after the first aid trucks arrived from Egypt. "From today, we are increasing the strikes and minimising the danger," military spokesman Admiral Daniel Hagari told a press conference yesterday.

"We have to enter the next phase of the war in the best conditions, not according to what anyone tells us."

Meanwhile, AlJazeera quoting Hamas said the group informed Qatar it was going to release two Israeli captives, but Israeli authorities refused. "We informed our Qatari brothers yesterday evening that we would be releasing Nourit Yitshaq and Yokhefed Lifshitz for humanitarian reasons and without expecting anything in return. However, the Israeli occupation government refused to accept them," Hamas's al-Qassam Brigades spokesman Abu Obeida said on Telegram.

India launches key test for manned orbital mission **New Delhi**

 \mathbf{I} ndia on Saturday successfully launched the first unmanned trial run of its upcoming crewed orbital mission, in the latest milestone for its spacefaring ambitions.

The Gaganyaan ("Skycraft") mission is slated to send three astronauts into Earth's orbit in 2025, an important yardstick of the Indian Space Research Organisation's (ISRO) technical capabilities.



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No stability without two-state solution

HM King calls for immediate end to Gaza war, urges intensified Arab action



HM King and other participants during a family photo following the Cairo Summit

- HM demands access to vital humanitarian aid
- Israel, Iran and other armed groups, were among those absent from the Cairo talks
- Israeli troops are massed on the Gaza border ahead of an expected ground invasion that officials have pledged will begin "soon"

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is Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa yesterday reaffirmed Bahrain's firm commitment to the establishment of two-state solution for Palestinian people,



viewing it as a key guarantor of lasting peace in the Middle warned HM King. King Hamad enduring peace and stability in East hinges on safeguarding the underscored that the two-state Speaking at the Cairo Peace tinian people. "There will be pathway to coexistence between Summit chaired by Egyptian no stability in the Middle East, the Palestinian and Israeli pop- tinian people and the dire con-President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi, without securing the legitimate ulations and holds the promise ditions they are undergoing King Hamad emphasised that rights of the Palestinian people," of a just, comprehensive, and underscore the pressing need



The UN agency for Palestinian refugees said that 17 staff have been confirmed killed in the war, warning the actual numbers "are likely to be higher". At least 30% of all housing in Gaza has been destroyed or damaged, the UN says, citing local authorities, and thousands have taken refuge in a tent city set up in southern Gaza's Khan Yunis.

legitimate rights of the Pales- solution represents a genuine

The two-state solution is a real guarantee for peaceful

coexistence between the peoples of Palestine and Israel,

because there will be no stability in the Middle East

without securing the legitimate rights of the Palestinian

people; which leads to a just, comprehensive and

sustainable peace in the region.

HM KING HAMAD

sustainable regional peace. lows Bahrain's launch of a dona-quences," HM King said. tion campaign, with King Hamad contributing \$8.5 million need to de-escalate the situa-Minister, donating BD 500,000.

Furthermore, King Hamad confirmed Bahrain's unwavering support for the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people to establish their independent and sovereign state based on the borders of June 4, 1967, with East Jerusalem as its capital.

HM highlighted the dire conditions faced by the Palestinian people and the urgent necessity to address the humanitarian crisis through continuous diplomatic initiatives involving regional and international stakeholders.

"The suffering of the Palesto contain this dangerous cri-This declaration closely fol-sis and its humanitarian conse-

HM King further stressed the and His Royal Highness Prince tion, cease military operations, Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, and secure the release of all pristhe Crown Prince and Prime oners, hostages, and detainees.

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20 aid trucks enter besieged Gaza 💳

Gaza aid 'must not be the last': UN humanitarian chief

Rafah, Palestinian Territories

The first of 20 trucks carry-▲ ing humanitarian aid entered the war-torn and besieged Gaza Strip yesterday through the Rafah border crossing with Egypt, said AFP correspondents on both sides.

UN humanitarian chief Martin Griffiths said he was "confident that this delivery will be the start of a sustainable effort to provide essential supplies... to the people of Gaza" and warned that "this first convoy must not

The border crossing was of the trucks from the Egyptian sible for delivering the aid, in- for many "to be authorised in soon as possible," it said.

Situation in Gaza 'catastrophic': UN agencies

Geneva, Switzerland

The humanitarian situation ganization (WHO) and UNICEF, in the Gaza Strip is "catathe children's agency. strophic," five United Nations agencies said yesterday, calling en and the elderly remain the conditions deteriorate in the of Gaza's population are childensely populated coastal en- dren," it added.

of humanitarian aid," said the added.

statement from agencies including the World Health Or-

"Children, pregnant womfor more international help as most vulnerable. Nearly half

"Gaza was a desperate hu-"More than 1.6 million peo- manitarian situation before ple in Gaza are in critical need the most recent hostilities," it

closed again after the passage Red Crescent which is respon-

Rafah is the only route into Gaza port to Gaza's people". that is not controlled by Israel.

UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres on Friday visited **Egypt, Jordan** the Egyptian side of the crossing aid delivery.

"These trucks are not just security council said yesterday. trucks, they are a lifeline," he many people in Gaza."

cluding food and medical sup- a meaningful number to have plies from various UN agencies. enough trucks to provide sup-

Israel urges citizens to leave

Meanwhile, Israel urged its to oversee preparations for the citizens to immediately leave Egypt and Jordan, the national

"Israel's National Security said. "They are the difference Council raises its travel warnbetween life and death for so ings for Egypt (including Sinai) and Jordan to level 4 (high The UN chief said it must be threat): recommendation not to "a sustained effort" with not travel to these countries and for just one convoy crossing but those staying there to leave... as

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HM calls for immediate end to Gaza war

The Cairo Summit, under El-Sisi's leadership, serves as a significant platform for addressing these critical issues

(Continued from page 1)

is Majesty further made a strong plea to facilitate the delivery of vital humanitarian aid, including medical supplies, food, water, fuel, and electricity, to the be- atives at both regional and in- El-Sisi's leadership, serves as a officials have pledged will begin international community in ex- securing the release. sieged Gaza Strip.

gratitude to President El-Sisi for Strip and mitigate its far-reachhis tireless efforts in mobilising ing repercussions. political and diplomatic initi-



ternational levels to contain the significant platform for address-King Hamad expressed his dangerous escalation in the Gaza ing these critical issues.

The Cairo Summit, under expected ground invasion that summit, His Majesty issued a humanitarian aid by lifting the 100 Hamas targets overnight.

Intensify and unify Arab efforts to deescalate the situation in the Gaza Strip, while giving priority to cooperating with the International **Community to** stop the conflict immediately

HM KING HAMAD

Later, during talks with King conflict. Israeli troops are massed on Abdullah II Ibn Al Hussein of

strong call for the immediate siege and safeguard the lives of warning that continued violence could lead to a perilous esca-

"This will push the region into a dangerous slide and new spiral of violence," HM said told King Al Hussein of Jordan.

In this regard, HM emphasised the necessity of intensified and to deescalate the situation in the Gaza Strip.

pediting the resolution of the

the Gaza border ahead of an Jordan, on the sidelines of the crucial to ensure Gaza access to military saying it hit more than

cessation of hostilities in Gaza, civilians in the besieged region.

A full-blown Israeli land offensive carries many risks, including to the more than 200 hostages.

"So, the release of the first two hostages -- US mother and daughter Judith and Natalie Raanan -- offered a rare "sliver of hope", said Mirjana Spoljaric, unified Arab endeavours efforts president of the International Committee of the Red Cross.

US President Joe Biden said The meeting on the sidelines he was "overjoyed" and thanked of the Cairo Peace Summit also Qatar, which hosts Hamas' politemphasised the vital role of the ical bureau, for its mediation in

Meanwhile, In Gaza, Israeli jets continued the relentless Their majesties stressed it is bombing campaign, with the

European Day of languages celebrated in Bahrain

Ashen Tharaka TDT | Manama

The European Day of Languages was held last week at the Mövenpick hotel in Manama, highlighting the importance of learning a foreign language and to promote multilingualism in Bahrain.

Many Bahrainis attended the event to participate in group activities and learn about different languages, including French, German, Greek, Italian, Portuguese, Spanish, and Russian.

Theo Lemaire, Political Officer at the European Union appointed to Bahrain, spoke at the event about the importance of language learning in a globalised world. He emphasised that there has never been a better time to learn languages than

"Sometimes we don't think the language of Europe is translation. In fact, one of the founding principles is multilingualism, and we want to communicate with our citizens in a language they speak and they understand, which means that basically everything that the European Union does is translated simultaneously in all 24 languages," he said.

The event was also attended by the German, French, Italian, and Spanish ambassadors to Kuwait, as well as other dignitaries.



From right to left, Theo Lemaire, Political Officer at the European Union appointed to Bahrain, Clemens Hach, German Ambassador to Bahrain, Miguel Jose Moro Aguilar, Spanish Ambassador to Kuwait, Eric Giraud-Telme, French Ambassador





General Director of Civil Defence named Vice President of ICDO Executive Council



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 \mathbf{I}^{n} a notable internation- the Interior Minister's support al recognition of Bahrain, in advancing development Brigadier Ali Al Kubaisi, the plans and facilitating the ex-General Director of Civil De- change of civil defence experfence, has been appointed as tise to incorporate best practhe Vice President of the Ex- tices that enhance the profiecutive Council by the Inter- ciency of emergency response national Civil Defence Organ- teams. He also commended the isation (ICDO). This decision Chief of Public Security for his was reached during a meeting proactive efforts in promoting held in Kyrgyzstan from Octo- international cooperation.

ber 18 to 20.

Brigadier Ali Al Kubaisi expressed his appreciation for



Shaikh Khalid bin Rashid Al Khalifa, the Director-General of Verdict Enforcement and Alternative Sentencing, held talks yesterday with Wade Carpenter, the President of the International **Association of Chiefs of** Police on the sidelines States to participate in the association's annual conference in San Diego.

Ravi Shankar Shukla's exemplary journey as second secretary at the Indian Embassy

A reflection on his remarkable experience and contributions to the Indian Community

I advise Indian citizens to be aware of the visa

regulations and not come to Bahrain illegally.

They should always check and be aware of their

passports. They should not fall into the trap

of job hunting by coming on visit visas. It is

crucial to come on a working visa and not stay in

Bahrain without any valid visa.

RAVI SHANKAR SHUKLA

Zahra Ayaz TDT | Manama

Ravi Shankar Shukla, the esteemed Second Secretary (Consular) at the Indian Embassy in Bahrain, bids farewell to the Kingdom after serving diligently for over three years.

In an exclusive interview with The Daily Tribune, Mr. Shukla expressed his gratitude towards the Bahraini government and highlighted his enriching experience working at the Indian embassy.



Shukla commended the strong welfare and well-being of the rain. support extended by the Bah- Indian community. Moreover, raini government to the Indian he emphasised the instrumennationals residing in the king- tal role played by various social deep appreciation for the counworkers and organizations in try's rich culture and the kind-He acknowledged their con- providing assistance and sup- ness of its people.

Throughout his tenure, Mr. tinuous efforts in ensuring the port to Indian citizens in Bah-

Reflecting on his time in Bahrain, Mr. Shukla expressed his

He had the privilege of exand engaging with distinguished delegates. These experiences ingentry into Bahrain. allowed him to develop a pro-

significant challenges upon join- their passports. They should not ing the Indian embassy in Sep- fall into the trap of job hunting tember 2020—the peak of the by coming on visit visas. It is cru-COVID-19 pandemic. He recog- cial to come on a working visa nised that this crisis transcend- and not stay in Bahrain without ed borders and affected people any valid visa." worldwide. Despite the difficulties, he remained steadfast in expressed his unwavering dedihis commitment to serving the cation to his future postings. He Indian community and provid- pledged to bring his best efforts ing essential consular services to any new role he undertakes, during these unprecedented exhibiting determination and

Mr. Shukla pointed out the country and its citizens. ploring Bahrain's vibrant her- significance of legal immigration itage, visiting numerous places, processes and provided valuable rain has not only deepened his advice to Indian citizens regard-

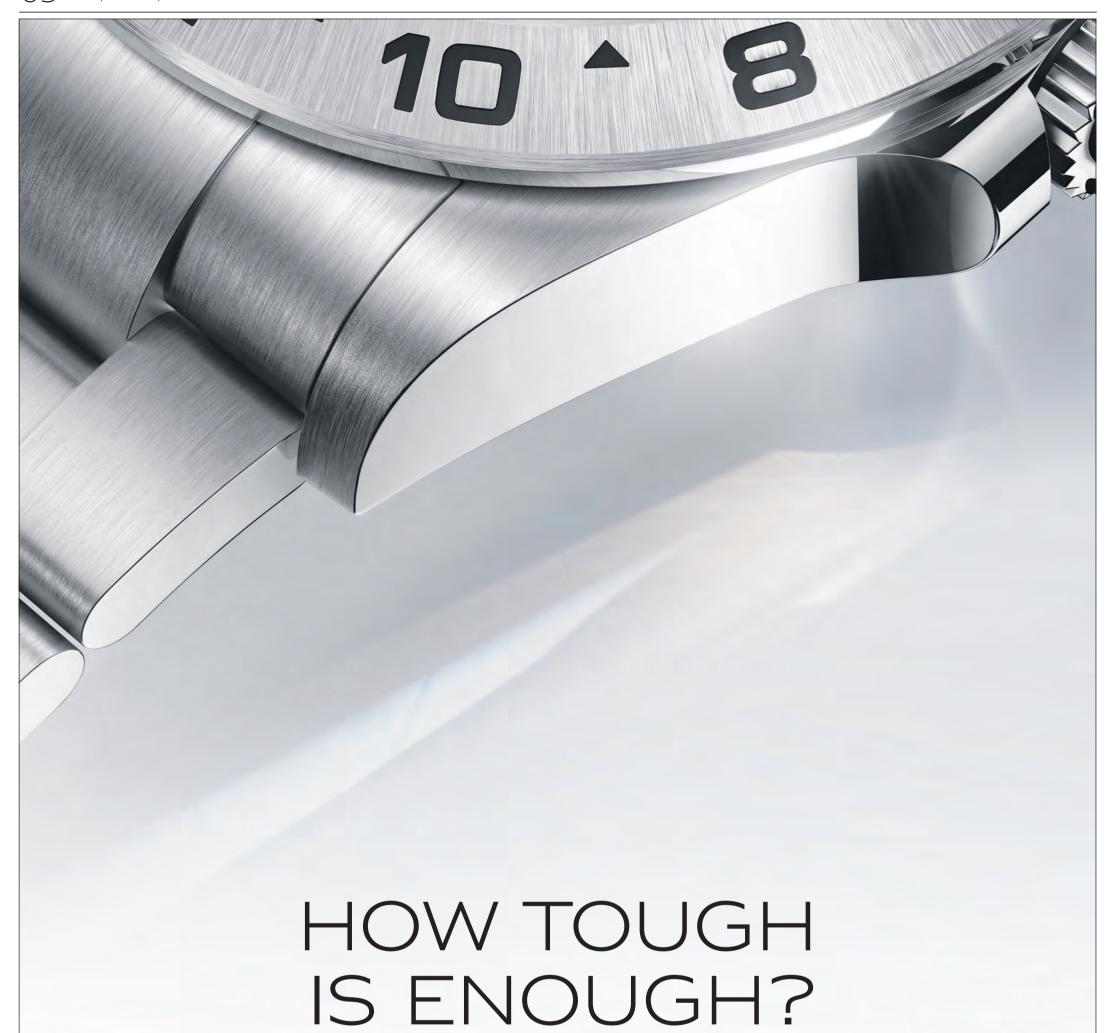
found understanding of Bah- citizens to be aware of the visa rain.

rain's culture and forge lasting regulations and not come to Bahrain illegally. They should However, Mr. Shukla faced always check and be aware of

Looking ahead, Mr. Shukla professionalism in serving his

In conclusion, his time in Bahunderstanding of the kingdom's culture but also strengthened He stated, "I advise Indian the ties between India and Bah-





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Checking climate change damage



CAPTAIN MAHMOOD AL MAHMOOD

ook around you. The ominous future is here but we are so absorbed in our struggles with the present that we fail to recognise it. For instance, sea-level rise is one of the most serious consequences of climate change. According to estimates by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), sea levels will keep rising throughout this century, causing increasingly frequent and severe flooding in coastal areas. There is no doubt that the lives and livelihoods of communities on many small island-nations like Bahrain will be impacted.

Five MPs and the Southern Munici-The coming pal Council decade will made public their discusundoubtedly sion about precautions see added to be taken pressure on to combat Bahrain's the ill-effects limited land of rising sea levels. This resources as comes on the the population heels of recent moves expands and to build highurbanisation er retaining walls near proceeds at a shorelines clipping pace. to prevent flooding of

dential areas. The coming decade will un-

coastal resi-

doubtedly see added pressure on Bahrain's limited land resources as the population expands and urbanisation proceeds at a clipping pace. Naturally, land reclamation from the surrounding seas will offer one expensive solution but here too we are seeing new regulations which say reclamation must technically feature land mass above sea level.

We are a land with a rich maritime history and a close bond with the sea. We have to once again recognise the value of this bond so that we rediscover the respect we had for the sea. It is of course inevitable that we should look to land reclamation to meet our urbanisation goals in coming years. But certainly we can augment it by not treating the sea as a frivolous playground. People sink old aircraft and used tyres into the deep and pretend that this is replacement for shattered coral reefs and miles of reclaimed land. Every quarter good green Samaritans pick tons of plastic, glass and rubbish off our beaches in an effort to clean them. These are sporadic acts and what we really need is a reconnection that will stop us from littering our beaches and our deep with the junk of our 21st century lives.

As climate change marches into our world, let us do our tiny bit to check the damage.

(Captain Mahmood Al Mahmood is the Editor-in-Chief of The Daily Tribune and the President of the Arab-African Unity Organisation for Relief, Human Rights and Counterterrorism)

Generous contributions continue for Gaza campaign

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he "Day of Solidarity with Our People in Gaza... We Are with You" campaign continued to witness an outpouring of support yes-

The campaign kick started with His Majesty King Hamad donating a substantial \$8.5 million, and His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, contributed BD

On the first day of the campaign, a considerable sum of BD6,059,847 was raised through various contributions. Bapco donated BD 500,000, while the National Bank of Bahrain, Fakhro Group, Alba, GPIC, and Kuwait Finance House each donated BD 100,000. The Zakat Fund and Al Salam Bank contributed BD 50,000 each, with Nass Company providing BD 40,000. Lulu Hypermarket, Benefit, and Seef Properties donated BD 25,000 each, and Al Kooheji Electrical and Construction Contracting,



humanitarian aid trucks arriving from Egypt after having crossed through the Rafah border crossing arriving at a storage facility in Khan Yunis in the southern Gaza Strip

20,000. Zain offered BD 18,850, and 10,000 each.

This charitable initiative, held un-Al Hawaj, Travco, and Maza gave BD der the directives of His Majesty, who the King's directives to support the serves as the Honorary President of Palestinian people under various cir-Yesterday, Bahrain National Hold- the Royal Humanitarian Foundation cumstances. He highlighted the king-GIG Bahrain, Ibrahim Khalil Kanoo ing and Gulf Hotels Group donated (RHF), is organised with the patronage Company, and Yousef bin Ahmed Ka- BD 20,000 each, while SICO joined the of His Highness Shaikh Nasser bin the Palestinian cause and the rights of noo Company each contributed BD effort with a BD 10,000 contribution. Hamad Al Khalifa, HM the King's Rep- the Palestinian people.

resentative for Humanitarian Work and Youth Affairs.

нн Shaikh Nasser urged all institutions, companies, citizens, and residents to participate in this noble humanitarian campaign. Its aim is to provide relief aid to the Palestinian people enduring challenging circumstances and to extend a helping hand in alleviating their

HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad, in response to His Majesty the King's directives, made the first contribution to the initiative by donating BD 100,000.

Dr. Mustafa Al Sayed, RHF Secretary-General and CEO of the National Committee for Supporting the Palestinians in Gaza, revealed that over \$16 million was collected during the campaign's first day.

Taha Abdul Qader, the Palestinian Ambassador to Bahrain, expressed high appreciation for His Majesty dom's unwavering stance in support of

Two more warehouses for Sitra Industrial Park

Project to boost Bahrain's potential as international logistics hub

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wo more warehouses are Two more warenesses the Sitra Industrial Park, further enhancing Bahrain's potential as a highly integrated logistics hub.

The tender board has ject to the Poullaides Con- both regional and interna- BHD 2,345,000.000, with the inked a 10-year lease agreestruction Company, which tional. secured the contract com-



Representative picture

awarded the ten-month propeting against 18 companies, from BHD 3,447,357.480 to Warehousing, which has

The initial bids ranged BD 60,988.506.

board awarding the contract ment covering 8,137 square

According to Bahrain Real Estate Investment (Edamah), the Sitra Industrial Park spans 87,382 square meters and currently comprises four existing facilities, with plans for two new covered facilities and dry storage plots designated for industrial, commercial, and logistical purposes. Earlier this year, Edamah announced its intention to expand the park by an additional 8,000 square meters of industrial space.

Reportedly, the park's largest customer will be Trident meters.

MTT to develop transport strategy



Representative picture **TDT** | Manama

The Ministry of Trans- ■ portation and Telecommunications (MTT) is moving ahead with an ambitious plan to formulate an all-encompassing transportation strategy for Bahrain.

As per MTT's announcement, this comprehensive strategy will encompass every facet of development, spanning planning, execution, regulation, and enforcement.

The ministry said this in a tender, inviting consultancy firms to participate in the development of this strategic framework.

The primary objective is to undertake a thorough evaluation of Bahrain's land transportation activities, guided by best practices and priority implementations. Furthermore, the ministry has emphasized that this initiative aligns with national priorities and aligns with GCC strategies.

Companies interested in this project are required to submit their bids by November 22, 2023, and accompany their submission with a BD100 bond valid for 180 days. Eligibility criteria dictate that only firms with a track record of successfully finalizing a minimum of two projects in the last decade related to strategy development are eligible to apply, with at least one of these projects being in the transportation sector.

Preparation ongoing for 2024 Princess Sabeeka Al Khalifa Award for **Productive Families**

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 ${f T}$ he Ministry of Social Development has set its plans rolling for the 2024 Her Royal Highness Princess Sabeeka Bint Ibrahim Al Khalifa Award to Promote Productive Families.

While the specific date for the award ceremony is yet to be determined, the ministry has revealed that the 2024 edition will include an accompanying

The award seeks to acknowledge the remarkable achievements of productive families. It is presented annually at the local level and biennially at the Arab level, recognizing excellence in three categories: the "Best Productive Family," the "Best Product," and the "Best Sponsor of Productive Families."

In this regard, the ministry has released a tender inviting interested parties to submit proposals for organizing the award.

The deadline for receiving local nominations for the award is February 15, 2024, and for participation from Arab countries, it is January 15, 2024.

Those interested in participating in the organization of this prestigious event should submit their bids before November 8, 2023, along with a BD500 bond, which will remain valid for 180

Bahraini man faces verdict in forgery case linked to fake certificate

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40-year-old Bahraini man, Aconvicted of forgery, is scheduled to receive his verdict on the 28th of this month from the High Appeals Court.

In an earlier judgment, he forwarded the application for was sentenced to three years a comprehensive review. in prison on forgery charges. According to court records, the he claimed to have attended defendant submitted a fraudu- confirmed that he was not on lent academic certificate in an attempt to upgrade the license for his engineering office.

at CRPEP had requested an from the authorities in 2007. equivalent certificate for his degree from the Ministry of charged him with deceiving Education.

Consequently, the authority necessary qualifications.



Upon inquiry, the university their enrolment records.

However, the accused denied the forgery allegations, The forgery was brought to asserting that he had joined light during an examination the university in 1996 and had of an application submitted trained in the engineering to the Council for Regulating office from 2002 to 2005 for the Practice of Engineering three years. He claimed to have Professions (CRPEP). Officials obtained a professional license

The Public Prosecution a public employee who had Upon closer inspection, dis- acted in good faith, commitcrepancies between the grad- ting forgery in two official uation year mentioned in the documents. He was also ac-CV and that in the certificate cused of using falsified official raised suspicions, leading to a documents to acquire practice more thorough investigation. permits without meeting the

Joe Biden to host new Americas summit on migration, economy

AFP | Washington, United States

s President Joe Biden will host the first summit of a group of nations from the Americas in November, the White House said, as he tries to curb migration ahead of elections in 2024.

Biden will welcome leaders of the Americas Partnership for Economic Prosperity, which groups Barbados, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Mexico, Panama, Peru, and Uruguay.

"During the summit, president Biden will reaffirm the Biden



work together with our partners and Ukraine. to deepen economic integra-Jean-Pierre said.

The summit would also "tackers of irregular migration in our hemisphere."

for Democrat Biden, with oppo- Trump sition Republicans accusing him of lax border policies.

tional security package that also work.

United States' commitment to includes military aid for Israel

The United States has been tion in our hemisphere," White working with a number of coun-House Press Secretary Karine tries in the region to curb the flow of migrants.

Earlier this month his adle the underlying economic driv- ministration announced plans to extend the border wall with Mexico, a policy introduced Illegal immigration has be- by his Republican predecessor come a major political headache and likely 2024 rival Donald

But Biden insisted that funds for the extension were On Friday he requested \$14 already earmarked by law and billion in border funds from had to be used, adding that he Congress as part of a huge na- thought border walls didn't

US budget deficit widens to \$1.7 trillion on lower tax revenue

AFP | Washington, United States

The US budget deficit has widened to \$1.7 trillion, government data showed on Friday, in a development that could add pressure on President Joe Biden as he seeks reelection in

The deficit expanded by \$320 billion for the fiscal year ending September 30, following a drop in tax revenues and lower deposits of earnings by the Federal Reserve on the back of higher interest rates.

Elevated rates also added to spending, bringing the 2023 shortfall to its third-largest on

Geopolitical tensions could hit global economy: US Fed

AFP | Washington, United States

cent attack on Israel and the ongoing Ukraine conflict could cause harm to the world economy and boost global inflation.

Ongoing exchanges of fire with Hezbollah along Israel's northern border with Lebanon Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell have raised fears that the conflict could spread to other countries in the region.

junction with Russia's ongoing



eted up geopolitical tensions," the Fed said in its semi-annual "The attack on Israel, in con-report on financial stability."

political tensions could reduce campaign of rate hikes. economic activity and boost inflation worldwide," it added.

Mitigating banking stress

In its report, the Fed also said that policy interventions earlier this year in light of the rapid collapse of Silicon Valley Bank (SVB) had "played a key role in mitigating the stresses in the banking system that emerged in March.'

SVB failed following a bank "Escalation of these conflicts its exposure to interest rate risk and reduced market values for war against Ukraine, has ratch- or a worsening in other geo- in light of the Fed's aggressive investment securities," it added.

A number of other US banks collapsed in the turmoil that followed, which also led to the merger, under pressure, of the Swiss banking giant Credit Suisse with regional rival UBS.

"Since March, volatility has abated and deposit outflows have largely stabilized," for affected banks, the Fed said.

"But these banks nonetheless continued to face challenges navigating changes in depositor run by investors concerned by behavior, higher funding costs,

UTB to host IEEE **ICETAS 2023**



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of Technology through Smart nerships and shared goals.

Computing and Engineering", professional experts and thought leaders worldwide Inder the patronage of Dr. are coming together to discuss Mohammed bin Mubarak the latest innovative trends Juma, Minister of Education in computing, engineering and Chairman of the Board of and all other relevant applied Trustees of the Higher Edu-sciences. As UTB aspires to be cation Council, University of a hub of knowledge dissemi-Technology Bahrain (UTB) is nation and multidisciplinary hosting the International Con- exchange in the country and ference on Engineering Tech- beyond, the university is of nologies and Applied Sciences the view that the conference (ICETAS 2023), in partnership is a feasible platform to conwith IEEE Bahrain and ETSSM nect and collaborate with oth-Global on October 25-27 at er individuals, organisations, the Intercontinental Bahrain. and industries to create and Themed "Shaping the Future strengthen community part-

Rich and developing nations clash over climate fund

AFP | Paris, France

UN climate talks urged countries into the fund. to "deliver".

COP27 talks in Egypt.

But countries left the details dering progress. to be worked out later.

nations were at logger- have tried to tease out consen- ignate of the COP28 talks. heads in talks Friday over a fund sus on fundamentals like the for the increasingly destructive structure, beneficiaries and conimpacts of global warming, as tributors -- a key issue for richer tries to step up early with pledgthe president of next month's nations who want China to pay es of funding, to ensure the firm ADNOC.

On the final day of meetings account". The agreement to set up a Friday, just weeks ahead of the

"We are out of time," said Sul-We all out of time, said surwhat are we doing about it?

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We continue to deliberate, we "I expect you to deliver."

fund was not an "empty bank

In an address to negotiators, ceptable." dedicated fund to help vulner- November 30 to December 12 he said millions of people had United States and others of hin-seeing a relentless cascade of the fund.

extremes across the planet.

"What are we doing about it? continue to negotiate, we continue to go in circles," said Jaber, He reiterated calls for coun- who is also the head of United Arab Emirates state-owned oil

> "If I don't see real and tangible results that will not be ac-

On Friday, an observer at the able countries cope with climate COP28 talks in Dubai, nations continued to suffer the devas- meeting said it was in "dead-"loss and damage" was a flag- remained deadlocked, with de- tating impacts of climate change lock", with discussions notably ship achievement of last year's veloping countries accusing the since the last COP, with this year stumbling over the location of

Meta, Google quit tech summit over organizer's Israel remarks

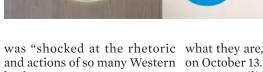
AFP | Washington, United States

Teta and Google have pulled Lout of the Web Summit, one of the tech sector's biggest annual events, after the organizer criticized Israel's actions following the Hamas attacks, the companies said on Friday.

A spokesman for Meta confirmed to AFP that it would not take part in this year's event.

"We will no longer have a Google spokesperson said

Irish entrepreneur Paddy Cosgrave, co-founder of the Web



leaders & governments."

Summit, wrote on social media even when committed by allies, tober 7, and killed at least 1,400 platform X last week that he and should be called out for people, mostly civilians who Google follows other exits the timing of what I said, and the crimes."

presence at Web Summit," a was "shocked at the rhetoric what they are," Cosgrave wrote

Hamas militants stormed into "War crimes are war crimes Israel from the Gaza Strip on Oc- in Gaza.

death on the first day of the raid, ures, including Intel, Siemens caused profound hurt to many. according to Israeli officials.

mas fighters were killed in clash- Anderson. es before its army regained control of the area under attack.

More than 3,700 Palestinians, mainly civilians, have been vember 13-16 in Lisbon. killed across the Gaza Strip in relentless Israeli bombardments in retaliation for the attacks by the Palestinian Islamist militant from the Hamas health ministry

The boycott by Meta and

were shot, mutilated or burnt to by companies and tech fig- way it has been presented has Israel says around 1,500 Ha- hler and X-files actor Gillian words, I apologise deeply," he

> The Web Summit is due to host some 2.300 startups and compassion, and I did not conmore than 70,000 people on No-

Tan, of start-up backer Y-Combinator, initially kicked off the on Israel and "unequivocally" boycott and other big names in supports Israel's "right to exist group, according to the latest toll the industry quickly followed.

Cosgrave issued an apology on Tuesdav.

and US comedian Amy Poe- To anyone who was hurt by my

"What is needed at this time is vey that," the statement said.

Cosgrave said he "unreserved-Silicon Valley figure Garry ly" condemns Hamas's "evil, disgusting and monstrous" attack and to defend itself.

He also said that Israel should adhere to the Geneva Con-"I understand that what I said, ventions, "ie, not commit war

in southern Fujian sea

Imperator"

International Meridian Conference in Washing ton, D.C. adopts Greenwich Mean Time (GMT) worldwide, creating 24 international time zones with longitude zero at the Greenwich meridian

News in brief

Hurricane Norma, now Category



yesterday. The storm, still powerful though downgraded overnight from Category 3 to Category 2 on the Saffir-Simpson scale, was headed toward a part of Mexico's Baja California

coast popular with tourists. As of late morning, it was 65 kilometers (40 miles) west-southwest of the Cabo San Lucas resort town, whose 200,000 inhabitants were scrambling to make last-minute preparations.

♦ An auction in France of possessions that belonged to the first Senegalese president has been delayed as Sengal

Auction of first Senegalese president's jewellery put on hold

negotiates with the owner over buying them directly. The items, which were to be auctioned in Caen, include Leopold Sedar Senghor's military jewellery and decorations, plus various other objects. Rings, bracelets, pendants and watches are listed as part of the collection. But Senegalese President Macky Sall had earlier asked the culture minister, together with the Senegalese embassy in Paris, to enter into "appropriate discussions" with the auctioneer.

Myanmar junta orders



as it tried to recover lost outposts near the Chinese border from rebels, the military said. The toppling of Aung San Suu Kyi's civilian government in a 2021 oup sparked a huge backlash and the nilitary junta is now battling opponents across swaths of the country. The Kachin Independence Army (KIA) attacked Myanmar

junta ordered air strikes

and troop reinforcements

military positions around Muse district in northern Shan state on Thursday and near the remote town of Laiza in Kachin state on Friday. The military was forced to retreat on Friday afternoon and ordered air strikes, as well as artillery and troop reinforcements, the junta said in a statement shortly before midnight

CURIOSER & CURIOSER

Coin tosses are not 50/50: researchers find a slight bias



Australia's captain Pat Cummins (L) tosses the coin as his Pakistan's counterpart Babar Azam watches before the start of the 2023 ICC Men's Cricket World Cup match

AFP | Paris

Want to get a slight edge when humans flip coins with during a coin toss? their thumb, Bartos said. Check out which side is fac- Because of this bias, they ing upwards before the coin is proposed it would land on the flipped -- then call that same side facing upwards when it was flipped 51 percent of the This tactic will win 50.8 per- time -- almost exactly the same

cent of the time, according to figure borne out by Bartos' reresearchers who conducted search. 350,757 coin flips. For the preprint study, like a significant advantage.

which was published on the Bartos said it was more of an arXiv database last week and edge that casinos have against has not yet been peer-re- "optimal" blackjack players. viewed, 48 people tossed coins It does depend on the techof 46 different currencies. nique of the flipper. Some peo-They were told to flip the ple had almost no bias while

coins with their thumb and others had much more than catch it in their hand -- if the 50.8 percent, Bartos said.

coins fell on a flat surface For people committed to that could introduce other choosing either heads or tails factors such as bouncing or before every toss, there was no bias for either side, the respinning. Frantisek Bartos, of the searchers found. University of Amsterdam in None of the many different

the Netherlands, said that the coins showed any sign of bias work was inspired by 2007 either.

that there was a "wobble" and

a slight off-axis tilt that occurs

While that may not seem

research led by Stanford Uni- Happily, achieving a fair versity mathematician Persi coin flip is simple: just make Diaconis -- who is also a for- sure the person calling heads or tails cannot see which side Diaconis' model proposed is facing up before the toss.

Storm Babet triggers flooding, power cuts in northern Europe



A man makes his way across a flooded street in Flensburg, norhtern Germany AFP | London

continuing to sweep across Ritzau news agency.

lies were trapped in flooded to photos from Danish media.

left without power for several improving.

ing to Denmark's DMI weather merous trains.

"We are having to clear large Deadly Storm Babet unquantities of water from the towns, especially in southing and damaged towns in ern Jutland," Martin Vendel-Denmark and Norway late Fribo of the Danish Emergency day and early vesterday, while Management Agency told the

Fishing boats were left Three people died in Scot-stranded or about to sink in the land and England and fami- port town of Rodvig, according homes on Friday as the storm In southern Norway, up to battered Britain and Ireland. 20,000 residents were with-After it made landfall in out power early yesterday af-

Scandinavia, the storm trig-ter strong winds blew roofs gered a sharp rise in water off buildings and downed levels in towns in southern trees and power masts, but Denmark, flooding the first the Norwegian news agency floor of homes which were NTB said the situation was The storm continued to

Water levels in several wreak havoc in the UK, with Danish towns exceeded their London's King's Cross station normal height by more than forced to close yesterday aftwo metres (seven feet), levels ternoon to prevent passengers normally only reached once massing on platforms after the every hundred years, accord- cancellation or delay of nu-

India launches key test for manned orbital mission

India Successfully tests Gaganyaan's emergency escape system in space milestone

The test marks a significant step toward India's crewed orbital mission

AFP | Washington

India yesterday successfully launched the first unmanned Ltrial run of its upcoming crewed orbital mission, in the latest milestone for its spacefaring ambitions.

The Gaganyaan ("Skycraft") mission is slated to send three 2025, an important yardstick of the Indian Space Research Organisation's (ISRO) technical ca-

Yesterday's rocket tested the emergency escape system of its crew module, which separated from the thruster and made a soft sea landing about 10 minutes after "I am very happy to announce a glitch in the engine.

manath said afterwards.



astronauts into Earth's orbit in Gaganyaan Test Vehicle lifts-off from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota



I am very happy to announce the successful accomplishment of the mission

ISRO CHIEF S. SOMANATH

The lift-off was postponed for final manned mission takes place space programme. two hours after bad weather and in 2025.

We meet in the heart

of a region that is

reeling in pain and

one step from the

precipice

GUTERRES PLEADED

Jordan's King Abdullah II

called for "an immediate end

to the war on Gaza" and con-

demned what he labelled "glob-

al silence" on Palestinian death

Gaganvaan is the first mission the fourth nation to land an unof its kind for India and comes manned craft on the Moon af-\$1.08 billion, according to ISRO. China.

India plans to send astronauts
The following month, India beyond the reaches of Earth's at- launched a probe to observe the mosphere for three days before outermost layers of the Sun from they are brought safely back with solar orbit. a soft landing in Indian territorial India's space programme has

the successful accomplishment ISRO will conduct a series of 20 has announced plans to send a probe to orbit the Moon in 2008, of the mission," ISRO chief S. So- major tests, including carrying a man to the Moon by 2040 follow- and it has steadily matched the

series of 20 major tests, including carrying a robot to outer space, before the final manned mission takes place in 2025

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ISRO will conduct a

with an estimated price tag of ter Russia, the United States and

grown considerably in size and Prime Minister Narendra Modi momentum since it first sent a

Exiled former Pakistan PM Nawaz Sharif arrives home for comeback bid

Three-time prime minister ▲ Nawaz Sharif returned to Pakistan yesterday after four vears of self-imposed exile, primed to make a political comeback ahead of elections.

Fireworks marked his arrival at the event in a park in his power base of Lahore, where the streets have been shrouded in green and yellow party banners.

Pakistan is facing overlapping security, economic and political pushed back to January 2024, supporters nent, the fiercely popular Imran ing the threat of arrest. Khan, languishing in jail.

long time, but my love for you abad where he signed court palarity. remains intact. You have never pers, before flying on to Lahore Sharif has been prime miniser betrayed you," he told the Greater Iqbal Park where he pleted a full term. crowds, wearing his signature addressed supporters. red scarf.

(PML-N) party -- was serving a on site. prison sentence for graft when "I'm here to welcome my more than half of its history

military establishment and last fore." week a court granted him pro- Sharif's return has been politically motivated.

crises ahead of polls already Pakistan's former Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif (top C) addresses his

"I am meeting you after a touched down briefly in Islam- will revive its flagging popu-

Sharif -- who founded the Pa- been enlisted to control crowds, kistan's military establishment kistan Muslim League-Nawaz according to a senior officer -- the country's true kingmak-

he left the country in 2018 seek-leader. The inflation is very and continue to enjoy immense ing medical care in Britain, ig- high and poor people are des- power. noring multiple court orders perate," said 18-year-old Razi His last term ended when he Analysts say he has likely bro- chance to come back and turn lifetime disqualification from kered a deal with the powerful things around. He's done it be-politics after being convicted of

with Sharif's primary oppo- tective bail, temporarily remov- touted for months by his party, which hopes his political clout The "Lion of Punjab" and "man of the soil" swagger

betrayed me and I have nev- and taking a helicopter to the ter three times but never com-His political fortunes rise and

> More than 7,000 police have fall on his relationship with Paers who have ruled directly for

Ullah. "God has given him a was ousted in 2017 and given a

Russian strikes kill three, wound four in Ukraine

AFP | Kyiv

D ussia struck areas of east-**N**ern and southern Ukraine with artillery and missiles on Friday and yesterday, killing at least three people and wounding four others, officials

The strikes come as both sides prepare for a gruelling winter of fighting and as Russia tries to suppress a Ukrainian counteroffensive to regain occupied territory

Russia fired hundreds of strike in Kherson (file photo) in the south on Friday, local morning. governor Oleksandr Prokudin In separate attacks, the head "She is in a serious condition



A local resident clear the rubbles of his destroyed following Russian missiles

shells into Ukrainian-con- was killed and one more was sky's hometown -- killing a trolled parts of Kherson region wounded," he said yesterday 60-year-old man and wounding

of Ukraine's central Dnipropet- in hospital. The attack caused "The Russian military hit res- rovsk region said Russia fired a a fire, which rescuers have alidential areas of the region's missile at a group of dachas, a ready extinguished," Dniprosettlements. As a result of Rus-type of cottage, in Kryvyi Rig petrovsk governor Sergiy Lysak sian aggression, one person -- President Volodymyr Zelen- said Friday evening.

Trump fined \$5,000 by New York judge for violating gag order

The New York judge presid-**⊥** ing over Donald Trump's civil fraud trial fined the former US president \$5,000 on Friday for not complying with a partial gag order and threatened him with possible jail time for future violations.

> Judge Arthur Engoron ordered the 77-year-old Trump to pay the fine within the next 10 days to the New York Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection.

olations, whether intentional fraud trial in New York City



"(These) may include, but are Law," the judge added.



or unintentional, will subject cial penalties, holding Donald ed gag order on the former the violator to far more severe Trump in contempt of court, president on October 3 after sanctions," Engoron said in a and possibly imprisoning him he insulted the judge's prinpursuant to New York Judiciary cipal law clerk in a social media post on his Truth Social

not limited to, steeper finan- Engoron slapped a limit- platform.



to make it happen. @antonioguterres

with all relevant parties



Very sad to hear of the death of Sir Bobby Charlton. He has a place in history as one of the game's greatest players and was hugely loved. Rest in peace Sir Bobby. @RishiSunak



We live in a climate emergency. The evidence is clear that our children are paving the highest price with their health. @WHO urges leaders to take these alerts seriously. We can't waste any opportunity to take action.

@DrTedros



Tt is our duty to work Ltogether to avoid regional escalation, contain the conflict, and put an end to the cycle of violence. We need to make every effort to move towards a lasting solution based on the two-state solution. @JosepBorrellF @MargSchinas #CairoSummitForPeace @CharlesMichel

Disclaimer: (Views expressed

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TN chief Antonio Guterres

pleaded yesterday for a "humanitarian ceasefire" in the war between Israel and Hamas militants that has devastated much of Gaza, demanding "action to end this godawful nightmare".

Addressing a Cairo summit as the conflict raged into its third week, Guterres said the Palestinian enclave of 2.4 million people was living through "a humanitarian catastrophe" with thousands dead and more than Smoke rises over buildings in the Gaza Strip during an Israeli strike a million displaced.

"We meet in the heart of a into Israel, launching an attack Guterres said "the grievances" "The message the Arab Jordan and the United Arab 1948. Spain and Palestinian president relentless bombing campaign, Israeli civilians".

stormed across the Gaza border ministry.

30 to 40 metres (yards) from officials.

police said.

Cyprus early yesterday, causing Israel from Gaza on October ministry.

region that is reeling in pain and that has killed more than 1,400 of the Palestinian people are world is hearing is loud and one step from the precipice," he people, mostly civilians, in the legitimate and long" after "56 clear: Palestinian lives matter told the meeting that includ- deadliest attack on Israeli soil years of occupation with no end less than Israeli ones. Our lives ed the leaders of Egypt, Iraq, since the state was founded in in sight" but stressed that "noth- matter less than other lives," he Emirates as well as of Italy and Israel has hit back with a assault by Hamas that terrorised "The application of inter-

UN chief urges ceasefire to end Gaza's 'godawful nightmare'

ing can justify the reprehensible charged. killing more than 4,300 Pales- He then stressed that "those human rights have boundaries

the Palestinian people".

the embassy as a deadly war be-Since then, more than 4,300 used in making fireworks.

Pour people were arrested rulers entered its third week. have been killed in relentless suspects aged between 17 and

 Γ after a pipe bomb explod- The conflict began when Israeli bombardments, accord- 21, two of whom were on foot

ed near the Israeli embassy in Hamas militants stormed into ing to Gaza's Hamas-run health close to the scene and another

little damage and no injuries, 7, beginning an attack that has Cypriot explosive experts on a nearby residential street.

The incident occurred in the mostly civilians who were shot, mains of a pipe bomb which det-mation about their identities

Cypriot capital Nicosia at 1:37 mutilated or burnt to death on onated causing slight damage, nor nationality, with all four

am (2237 GMT on Friday) about the first day, according to Israeli with police saying it contained due to appear in court later yes-

tween Israel and Gaza's Hamas Palestinians, mainly civilians, Police said they arrested four

killed at least 1,400 people, called to the site found the re-

the type of explosive material terday.

and suffering

national law is optional. And The bloodshed began on Oc- tinians, mainly civilians accord- abhorrent attacks can never jus- -- they stop at borders, they stop tober 7 when Hamas militants ing to Gaza's Hamas-run health tify the collective punishment of at races, and they stop at reli-

two who were in a car parked

es involved in the talks. Pipe bomb explodes near Israeli embassy in Cyprus

be worked out later.

on fundamentals like the struc- replenish with new funds.

robot to outer space, before the ing a year of triumphs for India's achievements of established spacefaring powers at a fraction India became in August just of their cost.



Climate 'loss and damage'

ble countries cope with climate the funds should be held. talks in Egypt.

late Friday and into yesterday in yesterday.

But the delegates were unable to

United Nations. The agreement to set up a Ahead of the breakdown, the dedicated fund to help vulnera- discussion hit a hurdle over where

"loss and damage" was a flagship There was a divide over it beachievement of last year's COP27 ing managed by the World Bank. accused of being in the hands of But countries left the details to the West, or in a new independent structure, called for by many

ture, beneficiaries and contribu- The failure "is a clear indication tors -- a key issue for richer na- of the deep chasm between rich tions who want China to pay into and poor nations", Harjeet Singh, head of global political strategy for A transition committee on the Climate Action Network Internaestablishment of the fund met tional, said in a statement to AFP

A view of a iceberg melting in Scoresby Fjord, Estarn Greenland Aswan, in southern Egypt.

Acrucial meeting on climate reach an agreement and deferred "loss and damages" ahead of the decision to another meeting COP28 ended in failure yesterday, due November 3 to 5 in the Unitwith countries from the global ed Arab Emirates, according to north and south unable to reach a webcast of the debate on the an agreement, according to sourc- official YouTube channel of the

A series of talks held this year developing nations, but would be have tried to tease out consensus time consuming and complex to

$\hbox{``Make no mistake: future vi-} \quad \hbox{Former US President Donald Trump sits inside the courtroom during his civil}$

New Indian School celebrates 33rd anniversary







The New Indian School in Bahrain celebrated its 33rd anniversary with great enthusiasm and grandeur. The chief guest for the ceremony was H.E. Vinod K Jacob, the Ambassador of India to the Kingdom of Bahrain, and the guests of honour were H.E. Eman Hasan Showaiter, Member of Parliament, Kingdom of Bahrain and Ms. Sara Al Durazi of the Directorate of Private School Education, Ministry of Education. School Chairman Dr. Jaan M.T. Thottumalil spoke about the huge transition that the school had undergone from a humble beginning to a strength of 3,800 students and thanked the parents for their continued support. Principal K. Gopinath Menon welcomed the distinguished audience. The programme consisted of a wide range of cultural events that saw participation from the tiny tots of LKG up to the Senior Secondary level.

Indian classical flute performance held







As part of Bahrain International Music Festival organized by the Bahrain Authority for Culture & Antiquities (BACA), Kingdom of Bahrain, renowned Indian Flautist Sunil Bhagwan Avachat presented an Indian classical flute performance at Cultural Hall. The musician took the audience on a journey into the realms of traditional Indian music, folk melodies, and ragas, accompanied by the performance of other artists including Samir Shivgar, Tushar Dixit, and Abhay Ingale. The performance was appreciated by the members of the Indian and Bahraini communities who attended the event

Breast cancer awareness walk conducted





'ATM- Pinkathon 23', a breast cancer awareness walk organized by Annai Tamil Mandram in Bahrain, was flagged off by Shri Ihjas Aslam, Second Secretary, Indian Embassy, Bahrain and Mr. Yusuf Lori, Director of Information and Followup at Capital Governorate, Bahrain. More than 100 members of the Indian community joined the walkathon held at Sitra Sports Club, where an awareness session was

Tree-planting drive held by Dawoodi Bohra community



Members of the Dawoodi Bohra community in Bahrain planted over 170 neem trees at the Sitra walkway today with the support of the Capital Municipality. This initiative was part of the Dawoodi Bohra community's global tree-planting drive in honour of Sultan al Bohra Syedna Mufaddal Saifuddin's 80th birthday. The Bohra community in Bahrain supports the National Initiative for Agricultural Background (NIAD) in the Forever Green campaign, community members said. As part of the Bohra community's Project Rise initiative, members are actively involved in the beach and neighbourhood clean-up drives to fight against plastic pollution and are also lending a hand to the Kingdom's Mangrove project, members said

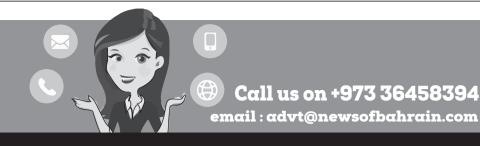
Pakistan embassy organizes breast cancer awareness event





The Embassy of Pakistan in collaboration with Pakistani Women's Association (PWA) and Bahrain Specialist Hospital (BSH) organized a Breast Cancer Awareness Event in celebration of Pinktober. During the event, consultants from BSH guided the participants about the prevention and precautionary measures. Around 50 female participants from the Pakistani community benefited from the awareness session.

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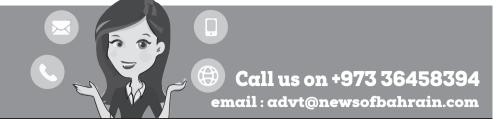
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Shelton shakes things up to reach first final at Japan Open



Ben Shelton reacts after a point against Marcos Giron

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m R}$ ising American star Ben favour. Shelton said he had to "I kr another gruelling three-set match," he said. match.

can qualifier Marcos Giron 6-7 going to surprise him. (2/7), 7-6 (7/5), 6-4 in Tokyo and will face Russia's Aslan of his rhythm for the three Karatsev in Sunday's final.

and found himself two breaks match." down in the second against

Ruud earlier this week. ly a difficult place to be in" and ing his chest.

credited a change in strategy for turning the match in his

"I knew that if I continued "shake things up" to reach to keep playing the way I was, his first ATP Tour final at the with the rhythm that he'd Japan Open vesterday after found, I was going to lose the

"I tried to shake things up The 21-year-old beat Ameria and try something that was

"I was able to get him out or four games that I needed Shelton lost the first set to get myself back into the

Shelton rode the momenworld number 79 Giron, who tum after he had survived his eliminated second seed Casper second-set scare, closing out the match with an ace before Shelton said it was "definite- letting out a roar and thump-

Man City return to Premier League summit after Liverpool win derby not to send Konate off.

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anchester City beat Manchester G.L.,
Brighton 2-1 yesterday to return to the Premier League summit and end Liverpool's brief stay at the top after their victory in the Merseyside

Mohamed Salah scored twice as Jurgen Klopp's men beat 10man Everton 2-0 in the early kick-off at Anfield, extending their dominance over their struggling neighbours.

But champions City put their recent wobble behind them as they saw off high-flying Brighton thanks to goals from Julian Alvarez and Erling Haaland.

Arsenal can become the fourth team to top the table yesterday if they beat Chelsea in the early evening kick-off.

Liverpool had fortune on their side at home.

bookable offences, while Ibra- when Salah smashed home from was angry about the decision



Liverpool's Egyptian striker #11 Mohamed Salah scores the opening goal from the penalty spot

booking in the second half with Keane handled. the game still goalless.

Everton's Ashley Young was but finally achieved the breaktime. sent off before half-time for two through 15 minutes from time Everton manager Sean Dyche

hima Konate escaped a second the penalty spot after Michael

Salah was then teed up by Liverpool struggled to make Darwin Nunez to make the their man advantage count, points safe deep into stoppage

"I have no clue how he didn't

feel it was a bookable offence," he said.

"I like to think there are a lot of fair-minded people here today who are stunned that wasn't a second yellow card."

Even Klopp said he could understand Everton's frustration at a lack of consistency from referee Craig Pawson.

But the three points mean the Reds have lost just one of their last 29 Merseyside derbies and remain unbeaten at Anfield in front of a crowd against Everton since 1999.

City, who had lost their previous two league games, dominated the first half of their match at the Etihad against Brighton, taking the lead through Alvarez in the seventh minute.

Jeremy Doku was the creator as he reached the byline and pulled back for Alvarez to tuck home his seventh of the season from 12 yards.

Mbappe on target as PSG ease past Strasbourg

main eased to a 3-0 win over des Princes. Patrick Vieira's Strasbourg in Ligue 1 yesterday.

with a 10th-minute penalty and minute courtesy of Fabian Ruiz.

Kylian Mbappe scored one set up Carlos Soler to make It was a second straight win goal and made another as a it 2-0 just after the half-hour for PSG following their 4-1 de-It was a second straight win much-changed Paris Saint-Germark at a wet and windy Parc feat away to Newcastle United in the Champions League ear-The reigning champions were lier this month, and the result heading for a routine victory moved them provisionally to the Mbappe opened the scoring and added a third in the 77th top of Ligue 1 after nine games. Kylian Mbappe



Ton-up Klaasen stars as South Africa hammer England

Heinrich Klaasen's century helps South Africa post 399-7, as England collapses to 170-9.

England suffered their heaviest ODI defeat, losing by a massive 229 runs

AFP | Mumbai

einrich Klaasen made a brilliant World Cup century as South Africa thrashed England by a mammoth 229 runs in Mumbai yesterday to leave the champions' title defence hanging by a thread as they suffered a record defeat in a one-day international.

Klaasen made 109, despite South Africa's Marco Jansen plays a shot being repeatedly troubled by this level.

actly 28 overs to spare, when 77 balls. the match ended, with last man Reece Topley unable to bat fol- -- his maiden ODI fifty -- having games, including a shock loss to as they scored 143 off lowing a hand injury suffered struck three fours and six sixes. Afghanistan last time out, left the last 10 overs after during South Africa's innings.

This crushing loss was Eng- early wickets in his more famil- to reach the semi-finals.



cramp, as South Africa posted land's heaviest ODI defeat foliar role of left-arm quick. a colossal 399-7 -- the highest lowing a 221-run reverse against

England then collapsed to port from Marco Jansen in a with the talisman caught and son in the last over, having 68-6 and were 170-9, with ex- sixth-wicket stand of 151 in just bowled by Kagiso Rabada for

Not even Ben Stokes, playing total conceded by England at Australia at Melbourne in 2002. his first game of the tournament, Klaasen received brilliant sup- could rescue England this time, when bowled by Gus Atkinjust five.

Jansen finished on 75 not out England's third defeat in four He then followed up with two them with a mountain to climb losing the toss.

Scorecard

South Africa 399 for 7 (Klaasen 109, Hendricks 85, Jansen 75*, van der Dussen 60) beat **England** 170 (Wood 43*, Coetzee 3-35, Ngidi 2-26, Jansen 2-35) by 229 runs

By contrast, a resounding vic- tory was just what South Africa needed after their stunning loss to the Netherlands, a non-Test nation.

Earlier, the big-hitting Klaasen struck a six and a four off successive deliveries from fast bowler Mark Wood to complete a 61-ball hundred.

He was eventually out struck 12 fours and four sixes in total.

The Proteas ran riot

Topley took three

wickets but conceded 88 runs in 8.5 overs, with express quick Wood going for 76 in a wicketless seven-overs.

England, who won the toss, had Quinton de Kock caught behind off just the second ball of the innings.

> But opener Reeza Hendricks, who only received a late call-up after Proteas captain Temba Bavuma was ruled out through illness, made 85 and shared a second-wicket stand of 121 with Rassie van der Dussen (60).

Leg-spinner Adil Rashid removed both Van der Dussen and Jansen smashed two successive sixes off Topley full-tosses.

Jansen's fine day leave England 24-3. Maharaj.

England's defeat marked their heaviest ODI loss since a 221-run reverse against Aus-

After Stokes's exit, Gerald Coetzee took two wickets in three balls, England captain Jos Buttler edging to opposing wick-Hendricks, but he etkeeper De Kock and Harry could only watch as Brook lbw for 17 despite a despairing review.

tralia in 2002

South Africa's dominance was summed up when David Willey England open- was brilliantly caught by a diver Jonny Bairstow ing Rabada, running round from fell for 10 before mid-off, to leave England 100-8.

Tailenders Atkinson (35) and continued when he Wood (43 not out) delayed the dismissed Joe Root inevitable before the former and Dawid Malan to was bowled by spinner Keshav

South Africa's Heinrich Klaasen plays a shot

Leclerc takes pole in Texas

as Verstappen slips to sixth

Sri Lanka bring Dutch crashing back to reality at World Cup

AFP | Lucknow

Sadeera Samarawickrama hit an undefeated 91 as Sri Lanka brought the Netherlands crashing back down to World Cup reality yesterday with a five-wicket victory which gave the 1996 champions their first win of the tournament.

The Dutch had stunned South Africa by 38 runs up in the chilly and wet Himalayas on Tuesday, but struggled to contain Sri Lanka in the heat of Lucknow.

Chasing 263 to win, Samarawickrama hit seven boundaries crease with Pathum Nissanka making 54 as Sri Lanka reached their target with 10 balls to

After defeats to South Africa, Pakistan and Australia, the Sri Lankans have their first points on the board in the 10-nation World Cup.

The Netherlands also have one win and three losses from their four games.

"I'm really happy to finish the game. We needed a win," said Samarawickrama.



in a patient 107-ball stay at the Sri Lanka's Sadeera Samarawickrama plays a shot

Scorecard

Sri Lanka 263 for 5 (Samarawickrama 91, Nissanka 54, Dutt 3-44) beat Netherlands 262 (Engelbrecht 70, van Beek 59, Madushanka 4-49, Rajitha 4-50) by five wickets

was spinning, and the fast bowlers were bowling on a good line

Opener Nissanka's half-century came from 52 balls with "When I went in to bat, the nine fours as the 25-year-old

against Pakistan and 61 in the game with Australia.

The Dutch sensed a chance of another shock when Sri Lanka were 104-3 but Samarawickra-Pakistan, steadied the ship in a six. man of the match performance.

The 25-year-old had reached from 68 balls. and length. The plan was to bat his 50 off 53 balls with four boundaries, putting on 77 in a brecht and New Zealand native key fourth wicket stand with Van Beek helped the Dutch re-Charith Asalanka (44).

wicket was not easy. The ball registered his third successive pick of the Dutch bowlers with 130.

I'm really happy to finish the game. We needed a win. When I went in to bat, the wicket was not easy. The ball was spinning, and the fast bowlers were bowling on a good line and length. The plan was to bat deep

SADEERA SAMARAWICKRAMA

Earlier, Sybrand Engelbrecht fifty at this World Cup after 51 and Logan van Beek hit maiden one-day international fifties as the Netherlands recovered from a poor start to post 262.

The 35-year-old Engelbrecht reached his milestone off 65 ma, who made a fine 108 against balls with three fours and one

Van Beek went to his fifty

South African-born Engelcover from 91-6, putting on a Spinner Aryan Dutt was the seventh-wicket partnership of

Ferrari's Monegasque driver Charles Leclerc races during the practice session

harles Leclerc claimed his third pole position of the day's race. season on Friday as Max Verstappen had his best lap delet- qualifying and to take pole poed and slipped to sixth on the sition," said Leclerc. grid in a dramatic qualifying at Grand Prix.

AFP | Austin

The Ferrari driver showed commanding pace as he weekends." clocked a fastest lap in one to outpace McLaren's Lan- team". do Norris by a tenth with resurgent seven-time world enough to get pole position. I champion Lewis Hamilton of know Charles said he made Mercedes taking third.

the second Ferrari ahead of second nevertheless." George Russell in the second enough for pole before it was circuits, said: "I love being track limits at Turn 19.

newly-crowned three-time champion Verstappen's bid for a 50th career victory in Sun-

"I am very happy with my

"It was a really good lap and this weekend's United States the team did a great job. We had a very clean FP1, which is so important on these sprint

Norris described his frontminute and 34.723 seconds row start as a "bonus for the

He said: "I think I was quick a few mistakes, but so did I! Carlos Sainz was fourth in And anyway, I am happy with

Hamilton, who relished the Williams and Verstappen, performance of his car's upwhose late best lap was quick grades at one of his favourite rubbed out after he exceeded here at this circuit and I love the country. This is such an It was the 21st pole position incredibly challenging circuit of Leclerc's career and gives and one of my favourites, up him a chance of frustrating there with Silverstone.

India 'favourites' to win World Cup, says ex-Kiwi skipper Taylor

AFP | Dharamsala

Tndia at home are a "different **⊥** beast" and remain favourites to win the ongoing World Cup, former New Zealand skipper Ross Taylor said yesterday.

The hosts meet fellow unbeaten New Zealand in a marquee clash on Sunday in the Himalayan hill town of Dharamsala, the teams. which will witness a first loss



Ross Taylor

in the tournament for one of

champions India, led by Rohit Taylor said in an International Sharma, have four wins each Cricket Council (ICC) column. with the Kiwis top of the 10team table with a better run- man who retired last year after

"India in their home conditions are a different beast and packed home crowd will bring they have started unsurprisingly the best out of New Zealand. strongly - I see them as favourites to win the competition at a part but I think New Zealand this stage, no matter what hap- will thrive in that atmosphere," New Zealand and former pens in Dharamsala tomorrow," said Taylor.

But Taylor, an aggressive batsbeing part of two World Cups finals in 2015 and 2019, said a

"The crowd will naturally play

Kyrgyzstan, Iran win promotion

Women's national tennis teams from both nations move up to Asia/Oceania Zone Group II for next year's Billie Jean King Cup



Shaikh Abdulaziz bin Mubarak Al Khalifa and Fouad Al Ruwaie, fifth and sixth from left, alongside the Kyrgyzstan and Iran teams with their medals during the awarding

Kyrgyzstan sweep past Oatar 3-0, Iran beat Laos 3-0 in final match-ups of 2023 Billie Jean King Cup Asia/ Oceania Zone Group III event in Bahrain

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Group II in next year's Billie

Jean King Cup tennis compe- BTF president Shaikh Abdulaziz

The pair secured their qualification berths after finishing as the top two women's national respective finishes in Bahrain. squads in this year's 2023 Billie Also on hand was BTF secretary Jean King Cup Asia/Oceania general Fouad Al Ruwaie. Zone Group III event, held this past week in the Kingdom at the Bahrain Tennis Federation (BTF) hard courts in Isa Town.

'yrgyzstan and Iran yes- in their final round match-up, Mubaraka Al Naimi. terday won promotion while Iran claimed a hardfor Asia/Oceania Zone earned 3-0 victory against Laos. completed the sweep after de-

In Kyrgyzstan's victory,

Vladislava Andreevskava beat Khadija Gassama 6-0, 6-0 in the opening singles contest. Ari-Kyrgyzstan claimed their na Solomatina then followed place after defeating Oatar 3-0 suit with a 6-2, 6-4 win against

bin Mubarak Al Khalifa awarded

the Kyrgyzstan and Iran players

their respective medals for their

Vladislava and Arina then Following yesterday's action, feating Khadija and Mubaraka



Bahrain were hosts for the second time of their Billie Jean King Cup Asia/Oceania Zone group. Fourteen women's national tennis teams competed this year. The Billie Jean King Cup is a leading global tournament between national teams in women's tennis

6-1, 6-0 in their doubles clash and thus sealed their promotion.

Khabibrakhmanova, while the 6-0. Qataris also included Safiya Al Thani, Shaikha Khalifa and Hind Al Mudahka.

but not without a valiant fight thrilling encounter. from their rivals.



Laos star Malaylack Delilah Pathummakuronen in action during her singles match yesterday

Bahrain also featured Safina Phonephathep Philavong 6-0,

claimed the narrowest of vic- katolzahra Safi, while Laos also tories following a fierce battle had Thirada Phommachack and In the tightly contested match- with Malaylack Delilah Pathumup between Iran and Laos, the makuronen. Yasaman triumphed Iranians came out triumphant 7-6 (8-6), 6-7 (6-8), 7-6 (7-4) in a

The Kyrgyzstan team in Iran's Nili Atfi outclassed Laos' ni claimed a 6-0, 6-2 win against Malaylack and Phonephathep.

> Iran's squad at this year's event Yasaman Yazdani then in Bahrain also featured Mesh-Phonesamai Champamanivong.

The Billie Jean King Cup is a leading global tournament between national teams in wom-In their doubles match, Hana en's tennis. The competition in In the first singles match, Soltani and Kimia Sagheb Tehra- the Kingdom was a zonal event.

Da Costa Jr scores late winner for Najma

Brazilian heads home decisive goal in Najma's 2-1 win over East Riffa

Najma claim third win in four games, move to top of league table

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 ${
m E}$ dimar Ribeiro Da Costa Junior scored a late winner last night to help lift Al Najma to a come-from-behind 2-1 win over East Riffa to kick off the 2023/2024 Nasser bin Hamad Bahrain Premier Football

Da Costa Jr scored with six minutes left in regular time to the new season.

Earlier in the contest, Ahmed Koury and Mohammed Al Rumaihi were on target for their respective sides.

East Riffa in the 13th minute went to second with nine mark-kick off at 7pm.



fourth week of action in the Easf Riffa's Jassim Khelaif looks to keep possession during their match against Najma last night

alty area, but then Al Rumaihi

give Najma their third win of ta Jr's decisive goal, which he evening. Tonight, Sitra face off headed in off a corner kick.

Riffa, who led the standings Busaiteen. Koury opened the scoring for heading into yesterday's match,

with a goal from inside the peners following their first loss.

League action continues toequalised just nine minutes on. night and tomorrow with two That set the stage for Da Cos- matches on the cards each with Manama and Al Hala take With the result, Najma im- on Hidd. Tomorrow, Al Ahli proved to 10 points and rose to play Muharraq and defending the top of the league table. East champions Al Khaldiya take on

All games are scheduled to

2 Seas in top five for British GT finale

Ian Loggie, Jules Gounon qualify third on the grid in 2 Seas' #1 car

James Cottingham, Philip Ellis take fifth in team's #4 **Mercedes AMG-GT3**

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 ${f B}$ ahraini-British motor racing team 2 Seas Motorsport qualified both their cars in the top five yesterday for the final round of the Intelligent Money British GT Championship 2023.

2 Seas' Ian Loggie and Jules Gounon, driving the team's #1 claimed third place on the starting grid for today's two-hour race, while teammates James Cottingham and Philip Ellis, behind the wheel of 2 Seas' #4 challenger, took the fifth starting position.

2 Seas, co-owned by His Highness Shaikh Isa bin Abdulla bin Hamad Al Khalifa, already secured their historic first-ever GT3 Teams title in the previous meeting at Brands Hatch circuit last month, and are now hoping to take the drivers' crown at today's season-finale at Donington Park in the UK.

Cottingham and regular 2 a 3pm start, Bahrain time. Seas partner Jonny Adam are currently the leaders for the tingham holds a 13-point lead GT3 Drivers Championship but on the Drivers' Championship Adam is competing this week- standings ahead of Darren Leend in the European Le Mans

Today's race is scheduled for have the additional challenge Oulton Park.



 $Mercedes \ AMG-GT3 \ contender, \quad \textbf{Seas' \#1 car in action during yesterday's qualifying}$

Heading into what has been dubbed as "the **Donington Decider**", 2 Seas have won four of the eight races this **British GT season**

Heading into the finale, Cotung and Dan Harper of Century Motorsport. Leung and Harper

of overcoming a 20-seconds Compensation Time penalty today, accrued for winning at Brands Hatch.

In the British GT's previous meeting, 2 Seas scored enough points on the GT3 Teams Championship standings to wrap up the title race with a round to spare.

Heading into what has been dubbed as "the Donington Decider", 2 Seas have won four of the eight races this British GT season. Cottingham and Adam claimed three of those triumphs, which included races at Autodromo do Algarve in Portugal in round seven, Oulton Park in round one and at Donington Park in round four. Loggie and Gounon triumphed the other time in the championship's second round, also at

Zarco wins Australian MotoGP thriller, Bagnaia second

AFP | Phillip Island

 $F^{
m rance}$'s Johann Zarco won a thrilling Australian MotoGP yesterday with a last-lap overtake to clinch a maiden victory ahead of Italian Francesco Bagnaia, who stretched his world championship lead.

world title contender Jorge his factory Ducati. Martin in a nail-biting finale



Johann Zarco

The Ducati-Pramac ace to take the chequered flag just passed fading teammate and 0.201secs clear of Bagnaia on

"I was surprised to see Mar-

tin dropping down, so I thought something was possible," said 33-year-old Zarco after finally winning in his 120th grand prix.

"To cross in first after so many races, it is really high emotion. I don't want to cry at the moment, but I think it will come.

"This is a track that everyone loves, and if you can win here you feel like you are part of the big guys," he added.