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# A moment of glory

Saudi Arabia celebrates 94th National Day today with pride and legacy of unprecedented progress



## Bahrain congratulates Saudi on glorious occasion



HM the King



HRH Prince Salman



HRH Prince Mohammed



King Salman

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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, sent cables of con-

gratulations to King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, on Saudi Arabia's National Day.

HM the King and HRH Prince Salman highlighted Saudi Arabia's development and pros-

perity, under the leadership of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques.

HM King Hamad commended the strong Bahrain-Saudi relations and underscored the Kingdom's commitment to further advancing cooperation

within their strategic partnership.

HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister sent a similar cable to the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, HRH Prince Mohammed bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud.

**Shared joy, strong ties: Bahrain joins festivities honouring decades of friendship**

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Today, Saudi Arabia will celebrate its 94th National Day.

This national occasion arrives as the Kingdom stands in a position of glory, achieving one accomplishment after another through clear development plans grounded in a comprehensive national vision.

This vision, spearheaded by Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud and His Royal Highness Prince Mohammed bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, Crown Prince and Prime Minister, aims at fostering growth and prosperity, and establishing the nation as a beacon on the global stage.

The progress the Kingdom is experiencing today is a continuation of the legacy crafted by the great and wise leader, King Abdulaziz bin Abdulrahman Al Saud, who is credited, after Allah Almighty, with founding a state whose flag proclaims monotheism, and whose constitution is the Holy Quran and the Sunnah of Prophet Muhammad, peace and blessings be upon him.

The Kingdom enjoys se-

curity, safety, and stability, with the objective of building a progressive state with influential power both locally and internationally. His righteous sons carried on the journey after him, allowing the Kingdom to flourish in this prosperous era under the leadership of Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud and HRH the Crown Prince.

Proud of their country's achievements and to build on its successes, citizens and residents alike commemorate this joyous occasion under a wise leadership that uses all means to secure their comfort and prosperity, and that continues to steer the country toward a bright future.

This report recalls the life of King Abdulaziz who, on September 23, 1932, unified the scattered parts and splintered tribes of the Arabian Peninsula and established the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, an Islamic state with the Holy Quran and the Prophet Sunnah as its constitution.

According to King Abdulaziz Foundation for Research and Archives' (Darrah) records,

King Abdulaziz was born in Riyadh in 1293 AH. At the age of seven, he was taught reading and writing. At the age of 10, several scholars and tutors were assembled by his father, Imam Abdulrahman bin Faisal, to teach him the fundamentals of Islam and equestrian skills.

King Abdulaziz was greatly influenced by his courageous father and his mother, Princess Sarah Al-Sudairi, who was known for her wisdom and intellect.

He had a close relationship with his brothers Khaled, Faisal, Fahd and Mohammed, and an even closer one with his sister, Princess Noura.

King Abdulaziz had seen and been through many events in his life that sharpened his character and taught him patience, strength and statesmanship.

Some historians consider his (forced) departure from Riyadh in 1308 Hijri, along with his father and some members of his



family, to have been the most difficult time of his life.

The family first settled in the Yabrin oasis, in Al-Ahsa, then moved to Bahrain, and later to Kuwait where they stayed for several years.

Throughout this time, King Abdulaziz was determined to recapture the city that was once

held by his forefathers.

He was in his twenties when he left Kuwait, on the fifth of Ramadan 1319 AH, for Riyadh at the head of an army.

On the fourth day of Shawwal 1319 AH, King Abdulaziz and his

men reached Al-Shaqib district, ninety-minutes away from Riyadh on foot. From there, they headed to Riyadh, where he restored things to order after a heated battle that did not last long, turning a page on the past of Riyadh and announcing the beginning of a prosperous era.

The people and notables of Riyadh pledged allegiance to him as Amir of Najd and Imam of its people in 1320 AH.

After this great victory, political stability was restored after years of turmoil, and the unity of government played a significant role in paving the way for Riyadh to enter a new era of growth and prosperity.

After enduring a difficult journey, King Abdulaziz united the country, restore security and confront the chaos that prevailed in the Arabian Peninsula.

## Remarkable accomplishments

Holding the Joint Arab-Islamic Extraordinary Summit in Riyadh.

Holding the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) and Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Riyadh Summit.

Holding Saudi-African Summit in Riyadh.

Signing an agreement with the People's Republic of China, through which the Kingdom becomes a major tourist destination for Chinese tourists.

Opening the Country's First-Ever Car Manufacturing Facility by Lucid Group.

Establishing an automotive manufacturing plant in Saudi Arabia through a PIF-Hyundai Motor Company joint venture agreement.

Signing a joint venture agreement to establish a leading tire

manufacturing facility in Saudi Arabia. Winning the bid to host Expo 2030 in Riyadh.

Announcing discoveries of natural gas in the Eastern Region and the Empty Quarter.

Announcing Leyja, NEOM's latest sustainable tourism destination.

Launching 'Ardara' with the development of 'AlWadi' in Abha as a flagship project.

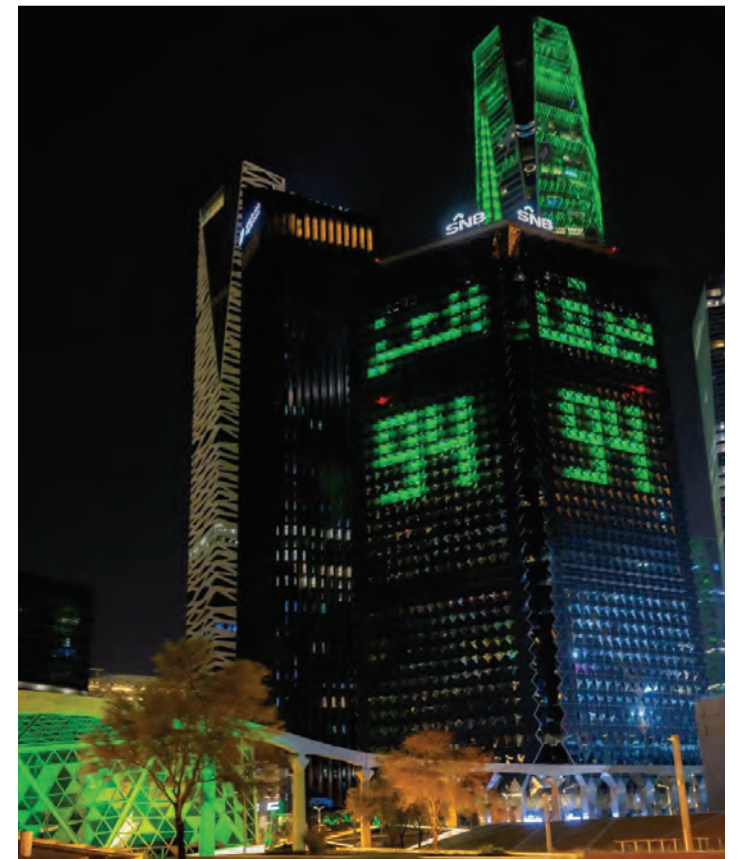
Launching the master plan for the new Abha International Airport.

Joining the International Transport Forum (ITF) council.

Securing 27 Awards in science and engineering at ISEF.

Publishing Saudi Arabia's official FIFA World Cup™ 2034 bid book.

Hosting the Esports World Cup in Riyadh.



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# BRAVE CF celebrates tremendous achievements on its Anniversary

BRAVE Combat Federation, founded by His Highness Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa, on September 23, 2016, celebrates its eighth anniversary this week. BRAVE CF is the first sports media startup organization from Bahrain that has globalized to 34 countries, and has broken multiple records during these eight years. Outside of becoming the most global MMA organization, as the only one to host shows in 34 nations in five continents, BRAVE CF is also the most traveled organization in Europe, with 15 European nations hosting shows, and

the co-leader for most countries traveled in Asia, with 13, while remaining the only global MMA company to hosts shows in Africa.

The organization also boasts its impact in the development of sports in Bahrain, and became the official partners of the International Mixed Martial Arts Federation for the development of amateur MMA.

“BRAVE CF has become the backbone for mixed martial arts in the world and Bahrain. Since hosting the first amateur World Championships in 2017 in Bahrain, BRAVE CF created a new

brand, the BRAVE International Combat Week, hosting a total of three World Championships, Asian Championships, and also the biggest IP for amateur MMA, the first-ever MMA Super Cup”, stated Mohammed Shahid, President of BRAVE CF.

The BRAVE International Combat Week was exported to the world and was hosted in Serbia, Colombia, and Pakistan, firmly placing Bahrain on the global map.

“This made a major impact in Bahraini MMA, and due to this, we have been ranked the number one team in the world, Bahrain holds the

presidency for Asian MMA Federation and has secured a seat at the board of the global governing body for MMA. We have also developed skilled professionals from the Kingdom of Bahrain in all areas of the sporting industry, such as referees, judges, and operational teams. Today, Bahrain is the official operations team for the International Mixed Martial Arts Federation”, explained Mohammed Qamber, president of the Bahrain MMA Federation on the impact of the BICW on Bahrain MMA scene.

BRAVE CF is a media conglomerate, that is broad-

casted to over 160 countries and 800 million households, and has today become the largest sports media property in the Middle East.

“BRAVE CF is the face of Bahrain sports economy, that is contributing directly to the Kingdom’s 2030 vision. Our organization has been at the forefront of digitalization, with some of the newest technologies in sports and media, the first FAST channel for combat sports, and BRAVE TV has become a destination for combat sports content. BRAVE CF today is the most attractive sports investment opportunity in

the region, with the organization diversifying into music, movies, merchandising, gyms, and sports media consultation”, said Mr. Shahid.

BRAVE Combat Federation is set to host an incredible three events in Europe in the next month, with a total of four world title fights on the line, as shows in the Netherlands, Slovenia, and Spain are confirmed. Bahrain will be able to enjoy the world-class event on December 13, when BRAVE CF returns home with the expected return of Hamza Kooheji, leading Team Bahrain.

## Bahrain brand that is breaking world records and setting new standards in global sports

BRAVE CF represents the Kingdom of Bahrain at the highest level of sports, having become the most global MMA organization in the world, and breaking world records throughout its eight years in operations.

BRAVE CF is now the world-record holder for most countries hosted by an MMA organization (34), and most

European nations hosted by an MMA organization (15). In Asia, BRAVE CF is the co-owner of the world record for most Asian countries hosted, with 13 in total.

Not only that but BRAVE CF also has been the industry leader in market share in both Europe and Asia having gone to all the regions in each of these continents. BRAVE CF

has also hosted events in five continents.

Its signature flagship program, BRAVE International Combat Week has become the biggest combat sports festival on the planet, going to four countries in three continents in the last years.



## The face of building sports economy in the Kingdom

As the sporting jewel of Bahrain, BRAVE Combat Federation has also been at the forefront of digitalization, leading the efforts in introducing new technologies in sports and media, as well as producing the first FAST channel for combat sports.

BRAVE CF has also been an innovative force by creating BRAVE TV, a destination for world-class combat sports content featuring the organization’s vast library and bringing fans closer to the action.

These initiatives have

contributed in transforming BRAVE CF into the most attractive sports investment opportunity in the region, as the organization continues to diversify its businesses, into movie production, gyms, merchandise, sports media consultation, and many others.



## The largest international media exposure of Bahrain

BRAVE Combat Federation has been relentless in its pursuit of globalization on the media sector as well, having put together a string of very impressive broadcasting deals that have elevated the exposure of the Kingdom of Bahrain.

Today, BRAVE CF live events are available in over 160 countries and territories, with the organization having a household reach of over one billion – which shows how BRAVE CF has transformed itself in the largest media exposure of Bahrain.

As the biggest sports brand from the Kingdom of Bahrain, BRAVE CF proudly displays is Bahraini heritage worldwide and takes the flag of the Kingdom around the globe and to 1 billion households.

## Creating the biggest sports development program

BRAVE Combat Federation has been instrumental in changing the sport of MMA for the better and providing athletes from across the globe with a clear pathway to progress, from grassroots all the way to professional stardom.

BRAVE CF has also worked diligently to create a system that empowers the combat sports industry on a local, regional, and global level. Wherever it goes, BRAVE CF makes sure to share expertise in various areas of develop-

ment of a true industry and is instrumental in creating local and regional awareness for the progress of the sport.

Alongside this, BRAVE CF is always keen to empower the media sectors, as well as bringing new solutions in various departments of the MMA industry, from coaching, judging, training, to management, event operations, and other sectors.

## Launching an industry changing sports project : BNL

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to athletes and fans. The BRAVE National League is set to push the sport of mixed martial arts into the 21st century, and its approach will bring dividends to the entire industry, elevating it to levels never seen before.

## Team Bahrain gearing up for BRAVE CF Bahrain event on 13th December



BRAVE Combat Federation will return to Bahrain for the big year-end event on December 13, as BRAVE CF 92 takes over the Kingdom with world-class superstars taking on top athletes from around the region, including a strong

contingent of professional stars from Bahrain.

Led by the iconic Hamza Kooheji, Team Bahrain will look to continue its development into one of the top nations for professional

MMA, with several young superstars coming out of the amateur scene to represent the Kingdom in the world’s most global MMA promotion.

Hamza Kooheji is expected to lead the team as he will make

the return from injury to prove why he’s widely considered not just as Bahrain’s finest but also as the best Bantamweight in the history of the Middle East.

## Proposal to make big firms train Bahrainis rejected

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In a memo submitted to the Parliament, the government has highlighted the success of the 'Furas' (Opportunities) programme for unemployed jobseekers, while simultaneously rejecting a proposed law that would mandate large companies to train Bahraini nationals.

The government reported that over 250 companies and commercial entities have joined the 'Furas' programme since the beginning of 2024, bringing the total number of participating companies to 600 since its inception four years ago.

It believes that the objective of the proposed law is already achieved through existing legislation in Bahrain.

The government emphasised that the 'Furas' programme, funded by the Labour Fund, Tamkeen, has successfully integrated a significant number of jobseekers across various fields, specializations, and qualifications.

### Stipends

The programme provides monthly stipends to trainees, who undergo a full year of on-

the-job training, along with unemployment insurance benefits.

The government highlighted the programme's objective of providing trainees with practical experience and professional skills necessary for successful job integration.

"The programme aims to encourage companies to invest in training Bahraini graduates and equip them with the skills needed to thrive in the workforce," the memo explained.

### Programmes

The government further stated that it has implemented various programmes to train and qualify Bahraini workers and jobseekers, enhancing their skills and competitiveness in the labour market.

"The Ministry of Labour plays a crucial role in recommending jobseekers to participate in these programmes, which are funded by Tamkeen.

Thousands of jobseekers have benefited from these training programmes, equipping them with essential skills to increase their employment opportunities and competitiveness," the memo concluded.

## CPR overhaul 'unnecessary'

Government opposes bill linking non-Bahraini CPR card validity to residency duration

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A bill seeking to tie the validity of the Central Population Registry (CPR) card to residency duration has encountered resistance from the government, which maintains that existing laws adequately address the issue without the need for new legislation.

The government expressed reservations regarding this parliamentary initiative, which aims to tighten control over irregular labour and restrict access to government and banking services, with the intention of enhancing financial returns to the public purse.

In its explanatory note, the government argues that the bill is unnecessary, stating, "There is no doubt that the legislator formulates legal rules to establish new provisions for a perceived benefit, not merely to reaffirm existing meanings and provisions."

It insists that legislative measures should introduce new elements rather than reiterate what is already established.

The government emphasises



CPR, Bahrain's identity card

the importance of reassessing current laws relevant to the issues the bill seeks to address.

The proposed legislation targets the CPR cards of non-Bahraini residents, linking their validity to their residency period.

However, such provisions are already encompassed within the executive regulations of the Identity Card Law from 2007, which outlines the validity and issuance conditions for these cards.

Articles 12 and 13 specify the circumstances under which identity cards must be returned

or cancelled.

### Regulations

According to the government, the existing regulations ensure that CPR card holders must be legally residing in Bahrain, a fundamental condition for both issuance and renewal.

It cautions that tying the validity of CPR cards to varying residency durations could lead to practical complications, particularly regarding discrepancies with driving licences and residency visas.

Moreover, the Information

and eGovernment Authority (iGA) automatically suspends the activation of CPR cards upon notification of residency cancellation, ensuring that those who violate residency conditions cannot access essential services.

### Inconsistencies

The government also highlights potential inconsistencies within the proposed bill, noting that certain residency types, such as Golden Residency Visa, extend for 10 years, while identity cards for non-Bahraini residents would only be valid for five.

This disparity contradicts the principles underpinning the Identity Card Law, which seeks to maintain legislative effectiveness while allowing flexibility to adapt to changes in the labour market.

Ultimately, the government advocates for the retention of the current framework, which permits adjustments through executive regulations without the need for new laws.

This approach allows for swift administrative responses to the evolving dynamics of the labour market.

## Support for jobless faces reality check

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A parliamentary proposal to shift funding for the Unemployment Fund from payroll deductions to value-added tax (VAT) revenues has prompted a stark warning from the government.

Officials argue that this change could destabilise the unemployment insurance system and exacerbate the strain on the state budget.

The bill seeks to eliminate unemployment insurance deductions from insured individuals and allocate 1% of VAT revenues to the Unemployment Fund.

The government argues that this approach undermines the core principles of the unemployment insurance system, effectively turning it into a social security scheme that could jeopardise the public budget.

In its explanatory note, the government highlighted that the constitution requires the state to provide necessary social security for citizens facing



various challenges, including unemployment.

This duty supports the principles of social solidarity that are vital for society.

The government stated: "The state does not solely bear the requirements of social insurance, nor can it alone shoulder its burdens without others," stressing the importance of beneficiaries contributing to the funding through their subscriptions.

The unemployment insurance system, established under Decree-Law No. 78 of 2006, aims to provide a steady income for

those who find themselves unemployed.

### Monthly wages

Contributions come from both insured individuals and their employers, each contributing 1% of wages monthly.

The Labour Fund (Tamkeen) covers the employer's share for private sector workers, while the government contributes 1% of the insured individuals' wages. Although initially designed to include first-time job seekers, the system relies on social solidarity among contributors.

The government cautioned that removing the 1% salary deduction for unemployment insurance would disrupt the insurance framework, effectively converting it into a state-funded social security system. It reiterated that VAT, as a non-oil revenue source, funds the state budget without earmarking revenues for specific purposes.

Article 13 of the Public Budget Law specifies that state revenues should cover all public expenditures without assigning funds for particular uses unless legally mandated.

As a result, allocating VAT revenues to the Unemployment Fund alongside government contributions would duplicate funding sources, potentially reducing overall VAT revenues and worsening the budget deficit.

This scenario could threaten the kingdom's economic stability, especially given the existing pressures on the public budget from financial balancing programmes aimed at reducing deficits.

## Bank layoffs spark urgent action from lawmakers

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MPs acted swiftly after a bank's decision to dismiss 40 staff members incited widespread anger, ultimately cutting the figure to 26.

Emergency meetings led by Second Deputy Speaker Ahmed Qarata brought to light pressing labour issues and the necessity of safeguarding workers' rights amid growing job insecurity.

Qarata and his colleagues voiced their concerns about the layoffs, collaborating with the Minister of Labour to seek prompt solutions.

This included initiatives to reinstate the dismissed employees with enhanced benefits and measures to prevent similar occurrences in the future.

Qarata also advocated for ongoing discussions with the bank's management to avert arbitrary dismissals.

He stressed the need to protect the rights of Bahraini



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MP AHMED QARATA, SECOND DEPUTY SPEAKER

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Preserving workers' benefits, he noted, is vital for maintaining healthy relations between employers and employees.

## Bahrain suffers \$30 million in damages as cyberattacks surge in Gulf

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Cybersecurity experts have warned that businesses in Bahrain and the wider Gulf region are facing a surge in cyberattacks, resulting in significant financial losses.

In 2023, Bahrain alone incurred an estimated \$30 million in damages due to cyberattacks, while the Gulf region saw losses ranging from \$1.5 to \$3 billion.

Globally, the estimated cost of cyberattacks is between \$6 and \$10 trillion.

Hamza Al Ghatam, CEO of FACEKI, an anti-fraud company, highlighted that Bahrain was

among the most targeted countries for malware attacks in the first quarter of 2024, according to a cyber threat report by Acronis, which tracks cyberattacks worldwide, including the Middle East.

Al Ghatam pointed out that financial institutions were particularly vulnerable to cyberattacks, raising concerns about cybersecurity.

### Data breach

"The International Monetary Fund (IMF) reported that approximately 20% of reported cyber incidents globally have targeted the global financial sector,



Hamza Al Ghatam, CEO of FACEKI

resulting in direct losses of \$12 billion since 2020," he stated, adding: "The average cost of a data breach in the GCC region is \$6.93 million per incident, significantly higher than the global



Mahmoud Al Adraj, a businessman

average."

Al Ghatam emphasised the urgent need for robust cybersecurity measures, explaining: "Bahrain continues to face significant challenges, particularly

from phishing and social engineering attacks, which remain prominent fraud tactics."

He further pointed out: "The rise of artificial intelligence (AI) has introduced new complexities, with fraudsters exploiting the technology to launch attacks using deepfake and creating fake identities. This has led to a staggering 2137% increase in AI-powered fraud attempts over the past three years." "However, organisations are not defenseless. They are increasingly relying on AI to combat fraud. AI-powered tools enable real-time activity monitoring, predictive analytics, and machine learning algorithms to

detect and prevent fraudulent activities. This empowers businesses to enhance their fraud detection capabilities and protect their operations and customers from growing cyber threats," he underscored.

Meanwhile, Mahmoud Al Adraj, a businessman, highlighted the significant impact of cyberattacks on businesses.

"These attacks create major challenges, significantly impacting overall performance. Key challenges include financial losses incurred due to fraud or theft of financial data, and costs from data recovery and system repairs," he said.

# No price tag on life

Injecting ethics into new regulations tightening controls on organ transplantation

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New regulations have been introduced to change how organ transplantation works in Bahrain, putting strict controls in place to prevent unethical practices.

These rules prohibit the sale of organs and require clear consent processes to ensure ethical standards are followed.

Her Excellency Dr Jaleela Al Sayed, the Minister of Health, has issued Decision No. 33 of 2024, which outlines the framework for Decree-Law No. (16) of 1998 concerning the transfer and transplantation of human organs.

The new rules state that organ transfers can only happen according to the law.

They explicitly ban any transfers that could confuse family lineage and forbid the buying or selling of organs.

Donors and their families cannot receive any payment for organ transfers, and medical professionals are also prohibited from carrying out transplants if they are aware of these rules.

## Prior approval

According to Article 4, organ transplants can only occur with prior approval from the relevant authority, following specific



procedures set by the Minister.

The regulation specifies which health institutions are allowed to conduct these procedures, with the Minister determining the qualifications required for authorisation based on recommendations from the authority.

A public list will be available, showing which institutions are authorised to handle specific organs.

Article 7 assigns the authority the responsibility to review and inspect these institutions, ensuring they comply with health and safety standards. The authority will have access to medical files to ensure transparency in organ transplantation prac-

tices.

Article 8 sets up a 'Central Committee' to oversee organ transplants in Bahrain.

## Guidelines

This committee will be formed by the Minister in collaboration with the Supreme Council of Health (SCH) and will establish guidelines for organ transfers, especially in urgent situations.

The committee will focus on key issues, such as ensuring all necessary medical tests are conducted, regulating organ exchanges, confirming that transplants are essential for the recipient's survival, and checking compatibility between donor

and recipient.

Article 10 prohibits the transfer of any organ from a living person if it could cause serious harm or death, even if consent is given.

Article 11 requires that both the donor and recipient receive clear information about the procedures and risks from a specialised medical committee.

## Record

This information must be shared in two separate sessions, and both parties must sign a record kept by the health institution.

The regulation also addresses organ transfer after death. Chapter Six states that any organ may only be removed after death is confirmed by a committee of at least three doctors, including a neurologist.

Finally, Article 13 allows for the transfer of organs from deceased individuals for transplantation, provided the Central Committee approves it, and the deceased did not object during their lifetime or their relatives have given consent afterward.

Article 15 permits the electronic organisation of organ donation agreements, as long as they are witnessed by two qualified individuals.

## Indian Club to Host Vibrant Onam Fest 2024 Celebration

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The Indian Club is set to celebrate its highly anticipated 'Onam Festival 2024', a week-long extravaganza of cultural events, traditional sports, and exciting competitions.

The festival will take place from September 26th to October 4th, at the club's premises, offering a colourful showcase of Kerala's rich heritage.

The festivities will kick off with an official inauguration on Thursday, September 26th, at 7:30 p.m., followed by the 'Onapudava' (traditional Onam costume) competition and a cinematic dance performance.

On Friday, September 27th, the program continues with a 'Payasam' (sweet pudding) competition, followed by 'Chenda Melam' (traditional drumming) competition, and a tug-of-war contest, all starting at 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, September 28th, will feature the 'Thiruvathira' competition, a graceful dance performed by women contestants, followed by the 'Onappattu' (Onam songs) competition, also beginning at 7:30 p.m.

The celebrations extend into the following week, with highlights including the 'Ona Chanda' (traditional Onam market) on Thursday, October 3rd, and a vibrant 'Ghos-

hayatra' (procession) on Friday, October 4th, depicting Kerala's traditional folklore and costumes.

## 'Pookalam' competition

A folk music performance and fusion band Aaravam Bahrain will entertain the crowd later in the evening. Earlier that day, the 'Pookalam' (floral display) competition will take place at 10 a.m.

The grand finale will occur on Friday, October 11th, when the club hosts its famous 'Onasadhya' (traditional Onam feast), serving 2,500 patrons, members, and guests.

The feast will include 29 traditional dishes, all prepared on-site and served on banana leaves.

Participants are encouraged to register for the various competitions, with deadlines ranging from September 24 to October 1. Full details, including coordinator contacts, are available for each event.

## 'Onapudava' competition

The last date for registration for 'Onapudava' competition is September 24th.

For further details, participants can contact the coordinators Josmi at 33714099, Shreeja at 36788183, or Togi Mathew at 36545497.

The 'Payasam' competition is scheduled to be held on September 27th.

## Bahrain Chapter of ICAI to Host Pioneering Conference on Digital Transformation

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The Bahrain Chapter of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (BCICAI) is gearing up to host a landmark event focused on digital transformation.

The conference, set to take place on Thursday, September 26th, at the Gulf Convention Centre, promises to highlight Bahrain's advancements in digitalization, particularly within the financial sector.

BCICAI is organizing the event in collaboration with prestigious knowledge partners: the Bahrain Internal Auditors Association (BIAA) and the Bahrain Chapter of the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners (ACFE).

The conference will showcase Bahrain's digital transformation journey, with a focus on its ripple effects across various industries.

H.E. Shaikh Ahmed bin Mohammed Al Khalifa, Audi-

tor-General of the National Audit Office, Kingdom of Bahrain, will inaugurate the event.

## Guest of honour

H.E. Vinod K. Jacob, Ambassador of India to the Kingdom of Bahrain, will serve as the guest of honour.

A distinguished panel of industry experts will be featured, including Fawaz Ghazal, CEO of FLOOS Bahrain, and Mr. Mahmood Jassim Shaker, Regional Director - Government



H.E. Shaikh Ahmed bin Mohammed Al Khalifa

and Public Sector for the Gulf Region and Saudi Arabia at Dell Technologies.

A special session will be conducted by CA Nishith Seth, Director of SSPL Middle East.

Key topics to be discussed at the conference include Data Analytics, Open Banking and APIs, Cloud Banking, Sustainable Finance, and RegTech.

These discussions will delve into the transformative impact of digital strategies on financial institutions and the broader economic landscape in Bahrain, the region, and beyond.

Since its establishment in 1985, the Bahrain Chapter of ICAI has grown into one of the largest professional bodies in Bahrain, with over 450 members.

The chapter's members play significant roles in decision-making across various industries, audit firms, and consulting organizations throughout the Kingdom.

## EWB unveils captivating collection of Bahraini artworks

### Initiative held in collaboration with BACA

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Exhibition World Bahrain (EWB) unveils a stunning collection of Bahraini artworks in collaboration with the Bahrain Authority for Culture and Antiquities (BACA).

The displayed artworks feature masterpieces by 14 of Bahrain's most renowned artists.

This captivating collection, which spans the main concourse and the exhibition concourse of EWB on creatively installed panels, showcases a diverse range of artistic expressions, from breathtaking landscapes to thought-provoking abstracts.

The official launch event was attended by Dana AlSaad, Deputy CEO for Resources and Projects at the Bahrain Tourism and Exhibitions Authority (BTEA), Farah Mattar, Director General of Cul-



Farah Mattar



Dana Saad



Representatives of Exhibition World Bahrain, Bahrain Authority for Culture and Antiquities, and Bahrain Tourism and Exhibitions Authority at the event

ture and Museums at BACA, as well as fine arts representatives and media personnel.

The renowned roster of Bahraini artists includes Balqees Fakhro, Abbas Al Mosawi, Jaffar AlOraibi, AbdulRahim Sharif, Ali Al Mahmeed, Khalid AlTahmazi, Mariam Fakhro, Shafeeqa AlHermi, Abbas Yousif, Hussain AlSunni, Badeea Bubshait, AbdulElah AlArab, Omar AlRashid and Abdulkarim Al Orrayedh.

EWB continues to reinforce its responsibility towards supporting the local community, espe-

cially advancing cultural trends.

The venue's role extends beyond mere exhibition; it is a pivotal supporter of social and cultural activations. By displaying Bahraini artworks during various events, EWB provides artists with invaluable opportunities to gain exposure, receive international recognition and engage with a new audience. Dana AlSaad, Deputy CEO for Resources and Projects at BTEA, expressed her enthusiasm for the event: "This collection stands as a testament to the extraordinary talent flour-

ishing within the Kingdom. Each piece reflects Bahrain's unique cultural narrative, capturing the essence of our history while embracing the future. It's heartening to see our esteemed artists gaining the recognition they deserve at the Middle East's newest exhibition and convention centre.

"This commitment to cultural promotion is instrumental in bridging local artistic innovations with international trends, fostering cross-cultural exchanges, and enhancing the global visibility of Bahraini art."

## Partnership

Farah Mattar, Director General of Culture and Museums at BACA shared her thoughts on the collaboration: "Our partnership with EWB represents a significant milestone in promoting Bahraini art on a grand stage. This collection not only showcases the exceptional skills of our artists but also reinforces Bahrain's dedication to preserving and highlighting our cultural heritage.

"The artworks displayed at EWB offer a profound glimpse

into the talent of our Kingdom, celebrating both tradition and innovation, while adding an aesthetic touch to the venue."

The exhibited artworks embody a rich tapestry of creativity and cultural depth, demonstrating the diverse talents of Bahrain's leading artists.

This collaboration marks a pivotal moment in the ongoing effort to elevate Bahrain's cultural profile in the MICE industry and provide a platform for its artistic community to shine on an international stage.



LuLu Hypermarket in Juffair celebrates Nepal Fest which was coinciding with the Constitution Day and National Day of Nepal, a week-end of amazing mountain fare from the exotic kitchens of the Himalayan country. Nepal Fest was inaugurated by the Nepali Ambassador to Bahrain, Tirtha Raj Wagle in the presence of Mr. Yusuf Lori, Director of information & Follow-up in the Capital Governorate. They were welcomed by Mr. Juzer Rupawala, Lulu Group Director. On the menu was Nepali Thuppa, a nutritious broth, the globally ocular momos, saag or seasoned greens, mutton taash and sweet kheer. The Ambassador Mr. Wagle commended LuLu's efforts to showcase Nepal's unique culinary heritage. "Nepal is best known for the Himalayas and Mount Everest but we also have an amazing range of flora and fauna and our people are celebrated for their courage and as hard-working contributors to the workforce in Bahrain," he said, "Lulu's Nepal Fest is a springboard to highlight our culinary riches." Mr. Rupawala said the national festivals of LuLu were famous for their immersive experience of the heritage of different countries. "We welcome our Nepali shoppers and the community to join us and share the taste of Nepal," he said, we know that Nepal is the Adventure Tourism capital of the world. This festival introduces a different aspect of the country to Bahrain residents".

## Trafco renews HACCP certification

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Trafco Group, one of Bahrain's leading companies specialized in manufacturing, importing, and distribution of food products, has announced the renewal of its HACCP certification, issued by the global company TUV NORD and accredited by the Emirates Global Accreditation Center.

The renewal of this certification follows a comprehensive review and extensive auditing of the company's food security, and this achievement underscores the company's strategy to maintain the highest level of compliance with HACCP standards, marking the fifth consecutive year of successfully passing the periodic audit. Obtaining this certificate is added to the company's series of achievements and reflecting its strong commitment to achieving sustainability strategy in accordance with the highest international standards.

The Group chief Officer, Mr. Azzam Mouragi, announced



The Group chief Officer, Azzam Mouragi

the renewal of HACCP certification, in reflection to the commitment of the Board of Director and the Executive Management to adopt a strategic criteria ensuring food safety. He added that HACCP is considered an international certificate standards sought after by major companies which enabled organizations and individuals to interact confidently with the group in regard to food security and substantial quality offered.

## Saudi Tourism Revenue Spikes 207% in 2024



Mohammed Darwish TDT | Manama

Saudi Arabia's tourism revenue surged by 207 per cent in 2024, making it a leader in post-pandemic recovery.

The United Nations World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) Barometer for September 2024 shows this remarkable jump in revenue, alongside a 73 per cent rise in international tourist numbers. The Kingdom's growth has outpaced that of other G20 nations, particularly in the first seven months of the year, compared to the same period in 2019, according to a report from the Saudi Press Agency.

Saudi Arabia's tourist hotspots have witnessed a sharp

influx of visitors, with approximately 17.5 million international tourists arriving in the first seven months of 2024 alone. This follows a notable 56 per cent rise in international tourist numbers in 2023, compared to pre-pandemic figures in 2019, when the Kingdom hosted 27.4 million tourists. The Kingdom's rapid growth in tourism placed it at the top of the UNWTO's rankings for international arrivals in 2023, among major global destinations.

In addition to the rising numbers of visitors, the travel account within the balance of payments saw a historic surplus of 48 billion riyals in 2023, reflecting a year-on-year increase of 38 per cent.

## Beyon Money partners with LMRA

To give expatriate employees immediate access to a digital bank card

TDT | Manama

Beyon Money, part of the Beyon Group, has announced a strategic partnership with the Labour Market Regulatory Authority (LMRA) to enhance financial services available for the expatriate employees in the Kingdom of Bahrain.

Through the partnership, new expatriate employees arriving at Bahrain International Airport will have the opportunity to be onboarded to Beyon Money and be provided with an International Bank Account Number (IBAN), with immediate access to a digital bank card. Furthermore, through their new Beyon Money accounts they will have access to great benefits which include low-cost remittance, cashback on purchases, special offers, and much more. Additionally, the employees' salaries will be paid directly to their Be-



Nibras Talib, CEO of LMRA and Chairman of the National Committee for Combatting Trafficking in Persons

yon Money account enabling them to meet their financial requirements.

Nibras Talib, CEO of LMRA and Chairman of the National Committee for Combatting Trafficking in Persons (NCCTIP), emphasized the critical role of private sector partnerships in enhanc-



Beyon Digital Growth CEO Shaikh Mohamed bin Khalifa Al Khalifa

ing the well-being of expatriate employees. He highlighted how collaborations, such as the strategic partnership with Beyon Money, are key to providing secure and reliable financial services that contribute to a safe and stable work environment in the Kingdom of Bahrain. The

partnership with Beyon Money, in particular, will streamline the onboarding process for newly arriving expatriate employees, granting them immediate access to digital banking services and facilitating efficient wage payment transactions and documentation.

Beyon Digital Growth CEO Shaikh Mohamed bin Khalifa Al Khalifa stated, "We are delighted to have Beyon Money partner with the LMRA to support their initiative in facilitating the expatriate employees' financial solutions.

"The range of benefits and services available through the Beyon Money app are ideal for newly arriving employees, enabling them to benefit from excellent financial services and in addition receive their salaries directly to their Beyon Money app," Shaikh Mohamed noted.

## Get it right, make it safe- World patient safety day

TDT | Manama

Middle East Hospital celebrated the World Patient Safety Day on Tuesday. World Patient Safety Day is an opportunity to raise public awareness and foster collaboration between patients, health workers, policymakers and health care leaders to improve patient safety. This year's theme focused on Improving Diagnosis for Patient Safety, using the slogan "Get it right, make it safe!".

The campaign was inaugurated by Najeeb Hamad Al Kawari, Member of Parliament, 6th Con-



stituency, Southern Governorate. As a part of campaign, Poster Competition, On Spot Quiz

Competition and a short skit was presented to present the effect of delay or missed diagnosis to



patient safety. The winners were awarded by the Chief Guest.

During this event, critical im-

portance of correct and timely diagnosis in ensuring patient safety and improving health

outcomes was highlighted. Scientific Models was showcased in booths representing the pathways to reach a timely and accurate diagnosis for patient safety. It started by taking thorough patient history, physical examinations, assessment. Followed by Diagnostic test like laboratory & radiology, next step is the communication between healthcare team and patient reviewing the diagnostic result. Lastly, health practitioner derived to proper and accurate diagnosis and prescribe proper treatment and management for patient safety and improve health outcome.



News in brief

◆ **A blast caused by a gas leak** at an Iranian coal mine has killed at least 51 people, state media said Sunday, in one of the country's deadliest work accidents in years. "The number of dead workers increased to 51" in the explosion at the Tabas mine in eastern Iran, the official IRNA news agency reported, revising an earlier death toll of 30. It added that 20 other people were injured. The explosion occurred at around 9:00 pm (1730 GMT) on Saturday, when around 70 workers were present at the site in South Khorasan province, IRNA said. According to the report, a leak of methane gas led to the blast in two blocks of the mine, which is owned by private Iranian firm Madanjoo.



**Iran blast kills more than 50 mine workers**

◆ **Nine Indian fishermen** are feared dead after their trawler capsized in the Bay of Bengal during a storm, an official told AFP yesterday. The trawler had left from the Sundarbans in West Bengal on Wednesday with 17 men on board, said Surajit Bag, assistant director of fishing in the state government. Eight

were on the deck while nine others were asleep in the cabin below when the storm struck early Saturday near Bagher Char island he told AFP. "The trawler was overwhelmed by high waves and it capsized" he said. Another trawler rescued the eight on deck after they were thrown overboard, he said. "Despite an extensive search, the remaining nine fishermen who were asleep below the deck could not be found. We fear they are dead." An Indian Coast Guard vessel had towed the trawler back to land, where the survivors were in a stable condition, Bag said.



◆ **Malaysian police** said they have arrested hundreds of suspects as

part of an investigation into child abuse at care homes run by an Islamic conglomerate. In what is believed to be the worst such case to hit the country in decades, police said Saturday they had arrested 355 people, including religious studies teachers and caregivers, and rescued more than 400 children. At the heart of the investigation is the Global Ikhwan Service and Business (GISB) group, which has long been controversial for its links to the banned Al-Arqam sect. Police said they had arrested GISB leader Nasiruddin Ali along with 30 other members of the group after carrying out raids on scores of premises, including charity homes, businesses and religious schools. On Tuesday, Malaysia's police chief Razarudin Husain said authorities had frozen 96 accounts linked to the group containing approximately \$124,000 and seized eight vehicles.

**Malaysia arrests hundreds in child abuse probe**



SPOTLIGHT

**US, Bahrain showcase integration across Arabian Peninsula**



TDT | Manama

Ninth Air Force (Air Forces Central)'s 378th Air Expeditionary Wing executed Ballast Cannon 24.10 alongside the Royal Bahraini Air Force, on Wednesday, above the Arabian Peninsula.

As a routine exercise occurring nearly quarterly with the Royal Bahraini Air Force, this iteration supports the U.S. Air Force's rapid expeditionary capabilities by integrating air-to-air training objectives between the Royal Bahraini Air Force and U.S. Air Force aircraft and operational support personnel.

U.S. Air Force F-16 Fighting Falcons assigned to Aviano Air Base's 510th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron and a KC-135 Stratotanker from Fairchild's 92nd Expeditionary Air Re-

fueling Squadron deployed to exercise and maintain rapid response to crises and eliminate aerial threats. The bilateral training focuses on strengthening the bonds between coalition forces and building a foundation for future engagements in support of the Combined Defense of the Arabian Peninsula. The training objectives benefiting both nations include, aerial refueling, coalition command and control, and tactical integration.

The long-standing relationships the U.S. Air Force has developed within the U.S. Central Command area of responsibility enables regular and routine training, advancing the coalition's ability to become a seamless operational force across every warfighting domain.

# Military escalation not in Israel's 'best interest': White House

● **Hezbollah deputy chief says in 'new phase' of battle with Israel**

● **Hamas hails Hezbollah 'bravery' after strikes on Israel**

● **European Union says it is 'extremely' concerned by escalation in Lebanon**

● **UN chief warns of risk of transforming Lebanon into 'another Gaza'**

● **'Clear' that neither side of Gaza war interested in ceasefire: UN chief**

● **Israel forces raid Al Jazeera TV in West Bank, order 45-day closure**

● **Netanyahu says Israel has 'landed a series of blows on Hezbollah'**

AFP | Washington, United States

A regional military escalation is not in Israel's "best interest," White House National Security spokesman John Kirby said yesterday, as heightening cross-border tensions between Israel and Lebanon have led to fears of an all-out war. "We don't believe that escalating this military conflict is in



Palestinians transport a body during a funeral after an Israeli strike on a school housing displaced Palestinians in Gaza City's Zaytoon neighbourhood

their best interest," Kirby said on ABC's "This Week," adding that the United States was "saying this directly to our Israeli counterparts."

"The tensions are much higher now than they were even just a few days ago," Kirby said. But he added that "we still believe that there can be time and space for a diplomatic solution here and that's what we're working on."

The overnight rocket fire reached Kiryat Bialik on the edge of north Israel's biggest city Haifa, leaving a building in flames, another pockmarked with shrapnel, and vehicles incinerated.

The attacks follow a Friday air strike on Beirut that killed 45 people -- including Hezbollah commanders -- and deadly blasts of communication devices across Lebanon earlier in the week that left 39 dead and almost 3,000 wounded.

Israel has signaled its intention to turn its focus to Hezbollah after nearly a year of cross-border fire that began in October, after the Palestinian armed group Hamas launched an unprecedented raid on Israel that precipitated its

war in Gaza. "We've been working since the beginning of this conflict, October 8th and on, to try to prevent an escalation, to prevent a broadening of this conflict there in and around Israel, but also in the region," Kirby said.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu earlier in the day vowed to return residents of northern Israel displaced by nearly a year of fighting near their homes.

An escalating war is "certainly not going to be in the best interest of all those people that

said in a statement, calling for a "ceasefire" along the demarcation line separating them, "as well as in Gaza."

"Another Gaza"

United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres warned yesterday of the risk of transforming Lebanon into "another Gaza," as hostilities flare between Israel and Lebanese armed group Hezbollah.

"What concerns me (is) the possibility of transforming Lebanon (into) another Gaza," Guterres said on CNN ahead of the annual gathering of world leaders at the UN, referring to the Palestinian territory where war has raged since last October.

**New phase battle**

Hezbollah deputy chief Naim Qassem said yesterday his group was in a "new phase" in its battle against Israel.

"We have entered a new phase, namely an open reckoning" with Israel, Qassem said at the funeral ceremony of a senior Hezbollah commander killed in an Israeli strike on Friday.

"Threats will not stop us... We are ready to face all military possibilities," he said, in the first comments from a senior group official since the strike on Beirut's southern suburbs killed Ibrahim Aqil, the head of Hezbollah's elite Radwan Force.

**Israel raids Al Jazeera**

Meanwhile, Armed and masked Israeli forces raided the office of global news channel Al Jazeera in the occupied West Bank yesterday and issued a 45-day closure order.

It was the latest salvo in a long-running feud between the Arab broadcaster and Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's government which has worsened during the war in Gaza.

Israel's military said on Sunday the Ramallah office was closed because it was "used to incite terror" and "support terrorist activities", and because Al Jazeera's broadcasts endangered Israel's security.

"The channel's offices have been sealed and its equipment has been confiscated," a military statement said.

The Qatar-funded channel said in a statement it "vehemently condemns and denounces this criminal act".

It rejected what it called "unfounded allegations presented by Israeli authorities to justify these illegal raids".

**Series of blows**

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said yesterday that Israel had "landed a series of blows on Hezbollah" after a night of intense cross-border fire and attacks this week in Lebanon.

"In recent days, we have landed a series of blows on Hezbollah that it could have never imagined. If Hezbollah did not get the message, I assure you it will get the message," Netanyahu said in a statement.

"No country can tolerate attacks on its citizens, attacks on its cities. And we, the State of Israel, will not tolerate it either," he said, vowing to return residents of northern Israel displaced by nearly a year of fighting to their homes.

**TOP 4 TWEETS**  
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I'm deeply grateful for the voice, knowledge and leadership of our SDG Advocates. The world has what it takes to build a healthier, safer and more prosperous future, but we must accelerate action for the #GlobalGoals. We don't have a moment to lose.  
 @antonioguterres

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After programmes in Delaware, landed in New York. Eager to be among the diaspora at the community programme in the city and to take part in other programmes.  
 @narendramodi

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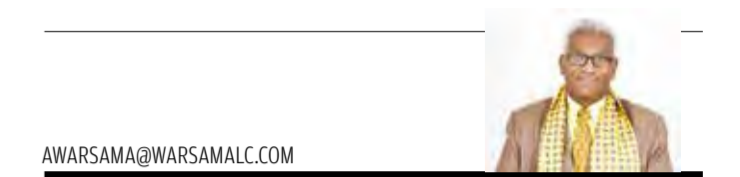
Productive meeting with officials from Italy, Germany, France, and the UK. We discussed the importance of achieving a ceasefire in Gaza, sustained support for Ukraine, and decisive action on Iran. We're united in our commitment to these critical issues.  
 @SecBlinken

04

The only thing stopping the California government and overbearing regulatory agencies from being even worse is that people and companies can move out of state. If the machine behind the Kamala puppet wins this election, the whole country will be far worse than California is  
 @elonmusk

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**LEGAL VIEWPOINT**  
**Challenge for arbitrators**



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"Arbitration is the will of the parties", a very important slogan that shows the relation between arbitration and the free choice of the parties to opt for arbitration for the settlement of their dispute. This is clearly shown in the right of the parties to appoint the arbitrators or challenge their appointment due to certain instances that could affect the performance of the arbitrator. The good known management principle of "hire and fire" applies here.

With reference to the appointment of the parties, the UNICTRAL model law on international commercial arbitration provides for all necessary details regarding the appointment of the arbitrators, taking in consideration that this is a very sensitive technical step that supports and boosts steady fast successful arbitration.

Likewise, the rules also specifically refer to the grounds of "challenge for arbitrators". In this connection, when a person is approached in connection with his possible appointment as an arbitrator, he/she shall disclose any circumstances that are likely to give rise to justifiable doubts as to his impartiality or independence.

Impartiality and independence of the arbitrators are presumed as the main pillars in the arbitration profession. Any arbitrator, from the time of his/her appointment and throughout the arbitral proceedings, shall without any delay disclose any such circumstances related to impartiality and independence to the parties, unless they have already been informed \ disclosed of such instances by him.

An arbitrator shall always be free from any pressures or influence from the parties, as long as he/she is doing his role in honesty within the required professional and ethical standards. However, an arbitrator may be challenged only if circumstances exist that give rise to justifiable doubts as to his \ her impartiality or independence, or if he/she does not possess the qualifications agreed to by the parties.

A party may challenge an arbitrator appointed by him, or in whose appointment he/she has participated, only for reasons of which he/she becomes aware after the appointment has been made. By all means, this authority by any party shall be exercised very carefully and far away from personal differences or grudges.

Regarding the challenge procedure, the parties are free to agree on a procedure for challenging an arbitrator, subject to and according to certain provisions provided for in the rules. Failing such agreement, a party who intends to challenge an arbitrator shall, within fifteen days after becoming aware of the constitution of the arbitral tribunal or after becoming aware of any other circumstances, send a written statement of the reasons for the challenge to the arbitral tribunal. Unless the challenged arbitrator withdraws from his office or the other party agrees to the challenge, the arbitral tribunal shall decide on the challenge.

If a challenge under any procedure agreed upon by the parties or under the mentioned procedures in the rules, is not successful, the challenging party may request within thirty days after having received notice of the decision rejecting the challenge, the court or other authority specified in the rules, to decide on the challenge, which decision shall be subject to no appeal, while such a request is pending, the arbitral tribunal, including the challenged arbitrator, may continue the arbitral proceedings and make an award.

No doubt, certain facts may emerge that make the challenge very necessary. Therefore, the rules cover such challenge and how to go within. This could be very essential to achieve justice and equity and to keep the arbitration profession clean from those who may be working to achieve personal gains at the cost of justice. All shall be aware during the arbitration process and all are obliged to follow suit.

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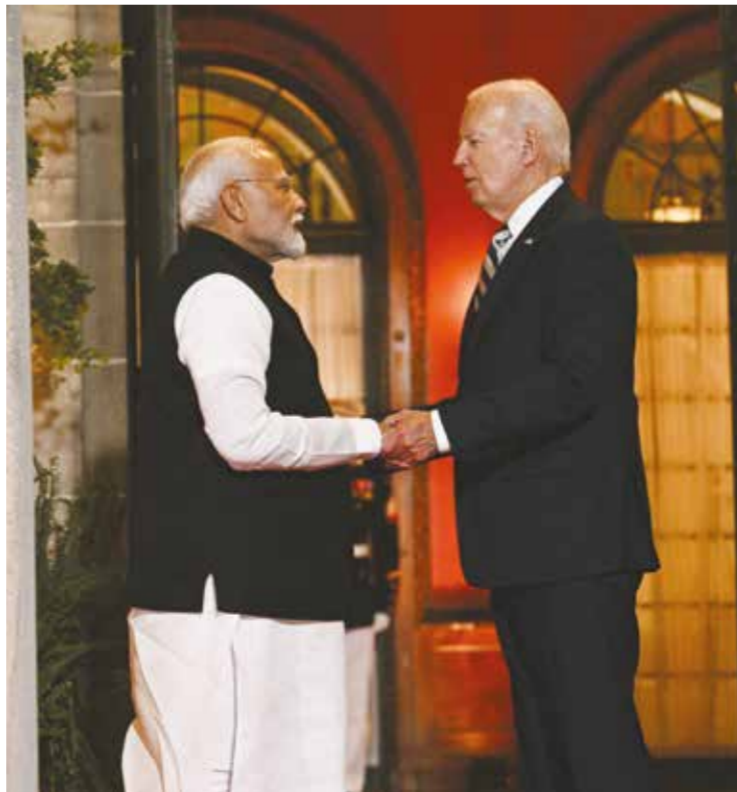
In their joint statement after the summit, the four leaders made no direct mention of China, even as they expressed concern over tensions on its borders. "We are seriously concerned about the situation in the East and South China Seas," their declaration said.

**Biden says China 'testing us,' in hot mic remarks to Quad allies**

AFP | Wilmington, United States

US President Joe Biden was caught on a hot mic Saturday telling the leaders of Australia, India and Japan that an aggressive China is "testing us," in remarks that risked undercutting a summit declaration that carefully avoided mentioning Beijing by name.

The comments came as Biden



US President Joe Biden bids farewell to Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the end of the Quadrilateral Summit at the Archmere Academy in Wilmington, Delaware

opened a farewell summit in his hometown of Wilmington, Delaware with Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida and Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese. "China continues to behave aggressively, testing us all across the region," Biden was heard in what were supposed to be behind-closed-doors remarks to the so-called "Quad."

Biden said that while Chinese President Xi Jinping was focusing on "domestic economic challenges" he was also "looking to buy himself some diplomatic space, in my view, to aggressively pursue China's interest."

But he insisted that recent "intense efforts" by Washington to reduce tensions, including a call with Xi in April, were helping to prevent conflict.

The hot mic blunder risked undermining careful diplomatic efforts by all four countries during the summit to insist that their grouping is about more than just providing a counterweight to China.

**300-kilo WWI bomb removed in Belgrade**

AFP | Belgrade, Serbia

A century-old artillery round weighing nearly 300 kilograms (660 pounds), was safely removed on Sunday from a construction site near the Serbian Parliament in Belgrade, police said.

The 305mm "Morser M.11" howitzer shell, found last Wednesday, was used by the Austro-Hungarian army during the July 1914 siege of the capital during World War I, Interior Minister Ivica Dacic ahead of the removal operation.

Police had ordered nearby residents to remove their vehicles from the area and urged them to be cautious, advising to leave homes if possible.

The shell was sent to a sandy terrain about 60 kilometres (37 miles) from Belgrade, where it was destroyed.

Several bombs left over from previous wars have been found in Serbia, but they have been removed without causing explosions. In Nis, southern Serbia, a



A special police unit officer near an unexploded 300-kilo WWI artillery round at a construction site near the Serbian Parliament in Belgrade. A large bomb from the 1999 NATO bombing was discovered in April, while in 2021, a 242-kilogramme bomb from WWII was removed from a construction site in a Belgrade suburb.

# CELEBS

## celebs



### Demi Moore avoids advising her daughter on how to parent

Bang Showbiz | Los Angeles

Demi Moore doesn't like to give out unsolicited parenting advice.

The 'Ghost' actress, 61 - who has daughters Rumer, 36, Scout, 33, and Tallulah, 30, with ex-husband Bruce Willis, 69 - believes it's important for her daughter to be given the space to parent in her own way and she will only offer her help if she's asked.

Appearing on 'The Jennifer Hudson Show', she said of her eldest daughter Rumer and her 17-month-old daughter Louetta: "You know what I have learned? Is

that you do not give advice unless you are asked, in general.

"First of all, she is a wonderful mother, and I am so proud of her.

"She is really incredible. And if I am asked, I am happy to share my experience, strength and hope. But if I am not, it is better that I just keep my mouth shut."

She continued: "As a parent, you have to give your children, I think, the dignity of their own process.

"Sometimes they need to find their own way, even if I'm right, and often I am... but it doesn't make her wrong.

"Recognising that we are just the managers, we don't own. We just need to step back... for me I feel like my job is just to love my children and to give them the room to be who

they are."

Demi previously admitted she is enjoying all the "clichés" of being a grandma.

The Hollywood star became a grandmother for the first time when Rumer gave birth to Louetta Isley - whose father is Derek Richard Thomas - in April 2023 and loves having "fun" with the little one.

She told E! News: "She's just a pure joy. It really is all the cliché. You get all the fun and joy, and you get to go to bed early and have a good night's sleep."

Towards the end of last year, 'House Bunny' star Rumer admitted that motherhood had "exceeded" all her expectations.

She told People: "Honestly, being a mom is an experience I've



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dreamed about my whole life. And what's been incredible to experience is that Lou has far exceeded any expectations or any idea or

dream that I possibly had. Children are wonderful and these magical, little beings and truly getting to witness and be around them as they discover the world, it's incredible."

She also revealed that the little one's name is a tribute to her 'Die Hard' star dad Bruce - who is suffering from frontotemporal dementia - because she was named after his favourite singers.

Speaking during an Instagram Q+A, she said: "I have always loved the name Lou so was thinking of that for both a boy or a girl but then when we found out she was a girl, we came up with Louetta.

"We wanted to give her options and me and my dad's favourite singers are Lou = Louie Armstrong, Etta = Etta James, Isley = Isley Brothers."

### I've been betrayed a lot in my life, says Angelina Jolie

Bang Showbiz | Los Angeles

Angelina Jolie has been "betrayed a lot" in her life.

The 49-year-old actress has admitted that she doesn't have a lot of close friends, acknowledging that her successful movie career has had a negative impact on her social life.

The Oscar-winning star told The Hollywood Reporter: "I don't really have those kinds of relationships.

"Maybe it's losing your parent young.

Angelina Jolie

Maybe it's working. Maybe it's being somebody who's been betrayed a lot.

"I don't have a lot of those warm, close relationships as much that I lean on. But I have a few, and a few is enough."

Despite this, Angelina acknowledged that she still likes to spend time with the people she loves.

The actress-turned-director - who has kids Maddox, 23, Zahara, 19, Shiloh, 18, Pax, 20, Knox, 16, and Vivienne, 16 - explained: "If somebody wants to watch bad TV and order Thai food, I'm the first one to put the fuzzy socks on and sit next to them. I like to be with people I love.

"I'm not somebody begging



**I don't have a lot of those warm, close relationships as much that I lean on. But I have a few, and a few is enough**

ANGELINA JOLIE

to be alone. I'm not that person that feels like, 'Oh, I wish I could just be alone so I could have my guilty pleasures.' Because usually my guilty pleasure is being with somebody. I love doing something that makes them happy. That really does make me happy."



### Joe Jonas 'looked to music as an outlet'

Bang Showbiz | Los Angeles

Joe Jonas turned to music as an "outlet" amid his darkest times.

The 35-year-old singer has been exploring new horizons with his upcoming solo album, 'Music for People Who Believe in Love', and Joe has openly discussed the personal experiences that inspired the new record.

The pop star star - who was married to actress Sophie Turner between 2019 and 2023 - told Billboard: "I was going through a lot of life changes.

"Finding out who I was as a person and father and friend, and living under the microscope of what the music industry can be. And I think, at such a crazy time in my life, I looked to music as an outlet."

Joe has had his fair share of ups and downs over the past decade. However, he had no interest in "trying to put stuff on blast" on his new album.

He shared: "I'm not trying to come for anyone on this album. I'm not trying to put stuff on blast.

"I have a beautiful life that I'm grateful

for."

Sophie and Joe announced their split via a joint statement back in September 2023.

The actress and the pop star - who have daughters Willa, four, and Delphine, two, together - explained that they had decided to "amicably end" their marriage after four years.

Joe Jonas



### Halle Berry is 'still close friends' with her childhood sweetheart

Bang Showbiz | Los Angeles

Halle Berry is still "close friends" with her high school sweetheart.

The 58-year-old actress - who was initially married to David Justice from 1993 until 1997, then to Eric Benét from 2001 until 2005, and then to Olivier Martinez from 2013 until 2016 - has been in a relationship with Van Hunt for over four years but admitted that she has "fantasised" about what might have happened had she stayed together with her first love from her teenage years in Ohio.

She told Britain's HELLO magazine: "I think it's something we have all fantasised about, if we're honest about it. Wondering what happened to the one that got away and how things would have turned out had you stayed together. Or what you would say if you suddenly ran into them now. We're still close friends so it's different. I feel grateful for the time we had together, but I don't have any regrets. It was fun at the time, but I needed to

move on and discover life beyond my own backyard."

The Oscar-winning star - who has Nahla, 16, with her first husband and Maceo-Robert, 10, with her third - is now appearing opposite Mark Wahlberg in the new spy comedy film 'The Union' and she loved getting to have her family with her on set as she filmed the comedy about two former high school sweethearts on a mission.

She said: "I had my family with me in London, so we got to do some stuff there. We also shot in Slovenia, which was fascinating because I have never been there before. So it wasn't all work."

Halle also noted that she hopes to "keep working" and "stay healthy" so that she can be around for her children for as long as possible.

She said: Hopefully, I get to keep working, to keep challenging myself and most of all, that I stay healthy.

"I have two children who are still growing up. I just want to keep doing what I have been doing and take care of myself because it's really important I stick around for them. It's important to look after yourself, to take care of your body and to eat well. It's the lifestyle that helps."

Halle Berry



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Across

- Resilient; 5- Sample; 10- Slovenly person; 14- Consider; 15- Proprietor; 16- Pocket bread; 17- ... saw Elba; 18- Hotelier Helmsley; 19- Came down to earth; 20- Ice cream topped with syrup; 22- Flightless bird; 24- Highly respectful way of addressing a man; 25- Hammock holder; 26- Emaculate; 30- Now, in Nogales; 35- Sugar suffix; 36- Little bit; 37- Harder to find; 38- Defensive wall; 41- Mail charge; 43- Rho follower; 44- Test site; 45- Actor Jude; 46- Upright; 47- Qualified; 50- Math branch; 53- Bar bill; 54- More spacious; 58- Familiar with; 62- That's ... haven't heard; 63- Bellini opera; 66- Sick as ...; 67- ... best friend; 68- Keyboard key; 69- Stable female; 70- Baseballer Slaughter; 71- Blue book filler; 72- Auld Lang ...

Down

- Time to beware; 2- Lima's land; 3- Caught in the act; 4- In the thick of; 5- Put up with; 6- Feeling of being overwhelmed; 7- ... Cat; 8- Pavarotti, e.g.; 9- Clear the boards; 10- Box; 11- Leslie Caron role; 12- Ear-related; 13- It's drawn in a lavatory; 21- Publicize; 23- Eye drops; 25- Koppel of "Nightline"; 26- Thicket; 27- Light ...; 28- Twilled fabric; 29- Make lace; 31- Covering for the head; 32- Toothbrush brand; 33- Stately; 34- ... having fun yet?; 39- Onetime Jeep mfr.; 40- Singer LaBelle; 41- Buddy; 42- Death notice; 44- Lower limb; 48- Xenon, e.g.; 49- Construction pieces; 51- Actress Taylor; 52- Removes wrinkles; 54- Capital of Italy; 55- ... even keel; 56- Vintner's prefix; 57- Fail to hit; 59- WWII event; 60- Ripped; 61- Arch type; 64- ACLU concerns; 65- Cry ... River;

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# India crush Bangladesh

All-round Ashwin powers India to 280-run victory in first Test



India's Ravichandran Ashwin (3L) celebrates with teammates after taking a wicket

● Ashwin claims six wickets in second innings

● Bangladesh bowled out for 234, chasing 515

● Jadeja and Pant contribute with bat and ball

AFP | Chennai

Ravichandran Ashwin claimed six wickets after a first-innings century with the bat to inspire India to a 280-run thrashing of Bangladesh in the first Test yesterday.

The visitors arrived in Chennai in confident mood following a historic victory in Pakistan but they were no match for an Indian team for whom Rishabh Pant celebrated a triumphant return from a serious car crash.

Bangladesh have still never beaten India in Tests in 14 attempts.

Bangladesh were bowled out for 234 in the first session of an overcast day four while chasing a victory target of 515.

Skipper Najmul Hossain Shanto top-scored with 82 after he and overnight partner Shakib Al Hasan resisted in a 48-run partnership, Bangla-

## Scorecard

India 376 (Ashwin 113, Jadeja 86, Mahmud 5-83) and 287 for 4 dec (Gill 119\*, Pant 109, Mehidy 2-103) beat Bangladesh 149 (Shakib 32, Bumrah 4-50, Jadeja 2-19) and 234 (Shanto 82, Ashwin 6-88, Jadeja 3-58) by 280 runs

desh having resumed the day on 158-4.

The hosts took an emphatic 1-0 lead in the two-match series as they look to extend their advantage at the top of the World Test Championship rankings.

"It was a great result looking at what lies ahead," skipper Rohit Sharma said after India made an ominous start to a fresh Test season of 10 matches.

Hometown hero Ashwin struck first to end a stubborn overnight stand by getting Shakib caught at short-leg for 25. The spinner, who took three wickets on day three, then dismissed Mehidy Hasan Miraz for one to bag his 37th five-wicket haul, equalling the late Shane Warne.

Muttiah Muralitharan remains well out in front with 67.

The feat added to Ashwin's heroics after his 113 guided the hosts to 376 in the first innings.

"He's always there for us over the years," Rohit said of the 38-year-old.

"I don't know if I speak here

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**Ravichandran Ashwin's 37th five-wicket haul equals Shane Warne's record, and he becomes the third-highest wicket-taker in Test cricket among Indian bowlers, with 474 wickets**

(that) it'll be enough to cover what he does for the team. He looks like he's never out of the game."

Shakib put on 48 runs with Najmul after the pair started cautiously.

Left-arm spinner Ravindra Jadeja removed Litton Das for one after the wicketkeeper-batsman edged the ball to Rohit at first slip.

Jadeja ended Najmul's valiant stand and took three wickets for the innings.

Spin twins Ashwin and Jadeja had played a key batting role in the first innings when their 199-run seventh-wicket stand lifted India from a precarious 144-6 to a challenging total on the first day.

## Ravindra gives NZ fighting chance in Sri Lanka Test

AFP | Galle

Rookie left-hander Rachin Ravindra's unbeaten 91 gave New Zealand a slender chance for victory against Sri Lanka, with the tourists needing another 68 runs with two wickets in hand after day four of the first Test yesterday.

Set a target of 275, New Zealand were 207-8 at stumps with spinner Ajaz Patel, on nought, to resume with Ravindra on Monday.

Ramesh Mendis and Prabath Jayasuriya picked up three wickets each on a sharply turning pitch in Galle, where the Black Caps have lost all four of their previous Test encounters.

Ravindra's knock was the highest score by a New Zealander at the ground, eclipsing Ross Taylor's 89 in 2019.

The left-hander appeared solid on a spin-friendly wicket but lacked support from other batsmen, with Kane Williamson and Tom Blundell the next biggest scorers on 30 apiece.

The tourists lost four wickets by tea before Ravindra's 56-run stand with Blundell briefly re-



New Zealand players during a huddle

## Scorecard

New Zealand 340 and 207 for 8 (Ravindra 91\*, Jayasuriya 3-66, Ramesh Mendis 3-83) need another 68 runs to beat Sri Lanka 305 and 309 (Karunaratne 83, Chandimal 61, Ajaz 6-90)

vived hopes until the latter was bowled by Jayasuriya.

Jayasuriya also secured the key wicket of Williamson for

30, the former skipper lured out of his crease and stumped by wicketkeeper Kusal Mendis.

New Zealand opener Tom Latham was trapped lbw by Sri Lanka captain Dhananjaya de Silva for 28, while Ramesh bowled Daryl Mitchell for eight.

Williamson, Latham and Mitchell had all made half-centuries in the first innings.

Ajaz Patel's six-wicket haul helped restrict Sri Lanka to 309 in the morning.

## Rashid Equestrian and Horseracing Club signs sponsorship agreement with Charles Russell Spiggles

TDT | Manama

In line with the directives of the Supreme Committee of Rashid Equestrian and Horseracing Club, headed by His Highness Shaikh Isa bin Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, on the importance of concluding various partnerships that contribute to supporting the efforts made to develop horseracing and the success of organizing international races and championships, Rashid Equestrian and Horseracing Club signed a silver sponsorship agreement with Charles Russell Spiggles, one of the leading international law firms, during the 2024/2025 horseracing



Officials after signing the agreement

season.

The agreement was signed by Yousef Osama Buhaji, CEO

of Rashid Equestrian and Horseracing Club, and Mazen Al Mardi, Partner at Charles

Russell Spiggles.

On this occasion, Yousef Osama Buhaji stressed the impor-

tance of establishing partnerships with various local and international institutions and companies, in line with the club's development efforts and the Kingdom of Bahrain's hosting of international horseracing championships and championships.

He also pointed out the importance of such agreements that open new horizons for cooperation, praising the cooperation with Charles Russell Spiggles, where he thanked and appreciated the company's officials for their interest and continuous support for horse racing in the Kingdom of Bahrain.

For his part, Mazen Al Mardi expressed his pride and appreciation for the partnership between Charles Russell Spiggles and Rashid Equestrian and Horse Racing Club, as the company will be a silver sponsor for one of the rounds within the Bahrain International Championship race evening next season, confirming the company's commitment to contributing to supporting horse racing in the Kingdom of Bahrain, which is witnessing great development at all levels, which contributes to enhancing the prestigious position of the Kingdom of Bahrain at the international level for horse racing.

# Norris dominates Singapore GP

McLaren driver wins from pole, cuts Verstappen's championship lead to 52 points

● Norris wins third career Grand Prix

● Finished nearly 30 seconds ahead of Verstappen

● Piastri finishes third, boosting McLaren's points

AFP | Singapore

Lando Norris led from pole to chequered flag yesterday to take a dominant Singapore Grand Prix win and narrow the gap to Formula One championship leader Max Verstappen, who was second, to 52 points.

It was the McLaren driver's third career GP win and his first from pole position at his sixth attempt as he finished almost 30 seconds clear of his rival's Red Bull.

Teammate Oscar Piastri was third to extend McLaren's lead over Red Bull in the constructors' championship to 41 points with six races and three sprints to go.

It was a uniquely incident-free 62 laps around the Marina Bay Street Circuit under lights, the first in its 15-race history not to see a safety car deployed.

Norris got away brilliantly from pole and was clear of Verstappen into the first bend as Lewis Hamilton, on softer tyres, tried to put pressure on the Dutchman.

But the three-time world champion repelled the Englishman and all the cars completed the opening lap safely.

Norris soon opened up a gap of more than a second over Verstappen, importantly keeping the Englishman out of DRS range.



McLaren's British driver Lando Norris celebrates after winning

Hamilton from third was the only front-runner to start on soft tyres and he paid a penalty for not managing to get past Verstappen when he had to pit early on lap 18.

The aim was clearly to go all the way to the end but after just five laps on the new rubber he complained on team radio: "I'm already struggling with this tyre."

Norris was in a league of his own up front as he stretched his lead over Verstappen to 20 seconds by lap 26.

### 'Close calls'

Despite a few late brushes with the unforgiving Singapore street circuit walls, the English-

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Piastri started from fifth but a superior strategy enabled him to overhaul Hamilton and the second Mercedes of George Russell in the late stages.

"It was a good race, a good recovery from qualifying -- it wasn't my best afternoon yesterday," said Piastri.

"Big thank you to the team as clearly the car was exceptional this weekend, and some great points."

Verstappen's only chance looked like a safety car or red flag that never came, which left him ploughing a lonely furrow for much of the race, half a minute behind Norris and comfortably clear of the battle for third behind him.

"I was by myself. I tried to do the best I could and manage my own pace to the end," said Verstappen, who has never won in eight starts in Singapore where Red Bull always seem to struggle.

"The first stint was a bit difficult for us, quite a bit of tyre

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This is the first time in 15 Singapore GP races that no safety car was deployed, a rare clean event on this street circuit

degradation," said the 26-year-old, who matched his previous best of second, way back in 2018.

"On a weekend we knew we were going to struggle, P2 is a good achievement. Of course we are not happy with second. Now we need to improve more and more and that's what we will try to do."

Hamilton, on much older tyres than the field, was a sitting duck towards the end and lost another place on lap 50 to the Ferrari of Charles Leclerc, who had begun from ninth on the grid.

Leclerc finished ahead of Hamilton, with the second Ferrari of Carlos Sainz in seventh.

Fernando Alonso, Nico Hulkenberg and Perez rounded out the top 10.

Norris had the point for fastest lap snatched away from him at the end by the RB of Daniel Ricciardo in what is likely to be his last race in F1.

The Australian is rumoured to be leaving the Red Bull junior outfit after this race, but still played a part for his old teammate Verstappen.

"I have to be prepared for this maybe being it," admitted the Australian, who has won eight GPs in a 13-year career.

"Let's say I'm at peace with it."

## Last-gasp Boniface gives Leverkusen victory over Wolfsburg in seven-goal thriller

AFP | Berlin

Victor Boniface struck a stoppage-time winner to give Bundesliga champions Bayer Leverkusen a thrilling 4-3 win over Wolfsburg yesterday providing a perfect boost ahead of next week's trip to Bayern Munich.

In a seesaw encounter, the teams

were locked at 3-3 from the 48th minute. Wolfsburg were then reduced to 10 men in the dying stages when Yannick Gerhardt sunk his studs into Jeremie Frimpong's calf.

Boniface, who came on with 22 minutes remaining, collected a pass before pivoting on the spot and shooting home to snatch the German champions another late victory.

Leverkusen midfielder Granit Xhaka was far from pleased with the win, calling the result "a giant wake-up call -- none of us can be satisfied with the game today.

"We can't keep going with performances like that. We can't defend so naively. Sure, we scored four but we can't do that every weekend."

Leverkusen coach Xabi Alonso

had named a heavily changed line-up from the side which thrashed Feyenoord 4-0 in the Champions League on Thursday, giving Nordi Mukiele his starting debut.

However, Mukiele, signed on loan from French champions PSG, endured a nightmare start when he allowed the ball to bounce in off his thigh for a fifth-minute own goal.



Bayer Leverkusen's Victor Boniface (2nd L) shoots to score

# Popovici and Carlson reach Golden Heights in High Diving

Romanian and Canadian divers dominate World Aquatics High Diving World Cup 2024 in Bahrain

● **Popovici dominates Men's 27m event with 408 points**

● **Carlson clinches Women's title with 324.20 points**

● **Lichtenstein and Leathead secure silver medals**

**Hussain Almaskati**  
TDT | Manama

The World Aquatics High Diving World Cup 2024 in Bahrain reached a spectacular climax yesterday, with Constantin Popovici and Molly Carlson standing tall on the podium after a riveting final.

## Popovici Dominates

Romania's Constantin Popovici, 35, showed his experience and composure, with an impressive score of 408 points in the Men's 27m. With each dive executed to near perfection, Popovici left his competitors in the dust, proving once again why he's the one to beat in high-diving. American James Lichtenstein put forth a great effort but ultimately fell short, finishing second with 389.8 points. Popovici's flawless technique and consistency throughout the rounds set an insurmountable benchmark. This win marks his second gold, following his impressive performance at the World Aquatics High Diving World Cup 2023 in the USA, where he scored an even better 473.9 points in the Men's 27m event.

"I'm very happy and excited for this gold medal, and I hope I stay strong for the next competitions," Popovici said. "Everybody is welcoming to new sports like high diving, which is relatively new to the region, and they embrace it. The level of competition was strong and pushed us to be at our best."



Faris Al Kooheji, Secretary General of the Olympic Committee, congratulates the gold medallists



## Carlson Adds to Decorated Career

In the women's division, Canada's Molly Carlson, 25, rose to the occasion, clinching the gold

with a score of 324.20 points. This achievement adds to her already impressive resume, which includes three Red Bull Cliff Diving medals in 2021, seven podium finishes in 2022, six po-

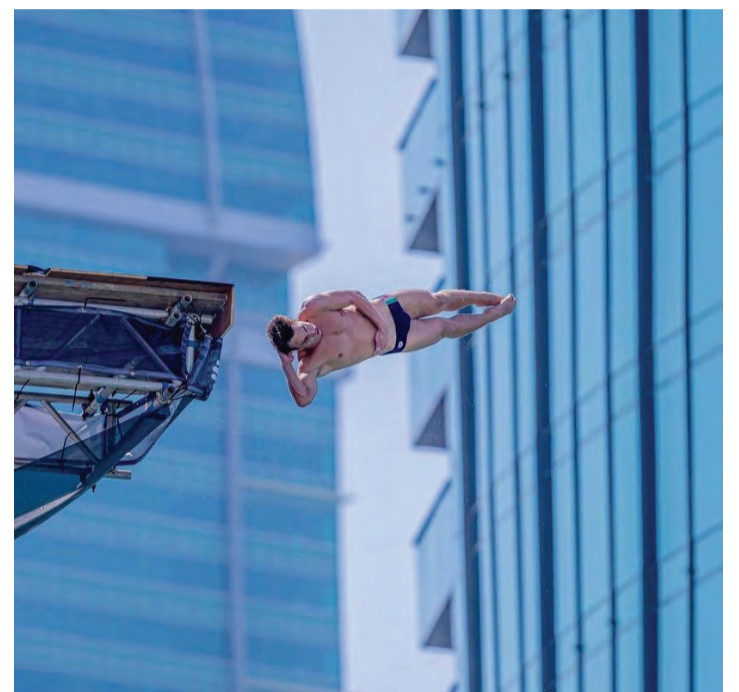


dium finishes in 2023, and a gold medal at the 2023 World Cup. Carlson faced stiff competition from compatriot Simone Leathead, 21, who fought closely for the silver with a score of 307.8 points. USA's Kaylea Arnett, 31, rounded out the podium, securing third place with 306.4 points. Her ability to maintain her composure under pressure exemplified her growth as an athlete in this high-stakes environment.

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MOLLY CARLSON



## Bahrain's Growing Role

Both champions praised Bahrain's hospitality and state-of-the-art facilities, with Carlson highlighting the significance of such events in elevating high diving's global profile. "It's magical to be in Bahrain," she remarked. "We're striving for recognition, and with the support of countries like this, we're

one step closer to reaching the Olympics."

As the event wrapped up, it was clear that Bahrain is emerging as a vital hub for high diving, showing top performances and creating a vibrant atmosphere that continues to attract elite athletes. The world of high diving is taking note, and with each splash, the Kingdom cements its place on the global stage.



# Martin extends MotoGP lead as Bastianini wins at Misano and Bagnaia crashes out

AFP | Misano Adriatico

Jorge Martin took advantage of Francesco Bagnaia crashing out of the Emilia-Romagna MotoGP to extend his championship lead despite being pipped to Sunday's race win by Enea Bastianini on the final lap.

Martin was initially angered by Bastianini's daring overtake which decided the race but is 24 points ahead of key title rival Bagnaia who slid out of his 100th MotoGP with seven laps remaining at Misano Adriatico.

Pramac rider Martin, who is



Prima Pramac Racing's Spanish rider Jorge Martin competes

hunting a first world crown, was forced off the "Marco Simoncelli" track by Bastianini's move which earned Ducati their 100th MotoGP victory, and gestured angrily as he crossed the line in second place.

But pole-sitter Bagnaia's fall gave him a much bigger buffer than he was expecting to have ahead of next week's Indonesia MotoGP even though he was denied a first Grand Prix win since the French back in June.

"I saw that Enea was arriving so I just tried to close the gap.

The manner was maybe a bit too much because he pushed me off the track so I couldn't fight back and yeah maybe afterwards I did some gestures because I was a bit hot," said Martin.

"I think I was the best and deserved the victory but it's OK, I will try for the next one."

Bastianini's second GP win of the season, and seventh of his career, allowed Bagnaia's Ducati teammate to move to within 59 points of Martin with six GP weekends left.

"It's been an incredible race

today. I tried with three laps to go but he closed the line from the exit at turn number six," said the Italian, who was born down the road from Misano in Rimini.

"After I received a bit of space at turn number four I entered and I closed the line. It's incredible to win today here in Misano in front of my friends and all the team."

Marc Marquez took advantage of Bagnaia's mishap by completing the podium, but he still loses ground in his bid to claim a seventh MotoGP title.