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Bahrain attaches great importance to youth empowerment.

This was stressed by His Highness Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa, First Deputy Chairman of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports (SCYS), President of the General Sports Authority (GSA) and President of Bahrain Olympic Committee (BOC), in a statement.

He praised the youth's potential to succeed in all fields.

HH Shaikh Khalid was speaking as he attended the final ceremony of the youth entrepreneurship forum (Micro Shabab) fifth edition, which came to a close yesterday at the University of Bahrain's Shaikh Abdulaziz bin Mohammed Al Khalifa Hall.

The Future Society for Youth organised the three-day event under the patronage of HH Shaikh Khalid.

He paid tribute to His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, hailing his commitment to supporting and investing in youth through strategies implemented by the Government.

**Russia 'intercepted' two US military jets over Baltic**

AFP | Moscow

Russia said yesterday it had scrambled an Su-27 fighter jet to "prevent violations of the state border" by two US Air Force strategic bombers flying over the Baltic Sea.

"After removing the foreign military aircraft from the Russian state border, the Russian fighter went back to its air base," the Russian defence ministry said.

The two aircraft were B-1 strategic bomber belonging to the US Air Force.

The army prevented the violation of the border, according to the statement.

The ministry added, "the flight of the Russian fighter was carried out in strict accordance with international rules for the use of airspace."

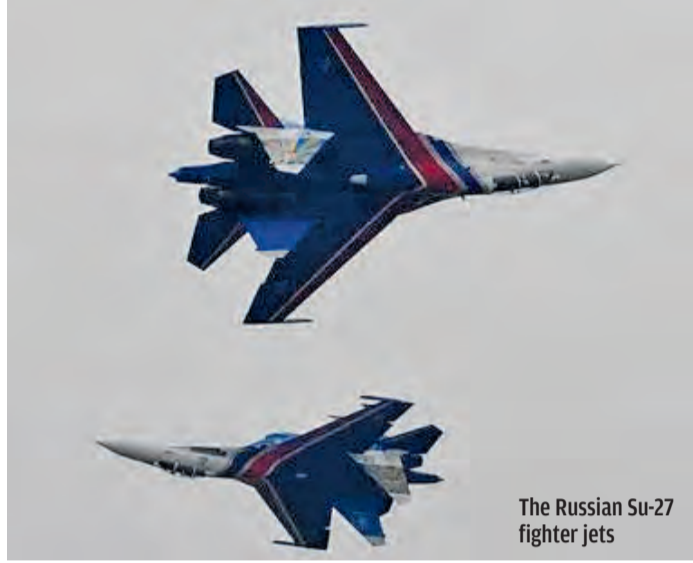
This is the latest in a series of similar incidents.

Just over a week ago Russia said d two aircraft, one German and one French, were intercepted attempting to "violate" its airspace.

Mid-April, Russia dispatched a fighter jet to escort a German naval aircraft over the Baltic Sea.

In March, an American drone crashed after colliding with a Russian jet over the Black Sea.

Russia's defence ministry said it had scrambled jets after



The Russian Su-27 fighter jets

detecting a US drone over the Black Sea, but denied causing the crash, saying the aircraft had lost control.

Tensions over airspace and aerial conduct heightened between Moscow and the West last March when a US military surveillance drone (MQ-9 Reaper) crashed into the Black Sea, after an encounter with Russian Su-27 fighter jets in international airspace near territory Russia claims to have annexed from Ukraine.

**Military action is 'on the horizon'**

Top Israeli general sends stern warning to Tehran over new underground nuclear facility

Tel Aviv

The prospect of "action" against Iran was raised yesterday by top Israeli general even as Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's national security adviser played down any immediate threat posed by a new underground nuclear facility being dug by Tehran.

World powers' efforts to negotiate new curbs to Iranian uranium enrichment and other projects with bomb-making potential have been fruitless so far, fanning long-bruited threats by Israel to resort to force if it deems diplomacy a dead end.

"Iran has advanced with uranium enrichment further than ever before ... There are negative developments on the horizon that could bring about (military) action," Lieutenant-General Herzli Halevi, chief of Israel's armed forces, said in a speech.

He did not detail what those developments might be, nor

what action might be taken and by whom.

"We have capabilities, and others also have capabilities," Halevi told the Herzliya Conference, an international security forum, in an apparent allusion to Israel's US ally.

Experts are divided over whether the Israeli military has the clout to deal lasting damage to Iranian nuclear facilities that are distant, dispersed and defended. Iran denies seeking the bomb and has vowed devastating reprisals for any attack.

**Strikes**

There has been speculation Israel might use countries on Iran's borders as springboards for strikes. One such country, Azerbaijan, dismissed that idea despite its strong Israel ties.

"We refrain from interfering in the disputes or problems (of other countries), including by allowing or giving our territory for

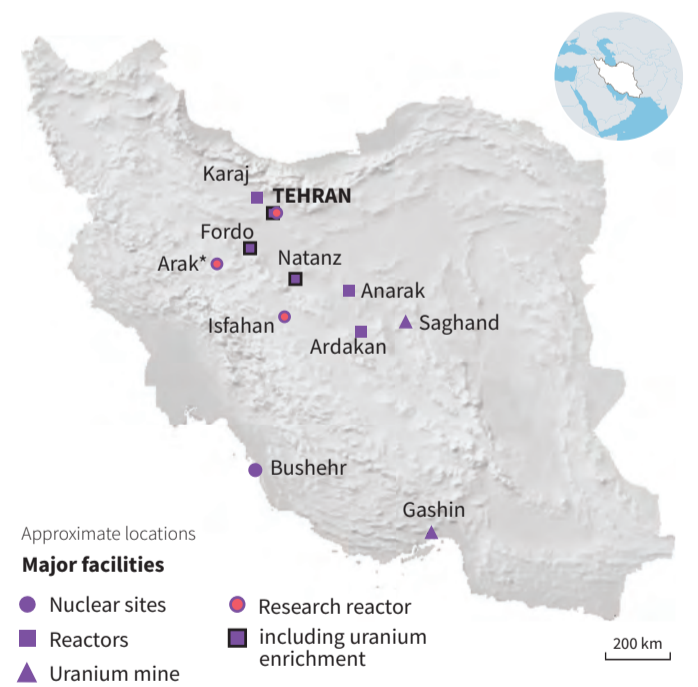
some operations or adventures," Deputy Azeri Foreign Minister Fariz Rzayev said at the conference.

The Associated Press on Monday reported Iran was building a new underground site in the Zagros Mountains to replace an exposed uranium centrifuge manufacturing center at nearby Natanz that was struck by an explosion and fire in July 2020.

"This of course limits the capacity to carry out an attack, relative to above-ground facilities, which is of course easier. But what can be said about this matter is that there is nowhere that cannot be reached," Israeli National Security Adviser Tzachi Hanegbi told the conference.

Following the 2020 incident, Iran announced in 2021 that it was working to move some of its centrifuge manufacturing halls into the "heart of the mountain near Natanz," an area where Iranian engineers have long carried out excavation work.

**Iran's nuclear sites**



**UK will avoid recession this year, says IMF**

London

The British economy will avoid falling into recession this year, according to upgraded growth forecasts yesterday from the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

In its latest assessment of the UK economy, the Washington-based fund said domestic demand had proven more resilient than anticipated in the face of the surge in energy costs.

The IMF now thinks the British economy will grow by a still-modest 0.4 percent this year partly as a result of higher wages, up from its previous prediction just a month ago of a 0.3 percent decline.

The more positive projection came alongside warnings of a "subdued" outlook for growth and the threat posed by ongoing global uncertainty.

**Palestinians outraged**

**Israel holds Cabinet meeting in tunnels dug under Al Aqsa**

Ramallah

Palestinians are outraged by the Israeli government's move to hold a weekly Cabinet meeting on May 21 inside the tunnels it has dug under Al Aqsa Mosque.

Yesterday, Palestinian Prime

Minister Mohammad Shtayyeh called on Unesco to take note of the Israeli excavations in East Jerusalem.

For decades, Israel has been excavating under Al Aqsa as part of a vague, historically motivated search for "Solomon's Temple" in

an attempt to justify the occupation through archaeology.

However, after years of digging, the Israelis, who claim they can trace their heritage to the land of Palestine, have found nothing linking their history to Al Aqsa region.

Palestinians fear that digging tunnels will expose Al Aqsa to the threat of collapse in the event of a slight earthquake.

Ibrahim Melhem, the spokesman for the Palestinian government, said that the Cabinet meeting under Al Aqsa "does not give

Israel legitimacy to control and own the mosque or East Jerusalem."

Melhem said the Palestinian government asked Unesco to send experts and delegates to examine the dangers threatening the mosque.



**HM King issues law**  
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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa yesterday ratified and issued Law (4) of 2023, endorsing the Charter of the International Dates Council, following its approval by the Shura and Representatives councils.

The Prime Minister and ministers, each in their capacity, shall implement the provisions of this law, which takes effect the second day after its publication in the Official Gazette.

**Royal Guard participates in 'Haris'**

Riyadh

The Royal Guard of the Bahrain Defense Force (BDF) participates in the activities of the joint security exercise (Haris), which is implemented by Saudi Royal Guard in Riyadh. The joint exercise is within the continuous cooperation between the BDF's Royal Guard and the Saudi Royal Guard.

The exercise is supervised by Lieutenant General His Highness Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa National Security



HH Shaikh Nasser

The joint exercise aims to enhance cooperation and exchange of military and security expertise between Bahrain and Saudi Arabia.

Advisor, Secretary General of the Supreme Defence Council, Royal Guard Commander and General Suheil Al-Mutairi Saudi

Royal Guard Commander.

It aims to enhance cooperation and exchange of military and security expertise between the two countries and raise the efficiency of the participants in security tasks, personalities protection, weapons, shooting and special operations.

The joint exercise (Haris) is the first of its kind between the two sectors and it affirms bilateral relations between Bahrain and Saudi Arabia as model of unity which reflects the depth of historical and fraternal ties.

**Bahrain greets Eritrea**  
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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 congratulations to President Isaias Afwerki of Eritrea, on his country's Independence Day.

HM the King and HRH Prince Salman wished the president abundant health and happiness and for the people of Eritrea further progress and prosperity.

# More Bahrainis keen on choosing Ayurveda over western medicine

A growing number uses this Indian natural medical system for treatments and relaxation

● Many patients depend more on this medical therapy for 'permanent recovery from physical and mental illnesses'

Zahra Ayaz  
TDT | Manama

Alternative medicine has undoubtedly grown in popularity in recent years, and more Bahrainis in particular are looking for new remedies for a variety of medical conditions.

The majority of people today are aware of Ayurveda medicine; Bahrainis initially used it for 'Sukha Chikitsa,' or relaxation.

People are more aware of the benefits of various Ayurveda treatments for various diseases, according to Majeeda Anzary, an Ayurveda Specialist at Indian Ayurvedic Medical Center.

Majeeda also strives to apprise patients about the natural medical system that was developed in India more than 3,000 years ago in addition to providing treatment.

Speaking to The Daily Tribune, Majeeda said: "Ayurveda



medicine usually doesn't have any side effects because the Ayurveda doctor plays a vital role in the dosage and prescribing medicine depends upon age, sex, digestion, physical and mental stigma.

"It is essential to consult a certified practitioner before taking medicine otherwise the overdose or improper dose will cause nausea, stomach upset, vomiting."

"Ayurveda form of medicine has the greatest advantage of penetrating into the root cause of disease and bringing cure permanently," she added.

Majeeda responded, "Every science has its own importance," when asked if Ayurveda was more beneficial than western treatment.

Western medicine is the sole solution for conditions that are chronic, urgent, or life-threatening.

"However, for permanent recovery from physical and mental illness, patients depend more on Ayurvedic treatment if they have experienced paralysis, hemiplegia, or post-traumatic conditions."

She further explained, in Ayurveda, both internal medicine and external therapies are available. Internal medicines available in the form of Kashaya

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The natural medical system called Ayurveda was developed in India more than 3,000 years ago.

(decoction), Churna (powder form), Vati (tablet), Taila (oil).

In the meantime, there are a variety of external therapies available, including Abhyangam, Kati Vasti, Janu Vasti, Greeva Vasi, Patra Pinda Sweda, Pizhichil and Udwartanam.

The Daily Tribune previously noted that the Kingdom has a booming network of authorised Ayurveda centres and pharmacies, and that the National Health Regulatory Authority (NHRA) has been encouraging and very supportive of the Ayurveda branch of medical therapy.

## Bahrain promotes interfaith dialogue

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Bahrain is committed to supporting efforts and initiatives aimed at promoting interfaith dialogue and building bridges of communication between diverse peoples and cultures.

This was emphasised by Justice, Islamic Affairs and Endowments Minister Nawaf bin Mohammed Al Maawda who said it contributes to the consolidation of the principles and values of human coexistence, upholding the spirit of tolerance, and spreading peace.

Al Maawda was speaking as he met yesterday members of the Standing Committee for Islamic-Christian Dialogue between the Council of Muslim

Elders and the Vatican.

This came on the sidelines of the first meeting which was held yesterday by the Standing Committee in the Kingdom of Bahrain.

Al Maawda conveyed greetings from His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister.

He praised the efforts made by the Chairman of Supreme Council for Islamic Affairs (SCIA) Shaikh Abdul Rahman bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Khalifa, to interfaith promote dialogue.

The Muslim-Christian Dialogue Permanent Committee was set up per a memorandum



Al Maawda at the meeting

of understanding between Abu Dhabi-based Muslim Council of Elders and the Dicastery for Interreligious Dialogue, in the Vatican City.

The committee is one of the outcomes of Bahrain Forum for Dialogue: East and West for Human Coexistence, which was hosted by the Kingdom of Bah-

rain in November in conjunction with the historic official visit to the Kingdom of Bahrain of His Holiness Pope Francis and Al Azhar's Grand Imam Dr. Ahmed El-Tayeb, the Chairman of the Muslim Council of Elders.

The visit was made at an invitation by His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa.

**Labour cooperation**



In light of the kingdom's decision to resume diplomatic representation with Lebanon at the ambassadorial level, Labour Minister Jamil bin Mohammed Ali Humaidan met with his Lebanese counterpart, Moustafa Bayram. The meeting was held on the sidelines of the 49th session of the Arab Labour Conference. They discussed prospects of future cooperation between both countries in developing human resources and the labour force.

## Mosque preacher gives 'provoking' speeches

Zahra Ayaz

TDT | Manama

Mohammed Sanqour, a mosque preacher, has been summoned after making hateful remarks repeatedly and breaking the law in the process.

The Investigation and Criminal Evidence Department confirmed that the preacher publicly incited hatred and disdain for a certain group of people and used derogatory language about the authorities.

He had previously received warnings on his conduct, but he had not heeded them. Nev-

ertheless, the required legal proceedings have been performed, and the case has been brought to the Public Prosecution.

According to officials of the investigation department, the kingdom is a state of law and institutions that firmly deals with any infractions that threaten the social order and civic peace.

Noting that the Kingdom has incurred an immense cost for the peace and stability it enjoys today, everyone must uphold the value of security and the accomplishments made at the national level.

## Bahrain is 'third best' Arab country in PIRLS



Bahraini students showcase their exceptional reading skills

Zahra Ayaz

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The Kingdom of Bahrain has soared to an incredible third place among Arab countries in the renowned Progress in International Reading Literacy Study (PIRLS 2021 assessment).

This fantastic achievement has ignited excitement and pride within the nation, as students showcase their exceptional reading skills.

According to the Ministry of Education, this international assessment measures reading progress, and Bahraini students have aced it by showcasing the hard work and dedication in creating a thriving reading culture.

Students have surpassed

expectations and secured a top spot on the international leaderboard.

This impressive feat is a testament to the Ministry of Education's unwavering commitment to providing top-notch education and nurturing young minds.

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Education Minister, Dr Mohammed bin Mubarak Juma, expressed his pride in these distinguished results achieved despite the challenges faced by the world due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

He praised the Education Ministry's efforts to advance educational services at all levels, especially those related to basic skills, such as reading and writing in Arabic and English, as well as numeracy skills, expressing his appreciation to everyone who contributed to the achievement.

# Eight drug ring members receive heavy jail terms

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The High Criminal Court sentenced eight defendants who formed a criminal ring for trafficking and promoting drugs, including four women.

The court sentenced the first and second defendants to five-year imprisonment and a fine of BD3,000 each, the third and eighth for a period of one year and a fine of BD1,000; the fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh defendants for six months and a fine of BD100.

The Anti-Narcotics Directorate received a report stating that several of the defendants



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possessed narcotic substances with intent to use.

Ensuuing investigations uncovered the first defendant, and accordingly, a warrant was obtained from the Public Prosecution leading to his arrest.

The remaining defendants were also apprehended, and it was found that the first and second defendants possessed

and acquired drugs with the intent of trafficking and using them, while the rest only possessed narcotics with the intent to use.

The first defendant confessed to the charges attributed to him and admitted purchasing narcotics from the second defendant, while the second defendant confessed to using

narcotics, and admitted that she bought them from the first defendant.

The rest of the defendants confessed to possessing narcotic substances for use.

The Public Prosecution charged the first defendant with unlawful possession of the drug methamphetamine with intent to traffic, its provision to others free of charge, as well as the unauthorised possession of meth with intent to use.

The second defendant was similarly charged, in addition to the unlawful arrangement of a location for the abuse of narcotic substances.

The rest of the defendants were charged with possession with intent to use.

## NIHR hails move to abolish Penal Code Article 353

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The legislative authority's approval to scrap Article (353) of the Penal Code is consistent with the visions submitted by the National Institution for Human Rights (NIHR) to the Council of Representatives in 2020.

This was emphasised by NIHR Chairman Ali Ahmed Al Derazi.

He indicated that the NIHR had recommended considering rape as a punishable crime, being a crime of assault on honour, public freedom, and the sanctity of the human body, as it causes physical and psychological damages that are difficult to recover from it for a long time.

Al Derazi added that although rape cases are not widespread in



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ALI AHMED AL DERAZI, NATIONAL INSTITUTION FOR HUMAN RIGHTS (NIHR) CHAIRMAN

Bahrain, thanks to social awareness and security efforts, the abolition of the aforementioned article would contribute to deterring potential criminals and strengthening the principle of

non-impunity.

It would also lift the pressure on the affected woman, which may sometimes lead her to accept the fait accompli in the event of assault, as well as ex-

empt the perpetrator from the consequences of his crime by marrying his victim.

The NIHR chief pointed out that the abolition of this article is consistent with international conventions on the elimination of discrimination against women in general, and the Fourth Geneva Convention relative to the protection of women, in particular, adding that the move places Bahrain alongside developed countries with regard to supporting women and protecting their dignity and rights.

He affirmed the NIHR's support for all efforts that contribute to raising the levels of protection for women and enhancing family and community security and stability.

## SGF to conduct Children's fest at Bahrain Keraleeya Samajam

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The Students Guidance Forum (SGF), a socio-cultural organisation working for the welfare of the student community in Bahrain, will conduct a Children's fest at the Bahrain Keraleeya Samajam, Segaya on 26 May. It will start at 9am with a drawing and painting competition which will end by 12.30pm. More than 1,000 students from various age groups are expected to participate in the competition. Prize distribution for the winners will take place in the grand finale which will start from 5.30pm onwards. The event will also include honouring School Toppers in the



SGF representative briefing about Children's fest

CBSE examinations, and will follow cultural programs and performances by local talents. These were briefed by Sunil

S Pillai, General Convenor of Children's fest, at a press meeting yesterday. Biju George, Dr. Suresh Subramanian, Jawad

Pasha, Hareesh Nair, Thomas Philip, John Bosco, and George Mathew also attended the press meet.

## Bahrain-UAE relations



Interior Minister, General Shaikh Rashid bin Abdulla Al Khalifa, received the UAE Ambassador to the Kingdom of Bahrain, Shaikh Sultan bin Hamdan bin Zayed Al Nahyan. They reviewed the ongoing fraternal relations between the two countries, in addition to ways to strengthen security cooperation and joint action.

## Joint inspection campaigns



The Labour Market Regulatory Authority (LMRA) conducted two joint inspection campaigns in the Capital Governorate and the Muharraq Governorate on a number of shops and work sites. The campaigns resulted in reporting violations related to the Labour Market and Residency laws. The cases were referred for legal action. A joint inspection campaign was conducted in the Muharraq Governorate in coordination with the Nationality, Passports and Residence Affairs (NPRA) and the Governorate's respective Police Directorate. The other inspection campaign was undertaken in the Capital Governorate in coordination with the General Directorate of Crime Detection and Forensic Evidence of the Ministry of Interior. The LMRA renewed its call on all members of the society to report violations via the electronic form on the authority's website [www.lmra.gov.bh](http://www.lmra.gov.bh) or by calling the authority's call centre on 17506055.

# Stage set for Indian Club's May Queen

16 beautiful contestants will be displaying their talents on the ramp

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The Indian Club Beyon Money May Queen 2023 Powered by African Eastern, one of the major occasions on the social calendar of the Kingdom of Bahrain, is on track for preparation.

An evening of beauty, talent and entertainment will take place at The Indian Club, Gudaibiya premises on Friday, 26 May, starting from 7:30pm onwards, with an expected audience of more than 1,500 including VIPs, dignitaries, Club Members and invited guests.

The contestants are from different nationalities and they will compete over three rounds (casual, ethnic and evening wear) followed by Q & A for the final round.

Along with the crown, first runner-up, second runner-up, and other four individual category awards - Best Walk, Best Smile, Best Hair-Do and Audience Choice - will be awarded to the respective winners.

The title of the event is sponsored by Beyon Money, and the show is powered by African Eastern, along with the Event Partner PICO.



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Other prize categories like Best Walk are sponsored by MegaMart, Audience Choice by Clear Vision and the Theme Round by Al Gachak and many other lead sponsors for this mega event.

The beautiful 'would be' May Queens will be expertly choreographed by Ms. Anju Shivdas and groomed by Asar Ziya; and the show will be controlled by professional MCs, with the stage set-up, light and sound being provided by Pico.

Along with the great expo-

sure; a wide range of prizes, including a total cash prize worth \$5,000, jewellery, air tickets, fashion accessories and gift hampers etc are awaiting for the winners as well as the contestants.

In addition to the fantastic splendor, colour and pageantry of The May Queen competition, the audience will also get to enjoy a wonderful array of dance talents with performances by a variety of dance groups & live musical bands.

H.E. Mr. Piyush Shrivastava, Indian Ambassador to the Kingdom of Bahrain, will be the Chief Guest for this event.

# Derasat, AMH hold symposium on genetic disorders awareness



A panel discussion at the event

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The Bahrain Center for Strategic, International and Energy Studies (Derasat) and the American Mission Hospital organised a symposium for experts titled 'Awareness of Genetic Disorders: Coping and Prevention Methods', held at the King Hamad American Mission Hospital in Aali yesterday.

In his opening speech, Dr. George Cheriyan, AMH Corporate CEO and CMO, stressed the importance of cooperation between the medical sector and research community to identify the best means for enhancing public health, guided by advanced global experiences and best practices.

Dr. Cheriyan also acknowledged Derasat Center's pio-

neering role in raising issues of interest to society, and medical knowledge exchange and societal awareness, besides addressing challenges, among which are genetic disorders and their prevention methods.

He affirmed that AMH's 120-year historic legacy since 1903 reflects its continuous efforts to support social responsibility, and expanding its partnerships based on the Kingdom of Bahrain's formidable achievements and pioneering status in healthcare.

Derasat Executive Director Dr. Hamad Ebrahim Al-Abdulla mentioned in his opening speech that Derasat Center is keen on integrating its efforts with various divisions of the healthcare sector to address

challenges, through its status as an experience hub for studies, research, and surveys.

He expressed his hope that this symposium would highlight vital issues for the betterment of society, affirming that Derasat's efforts aim to initiate cooperation channels with various local and international establishments, through joint events and providing dialog platforms to host experts from far and wide, to utilise scientific research in dealing with various issues.

The symposium discussed genetic disorders and prevention methods, with means to alleviate their burdensome effects on individuals and society, focusing mainly on the Down, Marfan, and Klinefelter syndromes.

# Push to develop youth empowerment centres



Tawfiqi with chairmen and board members of youth centres

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Youth Affairs Minister Rawan bint Najeeb Tawfiqi stressed commitment to develop youth empowerment centres across Bahrain to launch viable programmes and activities.

The minister stressed the importance of promoting quality programmes and activities that reflect Bahraini youngsters' needs and embody their aspirations.

She made the statement as she received Sanabis Youth Empowerment Centre Chairman Zuhair Ibrahim, Southern Sahla Youth Empowerment Centre

Chairman Fadhel Abbas, Al Hamala Youth Empowerment Centre Chairperson Batul Al Sayed and other board members.

During the meeting, the minister discussed with the officials the needs and requirements of youth empowerment centre, stressing the importance of developing their administrative systems and enhancing their future programmes.

She highlighted cooperation with the three centres to develop youth activities, enhance youth awareness and hone their skills and innovative innovative schemes.

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thanks and gratitude to the minister for her support to youth empowerment centres to continue their efforts to develop the sector and implement more programmes and initiatives.

# First aids and firefighting training courses held

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The "Health Promoting Workplaces" team of the Northern Governorate Police Directorate, in association with the Civil Defence Directorate and Training Directorate, held a series of training courses in first aids and firefighting.

The courses targeted 809 members of the Directorate.

The Officer in charge of the work of Capital Governorate Police Directorate Brigadier Saleh Rashid Al Doseri asserted that the courses came within the directorate's efforts to meet the requirements for obtaining "diamond level" health-promoting workplace certificate.

The courses dealt with the basics of first aid, dealing in emergencies and the way of using fire extinguishers when accidents occur.

# Donation for charity



The Royal Humanitarian Foundation (RHF) has received a donation worth BD19,000 from Aisha Jewels. The donation, representing the proceeds of this year's Atta (Giving) Campaign, will be devoted to corneal transplants. Dr Mustafa Al Sayed, Secretary-General of the Royal Humanitarian Foundation (RHF), expressed his gratitude to Aisha Jewels on their charity Ramadan annual campaign which contributes to supporting humanitarian efforts. Aisha Abdulmalik, Creative Director of Aisha Jewels, said that since the start of the company they have been keen to make the humanitarian aspect and charitable work a priority, and from here the idea of the Ataa (Giving) initiative was launched.

# Education cooperation



Education Minister Dr Mohammad bin Mubarak Juma received a delegation from St. Christopher's Private School, headed by Shaikha Tareef, Vice-Chairperson of the Board of Governors, and in the presence of Simon Watson, the School's Principal. The meeting discussed ways to enhance cooperation between the ministry and private educational institutions, and reviewed the support of the ministry's Private Schools Licensing and Follow-up Department.

# Gala dinner



On the occasion of the new composition of Chamber members, Abdullah bin Adel Fakhro, Minister of Industry and Commerce, attended a gala dinner hosted by the French Chamber of Commerce and Industry in Bahrain (FCCIB). The FCCIB is part of the global network of French Chambers of Commerce and Industry abroad (CCI France International) aimed to strengthen French economic ventures and cooperation worldwide. The minister stressed the Bahrain-France relations, especially in the commercial sector.

## CBB grants investment license to Beyon Money

● Received a Class 2 investment Company license

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Beyon Money, part of the Beyon Group, has been granted a new license by the Central Bank of Bahrain to introduce new services.

Central Bank of Bahrain (CBB)



Roberto Mancone

Governor Rasheed Mohamed Al-Maraj granted a Class 2 investment Company license which will allow Beyon Money to offer a range of new services.

Beyon Money CEO Roberto Mancone commented, "With the addition of the Class 2 Investment license, Beyon Money is the only Fintech in Bahrain that facilitates a suite of services for everyday financial requirements with six different licenses granted by the CBB."

Beyon Money, launched in

January 2022, operates in Bahrain through three Financial Services Regulated Entities by the Central Bank of Bahrain: Batelco Financial Services, Batelco Remittance Services and Beyon Money Investments.

In the first five months of 2023, it achieved significant growth equal to 6 times the volume of domestic and international payments and ten times the number of customers compared to the same period in 2022.

## Tameer launches new brand identity

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Al Khaleej Development Company (Tameer), the real estate development arm of INOVEST Group has launched its new brand identity.

Tameer said its new brand draws on the core elements from its original logo, specifically the notion of building layers of success. The new logo pays homage to the brand equity of Tameer and its successful track record, whilst marrying into the spirit of the group's identity and communication strategy. Moreover, within its nuances the new logo stands true to the company's core values of dedication, innovation, perseverance, and success.

On the occasion, Talal Al Mulla, Managing Director of Tameer, provided greater insight, "Ultimately, our goal



Talal Al Mulla

added real estate investment opportunities, expert advisory services, and end-to-end project management solutions."

Tameer has been involved in several landmark projects that set an industry standard, including but not limited to the Bahrain Investment Wharf, BIW Labour Accommodations, BIW Business Park, Tala Islands, and Saar Villas.

## Alba wins RoSPA's President's award

● Tenth consecutive Gold Awards for Safety and Health Excellence

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Aluminium Bahrain (Alba), announced it has received the prestigious 'President's Award' from the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA) for its Safety and Health performance in 2022. It also marks Alba's 10th consecutive win of the RoSPA Gold Medal Award.

Alba's Chief Executive Officer, Ali Al Baqali, received the award during the Awards Cer-



'President's Award' by the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents

emony held on 16 May 2023 at ExCel London and in the presence of Alba's Director Safety and Health, Mohamed Khalil Saeed. Alba's delegation also attended RoSPA's Gala Dinner

at the JW Marriott Grosvenor House Hotel, London, to celebrate this year's award winners.

Alba's Chief Executive Officer, Ali Al Baqali, said: "Scooping the Gold Award from RoSPA for the 10th year in a row underlines the Company's firm belief of 'Safety First, Safety Always'. Our Safety culture didn't come by accident but rather it is a work in progress coupled with the belief that Safety is a journey rather than a destination."

RoSPA holds the UK's longest-running Safety and Health industry awards, with nearly 2,000 entrants from around the world competing every year to achieve their accolades.

# Exports of national products touch BD303 million in April

● Turbo-Jets was the top product re-exported

● Unwrought Aluminum Alloys topped exports

● Non-Agglomerated Iron Ores and Concentrates topped imports

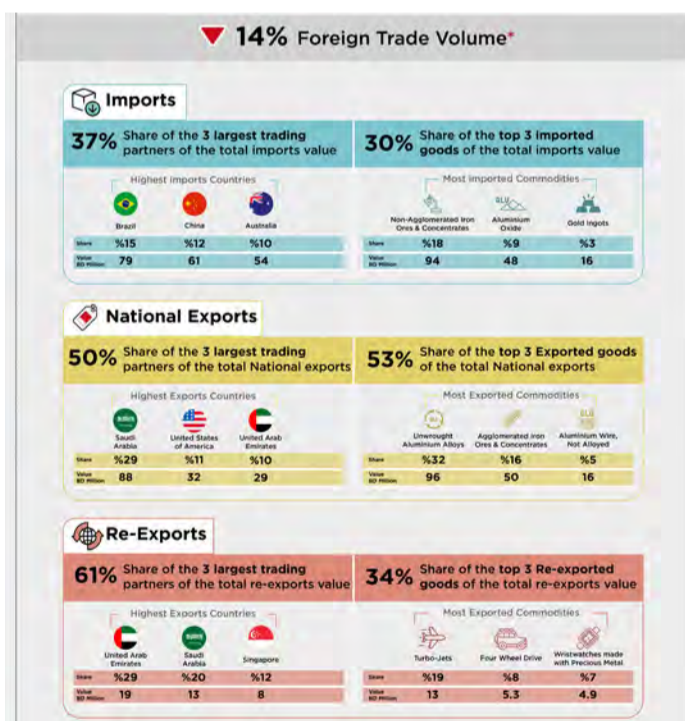
● Deficit during April was BD152 million dinars

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Bahrain reported a 3% increase in imports during April compared to the same month a year, says the latest foreign trade report, which also records a 37% drop in the export of national origin products. The report published by The Information & eGovernment Authority also reveals a deficit of BD152 million dinars in April 2023, contrasting with a surplus of BD24 million dinars during the same month the previous year. This resulted in a 724% increase in the deficit.

**Imports increased 3%**

During April this year, imports increased by 3% to BD523 million from BD505 million in April last year, with the top 10 countries accounting for 72% of the total imports.



Brazil topped the list with BD79 million worth of imports, followed by China with BD61 million, and Australia with BD54 million.

Non-Agglomerated Iron Ores and Concentrates were the top product imported to Bahrain at BD94 million, followed by Aluminum Oxide with BD48 million, and Gold Ingots at BD16 million.

**Exports dropped 37%**

Meanwhile, exports of national origin products dropped 37% to BD303 million from BD478 million in April 2022. The top 10 countries accounted for 73% of sales, where Saudi Arabia ranked first with BD88 million. The United States of America ranked second with BD32 million and the United Arab

Emirates third with BD29 million.

Unwrought Aluminum Alloys were the top products exported with BD96 million, followed by Agglomerated Iron Ores and Concentrates Alloyed with a value of BD50 million and Aluminum Wire Not Alloyed with BD16 million.

**Re-exports rose 30%**

Re-exports rose 30% to BD67 million from BD51 million for the same month in 2022, as the top 10 countries accounted for 91% of the re-exported value. The United Arab Emirates ranked first with 19 million, followed by Saudi Arabia with BD13 million, and Singapore with BD8 million. Turbo-Jets was the top product re-exported from Bahrain at BD13 million, followed by Four Wheel Drive (BD5.3 million), and Wristwatches made with Precious Metal came third with (BD4.9 million).

## TRA introduces new consumer protection measures



The deal signing

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In a first in the region, the Telecommunication Regulatory Authority (TRA) announced introducing key consumer protection measures to strengthen the telecommunications market through an undertaking signed by CEOs of all licensed operators in Bahrain.

Effective September 1, 2023, the new undertaking will introduce five main consumer protection measures.

The Contract Summary will provide consumers with a concise document along with their service contracts, summarizing the key terms and conditions of the services they are subscribing to.

The Contract Summary provides customers with a concise document summarizing key terms and conditions of their service contracts.

Contract Termination and End of Contract Notifications give customers notice when their contracts end and inform them of any outstanding charges or termination fees upon request.

Billing Transparency and

Accuracy ensures operators provide transparent tariff information and accurate billing, instilling confidence in customers.

Tele-sales, Value-Added Services, and Multi-Factor Authentications require operators to promote telecommunications services responsibly and clearly communicate terms and conditions. Additionally, consumers will have access to view subscriptions, manage value-added services, device installment plans, and track data usage.

Service Quality Levels allow customers to terminate contracts without fees if service quality falls below promised standards and isn't resolved promptly.

Philip Marnick, General Director of the TRA, said the initiative will elevate consumer experiences and reinforce Bahrain's position as a regional leader. Sh. Abdulla bin Humood AlKhalifa, the Director of Consumer and Communications, added that the Kingdom is setting a new standard in the region with the introduction of these comprehensive consumer protection measures.

## Amazon Payment network adds Benefit

TDT | Manama

Amazon Payment Services has expanded its services to Bahrain by adding the Benefit payment method to its network. Amazon Payment Services merchants can now accept payments made through Benefit, Bahrain's electronic network for financial transactions while continuing to get support for global payment methods.

The move allows customers to use their Benefit-enabled cards to shop online with Amazon



Peter George

Payment Services merchants by selecting the Benefit payment option upon checkout.

Peter George, Managing Director for Amazon Payment Services in MENA, said: "Merchants in Bahrain can now access our range of innovative payment products and services to facilitate simple, fast, and secure online payments for their customers."

He added: "Our expansion into Bahrain represents the next milestone in our journey as Amazon Payment Services, taking

the total number of countries we serve in the MENA region to nine."

Abdulwahed AlJanahi, the Chief Executive of Benefit, said: "With this integration, users will enjoy new reliable and trusted payment methods via our electronic payment gateway using their locally issued debit cards."



QUOTE OF THE DAY LIFE IS LIKE RIDING A BICYCLE. TO KEEP YOUR BALANCE, YOU MUST KEEP MOVING. ALBERT EINSTEIN

TODAY IN HISTORY

1738

John Wesley is converted, launching the Methodist movement; celebrated annually by Methodists as Aldersgate Day

1844

Samuel Morse taps out "What hath God wrought" in the world's first telegraph message



1883

Brooklyn Bridge opened by President Chester A. Arthur and NY Governor Grover Cleveland

1941

German battleship Bismarck sinks the British battle cruiser HMS Hood; 1,416 die, 3 survive

News in brief

Hungary's right-wing Prime Minister Viktor Orban insisted Tuesday that Ukraine cannot win its war with Russia and argued Washington must step in to end the conflict. Orban, who is at odds with other European Union members over the war and has blocked EU aid for Ukraine, reaffirmed calls for a ceasefire. Speaking at a conference in Qatar, he also argued that the United States and its partners in Europe must seal a new security accord with Russia. The veteran Hungarian leader, who has not condemned Russian President Vladimir Putin, told the Qatar Economic Forum that Russia's invasion was the result of a "failure of diplomacy". "It's obvious that the battlefield solution does not work," he added, insisting that Ukraine could not win. "Looking at the reality, looking at the figures, looking at the surroundings, looking at the fact that NATO is not ready to send troops, it's obvious that there is no victory for poor Ukrainians on the battlefield," he said. "That's my position."



Hungary's Orban says 'no battlefield victory' for Ukraine

Russia's prime minister yesterday hailed economic ties with China during a visit in which he will meet with President Xi Jinping and ink a series of trade deals. The two nations have in recent years ramped up economic and diplomatic cooperation, with ties growing closer since Moscow's invasion of Ukraine despite Beijing's insistence it is neutral in the conflict. Mikhail Mishustin arrived late Monday in Shanghai, the Russian foreign ministry said, before attending a Russian-Chinese Business Forum in the financial hub the next morning. Also invited to the forum were a number of Russian tycoons subject to Western sanctions, including from the key fertiliser, steel and mining sectors, Bloomberg reported.

Israeli troops yesterday demolished the West Bank home of a Palestinian man who was killed after carrying out a deadly shooting in the heart of Tel Aviv in March. "Forces of the army and the border police destroyed the home in the village of Nalin of the terrorist Mutaz Khawaja, who carried out a shooting attack on March 9, 2023 in Dizengoff Street, Tel Aviv," an army statement said. Khawaja, 23, was a member of the Ezzedine al-Qassam Brigades, the armed wing of Hamas, the Palestinian Islamist group which rules Gaza. He was shot dead by Israeli police after the attack, which killed one Israeli and wounded two more. His home village lies close to the Green Line which separates Israel from the occupied West Bank, and barely 20 kilometres (12 miles) from Tel Aviv.

Israel army demolishes West Bank home of Tel Aviv shooter



CURIOSER & CURIOSER

Watch owned by China's last emperor sells for US\$5 million



A Patek Philippe wristwatch with a crown-like symbol once owned by China's last emperor sold for more than \$5 million evening

Hong Kong that showed Puyi had brought the watch with him to the camp. Patek Philippe wristwatch once owned by China's last emperor sold for more than \$5 million on the auction block in Hong Kong yesterday. The Ref 96 Quantieme Lune timepiece, which boasts a crown-like moon phase, originally belonged to Aisin-Gioro Puyi, the final monarch of the Chinese Qing dynasty. Emperor at the age of two in 1908, Puyi was immortalised by Bernardo Bertolucci's Oscar-winning film but left a mixed legacy. More than 20 years later, he was installed as the puppet leader of Japanese-occupied Manchuria, before he was captured in 1945 after the fall of Japan and taken to a Soviet prison camp. British auction house Phillips said it had documentation

Driver detained after crashing into barrier near White House

Washington

A U-Haul truck containing a Nazi flag near the White House has been arrested and charged with trying to kill or harm the president, police said yesterday. The driver apparently drove deliberately into bollards outside Lafayette Park just before 10:00 pm (0200 GMT) on Monday, the US Park Police said, adding that no one was injured. TV images showed a red and black swastika banner that had been found during a police search of the truck. The driver of the vehicle was identified as Sai Varshith Kandula, 19, of Chesterfield, Missouri, the Park Police said in a statement Tuesday. It said he was charged with "assault with a dangerous weapon, reckless operation of a motor vehicle, threatening to kill/kidnap/inflict harm on a president, vice president, or family member, destruction of federal property, and trespassing."

Russia deploys air force, artillery to wipe out border attackers

Regional authorities said 12 civilians were wounded

Moscow said killed more than 70 Ukrainian fighters

Anti-Kremlin Freedom of Russia Legion have claimed responsibility

AFP | Moscow



Military stands at the site where a helicopter crashed near a kindergarten in Brovary, outside the capital Kyiv, killing sixteen people

Russia said yesterday it had deployed jets and artillery to destroy an armed group that penetrated its border from Ukraine, while the Kremlin demanded the military prevent any repeat attack. The armed incursion was the most serious since the beginning of Moscow's offensive in Ukraine last year, prompting the Kremlin to express "deep concern" and the evacuation of nine villages in the southern region of Belgorod. The defence ministry's announcement that it used the

force and artillery on Russian territory represents an unprecedented use of force domestically since the military campaign in Ukraine began last year. Regional authorities said 12 civilians were wounded. "In the course of the counter-terrorist operation, the nationalist formations were blocked and destroyed by air strikes and

artillery fire," the Russian defence ministry said in a statement. "The remaining (fighters) were driven back to the territory of Ukraine, where they continued to be hit by fire until they were completely eliminated," the ministry said. The Kremlin voiced "deep concern" after explosive strikes had forced civilians from border

villages to flee. Local authorities said the Belgorod region had come under sustained artillery and mortar fire during fighting with a group it claimed had crossed from Ukraine. Moscow said Russian forces killed more than 70 Ukrainian fighters and destroyed four armoured vehicles, but AFP was unable to independently verify those claims.

Australia fetes Modi as 'the boss'

AFP | Sydney

Australia offered Narendra Modi a rock-star welcome yesterday, during a visit by the Indian leader. Modi hosted a 12,000-strong campaign-style in a Sydney arena yesterday, with Prime Minister Anthony Albanese playing warm-up act and emcee. To chants of "Modi! Modi! Modi!" Albanese introduced his "dear friend" to a jazzed-up crowd of Indian-Australians, who he praised for making Australia "stronger and more inclusive". "The last time I saw someone on the stage here was Bruce Springsteen and he didn't get the welcome that Prime Minister Modi has got," Albanese said. "Prime Minister Modi is the



Australia's Prime Minister Anthony Albanese and India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi gesture during an event with members of the local Indian community at the Qudos Arena in Sydney

boss!" he said, breaking into a broad smile and boasting the pair had met six times in the past year. Modi reciprocated his host's lavish welcome, offering a long

list of interests that bind the two countries: from cricket to curry, yoga to Masterchef. "The most important foundation of our ties is mutual trust and mutual respect," he said, promising trade between the two countries would double in the next five years. India is now the second-fastest growing economy in the G20 and a multi-trillion-dollar market. Indian-Australians make up the country's fastest-growing and second-largest diaspora, with 673,000 Indian-born citizens in a population of 26 million. Almost 90,000 Indian students are enrolled at Australian universities, the largest overseas contingent after China.

Taiwan's last wartime 'comfort woman' dies at 92

Taipei

Taiwan's last known survivor of Japan's wartime sexual slavery has died at the age of 92, the island's foreign ministry said yesterday, calling the issue a "wound in human history". Referred to as "comfort women", more than 200,000 women were sexually enslaved by Japan's military during World War II, mostly from South Korea but also from other parts of Asia.

In Taiwan, which Japan ruled from 1895-1945, nearly 60 women had come forward over the years as survivors, according to Taipei's Women's Rescue Foundation. However, it estimates there were at least 2,000. The foundation said on Monday the island's last known survivor, referred to as "grandma", died on May 10 at the age of 92. "The 'comfort woman' issue is a wound in human history and the government has attached great importance to the dignity and welfare of former Taiwanese (survivors)," Ministry of Foreign Affairs spokesman Jeff Liu said Tuesday. "(The government) has continued to express concerns to the Japanese government... and urge the Japanese side to face our demand to apologise and compensate Taiwanese 'comfort women' and their families," he said. Taipei's Women's Rescue Foundation said, even with the death of the last "grandma", they would continue to demand that Japan compensate victims. "Although all the grandmas have passed away, we believe that their spirit will remain in our hearts forever," the group said, vowing to advocate for the history of Taiwanese survivors to be included in school books. "This piece of history will not disappear due to the death of the grandmas."



Representative picture (Courtesy of the standard)

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French tourists rescued in Arctic as ship runs aground

Oslo

Eleven French tourists and four crew members were rescued by helicopter after their ship ran aground in the Norwegian archipelago of Svalbard in the Arctic, local authorities said yesterday. No one was hurt in the incident, which occurred late Monday, the governor's office said in a press release. It is not yet known why the tourist vessel MS Isbjorn 2 ran aground in a bay of the Isfjord fjord, in the territory twice the size of Belgium and located a thousand kilometres (600 miles) from the North Pole. The 15 people onboard were rescued by helicopter and transported to Longyearbyen, the main town of the archipelago, also known as Spitsbergen. "None of the people onboard were physically injured", the authorities said.

Indonesia's Merapi volcano erupts, spewing 'avalanche' of lava

Jakarta

Indonesia's Mount Merapi, one of the world's most active volcanoes, erupted yesterday, spewing lava more than two kilometres from the crater. Dramatic images of lava pouring from the volcano's smoking crater were published by the government-run Merapi Volcano Observatory. Dozens of small tremors related to Merapi's eruption were recorded on Tuesday, according to the Centre for Research and Development of Geological Disaster Technology (BPPTKG), a government agency that monitors the volcano.



Lava pours from Indonesia's Mount Merapi during an eruption

"Merapi's activity slightly increased over the last few days... but these kinds of increases often occur in Merapi," said BPPTKG head Agus Budi Santoso. Merapi, which sits just 28 kilometres (17 miles) north of the provincial capital Yogyakarta, is closely monitored by the agency.

UK gov't announces overseas student curbs to slash immigration

London

The UK government yesterday announced a package of measures aimed at international students, including a ban on some family members, as ministers come under growing pressure to cut immigration. After a drop during the pandemic, net migration has been steadily on the rise and is reportedly expected to hit a record high this year. Official figures published last November estimated net migration to June 2022 at just over 500,000. Under the new proposals, only students on postgraduate courses designated as research programmes will be able to bring dependants to the UK while they study. Overseas students will be prevented from switching "out of the student route into work routes"



Britain's Prime Minister Rishi Sunak making a statement in the House of Commons in London

before their studies have been completed. There will also be "improved and more enforcement activity" and a clamp down on "unscrupulous agents" using education as a cover for immigration, according to a government statement. Uncontrolled immigration from

the European Union was one of the main battlegrounds of the Brexit referendum in 2016 which saw the UK leave the bloc. Since 2018, the country has seen thousands of people successfully cross the English Channel in small boats to claim asylum. More than 45,000 arrived last year, heaping political pressure on the government which promised to "take back control" of Britain's borders. One of Prime Minister Rishi Sunak's Conservative predecessors, Boris Johnson, agreed a deal with Rwanda last year to relocate failed asylum seekers to the central African country. But the scheme has been mired in legal battles and is yet to get underway. The end of freedom of movement for workers within the EU due to Brexit and tighter immigration rules have also proved controversial for business. Many sectors that previously relied heavily on EU workers, particularly agriculture and health and social care, have experienced deep skills shortages.

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YOU KNOW WHAT In 2021 there were approximately 6.0 million people with non-British nationality living in the UK and 9.6 million people who were born abroad. The UK's migrant population is concentrated in London. Around 35% of people living in the UK who were born abroad live in the capital city.

Prince Harry loses bid to challenge UK gov't over security

London

Prince Harry has lost an attempt to challenge the UK government over his security arrangements while in the UK, according to a ruling published yesterday. Harry and his wife Meghan lost their UK taxpayer-paid protection when they quit frontline royal duties in 2020 and moved to North America. The couple have their own private security team in the United States but Harry says they do not have adequate jurisdiction or access to UK intelligence to keep his family safe when they are in the UK. The prince, known formally as the Duke of Sussex, had been asking for a legal review of a decision refusing him permis-



Meghan, Duchess of Sussex (L) and Britain's Prince Harry, Duke of Sussex

such protection to be paid for by the taxpayer. London's Metropolitan Police also opposed Harry's offer on the grounds that it would be wrong to "place officers in harm's way upon payment of a fee by a private individual".

TOP 4 TWEETS 01 The #WHA76 has begun! I am honoured to welcome Health Ministers from around the world to this historic World Health Assembly as we mark the 75th anniversary of @WHO. Together, we continue to work towards #HealthForAll, everywhere! @DRTedros

02 Microplastics are a growing threat to both human & planetary health. The way we produce, use & dispose of plastics is polluting ecosystems. Governments, companies & individuals need to make urgent changes to #BeatPlasticPollution. @antonioiguterres

03 Understand the disappointment of those who couldn't clear the Civil Services Exams. Not only will there be more attempts to avail but also India offers several diverse opportunities to showcase your skills and strengths. Wishing you the very best. @narendramodi

04 Today, @IMFNews has upgraded the UK's growth forecast. Today, @IMFNews has upgraded the UK's growth forecast. @RishiSunak

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# celebs

## I'm done with The Terminator, says Arnold Schwarzenegger

Celebretainment | Los Angeles

Arnold Schwarzenegger is "done" with the 'Terminator' franchise.

The 75-year-old actor thinks the franchise could have a successful future - but Schwarzenegger insists that he won't be a part of it.

Schwarzenegger - who starred in 2019's 'Terminator: Dark Fate' - told The Hollywood Reporter: "The franchise is not done. I'm done."

"I got the message loud and clear that the world wants to move on with a different theme when it comes to 'The Terminator'. Someone has to come up with a great idea."

Despite this, Schwarzenegger will always have fond memories of the franchise.

The actor - who starred in the original 'Terminator' movie in 1984 - explained: "The Terminator' was largely responsible for my success, so I always would look at it very fondly."

"The first three movies were great. Number four ['Salvation'] I was not in because I was governor [of California]. Then five ['Genisys'] and six ['Dark Fate'] didn't close the deal as far as I'm concerned. We knew that ahead of time because they were just not well written."

Meanwhile, Schwarzenegger has also revealed that he remains open to making a 'Conan' sequel.

The actor made his Hollywood breakthrough in 1982 with 'Conan the Barbarian', and Schwarzenegger is keen to reprise the role.

He shared: "It's been pending for the last ten years."

"[Fredrik] Malmberg owns the rights. He comes to me and says, 'Oh, I have a deal with Netflix' and when we ask Netflix, they don't know anything about it. It's one of those crazy things. I hope he figures it out."

"I think you do it like 'Unforgiven', where you play the age."

"There's a great script out there that John Milius wrote, and others have written one. The story is there. There are directors who want to do it. But he has the rights, and until he sells the rights for one or two movies, or for the franchise, there's nothing you can do about it."



Arnold Schwarzenegger

## Michelle Yeoh reveals 'best thing' about awards season success

Celebretainment | Los Angeles

Michelle Yeoh believes the "best thing" about her awards success is she is no longer only receiving scripts for "Asian-looking" characters.

The 60-year-old star triumphed in the Best Actress category at a string of ceremonies this year, including the Oscars, Screen Actors Guild Awards and Golden Globes for her role as Evelyn Quan Wang in 'Everything Everywhere All At Once', and she is pleased to be offering a wider variety of roles.

Speaking during the Kering Women in Motion talks at Cannes Film Festival, she said: "The best thing that has happened is I receive a script that doesn't describe the character as a Chinese or Asian-looking person."

"We are actors. We are supposed to act. We are supposed to step into roles that are given to us and do our job as best we can. That, for me, is the biggest step forward."

Michelle reflected on her first time at Cannes over 20 years ago with 'Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon' and said she felt it was "quite obvious" Hollywood wasn't ready to celebrate Asian actors back then.

She said: "There were so many great Asian, Chinese movies that came out at that time."

"But if you look at all the films that get nominated here in Cannes and get awards, very rarely, especially at the Oscars... they would nominate best director, best film, everything. You wonder how do you get there without the actors? So, it seems a little odd."

"When 'Crouching Tiger' came out, people were saying,



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MICHELLE YEOH

'No one in America will watch this film because they don't know how to read subtitles.' But guess what? Americans do know how to read."

And she believes 'Everything Everywhere All At Once's success is proof that audiences are interested in diverse storytelling.

She said: "It's just a matter of pushing the envelope and refusing to say that this is the 'normal way.' In the 'normal way,' would 'Everything Everywhere All At Once' would have been nominated? Chances are no, five to 10 years ago."

## Demi Lovato: I felt relieved being diagnosed with bipolar disorder

Celebretainment | Los Angeles

Demi Lovato felt "relieved" by her bipolar diagnosis.

The 30-year-old pop star has revealed that she felt a sense of relief when she received her diagnosis, because it helped to explain her emotional struggles.

Speaking at the Hollywood and Mind Summit in Los Angeles, the 'Cool for the Summer' hitmaker told PEOPLE: "I was so relieved that I had finally had a diagnosis."

"I had spent so many years struggling, and I didn't know why I was a certain way in dealing with depression at such extreme lows, when I seemingly had the world in front of me just ripe with opportunities."

Demi shot to stardom as a child, but she was never able to embrace her early success.

The chart-topping

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star remembers being confused by her feelings of unhappiness.

She shared: "It was things like, I remember being 15 years old on a tour bus and watching fans follow my bus with posters and trying to get me to wave outside the window. And all I could do was just sit there and cry."

"And I remember being in the back of my tour bus watching my fans and crying and being like, 'Why am I so unhappy?'"

Meanwhile, Demi previously revealed that she doubted she'd ever reach the age of 30.

The brunette beauty celebrated the milestone in August - but Demi was surprised to reach the landmark after suffering a near-fatal drug overdose in 2018.



Demi Lovato

## Chris Pratt's sales job prepared him for Hollywood

Celebretainment | Los Angeles

Chris Pratt's previous job as a door-to-door salesman prepared him for Hollywood because he learned to deal with rejection.

The 'Jurassic World' star has opened up about how he copes with criticism - comparing himself to a rhinoceros with thick skin - and insisting his early career selling coupons helped him survive in the cut-throat world of the entertainment industry.

Speaking to New York Post column PageSix, Chris explained: "Oh, just how you deal with anything. Like a rhino, stick your head down, you keep driving forward, you have thick skin and if anyone gets in your way, you stick the horn right up their a\*\*!"

"When it comes to rejection, I was trained in the crucible of door-to-door sales some 25 years ago. So, you can't turn me away, there's no stopping us."

"It is a very hard job and it's not dissimilar to acting or at least auditioning. You gotta collect nine 'no's' to get one 'yes' and so auditions are all about going out and getting someone to tell you no."

The 43-year-old actor previously opened up about his past life in sales in an interview with Vanity Fair magazine, saying: "I was selling coupons for things like oil changes or trips to a spa. I was great at that."

Chris Pratt

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However, Chris, 41, has bounced back and found love with Alba Baptista who he has been dating for more than a year.

Chris Evans

## Chris Evans dreams of being a carpenter

Celebretainment | Los Angeles

Chris Evans would have gone into woodworking if he didn't become an actor.

The 'Captain America: The First Avenger' star has opened up about his life in a new interview to promote his Apple TV Plus film 'Ghosted' and revealed his other car-

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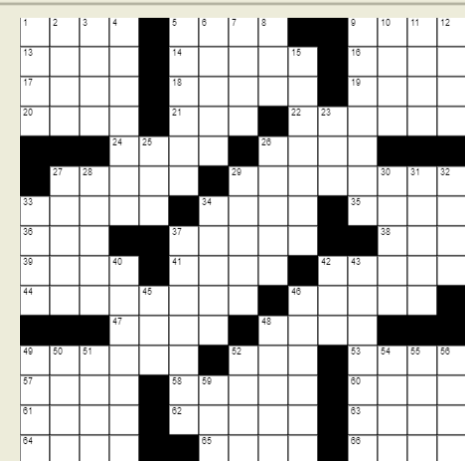
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### CROSSWORD



#### Across

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#### Down

1- Cries of discovery; 2- Diplomat's forte; 3- Architectural pier; 4- Capital of Kenya; 5- Maroon; 6- Stagers; 7- Hardware fastener; 8- Super Bowl highlights; 9- Appeared; 10- Taylor of 'Mystic Pizza'; 11- Rights org.; 12- Polite address; 15- Kelp; 23- Spasm; 25- Hairpiece; 26- Main stem of a tree; 27- Splendid; 28- Singly; 29- Fork; 30- Distributed cards; 31- Politico Kefauver; 32- Seedy joint; 33- Slave; 34- Triple; 37- Fin; 40- Condiment; 42- Silent; 43- Spirit; 45- 19th letter of the Greek alphabet; 46- Commands; 48- On \_-to-know basis; 49- Auction site; 50- Jodie Foster's alma mater; 51- Environmental sci.; 52- \_ homo; 54- Fibbed; 55- A followers; 56- Analogous; 59- Adult male;

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**FLORA CONTRACTING MAINTENANCE SERVICES W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17623882 or accounts@florabh.com

**AL HADARIYA HAVEY EQUIPMENTS HIRING** has a vacancy for the occupation of HEAVY DRIVER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17620672 or SKDGRPCO@BATELCO.COM.BH

**UNICORP COMPANY W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of PIPE-FITTER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 38411180 or REZA@UNICORPWLL.COM

**Doniv Marble W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17785525 or DONIVMAR@BATELCO.COM.BH

**SMALCO CONTRACTING W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 33040002 or smalco.bh@hotmail.com

**MOJA CONTRACTING CO. W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17244026 or MZH75@HOTMAIL.COM

**INTERNATIONAL SECURITY SERVICES CO. W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of SECURITY GUARD, suitably qualified applicants can contact 38080801 or HR@issbh.com

**Kadi One Construction W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 33440279 or SINOALAN180@GMAIL.COM

**BORA BORA RESTAURANT & JUICE COMPANY W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of MAKER(ICE-CREAM), suitably qualified applicants can contact 36361311 or BORABORA.BAHRAIN@GMAIL.COM

**Access & Coating Gulfo Co. W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of SITE ENGINEER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17212471 or MCSC@MCSCWLL.COM

**S P CONTRACTING BAHRAIN PARTNERSHIP COMPANY** has a vacancy for the occupation of HEAVY DRIVER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 35915427 or SHAJANSAMIT@GMAIL.COM

**AI Hemaya Spare Parts Co. W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17590921 or JETIN.SINGH@GMAIL.COM

**GREAT WALL CONTRACTING COMPANY W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39105686 or BACCUMIYA01@GMAIL.COM

**ASPANGJ MANUFACTURING CO W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of MANAGER (ECONOMICAL COST EVALUATION), suitably qualified applicants can contact 39993879 or raffi.spenjian@hotmail.com

**ARSAN GENTS TAILORING W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of MASTER CUTTER(GENTS), suitably qualified applicants can contact 17535898 or HAMAD@ARSANMEN.COM

**Shanyool Atelee Trading** has a vacancy for the occupation of TAILOR, suitably qualified applicants can contact 32313131 or HAMEEDAHASAN95@GMAIL.COM

**FABMAX W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39653635 or fabmaxwll@gmail.com

**KINGDOM LANDSCAPE W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of MASON, suitably qualified applicants can contact 34436006 or JALALEBRAHIM@GMAIL.COM

**A G DYNAMICS SERVICES W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of FITTER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 38205373 or info@aguldynamics.com

**LOST BURGER RESTURANT** has a vacancy for the occupation of CLEANER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39119913 or YOUSIFK2828@GMAIL.COM

**HIGHLAND INDUSTRIAL MACHINERY COMPANY W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of WELDER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17483034 or RAJANSHARMA@ARABINTL.COM

**IMRAN SIRAJUL FURNITURE WORKSHOP W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 36461390 or SAWARI.DOC@GMAIL.COM

**LEVISH CARGO HANDLING CO BAHRAIN PARTNERSHIP COMPANY** has a vacancy for the occupation of OFFICE ASSISTANT, suitably qualified applicants can contact 35301525 or LEVISH820@GMAIL.COM

**TURANT DELIVERY W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of DRIVER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 33774734 or KIZER@MOTOPOINTARABIA.COM

**CHENGAL TRADING CO W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of SALESMAN, suitably qualified applicants can contact 33761989 or SALAHCHENGAL788@GMAIL.COM

**DAMAM NAKLA TOBACCO** has a vacancy for the occupation of SALESMAN, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39657146 or KHADIJAALKHAN18@GMAIL.COM

**SKYPOWER ONE CONSTRUCTION OF BUILDINGS** has a vacancy for the occupation of SUPERVISOR, suitably qualified applicants can contact 34114111 or JAREYAISA@GMAIL.COM

**ALTHURAYA SALON** has a vacancy for the occupation of BARBER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 33000262 or M\_65@HOTMAIL.COM

**TAKAMUL SERVICES CO ( TASCO ) W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of DRIVER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17344107 or MAJAJ101@HOTMAIL.COM

**F Q CAFETERIA W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 35629596 or MUSTHAFAPONNOR@GMAIL.COM

**DECIPHER SOFT MIDDLE EAST W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of CONSULTANT, suitably qualified applicants can contact 35630386 or PRASAD.MUTLURI@DECIPHERSOFT.COM

**PUNJAB CITY CONSTRUCTION** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 34111999 or sharef.works@gmail.com

**Abu Inzamam Trading and Contracting Bahraini Partnership Company** has a vacancy for the occupation of DRIVER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 33803636 or Itc.wl786@gmail.com

**Aljareesh years restaurant** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 34013340 or A.ALSBEBA@GMAIL.COM

**AMEERI INDUSTRIES WLL** has a vacancy for the occupation of WELDER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17456111 or HRAMEERI@AMEERI.COM.BH

**BADER TAQI SALMAN** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39456955 or BADER\_ALBADER1@HOTMAIL.COM

**Acacia Palace contracting** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39841345 or acaciapalace97@gmail.com

**MERCURY CONTRACTING CENTRE** has a vacancy for the occupation of LABOURER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39667181 or mjmh69@hotmail.com

**Bahrain Precast Construction w.l.l** has a vacancy for the occupation of REINFORCED IRON WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17875600 or JSA@BPC.BH

**Sayed Kadhem aldurazi & sons B.S.c. close** has a vacancy for the occupation of LABOURER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39334023 or sayedshubbar@skaldurazi.com

**HAJI HASSAN READYMIX B.S.C CLOSED** has a vacancy for the occupation of HEAVY DRIVER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17785353 or VIJESH.NAIR@HAJIHASSAN.COM

**AI Manartain Company And Ali Alsheab Group Wll** has a vacancy for the occupation of MASON ASST, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17590907 or SAAMI@ALMANARATI.COM

**CHELSEA GARAGE** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 33114991 or MIZOOAMEERA@GMAIL.COM

**HAFAEZUR REHMAN GARAGE W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of HEAVY DRIVER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 34394199 or SAIMAHAFEEZ75@GMAIL.COM

**AL ABRAJ RESTAURENT W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of SUPERVISOR, suitably qualified applicants can contact 38700027 or SALWA@AL-ABRAAJ.COM

**WAFTFORD INSPECTION SERVICES W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of OFFICE ASSISTANT, suitably qualified applicants can contact 33980065 or ANILKRISHNANAG@GMAIL.COM

**RAYA HEEN RESTAURANT W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 38061693 or AJWADBUNINESSBAHRAIN@GMAIL.COM

**STARBUST FOOD DELIVERY CO. W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 33937884 or NIDHAMI.BH@GMAIL.COM

**ALZAIN GOVERNMENT TRANSACTION** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17255051 or ALZAIN.CLEARANCE@GMAIL.COM

**IBRAHIM SERVICES W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 36758776 or SHAHIDP824@GMAIL.COM

**EJAZ SUPER BLUE SERVICES W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 35142724 or IJAZRANA009@GMAIL.COM

**PERFECT CARE TRADING CO W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of SALES AGENT, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17100032 or MOHAMED\_KAME2010@YAHOO.COM

**A ONE 2 SERVICES W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of OFFICE ASSISTANT, suitably qualified applicants can contact 33719149 or MOHD.H.NA@GMAIL.COM

**QUALITY SERVICES W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 34561904 or KHARALBH@GMAIL.COM

**ADNAN COMBINED FACILITIES SUPPORT ACTIVITIES COMPANY W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 35935010 or SERVICEMONICA9@GMAIL.COM

**GHAZALI SERVICES CO BAHRAIN PARTNERSHIP COMPANY** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 34301771 or MUHAMMADBH0966@GMAIL.COM

**ZILQA REAL ESTATE W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 37446260 or RIZWANULLAH585@GMAIL.COM

**SHAHWAR SERVICES W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of HEAVY DRIVER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 33701470 or MY.D.BH.PK@GMAIL.COM

**360 LAUNDRY** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17003666 or AHMED.ALZAYED.60@GMAIL.COM

**FINEXCORE SOFTWARE SOLUTIONS LLC - BRANCH OF A FOREIGN COMPANY** has a vacancy for the occupation of MANAGER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17502828 or RUBEL@JOBPROB.COM

**ARZOO CONSULTANCY W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 34210886 or CROWNHARMANN@GMAIL.COM

**FLYING BEAST CARGO HANDLING W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of HEAVY DRIVER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 33880076 or SUPERMASOOD786@GMAIL.COM

**SAID KAMAL CONSTRUCTION OF FLOATING STRUCTURES W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 36484758 or ATTAU3421@GMAIL.COM

**AL AMMAR CAMPAIGN** has a vacancy for the occupation of MANAGER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17297754 or JAFARALMADHOOB@HOTMAIL.COM

**AMERICANMISSIONHOSPITAL** has a vacancy for the occupation of NURSE(GENERAL), suitably qualified applicants can contact 17177771 or CATHERINE@AMH.ORG.BH

**MANAMA CLEANING & MAINTENANCE CENTRE** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 33660791 or azizbr@gmail.com

**ABDULHADI ALAFOO WLL** has a vacancy for the occupation of MASON, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17874756 or alafoo@batelco.com.bh

**AIRMECH COMPANY W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of FITTER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17768200 or AIRMECH.BAHRAIN@AIRMECH.NET

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**FATENAT ALKHALEEJ BEAUTY CENTRE** has a vacancy for the occupation of BEAUTICIAN, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39966051 or beauty.gulf@hotmail.com

**Jaser Construction** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 34349799 or JASERCONT@GMAIL.COM

**SMALCO CONTRACTING W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 33040002 or smalco.bh@hotmail.com

**EBRAHIM SAYED ABDULRAHIM ALHASHEMI / HAQOOL /6893** has a vacancy for the occupation of SEAMAN, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39416110 or ALRAYESPROPERTIES@HOTMAIL.COM

**ALDALEEM CONTRACTING W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of MECHANICAL FITTER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17252256 or ALDALEEM@HOTMAIL.COM

**Arabian International Contracting CO. W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of STEEL FABRICATOR, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39677780 or AWALSERV@BATELCO.COM.BH

**MOJA CONTRACTING CO. W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17244026 or MZH75@HOTMAIL.COM

**ALREEF DAIRY** has a vacancy for the occupation of LABOURER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 35015666 or Drrezzaq82@yahoo.com

**QALALI COAST CONTRACTING** has a vacancy for the occupation of BANKING SECTOR TRAINEE, suitably qualified applicants can contact 36365755 or tariq@gdnpr.gov.bh

**Al fateh cleaning and Maintenance Company w.l.l** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17830078 or kanakaraj.pk@horizonintgroup.com

**FINE FOODS CATERING W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of WAITER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17729595 or sakina@hjm-group.com

**ALMUNTAZAH MARKET** has a vacancy for the occupation of PERSONNEL OFFICER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17346000 or hr@ALMEER.COM.BH

**HUSSAIN MOHAMMED SHOWAITER SWEETS** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 33466663 or HMISS9899@GMAIL.COM

**AHMED HUSSAIN ALNAMLAITY & SONS COMPANY** has a vacancy for the occupation of SALESMAN, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39446004 or YOUSIF@POST-PROPERTIES.COM

**RAFFA CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE CO. W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17731475 or Nasreen@raffa.co

**AL MANAMA CENTRE FOR HIRING HEAVY MACHINERY** has a vacancy for the occupation of SHOVEL OPERATOR, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17550011 or azizbr@gmail.com

**EBRAHIM HASAN MAHDI EXCAVATION ESTABLISH** has a vacancy for the occupation of LABOURER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17703321 or ADARI@BATELCO.COM.BH

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**FOCUS ON LEAD SERVICES W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 36418103 or BHABDULZAHOOR@GMAIL.COM

**KHAN FACILITIES SUPPORT SERVICES COMPANY W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 37298109 or KHANMKHAN525@GMAIL.COM

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**SEPCOIII BAHRAIN CONSTRUCTION COMPANY W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 66331128 or fatima@sepc3.com

**The Arch Hotel W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of THERAPIST, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17116611 or CORP@DADABAI.COM

**CIRCLE INTEGRATED SERVICES W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of CLEANER (GENERAL), suitably qualified applicants can contact 17822218 or INFO@CIRCLE.BH

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**JK FOOD TRADING** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 33284867 or WAJIDA.SPC@GMAIL.COM

**PUNJAB CITY CONSTRUCTION** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 34111999 or sharef.works@gmail.com

**SHAW NASS PIPE FABRICATION W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of STEEL FABRICATOR, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17725522 or yousif@aanass.net

**Bukamal Services Co. WLL** has a vacancy for the occupation of LABOURER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17244665 or HRD@BUKAMAL.COM

**ALMANHAL BAHRAIN WATER FACTORY W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of HEAVY DRIVER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17404435 or khalid.bitar@bh.nestle-waters.com

**AL NEBRAS WORLD SERVICES.** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17224764 or ABDULDAHEEM.ALALI@GMAIL.COM

**ASHBIYA LAUNDRY** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKERS(LAUNDRY), suitably qualified applicants can contact 33777697 or ashbiya.laundry@gmail.com

**MAHMOOD ALNOOH CONTRACTING W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of MACHINE OPERATOR, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39677337 or info@mancohb.com

**WHITE HOUSE RESTAURANT** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39822984 or E.ALSAEED68@GMAIL.COM

**SMART MEDIA** has a vacancy for the occupation of LABOURER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 33320697 or SMART.ADVRT@GMAIL.COM

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**National Readymix Co WLL** has a vacancy for the occupation of TECHNICIAN, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17786665 or HASHIM.ALI@NCCBAHRAIN.COM

**FLAG PIRATE CONTRACTING** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 32122226 or pirateshipservice@gmail.com

**VICTORY ALUMINIUM** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39696047 or VICTORYALUMINIUM@GMAIL.COM

**AL KHUWAITER EXCAVATION EST** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39456969 or UMZAAL1975@GMAIL.COM

**BAWAB CONTRACTING** has a vacancy for the occupation of CARPENTER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17290170 or QBAWAB2002@HOTMAIL.COM

**MARTINIZING LAUNDRY W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of MANAGER (LAUNDRY), suitably qualified applicants can contact 17297676 or HR@AZCSBH.COM

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**ENVIROTECH CONSULTANCY W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of CONSULTANT, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17716112 or ENVIRO@NEWTECHGCC.COM

**FALCON ISLAND CLEANING EST** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 33454414 or falcon-i@hotmail.com

**ALJABRI ALUMINIUM** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39874483 or KH.ALJABRY@HOTMAIL.COM

**AL-MOAYYED COMPUTER SYSTEMS W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of COMPUTER SYSTEMS ADMINISTRATOR, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17700777 or ALIHASSAN@ALMOAYYEDINTL.COM.BH

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**HESTON INTERNATIONAL COMPNAY W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of MANAGER (GROUND OPERATIONS), suitably qualified applicants can contact 17537742 or Recruitment.bh@heston.net

**KPMG ADVISORY W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of AUDITOR, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17224807 or ebrahimahmed@kpmg.com

**FOCUS TENT Co. w. l. l** has a vacancy for the occupation of DESIGNER(INTERIORS), suitably qualified applicants can contact 33103055 or RAFIQUE.KHN@GMAIL.COM

**THE KEY SALON GENTS SHAVING** has a vacancy for the occupation of BARBER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 34191108 or KHALIFA.11837@GMAIL.COM

**Front Line Surface coating Co. W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of DRIVER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39330097 or INFO@FRONTLINEME.COM

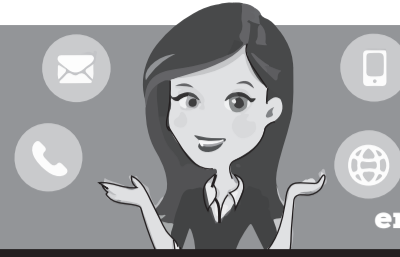
**Elegant Leo contracting** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 33725553 or E.LEO.BH@GMAIL.COM

**SHANGHAI SERVICES CO W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39441637 or AQEEL.RAWALIA@GMAIL.COM

**Bright Future Contracting** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 33681568 or brightfuturecont@gmail.com



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**Perlatino contracting** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 36746770 or [HAMRAWI51@GMAIL.COM](mailto:HAMRAWI51@GMAIL.COM)

**HAQ NAWAZ BUILDING COMPLETION AND DOCUMENTS CLEARANCE** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 33495428 or [HAQNAWAZCONTRACTING1@GMAIL.COM](mailto:HAQNAWAZCONTRACTING1@GMAIL.COM)

**ATAIF AUTO SERVICES** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 34030402 or [BBB90946@GMAIL.COM](mailto:BBB90946@GMAIL.COM)

**BELAD AL SHAM CAFETERIA** has a vacancy for the occupation of SALESMAN, suitably qualified applicants can contact 33302067 or [ALMAZYONA.82@GMAIL.COM](mailto:ALMAZYONA.82@GMAIL.COM)

**Aeta Salon** has a vacancy for the occupation of BARBER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 36096092 or [ali\\_toot10@cloud.com](mailto:ali_toot10@cloud.com)

**Newtech Contrating Co. W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 34182435 or [hussainch435@gmail.com](mailto:hussainch435@gmail.com)

**ARCON BUILDERS W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17295378 or [SH\\_AMNAH@HOTMAIL.COM](mailto:SH_AMNAH@HOTMAIL.COM)

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**Charcoal Gourmet Burger Snack W L L** has a vacancy for the occupation of FOOD SERVICE WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 36020031 or [GOURMETBURGERBAH@GMAIL.COM](mailto:GOURMETBURGERBAH@GMAIL.COM)

**ADAM PHARMACY CO. W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of ADMINISTRATIVE SUPERVISOR, suitably qualified applicants can contact 32139107 or [ADAMPHARMACYBAHRAIN@GMAIL.COM](mailto:ADAMPHARMACYBAHRAIN@GMAIL.COM)

**BAHRAIN GUARDING SOLUTIONS W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of SECURITY GUARD, suitably qualified applicants can contact 37722884 or [GOVERNMENT@mre.co](mailto:GOVERNMENT@mre.co)

**MERCURY CONTRACTING CENTRE** has a vacancy for the occupation of LABOURER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39667181 or [mjmh69@hotmail.com](mailto:mjmh69@hotmail.com)

**-Al-Hokail Specialist medical academic clinics company w.l.l** has a vacancy for the occupation of SPECIALISED DOCTOR, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17224466 or [ABOANAS@ALHOKAIL.COM.SA](mailto:ABOANAS@ALHOKAIL.COM.SA)

**REGAL MAINTENANCE & SERVICES W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of WELDER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39770065 or [REGALMSERVICES@OUTLOOK.COM](mailto:REGALMSERVICES@OUTLOOK.COM)

**ABDULLA KHAMIS MIRRORS & GLASSES FACTORY W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17784553 or [AKHAMIS@BATELCO.COM.BH](mailto:AKHAMIS@BATELCO.COM.BH)

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of LABOURER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17703321 or [ADARI@BATELCO.COM.BH](mailto:ADARI@BATELCO.COM.BH)

**NATIONAL EXCAVATING EST. W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of HEAVY DRIVER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39455537 or [NEEWLL@BATELCO.COM.BH](mailto:NEEWLL@BATELCO.COM.BH)

**ALADLE CONSTRUCTIONS** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39988208 or [EDRISIGROUP@HOTMAIL.COM](mailto:EDRISIGROUP@HOTMAIL.COM)

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## LeBron James mulling retirement after Lakers exit: ESPN



LeBron James #6 of the Los Angeles Lakers reacts to a foul

AFP | Los Angeles

LeBron James is reportedly considering retirement from basketball after the Los Angeles Lakers were swept out of the NBA playoffs by the Denver Nuggets on Monday. ESPN reported that the 38-year-old was thinking about "walking away" from the sport after the Lakers' defeat brought the curtain down on his 20th season in the league.

Chris Haynes, a reporter for the TNT broadcaster, said in a separate tweet citing league sources that James's retirement was "under consideration."

James himself fuelled speculation about his future in a cryptic post-game press conference, saying that he planned to take time to reflect on the next stage of his career after

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LEBRON JAMES

the Lakers' exit. Asked for his reflections on the past season, in which he became the league's all-time leading points scorer and took a rejuvenated Lakers to the brink of the NBA Finals, James said the campaign had been "challenging."

"I don't know. I think it was okay. I don't like to say it's a successful year because I don't play for anything besides winning championships at this point in my career," said James, who delivered a vintage 40-point performance in the Lakers' 113-111 loss on Monday. "I don't get a kick out of making a Conference (finals) appearance. I've done it, a lot. And it's not fun to me to not be able to be a part of getting to the Finals.

"But we'll see. We'll see. We'll see what happens going forward. I don't know. I've got a lot to think about to be honest."

LeBron James has long said that he wants to prolong his career in order to play with or against his eldest son Bronny James, who will play college basketball next season, and who could conceivably enter the NBA in time for the 2024-2025 campaign

## Jokic outduels LeBron as Nuggets reach NBA Finals for first time

AFP | Los Angeles

Nikola Jokic outdueled LeBron James as the Denver Nuggets completed a 4-0 Western Conference championship sweep over the Los Angeles Lakers on Monday to reach the NBA Finals for the first time in franchise history.

Two-time NBA Most Valuable Player Jokic bagged a 30-point triple double as the Nuggets overturned a 15-point half-time deficit to send James and the Lakers crashing out of the post-season with a 113-111 victory at the Crypto.com Arena.

James had looked to be single-handedly keeping the Lakers' season alive after scoring 31 points in a magnificent first-half display that left the 17-time NBA champions leading 73-58 at half-time.

But Jokic led a resurgent Nuggets offense in the third quarter, scoring 13 points as the Western Conference top seeds outscored the Lakers 36-16 to turn the contest on its head.

A dramatic fourth-quarter finale saw Jokic put Denver 113-111 ahead with a typically barnstorming driving layup through heavy traffic with 51.7sec remaining.

With four seconds left James had one last chance to tie it



Nikola Jokic celebrates after clinching victory against the Los Angeles Lakers

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NIKOLA JOKIC

up and force overtime, but his attempted driving floater was blocked by Denver's Aaron Gordon to leave the Nuggets celebrating a famous win.

Denver -- one of 11 teams in

the league who have never won the NBA championship -- will face either the Miami Heat or Boston Celtics in the finals.

Miami lead Boston 3-0 and can clinch their place in the finals with a victory at home.

"We don't give up," Jokic told ESPN. "I've been saying this for five years -- when we were bad or when we were good -- we don't give up. And that's what happened today.

"They jumped on us the first half, they were better, more aggressive, scoring easily and didn't miss basically.

"But in the second half we turned the page and everybody

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stepped up. It was a collective effort, it's not just one guy."

Jokic finished with 30 points, 14 rebounds and 13 assists while Jamal Murray added 25 points. All of Denver's starters finished with double-digit points tallies, reflecting the team's depth and balance.

The Nuggets will head into the finals brimming with confidence that they can end their near-half-century wait for a maiden NBA crown after another composed all-round performance proved too much for the Lakers.

Lakers star James later described Denver as the best team he has faced since joining Los Angeles five years ago.

## VAR official cut after Vinicius red card incident

AFP | Madrid

Spain's refereeing committee sidelined official Ignacio Iglesias Villanueva yesterday for his upcoming matches after his involvement in Vinicius Junior's red card against Valencia.

Spanish media report that the 47-year-old has been sacked although the Spanish football federation would not confirm that when questioned by AFP.

Iglesias Villanueva was in charge of VAR during Valencia's 1-0 La Liga win over Real Madrid on Sunday, in which Los Blancos forward Vinicius was racially abused by home sup-



Barcelona's Sergio Busquets (3L) talks to Spanish referee Iglesias Villanueva (file photo)

porters at Mestalla.

Later in the game the 22-year-old was sent off for hitting Va-

lencia's Hugo Duro, after referee Ricardo De Burgos Bengoetxea watched VAR footage of a brawl

The video that Iglesias Villanueva showed, which led to Vinicius's sending off, did not include Duro grabbing the Brazilian around the neck with his arm first. This would also have been a red card offense

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# Leicester on brink of Premier League exit after sorry season

Leicester City could be relegated from the Premier League for the first time in nine years after a miserable season

● Final chance to avoid relegation depends on beating West Ham while hoping for Everton to drop points

● Star players likely to leave club if relegated

AFP | London

Seven years ago, Leicester lifted the Premier League trophy. Now they are on the brink of relegation from the top-flight after a miserable season.

The Foxes, who drew 0-0 at Newcastle on Monday, will only avoid relegation if they beat West Ham this weekend on the final day of the season and fourth bottom Everton drop points at home to Bournemouth.

Dean Smith adopted a safety-first approach against Newcastle and Leicester failed to muster a shot until stoppage-time, but they kept their first clean sheet in the league since November.

It is a far cry from the heady days of 2016, when Claudio Ranieri delivered a fairytale triumph for the ages, overcoming monumental odds to win the



Newcastle United's English defender Dan Burn (L) fights for the ball with Leicester City's Danish goalkeeper Daniel Iversen

title after Leicester narrowly avoided relegation the previous year.

Despite that incredible success, the Italian did not last long at the King Power Stadium, but the arrival of Brendan Rodgers in 2019 gave fresh impetus to the Thai-owned club.

They finished fifth in the Premier League two years in a row -- just missing out on Champions League qualification -- and won the FA Cup for the first time in 2021.

Even last year the club ended a comfortable eighth and reached the semi-finals of the Europa

Conference League.

But things began to unravel for Leicester in the first game of this season when they let a 2-0 lead slip to draw 2-2 with Brentford.

What followed was a horror show as they lost six straight league matches and despite sporadic mini revivals they have been unable to pull themselves clear of danger.

Leicester have scored more goals -- 49 -- than any other club in the bottom half of the table but their defensive problems have cost them dear.

Smith, who was appointed as interim manager after Rodg-

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ers left by mutual consent in April, was unapologetic after his side's defensively minded performance against Newcastle.

"We haven't kept a clean sheet for too long and the reason we are where we are is because of that in my opinion," he said.

The former Aston Villa boss added: "If it's too little, too late, who knows? But we've taken it to Sunday now."

### Problems mount

Leicester have long been a byword for canny recruitment with Jamie Vardy, Riyad Mahrez, N'Golo Kante and Kasper Schmeichel playing starring roles in their title-winning side.

They continued to recruit well, bringing in players of the calibre of Youri Tielemans, James Maddison and Wesley Fofana.

Fofana signed for Chelsea

**BETTER YOU KNOW**  
Leicester City's victory in the 2016 Premier League was considered one of the greatest upsets in sporting history, as they overcame 5000-1 odds to win the title, defying all expectations

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DEAN SMITH

we haven't been able to do that." Two of Leicester's star names -- Tielemans and Maddison -- are likely to leave the club if they go down.

Vardy, for so long the team's talisman, is 36 and has had a peripheral role this term, while central defender Jonny Evans has only played 12 league games all season.

Dropping into the Championship is not the financial calamity it once was, with clubs cushioned by generous parachute payments for up to three years.

But losing their Premier League status for the first time in nine years will be a huge blow to the pride of a club who had experienced the unexpected thrill of winning silverware so recently.

It will be a long way back to the top.

## Gundogan urges Man City to stay focused before climax to treble bid

AFP | London

Ilkay Gundogan has urged Manchester City to stay focused as the Premier League champions prepare for the climax to their treble bid.

City were crowned English champions for the fifth time in six seasons on Saturday when second placed Arsenal lost at Nottingham Forest.

Pep Guardiola's side enjoyed their title party on Sunday with a 1-0 win against Chelsea before skipper Gundogan lifted the trophy.

With their third successive title in the bag, City can focus on emulating the Manchester United team that won the Premier League, Champions League and FA Cup in 1998-99.

But before that City must finish their league campaign with trips to Brighton and Brentford on Wednesday and Sunday respectively.

City, winner of their last 12 league matches, are unbeaten in 24 games and German midfielder Gundogan is wary of losing momentum.



Manchester City's German midfielder Ilkay Gundogan lifts the trophy as Manchester City players celebrate winning the title

**YOU KNOW WHAT**  
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"We haven't lost any games for so many weeks and that's the standard that we have to set for ourselves," he said.

"We do nothing different - we do the same things that we've done in the last few weeks and hopefully it can be a really special end to the season.

"I love the club and being part of this amazing team. Obviously, we want to finish the season with two more trophies.

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ILKAY GUNDOGAN

"We have two more big finals, and the last two games of the Premier League season are going to be preparation for that. We don't want to drop anything. I would love to lift two more trophies."

City's treble chase comes down to two matches as they face Manchester United in the FA Cup final at Wembley on June 3, and Inter Milan in the Champions League final in Istanbul seven days later.

## Saka signs new 'long-term' Arsenal deal

AFP | London

Bukayo Saka has signed a new long-term contract at Arsenal, the Premier League club announced yesterday.

The England forward played a pivotal role in the club's unsuccessful title push this season, scoring 14 goals in all competitions as well as providing 11 assists.

Saka, 21, joined Arsenal as an eight year old and has featured in all of the team's Premier League matches over the past two seasons.

"Dreams don't come true overnight," Saka said in Arsenal's announcement on their social media channels.

"It takes time. This club has been a family to me since I was eight years old. It has given me everything and I have given everything back."

Arsenal manager Mikel Arteta welcomed the new deal, which will reportedly keep Saka in north London until 2027.

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goals have been scored by Bukayo Saka in all competitions and has also provided 11 assists

"Retaining our best young talents is key to our continued progress and Bukayo represents such an important part of our squad now and for the future," said Arteta.

"As well as being a fantastic talent, Bukayo is a special person, he's loved by us all and he is a credit to himself and his family for the hard work and commitment they have all made to get to this level today."



Bukayo Saka

## Thomas back in pink as Almeida wins stage 16 of Giro d'Italia

AFP | Bondone

Ineos' Geraint Thomas took back the Giro d'Italia's leader's pink jersey even though he lost out yesterday's stage win, crossing the line just after Team UAE Emirates' Joao Almeida at

the top of Monte Bondone.

The two riders were part of a group of six which included another overall race favourite Primož Roglič, that hunted down the breakaway before snapping off with five kilometres to go.

When Almeida took off, only

36-year-old Thomas was able to stay with him, to the north of Lake Garda.

Welshman Thomas led as they went through the one-kilometre mark but the 24-year-old Portuguese Almeida kicked hard in the sprint to take the stage win.



Geraint Thomas

# Guardiola demands Man City intensity

Pep Guardiola urges Man City to maintain high standards despite Premier League triumph

## Guardiola warns of challenges to come

AFP | London

Pep Guardiola has demanded his treble-chasing Manchester City players maintain their sky-high standards even though they have already wrapped up the Premier League title.

Arsenal's defeat at Nottingham Forest on Saturday confirmed City's fifth title in six years -- with three games to spare.

They celebrated their latest title triumph by beating Chelsea on Sunday and travel to Brighton on Wednesday before concluding their league campaign at Brentford on Sunday.

City have the FA Cup final to



Manchester City's manager Pep Guardiola (R) and his players gather on the podium at the Premier League presentation ceremony

come against Manchester United at Wembley on June 3 before the Champions League final against Inter Milan in Istanbul a week later.

Guardiola said a drop-off in intensity levels was inevitable after City hunted down Arsenal in the title race, but he urged his players to keep focused ahead of

“They have to be ready to run a lot. The best way to prepare for the final is be ready. The players set the standards, they have to maintain it. It's normal the energy would drop. Arsenal play for just the Premier League. We have FA Cup, Champions League, the energy we use is massive

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energy we use is massive.

“It's normal you drop, you have to avoid it or don't drop much otherwise the two teams (Brighton and Brentford) can hurt us. Play our game, adapt the way we play, arrive to United and Inter in the best condition possible.”

City's deep squad means Guardiola has plenty of options to rest players.

Against Chelsea he made nine changes, including a first Premier League start for England midfielder Calvin Phillips, who has had a difficult first season since arriving from Leeds.

Guardiola insisted all his players still have a part to play.

“Everyone can have an influence, sometimes five minutes is as important as the rest,” he said.

“Everyone has been important, everyone has been involved in the fact we are where we are.”

## Football's racism protocol obsolete: Ancelotti after Vinicius abuse

AFP | Madrid

Real Madrid coach Carlo Ancelotti said yesterday that FIFA's racism protocol in football was “obsolete” after Brazilian forward Vinicius Junior was abused by Valencia fans.

The 22-year-old forward suffered vile racist taunts at Mestalla on Sunday in La Liga, with three fans arrested by Spanish police yesterday.

Referee Ricardo de Burgos Bengoetxea activated the racism protocol after Vinicius squared off with fans, singling out one whom he saw abuse him.

FIFA's three-step process involves the match being paused until a stadium announcement is made asking for racist abuse to stop, which happened at Mestalla.

The second step, after any further abuse, is to temporarily take players off the pitch and the third step, if it continues, is to abandon the game and give three points to the opposition.

“The protocol is obsolete,” Ancelotti told reporters.

“The protocol had to be applied when the team bus



Real Madrid's Italian coach Carlo Ancelotti (L) talks to Real Madrid's Brazilian forward Vinicius Junior

reached the stadium, because the insults started there.

“Two hours before the game, and it was not an isolated case -- someone from Valencia said it was -- sure, it was not 46,000 people but it was not one or two.”

Video emerged on Monday of Valencia fans chanting “Vinicius, you are a monkey,” when Real Madrid arrived at Mestalla.

“The protocol has to start there,” continued Ancelotti.

“If you start the protocol in the 70th minute, you have made a mistake.

“It has to start two hours before the game, and then during the game. It's obsolete, yes.”

Vinicius was sent off later in the game for hitting Valencia's Hugo Duro and will not be able to face Rayo Vallecano on

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CARLO ANCELOTTI

Wednesday.

Ancelotti said the player did not train yesterday because he felt some knee discomfort.

The striker said Spain was viewed as a “racist country” in a statement he made on Instagram late on Sunday, which Ancelotti disagreed with, but he called for drastic action to combat racism.

“Spain is not racist, I have to say that too, but there is racism in Spain, like in other places and that has to end,” Ancelotti said.

## Howe plots 'smart' signings as Newcastle gear up for Champions League



Newcastle United's English head coach Eddie Howe congratulates his players after a match (file photo)

AFP | London

Eddie Howe says he will aim for quality rather than quantity as he launches a recruitment drive to equip Newcastle for the Champions League.

The Magpies booked a return to European club football's elite competition on Monday when a 0-0 draw against Premier League strugglers Leicester ensured they would finish in the top four.

That will place fresh demands on a squad that has been boosted by the injection of more than £250 million (\$310 million) since the club's Saudi-backed owners took charge in October 2021.

But manager Howe, who has been praised for his signings, said there would be no wild spending as he once again looks for astute acquisitions.

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EDDIE HOWE

really good in the three transfer windows so far since I've been here,” he told reporters.

“The challenge gets harder and more difficult because, now we've become a better team, there are fewer players who would make us better, so it's going to be a big window for us.

“It won't be huge numbers -- I don't think it can be. We don't have the ability to spend the money that people will think we have, so we're going to have to be smart.

“It will be a small group of players, but hopefully ones that can make the difference.”

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## All-round Jadeja leads Chennai into IPL final

AFP | Chennai

Ravindra Jadeja starred with bat and ball as Chennai Super Kings beat holders Gujarat Titans by 15 runs yesterday to enter the IPL final that could be skipper M.S. Dhoni's farewell.

Four-time winners Chennai posted 172-7, a total their bowlers defended as they bowled out Gujarat for 157 in a play-off believed to be the last home match at the M.A. Chidambaram Stadium for the 41-year-old Dhoni.

The left-handed Jadeja returned figures of 2-18 with his spin bowling following his 22 runs, which boosted the Chennai total after Rituraj Gaikwad's 60 on an awkward pitch for batting.

Fireworks lit up the sky as



Gujarat Titans' Shubman Gill (R) plays a shot as Chennai Super Kings' Mahendra Singh Dhoni gestures

Chennai made their 10th Indian Premier League final.

Gujarat, led by Hardik Pandya, will have another shot at making the final, which is on Sunday in Ahmedabad, when they take on the winner of the

second play-off between Lucknow Super Giants and five-time champions Mumbai Indians.

The spotlight remained on Dhoni, who is India's most decorated player, leading his coun-

### Scorecard

Chennai Super Kings 172 for 7 (Gaikwad 60, Conway 40, Shami 2-28) beat Gujarat Titans (Gill 42, Jadeja 2-18) by 15 runs

try to two World Cup triumphs including the inaugural T20 crown in 2007 and has played including Virat Kohli.

Believed to be playing his last IPL as player, Dhoni has attracted huge crowds across venues with fans turning up in Chennai's yellow as a tribute to the cricketing great.

His home venue was nearly packed to capacity as fans cheered every move of their hero, who raised the noise when he came into bat.