

**Israel can strike Iran 'tomorrow'**  
 Jerusalem

Israel has the capability to carry out a successful strike on Iran's nuclear sites as early as "tomorrow", the incoming Air Force chief said yesterday.

"Israel could successfully strike Iran's nuclear programme tomorrow, if necessary," said Major General Tomer Bar, who will command Israel's air force in April, according to the Jerusalem Post.

"I have to assume it will happen in my time, and my shoulders already understand the weight of the responsibility," he added.

He stressed that Israel can successfully destroy Iran's nuclear facilities, saying: "There is no way that we will operate there, one thousand kilometres from here, and I will return home without being able to say 'I completed the mission.'"

**Bahrain condolences with Saudi Monarch**

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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 condolences to the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, on the passing of Prince Nahar bin Saud bin Abdulaziz Al Saud.

HM the King and HRH Prince Salman prayed Allah the Almighty to rest the soul of the deceased in vast paradise, and the Saudi royal family with patience and consolation.



HM the King  
 HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister sent a similar



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King Salman  
 of Defence of Saudi Arabia, His Royal Highness Prince Moham-



HRH Prince Mohammed bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud.

**HM King vision hailed**

Egypt 'inspired' by Bahrain progress and key role in regional peace, stability and prosperity

**Speaker Zainal meets Egyptian House of Representatives and Senate Speakers**

Cairo

Egyptian House of Representatives Speaker Dr Hanafi El-Gebali has commended His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa's royal vision in developing the Kingdom of Bahrain and promoting regional peace, stability and prosperity.

Senate Speaker Abdel Wahab Abdel Razek also expressed his deep admiration for Bahrain's progress and development under HM the King's prosperous era.

This came as Representatives Council Speaker Fawzia bint Abdullah Zainal and her accompanying delegation were met by the two top Egyptian legislators at the parliament headquarters in Cairo yesterday.

Speaker El-Gebali praised HM the King's keenness to support joint Arab work, as well as the advanced level of relations between Bahrain and Egypt, thanks to the wise leadership of His Majesty and Egyptian President Abdelfattah El-Sisi.

He also lauded the keenness



Speaker Zainal and her accompanying delegation are welcomed by Egyptian Senate Speaker Razek

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- EGYPT SENATE SPEAKER ABDEL WAHAB ABDEL RAZEK

of Bahrain's Representatives Council and Egypt's House of Representatives to bolster cooperation between the two countries, mainly in the parliamentary field.

Speaker Zainal underlined deep-rooted fraternal ties and

advanced cooperation between both countries in all fields.

She pointed out the steady growth of bilateral relations, thanks to the care and support of the leaderships.

Zainal also lauded the pivotal role of Egypt in supporting Arab

and Islamic issues and fostering peace and security in the region and the world.

**Wise political approach**

Senate Speaker Razek stressed that HM the King's wise political approach has enhanced Bahrain's humanitarian and global status and civilised projects and initiatives, at the Arab and international levels.

The Senate Speaker praised the depth of the relations that bring together the Egyptian and Bahraini peoples, and the steady and distinguished progress of

their cooperation.

He stressed his support for activating the role of the parliament towards achieving the goals, aspirations and hopes of the two peoples, wishing the Kingdom further progress and prosperity.

Zainal hailed the strong relations and wide cooperation binding the two countries as well as their effective coordination regarding all issues and the latest regional and international developments.

(Memo of cooperation signed - Page 2)

**Celebrating Light-1 satellite's success**



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# Celebrating Light-1 satellite's success

HM King Hamad, HRH Prince Salman and HH Shaikh Nasser receive congratulations on historic Light-1 launch

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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, received more messages of congratulations royal family members, ministers, and senior government as well as private sector key officials following the successful launch of the first joint Bahraini-Emirati satellite Light-1 on Tuesday.

They also expressed their pride on His Highness Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, National Security Advisor, Commander of the Royal Guard, and Secretary General of the Supreme Defence Council, and his achievements in various scientific fields to raise the Kingdom's status at all levels.

The joint nanosatellite Light-1 successfully arrived at the International Space Station (ISS). It was carried aboard a Falcon 9 rocket which launched the SpaceX CRS-24 commercial resupply mission from the Kennedy Space Centre in Florida, US, at 1:06pm Tuesday, in Bahrain (2:06 UAE time).

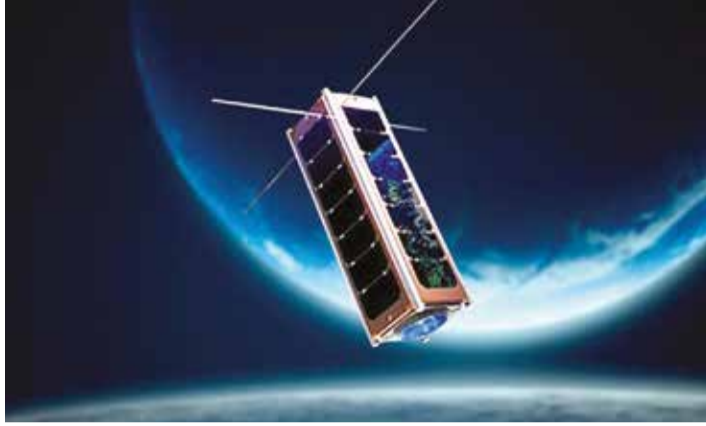
The nanosatellite was built and designed in collaboration between the UAE Space Agency and Bahrain's National Space Science Agency (NSSA). The project



HM the King



HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister



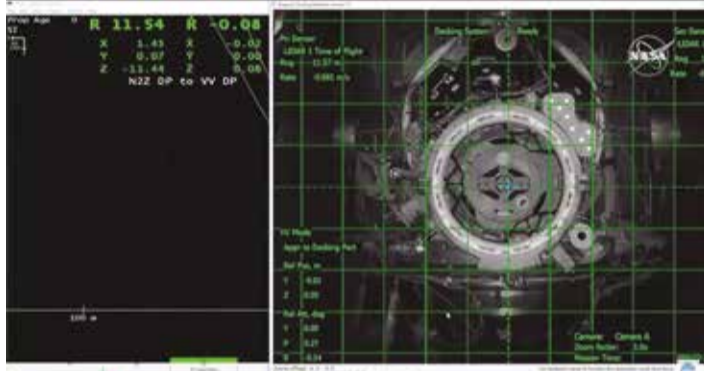
Making Bahrain proud



HH Shaikh Nasser



**Naming the satellite after HM the King's "First Light" book reflects the great ambitions of His Majesty and reflects the royal vision for a prosperous future for different generations.**



The Light-1 satellite successfully arrives at the International Space Station

After reaching its orbit around Earth, Light-1 will monitor and study terrestrial gamma ray flashes from thunderstorms and cumulus clouds. It will be the first study of its kind in the region.

Congratulatory messages

came from: Deputy Prime Minister, His Highness Shaikh Ali bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, Deputy Prime Minister, His Highness Shaikh Mohammed bin Mubarak Al Khalifa, Interior Minister, General Shaikh Rashid bin Abdullah Al Khalifa, Justice, Islamic

Affairs and Endowments Minister Shaikh Khalid bin Ali Al Khalifa, Education Minister Dr Majid bin Ali Al Nuaimi, Transportation and Telecommunications Minister Kamal bin Ahmed Mohammed

National Space Science Agency (NSSA) CEO Dr. Mohammad Ibrahim Al Aseeri, HM the King's Advisor for Diplomatic Affairs Shaikh Khalid bin Ahmed bin Mohammed Al Khalifa, Deputy Secretary-General of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports Shaikh Duaij bin Salman bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, President of the Supreme Council of Health (SCH), Lieutenant General Dr Shaikh Mohammed bin Abdullah Al Khalifa

His Highness Shaikh Hamad bin Mohammed bin Salman Al Khalifa, Royal Court Affairs

Minister, His Highness Shaikh Ali bin Isa bin Salman Al Khalifa, HRH Crown Prince's Court Chief Shaikh Salman bin Ahmed bin Salman Al Khalifa, Undersecretary of the Cabinet Affairs Minister HH Shaikh Isa bin Ali Al Khalifa

Bahrain Authority for Culture and Antiquities (BACA) President Shaikha Mai bint Mohammed Al Khalifa, National Financial and Administrative Audit Office (NAO) President Shaikh Ahmed bin Mohammed Al Khalifa, Chief Executive of the Real Estate Regulatory Authority (RERA), Shaikh Mohammed bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, Survey and Land Registration Bureau (SLRB)'s President Shaikh Salman bin Abdullah bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Attorney General, Dr Ali bin Fadhel Al Buainin.

## HM King deputises BDF Chief to attend officers graduation ceremony



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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, the Supreme Commander, has deputised the Commander-in-Chief of the Bahrain Defence Force (BDF), Field Marshal Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, to attend the graduation ceremony of the 23rd session of candidate university officers, held yesterday at the Isa Military College, in the presence of Defence Affairs Minister, Lieutenant-General

Abdulla bin Hassan Al Nuaimi. Some holy Quran verses were recited, and then the graduates staged a military parade. A briefing on the session was given, and the results were announced. After that, the Defence Affairs Minister presented awards to top achievers. The graduates took the official oath and received their graduation certificates. The minister conveyed the congratulations of the BDF Chief to the graduates, as well as his

praise of their success in meeting all the requirements of the training during the session. The minister congratulated the graduates on the tremendous efforts they had exerted throughout the session in order to acquire military sciences. Lieutenant-General Al Nuaimi expressed delight at the graduation of the 23rd batch of candidate officers, wishing them every success in performing their patriotic duties and tasks, along with their brethren

from various BDF branches, so that the BDF continues defending the kingdom, under the leadership of HM the King. Chief-of-Staff, Lieutenant-General Dheyab bin Saqr Al Nuaimi, Defence Affairs Ministry's Undersecretary, Major-General Shaikh Ahmed bin Mohammed Al Khalifa, Assistant Chief-of-Staff for Human Resources, Major-General Shaikh Ali bin Rashid Al Khalifa, and senior BDF officers attended the graduation ceremony.



The graduation ceremony in progress

## Memo signed to boost Bahrain and Egypt parliamentary cooperation



A memorandum of understanding (MOU) was signed yesterday by Representatives Council Speaker Fawzia bint Abdullah Zainal and Egypt's House of Representatives Speaker Dr Hanafy Ali El-Gebali. The memo, signed at the Egyptian House of Representatives headquarters in Cairo, aims to boost parliamentary cooperation and fraternal ties between the two brotherly countries.

## Italian President receives Bahraini Ambassador to Rome



Italian President Sergio Mattarella received the Ambassador of the Kingdom of Bahrain to the Italy, Dr Nasser Mohammed Al Balushi, at the Presidential Palace in Rome, during a reception hosted for the ambassadors and heads of diplomatic missions accredited in Rome. During the meeting, Mattarella welcomed the Bahraini ambassador, praising relations of friendship and cooperation between the two countries in various fields. He also stressed the Italy's keenness to further advance these relations for the benefit of the two friendly countries and peoples.

# Royal order in full swing

More Bahrainis receive allocation certificates for housing units in East Sitra City

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The Housing Ministry has distributed more allocation certificates to Bahraini citizens for their respective housing units in the East Sitra City.

The eligible beneficiaries' applications were received and processed at the ministry's building by its personnel.

The ministry had notified the citizens to come to the locations of their units in advance, and they were handed over the ownership documents, engineering maps and all documents electronically.

Legal and technical instructions included in the housing contract were also explained to the beneficiaries before the keys to the units were handed over to them.

Beneficiaries expressed their satisfaction with the simplified and quick procedures as the allocation certificates were issued to within a few minutes.

The distribution of allocation certificates was in implementation of the directives of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, to



Beneficiaries of the housing units



**Housing Ministry personnel are currently receiving and processing the applications of citizens for housing units in East Sitra City, Khalifa City, Salman City and East Hidd City.**

distribute 2,000 housing units to citizens this month as part of the royal order's framework to build 40,000 housing units for Bahraini families across the Kingdom.

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the applications of citizens for housing units in East Sitra City, Khalifa City, Salman City and East Hidd City.

Housing Minister Eng. Basem bin Yaqoub Al Hamer is supervising the distribution procedures.

The distribution schedule will extend until the end of this month, including the handover of keys to the units in East Hidd City, and the delivery of allocation certificates in East Sitra City and Khalifa City.

Al Hamer said that the dis-



**2,000**

Target number of housing units to be distributed this month

**40,000**

Total number of housing units for distribution under the royal order's framework

tribution of certificates of entitlement in East Sitra City is among the biggest achievements in housing sector in the Kingdom providing houses to a large number of Bahraini families.

## Stage is set for Indian Club Christmas competitions today

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Time is running out to register for the latest festive instalment of the highly successful Indian Club Christmas Celebrations 2021 – the Christmas Tree Decorating and Cake Baking competitions – which will be held at The Indian today.

With only a few days to go to Christmas, this would seem to be an ideal way of getting into the holiday mood – so get the creative decorating juices flowing, dust off the old recipe books and get registered for one or both of these fun competitions.

Entry is free and is open to everyone, whether a member of The Indian Club-Bahrain or not – two real community activities.

The Christmas Tree Decorating competition will run from 6pm to 9pm, with the top decorators earning a first

prize of \$300; the Cake Baking Competition is scheduled for 8.30pm with the winning baker taking home a first prize of \$125.

"It is great to see so much festive spirit around the Club; the Anand Bazaar was a huge success and hopefully these competitions will carry on that exciting feeling of fun and enjoyment as we get closer and closer to Christmas," commented K.M. Cherian, the President of The Indian Club-Bahrain.

To register, please contact The Indian Club-Bahrain on 1725 3157; one of the competition organisers – Binoj Mathew, Convenor – on 3344 7494 and Binu Papachan, Co-ordinator on 3919 8193; The Indian Club-Bahrain's Entertainment Secretary, Senthil Kumar on 3334 0494; or The Indian Club-Bahrain's Assistant Entertainment Secretary, Bijoy Kambrath on 3902 5573.

## Filipino golfer Macawile claims title

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Filipino Jonathan Macawile emerged victorious in the First Filipino Community Golf Tournament held on 17 December at the Royal Golf Club.

Macawile, from Giporlos, Eastern Samar, in the Philippines, and a Logistics Specialist of the US Navy, beat a field of 20 golfers representing Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao, with two guest players from the UK and Myanmar.

Marv Chao of Myanmar grabbed the second place, while Newlito Limuel Diaz of Koronadal City, South Cotabato, finished third.

The diversity of the roster of golfers in the event was high-

lighted by the participation of three ladies, a mother-and-son duo, a father-and-son tandem, and a 15-year-old student who was the youngest participant in the tournament.

Consul Bryan Jess Baguio and Labour Attache Vicente Cabe led the participation of eight golfers representing the Philippine Embassy.

Organised by the Good Cause Group Bahrain (GCGB), a Filipino Community organisation, and in cooperation with the embassy, the charity tournament dubbed as "Palo sa Pasko Para sa Pilipino" promoted health and wellness through golf, and fostered camaraderie among Filipino golfers.

## New Cathedral to hold first Arabic mass on Christmas Day

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The first Arabic mass at the Kingdom's newly-inaugurated Cathedral will be held on Christmas Day.

This was confirmed by Father Fayad Charbel of the Sacred Heart Church in Manama.

The state-of-the-art Cathedral of Our Lady of Arabia was inaugurated under the patronage of His Majesty the King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa in Awali on December 9.

The inaugural ceremony was attended by the Personal Representative of His Majesty the King, His Highness Shaikh Abdullah bin Hamad Al Khalifa. The new cathedral stretches within 9,000 square metres of land donated by His Majesty the King.

Attending the event were members of the Royal family, senior government officials, ambassadors, Dr Shaikh Khalid bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of King Hamad Global Centre for Peaceful Coexistence, reverend fathers and guests.

The modernist church with an octagonal dome, several tiers of seating, two chapels and



Father Charbel

800-capacity auditorium has become a focal point for Bahrain's 80,000 Catholics and an architectural landmark.

The new church is the second cathedral built in the Apostolic Vicariate (which includes Bahrain, Kuwait and Saudi Arabia) after the Holy Family in the Desert Cathedral in Madinat Al Kuwait.

### COVID-19 protocols

Speaking to The Daily Tribune, Father Charbel said the mass will be held strictly adhering to COVID-19 protocols being implemented by the Health Ministry.

"There are nearly 1,000 Bahraini Christians living in the Kingdom. Arab Christians



The Cathedral of Our Lady of Arabia in Awali

mainly came to the Kingdom from Iraq, Palestine, Lebanon, Jordan and Syria and they were given citizenship by the late Amir HH Shaikh Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa," Father Charbel said.

"This is a great nation – a land of tolerance. In this beautiful country, we have learned that there is no difference between religions and our celebration of Christmas always witnesses the participation of all denominations in the Kingdom. Here you see in the heart of the Church various groups of Bahrainis, Christians and different communities; indeed, this is a beautiful and wonderful country.

"We always pray to God to

protect this beloved country and that peace prevails across the world."

Arab Christians are facing difficult situations in many Middle Eastern countries, said Father Charbel, pointing out the attacks against them in countries such as Iraq and Syria.

"The fundamental reason for this is the economic crisis and lack of good governance. Economic crisis in these countries are the root cause for growing terror elements, which is further worsening the situation.

"In Iraq, Lebanon and Syria, there is no stability of governance and corrupt politicians rule the roost, in turn promoting the growth of fanatic groups."

## Friends of Tubli Walkway celebrates 50th National Day



Friends of Tubli Walkway celebrated Bahrain's 50th National Day at Tubli Walkway on 16 December. The celebration started at 8am with elder members of the group delivered welcome speech. A colourful march was held with children and adults taking part, followed by cultural songs and sports events. They conducted mini-health checkup among members and families. The programmes ended at 9.30am.

# End of long ordeal

Stranded Indian expatriate finally returns home and reunites with family after nearly 25 years in Kingdom

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An Indian national who was stranded in the Kingdom for nearly 25 years finally returned to his home country on Tuesday.

Sasidharan Pullot, 63, came to the Kingdom in 1996 and has been doing odd jobs for his survival.

Sasidharan's life would become miserable after his passport was allegedly seized by his sponsor.

After being affected by age-related health issues, he was keen on reuniting with his family back home.

His illegal residency in the Kingdom would block all his dreams until a group of expat social workers led by Sudheer Thirunilath, World NRI Council Humanitarian Director for Middle East and Venu Vatakara, Kozhikode District Pravasi Forum Charity Wing Joint Convener, came to the rescue.



Sasidharan with Sudheer at Bahrain International Airport

Rajan Pudukkudi, another expat social worker, provided shelter and food to Sasidharan as he could not find any sources of income during the COVID-19 pandemic period.

They contacted Sasidharan's relatives in Vatakara – a place situated in Kozhikode district in the South Indian State of Kerala.

Sudheer took up the matter with the Indian Ambassador

at one of open house sessions, paving way for Sasidharan's travel back home. The Indian Embassy issued an emergency certificate and Sasidharan flew to Kozhikode, ending the long ordeal.

Sasidharan thanked Indian Ambassador Piyush Srivastava, Rajan, Sudheer and Venu. Expat social workers have helped many stranded expatriates go home.

# Bhavans-Bahrain Indian School celebrates Christmas



Students enjoying the festive mood

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"Peace on earth will come to stay when we live Christmas every day."

Bhavans-Bahrain Indian School celebrated Christmas with great exhilaration and ardour. The entire school vibrated with the echoes of Christmas carols.

Kindergarteners looked adorable in their attires reflecting the colour of joy- green, red and white. Students made beauti-

ful crafts and drawings on the festivity.

Boundless joy of celebrating the festival was amply visible on the faces of the children especially when secret Santa had fun with the students.

### Highlights

Special assembly was conducted by Grade I students highlighting the birth of Jesus Christ, importance of giving gifts, and the importance of the festival as a whole.

Christmas carols, speeches,

nativity story and dance performances rendered the assembly magical, bringing peace and joy to the participants and the onlookers.

Principal Saji Jacob appreciated all the students and shared the importance of Christmas along with the story of Adam and Eve.

School Directors Himanshu Verma and Ritu Verma extended their best wishes to all on the festive occasion of Christmas and urged students to spread the message of peace and love.

## Five Asians held for stealing BD30,000 tent equipment

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Capital Governorate Police Directorate has arrested five Asians, 35 to 43, for stealing tent equipment worth BD30,000 from a warehouse in Tubli.

An investigation into the case led to identifying and arresting the suspects. Legal proceedings are being taken to refer the case to the Public Prosecution.

## Man found dead in Gudaibiya

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A man, supposedly middle-aged, was found dead at one of the car parks in Gudaibiya, on Monday evening.

The body was spotted in a dense neighbourhood and residents were shocked after seeing the police cordoning off the area.

Reliable sources said the deceased was an Indian national, belonging to Maharashtra State. He is survived by his wife and two children.

The body has been moved to Salmaniya Medical Complex morgue. The Interior Ministry has begun a probe into the matter.

## Hashish seller jailed and fined BD5,000

TDT | Manama

The High Criminal Court sentenced a man to five years in prison for promoting and consuming hashish drug as well as possessing pornographic videos on his phone. The Bahraini man was also fined BD5,000.

The defendant and his girlfriend were both arrested following a police tip-off.

## Al Salam Bank sponsors event to celebrate Bahraini Women's Day

TDT | Manama

Al Salam Bank announced its sponsorship of the event held in celebration of Bahraini Women's Day under the slogan "Bahraini Women in National Development ... A Journey of Advancement in a Giving Country," coinciding with the 20th anniversary of the Supreme Council for Women's establishment.

During the event, Her Royal Highness Princess Sabeeka bint Ibrahim Al Khalifa, Wife of His Majesty the King and President of the Supreme Council for Women, inaugurated the Bahraini Women's Monument "Impact" or "Athar", followed by an introductory film to showcase the most important objectives of this edifice.

The council also issued a documen-



Guests and participants in the event

tary book to celebrate this prestigious occasion, accompanied by a brief visual presentation, and a documentary film entitled "The Supreme Council for Women

After Twenty Year ... Recommendations: From Implementation to Measuring Impact"

Government entities and official spon-

sors who supported the activities hosted in celebration of Bahraini Women's Day 2021 were also honoured during the event.

## Banagas organises blood donation campaign in collaboration with King Hamad University Hospital



Bahrain National Gas Company (Banagas), in collaboration with King Hamad University Hospital, organised a blood donation campaign in which a large number of employees participated as part of the company's Safety, Health and Environment Week, which was held from 5 to 9 December. This campaign is a part of Banagas' social responsibility, which aims to raise employees' awareness on the importance of donating blood as a humanitarian gesture that would save a human life. The campaign also comes within the framework of close cooperation between Banagas and King Hamad University Hospital.

## Information Minister receives national heritage researcher



Information Minister Ali bin Mohammed Al Romaihi received in his office yesterday researcher in the national heritage, Shaikh Ahmed bin Saqr Al Khalifa, and Hamad bin Yousef Al Ghatam, on the occasion of the success of the Information Ministry's festival which was held in the Heritage Village, in Ras Hayan, marking the kingdom's National Days. Al Romaihi praised the active participation of Shaikh Ahmed bin Saqr in the festival through the corner he oversaw in the Heritage Village.

# More top-class brands set to occupy spaces at Moda Mall

● MODA Mall is giving away an Aston Martin Vantage as part of its Shop and Win campaign from 5th December 2021 to 31st January 2022

● Shoppers also stand a chance to win instant prizes

● For every BD30 spent, shoppers are given an entry into the Golden Jubilee draw

TDT | Manama

Many top-class international brands have shown interest to occupy spaces at Moda Mall, a senior executive revealed.

Chris Gibson, Deputy General Manager at BWTC and MODA Mall, said 2022 is a year of great hopes with many plans in the pipeline for the mall.

"2021 has been a year of consolidation. We are encouraged by the footfall and the quality of customers coming in. A lot of tenants are going forward on towers and the retail side."

"Many brands consider MODA Mall as the best destination and location for its customers, be it coming from Saudi Arabia, other GCC countries or cruise ships. We have high hopes and big plans in place for the coming year. More international brands, including Nomad, are going to come. We are delighted by the number of people committed over going forward," Chris

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pointed out.

Aston Martin Vantage In the spirit of the festive season and to commemorate the Kingdom's Golden Jubilee - marking the 50th National Day - MODA Mall, Bahrain's high-end shopping destination, is giving away a prestigious Aston Martin Vantage as part of its Shop and Win campaign starting from 5th December 2021 - 31st January 2022. MODA Mall has partnered with Adamas Motors, the official dealer for Aston Martin in the Kingdom.

In addition to the Shop and Win campaign, during the National Day weekend, shoppers

will stand a chance to win instant prizes at the stand located in the North court, near Gate 3. Shoppers will have to validate their receipts by one of the promotional staff to qualify in selecting a box to stand a chance to win an instant prize.

"This year is a unique year marking the 50th anniversary of the Kingdom of Bahrain's independence, as such, it required a special prize to reward our shoppers for their continuous support. For this campaign, we have once again tied up with Adamas Motors to give away an Aston Martin Vantage, an iconic British Marque - a truly

remarkable piece of engineering that has featured in several James Bond movies. MODA Mall has been a part of the Kingdom's history for over three decades. On this occasion, we thank His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, for fostering an economic environment where international and local brands can thrive," Chris said.

## One entry per BD30

For every BD30 spent at MODA Mall's refined retail outlets, shoppers are given one entry into the Golden Jubilee draw. Customers will need to scan the QR code available at MODA Mall or click the link on the website to register, enter their details and upload their receipts.

## 3rd February 2022

The Grand Prize draw for Aston Martin will take place on 3rd February 2022 and be overseen by the Ministry of Industry and Commerce and Tourism (MOICT).



## Amazon restores cloud services after power outage hits data center

Reuters

Several apps and websites, including those of streaming service Hulu, office messaging app Slack and Epic Games, were up and running after being hit by a brief power outage at one of Amazon.com Inc's data servers on the U.S. East Coast.

"The issue has been resolved and the service is operating nor-



mally," AWS said.

Amazon earlier said the outage had affected its platform

that provides computing capacity to cloud network operated by its unit, Amazon Web Services

(AWS).

Office messaging app Slack had said it was experiencing issues with file uploads, message editing and other services.

A major outage in the same region earlier this month brought down streaming platforms Netflix and Disney+, trading app Robinhood as well as Amazon.com Inc's e-commerce website.

## US opens investigation into 580,000 Tesla vehicles over game feature

Reuters | Washington

US auto safety regulators said yesterday they have opened a formal safety investigation into 580,000 Tesla vehicles sold since 2017 over the automaker's decision to allow games to be played on the front center touchscreen.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) said its preliminary evaluation covers various 2017-2022 Tesla Model 3, S, X, and Y vehicles. This functionality, referred to as "Passenger Play," "may distract the driver and increase the risk of a crash," the agency said.

NHTSA said it has "confirmed that this capability has been available since December 2020 in Tesla 'Passenger Play'-equipped vehicles." Before then,



Representative picture

The Times said the Tesla update added three games - Solitaire, a jet fighter and conquest strategy scenario - and said that vehicles have warnings reading: "Playing while the car is in motion is only for passengers." The paper said the game feature asks for confirmation that the player is a passenger, though a driver could still play simply by pressing a button.

the game feature "was enabled only when the vehicle was in Park."

NHTSA said in a statement on Wednesday it was "committed to ensuring the highest safety standards on the nation's roadways."

The agency said the decision to open the investigation was based on reports "Tesla's gameplay functionality is visible from the driver's seat and can be enabled while driving the vehicle."

The Governors Highway Safety Association said yesterday it was pleased with NHTSA's Tesla safety investigation "and want to remind all drivers to be alert and focused on the road when you're behind the wheel."

Tesla did not immediately

## US authorises certain transactions with Taliban to ease flow of aid to Afghanistan

Reuters | Washington

The United States yesterday formally exempted US and UN officials doing official business with the Taliban from US sanctions, clearing the way for proposed UN payments next year of some \$6 million to the Islamists for security.

The US Treasury Department made the announcement a day after Reuters exclusively reported a UN plan to subsidize the monthly wages of Taliban-run Interior Ministry personnel who guard UN facilities and to pay them monthly food allowances.

Some experts said the proposal raised questions about whether such payments would violate UN and US sanctions on the Taliban and on many



A boy pushes a man's wheelchair on a street in Kabul, Afghanistan

of their leaders, including Sirajuddin Haqqani, the Interior Ministry chief and head of the Haqqani network.

Having designated the Taliban as a terrorist group for years, Washington has ordered its US assets frozen and barred Americans from dealing with them, including with funds, goods or services.

## Musk says he has sold 'enough' stock

Reuters | San Francisco

Tesla Inc shares surged 6% yesterday after Chief Executive Elon Musk said in an interview he has sold "enough stock" following several weeks of share sales by the billionaire.

Musk gave conflicting statements on Tuesday and Wednesday as to whether he may or may not be done with his stated goal of selling 10% of his shares.

"I sold enough stock to get to around 10% plus the option exercise stuff and I tried to be extremely literal here," he said in an interview on Tuesday with conservative satirical website Babylon Bee.

But on Wednesday he suggested he may not be done selling shares. "This assumes completion of the 10b sale," he tweeted, possibly referring to his prearranged sales plan related to his options.

Under the Rule 10b5-1 trading plan set up in September, he has exercised stock options that expire next year and sold a portion of the stocks to pay for taxes, according to Tesla filings.

Musk said on Nov. 6 he would sell 10% of his stake if Twitter users agreed. Tesla shares, which had hovered near record highs, lost about a quarter of their value soon after that.

Following a flurry of sales,



Tesla CEO Elon Musk

Musk still has more than 3 million stock options that expire in August next year.

On Tuesday, Musk sold another 934,091 shares, bringing the total number of shares he has offloaded to 13.8 m - shy of the 17 m or so shares he was expected to sell.

Tesla shares were up 6.2% at \$996.65 on Wednesday afternoon, off an earlier high at \$1,015.66.

Asked whether he sold the stock because of the Twitter poll, he said on Tuesday he needed to exercise stock options that are expiring next year "no matter what." He added he sold additional "incremental stock" to get near 10%.

Of the 13.8 m shares sold, 8.4 m were sold to pay taxes related to his options exercise, according to Tesla's securities filings.

On Sunday, he said on Twitter that he would pay more than \$11 billion in taxes this year.

traction-prevention into their designs and adoption of infotainment devices in vehicles."

The guidelines "recommend that in-vehicle devices be designed so that they cannot be used by the driver to perform inherently distracting secondary tasks while driving," the agency said.

The agency in August opened a safety investigation into 765,000 Tesla vehicles over its driver-assistance system Autopilot after a series of crashes involving the system and parked emergency vehicles.

A preliminary evaluation is a first step before NHTSA decides whether to upgrade a probe to an engineering analysis, which must happen before the agency can demand a recall.

YOU KNOW WHAT

News in brief

◆ A leading Hong Kong university has fenced off a statue on its campus that for more than two decades has commemorated pro-democracy protesters killed during China's Tiananmen Square crackdown in 1989. Late on Wednesday night, security guards at the University of Hong Kong (HKU) fenced off the eight-metre high, two-tonne copper sculpture called the "Pillar of Shame" that commemorates those killed by Chinese authorities more than three decades ago. A crane and at least one shipping container was brought into the campus as construction workers milled around the area, according to two Reuters reporters on the scene just after midnight local time. Loud construction noise could be heard, they said.



Hong Kong university fences off Tiananmen statue on campus

◆ Portugal's health minister yesterday predicted the Omicron variant would trigger a record number of infections in the coming days as authorities reported nearly 9,000 new cases, the highest since early February and up from 5,754 the previous day.



Portugal braces for record COVID-19 cases as Omicron spreads

Although the country has one of the world's highest rates of COVID-19 vaccination with around 87% of its 10 million population fully inoculated, daily infections have returned to levels last seen when Portugal faced its worst wave of the illness in the first two months of the year. "We will most likely reach an (all-time) record number of cases in the coming days," Health Minister Marta Temido said in an interview with TVI television.

◆ Pfizer Inc said yesterday the US Food and Drug Administration

Pfizer oral COVID-19 pill gets US authorization for at-home use



authorised its antiviral COVID-19 pill, making it the first at-home treatment for the coronavirus that is expected to become an important tool in the fight against the fast spreading Omicron variant. Data from Pfizer's clinical trial showed its antiviral regimen was 90% effective in preventing hospitalizations and deaths in patients at high risk of severe illness. Recent lab data suggests the drug retains its effectiveness against Omicron. The agency said it authorized the oral drug for emergency use for the treatment of mild-to-moderate disease in adults and pediatric patients of 12 years of age and older weighing at least 40 kilograms, or about 88 pounds, who are at high risk for progression to severe COVID-19.

◆ Harvard professor convicted by US jury of lying about China ties

A Harvard University professor was convicted on Tuesday of US charges that he lied about his ties to a China-run recruitment programme in a closely-watched case stemming from a crackdown on Chinese influence within US research. A federal jury in Boston found Charles Lieber, a renowned nanoscientist and the former chairman of Harvard's chemistry department, guilty of making false statements to authorities, filing false tax returns and failing to report a Chinese bank account.

COVID-19 Countries worst affected

Country	Total cases	Total deaths	Global tally
1 USA	52,268,647	831,253	276,988,687
2 India	34,758,481	478,325	
3 Brazil	22,219,477	617,991	
4 UK	11,647,473	147,573	5,389,832
5 Russia	10,292,983	300,269	Recovered:
6 Turkey	9,209,740	80,778	248,377,753
7 France	8,713,756	121,946	New cases
8 Germany	6,910,368	110,168	+405,154
9 Iran	6,177,885	131,211	New deaths
10 Spain	5,585,054	88,887	+4,752
11 Italy	5,472,469	136,077	
12 Argentina	5,404,380	116,953	
13 Colombia	5,110,788	129,534	
14 Indonesia	4,261,072	144,034	

Middle East

Figures as of closing

Country	Total cases	new cases	Total deaths	New Deaths	Total recovered	Active cases
Egypt	377,081		21,457		313,782	41,842
Saudi Arabia	551,462	+252	8,867	+2	540,393	2,202
UAE	745,555	+665	2,154		739,277	4,124
Kuwait	414,270		2,466		411,145	659
Oman	304,938	+42	4,113		300,227	598
Qatar	247,082	+185	614		244,145	2,323

Omicron severity answered in 3-4

● Kluge said it was not clear how long immunity lasted after a third dose

● Israel is set to become the first country to offer fourth vaccine doses

● Some studies suggest Omicron causes less severe disease than the Delta variant

Reuters | Brussels

Omicron will become the dominant coronavirus variant in Europe by the start of 2022 and three to four weeks is needed to determine the severity of the COVID-19 it causes, the World Health Organisation's

People needed to adopt a "vaccine-plus" approach, with vaccinations and booster shots complemented by mask-wearing, while ruling out "non-essential" contacts over Christmas and New Year

WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION'S REGIONAL DIRECTOR FOR EUROPE HANS KLUGE



European head said yesterday. Hans Kluge has warned countries to brace for a "significant surge" in cases.

He told in an interview yesterday that Omicron, already dominant in Britain, Denmark and Portugal, was likely to be the main coronavirus strain in Europe "in a couple of weeks".

"There is no doubt that Europe is once again the epicentre of the global pandemic," said Kluge, the WHO Regional Director for Eu-

rope, adding that infections were up 40% from a year ago and Omicron was now taking over.

"Yes, I'm very concerned, but there is no reason for panic," he said. "The good news is... we know what to do." People needed to adopt a "vaccine-plus" approach, with vaccinations and booster shots complemented by mask-wearing, while ruling out "non-essential" contacts over Christmas and New Year, he said. Countries should also be ready

to implement stricter measures, but lockdowns should only be used as a last resort, given the economic and social cost.

Kluge said it was not clear how long immunity lasted after a third dose. Israel is set to become the first country to offer fourth vaccine doses to more vulnerable people.

"But then let's remember that Israel was the first one to start. So I would say that a fourth dose in Israel is like a third dose in other

Death toll from Madagascar boat sinking climbs to 83



The wreck of the boat 'Francia', that sank off the coast on Monday, is pulled to the beach in northeastern Madagascar

Reuters | Antmamarivo

The death toll from the sinking of a cargo ship off the coast of northeastern Madagascar rose to 83 yesterday as bad weather ended the search for five missing passengers, the maritime agency said.

The ship, which was not authorised to take passengers, was overloaded and water flooded the engine before it sank on Monday, said Mamy Randrianavony, director of operations at sea at the Maritime and River Port Agency (APMF).

Fifty survivors have been found, APMF said. The search for the five remaining missing passengers would resume on Thursday. One of the search helicopters carrying General Serge Gellé, who heads the national Gendarmerie, crashed

at sea late on Monday. Gellé was found alive on Tuesday morning after 13 hours, during which time he used the pilot's seat as a float.

"Since I couldn't fight the waves, I knew I wouldn't make it to dry land. Yet I was very close. I arrived within 500 meters, but the waves sent me back because I was getting tired," Gellé said in a video posted by the Gendarmerie.

"I thank heaven that there was a fisherman. But the fisherman's canoe was too small. So he had to come back for a bigger canoe. So I stayed two more hours in the sea," Gellé said from a hospital in the Madagascan capital.

Another passenger from the helicopter, a mechanic, was also found alive. Two other passengers are unaccounted for.

Russia agrees to begin talks with US at start of

● Ukraine and the West have accused Russia of considering a new attack on Ukraine

● Putin said on Tuesday that Russia had no room to retreat

Reuters | Moscow



Russia's Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov

Russia will enter talks with US negotiators on security guarantees it wants from the West at the start of next year, Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov said yesterday, amid concerns over a Russian military build-up near Ukraine's border.

Ukraine and the West have accused Russia of considering a new attack on Ukraine as early as next month. Russia denies that, despite moving tens of thousands of troops to staging posts closer to Ukraine.

President Vladimir Putin said on Tuesday that Russia had no room to retreat in its standoff with the United States over what Moscow views as Washington's unacceptable military aid for Ukraine

and would be forced into a tough response unless the West dropped its "aggressive line".

He said that Moscow wants legally-binding security guarantees that certain offensive weapons will not be deployed to countries that neighbour Russia and for NATO to halt its eastwards expansion.

Russia has handed over a list of detailed security guarantees to Washington that it wants from the West.

"It is agreed that at the very start of next year bilateral contact between American negotiators and ours will become the first round (of talks)," Lavrov said.

He said Russia had presented American officials with a docu-

Spain's 'Fat One' Christmas lottery leaves winners

Reuters | Madrid

Lucky lottery players popped champagne corks across Spain on Wednesday afternoon as the winning numbers in a multi-billion euro Christmas draw were revealed, even as some ticket sellers protested to demand higher commissions on sales.

Known as 'El Gordo' (The Fat One), the festive draw dates back to 1812. Millions participate, eager for a piece of a large prize pot that this year reached 2.41 billion euros (\$2.72 billion).

As the same numbers can be sold multiple times, winning tickets are often spread across differ-



A man dressed in a costume sits before the draw of Spain's traditional Christmas Lottery "El Gordo" (The Fat One) at the Royal Theatre, in Madrid, Spain

ent winners in different regions, with this year's top prize landing in Madrid and the Canary Islands.

A local handball team in the Basque town of Basauri, just outside Bilbao, handed out some 120 tickets that each scooped the second prize worth 1.25 million euros, though most of them will be split among many owners.

The club president told local media around 1,200 people in the community would get a share.

"I haven't processed it yet. I was in the mountains with the dogs," said Jose Manuel Fernandez, who had a share in one of the tickets. "My wife didn't believe it,

1565

Compromise of the Nobles in Habsburg Netherlands closes against inquisition

1814

Treaty of Ghent signed, ending the War of 1812 between the United States, the United Kingdom and their allies

1936

1st radioactive isotope medicine administered in Berkeley, California



1943

US President FDR appoints General Eisenhower Supreme Commander of the Allied forces

# Weeks, WHO official says

countries," he said.

## LESS SEVERE COVID?

Some studies suggest Omicron causes less severe disease than the Delta variant that is dominant in most countries, but scientists are still debating this point.

Kluge said it would likely be three to four weeks before the question was answered.

While the coronavirus could not be eliminated, it could be stabilised, allowing hospitals to handle more cancer and cardio-vascular diseases.

Controlling the virus would come through vaccines, boosters, doubling the number of people wearing masks indoors, ventilation and use of new COVID-19 drugs.

Kluge said the good news from history was that every pandemic had ended.

"This virus has surprised us



A South African study published on Wednesday suggested that those infected with Omicron were significantly less likely to end up in hospital than those with Delta, although the authors said some of that was probably due to high levels of immunity in the population.

more than once so I would say I don't know when it will finish, but I think that we are on track that our lives will normalise next year, particularly if - we don't know - if Omicron would be less severe," he said.

"The key issue is how do we

survive the winter, how do we leave no one behind."

Not enough data available WHO's technical lead on COVID-19, Maria van Kerkhove, said, in a briefing with media, "We do have some data suggesting that rates of hospitalisation are lower."

But she cautioned against drawing conclusions from the early data because "we have not seen this variant circulate long enough in populations around the world, certainly in vulnerable populations".

She said the data on the new variant, first identified in southern Africa and Hong Kong in November, was still "messy" as countries reported its arrival and spread. "We have been asking people to be cautious, we have been asking countries to be cautious, and to really think, especially as these holidays are coming up."

# Security of year

ment concerning US-Russia relations and that foreign policy aides to Putin and US President Joe Biden had agreed to further work.

Moscow wanted to discuss a second document it had presented, a draft agreement between Russia and NATO countries, after the first meeting, but also in January, Lavrov said.

Chairman of the US Joint Chiefs of Staff General Mark Milley spoke with his Russian counterpart earlier today and they discussed "regional security-related issues of concern," the US military said.

"The phone call is a continuation of communication between both leaders to ensure risk reduction and operational de-confliction. In accordance with past practice, both have agreed to keep the specific details of their conversation private," the military added.

NATO on Tuesday said it would seek meaningful discussions with Moscow early next year to address tensions.

The NATO-Russia Council (NRC) was created in 2002 to facilitate consultation between the Western military alliance and Moscow, but relations are strained and it last convened in July 2019.

## Sudan's PM Hamdok intends to resign

Reuters | Khartoum

Sudan Prime Minister Abdalla Hamdok has told a group of national political and intellectual figures that he intends to resign in the coming hours, two sources close to Hamdok told Reuters on Tuesday.

Hamdok was reinstated on Nov. 21 following a coup a month earlier that saw the military take power and end a transitional partnership with political parties.

While several political forces took part in drafting the agreement, according to the sources, it has faced widespread criticism from parties and the general public.

On Saturday, hundreds of thousands of people marched on the presidential palace rejecting both military rule and Hamdok's decision to return, which he had said he took to preserve gains made during the transition and to end bloodshed.

Some 47 people have died in crackdowns on protests against military rule, including two as a result of Saturday's protest. The United Nations said on Tuesday that it had received reports of rape or gang



Sudanese Prime Minister Abdalla Hamdok

rape of 13 women and girls. Sources close to Hamdok had said previously he would only remain in office if he had political support and if the agreement was enforced. It called on the military to release political detainees, protect freedom of expression and allow Hamdok to independently appoint a new cabinet. In a statement over the weekend, Hamdok said Sudan was inching towards "the abyss," blaming political intransigence and lack of consensus on a new political agreement. The group Hamdok spoke to on Tuesday called on him to stay in his position but he insisted he would leave, the sources added.

# Winners elated, sellers frustrated

A local handball team in the Basque town of Basauri, just outside Bilbao, handed out some 120 tickets that each scooped the second prize worth 1.25 million euros, though most of them will be split among many owners.

often favouring particular vendors or numbers.

"You never expect it," said Javier Monino whose recently-acquired kiosk in Madrid's Atocha train station sold tickets worth more than 500 million euros in prizes.

"You always think you might sell it, then it happens," he said, before spraying champagne outside his concession.

But not everyone was in high spirits. Some sellers walked off the job in protest at the 4% commission they get on Christmas tickets, compared with 6% on other draws, leaving them strugg-

ling to make ends meet, they say.

"It's been 17 years that we've received the same commission," said Natalia de la Fuente, 31, the daughter of a lottery seller.

"Prices go up, taxes go up and the commissions remain the same... This is impossible."

She joined dozens of chanting protesters outside Madrid's Teatro Real, where the draw takes place.

Inside, pairs of schoolchildren picked the winning numbers and sang them out to an enthusiastic crowd sporting extravagant costumes, ranging from Santa's elves to the pope.

## WIDE ANGLE

# Is the Greeting Card Dying?

JOEL INDRUPATI



"There's an old Christmas card in an old dusty trunk And it brings back sweet memories dear to me 'Tho it's faded and worn, it's as precious as the morn When I found it 'neath our first Christmas tree."

As this song of Jim Reeves softly played in a shopping mall in Bahrain, it brought back memories of my own childhood. When Christmas cards were, really, an important thing.

The thrill was not only in receiving them by post but also in going to greeting card shops and choosing the cards. Finding the right card for the right person was a special art.

The pictures, designs, and, most importantly, the wordings were important. Especially, if you wanted to wish your faraway friends, your displaced family, or that special someone!

With postal networks terribly busy at that time, you had to even plan your mailing effectively, if you wanted your loved ones to receive the cards in time.

This new digital age now, with its Internet browsing, email communication and social media sharing, has given us the convenience of speed, choice, and creativity. But it has also - sadly - killed the charm and romance of 'the greeting card.'

Beautiful hand-written, personal lines used to evoke a special sense of joy and elation.

I might sound incredibly old fashioned. But I ask myself, what do the new age iconoclasts, these young ones on mobile phones, know what they have missed?

*The survival of greeting card companies like American Greetings and Hallmark can be attributed only to their technological adaptability. Their willingness to offer digital options to their customers.*

that "a study by the Royal Mail has found that 72 percent of people who celebrate Christmas would prefer to receive printed cards".

However, "Holiday cards are having a moment, thanks to their popularity with millennials" according to Patrick Priore, Paper Source's chief product officer. He says that 2021 holiday card sales are up 14 percent compared with 2019, in the USA (Washington Post, 8 Dec 2021).

But I doubt if it will stay. It is more like a pandemic aberration than a serious trend.

The big question is who would still prefer to go, buy, and post greeting cards?

The tradition of exchanging greeting cards seems to be on its deathbed. It is in the decline stage of its product life cycle.

We should accept the inevitable. Like all good things, at least, these cards did not end. They just evolved into different forms on digital platforms.

The survival of greeting card companies like American Greetings and Hallmark can be attributed only to their technological adaptability. Their willingness to offer digital options to their customers.

Today, we can create our own computer animations. Our own personalised cards; with templates of Christmas pictures and customizable videos, like those on JibJab.com.

But then, a printed card, with handwritten words, is simply irreplaceable.

My feelings are like Jim Reeves' who sings, "Guess I'm always sentimental 'round this time Pardon me if a tear falls among my Christmas cheer It's the memory of an old Christmas card..."

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It has been an honour to visit Lebanon once again - but it grieves me to see the people of this beautiful country suffering so much. Political leaders must work together to implement reforms that respond to the demands of the people & give hope for a better future.

@antonioguterres

02



The first tranche of 1M COVID-19 vaccine doses arrived in Afghanistan today, adding to the 3.3M the U.S. previously provided via #COVAX. We are committed to supporting the humanitarian needs of the Afghan people, which includes providing safe and effective vaccines to save lives.

@SecBlinken

03



President Kovind witnessed the operational demonstration by the Southern Naval Command in Kochi. The event displayed the combat capability of ships and aircraft of the navy and showcased naval prowess and operations.

@rashtrapatibhvn

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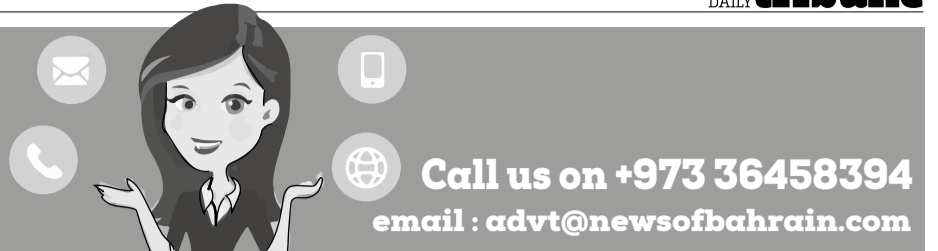


The UAE today represents an important economic depth for the African continent, and relations with them have made very rapid progress in recent years.

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# celebs

## Benedict Cumberbatch enjoyed playing darker role in 'The Power of the Dog'

IAN S | Los Angeles

Hollywood star Benedict Cumberbatch relished not having to play a "people-pleaser" as rancher Phil Burbank in 'The Power of the Dog'.

Cumberbatch told The Guardian newspaper: "As somebody who's a bit of a people-pleaser and apologetic at the best of times, who worries too much about what people think of me, I loved the freedom of being somebody who wasn't in that space."

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**"Of course, there's this deep kernel of truth he never lets get exposed. And that ties into the breadth of fear and fury that we know he has"**

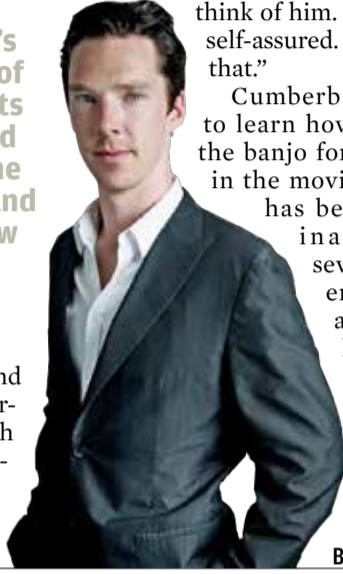
BENEDICT CUMBERBATCH

know he has.

"But he can also stand behind his back and survey all these scenes with a sort of calm acceptance and knowing. And not be taken in with

the hoopla of worrying about what the ranch-hands think of him. He's very self-assured. I admired that."

Cumberbatch had to learn how to play the banjo for his role in the movie, which has been nominated for seven Golden Globes, and said he will continue using the instrument for personal pleasure, reports female-first.co.uk.



Benedict Cumberbatch

## Leonardo jumped into frozen lake to save his dogs while filming 'Don't Look Up'

IAN S | Los Angeles

Oscar-winning actor Leonardo DiCaprio has recalled a moment when he was forced to perform a scary stunt in real life.

In a new interview, the actor revealed that he jumped into a frozen lake to rescue his dogs while filming his new movie 'Don't Look Up', reports aceshowbiz.com.

During Entertainment Weekly's 'Around the Table' interview, the 'Titanic' star was encouraged by his castmates to recount the story.

"The funniest thing was, Leo has these two rescue huskies that are just absolute tornadoes. Jonah would send me pictures of your ripped-apart couch," director Adam McKay began explaining, which prompted Jennifer Lawrence to say: "Tell the frozen lake

story."

"Basically they both fell in a frozen lake," Jonah Hill chimed in.

DiCaprio then shared: "And then I went in."

The actor portraying Jordan Belfort in 'The Wolf of Wall Street' continued, "(Living in California) I didn't understand what you do at a frozen lake."

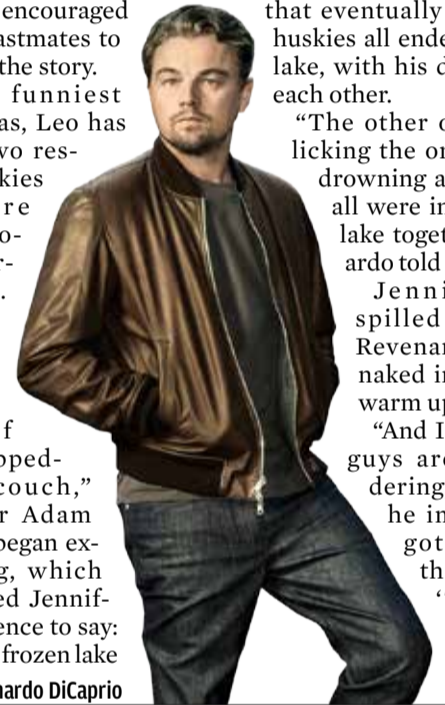
Lawrence went on saying that "as soon as he pushed the one dog out of the pond the other one jumped in."

The actor further elaborated that eventually he and his huskies all ended up in the lake, with his dogs licking each other.

"The other one started licking the one that was drowning and then we all were in the frozen lake together," Leonardo told the viewers.

Jennifer then spilled that 'The Revenant' star got naked in the car to warm up his body.

"And I'm sure you guys are all wondering, I was too, he immediately got naked in the car," said 'The Hunger Games' actress.



Leonardo DiCaprio

## Lily Collins likens shooting 'Emily in Paris' to a 'mini vacation'

IAN S | Los Angeles

Actress Lily Collins, who reprises the role of Emily Cooper for the second series of the Netflix show 'Emily in Paris', relished shooting in the spectacular surroundings of St. Tropez and called it a 'mini vacation'.

The actress told E! News' Daily Pop: "Going to St. Tropez at the very beginning of this season was magical. It was the greatest way to start off

this season again with the cast and crew, gathering everyone together again. It felt like a mini vacation."

Actress Ashley Park, who plays Emily's friend, also relished the experience of shooting in the French town.

She said: "I think we were so in shock that we were getting to film season two. It was the most gorgeous location and it felt like getting to go to work with your best friend in a vacation spot, which was crazy."



Lily Collins

### THE MATRIX RESURRECTIONS

(PG-15) (ACTION/ADVENTURE/SCI-FICTION) (NEW)  
KEANU REEVES, CARRIE-ANNE MOSS, JADA PINKETT SMITH

OASIS JUFFAIR (VIP): 11.00 AM + 5.00 + 11.00 PM  
OASIS JUFFAIR (ATMOS): 11.30 AM + 2.30 + 5.30 + 8.30 + 11.30 PM

CITY CENTRE :11.00 AM + 2.00 + 5.00 + 8.00 + 11.00 PM + (12.30 MN THURS/FRI)

CITY CENTRE (ATMOS): 12.00 + 3.00 + 6.00 + 9.00 + 12.00 MN

CITY CENTRE (IMAX 2D): 11.30 AM + 5.30 + 11.30 PM

CITY CENTRE (VIP II): 11.45 AM + 2.45 + 5.45 + 8.45 + 11.45 PM

SEEF (I): 10.45 AM + 11.45 AM + 1.45 + 2.45 + 4.45 + 5.45 + 7.45 + 8.45 + 10.45 + 11.45 PM + (12.30 MN THURS/FRI)

WADI AL SAIL: 11.15 AM + 2.15 + 5.15 + 8.15 + 11.15 PM

**ATRANGI RE**  
(PG-13) (HINDI/COMEDY/DRAMA/ROMANTIC) (NEW)  
AKSHAY KUMAR, SARA ALI KHAN, DHANUSH

FROM FRI. 24TH  
OASIS JUFFAIR :12.30 + 3.15 + 6.00 + 8.45 + 11.30 PM

CITY CENTRE :1.00 + 3.45 + 6.30 + 9.15 + 12.00 MN  
SEEF (I): 12.45 + 3.30 + 6.15 + 9.00 + 11.45 PM

WADI AL SAIL: 12.15 + 3.00 + 5.45 + 8.30 + 11.15 PM

**GALATTA KALYANAM**  
(PG-13) (TAMIL) (NEW)  
AKSHAY KUMAR, SARA ALI KHAN, DHANUSH

FROM FRI. 24TH  
OASIS JUFFAIR :10.30 AM + 3.30 + 8.45 PM  
SEEF (II): 12.15 + 3.00 + 5.45 + 8.30 + 11.15 PM

AL HAMRA : 9.00 PM

**83**  
(PG) (DRAMA/SPORT/BIOGRAPHY) (NEW) (HINDI)  
RANVEER SINGH, DEEPIKA PADUKONE, AMMY VIRK

OASIS JUFFAIR :10.30 AM + 1.30 + 4.45 + 8.00 + 11.15 PM  
CITY CENTRE : 11.00 AM + 2.15 + 5.30 + 8.45 + 12.00 MN

SEEF (I): 10.45 AM + 2.00 + 5.15 + 8.30 + 11.45 PM

WADI AL SAIL: 1.15 + 4.30 + 7.45 + 11.00 PM (MALAYALAM)

SEEF (I): 11.30 AM + 6.00 PM (TAMIL)

SEEF (I): 2.45 + 9.15 PM

**SILENT NIGHT**  
(18+) (COMEDY/DRAMA) (NEW)  
KEIRA KNIGHTLEY, ANNABELLE WALLID, MATTHEW GOODE

CITY CENTRE :11.00 AM + 4.15 + 9.30 PM

**ABO SADAM**  
(PG-15) (ARABIC/THRILLER) (NEW)  
MOHAMED MAMDOUH - HADIL HASSAN - ALI AL TAYEB

CITY CENTRE :11.00 AM + 1.15 + 3.30 + 5.45 + 8.00 + 10.15 PM

SEEF (II): 2.30 + 7.00 + 11.30 PM

**AGNES**  
(15+) (HORROR) (NEW)  
MOLLY QUINN, JAKE HOROWITZ, SEAN GUNN

SEEF (II): 10.30 AM + 2.45 + 7.00 + 11.15 PM

**PINOCCHIO : A TRUE STORY**  
(PG) (ANIMATION/ADVENTURE) (NEW)  
JORDAN WORSLEY, JONATHAN SALWAY, STEPHEN OCHSNER

SEEF (II): 10.45 AM + 11.30 AM + 1.45 PM

**AJAGAJANTHARAM**  
(PG-13) (MALAYALAM) (NEW)  
ANTONY VARGHEES, ARJUN ASOKAN

OASIS JUFFAIR :1.00 + 6.15 + 11.30 PM

SEEF (II): 11.30 AM + 2.00 + 4.30 + 7.00 + 9.30 + 12.00 MN

ON THURS 23RD  
AL HAMRA : 12.00 + 6.30 + 9.00 PM

FROM FRI. 24TH  
AL HAMRA : 6.15 PM

**MEOW**  
(PG-13) (MALAYALAM) (NEW)  
SOUBIN SAHIR, MAMTA MOHANDAS, SALIM KUMAR

FROM FRI. 24TH  
OASIS JUFFAIR :2.15 + 8.30 PM

SEEF (II): 12.45 + 3.30 + 6.15 + 9.00 + 11.45 PM  
AL HAMRA : 3.30 PM

**SPIDER-MAN : NO WAY HOME**  
(PG-13) (ACTION/ADVENTURE)  
TOM HOLLAND, BENEDICT CUMBERBATCH, ZENDAYA

OASIS JUFFAIR :11.15 AM + 2.15 + 5.15 + 8.15 + 11.15 PM

OASIS JUFFAIR (VIP): 2.00 + 8.00 PM

CITY CENTRE : 10.30 AM + 10.45 AM + 11.45 AM + 1.15 + 1.45 + 2.45 + 4.15 + 4.45 + 5.45 + 7.15 + 7.45 + 8.45 + 10.15 + 10.45 + 11.45 PM + (12.30 MN THURS/FRI)

CITY CENTRE (3D): 11.15 AM + 2.15 + 5.15 + 8.15 + 11.15 PM

CITY CENTRE (IMAX 2D): 2.30 + 8.30 PM

CITY CENTRE (VIP I): 11.30 AM + 2.30 + 5.30 + 8.30 + 11.30 PM

SEEF (II): 11.30 AM + 12.00 + 12.30 + 2.30 + 3.00 + 3.30 + 5.30 + 6.00 + 6.30 + 8.30 + 9.00 + 9.30 + 11.30 PM + 12.00 MN + (12.30 MN THURS/FRI)

WADI AL SAIL: 11.00 AM + 11.30 AM + 2.00 + 2.30 + 5.00 + 5.30 + 8.00 + 8.30 + 11.00 + 11.30 PM

**PUSHPA**  
(PG-15) (ACTION/ADVENTURE/CRIME) (TAMIL) (NEW)  
ALLU ARJUN, FAHADH FAASIL, RASHMIKA MANDANNA

OASIS JUFFAIR : 10.45 AM + 5.00 + 11.15 PM

SEEF (II): 1.00 + 4.30 + 8.00 + 11.30 PM

WADI AL SAIL: 7.00 + 10.30 PM  
ON THURS 23RD  
AL HAMRA : 3.00 + 12.00 MN

ON FRI. 24TH  
AL HAMRA : 12.00 MN (HINDI) (NEW)

SEEF (II): 4.00 + 7.30 + 11.00 PM

OASIS JUFFAIR : 12.30 + 4.00 + 7.30 + 11.00 PM  
AL HAMRA : 12.00 NOON

**ENCANTO**  
(G) (ANIMATION/ADVENTURE/COMEDY)  
STEPHANIE BEATRIZ, MAR "A" CECILIA BOTERO, JOHN LEGUIZAMO

OASIS JUFFAIR (KIDS CINEMA): 2.00 + 6.30 + 11.00 PM

CITY CENTRE: 11.00 AM + 1.15 + 3.30 + 5.45 + 8.00 + 10.15 PM

SEEF (II): 12.30 + 4.45 + 9.00 PM  
WADI AL SAIL: 12.15 + 2.30 + 4.45 PM

**SING 2**  
(PG) (ANIMATION/ADVENTURE/COMEDY/MUSICAL)  
MATTHEW MCCONAUGHEY, REESE WITHERSPOON, SCARLETT JOHANSSON

OASIS JUFFAIR (KIDS CINEMA): 11.45 AM + 4.15 + 8.45 PM

CITY CENTRE: 11.30 AM + 1.45 + 4.00 + 6.15 PM

SEEF (II): 12.15 + 4.45 + 9.15 PM

**HOUSE OF GUCCI**  
(PG-15) (DRAMA/BIOGRAPHY)  
LADY GAGA, ADAM DRIVER, JARED LETO

CITY CENTRE : 8.30 + 11.45 PM

**GHOSTBUSTERS: FROM BEYOND**  
(PG-13) (ADVENTURE/COMEDY/FANTASY)  
CARRIE COON, FINN WOLFHARD, MCKENNA GRACE

CITY CENTRE : 2.30 + 7.30 PM

**SURVIVE THE GAME**  
(PG-15) (ACTION/THRILLER)  
BRUCE WILLIS, CHAD MICHAEL MURRAY, SA-RAH ROEMER

CITY CENTRE : 12.15 + 5.15 + 10.15 PM

**NO TIME TO DIE**  
(PG-15) (ACTION/ADVENTURE/THRILLER/CRIME)  
DANIEL CRAIG, RAMI MALEK, LASHANA LYNCH

CITY CENTRE : 1.00 + 6.15 + 11.30 PM

**VENOM: LET THERE BE CARNAGE**  
(PG-15) (ACTION/THRILLER)  
TOM HARDY, WOODY HARRELSON, MICHELLE WILLIAMS

CITY CENTRE : 11.45 AM + 5.00 + 10.15 PM

**KING RICHARD**  
(PG-13) (SPORT/DRAMA/BIOGRAPHY)  
WILL SMITH, AUNJANUE ELLIS, SANIYKA SIDNEY

CITY CENTRE : 2.00 + 7.15 PM

### SUDOKU

Sudoku grid with numbers 3, 5, 7, 9, 6 in the top row and 7, 4, 9, 2, 7 in the second row.

Yesterday's solution

Completed 9x9 Sudoku grid from the previous day.

How to play

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

### CROSSWORD

crossword puzzle grid with black squares indicating non-letter positions.

Across

1-Capital of the Ukraine; 5-Appraise, charge per unit; 9-"Peter Pan" pirate; 13-... Grows in Brooklyn; 15-Desktop picture; 16-Shepherd; 17-Reposes; 18-Nair rival; 19-Actress Heche; 20-Galena, e.g.; 21-Actress Harper; 23-Dried grape; 25-Bay; 26-Native Israeli; 27-Like barber poles; 30-Fail to tell the truth; 31-Awkward boors; 32-Credulous; 37-"Rule Britannia" composer; 38-Eye sores; 40-Wyoming resource; 41-Large percussion instrument; 43-Outdoos; 44-German article; 45-Otalgia; 47-In working order; 50-Microsoft game system; 51-Midday nap; 52-Rabbit's tail; 53-Nor. neighbor; 56-Terminates; 57-Branta sandvicensis; 59-Perfectly; 61-To... (perfectly); 62-Train; 63-Sharp pain; 64-Swabbies; 65-Work without...; 66-Kitchen addition;

Down

1-Syrup brand; 2-Roman road; 3-Gaelic language of Ireland or Scotland; 4-Spot checker?; 5-Washed lightly; 6-Breezes through; 7-Foot digit; 8-Intestines; 9-Flight segment; 10-Brainy bunch; 11-Bandleader Skinnay...; 12-Biblical garden; 14-Bars legally; 22-Adam's madam; 24-Genesis victim; 25-Quotes; 26-Swing around; 27-Thick slice; 28-When said three times, a 1970 war movie; 29-Flows; 32-Hoops venue; 33-Mountaineer's tool; 34-Winter pear; 35-Narrow strip of wood; 36-Otherwise; 38-Ceylon, now; 39-Air; 42-It's owed; 43-Thin soups; 45-Unless; 46-"Aladdin" monkey; 47-Utah's... Mountains; 48-Passover meal; 49-Donkeys; 51-Chair; 52-Dagger of yore; 53-Agitated state; 54-Took off; 55-Upper hand; 58-Still, in poetry; 60-Suffix with Capri;

Yesterday's solution

Completed crossword puzzle grid from the previous day.

# Al Balooshi triumphs in Drag Racing

Bahrain1 Racing's Khaled Al Balooshi makes it two wins in a row in Bahrain Drag Racing Championship at BIC

● **Bahrain's Hussain Al Mahroos, Faisal Al Arab and Hussain Ali among winners**

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Bahrain1 Racing's Khaled Al Balooshi maintained his winning ways in the Bahrain Drag Racing Championship after taking first place in the Pro Mod class for the second round of the 2021/2022 season, held last week as part of Bahrain International Circuit's (BIC) spectacular National Day celebrations.

"The Home of Motorsport in the Middle East" attracted more than 200 of the top drag racers from across the Gulf and beyond to battle it out in 13 competition categories, including nine for cars and four for motorbikes.

The meeting was organised and run by BIC, in cooperation with the Bahrain Motor Federation (BMF) and Bahrain Drag Racing Club (BDRC).

Behind the wheel of Bahrain's Gen 3 Camaro Blower, Al Balooshi powered the NHRA champions to victory with a pass of 3.743 seconds at 319.06mph in the final. It was his second successive triumph of the new



Bahrain1 Racing's Khaled Al Balooshi in action

campaign, and he beat Hani Hussain Ali, who had a time of 5.003s. Muslem Alqallaf claimed the other podium place.

Meanwhile, three Bahrainis emerged as winners in the meeting. They included Hussain Al Mahroos in the 8.5 Index class, Faisal Al Arab in the Outlaw 6-Cylinder category and Hussain Ali among the Pro 29.5 V8s.

Al Mahroos took the 8.5 Index with an 8.534s run in the final at 257.61mph, defeating opponent Sayed Hussain who had a red light. Abdulla Qassim Alajmi claimed third place.

Al Arab won the Outlaw 6-Cylinder class with a pass of 4.609s at 244.94mph in the final, where Taleb Abdulla Alshehi did not register a time. Nawaf

Almannai was third.

In the Pro 29.5 V8 category, Ali had a winning time of 4.007s at 307.21mph, overcoming the 4.965s time of Suliman Alqureshi. Abdulla Waleed Al Hatem rounded off the podium placers.

Elsewhere in the round, six drivers from Kuwait and three from Saudi Arabia were able to take their respective classes.

Amongst the Kuwaitis, Ali Hussain Alqallaf won the 9.0 Index with a time of 9.056s at 232.94mph to beat Faisal Al Ahmed. Hamdan Juma came third. Ahmed Al Saai clinched first place amongst the Outlaw 4-Cylinder competitors with an 8.963s final run at 212.91mph, defeating Mahmood Saleh.



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Winners celebrate on the podium

a time of 8.518s at 253.16mph, while Ali Bahram came third. Mohammed Al Awwad took the Outlaw Bikes win with a 7.989s time at 168.87mph against Bader Al Awwad, while Khalid Al Fowzan finished third.

The winners from Saudi included Ali Alajaji in the 10.0 Index class, where he beat Abdulrahman Asker in the final despite both having break outs. Ali Baslar was ranked third. Fadi Abu Jamus beat Yousef Al Holi to claim the Street Fight Bikes 9.5 win with an elapsed time of 9.597s at 203.51mph, with Waleed Al Badeen completing the top three. Mishari Al Turki won the Pro Street Bikes category with a 4.409s mark at 273.90mph to beat Jihad Al Ja-

mal. Bader Bin Edan took the other podium place in third. Following all the action, the top three in each class were awarded their respective trophies in their podium ceremonies attended by BIC, BMF and BDRC officials.

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For more information on the series, visit bahraingp.com, follow BIC's social media accounts or call the circuit's hotline on +973-17450000.

## BIC's Fitness on Track for runners and cyclists set for tomorrow



Participants ride cycles during a Fitness on Track event at BIC (file photo)

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Bahrain International Circuit (BIC) hosts tomorrow its widely popular Batelco Fitness on Track programme at the world-class Sakher facility.

The activity offers members of the public the chance to maintain their health and wellbeing in a fun and safe environment, either on foot or on a bicycle. All those taking part can train or simply casually exercise within BIC's secure and controlled setting, while getting a bright and early start to the Christmas weekend between 6am and 10am.

Batelco Fitness on Track is one of the most subscribed activities at "The Home of Motorsport in the Middle East", attracting large numbers of participants each time and selling out tickets days in advance.

This is expected to be the same this Friday, therefore runners and cyclists of all ages are being invited to secure their participation to-day for this unique chance of maintaining or improving their physical fitness along a Formula 1 Grand Prix circuit.

All those wishing to participate must pre-register and pay in advance on BIC's official website bahraingp.com. The cost to take part is BD2 for cyclists and BD1 for runners. Those under the age of 12 can participate for free if accompanied by a paying adult.

Under the current Government traffic light system, which is yellow, entry is restricted to those with a green shield on the BeAware app. Children under 12 are permitted entry as long as they are accompanied by an adult showing a green shield.

The running and cycling will take place on separate track layouts. Runners and walkers will be utilising the 2.550-kilometre Inner Track, while cyclists will be able to ride their bikes along BIC's 3.543-kilometre Outer circuit, with a dedicated area for children's cycling.

Additional facilities provided on site include food and beverage trucks available, as well as water stations.

For more information on the Batelco Fitness on Track programme, visit bahraingp.com or call the circuit hotline on +973-17-450000.

## Hala stun East Riffa, Hidd hold leaders Manama

● **Isra Amer Hamouya scores winning goal in 1-0 win for Hala over East East Riffa**

● **Tariq Kada supplies equaliser with a minute left in regular time to salvage 2-2 draw for Hidd against Manama**

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Al Hala came away with a surprising 1-0 victory over East Riffa last night while table-toppers Manama were held to a late 2-2 draw by Hidd to kick off the seventh week of action in the 2021/2022 Nasser bin Hamad Bahrain Premier Football League.

Isra Amer Hamouya scored the winning goal for Hala in their match. He found the net



Manama goalkeeper Ammar Mohamed Abbas looks to clear the ball while Hidd's Khalid Jamal Abdulrahman attempts to challenge for possession

in the 58th minute as he sent the ball home with a header from close range off a cross from a right corner-kick.

That was enough to separate the two sides in the contest, as Hala came away with only their second win in six matches to rise to fifth on the league table with eight points. East Riffa suffered only their second loss in seven games and stayed in third place with nine points.

Meanwhile, substitute Osa-

ma Mahmoud Omari opened the scoring for Hidd in their stalemate with Manama with a goal from inside the box in the 25th minute, but Manama were able to equalize through Mahdi Abduljabbar in the 39th minute when they were awarded a penalty after Abduljabbar was taken down in the area. He slotted home into the bottom-right corner of the net past Hidd's Abbas Ahmed.

Abduljabbar then put Mana-

ma in front just a minute before half-time with a header in the face of goal off a fine cross by Mohamed Yahya Alhallak.

That gave Manama the slim lead at the break and they appeared to be headed towards a victory after maintaining their advantage for much of the second half. That was until the 88th minute, however, when Tariq Kada supplied the late equaliser after a long pass from Sayed Mohammed Adnan found its way into the box. Kada did well to collect the ball and tap it in with his second touch.

Manama stayed atop the league standings with 15 points despite their third draw in seven matches, while Hidd claimed their fourth draw and rose to seven points for seventh place.

League action continues tonight with Al Ahli playing Al Khaldiya at 5.30pm, followed at 8.05pm by Muharraq facing Budaiya Club.

## Bahrain to face Uzbekistan in Asian handball opener

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Bahrain's senior men's national handball team are set to begin their campaign in the 2022 Asian Men's Handball Championship against their counterparts from Uzbekistan on January 18.

The schedule for the competition's preliminary round has been released by the Asian Handball Federation (AHF), and the nationals are set to play four Group D games.

Following their opening fixture, the Bahrainis face their counterparts from Hong Kong on January 19, before taking on Vietnam the next day. They then have a rest day on January 21 and then play their last



Action from Bahrain's match against Morocco

group match against Japan the following evening.

Bahrain must finish in the top two in their group to make it through to the main round. The bottom three squads face off in the consolation bracket for the Martyr Fahad Al Ahmad Al Sabah Cup.

Coached by Aron Kristjansson from Iceland, the Bahrainis are currently preparing for the Asian championship. They recently played three international friendly matches in the Eastern Province of Saudi Arabia, which they wrapped up with a resounding 34-23 win over Morocco.

Bahrain will be one of 17 teams in the continental competition, which is to be hosted in Dammam and Qatif.

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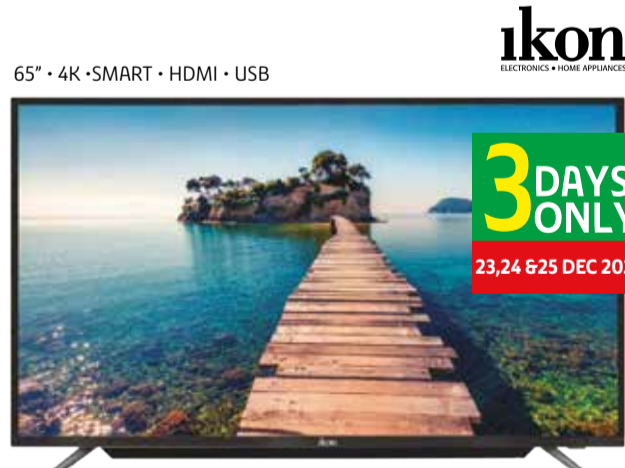
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