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**Israel rejection of two-state solution unacceptable: UN**

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Israel's rejection of the idea of a two-state solution with the Palestinians is unacceptable and could prolong the conflict in Gaza, UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres said yesterday.

"Last week's clear and repeated rejection of the two-state solution at the highest levels of the Israeli government is unacceptable," Guterres said in a speech to the Security Council.

"The entire population of Gaza is enduring destruction at a scale and speed without parallel in recent history," he noted. "Nothing can justify the collective punishment of the Palestinian people."

**Arab League Secretary General arrives in Bahrain**

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Arab League Secretary General Ahmed Aboul Gheit arrived yesterday on an official visit to the Kingdom of Bahrain.

Upon arrival at the Bahrain International Airport, Gheit was welcomed by His Excellency Dr. Shaikh Abdullah bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for Political Affairs, in addition to several Foreign Affairs Ministry's officials.

**Asian found dead**

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The CID found a body of an Asian, 47, in his flat in Maghaba.

Initial details indicate criminal suspicions. Legal proceedings are being taken and the Public Prosecution was notified.

**Measles cases soar in Europe**

AFP | Copenhagen

Measles cases soared in Europe in 2023 to 42,200, a nearly 45-fold increase over the previous year, the UN health agency said yesterday, calling for urgent vaccination efforts to halt the spread.

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**Bahrain hails Egypt on vital nuclear energy project**

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, yesterday sent cables of congratulations to Egyptian President Abdel Fattah El Sisi following the commencement of the building foundation of the Power Unit 4 at the Dabaa Nuclear Power Plant.

HM the King and HRH Prince Salman expressed their sincere congratulations to President El Sisi on this occasion, praising



HM the King



HRH Prince Salman



President El Sisi

this great achievement and vital project, which paves the way for Egypt to enter the era of peaceful use of nuclear energy, in a

way that consolidates its leadership and position on the international arena and enhances its development process.

They praised Egypt's development process, vital projects, and achievements under President El Sisi's leadership.

HM the King and His Royal Highness emphasised Egypt's effective, pivotal role in the Middle East, describing it as the cornerstone of security and stability in the region.

They expressed Bahrain's pride in its deep-rooted robust fraternal ties with Egypt, which are built upon solid foundations and enjoy the unwavering support of both countries' leadership, and growing steadily across various fields.

HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister also sent a similar cable to the Prime Minister, HE Dr. Mostafa Madbouly.

**HRH Prince Salman honours government service providers**



The Deputy King, His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, yesterday awarded 18 government service providers a gold classification for their excellence in service delivery under the fourth edition of the "Taqeem" evaluation program, at Gudaibiya Palace. Present in the ceremony were His Highness Shaikh Mohammed bin Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa and a number of senior officials. (Full report on Page 2)

**Fiscal firestorm**

Zakat and taxes spark debate in Parliament; Law passed despite calls for revisions

**Effectiveness, fairness must be top priority**

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Yesterday's Parliamentary session in Bahrain ignited a fiery debate on a proposed law that would impose taxes and regulate Zakat on commercial companies.

While the committee endorsed the proposal, sparks flew when MP Zainab Abdulmir, head of the Finance Committee, unexpectedly requested its withdrawal for further study, citing the lack of government feedback.

"If you demand the withdrawal," thundered MP Mohammed Al Hussein, his voice pointed at Abdulmir, "then you are ac-



"This matter requires thorough study, including consulting government entities and examining similar proposals like the corporate tax."

- HIS EXCELLENCY AHMED BIN SALMAN AL MUSALLAM, COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES SPEAKER



"If you demand the withdrawal, then you are accountable to God for that."

- MP MOHAMMED AL HUSSEINI  
The heated exchange prompted intervention from Council of



Representatives Speaker, His Excellency Ahmed bin Salman Al Musallam. Recognizing the need for deeper analysis, he urged caution: "This matter requires thorough study, including consulting government entities and examining similar proposals like the corporate tax."

He further added that imposing Zakat on non-Muslim companies wouldn't be appropriate, reminding Al Hussein, "We're

not in a religious debate. And what did you mean by saying Zainab is accountable to God? Is she the only one?"

The proposed law details the calculation of Zakat for companies, setting it at 25% of the tenth of their net Zakat assets for the Hijri year budget or 2.577% for the Gregorian year budget.

While the law ultimately passed, the fiery debate exposed lingering concerns. Some, like Abdulmir, advocate for more time to ensure the law's effectiveness and fairness. Others, like Al Hussein, prioritize swift implementation, even if it means sacrificing further scrutiny.

With the law now in place, the question remains: will it effectively balance fiscal objectives with ethical considerations, or will it spark further controversy in the months to come? Only time will tell.



# Technology, digital solutions ‘vital’

HRH Deputy King awards 18 government service providers gold classification under the Taqyeem program

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The Deputy King, His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, emphasised the importance of advancements in government services, embracing technology, and deploying digital solutions.

HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister noted that these efforts aim to deliver exceptional services that adhere to the highest standards of quality and efficiency.

The overarching goal is to foster a culture of excellence, emphasising creativity and innovation, to effectively contribute



HRH Prince Salman with senior officials and representatives of government service centres at the ceremony

to the Kingdom’s comprehensive development goals, led by His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa.

HRH Prince Salman was speaking as he awarded yesterday 18 government service providers a gold classification for their

excellence in service delivery under the fourth edition of the “Taqyeem” evaluation program, at Gudaibiya Palace.

His Highness Shaikh Mohamed bin Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa and a number of senior officials attended the ceremony.

HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister affirmed that the successes of Bahraini citizens are a source of pride, instilling strength and determination to bolster development efforts for the Kingdom and its people. His Royal Highness highlighted that

Bahrainis remain at the core of development efforts and form the cornerstone of various government initiatives.

HRH the Deputy King awarded the following government service centres:

Entities affiliated with the

Ministry of Interior: Customs Clearance Service’s Centre, Sea Port Customs Directorate - Customs Affairs; Comprehensive Air Freight Service Centre - Customs Affairs; Land Ports Customs Directorate - Customs Affairs; Driver’s Licenses at the Driving School Services - General Directorate of Traffic; General Directorate of Civil Defence (Muharrag Security Complex Branch); Nationality, Passports and Residence Affairs (Isa Town Branch); Nationality, Passports and Residence Affairs (Muharrag Branch); The Identity Card Centre branch in Isa Town - The Information and e-Government Authority.

# Unlocking Bahrain’s MICE potential

Inside the groundbreaking ICCA workshop and strategic alliances

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Marking a landmark moment for the Kingdom’s burgeoning MICE industry, Exhibition World Bahrain (EWB) proudly hosted the prestigious International Congress and Convention Association (ICCA)

Workshop.

This first-ever event for Bahrain brought together industry leaders from across the globe to explore strategies for unlocking the Kingdom’s immense MICE potential.

The workshop featured insightful panel discussions on

navigating trends, attracting high-impact events, and leveraging diverse perspectives to propel Bahrain’s MICE sector to new heights.

Experts from Bahrain Tourism and Exhibitions Authority (BTEA), Abu Dhabi Convention and Exhibition Bureau, Gulf Air Group, and



Influential global figures share industry insights, enlightening attendees during a panel discussion

other notable organizations shared their knowledge and expertise, creating a platform for dynamic collaboration and idea exchange.

EWB didn’t just host the workshop – they seized the opportunity to solidify their position as a leading MICE destination.

Two key partnerships were inked on the sidelines of the meet – between EWB and ICCA and EWB and MIC Middle East. The strategic alliance between EWB and ICCA will see ICCA providing CICS training for EWB staff, hosting the annual ICCA Middle East Summit and International Destination Workshop at EWB, further elevating the venue’s profile and expertise.

The collaboration between EWB and MCI Middle East focuses on attracting high-impact events, particularly in the healthcare sector, leveraging MCI’s regional network and expertise to bring prestigious international gath-



ings to Bahrain.

**Partnerships**

EWB General Manager Dr. Debbie Kristiansen emphasized the significance of these partnerships: “We are committed to continuous growth and innovation in the MICE industry. Collaboration, dedication to sustainability, and a focus on attracting events across diverse sectors are key to our success.”

Dr. Senthil Gopinath, CEO of ICCA, lauded Bahrain’s rapid rise in the MICE arena: “We are delighted to partner with EWB and witness their dedication to excellence. This workshop was a testament to Bahrain’s potential, and we are confident that with continued collaboration, the Kingdom will be a leading MICE hub in the years to come.”



The workshop included informative panel conversations on steering through trends, drawing influential events, and harnessing varied viewpoints to drive Bahrain’s MICE industry to greater success.

With strategic partnerships, a focus on knowledge sharing, and a commitment to innovation, Exhibition World Bahrain is charting a course to become a global MICE powerhouse, putting the Kingdom firmly on the map for international events of all sizes and sectors.



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## Tamkeen’s new enhanced programs



Tamkeen’s executive management met with Al Zayani Investments Group as part of the ongoing visits to introduce the new enhanced programs to private sector enterprises and highlight ways to benefit from them to employ and upskill Bahraini talent.



# Cold store owner brutally attacked over BD2; Succumbs to injuries

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A seemingly trivial dispute over a small purchase turned deadly in Riffa, as a cold store owner was allegedly attacked by a customer who refused to pay for items totalling less than BD2.

Basheer Koyambrath, a native of Kakkodi near Kozhikode in India, had been running the small cold store at Al Hajiyat in Riffa for more than 25 years and

managed the business alone.

On Thursday morning, at around 8.30 am, a nearby resident came to shop. After taking a beverage and a small snack, which cost less than BD2, the man allegedly walked out without paying.

Basheer went out after the customer and allegedly asked him to return the goods if he couldn't pay. When the customer refused, Basheer tried to get the goods from his hand, and

the customer allegedly attacked him.

Within seconds of the attack, Basheer fell unconscious, and a crowd began to gather, and the customer allegedly left the scene. An ambulance was summoned, and Basheer was rushed to BDF Hospital after cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

Remaining under treatment in the ICU since then, Basheer succumbed to the injuries yesterday morning. His body



Basheer Koyambrath

has been shifted to Salmaniya Medical Complex, and steps are being taken to transport the body to India, said PK Ishak, an office bearer of KMCC Bahrain socio-cultural society who is waiting for the release of the body from the mortuary.

## Necessary support

He added that officials of the Embassy of India in Bahrain provided the necessary support and that the police have registered a

case and launched an investigation, resulting in the customer's arrest.

Ishak, who got to know many of Basheer's friends and acquaintances by now, said they described him as the kind of man who wouldn't bite if you put your fingers in his mouth.

Basheer was the sole breadwinner of his family, which included three children, who were students, and his wife.

## Top Bahrain technology companies not immune to cyber attacks: experts



Ahmed Albaloooshi

Zahra Ayaz

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A significant breach has raised concerns about the sophistication of state-sponsored cyber threats and the security of major tech companies.

In a recent cyber security breach, the systems of Microsoft, one of the largest technology companies in the world, were hacked by a Russian state-sponsored group known as "Midnight Blizzard," according to a report by The Sun.

The Daily Tribune reached out to AI experts to gather their opinions on the matter and to assess the potential for a similar incident to occur in Bahrain.

Ahmed Albaloooshi, CEO of Fintech IT Consultations and Certified in Industry 4.0 Technologies, highlighted the challenges faced by even the largest technology companies in dealing with cyber security threats.

He explained that state-sponsored actors like Midnight Blizzard employ advanced and stealthy hacking techniques to remain undetected, making it difficult to anticipate and guard against every possible attack vector.

Albaloooshi emphasised the need for continuous vigilance, advanced threat detection capabilities, and a proactive security posture to mitigate such breaches.

He stressed that Bahrain is not immune to cyber security threats and must embrace digital transformation cautiously, implementing robust cybersecurity measures and continuous monitoring.

"Sectors such as government, finance, and telecommunications were identified as



Dr. Jassim Haji

high-priority areas due to their importance and the valuable data they possess. International collaboration, adherence to cybersecurity standards, and awareness campaigns were deemed crucial in maintaining a strong cybersecurity posture," he added.

Additionally, response plans and swift breach identification and mitigation capabilities were emphasized as essential components of Bahrain's cyber defense strategy.

## Data breaches and vulnerabilities

Meanwhile, Dr. Jassim Haji, an AI expert, provided a comprehensive analysis to The Daily Tribune, citing several high-profile Microsoft data breaches and vulnerabilities reported in the past 24 months.

These incidents have affected millions of users and organisations, raising further concerns about the security of major tech companies.

Dr. Haji highlighted a Microsoft data breach by the Lapsus\$ group in March 2022, which compromised Cortana and Bing. In another incident, the misconfiguration of Microsoft Power apps led to a massive data leak, exposing approximately 38 million records from over 47 companies that had stored their data on publicly accessible platforms.

Dr. Jassim says because of recent incidents it raises concerns over security of outlook mailboxes in the Kingdom.

Cybersecurity experts warn that Bahrain faces similar risks and must prioritize cybersecurity preparedness, infrastructure resilience, and effective incident response. Continuous improvement in cybersecurity practices is crucial in addressing the threat landscape.

## Support deal for foreigners a 'lifeline' for house rental sector

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An owner of a local real estate company stressed the significance of the agreement reached by the members of the Parliament and Shura Council regarding housing allowances and the support of electricity and water bills for foreigners.

Sayed Sharaf Sayed Jaffar, the owner of Sayed Sahraf Sayed Jaffar Real Estate company, believes that these agreements can serve as a lifeline for the rental sector, which has been experiencing a slump, calling for the swift adoption and implementation of these agreements to revitalise the vital sector.

His remarks were made on the recent parliamentary agreements reached regarding redirecting subsidies and the expected amendments to them.

Among the proposed measures are reducing the waiting period for housing allowances to three years from the date of marriage and increasing the allowance to BD200 instead of the current BD100. Additionally, housing allowances would be provided to widows and those with specific demands.

The parliament members also proposed reducing the housing account tariff for foreigners by more than 35%, ranging from 13 fils for the lowest consumption category up to 3,000 units.

Regarding the reduction of water bills, the parliament



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"The significant increase in electricity and water bills imposed a few years ago contributed to the decline in rental activity, especially among foreigners. This, in turn, resulted in an oversupply of unoccupied apartments."

- SAYED SHARAF SAYED JAFFAR, REAL ESTATE COMPANY OWNER

## Significant increase

The real estate expert, who has been working in the rental market for four decades, emphasised that the significant increase in electricity and water bills imposed a few years ago contributed to the decline in

rental activity, especially among foreigners. This, in turn, resulted in an oversupply of unoccupied apartments.

Sayed Sharaf further noted that prior to the hike in electricity and water prices, buildings

were filled with tenants, especially in vibrant areas. However, this reality has changed to the extent that the occupancy levels in his buildings are now below 50%. He pointed out that furnished one-bedroom apartments, for example, are now being offered for as low as BD220.

He stated that implementing these proposals would increase occupancy levels and help attract many investors and foreigners who would find that housing costs have significantly decreased. He also called for listening to the voices of real estate owners in the vital sector, which contributes significantly to the gross domestic product.

## Excessively high

In the same context, he criticised the electricity fees, which currently stand at 10%, stating that this percentage is excessively high and does not correspond to the services provided by the Ministry of Municipalities and Agriculture. He mentioned that their noticeable services are limited to garbage disposal and street cleaning.

He asked, "Imagine how much a building owner with 800 apartments pays in municipal fees?"

He underlined the importance of reviewing this percentage, especially considering the significant decrease in apartment returns due to the scarcity of tenants.

## Restoring monthly allowances for employees with academic degrees

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The Parliament passed a proposal for a law that requires the restoration of monthly allowances for employees with academic degrees working in the government sector.

The law specifies that a fixed allowance should be disbursed, amounting to BD20 for those holding a higher diploma or bachelor's degree, BD40 for those with a master's degree, and BD60 for individuals who hold a doctoral degree.

The proposal aims, as stated in its explanatory memorandum, to provide budget relief for government scholarships and replace them with the dis-



The Parliament in session

bursement of the educational qualification allowance. This allowance serves as a form of financial appreciation provided

on a monthly basis.

## Academic qualifications

The proposed law introduces

the concept of the "Educational Qualification Allowance," which will be granted to Bahraini employees who have obtained academic qualifications from recognized universities, in accordance with the law.

The allowance amount varies based on the level of qualification: BD20 for higher diploma or bachelor's degree holders, BD40 for master's degree holders, and BD60 for individuals with a doctoral degree.

The allowance mentioned above cannot be combined with any other educational qualification allowance, and it does not apply to positions that require an academic qualification for employment or promotion.



## Mind Matters

## Understanding and supporting kids with ADHD: Important tips for parents and teachers



ANEESA MOIDOO, PSYCHOLOGIST

In today's busy world, some kids face challenges because of something called Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder, or ADHD. It's important for parents and teachers to know what signs to look for and how to support these kids for their success in school and in life.

When parents often claim, "My child is intelligent and capable of studying, but he does not sit concentrated, does not want to study, is sluggish, and so on," it's essential to understand that this might not be the case. Your youngster wants to do what is asked of him, but he also does not understand why he is unable to. Being screamed at by teachers or nagged by parents is sometimes unpleasant for your youngster as well.

Kids with ADHD can show different signs. Some may have trouble paying attention, make small mistakes, and forget things easily. Others might be very active, have a hard time waiting their turn, or talk a lot, even when they shouldn't. Some kids might have a mix of these behaviors.

To help kids with ADHD, parents can create a steady routine at home. This means having a schedule for homework, meals, and bedtime. This helps kids know what to expect each day. Teachers can also make a regular routine in the classroom so kids feel comfortable and safe.

Clear communication is crucial. Parents can break down tasks into smaller steps and use pictures or lists to help kids understand what to do. Teachers can give clear instructions, use pictures, and let kids take short breaks during the day to help them stay focused.

Praising effort and celebrating small victories is a great way to motivate kids with ADHD. Parents can encourage their kids and make them feel good about their achievements. Teachers can use rewards and say nice things to create a positive learning environment.

It's super important for parents and teachers to talk to each other about the child's progress. Sharing information helps everyone understand what works best for the child. Teamwork between parents and teachers creates a friendly and supportive community for every child, no matter how they learn.

In the end, helping kids with ADHD is all about understanding and supporting them. By working together, parents and teachers can make sure these kids feel confident and do well in school and life.

(The views and opinions expressed in this article are those of the author and do not necessarily reflect the official policy or position of the Daily Tribune)

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# Taqyeem Triumph

Gold rush in government service excellence

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Information & eGovernment Authority (iGA) Chief Executive and Taqyeem Committee Chairman, Mohammed Ali Al Qaed highlighted the ongoing commitment to improving the performance of government service centers and enhancing the quality of services through initiatives aimed at achieving objectives. He noted their contributions to the Kingdom's development goals, an effort led by His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, with follow-up by His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister. The Government Service Centers Evaluation Program (Taqyeem 4) is a key part of these



iGA Chief Executive and Taqyeem Committee Chairman, Mohammed Ali Al Qaed

efforts, fostering a creative environment and helping to enhance a customer services culture.

Al Qaed said that the recognition of gold category service centers in the "Taqyeem 4" program by HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister is a testament to the program's success and its

effectiveness in meeting its objectives. The current edition of the program heightened the competition among the centers, demonstrating their dedication to the delivery of high-quality services in line with the expectations of citizens and residents. A total of 18 service centers were classified in the Gold category and 6 in the Silver.

He expressed his pride in the continuous support received from HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, which positively impacted the program, aligning it with the government's aspirations and vision. The fourth edition of the program introduced new evaluation mechanisms and standards, reflecting ongoing

improvement in customer service, including a comprehensive framework for evaluating remote customer service centers.

Al Qaed congratulated Gold shield recipients on their achievements and commitment to fulfilling the

directives of HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister in enhancing service center efficiency. He highlighted the centers' achievement of more than 90% compliance with the basic evaluation standards, a 34% increase from the previous edition, with 53 government service centers from various governorates achieving this high standard out of the 71 centers that were evaluated.



# Phone scam justice

Fraudsters sentenced to three years in jail, fined BD3,000 for swindling Arab doctor

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The High Criminal Court has brought two fraudsters to justice, sentencing them to three years behind bars and imposing a hefty fine of BD3,000 on each perpetrator.

Their crime? Swindling a prominent Arab doctor out of BD2,700 through an elaborate phone scam.

The intricate web of deception began when one of the fraudsters, posing as a financial company employee, contacted the unsuspecting doctor and cunningly convinced him to update his financial data.

Falling victim to the ruse, the doctor innocently provided his information via an electronic link, oblivious to the malicious intent behind the call. To his dismay, the doctor soon received a text message containing a verification code.

It was then that he discovered the shocking truth — his hard-earned money had been siphoned off in multiple transactions, amounting to a total loss of BD2,700. Following extensive investigations conducted by the dedicated team at the Economic



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Crimes Investigation Department, startling revelations emerged.

It became evident that the culprits themselves were the beneficiaries of the illicit transfers. Furthermore, it was uncovered that these two individuals operated as part of a sophisticated fraud network specialising in diverting financial funds to anonymous recipients by exploiting exchange companies and electronic applications.

Their nefarious activities were driven by the lure of substantial commissions. The weight of the evidence presented by the prosecution prompted

the court to charge the defendants with multiple offenses.

Secret code Notably, they were found to have conspired in 2023 with an unidentified accomplice, utilising the victim's electronic signature — specifically, the secret code associated with his bank card issued by a reputable financial institution.

Their motive was clear: to orchestrate a fraudulent scheme aimed at pilfering the doctor's hard-earned cash.

Additionally, the defendants faced charges of colluding with the same unknown accomplice



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to unlawfully seize the victim's funds, employing deceptive tactics that included sending a deceptive text message requesting a data update.

Through this deceitful maneuver, they gained access to the victim's personal information, which was subsequently input into a sophisticated information technology system.

# Labour Court rejects unfair dismissal case against commercial company

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The High Labour Court has rejected an unfair dismissal lawsuit filed by a Bahraini employee against a commercial company where he served as a consultant.

The employee had sought compensation for arbitrary termination, end-of-service benefits, and annual leave.

The court's decision came after the employee was terminated following a two-month absence from work, subsequent to six months of employment.

The company had issued two warning letters to the employee concerning his unexplained absence.

According to the court, an employer is within their rights to terminate an employment contract without notice or compensation under specific circumstances. These circumstances include when an employee is absent from work without a valid reason for more than twenty consecutive intermittent days or ten continuous days within a year.

However, it is essential that

the termination is preceded by a written warning from the employer, issued after the employee's absence for ten days in the first case or five days in the second case.

### Validity of the termination

The company's lawyer argued in favour of her client's actions, asserting the validity of the termination based on the employee's extended absence of 64 days.

The lawyer stated that the company had issued a warning to the plaintiff, giving him the

opportunity to either return to work or provide justifications for his absence. Subsequently, a second warning was issued when the employee failed to attend work or provide a valid excuse for his prolonged absence.

The lawyer emphasised the legality of her client's decision to terminate the employee, referring to Article 107, paragraph 4 of the Labour Law.

This article permits an employer to terminate an employment contract without notice or compensation in several situations.

# Oil Minister inaugurates 10th BBTC MENA 2024

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His Excellency Mohammed Bin Mubarak Bin Daina, Minister of Oil and Environment and Special Envoy for Climate Affairs, inaugurated the 10th edition of the Bottom of the Barrel Technology Conference (BBTC MENA).

The conference was organised by Euro Petroleum Consultants (EPC), in cooperation with the Ministry of Oil and Environment and Bapco Energies.

A group of experts, engineers, and officials from companies specialised in aspects of

the local, regional, and global oil industry participated in the conference.

The conference will address topics related to raising the level of fuel oil utilisation based on global trends, challenges, and requirements.

Bin Daina said that the kingdom's hosting of the conference reflects its international reputation for strengthening cooperation with specialised entities and attracting more investments.

The minister added the conference seeks to provide distinct visions and ideas for the improvement of technologies.



# Reboot01 Becomes Kingdom's Go-To Source for Future Leaders

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**R**eboot Coding Institute, the first of its kind on-campus coding institute in the Kingdom of Bahrain, part of the 01Edu global network of coding schools made waves in 2023, cementing its position as a pioneer in nurturing the Kingdom's next generation of tech talent. In 2023 alone, Reboot01 received 3,000+ applications reflecting the growing demand for its innovative curriculum and industry-aligned approach.

Reboot01 has established itself as a vibrant hub for tech empowerment, fostering a community of passionate enthusiasts through knowledge sharing and industry engagement. The coding institute hosted 20+ tech-centric workshops over the year in collaboration with industry leaders. The coding institute took center stage in the local and regional tech scene, participating in major events including GITEX 2023, Global Entrepreneurship Week, Arab International Cybersecurity Conference and Exhibition 2023 and more. Reboot01 is not only shaping the future of tech talent in Bahrain but also contributing to a dynamic regional tech ecosystem.

Fueling progress through a shared vision, Reboot01 forged alliances with key industry players including BENEFIT, BIBF,



Binance, Bahrain FinTech Bay, Spring Studios, and others providing students with valuable internship opportunities, mentorship and job opportunities, bridging the gap between academia and the real world. Additional leading corporations such as Al Salam Bank, YK Almoayyed, Mannai Tech, Flooss, Hope Talents, Codebase Technologies Middle East and several others joined Reboot01, as Hiring Partners, solidifying Reboot01's position as the go-to source for tech leaders.

Building on its commitment to Bahraini education, Reboot01 and the American University of Bahrain (AUBH) joined forces in July 2023 enabling Reboot01 graduates to seamlessly transfer

earned credits towards a Bachelor's Degree at AUBH.

Focused on nurturing a passion for technology for the youth, Reboot01 hosted bespoke workshops for 300+ high school students throughout the year, signing high-level partnerships with educational and governmental institutions in the Kingdom.

Yanal Jallad, Managing Director at Reboot Coding Institute stated, "Hand-in-hand with key stakeholders and government, we're building a tech talent ecosystem that ignites success from day one. With Tamkeen's invaluable support, approximately 280 students are already enrolled in our transformative 2-year program. Our unparal-

leled focus on top-tier training and industry partnerships will create a talent pool like no other inline with Bahrain's Economic Vision 2030 and digital transformation goals."

Reboot01 will host two upcoming events titled 'An international career in Data Science and Machine learning' taking place on Wednesday, January 31st which will highlight the fundamentals of Data Science, in-demand key skill sets and expertise required, and the exciting potential of a data science career. The 2nd event titled "A Career in Cybersecurity," will take place on Tuesday, February 6th highlighting the field of Cybersecurity, exploring career paths, industry insights, and its future trajectory. Participants will engage in hands-on Critical Infrastructure protection activities, culminating in the launch of a Reboot Cyber Security community chat – a dedicated space where the community can connect, collaborate, and stay updated.

Reboot is currently accepting applications for its upcoming selection pool on February 18th, 2024. Students can apply online and test their logic and memory through a unique game application. Apply online here.

From education to empowerment, Reboot01 is undoubtedly a catalyst for progress, propelling the Kingdom towards a brighter, tech-driven future.

## Bapco Energies becomes region's first national energy company to publish transition finance framework



From left, Sunil Kaushal, CEO of Standard Chartered Africa and Middle East; Bill Winters, Group CEO of Standard Chartered; HE Shaikh Salman bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, Minister of Finance and National Economy; and Mark Thomas of Group CEO of Bapco Energies.

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**B**apco Energies, the integrated energy company leading the energy transition in Bahrain, has launched its Transition Finance Framework ("Framework"). The Framework will allow the Company to further its goals in line with Bahrain's commitment to sustainability and climate action as pledged by His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Bahrain, at COP26.

The Framework, published on the side lines of the World Economic Forum in Davos, will also allow Bapco Energies to raise financing geared towards its transition projects for certain categories as it endeavours to implement its transition strategy. These categories include Renewable Energy, Carbon Capture and Storage, No/Low Emissions Fuels, and Energy Efficiency amongst others.

The Framework was developed in close collaboration with Standard Chartered,

which acted as the Company's ESG advisor in the process. With Standard Chartered's support, the Framework received a favourable Second Party Opinion from ISS Corporate Solutions. Bapco Energies was the first National Energy Company to publish a Sustainability-Linked Financing Framework launched in July 2023, which Standard Chartered also served as an advisor on.

Mark Thomas, Group Chief Executive Officer, Bapco Energies said, "Every conversation I've had so far at the World Economic Forum has included the need for urgent climate action, so it is fitting that we launch our Transition Finance Framework here."

Sunil Kaushal, Standard Chartered CEO, Africa and the Middle East said: "At Standard Chartered, we are committed to supporting our clients across our dynamic footprint as they venture into the sustainable finance market to meet their ESG ambitions, and we hope this is the first of many similar frameworks that we support our clients on across the region."

## ila Bank raises the bar: prizes totaling US\$2,670,000 in 2024

TDT | Manama

**i**la Bank, Bahrain's leading digital, mobile only bank, has announced a new and exciting schedule of cash prizes to be won through its prize account, Al Kanz, in 2024. This year, Al Kanz will give away a total value of US\$2.67 million as cash prizes.

Last year, ila customers won a total of US\$2.25 million as monthly and bumper bi-annual cash rewards.

In an interesting twist, ila Bank will reward not one, but five winners with cash prizes every month in the first half of 2024; i.e., from January – June 2024. In the months of January,



Nada Tarada

March and May, one customer out of five lucky winners will win a prize of US\$120,000 in the form of monthly Salary of US\$10,000 for a period of one year. The rest of the four winners in these months will be awarded a one-time prize of US\$10,000 each.

One mega prize winner picked

in each of the months of February, April and June will win an outright sum of US\$250,000, while the remaining four winners for these months will win US\$10,000 each.

The months of July – October will each see one winner being rewarded with US\$50,000. In November 2024, one lucky winner will win US\$120,000 as monthly Salary of US\$10,000 each month for a period of one year. The stakes will be the highest for the Al Kanz Grand Prize for December, wherein one fortunate winner will win a life changing amount of US\$1 million.

Nada Tarada, Head of Business & Customer at ila Bank

said, "We are delighted to be able to give our customers the opportunity to win bigger and more exciting prizes in 2024 through our innovative saving solution, Al Kanz."

All customers need to do is deposit into their Al Kanz account before the specified cut-off dates each month. Every BHD50 in the account is one chance to enter the draw. The deposit must remain in the account until the end of the retention period, which is one month after the last day to deposit. The prize money will be credited into the winners' accounts. The prize schedule and cut-off dates for deposits are available on [ila-bank.com/AlKanz](http://ila-bank.com/AlKanz).

## NBB Achieves Gold Accreditation from Investors in People

TDT | Manama

**T**he National Bank of Bahrain (NBB) has successfully achieved its Gold Accreditation from Investors in People (IIP) for the third consecutive year. The prestigious accreditation reflects the Bank's commitment to excellence in people management practices, and solidifies its position as a leading workplace.

Commenting on the occasion, Group Chief Human Resources Officer, Sarah Abdulaziz Jamal said: "We recognise the importance of investing in our human capital, and we strive to nurture the talent of our teams by driving their professional development and individual growth journeys."

Since receiving the accred-



itation, NBB has witnessed an increase in employee engage-

ment and productivity, alongside strengthening its position

as an employer to recruit and retain future industry leaders.

## Nissan Bahrain offers a diverse range of accessories for the Nissan Patrol



TDT | Manama

**Y**.K. Almoayyed & Sons, the sole distributor of Nissan Vehicles in the Kingdom of Bahrain, is delighted to announce the availability of an extensive selection of captivating genuine accessories that elevate both the aesthetics and performance of the Nissan Patrol. From stylish exterior upgrades to practical interior additions, the Nissan Patrol Genuine Accessories cater to the diverse needs and preferences of SUV enthusiasts.

The accessories that are available include rear mudguards, bumper protectors and cargo organizers to chrome door mirror cover, there is a

wide range of options available to cater to every individual's needs.

Nissan Patrol comes in 2 engine types V6 4L 275HP and V8 5.6L 400HP, both coming with 7 Speed Automatic transmission. The high-quality materials used in these accessories not only ensure durability but also contribute to the overall sophistication of the vehicle. Some more accessories available for Nissan Patrol are illuminated seat belt buckles, moon roof, side window deflectors and 8inch Rear entertainment screen.

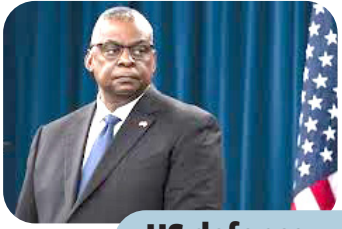
Furthermore, advanced technology features integrate with the Nissan Patrol, making journeys more convenient and enjoyable.





**News in brief**

◆ **US Defence Secretary** Lloyd Austin yesterday made his first appearance since being hospitalised for complications from cancer treatment -- a stay he concealed from both the White House and Congress for several days. Austin, who was admitted to Walter Reed on January 1 and spent two weeks in the military hospital, spoke via videolink from his residence at the opening of a meeting on aid for Ukraine's fight against invading Russian forces. "The security of the entire international community is on the line in Ukraine's fight. I am more determined than ever to work with our allies and partners to support Ukraine and to get the job done," Austin said in front of a Defence Department seal and small American and Ukrainian flags. He highlighted a \$250 million military assistance package that Washington announced last month, but did not detail any new American aid, with funding having dried up and Republicans refusing to authorize more until President Joe Biden bows to their demands for measures to curb migration over the Mexican border.



**US defence chief makes first appearance since secret hospitalisation**

◆ **UK's Sunak warns Huthis of more attacks** Prime Minister Rishi Sunak warned Iran-backed Huthis that Britain would stage new military action if the Yemeni rebels keep attacking shipping in the Red Sea. "We are not seeking a confrontation," he told parliament hours after a second round of US-UK strikes. "We urge the Huthis and those who enable them to stop these illegal and unacceptable attacks." But if necessary, the United Kingdom will not hesitate to respond in self-defence. We cannot stand by and allow these attacks to go unchallenged," Sunak added. Royal Air Force jets struck two military sites just north of the Yemeni capital Sanaa, "each containing multiple specific targets, which the Huthis used to support their attacks on shipping," Sunak said. He informed MPs that the government's initial evidence was that "all intended targets were destroyed".



**Chinese research ship to make Maldives resupply call**

◆ **The Maldives** has granted permission for a controversial Chinese vessel to make a resupply call but it will not undertake any "research," the Indian Ocean archipelago nation's foreign ministry said Tuesday. China's Xiang Yang Hong 3, which has been reportedly turned down port entry by Sri Lanka, is due to call at Male in early February, according to ship monitoring website MarineTraffic. The vessel will "not be conducting any research while in the Maldivian waters", the foreign ministry said, following media reports from neighbouring India accusing Beijing of using the ship for "surveillance". The Maldives said the vessel would stop only for "a port call, for rotation of personnel and replenishment".



**CURIOSER & CURIOSER**

**Denmark's oldest writing found on 2,000-year-old knife**



Small knife inscribed with runes dating back almost 2,000 years

AFP | Copenhagen, Denmark years AD, the iron knife was found in a grave in a small cemetery east of Odense, in central Denmark. The five runic letters spell out the word "hirla", which in the Proto-Norse language spoken at the time means "small sword". The inscription is a "note from the past", Bonde said. "It gives us the opportunity to look more into how the oldest-known language in Scandinavia developed ... (and) how people interacted with each other." Bonde said "the person who owned it wanted to show he was, or wanted to be, some kind of warrior." The first traces of human settlements in what is now Denmark date back to the Stone Age, around 4,000 BC, but there are no traces of any writing before the Roman Iron Age (0 to 400 AD). A small comb made of bone discovered in 1865 and inscribed with runes dates back to around the same period as the knife, Bonde said.

**Israeli tanks fire on Gaza hospital**

AFP | Palestinian Territories

The health ministry in Hamas-run Gaza said yesterday the Israeli army fired directly at a hospital in the southern city of Khan Yunis, where civilians are caught amid heavy fighting. "Israeli tanks are firing heavily on the upper floors of the specialised surgery building and the emergency building of Nasser hospital, dozens expected wounded," a ministry statement said. The Israeli military did not immediately respond when asked by AFP about firing at the hospital. Khan Yunis has become the epicentre of fighting between Hamas and Israeli soldiers, who have pressed south over nearly three months of their ground offensive. The United Nations agency for Palestinian refugees said one of its Khan Yunis shelters for displaced people "was hit during military operations" on Monday. "At least six displaced people were killed and many more



Mohammed Husseini (R) looks on as relatives and friends gather around the body of his son 16-year-old Yamen is laid for ahead of his funeral in Arraba in the occupied West Bank

injured during intense fighting around our the shelter," UNRWA chief Philippe Lazzarini wrote Tuesday on X, formerly Twitter. As Israeli troops press on, more than a million people are now crammed into Rafah, south of Khan Yunis, which abuts the Egyptian frontier. The UN humanitarian agency described yesterday the "incredible pain" in Gaza where the death toll "climbs relentlessly". "In Khan Yunis, fighting escalates, destroying civilian areas and claiming lives. Attacks on health care continue to rise," OCHA wrote on X. At least 25,490 people have been killed during hostilities in

**Netanyahu under pressure over Israel troop losses, hostages**

AFP | Jerusalem, Undefined

et-propelled grenade fire hit a tank and two buildings the soldiers were trying to blow up, was deemed a "disaster" by Netanyahu. Emmanuel Navon, a lecturer at Tel Aviv University, told AFP the troop losses "affect everybody, because almost everybody in the country has a son or brother or a relative (fighting in Gaza)". Israelis would now be increasingly asking "what is the strategy... Do we really keep going until we finish Hamas?", he added. "The current mood in the war cabinet is very bad," said Julia Elad-Strenger, a lecturer at Bar-Ilan University near Tel Aviv.

Gaza, mostly women and children, according to the latest toll from the Hamas-run Gaza's health ministry. The war broke out with Hamas's unprecedented October 7 attacks, which resulted in the deaths of about 1,140 people in Israel, mostly civilians, according to an AFP tally based on Israeli official figures.

**12 injured as Myanmar military plane overshoots India runway**



Indian security personnel inspecting a Burmese Army plane after it skidded off the runway at Lengpui Airport in India's northeastern state of Mizoram.

AFP | Guwahati, India injured, "four are stated to be serious," added the official, who requested anonymity as they were not authorised to speak to the media. Footage of the crash's aftermath aired by local broadcasters showed the bent fuselage of the transport plane, which had cut a swath through tall grass after sliding down an embankment. The crash was caused by "sudden engine failure" while landing at the airport, Myanmar's junta said in a statement. It said eight crew members were injured and receiving medical treatment, without giving details.

**EU says Huthi attacks cause 22% drop in Red Sea traffic**

AFP | Brussels, Belgium

Maritime traffic through the Red Sea shipping route has fallen by 22 percent in a month due to attacks on international vessels by Yemen's Huthi rebels, the EU's trade commissioner said yesterday. "That decrease should be bigger now that shipping companies are rerouting their vessels around the Cape of Good Hope," Valdis Dombrovskis told journalists. "The Red Sea is vital for international, and particularly European, trade, with Dombrovskis saying that up to 15 percent of global maritime traffic usually passes through the route. "The broader economic impact, impact on consumer prices and the EU economy in general, will depend very much on the length of this crisis," Dombrovskis said. The United States and Britain have launched repeated strikes against the Huthi's capabilities in Yemen, but so far the rebels have retained the ability to hit vessels.

**EU top diplomat says Israel can't 'have veto' on Palestinian state**

AFP | Brussels, Belgium

EU foreign affairs chief Josep Borrell yesterday said that Israel cannot be allowed to unilaterally block the creation of a Palestinian state after the war in Gaza. "One thing is clear -- Israel cannot have the veto right to the self-determination of the Palestinian people," Borrell told a Brussels press conference with his Egyptian counterpart. "The United Nations recognises and has recognised many times the self-determination right of the Palestinian people. Nobody can veto it." The comments come after Borrell on Monday chaired talks between the EU's 27 foreign ministers and the top diplomats from Israel, the Palestinian Authority and key Arab states. Borrell has floated a roadmap



Security officers look at red paint spilled on the road by protestors to symbolise the blood of the Israeli hostages held in Gaza

involving an international conference on a two-state solution and has said peace needs to be "imposed" on Israel. Egyptian Foreign Minister Sameh Shoukry said there is "an international consensus on the necessity of resolving the conflict on the basis of a two state solution".

"It is time to implement it and the international community has the means, has the resources, has the mechanisms to do so," he said. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has drawn condemnation from the United Nations and defied key backer the United States by rejecting calls for a Palestinian state. Israel insists it is focused on its military operation in Gaza aimed at destroying Islamist movement Hamas and freeing hostages captured in the October 7 attack. Shoukry warned that displacement of Gaza's population from the territory "will occur" if adequate humanitarian assistance is not allowed in. "Making the conditions in Gaza unliveable in itself will induce displacements," he warned.

**NATO signs \$1.2-bn artillery shell deal**

AFP | Brussels, Belgium

NATO yesterday signed contracts worth \$1.2 billion to acquire over 200,000 155-millimetre artillery shells in the face of Russia's invasion on Ukraine. Members of the Western military alliance have drained their stocks sending shipments of heavy ammunition to help Ukraine's forces battle Russia. The latest deals -- signed with French firm Nexter and Germany's Junghans Microtec -- are estimated to cover around 220,000 shells and deliveries to NATO members will start at the end of 2025. "It is important that our allies refill their own stocks as we continue to support Ukraine," NATO chief Jens Stoltenberg said. The US-led alliance last year launched a plan to bolster defence production and has since inked joint procurement contracts for ammunition worth some \$10 billion.

**3 dead, dozens injured in major earthquake on China-Kyrgyzstan border**

AFP | Almaty, Kazakhstan

Three people were killed and dozens injured after a 7.0-magnitude earthquake struck along the mountainous China-Kyrgyzstan border yesterday, authorities said. The major quake was registered just after 2:00 am (1800 GMT Monday) at a depth of 13 kilometres in China's Xinjiang region, about 140 kilometres (85 miles) west of the city of Aksu. Local authorities dispatched a team to the quake's epicentre, Beijing's Xinhua state news agency said, while around 800 people were on standby for any large disaster relief mission. The earthquake caused three deaths, while five other people sustained injuries, Chinese state broadcaster CCTV reported Tuesday evening. CCTV added that "12,426 people in the disaster area have been relocated" as rescue and relief efforts continue. The health ministry in Kazakhstan said earlier that 44 people suffering "various" injuries had sought medical help in Almaty, the country's largest city. Images posted on social media and by local news outlets showed citizens streaming outside following the quake. Video circulating on Chinese social media showed household appliances crashing to the floor as wild shaking rocked homes. Local TV channels in the Indian capital New Delhi reported strong tremors in the city, about 1,400 kilometres away.

**Pakistani father kills son over political party flag**

AFP | Peshawar, Pakistan

A father killed his son after the pair disagreed about which political party flag to display in the lead-up to Pakistan's general election, police said. The argument broke out when the son, who recently returned from working in Qatar, hoisted the flag of former prime minister Imran Khan's Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf party at the family home on the outskirts of Peshawar in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province. "The father prohibited his son from hoisting the PTI flag at home, but the son refused



to take it down and abandon PTI," said district police official Naeem Farid. "The argument escalated, and in a fit of anger, the father fired a pistol at his 31-year-old son, before fleeing the house." The son died on the way to the hospital. Police are searching for the father, who was affiliated with the nationalist Awami National Party and had previously displayed their flag.

**Norway's King Harald, 86, rules out abdication**

AFP | Oslo, Norway



King Harald

Norway's frail 86-year-old King Harald has no plans to abdicate, he reiterated yesterday in his first public remarks since the surprise decision by Denmark's Queen Margrethe to stand down. "I stick by what I've always said, that I swore an oath to the Storting (parliament) and it is for life," said Harald, Europe's oldest monarch, quoted by Norwegian media. He was speaking at a visit to a Norwegian press centre in Oslo, accompanied by his son Crown Prince Haakon. The king, who has been on the throne for 33 years, will turn 87 on February 21. His mounting health issues and advanced age have led commentators to speculate about the possibility that Harald may follow in the footsteps of his 83-year-old distant cousin Margrethe. After repeatedly insisting that she would never step down, Margrethe stunned

**Around 245,000 Holocaust survivors alive: study**

AFP | Berlin, Germany



Holocaust survivor Margot Friedlander takes a seat for a memorial event to honour the late politician Wolfgang Schaeuble at the German lower house of parliament Bundestag in Berlin

Nearly 80 years after the end of World War II, there are still about 245,000 Holocaust survivors alive across more than 90 countries, a study showed yesterday. According to the Claims Conference, an organisation that seeks damages for Holocaust survivors, 119,300 of them live in Israel, 38,400 in the United States, 21,900 in France and 14,200 in Germany. "Nearly all of the current population of survivors were children at the time of Nazi persecution, having survived camps, ghettos, flight and living in hiding," said the report, underlining that children had the "slimmest chances

of surviving". With a median age of 86 now, they are "at a period of life where their need for care and services is growing," said Gideon Taylor, president of the Claims Conference, adding that it was "time to double down on our attention to this waning population". The report is the most comprehensive in recent years, drawing on "an unprecedented worldwide database of survivors", the conference said. Founded in 1951, the Claims Conference has been the main organisation seeking damages for Holocaust survivors, and was a signatory to the Luxembourg Agreement under which West Germany assumed responsibility



**The Holocaust was the genocide of European Jews during World War II. Between 1941 and 1945, Nazi Germany and its collaborators systematically murdered some six million Jews across German-occupied Europe, around two-thirds of Europe's Jewish population.**

for Nazi atrocities and paid reparations. The signing of the accord by West Germany was widely seen as its first major step back into the community of nations after World War II in which six million Jews were murdered in the Holocaust. Since then, Germany has paid more than \$90 billion as a result of negotiations with the Claims Conference, according to the group. Some survivors -- such as those incarcerated in concentration camps -- remain eligible for ongoing payments, while others -- including those who fled from the Nazi regime -- get one-off payouts.



**TOP 4 TWEETS**



I am delighted that the Government of India has decided to confer the Bharat Ratna on the beacon of social justice, the great Jan Nayak Karpoori Thakur Ji and that too at a time when we are marking his birth centenary. This prestigious recognition is a testament to his enduring efforts as a champion for the marginalised and a stalwart of equality and empowerment.

**02**



Dr Saia Ma'u Piukala, congratulations on your appointment as @WHOWPRO Regional Director. This is a great privilege, but at the same time, a very great responsibility.

**03**



We cannot stand by and allow unacceptable and illegal attacks in the Red Sea to go unchallenged. I urge the Houthis to stop such attacks. The UK will not hesitate to respond again to protect innocent lives and preserve the freedom of navigation.

**04**



Productive meeting today with President @Aouattara\_PRCI and Foreign Minister Adom to discuss how the U.S. is delivering on commitments made during the U.S.-Africa Leaders Summit and advancing our growing partnership. @SecBlinken



# celebs

## Jay-Z open to Super Bowl gig in future



Jay-Z

Celebretainment | Los Angeles

Jay-Z is open to headlining the Super Bowl half-time show in the future.

The '99 Problems' hitmaker and his company Roc Nation became the NFL's live music entertainment strategists in 2019 but he admitted he thought it would be "selfish" to book himself as one of the acts performing during the showpiece game, though enough time has now passed that he'd consider taking the prestigious gig.

He told 'Entertainment Tonight': "To get on stage for the Super Bowl half-time show? I don't know. I thought it would be selfish to pick myself too early, but maybe one year."

Next month, Usher will headline the segment and Jay is confident the 'Confessions' hitmaker has what it takes to pull off a great show.

He said: "He gonna take his rightful place. He's one of the greatest performers that we've seen in our time and I think he'll take his rightful place."

Usher - who joined Black Eyed Peas on stage during their 2011 Super Bowl gig - previously admitted he had been waiting some time to get the call to headline the sporting show.

He told Zane Lowe on Apple Music 1: "I think being able to see performances from artists like Michael [Jackson], you know, eventually Prince, and then even more modern-day artists... I was like, 'Man, at some point I need to get a call with what's going on now.'"

"But I'm really happy that I'm joining that short list of legacy artists from my genre who deserve this moment.

## Jamie Foxx 'looks fantastic' after returning to movie set

Celebretainment | Los Angeles

Jamie Foxx "looks and feels fantastic" following his health scare in 2023.

The 56-year-old actor recently returned to filming 'Back in Action', his upcoming Netflix movie, and Jamie is now said to be doing "so well".

A source told PEOPLE: "Jamie is indeed back on set and shooting through February. He looks and feels fantastic."

Jamie is fully committed to the new film, which also features Cameron Diaz.

The insider added: "They tried to finish the movie with a stunt double but it didn't come out right so Jamie is going to do all of the parts now."

"He is doing so well."

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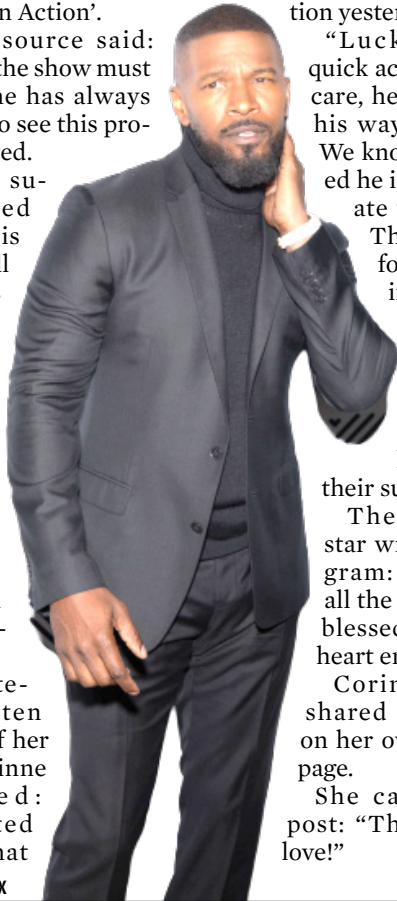
Another source said: "For Jamie, the show must go on and he has always been eager to see this project completed."

"Jamie is super talented and loves his work. He will finish this film."

In April 2023, Jamie's daughter Corinne announced that her dad was suffering from a medical complication.

In a statement written on behalf of her family, Corinne explained: "We wanted to share that

Jamie Foxx



my father, Jamie Foxx, experienced a medical complication yesterday.

"Luckily, due to quick action and great care, he is already on his way to recovery. We know how beloved he is and appreciate your prayers. The family asks for privacy during this time."

Meanwhile, in May 2023, Jamie took to social media to thank his fans for their support.

The Hollywood star wrote on Instagram: "Appreciate all the love!!! Feeling blessed [prayer and heart emojis] (sic)"

Corinne, 29, also shared the message on her own Instagram page.

She captioned the post: "Thanks for the love!"

## Tom Holland and Zendaya love 'reliving their youth' with old Spider-Man screenings

Celebretainment | Los Angeles

Tom Holland and Zendaya love watching their younger selves in 'Spider-Man: Homecoming'.

xxxxxx The 27-year-old actor and his girlfriend enjoy taking a trip down memory lane to marvel at their "youth" in the 2017 blockbuster, but he admitted he has to ration how often he screens his superhero shenanigans because he enjoys them so much.

He told 'Extra': "Zendaya and I will, every now and then, watch 'Spider-Man 1' and reminisce about being 19 and making those movies again. I love those movies, and I love savouring those moments, so I try not to watch them as often as I would maybe like to because it's so special. It's such a luxury, such a gift to be able to sit down and sort of relive your youth."

"I wouldn't be the man I am today without that job."

Tom believes he is his own "best critic" but though he will



Tom Holland and Zendaya

And though Tom hasn't seen 'The Crowded Room' since it aired on AppleTV+ last year, he was thankful Zendaya offered him so much support while he was working on the show.

He said: "She watched this series with me while we were editing it - I would send her episodes and asked her what she thought, so she definitely has seen it more times than I would have expected her to see it... When it aired, I was proud of the show... I didn't watch it."

The British actor was nominated for Best Actor in a Limited Series or Movie Made for Television at the Critics Choice Awards on Sunday (14.01.24) and though he lost out to 'Beef' star Steven Yeun, Tom was just "honoured" to make the shortlist.

He said: "I feel great. I feel honoured to represent the show."

## Ryan Gosling hasn't let his daughters watch Barbie yet

Celebretainment | Los Angeles

Ryan Gosling still hasn't let his daughters watch 'Barbie'.

The 43-year-old actor - who played Ken in the blockbuster which starred Margot Robbie as the iconic Mattel doll - admitted he isn't sure when he and his wife Eva Mendes will let Esmerelda, nine, and Amada, seven, watch the hit film.

Speaking to E! News, he said: "I don't know if you should watch your father as Ken."

"I don't know what age is a good age to see your father do that. It gets pretty crazy."

His daughters did get a peak at the movie when they visited him on set during filming though.

He added: "They've seen little parts of it and they came to set one day when I did a big musical number."

Ryan was actually inspired by his young girls to take on the role, seeing then movie as "a way to sort of make something both for and with them".

He explained: "I knew that they loved it because they kept saying at first, 'Hey, can we go to Target?'"

"And we go to Target, and then they'd slowly go by the Barbie aisle. And my wife and I sort of realised, 'OK, I think it's time to let them have Barbies.'"

"And no interest in Ken, which was pretty interesting, too."

Despite his kids' keen interest, Ryan previously admitted he actually had some concerns over taking the role.

However, he ultimately trusted in the vision Margot and director Greta Gerwig had for the picture.

Speaking last summer, he told The New York Times newspaper: "I mean, in fairness, I doubted what I've come to understand as 'Ken-ergy.'"

"But at the end of the day, I trust Margot and Greta. They have such a clear vision for this that I decided to just Ken as hard as I could."



Ryan Gosling

## Dua Lipa reveals she has quit smoking for good

Celebretainment | Los Angeles

Dua Lipa has quit smoking. The 27-year-old pop star had only initially managed to kick the habit for her 'Future Nostalgia' tour in 2022

in order to make sure her vocal health was at its best but has now revealed that she has stopped altogether.

Speaking on 'Late Night With Seth Meyers', she said: "I was smoking -cigarettes at the time... But I've stopped. I've quit, guys."

It is not clear exactly when the 'Houdini' hitmaker began smoking but after suffering

from laryngitis in December 2021, she felt the need to quit for the sake of her tour and later gushed about how much "confidence" quitting had given her.

Speaking on her 'At Your Service' podcast, she revealed: "I had laryngitis in December and that kind of kickstarted me quitting smoking a month earlier than I was supposed to. But I did it and I have stuck to it. I feel so excited and there is a lot of adrenaline - and sometimes I don't feel confident at all."

"There are moments when I am on stage every night and, yeah I am quite exposed, and I am dancing and performing and I feel like I have to work out and stay really healthy in order to feel good about myself."

Dua Lipa

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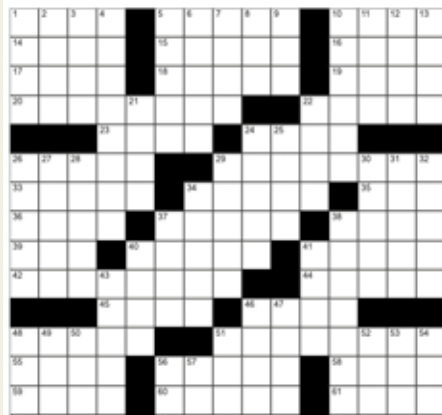
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How to play

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### CROSSWORD



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## Brilliant Embiid scores 70 as Sixers down Spurs



Philadelphia 76ers Joel Embiid shields the ball from San Antonio players

AFP | Los Angeles

Joel Embiid became only the ninth player in NBA history to score 70 points or more in a single game as the Philadelphia 76ers defeated the San Antonio Spurs 133-123 on Monday.

A sensational individual performance from the reigning NBA Most Valuable Player led the way to victory for the Sixers and upstaged an impressive 33-point showing from Spurs rookie Victor Wembanyama.

Embiid finished with 70 points, 18 rebounds and five assists, shooting 24-of-41 from the field and making 21-of-23 free throws.

The Cameroonian star's franchise-record effort vaulted

him into an elite band of NBA stars who have posted 70 or more points in a single game, joining Wilt Chamberlain, David Robinson, David Thompson, Elgin Baylor, Kobe Bryant, Donovan Mitchell, Devin Booker and Damian Lillard.

"It feels good," Embiid said after the win, paying tribute to his "extremely unselfish" team-mates. "I was hot and they just gave me the ball and made sure they put me in the best positions.

"Credit to the coaching staff too - I'm just surrounded by amazing people."

Tyrese Maxey added 18 points for the Sixers while Tobias Harris finished with 14 -- the only other Philadelphia players to crack double figures.

## Messi, Miami beaten by Dallas in pre-season friendly

AFP | Miami

Lionel Messi and Inter Miami slumped to a 1-0 defeat against FC Dallas in a pre-season friendly on Monday before the team set off on a hectic international tour.

After a lacklustre 0-0 draw against El Salvador on Friday, Miami delivered another performance to forget in wet, cold conditions at the Cotton Bowl Stadium.

Argentine superstar Messi and former Barcelona team-mates Luis Suarez and Sergio Busquets were all substituted after 64 minutes with Miami trailing 1-0.

Messi created a handful of openings during his stint on the pitch, with his best effort a rasping 30-yard volley that was parried by Dallas goalkeeper Maarten Paes early in the second half.



Lionel Messi #10 of Inter Miami CF battles against Paul Arriola #7 of FC Dallas

The World Cup-winner almost created an opening goal for Suarez in the first half, but the Uruguayan's volley with the outside of his right boot rolled wide.

Dallas, meanwhile, took the lead through Jesus Ferreira after just three minutes, the US international striker holding off Miami defender Noah Allen before drilling a low angled

shot into the bottom corner past goalkeeper Drake Callender.

Monday's game was the second in a globe-trotting schedule of pre-season friendlies for Miami as they prepare to kick off the new MLS season against Real Salt Lake on February 21.

Following Monday's game, the Florida club head to Saudi Arabia for a fixture against Al-Hilal on January 29, and then face Al-Nassr on February 1 -- a game that should see Messi line up against old rival Cristiano Ronaldo once more.

Miami then travel to Asia to play friendlies against a Hong Kong select team in the Chinese territory on February 4, before taking on Japanese side Vissel Kobe in Tokyo three days later.

The Herons return to the United States for a final pre-season game against Argentine squad Newell's Old Boys on February 15.

## Maxwell under investigation by Cricket Australia

AFP | Adelaide

Glenn Maxwell is being investigated by Cricket Australia, a spokesperson said yesterday, after the star allrounder was reportedly hospitalised following a night out.

The governing body wants to quiz the 35-year-old about a

recent incident in Adelaide.

According to Australian media outlets, Maxwell was taken to hospital, after attending a concert last Friday of the band Six & Out, made up of former cricket greats including Brett Lee.

"Cricket Australia is aware of an incident involving Glenn Maxwell in Adelaide at the



Glenn Maxwell reacts during a match

weekend and is seeking further information," said a spokesperson.

Maxwell has been stood down for the upcoming 50-overs series against the West Indies early next month, but Cricket Australia insist the decision is not linked to the incident in Adelaide.



## HH Shaikh Isa visits coaches' training programme

TDT | Manama

Cabinet Affairs undersecretary and Bahrain Olympic Committee (BOC) vice-president His Highness Shaikh Isa bin Ali bin Khalifa Al Khalifa attended the fourth level course of the National Coaches Programme—the highest organised by the Bahrain Olympic Academy (BOA) in cooperation with the Coaching Association of Canada.

HH Shaikh Isa met with lecturer Garrett Blakey, who is the head strength coach of the Canadian men's national basketball team and advisor to several National Basketball Asso-

ciation teams, in the presence of BOA director Dr Nabeel Taha.

HH Shaikh Isa and Blakey discussed all aspects of the programme, which includes coaches who have passed the first three levels.

HH Shaikh Isa stressed the BOC's keenness to attract top-level coaches from around the world and develop technical sporting professionals while benefiting from advanced experiences, including the Canadian experience.

HH Shaikh Isa also met with other lecturers and the students and wished everyone further progress and success.



HH Shaikh Isa bin Ali bin Khalifa Al Khalifa with lecturers and coaches at a session

# Ettihad edge past Hala

Cleanthony Early scores 29 points to lift victors in Top Six game of 2023/2024 Zain Bahrain Basketball League

● **Mohammed Kowayed contributes 18 points coming off the bench for Ettihad**

● **Alex Young pours in game-high 30, with four triples, for Hala in losing effort**

TDT | Manama

Al Ettihad posted a hard-earned 94-88 victory over Al Hala last night to make a winning start to the Top Six round in the 2023/2024 Zain Bahrain Basketball League.

Ettihad made the key plays down the stretch to help lift them in the tightly contested affair. Cleanthony Early came up big in that period, breaking a late deadlock from the charity stripe to give his team the lead for good. The American professional finished with a team-high 29 points while also grabbing 12



Al Ettihad's Jordan Washington goes for a lay-up as Al Hala's Alwatheq Ali tries to make a block



**Cleanthony Early made some key plays down the stretch, including sinking two free-throws that gave Ettihad the lead for good and an ensuing steal and lay-up for a four-point cushion**

rebounds and registering four steals in the full 40 minutes of work.

Both teams headed into yesterday's fixture amongst the top clubs during the regular season, with each finishing on identical 7-3 win-loss records.

With the result, Ettihad joined defending champions Manama and Muharraq as winners of game day one in this stage. Ma-

nama had beaten Al Najma 96-78 in their game, while Muharraq overcame a tough challenge from Al Ahli in a narrow 92-88 victory.

Ettihad were the early aggressors and took a 25-19 lead at the end of the first quarter. Hala kept things close before the half, but a Mohammed Kowayed lay-up put Ettihad up 48-42 heading into the interval.

### Unanswered

In the third the two sides continued to trade jabs and Hala were able to get to within a single point, but Ettihad replied with eight unanswered points for 67-58 advantage, although Hala reduced the deficit to 65-70 heading into the final stanza.

There, Hala did not go away and Alex Young gave them a one-point lead, 76-75, with just over seven minutes to play. Tyrone Nash then scored in the paint to extend their cushion to three, but Ettihad eventually came alive in the closing minutes. After Ahmed Khalifa sank

a free-throw to tie the proceedings at 83-all, Early sank his go-ahead charity shots and then had a steal right after, resulting in a lay-up that put Ettihad ahead 87-83 with a little over two minutes remaining.

Jordan Washington later had a three-point play that made it 90-86, but Hala's Nash replied to get them back to within two.

But Mohammed Buallay scored on with a fast-break lay-up following a crucial Hassan Abbas turnover that virtually sealed the contest, and then Kuwayed pegged the final score with two more free-throws and five seconds on the clock.

Kowayed contributed 18 points coming off the bench and also had five assists, while Washington scored 15 and took down 13 rebounds. Hussain Mohammed added 12 and Buallay 10 with seven assists in the win.

Young finished with a game-high 30, including four three-pointers, in the losing effort. Nash added 15 points and 14 boards, while Khalifa scored 14.

## Djokovic, Sabalenka make Australian Open semis in title defence

AFP | Melbourne

Top seed Novak Djokovic battled past Taylor Fritz into an 11th Australian Open semi-final and a record-extending 48th at Grand Slams yesterday, but a rampant Aryna Sabalenka had a much easier ride.

The Serbian superstar came through a probing test on Rod Laver Arena against the 12th-seeded American 7-6 (7/3), 4-6, 6-2, 6-3 to keep his bid for an unprecedented 25th major crown on track.

Djokovic almost always gets the evening slot on centre court, but was bumped to the afternoon on a day on which temperatures soared to 32 degrees Celsius (90 degrees Fahrenheit) and the world number one admitted it was tough going.

"Physically and emotionally very draining," he said after the three hour and 45 minute epic, adding that he "suffered a lot" in the first two sets.

"He was serving well, staying close to the line and kind of suffocating me from the back of the court," he said.

"I think I upped my game



Serbia's Novak Djokovic (L) shakes hands with USA's Taylor Fritz

probably midway through the third set all the way to the end."

The 36-year-old will face either Italian fourth seed Jannik Sinner or Russian fifth seed Andrey Rublev next, with the odds not good for either man.

Djokovic has won all 10 previous semi-finals he has played at Melbourne Park, stretching back to his first title in 2008 and is on a 33-match unbeaten streak on the blue hardcourts.

In contrast to his long slog,

fellow defending champion Sabalenka was off court in just 71 minutes, crushing ninth seed Barbora Krejčíková 6-2, 6-3 with minimum fuss.

She will face fourth seed Coco Gauff next in a replay of last year's US Open final that the American teenager won in three sets.

On current form, Gauff will be the underdog after taking more than three hours to down unseeded Ukrainian Marta Ko-

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NOVAK DJOKOVIC

stjuk 7-6 (8/6), 6-7 (3/7), 6-2 in a scrappy affair.

### Great tennis

Sabalenka had won all seven of her previous Grand Slam quarter-finals, and wasted little time laying down the law against Krejčíková, the 2021 French Open champion.

She broke three times in each set, with her booming groundstrokes unstoppable.

"I played really great tennis, I just hope I can keep playing this way," said the 25-year-old



Aryna Sabalenka

Sabalenka.

"I mean, it's all because of the atmosphere. I have the best support here."

Gauff admitted she was below par against Kostyuk, giving herself only a 'C' rating.

"Hopefully got the bad match out of the way and I can play even better," she said.

"Really proud of the fight I showed today," added the American, who had never progressed beyond the fourth round at Mel-

bourne Park in four previous attempts.

The low standard was not confined to Gauff, with the pair making a staggering 107 unforced errors between them -- there were 16 service breaks.

Kostyuk rued missing her chances, letting slip a 5-1 lead and squandering set points in the first set, but said she was proud of how she fought.

"Very proud of myself. I won for myself today, and I think it's the most important thing," said the 21-year-old, who has been vocal at the tournament about keeping people's focus on the conflict in her homeland.

Gauff also faltered at crunch moments, broken when serving for the match in the ninth game of the second set, before keeping her cool as Kostyuk became more agitated in the deciding set.

It extended her winning streak this year to 10 matches after she won at Auckland in the lead-up, and her unbeaten run at Grand Slams to 12 after her title-winning exploits at Flushing Meadows.



# Bahrain fall to Japan

Kingdom's senior men's national handball team to play for bronze medals in 21st Asian Men's Handball Championship

● **Asumi Kitazume scores go-ahead goal for 18-17 lead and five minutes to play**

● **Title-holders Qatar book seventh straight final berth with 33-26 win over Kuwait**

● **Saudi Arabia win Martyr Fahad Al Ahmad Al Sabah Cup after beating China**

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**B**ahrain's quest to capture their first-ever senior continental title came to a screeching halt last night, bowing to Japan 17-20 in the semi-finals of the 21st Asian Men's Handball Championship, currently being hosted by the Kingdom.

The nationals had a narrow two-goal lead at the break, but were held to just six goals in the second half by a suffocating Japanese defence.

A goal from Asumi Kitazume broke a 17-all deadlock with just over five minutes remaining, and then Taiga Tsutaya had back-to-back conversions to peg the final score and book Japan's berth in the gold medal game.



Bahrain's Hussain Al Sayyad is stopped by Japan's Asumi Kitazume during their game last night

There, they will take on five-time defending champions Qatar, who defeated Gulf rivals Kuwait 33-26 in yesterday's other contest in the last four.

The Bahrainis will face off with the Kuwaitis for the bronze.

The final is scheduled to take place at 6.30pm tomorrow at Khalifa Sports City Arena in Isa Town. The bronze medal clash will be held at 4pm. All are welcome to attend with entrance free of charge. Today is a rest day.

In attendance in Bahrain's match last night were Cabinet

Affairs undersecretary and Bahrain Olympic Committee (BOC) vice-president His Highness Shaikh Isa bin Ali bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, General Sports Authority CEO Dr Abdulrahman Askar, and Bahrain Handball Association president and BOC member Ali Issa.

Bahrain were in control for much of the opening half but only took an 11-9 lead at the interval. Goalkeeper Mohammed Abdullhussain helped them preserve a four-goal cushion early on with successive saves, but the nationals could not take advan-



Saudi Arabia players with the Martyr Fahad Al Ahmad Al Sabah Cup

tage and extend their lead.

Conversions from Mujtaba Al Zaimour and Ahmed Kadhemi on a fast-break put them ahead 11-7, but the Japanese scored twice before the interval to reduce the deficit.

After the restart, Japan were quick to tie the proceedings at 11-apiece. Things stayed close and later two penalties from Mohammed Habib Ahmed, plus another conversion from skipper Hussain Al Sayyad, put the Bahrainis up 16-14.

## Fightback

Japan then fought back and a key save by Japan goalkeeper Motoki Sakai on another Ahmed effort from the seven-metre line, followed by a Shin Izumoto goal, tied the game at 17-all with just under 10 minutes to play.

Following an Ali Mirza strike, Bahrain's Ahmed Almaqabi suffered a knock and needed to be taken off the court on a stretcher. Mirza then had his shot saved on a golden opportunity to take the lead on a fast-break, and the Japanese made the hosts pay as Kitazume converted on the other end with the go-ahead goal.

Sakai made another save, this time on Al Sayyad, and the Bahrainis were unable to add to their score the rest of the way, setting the stage for Tsutaya's game-ending conversion.

In Qatar's win last night, they began to pull away in the latter part of the first half, going up 14-9 on a Zarko Markovic effort. The Qataris led 17-11 at the half. They maintained their fine play over the final 30 minutes, when they stretched their advantage

to as many as eight goals.

Frankis Marzo finished as the leading scorer for the victors with seven goals and was later named Best Player of the Game.

Ahmad Madadi added five, while four players finished with three goals each, including Rafael Capote, Abdulrazzaq Murad, Amine Guehis and Moustafa Heiba.

Saleh Ali had seven for the Kuwaitis, while Abdulaziz Salmeen and Abdulaziz Alshammari each finished with four goals.

Also yesterday, Saudi Arabia beat China 25-21 to claim the Martyr Fahad Al Ahmad Al Sabah Cup—the prize for the ninth-placed squad overall in the tournament. The Saudis led 14-12 at the half.

Mojtaba Al Salem was named the Best Player of the Game.



Japan and Qatar face off for the gold medals tomorrow at 6.30pm at Khalifa Sports City Arena in Isa Town. Bahrain will take on Kuwait for the bronze medals at 4pm

## Dar Kulaib claim comeback victory

● **Defending league champions overcome two-set deficit for hard-earned five-set win against Nabih Saleh**

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**D**ar Kulaib claimed a stunning come-from-behind, five-set victory against Nabih Saleh last night in the Top Six round of the 2023/2024 Isa bin Rashid Bahrain Volleyball League.

After losing the first two sets, the defending champions roared back and pulled off the impressive win with a 3-2 (19-25, 17-25, 25-20, 25-23, 15-9) score line.

The victors were spearheaded by their top players Mohammed Yaqoob, Ali Mohammed, Hassan Alaiwi, Ali Habib, Hassan Al Warqa, Abdulla Mohammed, Mahmoud Abdulwahed and Brazilian import Caio Oliveira.

Nabih Saleh's top performers were Sayed Hashem Isa, Mohammed Jassim and Hussain Ashoor, along with Nigerian professional Oyewale Oyedepo.

With the result, Dar Kulaib maintained their hold on first place on the Top Six standings and improved to an 8-1 win-loss



Dar Kulaib's Mohammed Yaqoob receives against Nabih Saleh during their match

record with one game to play in this phase. Nabih Saleh suffered their sixth loss to go with three wins, and are on the verge of being eliminated from contention for a place in the Golden Square semi-finals.

Meanwhile, Muharraq swept to a 3-0 (25-22, 25-23, 25-23) result against Al Nasser to boost their hopes of qualifying for the Golden Square.

Majeed Mohammed had 15 points to pace the winners, who also relied on the play of Mahmood Al Afia, Abbas Al Khabbaz, Ali Al Sairafi, Hussain Ehsan, Sayed Ali Mohammed and Ahmed Issa.

Recently signed import Pelegrin Vargas from Puerto Rico led Nasser with 18 points. They also got contributions from

Ebrahim Mohammed, Yousef Khaled, Mohammed Omar, but it wasn't enough to claim the victory.

Muharraq claimed their fourth win to go with five losses in the Top Six round, while Nasser suffered their seventh loss to go with just two wins, as they have been eliminated from further title contention and are currently in last place on the standings.

The Top Six is being played in a double round-robin to determine the cast for the semis. Action continues with the final matchdays of this stage next week. On Sunday, Nasser play Najma and Muharraq take on Nabih Saleh, followed on Monday by Ahli and Dar Kulaib locking horns.

## Kanoo Motors Rolling Drag Night to light up the strip this Thursday evening at BIC

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**B**ahrain International Circuit (BIC) is set to host a Thursday evening packed with thrills with the Kanoo Motors Rolling Drag Night hitting the strip at "The Home of Motorsport in the Middle East".

Speed enthusiasts can get a taste of motor racing adrenaline in this unique drag racing event, scheduled to take place from 7pm to midnight.

Kanoo Motors Rolling Drag Night offers participants the chance to bring their very own cars or motorbikes and go one-on-one down the circuit's quarter-mile drag strip, which is a member of the prestigious NHRA Worldwide Network of the U.S.-based National Hot Rod Association (NHRA).

This activity is similar to BIC's Ebrahim K Kanoo Drag and Drift Nights, with the only difference being at the start, which is done with a rolling speed of 80kph.

It is the perfect opportunity to invite a fellow-motorsport enthusiast or thrill-seeker for a competitive—but friendly—challenge. Both participants will be able to push their vehicles to their very limit within the safe and controlled environ-



Action from a previous event at BIC

ment at BIC.

The cost to participate is BD22 for each driver or rider. Spectators can watch from the grandstands for a nominal entry fee of BD2. Just as in all activities at BIC, where safety for all is paramount, cars and motorbikes must go through scrutineering before being able to take part.

In addition to the Kanoo Motors Rolling Drag Night, also available on Thursday

is BIC's most mind-boggling passenger ride: the Dragster Experience.

Known as "the Fastest Ride on Earth", fans will have a chance to get a taste of pure speed as they are taken from zero to 100kph in just one second while in the cockpit of a 10,500cc Top Dragster. The Dragster Experience is available at BD44 for the first passenger while a second passenger can get 50 per cent off.