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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa yesterday received a congratulatory cable from His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister.

The cable extended heartfelt congratulations and blessings to HM the King on the McLaren team's triumph in securing first place at the Dutch Grand Prix, part of the Formula One World Championship.

In his message, HRH Prince Salman highlighted that the McLaren team's success contributes to Bahrain's growing record of achievements in motor racing.

He emphasised that this victory aligns with the Kingdom's aspirations to fulfill His Majesty's vision for the nation's advancement and development.

Israel, Hezbollah exchange attacks

AFP | Jerusalem

Israel launched air strikes into Lebanon yesterday, saying it destroyed "thousands" of Hezbollah rocket launchers and thwarted a major attack, while the Lebanese group insisted it had been able to deliver a drone and rocket barrage of its own.

The result was perhaps the biggest exchange of fire in 10 months of a war which began with a Hamas attack launched from Gaza and has triggered both new violence

HRH Prince Salman hails McLaren's Dutch GP success

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His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, yesterday visited Circuit Zandvoort in the Netherlands to attend the Formula 1 Dutch Grand Prix 2024.

HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister witnessed McLaren's victory and extended congratulations to His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, on the occasion.

His Royal Highness highlighted how Bahrain's successive global achievements, including motorsports, cement its prominent position on the global sports map, a testament to HM the King's visionary leadership and aspirations for the Kingdom's development and



HRH Prince Salman attends the Formula 1 Dutch Grand Prix 2024

prosperity.

HRH Prince Salman commended the McLaren team for their outstanding performance and for being crowned the champions of the Dutch Grand Prix.

He extended his gratitude to the Minister of Finance and National Economy, Chairman of the Board of Directors of Mumtalakat, His Excellency Shaikh Salman bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, as well as members of Mumtalakat's board and employees, for their commitment to meeting the Kingdom's comprehensive development goals through its successful investments, which drive economic diversification efforts.

His Royal Highness was accompanied by Shaikh Salman.

Green Gulf goals

GCC aims for 80 gigawatts of renewable energy by 2030, driving sustainable future

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The Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) is aiming for a significant shift towards renewable energy, with plans to generate approximately 80 gigawatts (GW) of renewable energy by 2030, according to the CEO of the GCC Interconnection Authority, Engineer Ahmed Al Ebrahim.

This ambitious target is expected to yield substantial social and economic benefits, including job creation, fuel savings, and reduced carbon emissions.

Al Ebrahim highlighted the challenges posed by the intermittent nature of renewable energy sources, such as solar and wind, compared to traditional sources.

He acknowledged that these challenges are amplified by the increasing demand for electricity due to rapid economic growth in the GCC region.

However, the GCC Interconnection Authority is actively addressing these challenges by implementing innovative solutions.

Technologies

These include energy storage technologies to address the intermittency of renewable en-



Solar panels harness the sun's power for clean energy

ergy sources, stability control technologies to ensure a reliable and stable electricity grid, continuous monitoring and artificial intelligence to analyse grid data, enabling proactive decision-making and preventing potential disruptions, and carbon footprint analysis to develop strategies for reducing the environmental impact of the GCC Interconnection Authority, aligning with global efforts to-

wards net-zero emissions.

Moreover, Al Ebrahim stressed the importance of international cooperation, capacity building, and the adoption of modern technologies, particularly energy storage, to successfully integrate large-scale renewable energy into the grid while maintaining reliability.

He also stressed the need for collaboration among technical, financial, investment, and re-

search entities to address climate change and foster a sustainable future.

"The GCC's commitment to renewable energy is evident in its ambitious plans and the ongoing projects spearheaded by the Interconnection Authority. The recent establishment of the Al Wafrah power station and the interconnection with Iraq are considered significant milestones, strengthening the GCC's



Engineer Ahmed Al Ebrahim

energy security and opening new investment opportunities in both traditional and renewable energy sectors," he stated. "The Authority is also working on expanding the interconnection network with Kuwait, the UAE, and Oman, aiming to increase capacity to over 3,000 megawatts for Kuwait and the UAE, and enhance the direct connection with Oman from 400 MW to 1,400 MW," he explained.

The GCC's ambitious renewable energy goals and the proactive measures taken by the Interconnection Authority demonstrate a strong commitment to a sustainable future, contributing to global efforts to combat climate change and secure a cleaner energy future for the region.

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New structure for Human Rights Committee

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His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, yesterday issued Edict (42) of 2024, restructuring the National Human Rights Committee based on a proposal by the Minister of Foreign Affairs and following the approval of the Cabinet.

Under Article I, the National

Human Rights Committee shall be restructured, chaired by the Minister of Foreign Affairs, and include the following members: Undersecretary for Courts, Family Reconciliation and Alimony at the Ministry of Justice, Islamic Affairs and Endowments; Coordinator at the Prime Minister's Office; Secretary General of the General Secretariat Ombudsman; Chief Executive of the Government

Hospitals; Undersecretary at the Ministry of Social Development; Chief Executive of the National Communication Centre (NCC); Assistant Undersecretary for Legal Affairs at the Ministry of Interior. Vice President of the Legislation and Legal Opinion Commission (LLOC); Director General of Legal Affairs and Human Rights at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs; Deputy Chief Executive for Enforcement and



HRH Prince Salman

Protection at the Labour Market Regulatory Authority (LMRA); Chief of the Special Investigation Unit (SIU) at the Public Prosecution; Chief of the Human Rights Affairs Sector at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Director of the Labour Relations Directorate at the Ministry of Labour; Director of Curriculum Development and Policies Directorate at the Ministry of Education; and Representative

of the Supreme Council for Women (SCW). The membership term on the committee shall be three years, and is renewable for similar periods. Under Article II, the Minister of Foreign Affairs shall implement the provisions of this Edict, which shall take effect from the date of its issuance and will be published in the Official Gazette.

Strategy and success

BTEA reviews 2024 second quarter developments and future plans to sustain Kingdom's tourism sector growth

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The Bahrain Tourism and Exhibitions Authority (BTEA) has reviewed the latest developments in the tourism sector for the second quarter of the current year.

The review focused on discussing key achievements and evaluating the progress of indicators related to the implementation of the objectives and pillars outlined in the Tourism Strategy 2022 to 2026.

Her Excellency Fatima bint Jaafar Al Sairafi, Minister of Tourism and Chairperson of the Board of Directors of BTEA, chaired its second quarter board meeting of 2024.

The meeting also highlighted prominent tourism projects launched during the second quarter and their positive impact on enhancing the contribution of the tourism sector to the Kingdom's GDP.

Al Sairafi reiterated the Authority's commitment to work-

ing with partners to achieve the goals of the Tourism Strategy 2022 to 2026, focusing on diversifying the tourism product and expanding target markets, to double the sector's contribution to the GDP and reinforce the Kingdom's position as the preferred choice for leisure and business tourism for families and individuals alike.

Performance indicators

The meeting featured a detailed presentation by Sarah



H.E. Fatima bint Jaffer Al Sairafi

Ahmed Buhiji, CEO of BTEA, including key performance indicators of the tourism sector.

The board reviewed the Authority's marketing and promotional efforts to position Bahrain as a premier tourist destination in regional and global markets.

Tourism potentials

The discussions focused on showcasing the tourism potentials, major projects and opportunities that bolster Bahrain's reputation and competitiveness as a unique destination that

blends cultural heritage with urban development, as well as its advanced tourism infrastructure, complemented by various attractions, luxury hotels and events that enhance its appeal.

Additionally, the meeting addressed the BTEA's collaboration with travel agencies in key target markets, aimed at developing tourism packages to attract a larger number of visitors.

These initiatives are designed to elevate the tourism sector's contribution to the national economy.

The board also reviewed developments within the Authority's Licensing Department and discussed the operational plan for the Exhibition World Bahrain (EWB), including a review of the significant events hosted during the second quarter of 2024.

The meeting also reviewed the results of the first edition of the Bahrain Summer Toy Festival, which attracted approximately 97,000 visitors from within the

Kingdom and abroad. The board acknowledged the successful partnership between the BTEA, Al Dana Amphitheatre, Spacetoon and the EWB.

The strategic collaboration and support provided by the National Bank of Bahrain (NBB) were also commended for their instrumental role in the success of this entertainment event, which is considered the largest in the Kingdom.

Appreciation

In conclusion, the Board extended its appreciation to the staff members of the BTEA for their dedication to implementing various tourism and entertainment initiatives, projects, plans and programmes.

The board urged the team to intensify efforts to accelerate tourism development across the Kingdom, ultimately enhancing the tourism sector's contribution to the national economy and creating quality job opportunities for citizens.

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Lulu launches Back To School Carnival

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The Minister of Education, His Excellency Dr. Mohammed bin Mubarak Juma, inaugurated the colourful and Big Deals Lulu Back To School Carnival at the Dana Mall yesterday.

The event marks some super deals on some of the best brands of school supplies – school bags of all kinds from backpacks to laptop bags and trolley bags, deals on AI tools, laptops and devices for the electronics-led 2024 classroom and the best quality stationery and uniforms are on promotion at LuLu Hypermarket till September 15, 2024.

“Getting back to school is always a time of excitement and new beginnings,” Mr. Juzer Rupawala, Lulu Hypermarket Group Regional Director, said, “Today’s students have a more complex school life than before and at LuLu we closely follow and study global and regional trends to prepare our Back To School merchandise so that it matches every need. We have made everything affordable and top quality. We wish all students a successful school year ahead.”

In a gesture to enable families



H.E. Dr. Mohammed bin Mubarak Juma and Mr. Juzer Rupawala, Lulu Hypermarket Group Regional Director, at the event

to choose the best and most affordable products, LuLu has also partnered with the Ministry of Education to distribute two student shopping vouchers valued at BD7,500 and BD3 among all students of the Kingdom of Bahrain. These can be redeemed at any of the 12 LuLu Hypermarkets across Bahrain.

Attraction

LuLu has lined up big names like American Tourister, Skechers, Skybags and bags featuring children's favourite superheroes and cartoon characters: Superman, Batman, Spiderman, Avengers and popular pop culture merchandise to

make getting back to school more attractive. These include durable snack and lunch boxes and insulated steel or sporty plastic water bottles to fit the theme.

This year, LuLu has introduced two themes within the promotion – the Carnival has an AI Games section where children (and adults) can familiarize themselves with advantages of AI tools.

The other fun surprise is a special ‘Made In Bahrain’ platform which supports Bahraini-owned SMEs: businesses dealing in snacks, crafts such as schoolbag tags, labels, keyrings and grocery products businesses etc.

Bahrain court grants divorce to Christian couple based on foreign law



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The High Civil Court has granted a divorce to a Christian couple, applying the law of their foreign nationality. The court ruled in favour of the divorce after finding that the couple's marital relationship had irrevocably broken down.

The court stressed that the provisions of the couple's national law were not contrary to Bahraini public order or morals.

The couple, both Christian nationals of a foreign country, had been married since 2011.

However, they had experienced marital difficulties for several years and lived separately despite residing in the same home with their children.

Eventually, the wife left the marital home and moved into her own apartment, signifying the complete breakdown of their relationship.

This prompted the husband to file for divorce, seeking to end the marriage.

He submitted a separation agreement outlining the financial obligations arising from the divorce, signed by both

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This law governs the effects of the marriage contract, including financial aspects.

Preacher jailed for insulting religious community

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The Lower Criminal Court has sentenced a preacher to three months in prison for insulting a religious community and denigrating its rituals.

As per the case details, the Public Prosecution received a report from the Northern Governorate Police Directorate alleging that the defendant had delivered a sermon at a gathering that contained offensive remarks and derogatory statements targeting a specific religious community.

Following the report, the Public Prosecution initiated an investigation and reviewed a video recording of the sermon.

The investigation revealed that the defendant had used insulting and derogatory language towards the community and its religious practices.

Based on the evidence, the Public Prosecution ordered the defendant's detention and referred him to the competent court. The court subsequently found the defendant guilty and sentenced him to three months in prison.



Prescription for crisis

Expert explains causes of ongoing 'medicine shortage' problem in Bahrain

Mohammed Darwish
TDT | Manama

Dr Khalid Al Awadhi, Head of the Pharmacies Owners & Importers Society, has pointed to several factors behind Bahrain's ongoing medicine shortages.

In a conversation with The Daily Tribune, he drew attention to the intricacies of the market: when a drug's patent lapses, cheaper generic alternatives flood in, sometimes up to eight times less expensive than the original.

While this influx brings down prices, it also leaves Bahrain wrestling with shortages as companies scuttle off to more profitable shores.

The National Health Regulatory Authority (NHRA) maintains stringent price negotiations, which can deter profit-driven generics from entering Bahrain's market.

"This leaves the country teetering on the edge of shortages as companies shift their focus to more financially rewarding markets," according to Dr Al Awadhi.

Yet, Dr Al Awadhi is cautiously optimistic that the forthcoming national health insurance programme might ease the situation.

He thinks it could pave the way for private companies to play a bigger role in supporting public health while also boosting their revenue.

Dr Al Awadhi also criticised the outdated profit margin formula, unchanged since 1976.

Price adjustments

"The lack of price adjustments over the past quarter-century has made the market untenable for some pharmaceutical firms, forcing them to either close or struggle. Additionally, Bahrain's medicine prices lag behind those of its Gulf neighbours, making it difficult for companies to justify their presence in the country," he noted. "This profit margin formula,



la, frozen in time as it is, needs a serious rethink if Bahrain's pharmacy sector is to stand a chance," Dr Al Awadhi said.

Dr Al Awadhi also took issue with the stringent requirements, particularly the costly international certifications needed for market entry.

"These certifications are hurdles for generic companies aiming to enter the Bahraini market."

He acknowledged that while import regulations have relaxed, profitability remains a major hurdle.

Companies often face rejection if their prices exceed the acceptable margin, largely due to inflationary pressures from the global economy.

Financial strain

"The requirement of 500 dinars to register each Stock Keeping Unit (SKU), applicable to every drug size, adds further financial strain on pharmaceutical companies," he remarked.

Regarding the rationale behind some of these stringent standards, Dr Al Awadhi said, "The authorities aim to provide the highest possible level of protection, sometimes exceeding what is necessary for the average person. We must balance ensuring the availability of essential medicines with their safety."

"Urgent medicines are still available," he assured, "but many old but necessary stand-

bys such as Agarol, Anusol, Glyvenol, Milk of Magnesia, and hydrogen peroxide have nearly disappeared."

"Even one instance of a drug shortage is unacceptable, especially for medicines crucial to specific patient groups, such as those with hearing disorders," Dr Al Awadhi added.

Baseless

Regarding rumours that private hospitals nudge patients towards their in-house pharmacies, Dr Al Awadhi dismissed these as baseless.

"Current laws protect consumer choice, allowing patients to choose their preferred pharmacy," he said. "While in-ward medication practices may differ, patients are not compelled to purchase medicines at inflated prices from hospital pharmacies."

He acknowledged that quasi-medicines like vitamins follow a different set of rules, with pricing largely set by individual pharmacies.

To tackle the medicine shortage, Dr Al Awadhi proposed measures such as greater pricing flexibility and reducing the pressure on manufacturers to register medicines at high costs.

Bargaining power

He stressed the need to consider Bahrain's small market size and limited bargaining power compared to larger markets like Saudi Arabia.



The country is teetering on the edge of shortages as companies shift their focus to more financially rewarding markets

DR KHALID AL AWADHI, HEAD OF THE PHARMACIES OWNERS & IMPORTERS SOCIETY

Nonetheless, he observed that recent efforts to align medicine prices with those in Saudi Arabia have shown some challenges.

Contrary to popular belief, Dr Al Awadhi contended that market saturation isn't the core issue.

Despite Bahrain's over 400 pharmacies, many generic drug makers find the slim profit margins unappealing.

Intense competition

This has ignited intense competition between local and foreign firms, with net profit margins squeezed to as low as 2-4%, while operational costs have soared to 19%.

As a result, many pharmacies face difficulty surviving.

In conclusion, Dr Al Awadhi called on the Labour Fund (Tamkeen) to support Bahraini pharmacy owners.

He said, "As more Bahraini graduates eye pharmacy ownership as a stable career, it's crucial to create a fairer playing field for local entrepreneurs. Supporting Bahraini pharmacy owners could help balance the scales against foreign firms and nurture home-grown talent."

Injured Bahraini women in Iraq return home

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Two Bahraini women who were injured in a car accident in Iraq last Wednesday arrived in Bahrain yesterday via a Gulf Air flight.

The women, aged 33 and 36, were receiving treatment at Imam Ali Hospital in Najaf, and are expected to be admitted to a local hospital to continue their treatment.

The 33-year-old woman sus-



The severely damaged car belonging to the Bahrainis after the crash

tained a pelvic fracture and requires medical care for over 45 days, while the 36-year-

old woman suffered a fractured shoulder joint and underwent emergency surgery.

Both women are reported to be in stable condition and fit to travel.

The Bahraini Embassy in Iraq, in coordination with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Gulf Air, had arranged for their return to Bahrain for continued treatment.

Ambassador Khalid Al Mansour confirmed that the women would receive necessary medical care during the flight and upon arrival in Bahrain.

Tamkeen introduces Whistleblowing Policy and confidential reporting channels

Mohammed Darwish
TDT | Manama

The Labour Fund, Tamkeen, has rolled out a new Whistleblowing Policy as part of its broader efforts to strengthen oversight and transparency.

The policy is designed to ensure that support reaches those who truly need it, while maintaining high

standards of supervision and accountability.

To facilitate the reporting of violations, Tamkeen has launched a dedicated webpage, allowing employees, service providers, business owners, and beneficiaries to submit their concerns securely and confidentially.

This online tool complements the existing hotline and email

channels, giving people multiple ways to raise issues in confidence.

Maha Mofeez, CEO of Tamkeen, pointed out the fund's essential role in Bahrain's development efforts.

She stressed the need for close collaboration with partners across the board to achieve shared objectives and drive the Kingdom's progress.



We are opening up direct, confidential channels for all customers to communicate with Tamkeen. This is part of our ongoing work to ensure support programmes are used appropriately and to encourage anyone affected by misconduct to speak up. Where necessary, reports will be referred to the relevant authorities. Alongside these efforts, we are updating our oversight processes, increasing inspections, and improving coordination with our partners to prevent misuse of support

MAHA MOFEEZ, CEO OF TAMKEEN

Accreditation for three new medical specialties

Mohammed Darwish
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Government Hospitals have earned accreditation for three additional medical specialties from the Saudi Commission for Health Specialties, bringing the total number of accredited programmes to 16.

The newly accredited specialties include ophthalmology, emergency medicine, and dermatology. They join previously accredited areas such as internal medicine, general surgery, obstetrics and gynaecology, paediatrics, diagnostic radiology, neuroscience, anaesthesia, anatomical pathology, psychiatry, paediatric surgery, urology, orthopaedic surgery, and otolaryngology-head and

neck surgery. This recent accreditation reflects the hospitals' ongoing effort to enhance healthcare quality in Bahrain and demonstrates their emphasis on medical training as a key element in developing skilled professionals.

The hospitals aim to offer a high-quality educational environment, providing trainees with the expertise needed for safe professional practice.

They work to meet both institutional and programme standards, fully leveraging available resources for specialised medical training, under the supervision of bodies such as the Arab Board of Health Specialisations and the Saudi Commission for Health Specialties.

Tender Board saves BD485.6mln

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Tender Board has published its 2023 Annual Report under the banner "Partnership, Transparency, and Achievement."

This report celebrates the 20th anniversary of the Board's role as an independent regulatory authority in Bahrain.

The key figures in the annual report highlighted the Board's contribution to savings in financial allocations for government tenders amounting to BD485.6 million in 2023, achieved through the competitive pricing provided by suppliers and contractors participating in tenders issued via the electronic tendering system, particularly public tenders.

Yasser Humaidan, Chairman of the Tender Board, attrib-

uted these savings to strategic efforts balancing financial sustainability with service enhancement.

These efforts support development, infrastructure advancement, and economic growth, while expanding diversification opportunities.

Additionally, the Board's coordination with partners has refined tendering processes, ensuring optimal value for public funds and promoting transparency. This approach leads to competitive prices and improved bids.

The Board also achieved ISO Quality Certification and CIPS Ethical Procurement and Supply Accreditation for the third consecutive year, making it the first government entity in Bahrain to obtain this certification.

Hamad Town Walkway upgrade



The Northern Municipality has launched a tender for the development of Hamad Town Walkway 1211, aligning with the Ministry of Municipalities Affairs and Agriculture's efforts to expand and improve parks and walkways across Bahrain. The project involves removing damaged sections at the base of the lighting columns, digging and setting up new foundations, supplying and installing steel columns, and related tasks. The work also includes the installation and operation of solar-powered lighting fixtures.

European man appeals prison sentence for passport forgery

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A 75-year-old European man, previously sentenced to three years in prison and deportation for attempting to enter Bahrain using a forged passport, has appealed his conviction.

The Appeals Court has begun hearing his appeal, potentially leading to a review of the original sentence.

The appeal hearing has been scheduled for September 9th. The defendant, who had denied the charges during the initial trial, was found guilty by the High Criminal Court of

using a forged electronic document, specifically a passport, to enter the country.

The incident occurred on March 22, 2024, when the defendant, with the help of a well-meaning employee, entered false information into a government system belonging to the Nationality, Passports and Residence Affairs.

This was done with the intention of using the fabricated data to gain entry into Bahrain. The defendant then presented a forged passport, purportedly issued by a European country, at Bahrain International Airport.

Sigh of relief

Good news for several Muharraq residents: No forced relocation in redevelopment project

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A recent development in the Muharraq redevelopment project has brought relief to several families who were initially facing displacement.

Dalal Al Maqhawi, a member of the Muharraq Municipal Council, confirmed to The Daily Tribune that the Ministry of Municipalities and Agriculture has begun sending text messages to residents informing them that their properties will not be expropriated as part of the project.

Al Maqhawi, who has been actively advocating for the residents, stated that seven properties have been removed from the expropriation list, allowing families to remain in their homes.

This decision follows her close collaboration with the Ministry of Municipalities and Agriculture and the Ministry of Housing and Urban Planning.

While residents are relieved to stay in their homes, they are hopeful that they will be offered

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DALAL AL MAQHAWI, MUHARRAQ MUNICIPAL COUNCIL MEMBER



housing units within the Muharraq development project.

Many of their homes are in a dilapidated state, and they wish to remain in the area.

Larger plan

The first phase of the project will include the construction of 300 housing units, with a larger plan to provide 2,000 units in partnership with the private sector.

The project also includes the restoration of 16 heritage buildings along the Pearling Path for tourism and cultural activities.

Al Maqhawi highlighted the case of one family of four who currently live in a single room

and a living room in a crumbling house.

Another resident is an elderly woman whose home is also in dire need of repair. Both families are eager to secure new housing within the development project.

Concerns

Earlier this month, Al Maqhawi had expressed concerns

about the impact of the redevelopment project on residents of the second constituency in Muharraq.

She had noted that an initial list of properties had been issued by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Planning for valuation and potential expropriation to expand alleyways, create parking spaces, and develop green areas.

Sar and Al Nakheel road projects get makeover

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Two major road projects in Bahrain have been completed, focusing on the improvement of Sar Avenue and Al Nakheel Avenue, enhancing infrastructure and improving the quality of life for residents.

The Sar Avenue development project saw the installation of five traffic lights at key intersections, creating a safer and smoother flow of traffic.

The project also included the construction of approximately 240 parking spaces, four service roads for easy access to shops and homes, and a pedestrian walkway on both sides of the street.

In addition, a new rainwater drainage system and a new lighting network were installed.



The Sar Avenue now provides safer and smoother flow of traffic

Underground channels were also created for future use by technical services, minimising the need to cut asphalt.

Public transport stations were established in coordination with the Ministry of Transportation and Telecom-

munications, and appropriate traffic signs and markings were installed to ensure road safety.

The rehabilitation project for Al Nakheel Avenue, one of the oldest roads in the region, focused on improving the overall

condition of the road.

The project involved modifying sidewalks and service access covers, constructing sidewalks at certain intersections, replacing damaged pedestrian barriers, and removing the old asphalt layer.

Swimming pools see surge in bookings

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As temperatures soar in Bahrain, residents are seeking refuge in swimming pools, making them a popular destination for leisure and recreation.

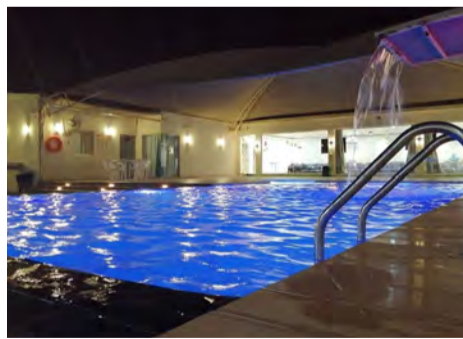
Pool owners report a significant increase in bookings, exceeding 90% for the current month.

The demand for private bookings for special occasions like weddings and birthday celebrations, along with corporate events, has been particularly high, with many reservations made well in advance of the peak season.

"Bookings for swimming pools had declined in recent years due to the COVID-19 pandemic," said Jihad Radhi, owner of a pool in the Tashan area. "However, we are seeing a resurgence in demand lately."

Radhi explained that the price of renting a pool varies depending on its size and amenities. Smaller pools cost between BD30 and BD50, while medium-sized pools range from BD50 to BD70.

On weekends, prices can escalate to



BD100 to BD140, with larger pools and additional facilities like sports courts and outdoor areas commanding higher rates.

He also noted that the increasing number of swimming pools, gyms, and resorts has impacted the bookings for smaller and medium-sized pools.

This year, a majority of bookings are from companies and educational institutions seeking a cool escape from the heat and a break from routine.

Radhi stressed the importance of pool design in ensuring safety for swimmers.

He explained that the chlorine in the pool

water is renewed every two months, and the quality and quantity of chlorine are crucial for maintaining human health.

He also highlighted the significance of pool size and depth in preventing drowning accidents.

Meanwhile, Abdullah Al Qaidoum, owner of a pool in the Karrana area, echoed the positive trend, stating that bookings have reached 90%, with July and August witnessing a surge in demand. He attributed the high demand to the scorching summer temperatures in Bahrain.

Meanwhile, a local swimming instructor, who wished not to be named, reported a surge in demand for swimming lessons, particularly among children. Prices for lessons range from 30 to 60 dinars depending on the duration of the lessons and age group.

She emphasised that a successful swimming instructor should be passionate about the sport, capable of teaching both basic and advanced techniques, and possess a strong understanding of first aid and error correction.

AMH Bahrain, CMC Vellore in key collaboration

Two 120-year-old institutions to better medical services in Bahrain

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A new collaboration announced between CMC of Vellore in India and the American Mission Hospital (AMH), Bahrain will bring world class medical and surgical expertise to Bahrain.

According to a memorandum of understanding (MoU) signed recently by the two institutions, this collaboration will enhance the knowledge and expertise of AMH's physicians and surgeons,



The deal signing

improve the skills of its nursing staff, and enhance staff-training on latest advances in specialized clinical services.

They include, among many others, EEG, Echocardiography, ORS, and ICUS. Signed by the Corporate CEO of AMH Bahrain Dr George Cheriyan, and by the Director of CMC Vellore Dr Vikram Mathews, this MoU also aims to start new hospital sub-specialties and improve the quality of medical research.

The doctors from CMC Vellore

will come to Bahrain on sabbaticals offering their expertise in treating Bahrain's patients," said Dr Cheriyan. "And our doctors visiting CMC Vellore will also get an enhanced understanding of diseases, which will ultimately improve patient outcomes here". Both organizations share the same 120-year heritage, as they were started around the same time, by the mission boards of the same Reformed Church in America (RCA)."

While CMC Vellore in India was founded in 1900, by the

American missionary, Dr Ida S. Scudder, AMH Bahrain was founded in 1903 also by another American Missionary, Dr Samuel Zwemer. In 2024, CMC Vellore was ranked as India's No. 1 medical facility by Outlook ICARE Survey of medical colleges and hospitals. It was also ranked at No. 3 by NIRF (National Institutional Ranking Framework) - Medical, and by India Today (Medical) surveys, and at No.4 by the Newsweek-Statista survey of World's Best Hospitals (India).

BBK names winner of BD 500,000 from Al Hayrat



The award ceremony

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Bank of Bahrain and Kuwait (BBK), the leading retail and commercial bank in Bahrain, has announced the Al Hayrat grand prize winner of BD 500,000, along with 20 winners of BD 1,000 each as part of the Al Hayrat Prizes including the loyalty prizes for the month of July, with a total prize amount of BD 20,000. These prizes are part of Al Hayrat prizes for 2024, which offer customers the chance to win exceptional prizes totaling BD 2.5 million throughout the year.

A handover ceremony was held in honor of Sigrid Algo-

saibi, the grand prize winner of BD 500,000 on 22 August at City Centre Bahrain which was attended by the winner's grandchildren, in the presence of BBK's executive management.

Dr. AbdulRahman Saif, Group CEO of BBK, commented: "BBK has been enhancing its prizes since the inception of Al Hayrat 23 years ago, reaching a level that meets the aspirations of our valued customers and enabling winners to achieve their dreams. We hope that the account will continue to fulfill its goal of instilling a culture of saving within the community and we wish our valued customers the best of luck in the

upcoming awards."

Dr. Saif announced that the next draw will take place on 29 August, featuring the BMW X7 M60i prize, along with many other distinguished prizes in the following months, and emphasized that the Bank will continue to reward its valued customers with more prizes until year end.

The winner's grandchildren expressed their great happiness with their grandmother's win and thanked the Bank for this opportunity. They encouraged everyone to open an Al Hayrat account at BBK to take advantage of the distinguished winning opportunities available throughout the year.

Quarter million US dollars for each winner

Al Baraka Islamic Bank Awards \$750,000 to Semi Annual Grand Prize Winners

TDT | Manama

Al Baraka Islamic Bank, one of the leading Islamic banks in the Kingdom of Bahrain, has announced the winners of the alBarakat Semi Annual Grand Prize, worth \$750,000. Three customers were awarded a quarter million US dollars each, namely: Ms. Ruqayya Abdullah Ibrahim, Mr. Youssef Hassan Al Sada and Mr. Abdullah Mohammed Naqi.

This Semi Annual Grand Prize is a gesture of appreciation from Al Baraka Islamic Bank to its valued customers for their loyalty. Over the years, the alBarakat Account has left a tangible mark in the lives of many customers by offering rewarding prizes which embody the commitment of Al Baraka Bank to providing an exceptional banking experience. The new edition of alBarakat Scheme offers exceptional prizes totaling more than two million dollars, including 5 grand prizes worth a quarter million dollars for each winner, in addition to monthly salaries for a full year worth \$10,000, 90 prizes worth \$1,000, 26 loyalty prizes worth \$5,000 as a reward for old alBarakat Account customers on the occasion of the 10th anniversary of its launch, in addition to summer prizes for July, August and September.

The Semi Annual Grand Prize draw was held in the presence of bank officials in addition to



Officials during prize distribution

internal and external auditors, under the supervision of the Ministry of Industry and Commerce. On this occasion, Dr. Adel Salem, Chief Executive Officer of Al Baraka Islamic Bank, commented, "By providing innovative products, personalised service and expert knowledge regarding their financial needs, we strive to foster their trust and loyalty."

Dr. Adel continued, "Our customers are partners in progress, and we are proud to play a part in realising their financial goals and aspirations."

For their part, the winning customers expressed deep gratitude to Al Baraka Islamic Bank for this prestigious prize, noting that this prize typifies

the exceptional service provided by the bank, and its unwavering commitment to meeting their diverse financial needs.

The Shari'a-compliant alBarakat Investment Account by Al Baraka Islamic Bank offers many opportunities to win cash prizes throughout the investment period with a minimal deposit of BD 50 or the equivalent of \$135. Individuals of all nationalities over the age of 18 can open an alBarakat Investment Account through the Al Baraka Islamic Bank app without visiting the bank's branches. An account can be opened for those under the age of 18 by their parents or legal representatives.

TRA Bahrain to host ITU Digital Skills Forum

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Bahrain will take center stage for digital skills development as it prepares to host the prestigious International Telecommunication Union (ITU) Digital Skills Forum from September 17 to 19, 2024.

The gathering, hosted by Telecommunications Regulatory Authority (TRA), will bring together global leaders, policymakers, industry experts, and training practitioners to



discuss the critical role of digital skills in driving sustainable development. TRA General Director, Philip Marnick reaf-

firmed the TRA's commitment to driving digital transformation. The 3-day forum features a comprehensive agenda focused on developing skills for digital transformation. Topics include bridging the digital divide, the impact of emerging technologies on skills, the green and digital transition, skills for secure digital use, and industry perspectives on skills gaps. For registrations and further information, visit digitalskillsforum.

Mobiz and Hope Talents Forge Strategic Alliance to Empower Bahraini Talents

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Mobiz, a leading IT solutions company, yesterday announced a strategic partnership agreement with Hope Talents, the talent management arm of Hope Fund. This collaboration aims to empower Bahraini talents in the IT field and foster digital transformation in Bahrain.

The partnership will leverage Mobiz IT's expertise in cloud computing, cybersecurity, AI, and data analytics, combined with Hope Talents' national database of highly skilled Bahraini



Officials posing for a group photo

professionals. This initiative seeks to create valuable career opportunities and upskill the local workforce within Bahrain's

evolving technology sector to meet the increasing demand for tech talents.

Mobiz IT professionals will

coach Bahraini talents selected by Hope Talents, assisting them through specialized training programs focused on advanced technology fields. These coaching sessions will specifically target ServiceNow, aimed at equipping Bahraini professionals with the latest skills and knowledge demanded by the job market. Through this support, Mobiz IT aims to facilitate efficient learning and successful certification attainment among participants.

Commenting on the partnership, Mr. Hamad Riaz, CEO of Mobiz IT, stated: "With Hope Talents' exceptional pool of

national talent and Mobiz IT's 15-plus years of technology expertise, we aim to refine and unleash the potential of Bahraini professionals."

Ms. Latifa Mohamed, Hope Talents General Manager added: "By combining our extensive network of young talent with Mobiz IT's deep expertise in advanced technology fields, we are confident in creating exceptional opportunities for Bahraini youth, enhancing the competitiveness of Bahrain's economy in the digital age. We look forward to collaborating closely with Mobiz IT

to achieve our shared goals of supporting national talent and contributing to the digital transformation of the Kingdom of Bahrain."

Mobiz IT recently announced the opening of their new branch in Bahrain, marking a significant step in the company's global expansion, with a strong focus on the Gulf market. Notably, Mobiz Its global network includes 16 branches worldwide and maintains strategic partnerships with leading technology companies such as Microsoft, ServiceNow, Oracle and Palo Alto Networks, among others.

QUOTE OF THE DAY
WHEN YOU CHANGE YOUR THOUGHTS, REMEMBER TO ALSO CHANGE YOUR WORLD
NORMAN VINCENT PEALE

TODAY IN HISTORY

1682
English astronomer Edmond Halley first observes the comet named after him

1873
First free kindergarten in the U.S. started by Susan Blow in Carondelet, a suburb of St. Louis, Missouri



1959
British Motor Corporation introduces the Morris Mini-Minor, designed by Alec Issigonis, it was only 10 ft long but seated 4 passengers

1996
US President Bill Clinton signs welfare reform into law, representing major shift in welfare policy

News in brief

◆ Pope Francis yesterday condemned the Ukraine government's move to ban a Russia-linked branch of the country's Orthodox Church. "Do not touch churches," the pope said in his weekly prayer, one day after Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky signed the ban into law. "In thinking of the law recently adopted in Ukraine, I fear for the liberty of those who pray," the pope said. Zelensky -- who met with the pope in June at the G7 in Italy -- signed a law Saturday banning the Russian-linked Orthodox Church in Ukraine. Ukraine has been seeking to distance itself from the Russian church since 2014 and the efforts have accelerated since Russia's 2022 invasion.



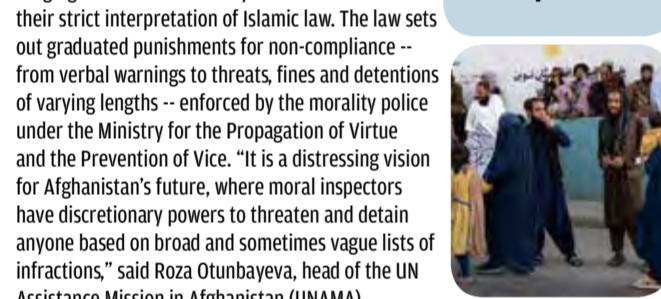
Pope Francis condemns Ukraine ban on Russia-linked Orthodox Church

◆ Telegram chief executive Pavel Durov is to appear in court yesterday after being arrested at a Paris airport for offences related to his popular messaging app, sources told AFP. Russia has accused France of "refusing to cooperate" following the arrest of the Franco-Russian billionaire, 39, at Le Bourget airport on Saturday night. Durov had arrived from Baku, Azerbaijan, a source close to the case said. France's OFMIN, an office tasked with preventing violence against minors, had issued an arrest warrant for Durov in a preliminary investigation into alleged offences including fraud, drug trafficking, cyberbullying, organised crime and promotion of terrorism, one source said. Durov is accused of failing to take action to curb the criminal use of his platform.

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Taliban authorities on Wednesday announced the codification of a law with 35 articles detailing wide-ranging behaviour and lifestyle restrictions based on their strict interpretation of Islamic law. The law sets out graduated punishments for non-compliance -- from verbal warnings to threats, fines and detentions of varying lengths -- enforced by the morality police under the Ministry for the Propagation of Virtue and the Prevention of Vice. "It is a distressing vision for Afghanistan's future, where moral inspectors have discretionary powers to threaten and detain anyone based on broad and sometimes vague lists of infractions," said Roza Otunbayeva, head of the UN Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA).



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SPOTLIGHT

Paris commemorates 80th anniversary of liberation in WWII



Reenactors dressed in wartime uniforms parade on wartime military vehicles in Paris, France

Paris yesterday celebrated the 80th anniversary of its liberation from German troops in World War II with tributes, military marches and the hoisting of a flag at the Eiffel Tower. "Beyond all divisions and contradictions, to be French is to be together," Macron said in a speech. "Free, and true to the great things that have been achieved and determined to achieve more together."

A torch for the Paris Paralympics, which open Wednesday, was lit, ahead of a flyover by the Patrouille de France, a unit of French air force fighter planes. Earlier Sunday, the French flag was raised under the Eiffel Tower in memory of firefighters who at midday 80 years ago took down the Nazi flag that had been flying there for four years, and replaced it with the tricolour. Sunday's events were the culmination of a week of festivities in and around the capital, matching in length the week of fighting in 1944 before the Germans surrendered Paris.

Egypt's Sisi warns against Lebanon escalation in top US general meeting

AFP | Cairo, Egypt

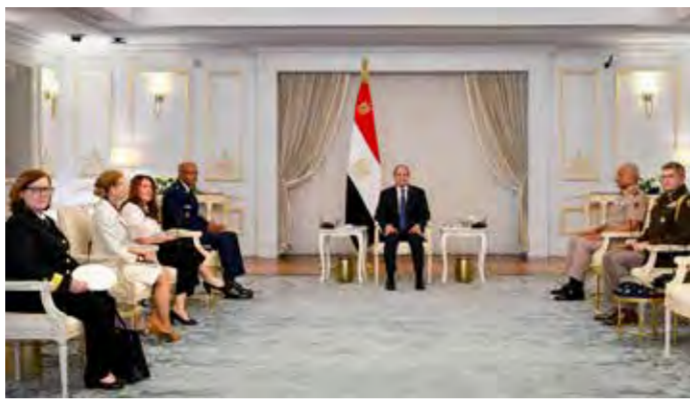
Egypt's President Abdel Fattah el-Sisi warned against further regional escalation on Sunday in a meeting with the United States' highest-ranking general, as cross-border hostilities between Israel and Lebanon intensified.

Sisi "warned of the dangers of a new front opening in Lebanon and stressed the necessity of preserving Lebanon's stability and sovereignty", according to a statement from the president's office.

His meeting in Egypt with US Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, General Charles "CQ" Brown, the United States' highest-ranking military officer, came hours after Israel launched air strikes on Lebanon.

Israel said it was pre-empting an attack on its territory from Lebanese armed group Hezbollah, fuelling fears of a wider regional conflagration.

Key mediator Egypt has again urged restraint and de-escalation, while the United States -- Israel's top arms provider --



Al-Sisi (C) meeting with US Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff General Charles Brown (4L) and US Ambassador to Cairo Herro Mustafa Garg (3L) in Cairo

said its military was "postured" to support its ally.

The visit comes amid planned talks in Cairo, to be attended by CIA chief William Burns, aimed at a truce in the Gaza Strip that has seemed increasingly unlikely.

Sisi on Sunday called for a "decisive stance from the international community" and a stronger response "to joint Egyptian-American-Qatari efforts" for a ceasefire and hostage-prisoner exchange, which would enable a "path to calm and stability in the region," his

office said. An official from Netanyahu's office said a decision would be made late in the day about whether Israeli spy chiefs would attend the talks in Cairo on Sunday.

Hamas has said a delegation would go to Cairo but only to meet with Egyptian officials rather than participate in the discussions.

Hezbollah's leader Hassan Nasrallah was due to speak on the "latest developments" at 6:00 pm (1500 GMT), the group said.

Harris campaign says it raised \$540 mn in just over a month

Washington, United States

Kamala Harris's US presidential campaign said yesterday that it has raised more than half a billion dollars in just over a month, "a record for any campaign in history."

The eye-watering amount of \$540 million, raised since Harris launched her campaign after President Joe Biden dropped out of the White House race on July 21 and endorsed her, comes as she and Republican rival Donald Trump embark on the final 10-week sprint to election day on November 5.

Trump, whose campaign was thrown when Biden stepped aside, reported having \$327 million cash on hand at the start of August.

Just before Harris took to the stage at the DNC on Thursday to accept her party's nomination, "we officially crossed the \$500 million mark," campaign chair Jen O'Malley Dillon said in a memo.

"Immediately after her speech, we saw our best fundraising hour since launch day," she continued.

"In just over a month since we launched our campaign, Team Harris-Walz raised \$540 million - a record for any campaign in history."

German police say Syrian suspect confesses to knife rampage

AFP | Solingen, Germany

German police said yesterday that a Syrian man has given himself up and confessed to killing three people and wounding eight others in a knife rampage at a street festival.

The random attack as thousands of people gathered on Friday night in the western city of Solingen has stunned Germany.

Two men aged 56 and 67 and a 56-year-old woman were killed, officials said.

Four of the wounded remained in a serious condition. All of the victims were stabbed in the neck, according to police.

Police said in a statement that the suspect was a 26-year-old Syrian who had "given himself up to authorities... and declared himself responsible for the attack".

German prosecutors said they had launched a "terrorist" investigation.

According to the Bild and Spiegel newspapers, the suspect arrived in Germany in December 2022 and had a pro-



Members of a special police unit escort a man suspected to be responsible for the Solingen knife attack from a helicopter to the office of the Federal Prosecutor in Karlsruhe, southern Germany

tested immigration status often given to those fleeing war-torn Syria.

The jihadist Islamic State group's Amaq propaganda arm has claimed responsibility for the attack, saying "the perpetrator of the attack on a gathering of Christians" in Solingen "was a soldier of the Islamic State".

It said the attack was carried out as "revenge for Muslims in Palestine and everywhere", in

an apparent reference to the Gaza conflict.

The claim could not be immediately verified.

German Vice Chancellor Robert Habeck said the suspect was not known to the security services as an extremist considered dangerous.

Habeck -- who called for tougher knife laws on Sunday -- said "Islamic terrorism" was one of "the biggest security dangers" Germany faces.

China says it rescued 'personnel' after Philippines collision



A Chinese coast Guard ship (R) in a collision with the Philippine Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR) vessel BRP Datu Sanday, near Sabina Shoal in disputed waters of the South China Sea.

AFP | Beijing, China

China's coast guard said it rescued Filipino "personnel" who fell overboard yesterday after a Philippine vessel collided with one of its ships near a disputed shoal in the South China Sea.

The Philippines slammed China's claims as "completely unfounded".

It said the collision took place near the disputed Sabina Shoal, 140 kilometres (86 miles) west of the Philippine island of Palawan and about 1,200 kilometres from Hainan island, the closest Chinese landmass.

China Coast Guard spokesman Gan Yu said the collision occurred when a Philippine vessel refused to comply with "control measures" after attempting to deliver supplies to another vessel "illegally stationed" near Xianbin Reef in the Nansha Islands -- using the Chinese names for the Sabina Shoal and the Spratly Islands also claimed by Manila.

"China warns the Philippines to immediately cease its infringing actions, otherwise the Philippines will bear all

consequences resulting from this situation," Gan said.

The Philippines said that its ships encountered "aggressive and dangerous maneuvers" from the Chinese side when they were on a humanitarian mission to resupply Filipino fishermen with diesel, food and medical items.

The Chinese vessels "made close perilous maneuvers that resulted in ramming, blasted horns, and deployed water cannons", leading to an early termination of the resupply operation after their ship experienced engine failure, a statement from Manila's National Task Force on the West Philippine Sea said.

"These unprofessional, aggressive, and illegal actions posed serious risks to the safety of the Filipino crew and the fishermen they were meant to serve," the statement said, adding that no one was harmed.

Footage released by the Philippine Coast Guard showed the Chinese ship approaching and ramming the left side of its vessel.

Another clip showed a Chinese vessel travelling parallel to the Philippine ship, just metres away.

Tensions escalate as Israel strikes Lebanon and Hezbollah retaliates

Hezbollah said it launched "more than 320 Katyusha rockets at Israel

● Israel says 'no hits' on base near Tel Aviv targeted by Hezbollah

● Hezbollah chief says attack targeted Israeli base near Tel Aviv

● BA, Air France suspend Tel Aviv flights over conflict risk

TDT | agencies



Hezbollah UAV intercepted by Israeli air forces over north Israel

Tensions rose to unprecedented levels yesterday in the Middle East, with Israel launching preemptive air strikes into Lebanon and Hezbollah retaliating with a barrage of rockets and drones. Hezbollah said it launched "a large number of drones" and "more than 320" Katyusha rockets targeting "enemy positions" across the border.

The Lebanese movement stated that its attack was an "initial response" to Shukur's killing, adding that it had "ended with total success." However, the Israeli army said Hezbollah failed to strike a military intelligence base near Tel Aviv. "I can confirm that there were no hits at the Gililot base," a spokesman for the Israeli military told AFP.

Earlier, Hezbollah chief Hassan Nasrallah said his group's attack

on Israel yesterday targeted a military intelligence base near Tel Aviv, around 100 kilometres (70 miles) from the Israel-Lebanon border. The "main target for the operation" inside Israel was "the Gililot base -- the main Israeli military intelligence base," Nasrallah said in a televised speech.

US Denies Involvement
Soon after the attack, the United States denied any role in the attack. "The US was not involved in Israel's preemptive strikes last night. We did provide some ISR (intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance) support in terms of tracking incoming Lebanese Hezbollah attacks, but did not conduct any kinetic operations as they were not required," an official said on condition of anonymity.

"We continue to closely monitor the situation and remain well-postured and ready to support the defense of Israel from attacks by Iran and any of its proxies," the official added.

"Not the Final Word"
Meanwhile, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu warned that yesterday's strikes in Lebanon were "not the final word" in his country's military campaign against the Lebanese armed group Hezbollah. "We are striking Hezbollah with surprising, crushing blows... This is another step towards changing the situation in the north and safely returning our residents to their homes. And, I repeat, this is not the final word," Netanyahu told a cabinet meeting.

He said the military destroyed thousands of "short-range rockets, all of which were intended to harm our civilians and forces in the Galilee." "Additionally, the IDF (Israeli military) intercepted all the drones that Hezbollah launched at a strategic target in central Israel," he said, without

identifying what the target was. Israeli media, however, reported that the target Hezbollah aimed to strike was the headquarters of the Israeli Mossad spy agency near Tel Aviv.

False Israeli Claims
Nasrallah denied that the Israeli military destroyed thousands of the group's rocket launchers. "Talk about how the resistance (Hezbollah) was going to launch 8,000 or 6,000 rockets and drones and that (Israel) thwarted this... are false claims," Nasrallah said in a televised speech, adding that only "dozens of rocket launchers" were destroyed.

Flights Cancelled
British Airways and Air France on Sunday suspended flights to Tel Aviv. BA said it was suspending its flights to and from Tel Aviv until Wednesday, while the French carrier suspended services to Tel Aviv and Beirut scheduled for

Sunday and Monday. Air France, which usually runs a daily service to both cities, had already halted flights to Beirut between July 29 and August 15 but had kept flying to Tel Aviv. Air France's subsidiary Transavia, which serves both destinations, is also halting its flights, the spokesman said. German airline Lufthansa on Friday extended its Beirut flight suspension to the end of September and said it would not fly to Tel Aviv and Tehran until September 2.

Hungarian low-cost airline Wizz Air, meanwhile, also said Sunday it was temporarily suspending its flights between Luton Airport, near London, and Israel due to the escalation, Britain's PA news agency reported. Another major carrier, Virgin Atlantic, said it was extending its earlier suspension of its daily flight from Heathrow to Tel Aviv until September 25 after a security review.

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Sunday marks 7 years since the forced mass displacement of Rohingya people and other communities from Myanmar's Rakhine State. To this day, the Rohingya continue to suffer new outbursts of despicable violence in Myanmar. This is unacceptable. The Rohingya and other civilians must be protected.

@antonio gutierrez



Several youth from across India have written to me, appreciating the part from my Red Fort speech in which I talked about integrating youngsters without any family background into the world of politics.

@narendramodi

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Today marks the seventh anniversary of the Burma military's genocide and crimes against humanity targeting Rohingya. The United States continues to honor the victims and stand with the survivors as they seek justice and accountability for these atrocities.

@SecBlinken

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"No guarantee of free speech" - Walz

@elonmusk

LEGAL VIEWPOINT
Arbitration vs. Mediation



From legal perspective and as a constitutional right, people used to go to Judicial Courts for litigation whenever there is an unsolved dispute. This approach, has been going on till now and likewise for long future. However, by time and due to many uncountable reasons including time constraints, people started to look around into alternative options for settlement of disputes.

Among the alternative dispute resolutions (ADRS), we find arbitration, mediation, adjudication, conciliation, etc. However, we could say, the most workable alternatives are arbitration and mediation. The debate scenario of "arbitration vs. mediation" is one that goes on since some time, as people wonder and question themselves as to what is the best alternative way to look into a dispute that may emerge in these volatile economic situations and unsettled business.

However, it would be very important to mention that, there are many conceptual and procedural differences between arbitration per se and mediation. Arbitration versus mediation is mostly about formalities of the proceedings, the purpose of the events, and the enforceability of decisions \ awards made therein.

With reference to mediation, the mediators typically sit down with the disputing sides and try to hammer out a deal before it has to reach the Court level. The proceedings are generally quite informal in many cases, as these mediators patiently try to make as comfortable as possible. To attempt to open a joint dialogue openly or in private caucus with clear steps ... hopefully to go-on and materialize.

Regarding arbitration, it is more formal and can be like court proceeding. The arbitration tribunals listen to both sides and then a final award on what the panel feels is the fairest decision. Arbitration, in one hand, is essentially another form of trial with two sides presenting their issues before a tribunal. Whereas mediation, is a form of resolution for the dispute, with two sides trying to come together on a deal that makes sense to most parties

Arbitration award and decisions are generally enforced by the Courts (execution Courts) the same way as Court decisions, while mediation agreements are typically things that have to be acted upon further as the first step towards settlement of disputes.

Many believe that, a good mediation attorney \ mediator will tell you that it's cheaper and wiser to solve a problem through mediation first before opting to other hectic or lengthy settlement process.

In many contracts they provide, if the parties are unable to resolve the dispute, either party may give the other written notice of the existence of a continuing impasse and they shall submit the dispute to mediation. The parties agree to participate in good faith in the mediation and negotiations with the selection of the mediator. Each party shall bear its own costs relating to such mediation, and they shall equally share the mediator's fees and the use of mediation will be without prejudice to the rights of the parties in all respects if the mediation does not achieve a resolution and if the dispute is not settled, the parties may proceed to arbitration.

Both arbitration and mediation are fast and their relief in some cases could be imminent, whereas in litigation the issue may go-on for years and at the end no valuable gain or minimal result. Arbitration or mediation are now taken through professional institutes and centers, in other words, institutional process.

We strongly, recommend seeking justice through arbitration or mediation, depending on the merits of each case for the concerned parties. Advisable, to take the most appropriate action to save your interests swiftly as, delay of justice is denial of justice. In practice, lately, claimants could opt to go first for mediation and after that to take the outcome of the mediation, in addition to other factors, for final settlement through arbitration which gives final award. This could be mentioned in the contract to explain the process and procedure as aimed by the parties.

This comes, as a kind of agreeable inter-marriage relation between mediation and arbitration, to achieve justice and rule of law by acceptable means for settling disputes between the parties.

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

YOU KNOW WHAT
Israel's retaliatory military campaign has killed at least 40,405 people in Gaza, according to the Hamas-run territory's health ministry, which does not break down civilian and militant deaths.

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CELEBS



Matt Damon admits Boston culture 'can seem abrasive'

Bang Showbiz | Los Angeles

Matt Damon loves the "sarcasm and cynicism" of Boston culture.

The 53-year-old actor - who was born and raised in Massachusetts - admitted that Boston's culture can feel a little "abrasive" to people who aren't from the city.

He told PEOPLE: "The sense of humor and the

way that people just tend to look at the world back here, really fun when you come from it because you know what it is."

Matt acknowledged that the sense of humor can actually be a bit off-putting for some people.

He reflected: "It can feel abrasive to people who aren't from here. But when you're from here, it feels like, you know, a comfortable pair of socks."

Despite this, Matt observed that

Boston, and the US more generally, has changed markedly since his childhood.

He said: "Boston has changed a lot."

"It's really not the city that we grew up in ... The whole country has changed. There's been so much change in the culture."

"On the other hand, it's the place I still feel more at home than anywhere else. So that says something about what a place does to you

when you're growing.

"I'll forever be connected to this place no matter how much it changes."

Matt and his childhood friend Ben Affleck both starred in the Oscar-winning movie 'Good Will Hunting', which was released in 1997.

And Ben relished the experience of working with his showbiz pal on 'Air', the 2023 sports drama.

Matt Damon

Pamela Anderson felt 'sad and lonely' before returning to Canada



Pamela Anderson

Bang Showbiz | Los Angeles

Pamela Anderson felt she "needed a change" before she moved back to Canada.

The 57-year-old actress has admitted that she "was not in a good space" when she decided to move to Vancouver Island around the start of the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020.

Speaking to Better Homes and Gardens magazine, Pamela - who was born in British Columbia, Canada - explained: "A few years back, I kind of gave up at some point and needed a change."

"I thought, 'Well, I guess that's just what people think of me'. I was not in a good space when I moved back to Canada."

At the time, Pamela feared that she'd made a mess of her life and she's recalled feeling "very sad and lonely".

The actress shared:

"I don't know what happened over the last few decades, but I feel now so far removed from the image of who I was."

Ryan Reynolds sent Blake Lively flowers once a week

Bang Showbiz | Los Angeles

Ryan Reynolds sent Blake Lively a bouquet of flowers once a week while they were dating and signed the card with a "little quote".

The couple met in 2010 and married in 2012 before becoming parents to four children together - James, nine, Inez, seven, Betty, four, and one-year-old Olin - and Blake, 36, has now revealed the "beautiful" gesture from Ryan after they first got together.

Speaking to PEOPLE, Blake explained: "When my husband and I first got together, he would send me a bouquet of flowers every week, but he would always send a card and it would just be a sentence of something that had happened that week. Something funny or emotional that one of us said."

"It was just a little quote of the week. It was such a beautiful, romantic thing. Now we have 4,000 children!"

It comes after Blake revealed Ryan's "sweet" nickname for her - explaining he calls her his "knight in shining armour".

The former 'Gossip Girl' star explained she appreciates the nod from her husband because it reverses gender stereotypes.

She told The Sun newspaper: "My husband calls me his knight in shining armour, which I think is so sweet, because we only hear about men being that." Blake went on to reveal the relationship works because the couple has learnt to prioritise each

other. She added: "[We] made a rule not to work at the same time ... [to] prioritise [our] personal life".

The couple met on the set of their film 'The Green Lantern' and Ryan revealed they were friends for some time before they started dating.

During an appearance on a SiriusXM special in 2016, he told host Jess Cagle: "We were buddies for a long time, which I think is the best way to have a relationship, to start as friends ...

"About a year after 'Green Lantern' had come and gone and we were both single, we went on a double date - she was on a date with another guy, and I was on a date with another girl - and it was like the most awkward date for the respective parties because we were just like fireworks coming across."



Ryan Reynolds and Blake Lively

Miranda Kerr reveals her first celebrity crush

Bang Showbiz | Los Angeles

Prince William was Miranda Kerr's first celebrity crush.

The 41-year-old star has admitted to being obsessed by the British royal during her younger years.

The brunette beauty - who was married to actor Orlando Bloom between 2010 and 2013 - told Us Weekly: "My celebrity crush growing up was Prince William."

Despite this, Miranda has admitted to feeling "most starstruck" when she met yoga teacher Gurmukh.

The model has rubbed shoulders with some of the world's most famous people, but she's admitted to being in awe of Gurmukh, who is considered to be a pioneer in the field of pre-natal yoga.

Miranda - who is now married to billionaire businessman Evan Spiegel - said: "My most starstruck moment was the first time I met Gurmukh."

"She brought Kundalini yoga to the western world. I've practised Kundalini yoga since I was 17 years old, and it was a dream to meet her and do Kundalini yoga together."

Miranda revealed that

meditation has become an important part of her daily routine.

The runway star explained: "I've been meditating daily for over 20 years. It's one of the first things I do in the morning and one of the last things I do at night."

"I learned and often do TM meditation [Transcendental Meditation], or sometimes I will use the Insight Timer app for guided meditations."

Miranda has enjoyed huge success in her career, modelling for the likes of Victoria's Secret and Maybelline.

But if she wasn't modelling, Miranda would love to do something "health and wellness-related".



Miranda Kerr

Jenna Ortega won't speak about her love life

Bang Showbiz | Los Angeles

Jenna Ortega doesn't "plan on speaking about [her] love life publicly".

The 21-year-old actress - who is currently single - has revealed that she considers her love life to be a private matter.

Speaking to Vanity Fair magazine, the brunette beauty explained: "I don't plan on speaking about my love life publicly, because that's mine. When you know too much about someone's personal life, then you watch films and you can only see

them ... There's nothing worse."

Despite this, Jenna acknowledged that there's currently nothing to hide.

The actress - who enjoyed a meteoric rise following the success of 'Wednesday' - said: "I live on soundstages, pretty much, so it's so rare that I'm out seeing the sun."

Meanwhile, Jenna previously revealed that she can see similarities between her real-life self and her 'Wednesday' character.

The actress plays Wednesday Addams in the Netflix series, and Jenna admitted to having a similar sense of

humour to her on-screen character.

She told PEOPLE: "People have been telling me I look like her since I was six years old. And I have a pretty dark sense of humour!"

Despite this, Jenna needed to make some adjustments in order to play Wednesday.

She said: "I had to do things a bit different with my physicality and the way I carried myself."

"She almost has a social awkwardness. So when she does toxic, manipulative things, you know it's not coming out of malicious intent."

Jenna Ortega



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How to play
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Across
1- Each; 5- Sponge gently; 10- Kind of prof.; 14- Prefix with drama; 15- Silly; 16- Meets with; 17- Waste allowance; 18- Thermoplastic yarn; 19- Dance bit; 20- Sucrose; 22- Dressing choice; 24- Mambo king Puente; 27- Slaughter of baseball; 28- Continental inhabitant; 32- Spud; 35- Dr. of rap; 36- Founded; abbr.; 38- More recent; 40- Festive occasion; 42- Pavarotti, for one; 44- Ricky's portrayal; 45- Choose; 47- Charged; 49- Blushing; 50- Undercover operation; 52- Implies; 54- Blunt; 56- Interview wear; 57- Pertaining to Mars; 60- Liberates; 64- Tailless rodent; 65- Falls; 68- extra cost; 69- Opposed; 70- "Snowy" bird; 71- Slay; 72- Getting ___ years; 73- Chart anew; 74- Concludes;

Down
1- Tsp. and tbsp.; 2- South American country, famous for Macchu Picchu; 3- Couturier Cassini; 4- Edible tuber; 5- Cacophony; 6- ___ day now...; 7- Indonesian resort island; 8- Make ___ of (write down); 9- Occupant; 10- Aided; 11- ___ good example; 12- Visualized; 13- Recipe amt.; 21- Ready for picking; 23- Bank offering; 25- Exam; 26- Shoot-'em-up; 28- Outer boundary; 29- Russian range; 30- Sublease; 31- Grandmas; 33- Pitchers; 34- Bowling alley button; 37- Additional pay; 39- Frees (of); 41- Polluted precipitation; 43- Sauce brand; 46- Hardware fastener; 48- End-of-workweek shout; 51- Unpowered aircraft; 53- Online brokerage; 55- More than medium; 57- Jazz flutist Herbie; 58- Play opening; 59- Standard; 61- School on the Thames; 62- Oklahoma city; 63- Juniors, perhaps; 64- Kung ___ chicken; 66- Pod occupant; 67- NASCAR sponsor;

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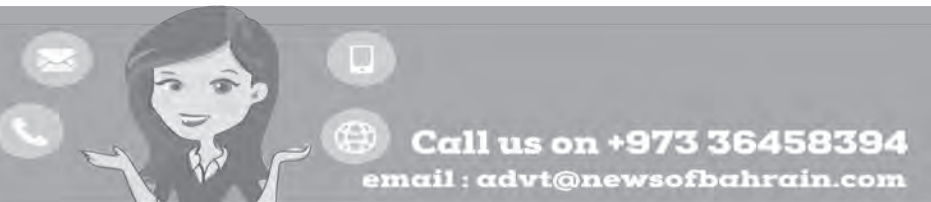
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BRAVE CF puts on historic show in Bulgaria as Arab fighter wins big

Epic comebacks and finishes highlight BRAVE CF's successful debut in Burgas

● **Mohammed Said Maalem secures comeback win in main event**

● **Alex Lohoré scores second consecutive first-round finish**

● **Pavel Vladev extends winning streak with late ground-and-pound stoppage**

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Bahrain sporting jewel BRAVE Combat Federation's debut event in Bulgaria, BRAVE CF 86, lived up to expectations as the event delivered exciting fights for the thousands of passionate fans that took over the arena in Burgas and worldwide.

In the main event, Algerian hero Mohammed Said Maalem made a strong comeback from his loss at BRAVE CF 81 by stopping Bulgarian veteran Atanas Djambazov in the third round. The opening round saw a battle of strength as both fighters sought to establish dominance,



Algeria's Said Maalem after winning the main event

By the second round, Djambazov began to show signs of fatigue but continued to defend against Said Maalem's attacks. However, in the third round, Said Maalem capitalized on Djambazov's exhaustion and secured a finish.

Alex Lohoré earned his second

consecutive first-round finish in BRAVE Combat Federation by stopping Bulgaria's Jivko Stoimenov in the co-main event. Lohoré landed a powerful uppercut that dropped Stoimenov, then followed up with strikes until the referee intervened. Follow-

ing his win, Lohoré expressed his interest in a Super Welterweight title shot and discussed the possibility of challenging Kamal Magomedov.

The fight between Pavel Vladev and Christian Mach proved to be a crazy one. Vladev sought a quick finish, but Mach's grappling skills neutralized him. Later, Vladev nearly secured in a ground-and-pound stoppage at the end of the first round but failed to beat the clock. A similar pattern unfolded in the second round, but this time Vladev managed to secure a victory with ground and pound just seconds before the round ended, extending his winning streak to six.

Khamzat Maaev returned to the winning column with a first-round submission victory over Antonio Bushev. Maaev applied pressure from the start, allowing Bushev no opportunity to mount an offense before securing a tri-



Pavel Vladev celebrates his win

angle choke. This was Maaev's fifth first-round finish in his professional MMA career, marking a strong comeback after his first professional loss at BRAVE CF 79.

Six-time Amateur MMA champion Rusi Minev continued his professional career with a dominant performance, outclassing Christos Tsirimokos over three rounds with his grappling prowess. The victory of Minev handed Tsirimokos, who was previously undefeated, his first professional MMA loss.

The catchweight bout between Gabriel Gilthon and Eduard Evdokimov was a classic grappler vs. striker matchup,

filled with high-energy action. A powerful liver kick followed by strikes in the third round gave Evdokimov the stoppage win.

In the opening fight, Anton Yanchev delivered a dominant performance, securing a first-round submission victory to remain undefeated. This was the third consecutive win by stoppage for Yanchev who had plenty of support from the crowd in attendance.

Next, BRAVE Combat Federation will head to the Netherlands for BRAVE CF 87, scheduled for September 22, and six days later BRAVE CF 88 takes over Ljubljana, Slovenia, for a world title doubleheader.

BRAVE CF 86 Results

Light Heavyweight: Said Maalem def. Atanas Djambazov via TKO (punches) - 3m15s - Round 3
Super Welterweight - Alex Lohoré def. Jivko Stoimenov via KO (punches) - 4m03s - Round 1
Lightweight: Pavel Vladev def. Christian Mach via TKO (strikes) - 4m50s - Round 2
Super Lightweight: Khamzat Maaev def. Antonio Bushev via submission (triangle choke) - 1m50s - Round 1
Lightweight: Rusi Minev def. Christos Tsirimokos via unanimous decision (3x 30-27)
Catchweight 68kg - Eduard Evdokimov def. Gabriel Gilthon via TKO (Strikes) - 2m59s - Round 3
Lightweight: Anton Yanchev def. Patryk Krzak via submission (rear-naked choke) - 2m47s - Round 1

Madrid beat Valladolid but Mbappe fires Bernabeu blanks

AFP | Madrid

Spanish champions Real Madrid earned a 3-0 win over Real Valladolid in La Liga yesterday as Kylian Mbappe made his Santiago Bernabeu bow without finding the net.

The French striker played at home for the first time in a Madrid shirt but was largely frustrated by Valladolid's defence.

Madrid midfielder Federico Valverde opened the scoring with a low deflected free-kick after 50 minutes and substitutes Brahim Diaz and debutant Endrick struck late on.

Madrid created little in the first half but did enough after the break to earn their first



Real Madrid's Uruguayan midfielder Federico Valverde celebrates scoring

win of the season, following an opening draw at Real Mallorca. Still lacking fluency in attack,

Carlo Ancelotti's side stayed two points behind rivals Barcelona, who beat Athletic Bilbao on

Saturday.

Ancelotti brought in Arda Guler for the injured Jude Bellingham, expected to miss a month with a calf problem.

Real Valladolid were the only team in the division to keep a clean sheet in their opening fixture and from the start they set out to frustrate the champions.

Darwin Machis had a deflected effort whistle narrowly wide but otherwise it was all hands to the pump in defence for the visitors.

Aurelien Tchouameni fired over from long range as Madrid dominated possession without threatening in the Spanish capital's summer heat.

Bahrain's Abbas Ali Ihsan earns top honors in U20 Volleyball



Abbas Ali Ihsan receives his trophy

Hussain Almaskati
TDT | Manama

The West Asia U-20 Volleyball Championship recently concluded, celebrating the region's top young talent.

Among the standout players, Bahrain's Abbas Ali Ihsan was recognized as one of the best in the tournament, securing a spot as a top performer in position 4.

His skill on the court has brought pride to Bahrain, showing the nation's commitment to developing young volleyball stars.

The UAE's Khalifa Al Sisi was named the best setter, and his teammate Desiny Lomboto took the award for best player in position 2. Saudi Arabia's Hasan Al Salam and Ali Hasan

Al Jabr were acknowledged for their outstanding performances in positions 4 and 3, respectively, with Sami Tarek from the UAE also excelling in position 3.

The best libero title went to Saudi Arabia's Badr Awad Al Awami, and Saudi Arabia's Rashad Abu Al Khair claimed the most valuable player award.

Abbas Ali Ihsan's recognition is a significant achievement for Bahrain, spotlighting the nation's growing reputation in volleyball.

His performance reflects the strength of Bahrain's sports programs in nurturing young talent. As one of the best players in the tournament, Abbas has set a high standard for future Bahraini athletes to follow.

Kane helps Bayern to win at Wolfsburg on Kompany debut

AFP | Munich

Harry Kane helped drag Bayern Munich to a comeback win at Wolfsburg yesterday in new manager Vincent Kompany's Bundesliga debut.

Jamal Musiala put Bayern 1-0 up after 19 minutes but Wolfsburg took the lead with two Lovro Majer goals in the first 10 minutes of the second half.

Bayern were nervy, with Ralph Hasenhuettl's side pouncing on several defensive errors.

A Kane header forced Wolfsburg's Jakub Kaminski into an own goal after 65 minutes and the England captain set up Bayern's third, laying on a pass for



Bayern's Serge Gnabry takes on Wolfsburg defender Kilian Fischer

Serge Gnabry's 82nd-minute strike.

"It's not perfect yet", Kane told Bayern TV after the match,

saying his side "got punished a little" in the second-half.

"We're still obviously implementing some of the ideas of the coach.

"Obviously, the team is a lot stronger than this. I'm happy we've got a good week to work now, to get to work on the ideas the coach wants."

Bayern midfielder Joshua Kimmich echoed Kane's sentiments on network DAZN, saying "we lost control of the game due to many mistakes", adding they "reacted well" when they fell 2-1 behind.

With 20 minutes gone, Kane, starting his first match since the Euro 2024 final in Berlin, found Sacha Boey on the right flank.

Norris stuns Verstappen in Dutch GP

Lando Norris ends Verstappen's home streak with a dominant Zandvoort win

- **Norris claims second career victory, reducing Verstappen's championship lead**
- **Verstappen loses at home despite strong start and early lead**
- **McLaren's upgrades prove decisive, outpacing Red Bull throughout the race**



McLaren's British driver Lando Norris drives in front of Red Bull Racing's Dutch driver Max Verstappen

AFP | Zandvoort

McLaren's Lando Norris stormed to victory at the Dutch Grand Prix yesterday, a superb drive consigning home favourite Max Verstappen to his first-ever loss in front of his "Orange Army" fans. The British driver claimed his second career chequered flag after winning in Miami in May,

closing Verstappen's lead over him in the world championship to 70 points, with the Dutchman coming second. Despite raucous encouragement from a packed Zandvoort circuit, Verstappen could not extract enough from his Red Bull to compete with a recently upgraded McLaren that is begin-

ning to look like the car to beat in Formula One. "It feels amazing... The pace was very strong and the car was unbelievable today," said Norris, who also secured a point for the fastest lap. The start was critical. Questions have been asked of the starting ability of Norris, who

has three times this season failed to convert pole position into a first lap lead.

And again Norris was sluggish off the line, allowing Verstappen to power around the outside to huge cheers from the crowd, who saw their man take a 0.9-second advantage into the second lap.

Buoyed by the fast start, Verstappen clocked the quickest lap in lap two, putting clear daylight between him and the McLaren of Norris.

But the McLaren had been the fastest car in the paddock all race weekend and Norris started slowly but surely eating into Verstappen's lead.

By lap 17 out of 72, Norris was only a few tenths of a second behind Verstappen, the Dutchman complaining on his team radio of a lack of grip from his tyres.

'I can't go faster'

Norris passed him a lap later on the outside at turn one, Verstappen powerless to prevent the overtake and quickly falling

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Lando Norris's victory at Zandvoort marks Verstappen's first loss at home, ending a 10-race winning streak for the Dutchman

further behind.

"I can't go faster. The car is not responding to my inputs," a desperate Verstappen told his engineers as Norris stretched his advantage to more than four seconds.

On lap 25, Verstappen decided enough was enough and he needed a new set of tyres.

Norris pitted the lap after, his team taking 0.6 seconds longer than the Red Bull for the pit stop. Nevertheless, Norris emerged

from the two stops five seconds ahead of his rival and promptly produced the fastest lap of the race on his new set of tyres.

By lap 40, Norris had extended the advantage to more than 10 seconds over the three-time champion and just had to stay out of trouble to take the chequered flag.

His eventual margin of victory was 22.896 seconds, with Ferrari's Charles Leclerc holding off Norris's McLaren teammate Oscar Piastri to claim the third podium spot after a thrilling battle.

Red Bull's struggling second driver Sergio Perez finished in sixth position, meaning the gap in the constructors' championship also narrowed from 42 points to 30.

"I wouldn't say a perfect race because of lap one again, but afterwards it was beautiful," said Norris.

"I expected Max to start pushing and get a bit of a gap. And he never did. So from that point, I knew we were in with a good fight," added Norris.

Slot extends perfect Liverpool start, Chelsea hit Wolves for six

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Arne Slot extended his perfect start as Liverpool manager with a 2-0 win against Brentford on his Anfield debut, while Noni Madueke hit a hat-trick and then apologised for a social media slur as Chelsea crushed Wolves 6-2 yesterday.

Slot was serenaded by Liverpool fans before kick-off and goals from Luis Diaz and Mohamed Salah ensured the mood remained upbeat as Liverpool made it two successive victories under their new boss.

The 45-year-old was taking charge of his first Premier League home game after opening his reign with a 2-0 win at Ipswich last weekend.

Slot was hired from Feyenoord to replace Jurgen Klopp after the German stepped down at the end of last term following nine successful years at Anfield.

The early signs are promising for Slot as he looks to build on the foundations laid by Klopp, who bowed out with a third placed finish in the Premier League and a League Cup final victory last season.

In front of an Anfield league record crowd of 60,107, Liverpool took the lead in the 13th minute with a blistering

break that climaxed with Diaz taking Diogo Jota's pass and firing high into the net.

Salah put the result beyond doubt in the 70th minute, cleverly adjusting his body position to dink his shot into the far corner from 12 yards after Dominik Szoboszlai tenaciously won possession in midfield.

Slot will get his first taste of a Liverpool grudge match next weekend when his team travel to bitter rivals Manchester United.

At Molineux, Chelsea made the perfect start after just 98 seconds when Matheus Cunha could only flick his attempted clearance from a corner towards Nicolas Jackson, who was left unmarked to head in from six yards.

Jackson's goal infuriated Wolves fans already angry with Chelsea after Madueke posted and then deleted a critical review of Wolverhampton just hours before kick-off.



Bahrain's table tennis teams depart for West Asia Championship

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Bahrain's national table tennis teams have departed for the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan to compete in the West Asia Championship, scheduled from August 26 to September 2.

The delegation is composed of key administrators, coaches, and players, all ready to represent Bahrain.

Led by the Vice President of the Bahrain Table Tennis Association, Mr. Ali AbdulAli Al Madhah, the team is accompanied by notable figures in Bahrain's table tennis community, including board member Badr Shamsan, administrator Shaima Al Zowadi, and admin-



Bahrain's table tennis teams before their departure

istrator Abdulrahman, alongside coaches Slobodan Tasko, Lee Jin Young, and Rami Atif.

The team comprises a talented group of young athletes, eager to raise Bahrain's flag high in this prestigious regional tournament.

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The players include Rashid Sind, Mohamed Abbas, Sayed Murtadha Hussain, Elias Al Yasi, Mohamed Nader, Hussain Jaber, Majid Al Ali, Ali Yousif, Sayed Nasser Sayed Alawi, Hassan Ibrahim, Ali Hussain, Sayed Ahmed, Sayed Hashim, Ali Al Hashimi, and Hussain Jaffar. Among the female players representing Bahrain are Amrta Amit, Kinda Mahmood, Hessa Abdulrahman, Dana Al Khayyat, and Rayan Imad.

The technical staff will participate in the tournament draw and the technical meeting to learn about the matchups in the singles, doubles, and team events through the tournament's open draw.

Yusuf Nasser and Wafa Zooral lead Team KHK to victory in AlUla marathon

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The scorching heat of the AlUla Desert Blaze Marathon 2024 didn't deter Team KHK athletes Yusuf Nasser and Wafa Zooral, who claimed first place in the men's and women's 10-kilometer races, respectively.

Held from August 23-24 in the rugged terrains of AlUla, Saudi Arabia, the race is known for its extreme conditions, with temperatures reaching the mid-forties during the day.

Yusuf Nasser's victory in the men's category and Wafa Zooral's win in the women's category were both remarkable achievements considering the challenging environment.

The race began at the iconic UNESCO World Heritage Site of Hegra, guiding runners through some of the region's most stunning and harsh landscapes.

The AlUla Marathon, though only in its second year, has quickly become a premier event, attracting athletes from around the world eager to test their endurance in one of the most demanding

Liverpool's Mohamed Salah celebrates with Luis Diaz

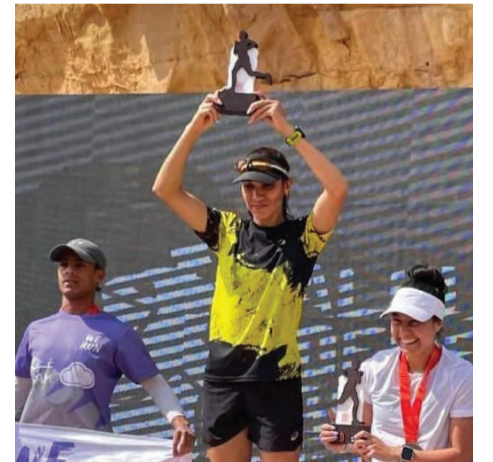


Yusuf Nasser celebrates on the podium

competitions on the calendar.

The 2024 edition expanded to include various race lengths, catering to both professional athletes and casual runners. The marathon not only tests physical limits but also displays the natural beauty and historical significance of AlUla, further cementing its reputation as a leading destination for adventure sports.

Both Yusuf and Wafa's victories highlight the dominance of Team KHK in endurance sports, particularly in such grueling environments. Their performances are a testament to their resilience, strategy, and preparation, securing their top spots and significant recognition in the growing AlUla Desert Blaze event.



Wafa Zooral celebrates on the podium

The AlUla Marathon is a part of Saudi Arabia's broader push to promote sports and tourism, with the Kingdom positioning itself as a hub for international sporting events.