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Bahraini judoka bows to Japanese opponent in bronze medal contest at Hangzhou Asiad | **P12**



Bahrain condemns tearing of Holy Quran copies

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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Bahrain strongly condemned and denounced tearing up copies of the Holy Quran by extremist groups in front of a number of embassies in the Dutch city of the Hague.

The Ministry reiterated its call to stop such hateful provocative actions, as they constitute incitement to hostility, religious and racial hatred, and contradict international efforts aimed at promoting the values of tolerance, peaceful coexistence and mutual respect between peoples and cultures.

Storming of Al Aqsa Mosque denounced

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The Foreign Affairs Ministry strongly condemned and denounced the storming of the Al Aqsa Mosque by a group of extremists under the protection of Israeli police.

In a statement it issued yesterday, the Foreign Affairs Ministry called for de-escalation and respect for the historical context in Jerusalem in accordance with the rules of international law, and to refrain from any provocative actions that would provoke the feelings of Muslims and threaten security and stability.

Biden hails deal to end Hollywood writers' strike

AFP | Washington

US President Joe Biden welcomed yesterday a tentative deal for striking Hollywood writers to resume work after a months-long stoppage that paralysed the film and TV business.

Biden said the deal included "assurances" about the use of artificial intelligence, adding that it "did not come easily."

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Bahrain's tourism workforce hailed



HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister chairs the weekly Cabinet meeting

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The Cabinet expressed its pride in the dedicated efforts of Bahrain's workforce in the tourism sector and its supporting sectors.

These industries include transportation, hospitality, restaurants, retail, entertainment and exhibition centres, culture, and conferences.

This comes as the Kingdom joins the international community in celebrating the World Tourism Day.

The global event is celebrated each year on September 27

to spread awareness about the importance of tourism and its impact on our society.

The Cabinet, chaired by His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, extended its congratulations to His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, to Bahrain's citizens and residents, and to the Arab and Islamic nations on the occasion of Prophet Mohammed's (PBUH) date of birth.

The Cabinet affirmed the importance of the values and principles of Islam to society, which are based on compassion, peace,

tolerance, and co-existence.

The Cabinet discussed several memorandums during the meeting, approving the following: A memorandum submitted by the Government Executive Committee regarding priority draft laws aimed at keeping pace with the Kingdom's development needs; and a memorandum submitted by the Ministerial Committee for Legal and Legislative Affairs regarding a memorandum on renewing the framework of the Kingdom's regional programme on cooperation with the International Atomic Energy Agency for 2024-2029.



BDF soldiers killed while defending Saudi borders

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The Bahrain Defense Force (BDF) mourned its two brave officers who lost their lives yesterday morning while defending the southern borders of Saudi Arabia as part of the Arab coalition forces.

Several others were wound-

ed in a terrorist unmanned attack carried out by the Houthis, who utilised unmanned combat aerial vehicles (UCAVs).

These attacks targeted the Bahraini taskforce stationed in the southern region, specifically along the borders of Saudi Arabia, despite the cessation of military operations in Yemen.



The fallen soldiers were part of the Arab coalition forces in Operation Decisive Storm and Restoring Hope.

The BDF expressed its sincere condolences and sympathy to the families of the heroic martyrs. It also wished the wounded personnel a speedy recovery.

A plane with a medical crew has been sent to evacuate the wounded and fallen servicemen back to Bahrain.

The US Embassy in Manama extended its heartfelt condolences to the families and colleagues of the BDF personnel who lost their lives, and wished those who were injured a rapid recovery.

Heartbreaking scene



Mourners react during the funeral of Palestinian Majdi Ghabayen, who died of wounds sustained in an explosion during a rally near the border fence with Israel on September 13, in Beit Lahia in the northern Gaza Strip yesterday. (AFP)

Thousands flee into Armenia as Azerbaijan retakes enclave

AFP | Goris, Armenia

Thousands of refugees streamed into Armenia yesterday, as the leaders of Azerbaijan and ally Turkey hailed Baku's victory over the rebel enclave at a summit.

While Azerbaijan showcased its regional alliances, Russia hit back at embattled Armenian Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan after he blamed Moscow for the swift defeat of the breakaway territory.

Several days after the fighting, the first refugees arrived in Armenia on Sunday and 6,650 people have so far entered, Yerevan said yesterday.

Refugees crowded into a humanitarian hub set up in

a local theatre in the city of Goris to register for transport and housing.

"We lived through terrible days," said Anabel Ghulasyan, 41, from the village of Rev, known as Shalva in Azeri.

She arrived in Goris with her family by minibus, carrying her belongings in bags.

Armenia and Azerbaijan have fought two wars in the last three decades over Nagorno-Karabakh, a majority ethnic Armenian enclave within the internationally recognised border of Azerbaijan.

Azerbaijan launched a lightning operation on September 19 to seize control of the territory, forcing the separatists to lay down their arms under the terms of a ceasefire agreed the following day.