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**HM King Hamad
 holds phone call
 with US President**

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa held a telephone call with Donald Trump to congratulate him on taking the oath of office and his inauguration as President of the US.

HM the King expressed his sincere congratulations and best wishes to President Trump for success in leading the US towards further progress and prosperity.

He emphasised his commitment to enhancing the strategic partnership between Bahrain and the US across various domains, and looked forward to a new phase of bilateral relations.

HM King Hamad commended the US economy's leading global position and its positive impact on international economic growth, wishing continued prosperity for the US.

Trump expressed his gratitude to HM the King for his congratulations, commending the strong bilateral relations between the two countries and expressing his eagerness to further developing these ties during his presidency.

**Bahrain condemns
 attack on Saudi
 hospital in Sudan**



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The Kingdom of Bahrain strongly condemned the targeting of the Saudi hospital in the city of Al Fasher, the capital of North Darfur State, western Sudan, which resulted in the death and injury of a number of people.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs expressed Bahrain's condolences to the Sudanese people and the families of the victims, wishing a speedy recovery to all those injured.

It stressed Bahrain's position calling for the protection of civilians and civilian objects, safeguarding health and humanitarian workers, and ensuring the full, rapid, safe, and unhindered delivery of humanitarian aid.

HM King reviews Kingdom's progress and achievements

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa received senior officials at Al Sakhir Palace to review the Kingdom of Bahrain's developmental progress, efforts, and achievements across various sectors.

HM the King commended the outcomes of the meeting with His Majesty Sultan Haitham bin Tariq of Oman during the recent state visit to Oman.

He expressed appreciation for the warm reception and gener-



HM the King holds talks with senior officials

his hospitality during the visit. His Majesty emphasised that

the visit will positively contribute to further advancing the

deep-rooted relations and bilateral cooperation.

Furthermore, HM King Hamad underscored the importance of the recent successful visit to France last week, commending the outcome of the discussions with French President Emmanuel Macron.

HM the King emphasised that the visit will give impetus to the strong partnership and cooperation between the two countries, and advancing mutual interests.

He also expressed appreciation to President Macron for the warm reception during the visit.

Restoring calm

New legislation to reduce early morning construction noise in residential areas

Mohammed Darwish
 TDT | Manama

Responding to growing complaints from families jolted awake by jackhammers at dawn and homes "shaking like earthquakes," the Shura Council yesterday backed a law to curb disturbing activities in residential areas.

The legislation lays down strict limits on construction, demolition, and excavation times while making exceptions for emergencies like urgent repairs.

The proposal, reviewed by the Public Utilities and Environment Committee, amends Article 20 of the 1977 Building Regulation Law.

Ali Al Shehabi, the committee's rapporteur, explained that

the plan introduces a new clause empowering the minister, in coordination with municipal councils, to decide when construction, demolition, or excavation is off-limits in residential zones.

Exceptions

It also allows for specific exceptions during restricted hours.

The committee recommended modifying the proposal to create a new Article 21 instead of simply adding to Article 20, reflecting feedback from government representatives and ensuring it fits practical and regulatory realities.

The plan gives municipalities the authority to decide which activities to limit, focusing on those causing noise and disturbance, such as demolition or



Ali Al Shehabi

excavation.

Urban areas

It excludes quieter construction work and restricts bans to residential zones, steering clear of uninhabited or newly devel-

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- ALI AL SHEHABI, SHURA COUNCIL'S PUBLIC UTILITIES AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE RAPporteur

oped urban areas.

Municipalities are also tasked with defining exceptional cases, like emergency pipe or sewer

repairs, where immediate action may be required to prevent harm.

Addressing the economic impact, Al Shehabi noted that the amended draft balances residents' peace of mind with the realities faced by contractors.

Flexibility

Municipal councils will have the flexibility to decide restricted hours based on local circumstances, ensuring fair and practical application of the law.

Penalties for violations are tied to Article 23 of the Building Regulation Law, ensuring anyone flouting municipal rules will face legal consequences.

Residents have voiced frustrations over the years, particularly about early-morning disturbances from heavy machinery.

Small fish, big fines!

Ban enforced on catching and selling undersized marine species

Mohammed Darwish
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Fishing or selling undersized marine creatures in Bahrain could now lead to hefty fines of up to BD1,000 or a month behind bars, following new rules introduced by His Excellency Shaikh Abdulla bin Hamad Al Khalifa, President of the Supreme Council for the Environment.

The regulation, aimed at protecting marine life and supporting sustainable fishing, targets 18 species, including Hamour and kingfish, and sets strict size limits.

It also bans the capture or harm of turtles and other endangered species across Bahrain's coasts and fishing waters.

Minimum lengths

The rules lay out clear mini-



Protecting undersized marine species supports sustainable fishing and fosters a thriving ocean ecosystem

mum lengths for various species.

Kingfish must be at least 45 cm, while Hamour is raised to 42 cm.

For Hamam Fish, Faskar Fish, and Shaari Fish, the limit stands at 22 cm.

Andak Fish is set at 24 cm, Shaam Fish at 21 cm, Rabib Fish at 17 cm, and Rabbitfish along with its Sunifi variant at 15 cm.



Janem Fish must also reach at least 17 cm.

Shrimp must measure at least 10 cm to be caught, while crabs are limited to 9 cm.

Broader powers

The regulation also grants marine inspectors broader powers. They can board vessels, inspect fishing grounds, and visit

seafood markets to enforce the rules.

Equipment used in violations may be seized, with authorities allowed to dispose of tools at risk of spoiling.

Punishment

Offenders face penalties under Decree-Law No. 20 of 2002, including fines ranging from

This initiative seeks to safeguard Bahrain's marine resources by controlling overfishing and securing the future of species essential to the region's aquatic ecosystem.

BD300 to BD1,000 or imprisonment of up to one month.

Additionally, vessels or tools involved in breaches may be confiscated, and offenders will not be entitled to any compensation for seized items.

This move aims to preserve Bahrain's marine resources by curbing overfishing and ensuring a future for species that play a crucial role in the region's waters.

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India's Spirit Soars High

A day of pride as India celebrates 76th Republic Day with special tribute to diaspora's key contributions

Mohammed Darwish
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The Indian Embassy in Bahrain celebrated India's 76th Republic Day with a solemn ceremony at its premises in Seef.

His Excellency Ambassador Vinod K. Jacob unfurled the national flag before an audience of nearly 1,000 members of the Indian community.

The event began with floral tributes to Mahatma Gandhi and included a patriotic performance by a cultural troupe from Himachal Pradesh.

Ambassador Jacob read excerpts from Indian President Droupadi Murmu's Republic Day address, reflecting on the significance of the Indian Constitution, which came into effect on January 26th, 1950.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs, H.E. Dr. Abdullatif bin Rashid Al Zayani, participated in the cake-cutting ceremony in the evening.

Trade Growth

Ambassador Jacob highlighted the remarkable \$1.73 billion in bilateral trade between Bahrain and India during 2024.

Exports from India included engineering goods worth \$201.7 million, electronics valued at \$157.3 million, and petroleum products totalling \$105.3 million.

Jewellery and gemstones contributed \$93.4 million, with rice, meat, dairy, and poultry products accounting for another \$111.7 million combined.

H.E. emphasised that Bahrain remains a "true partner" in fostering regional and global collaboration, with its participation in the "Voice of Global South" summits standing as a testament to its commitment to shared progress among southern nations.

Investment Highlights

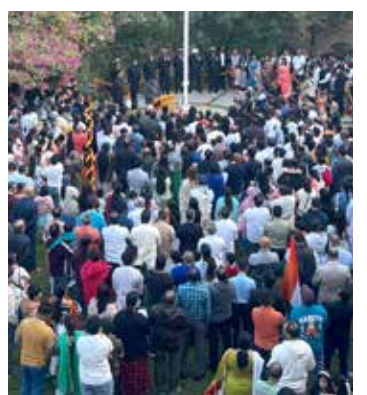
Indian investments in Bahrain reached \$1.65 billion, driven by financial services, healthcare, technology, education, and hospitality.

The Ambassador recognised His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa's 2014 visit to India and Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 2019 trip to Bahrain as critical milestones in strengthening ties.

H.E. underscored agreements reached during the December 2024 Joint Higher Committee meeting in sectors such as energy, defence, renewable resources,



H.E. Ambassador Mr. Vinod Kurian Jacob joins the Indian community at the flag-hoisting ceremony in the morning. (Pictures by Anchalo Bensiger)



H.E. Dr. Abdullatif bin Rashid Al Zayani with H.E. Indian Ambassador Jacob, along with ministers, members of the Shura and Representatives Councils, as well as officials and heads of diplomatic missions at the cake-cutting ceremony



The troupe from Himachal Pradesh

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- HIS EXCELLENCY VINOD KURIAN JACOB, AMBASSADOR OF INDIA TO THE KINGDOM OF BAHRAIN



The Ambassador peruses The Daily Tribune's Republic Day special edition.

es, and trade, reflecting a robust partnership built on shared values of peace and prosperity.

During his speech, H.E. Ambassador Jacob expressed confidence in the role of the Indian diaspora in shaping the future.

He praised their achievements in diverse fields and emphasised their integral role in India's development story.

As India aims to become a developed nation by 2047, he said the youth, particularly young women, are central to moulding the country's future.

He reflected on the enduring legacy of the Indian Constitution, guiding today's progress

and inspiring future generations to uphold values of morality, compassion, and environmental stewardship.

Citing Mahatma Gandhi's vision, the ambassador called for a renewed commitment to truth and non-violence, as well as balancing rights and duties in public and private affairs.

Environmental Leadership

H.E. Ambassador Jacob highlighted India's leadership in addressing global climate challenges, including initiatives like the "Lifestyle for Environment" movement and a massive tree-planting campaign that ex-

ceeded its target of 800 million seedlings ahead of schedule.

These efforts, he noted, demonstrate India's commitment to nurturing both human life and the environment, offering a model for the world to follow.

H.E. the Ambassador lauded Bahrain's inclusive policies, which have made it a popular destination for Indian professionals and families.

Over one million Indian tourists visited Bahrain last year, making it the largest source of visitors to the kingdom.

He commended the Indian diaspora for their skill, work ethic, and law-abiding nature, calling them vital contributors to Bahrain's success.

Quoting sentiments expressed by Indian leaders, he remarked on Bahrain's welcoming atmosphere, which makes it a preferred destination for high-ranking Indian dignitaries and citizens alike.

Shared Vision

The ceremony concluded with H.E. Ambassador Jacob reaffirming the deep bonds between Bahrain and India, built on mutual respect and shared aspirations for peace and progress.

The growing trade and investment figures, alongside the vibrant Indian community in Bahrain, were celebrated as key pillars of this thriving partnership.



The Ambassador offering floral tribute in front of the statue of Mahatma Gandhi



Ms. Nimisha Sunil Kadam, Chief Operating Officer of New Indian Assurance Co. Ltd in Bahrain, with Pauly Varghese, Manager of Claims and Services, attended the celebrations at the Indian Embassy. (Picture by Anchalo Bensiger)

Job creation strategies

MPs set to discuss government solutions to Bahraini youth unemployment problem

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The Council of Representatives is set to convene a crucial general debate tomorrow, focusing intently on the government's strategies for tackling unemployment and fostering job creation, particularly for young Bahrainis entering the workforce for the first time.

This important parliamentary discussion aims to thoroughly scrutinise the government's approach and elicit a comprehensive explanation of its plans to address the multifaceted challenges facing unemployed individuals and recent graduates.

The motion for this vital debate was formally submitted by a group of prominent MPs: Mohamed Al Maarifi, Ahmed Qarata, Jameel Mulla Hasan, Mohammed Al Rifaei, Hesham

Al Awadhi, Abdulnabi Salman, Khalid Buanaq, Zainab Abdullameer, and Mohammed Al Ahmed.

Agenda

The debate's agenda is structured around five key areas of inquiry.

Firstly, a detailed analysis of the current unemployment landscape is planned, including a thorough presentation of statistical data on unemployment rates, the precise number of unemployed individuals, the specific challenges faced by first-time job seekers, and an in-depth examination of which academic specialisations are experiencing disproportionately high unemployment rates.

Secondly, the debate will delve into the challenges faced by both existing job seekers and the long-term unemployed.



Council of Representatives braces for crucial debate

This will include an examination of the criteria used to determine eligibility for unemployment benefits, the potential for benefit cancellation, and a critical assessment of the effectiveness of existing government programmes.

Thirdly, the substantial BD200 million allocated under Royal

Decree Law No. 20 of 2023 to combat unemployment will be subject to detailed scrutiny.

The debate will discuss the specific plans and programmes designed to utilise these funds effectively and transparently, ensuring accountability and measurable outcomes.

Fourthly, the current levels

of unemployment benefits will be examined, with a particular focus on the minimum and maximum benefit amounts.

Benefits

The MPs will explore the potential for adjusting these amounts to better reflect the rising cost of living, as indicated by the consumer price index, ensuring that benefits remain adequate and supportive.

Finally, and perhaps most importantly, the debate will press the government for a clear and comprehensive articulation of its overall strategy for addressing unemployment.

The MPs will seek a detailed explanation of the government's long-term vision for tackling this critical issue and ensuring that all Bahraini citizens have access to meaningful employment opportunities.

Woman acquitted on appeal of running business without license

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The High Appeals Court has acquitted a woman of the charge of conducting business activities without the necessary license, expressing doubts about the validity of the evidence presented against her.

The court also overturned the fine previously imposed on her.

According to details provided by attorney Abdulrahman Khalifa, the Public Prosecution had accused his client of engaging in commercial activities in 2024 without obtaining the required license from the relevant authorities.

Following these allegations, the case was referred to the Criminal Court, which ruled in favour of the prosecution and imposed a fine.

Displeased with the initial verdict, the defendant decided to appeal the decision.

During the appeal proceedings, the court carefully reviewed the case documents and the evidence presented.

Khalifa submitted a memorandum arguing for his client's innocence regarding the charges.

After thorough consideration, the Appeals Court examined the facts, circumstances, and evidence surrounding the case.

Two-day global forum on restorative criminal justice inaugurated

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The Kingdom of Bahrain yesterday inaugurated a two-day international conference on restorative criminal justice, titled "Advancing Restorative Criminal Justice - Insights into Evolving Justice Management Systems".

Organised by the Public Prosecution in collaboration with the Ministry of Interior, the Arab Academy for Security Sciences (NAUSS), the Institute of Judicial and Legal Studies, and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), the conference is taking place at the Gulf Hotel in Manama.

It brings together a distinguished group of judicial, legal, and academic figures from both national and international levels.

The conference marks a significant step in Bahrain's efforts to develop its criminal justice systems.

It focuses on discussing and developing the concepts of restorative justice as innovative solutions to traditional punishment and a means of enhancing human rights.

The conference builds upon Bahrain's pioneering experience in this field, established under the leadership of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, and reflects 25 years of significant advancements in judicial and legal policies.



Dr Ali bin Fadhel Al Buainain addressing the attendees

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Lyra: Bahrain's New Culinary Jewel Unveiled on Marassi Beach

● A must-visit destination for all

● Restaurant inspired by world-famous Mediterranean cuisine

Ashen Tharaka
TDT | Manama

Among the many dining experiences Bahrain has to offer, Lyra stands out as a true celebration of culinary artistry.

Nestled along the picturesque Marassi Beach, this Mediterranean-inspired restaurant is more than just a dining venue — it's a journey that awakens your taste buds and indulges your senses.

Recently, I had the privilege of attending the exclusive launch evening of Lyra, the latest creation from the award-winning team behind Masso.

The event was a vibrant affair, complete with live music, captivating entertainment, and a striking photo booth that added to the lively atmosphere.

The night promised an unforgettable culinary adventure, and Lyra certainly delivered.

Starters That Set the Tone

The dining experience at Lyra began with an array of starters



Lyra offers an unforgettable culinary adventure. (Pictures by Anchalo Bensiger)

that highlighted the restaurant's commitment to fresh ingredients and bold, creative flavors.

The Bread Basket was a delightful assortment of homemade focaccia, pita bread, and a touch of Greek oregano, filling the air with warm, comforting aromas.

The Warm Aubergine brought a smoky and tangy profile to the table, beautifully balanced with lemon, garlic-honey dressing, and creamy tahini.

Tuna Akami, a Japanese-in-

spired dish, featured perfectly cured tuna enhanced by chili horseradish and a subtle hint of truffle.

Among these, the Charred Beetroot stood out as a favorite, with its vibrant pairing of goat cheese, oregano pesto, and honey-garlic dressing.

Each dish was not only a treat for the taste buds but also a feast for the eyes, with the Charred Beetroot leaving a particularly lasting impression.

The main courses at Lyra are

a testament to the richness of Mediterranean cuisine, reimagined with a modern twist.

The Wagyu Rib-Eye was a showstopper, cooked to perfection and complemented by truffle butter, rosemary, and a touch of smoked salt.

For a lighter yet equally satisfying option, the Roasted Vegetables offered a medley of baby potatoes and green asparagus, drizzled with butter, garlic, and lemon parsley.

The indulgent Lasagne by

Lyra combined layers of fresh pasta with rich Bolognese and truffle sauces, creating a truly comforting dish.

Seafood lovers would be delighted by the Charcoaled Citrus Sea Bass, a masterful blend of brown butter, orange, fennel, and tarragon that elevated the dish's natural flavors.

However, the Grilled Tiger Prawns stole the spotlight with their tender, juicy texture and a flavor profile enhanced by butter, chili, pars-



The restaurant's ambiance, set against the stunning backdrop of Marassi Beach, makes it ideal for family gatherings or a romantic evening out.

ley, and a refreshing squeeze of lemon.

Each bite was a harmonious blend of succulence and spice, making it an unforgettable highlight of the meal.

Decadent Desserts

To end the evening on a sweet note, Lyra served the Baklava Mille Feuille.

This dessert featured caramelized filo pastry layered with velvety vanilla blossom ice cream and rose jam — a delightful reimagining of a classic Mediterranean treat.

From sizzling charcoal grills to shareable small plates and seafood salads, Lyra reinterprets traditional Mediterranean flavors with elegance and warmth.

The restaurant's ambiance, set against the stunning backdrop of Marassi Beach, makes it ideal for family gatherings or a romantic evening out.

For those seeking an unforgettable dining experience, Lyra offers the perfect blend of vibrant flavors, sophisticated presentation, and a welcoming atmosphere.

Whether you're a food enthusiast or simply looking for a unique culinary escape, Lyra is a must-visit destination in Bahrain.

Contact Details; +973 1777 8822or reservations@lyra-restaurant.com

Riyada Business Accelerator Demo Day successful

Six Bahraini startups showcase promising tech solutions to investors and industry leaders

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The Labour Fund (Tamkeen) in partnership with Salica Investments (previously known as Hambro Perks) concluded a successful demo day event for the Riyada Business Accelerator Program in the presence of representatives and leaders from both the private and public sectors as well as international investors.

During the event, the participating founders delivered compelling pitches, showcasing the progress of their startups through the program, and highlighting the future potential to take them to the next level.

On this occasion, Her Excellency Ms. Maha Abdulhameed Mofeez, Chief Executive of The Labour Fund (Tamkeen) commended the innovative Bahraini

entrepreneurs who showcased their tech startups during the event, highlighting the importance of providing a platform such as this for startups to receive the awareness and recognition that can accelerate their growth.

She also emphasized the importance of championing entrepreneurship in Bahrain through various programs and initiatives aimed at helping startups innovate and find success, therefore creating a positive impact on the Kingdom's economy.

She added: "Supporting Bahraini entrepreneurs in utilizing advanced technologies and launching innovative solutions can foster tech adoption in the local market, therefore boosting productivity and enhancing the role of the private sector as a key engine of economic growth,



H.E. Ms. Maha Abdulhameed Mofeez with representatives and leaders from both the private and public sectors as well as international investors

which aligns perfectly with our objectives."

Job opportunities

The Riyada Business Accelerator Program contributed to the creation of 30 job opportunities through its first cohort of six

participating startups including founders, full time employees and fractional resources.

The participants successfully raised over \$225,000 in funding through investments, grants, and competitions as a result of the mentorship and guidance they

received throughout the program, which focuses on four key pillars: product development, fundraising, team development and business development.

The success of this demo day is a testament to the program's commitment to empowering en-

trepreneurs and supporting the startup ecosystem in Bahrain.

Tech startups

The program will continue to focus on supporting tech startups by providing specialized guidance, essential resources, and opportunities to expand their professional networks.

The initiative aligns with Tamkeen's strategic priorities for 2025, which focus on enhancing the position and competitiveness of Bahrainis in the private sector, equipping Bahrainis with suitable skills for career development in the private sector, and prioritizing enterprise growth, digitization, and sustainability, and supporting the development of the ecosystem surrounding the labor market and private sector.

Pearling revival

Municipal councillors push for longer licenses, lower fees and brighter future

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Municipal councillors are undertaking significant initiatives aimed at encouraging pearl fishing in Bahrain, a practice deeply rooted in the nation's heritage.

These efforts include plans to reduce the annual fees associated with pearling licenses, as well as to ease the conditions for license renewal and extend the duration of these licenses.

Recently, Mohammed Saad Al Dosari, a member of the Northern Municipal Council, submitted a proposal that has now been forwarded to the Council of Representatives for thorough consideration and discussion.

This proposal seeks to address several key aspects related to the licensing of pearling.

One of the primary recommendations within the proposal is to significantly reduce the annual fees required for renewing such licenses.

Financial burden

By lowering these fees, the councillor hopes to alleviate the financial burden on local citizens who wish to engage in this



Bahrain is easing regulations to make pearling accessible for all



The primary aim of this proposal is to lower costs for citizens and inspire fishing enthusiasts, especially young people, to engage in the traditional art of pearl diving.

traditional practice.

Additionally, the proposal suggests extending the license renewal period from the current annual requirement to every five years.

This change would not only simplify the licensing process but also provide license holders with greater stability and peace of mind.

License card

Another important element of the proposal is the idea of issuing a license card that features the name and photo of the license holder.

This card would serve as a means of identification, helping to streamline the licensing process and enhance the legitimacy

of the practice.

Moreover, the proposal advocates for a transition from the current paper-based application process to an electronic system.

Applications

By allowing applications to be submitted electronically through a digital platform managed by the relevant ministry, the proposal aims to eliminate the need for in-person attendance, making it more convenient for applicants.

The overarching goal of this proposal is to reduce costs for citizens and encourage fishing enthusiasts, particularly the youth, to participate in the traditional practice of pearl diving.

Shura backs Bahrain's membership in digital cooperation body

Mohammed Darwish

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The Shura Council gave its full backing yesterday to a law approving Bahrain's membership in the Digital Cooperation Organisation.

The decision marks a step towards enhancing Bahrain's influence in international efforts to tackle the rapid shifts in the digital world.

Bahrain played a founding role in establishing the organisation in 2020, joining forces with Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Jordan, and Pakistan to set up a platform aimed at improving cooperation in technology.

Since then, the organisation has grown to 16 member states, including Greece, Nigeria, and Morocco, and has attracted 39 observers from the private sector and global institutions, including the United Nations.

Investments

Speaking at the session, H.E. Shaikh Dr Abdullah bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, Minister of Transportation and Telecommunications, praised Bahrain's leadership in the field, pointing to substantial investments in telecommunications and IT infrastructure.

"Bahrain has firmly established itself as a leader in this



"This organisation offers Bahrain a chance to cement its standing on the global stage while showcasing its achievements in digital advancement."

- H.E. SHAIKH DR ABDULLAH BIN AHMED AL KHALIFA, MINISTER OF TRANSPORTATION AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

sector," he said, adding that membership in the organisation would enable Bahrain to exchange expertise and keep pace with legal and technological changes.

The minister also confirmed that Bahrain chaired the organisation in 2023 and remains deeply committed to its aims.

Bill aims to shorten rehabilitation period

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MP Jala Kadhem has introduced a legislative proposal aimed at reducing the rehabilitation period for offenders, allowing for a three-month period for felonies and one month for misdemeanors.

According to the proposal, Article 391 of Decree Law No. 46 of 2002 regarding criminal procedures will be amended to reflect these changes.

The proposed text states that for rehabilitation, the following conditions must be met: The sentence must have been fully served, or a pardon must have



MP Jala Kadhem

been granted, or the sentence must have lapsed due to the passage of time.

Additionally, a period of three months must have elapsed from the completion of the sentence or issuance of the pardon for felony convictions, and one

month for misdemeanor convictions.

In his explanatory memorandum, Kadhem stated, "We present this proposal in line with the paternal approach demonstrated by His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa regarding the reintegration of those who have served their sentences or received a pardon into society.

"This initiative aims to expand the application of alternative penalties and measures as per Law No. 18 of 2017, and aligns with contemporary criminal policies focused on reintegrating offenders.

Heartwarming celebration of faith and tradition

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The Filipino Catholic Community in Bahrain, more popularly known as Katolikong Pinoy sa Bahrain, celebrated the feast of Sto. Niño at Sacred Heart Church in Manama last January 24, 2025.

An estimated 2,000 parishioners attended that highlighted both faith and cultural heritage.

It was spearheaded by the Spiritual Director Rev. Fr. Anthony Almazan, OFM Cap., together with its Coordinator Bro. Ulysses Dela Cruz.

The Sto. Niño Festival started with a solemn mass entrance



Highlighting Filipinos' faith and cultural heritage

procession, putting the event in a spiritually significant perspective at the Sacred Heart Church.

Leading in the procession was the Singles for Christ accompanied by the lively sounds

of Ati-Atihan music that filled the air with joy and reverence.

This was followed by children carrying their Santo Niño statues with the current and former Hermanas/Hermanos and parishioners.

Al Baraka Group honours long-serving employees

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Al Baraka Group held a ceremony to honor employees who have dedicated many years of service to the Group. The event took place at the Group's Headquarters in Bahrain Bay.

The Group Chief Executive Officer (GCEO), Houssein Ben Haj Amor, presented the honors to these employees, with several members of the executive management attending the event.

In his speech, the GCEO expressed his pride and appreciation for the honored employees who have been part of the Group's journey of growth and prosperity, contributing with dedication and loyalty to the Group's success.

He added, "This recognition reflects our commitment to investing in our human resources,



Al Baraka Group's long-serving employees pose for a photo

which we consider the cornerstone of our success story"

The GCEO concluded his

remarks by wishing all the honored employees and the Group's employees a new year

filled with achievements and success, both personally and professionally.

BisB partners with Eskan Bank to bring exclusive Tas'heel Aqari financing rates

● The partnership offers special rates and flexible options

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Bahrain Islamic Bank (BisB), the leading provider of innovative Islamic financial solutions for simplifying money matters in the Kingdom of Bahrain, has partnered with Eskan Bank to bring unparalleled property financing solutions to citizens eligible for the Tas'heel Aqari programme.

The collaboration aims to make property acquisition more accessible by offering special rates and flexible finance options for customers looking to purchase land, ready flats and villas, or construct homes on owned plots.

The partnership also features an exclusive offer for the first 10 customers who apply for



Faisal Al Abdulla, Acting Head of Branches and Sales at BisB

Tas'heel Aqari through Eskan Bank's Bayti app. The first applicant will receive 100,000 points on their BisB Credit Card, while the remaining nine will obtain 10,000 points each. In addition, all 10 applicants will benefit from a no-installment period for the first six months, followed by a profit-free term for the subsequent six months.

Faisal Al Abdulla, Acting

Head of Branches and Sales at BisB stated: "We are delighted to join forces with Eskan Bank for an initiative that empowers Bahrainis to turn their real estate ownership aspirations into a reality. Our competitive rates offer reliable financial support while maintaining some of the lowest commitment costs in the market. With the option to choose from ready properties,

land purchases and construction their own land, the financing programme marks a significant step in making diverse accommodation goals achievable for our clientele."

This joint effort reflects a mutual dedication from both institutions to provide streamlined, affordable, and tailored financing solutions that support the Ministry of Housing & Urban Planning's mission to ensure high-quality, safe and sustainable living for Bahrainis.

BisB continues its efforts to introduce initiatives that serve all key sectors in the Kingdom, as part of its ongoing commitment to social responsibility. The Bank is also committed to strengthening its partnerships with official entities and various private sector organizations in the implementation of projects and initiatives aimed at improving citizens' lives in the Kingdom and in achieving their objectives.

UK 'happy' to look at joining EU-Med trade pact: finance minister

AFP | London

Finance minister Rachel Reeves said yesterday the UK government is "happy" to consider joining a pan-European and North African customs scheme, as part of its much-touted reset of EU ties.

Her comments follow the European Union's trade commissioner Maros Sefcovic telling the BBC earlier this week that Brussels "could consider" admitting the UK to the Pan-Euro-Mediterranean Convention (PEM).

The arrangement allows for tariff-free trade of some goods across Europe and North Africa and is separate from the EU customs union, which the UK left in 2020 as part of its Brexit divorce.

The new Labour government -- which took power last July -- has ruled out rejoining the EU's single market or customs union and sent mixed messages in response to Sefcovic's apparent invitation.

Two ministers said Thursday that London was not currently seeking to join the PEM, while Prime Minister Keir Starmer's spokesman refused to commit either way.

However, in an interview with Sky News on Sunday, Reeves suggested the government was open to exploring the option.

"It was really interesting to see Maros Sefcovic this week suggest the UK might be welcome in that pan-European and Mediterranean customs framework," she said.



Rachel Reeves



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RACHEL REEVES

"We are absolutely happy to look at these different proposals because we know that the deal that the previous government secured is not working well enough."

Referring to the previous Conservative administration which delivered Brexit, Reeves added: "We're grown-ups who admit that, whereas the previous government said there were no problems at all.

"And where there are constructive ideas we are happy to look at those, as long as they're consistent with the red lines we set out in our manifesto."

Elton John, Paul McCartney warn UK govt over AI copyright threat

AFP | London

Two of Britain's leading music icons, Elton John and Paul McCartney, urged the UK government yesterday to protect creative artists from AI, as ministers consult on changing copyright laws.

Prime Minister Keir Starmer's government is considering overhauling the law to allow AI developers to use creators' content online to help develop their models, unless rights holders opt out.

The mooted changes could see technology companies

permitted to use material that is available online without respecting copyright if they are using it for text or data mining.

But critics, including pop music legends John and McCartney, question how artists will opt out from all of the many different AI firms' generative programmes or monitor what has happened to their work online.

The "wheels are in motion to allow AI companies to ride roughshod over the traditional copyright laws that protect artists' livelihoods," John told The Sunday Times.

AlHelli Supermarket expands to Seef Mall - Muharraq

● The supermarket will be 3,834 sqm

TDT | Manama

Seef Properties signed a lease agreement with Mirza AlHelli and Sons to open a new branch of AlHelli Supermarket at Seef Mall - Muharraq. The agreement was signed by Seef Properties Chief Executive Officer, Ahmed Yusuf, and AlHelli Chief Executive Officer, Shaker AlHelli.

Al Helli's flagship venture, the 3,834 sqm supermarket will be located on the first floor of Seef Mall - Muharraq.

It will showcase a modern design with sleek aisles, offering a



Seef Properties CEO Ahmed Yusuf and AlHelli CEO Shaker AlHelli sign the agreement

wide variety of products ranging from fresh produce to house-

hold essentials, in addition to a selection of organic and local

products for a seamless shopping experience.

Opened in 2015, Seef Mall - Muharraq serves as a shopping and entertainment hub, offering a strategic location near the waterfront and Arad Fort, along with a curated selection of reputable brands and diverse dining experiences.

Seef Properties Chief Executive Officer, Ahmed Yusuf said: "This agreement is in line with our commitment to fostering commercial activity as we continue to play an active role in advancing economic development and enhancing Bahrain's retail sector. We aim to enrich shoppers' experiences by offering a comprehensive destination that combines convenience with excellence, reflecting our



Opened in 2015, Seef Mall - Muharraq is known for its unique waterfront location and proximity to Arad Fort

dedication to offering quality shopping options that support local brands and catering to the aspirations and preferences of our visitors."

AlHelli Chief Executive Of-

ficer, Shaker AlHelli, said: "We are happy to announce that a new branch of Al Helli Supermarket branch will open soon at Seef Mall - Muharraq. We look forward to serving the local community with a wide range of high-quality products. Our new branch will be a valuable addition to the mall's waterfront location, offering a comprehensive shopping experience that lives up to the trust of our customers."

Founded in 1975, AlHelli Supermarket has transformed from a small local store into one of the fastest-growing retail businesses in Bahrain. The opening of this latest branch expands its network to a total of 14 locations, serving customers throughout the Kingdom.

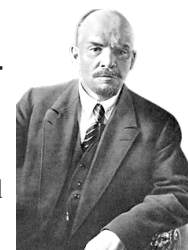
QUOTE OF THE DAY
HAPPINESS AND MORAL DUTY ARE INSEPARABLY CONNECTED
 GEORGE WASHINGTON

TODAY IN HISTORY

1820
 Russian Antarctic expedition led by Fabian Gottlieb von Bellingshausen and Mikhail Lazarev discover the continent of Antarctica

1825
 US President James Monroe urges Congress to approve creation of Indian Territory, west of the Mississippi River, for the relocation of Eastern Indian tribes

1924
 Vladimir Lenin is placed in a Mausoleum in Red Square, Moscow



1944
 Siege of Leningrad lifted by the Soviets after 880 days and more than 2 million Russians killed

News in brief

NKorea test-fires sea-to-surface strategic cruise missile: KCNA

North Korea has test-fired sea-to-surface strategic guided cruise missiles, state news agency KCNA reported yesterday, adding that the weapons "precisely" hit their targets. "The war deterrence means of the armed forces of the DPRK are being perfected more thoroughly", North Korean leader Kim Jong Un said as he oversaw Saturday's test, the agency reported. The missiles hit their marks after travelling along the 1,500-kilometre (930-mile) elliptical and figure-eight orbits, the report said, adding that there was "no negative impact on the security of neighbouring countries".

Tens of thousands of Australians protested over the treatment of Indigenous people yesterday as the country celebrated a national holiday marking the 1788 arrival of British colonisers.

Crowds rallied in Sydney, Melbourne and other cities on Australia Day, decriing the high incarceration rates, poor health and historic persecution of the continent's first inhabitants, whose ancestry stretches back 60,000 years. The January 26 national day commemorates the arrival of a British fleet in Sydney Harbour to establish a penal colony.

Latest Nigeria petrol tanker accident kills 18

Eighteen people were killed in a truck accident in south-eastern Nigeria, authorities said yesterday, a week after a petrol tanker explosion left at least 98 dead. "A total of 31 people were involved in the crash, said the FRSC road safety authority following the accident near the town of Enugu. "Ten were rescued with different degrees of injuries while three got rescued unharmed." The FRSC said that those killed had been burnt "beyond recognition".

CURIOSER & CURIOSER

CIA says Covid 'more likely' to have leaked from lab



The Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) seal is displayed in the lobby of CIA Headquarters in Langley, Virginia
 AFP | Washington

The Central Intelligence Agency has shifted its official stance on the origin of Covid-19, saying Saturday that the virus was "more likely" leaked from a Chinese lab than transmitted by animals.

The new assessment came after John Ratcliffe was confirmed Thursday as the CIA director under the second White House administration of Donald Trump.

Ratcliffe, who served as the director of national intelligence from 2020-2021 during Trump's first term, said in an interview published Friday that a "day-one" priority would be making an assessment on Covid's origins.

"The agency is going to get off the sidelines," Ratcliffe -- who believes Covid-19 leaked from the Wuhan Institute of Virology -- told right-wing outlet Breitbart. "CIA assesses with low confidence that a research-related origin of the COVID-19 pandemic is more likely than a natural origin based on the available body of reporting," a CIA spokesperson said in a statement Saturday.

India shows military might at Republic Day parade

Indonesian President Prabowo attends parade, boosting India-Indonesia ties with defence, tech agreements

Grand parade was held at Kartavya Path

The parade featured military hardware and cultural performances

TDT | Agencies

India marked its 76th Republic Day yesterday with a grand military parade, a vibrant display of cultural heritage, and a dazzling musical performance at Kartavya Path. The 90-minute celebration showcased India's military might, cultural diversity, and artistic traditions, featuring fighter jets, transport aircraft, armored vehicles, missile systems, mounted soldiers, and performances by 5,300 artists.

President Droupadi Murmu and this year's chief guest, Indonesian President Prabowo Subianto, arrived in a horse-drawn carriage to the sounds of a 21-gun salute fired by the army's 172 Field Regiment using indigenous 105mm light field guns. Earlier, Prime Minister Narendra Modi led the nation in paying tribute to fallen soldiers at the National War Memorial. The parade commenced with a performance by 300 artists playing traditional Indian martial musical instruments, followed by a shower of flower petals dropped from Mi-17-IV helicopters.

Key highlights included a 160-member Indonesian military marching contingent and a 190-member band from Indonesia, the debut of the indigenous Pralay surface-to-surface missile (with a range of up to 500 km), the new locally developed Sanjay integrated battlefield surveillance system, a tri-services tableau emphasizing jointness, and a performance by 5,000 folk and tribal artists focusing on youth power, women's empowerment, and artistic heritage.



India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi (C) waves towards the public

Modi hails India's progress and rise as global power

Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed the nation on the country's 76th Republic Day, highlighting India's growing influence on the world stage. Modi emphasized the country's unique strengths, including its demographic dividend, democratic values, and diversity.

The prime minister paid tribute to India's freedom fighters and acknowledged the country's progress in various fields, including technology, healthcare, and education. He also highlighted the government's efforts to promote cooperation and prosperity, citing the creation of new industries focused on skills, water resources, and traditional medicine. Modi noted that India has risen to become the world's fifth-largest economy, up from 10th place in 2014. He attributed this success to the government's efforts to stop leakages, create a strong

YOU KNOW WHAT

Indonesia was India's first Republic Day guest in 1950. The tradition was honored again in 2025 with President Subianto's presence



An Indian army stunt team performs during the parade

May this occasion strengthen our efforts towards preserving the ideals of our Constitution and working towards a stronger and prosperous India

NARENDRA MODI

The parade, commanded by Lieutenant General Bhavnish Kumar, General Officer Command-

ing, Headquarters Delhi Area, comprised 18 marching contingents, 15 bands, and 31 tableaux representing various states, union territories, ministries, and armed forces. General Kumar's son Lieutenant Ahaan Kumar was also in action commanding the mounted column of the 61 Cavalry. Prime Minister Modi hailed the parade on X (formerly Twitter) as "a vibrant display of India's unity in diversity," showcasing both cultural heritage and military prowess. The military hardware on display included T-90 tanks, BMP-II



Contingents from India's National Cadet Corps take part in the parade



Indian Army T-90 Bhisma tanks take part country's 76th Republic Day parade

Philippines. The flypast featured 40 aircraft, including Rafale, Sukhoi-30, and Jaguar fighter jets, C-130J aircraft, Apache attack helicopters, and Dornier-228 maritime surveillance planes.

India's Mazagon Dock, Germany's TKMS win mega submarine deal

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India's state-run Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL) and Germany's ThyssenKrupp Marine Systems (TKMS) have been selected as the winners of the Indian Navy's multi-billion dollar contract to build six new conventional submarines equipped with advanced stealth technology.



The Indian Navy's "Vaghsheer" gets ready for sea trials ahead of its launch ceremony at the Mazagon Dock Shipyard in Mumbai

The bid submitted by Indian private firm Larsen and Toubro (L&T) in partnership with Spanish firm Navantia was unsuccessful, failing to meet the technical requirements for a proven air independent propulsion (AIP) system, a crucial component of the Project 75 India (P75I) submarine program. Reports from April last year had already indicated TKMS as the likely frontrunner, following a field evaluation of their AIP system by an Indian Navy team in

This process, however, will forge a standard price discovery mechanism for the project. The first submarine under P75I is projected to be delivered seven years after the contract is signed, meaning the earliest possible delivery would be 2032.

The Indian Navy's field evaluation trial (FET) report, submitted to the defence ministry late last year, concluded that the TKMS submarine met the required technical standards.

While L&T and the Spanish government contended that their bid also met the criteria, a three-member technical oversight committee, constituted by the defence ministry and comprising a Rear Admiral, an Air Commodore, and a Brigadier, confirmed that due process had been followed and ultimately upheld the decision that the L&T-Navantia bid did not meet the necessary technical requirements.

The P75I project aims to procure six new conventional diesel-electric submarines with AIP technology, enabling them to operate underwater for extended periods—at least two weeks—without the need to surface for battery recharging every few days.

During the field evaluations, neither Germany nor Spain could present a fully operational AIP system meeting the exact size and capacity specified by the Indian Navy in its request for proposal.

However, TKMS presented a proven AIP system already integrated into over 60 Type 214 submarines, although its size and capacity were smaller than the Indian Navy's needs. Due to its proven track record, TKMS only needs to scale up the existing system to meet the Indian Navy's requirement for a 3,000-tonne displacement submarine, compared to the 2,100-tonne displacement of the Type 214.

Trump floats plan to 'just clean out' Gaza

AFP | Washington

US President Donald Trump floated a plan Saturday to "just clean out" Gaza, and said he wants Egypt and Jordan to take Palestinians from the territory in a bid to create a Middle East peace.



US President Donald Trump

Describing Gaza as a "demolition site" after the Israel-Hamas war, Trump said he had spoken to Jordan's King Abdullah II about the issue and expected to talk to Egyptian President Abdel Fattah el-Sisi yesterday. "I'd like Egypt to take people. And I'd like Jordan to take people," Trump told reporters after an Air Force One. "You're talking about probably a million and half people, and we just clean out that whole thing. You know, over the centuries it's had many, many conflicts that side. And I don't know, something has to happen."

right now, almost everything is demolished and people are dying there," added Trump. "So I'd rather get involved with some of the Arab nations and build housing at a different location where they can maybe live in peace for a change."

A fragile truce and hostage release deal between Israel and Hamas -- which was signed on the last day of former US president Joe Biden's administration but which Trump has claimed credit for -- has entered its second week. Trump's new administration has promised "unwavering support" for Israel, without yet laying out details of its Middle East policy. Trump confirmed on Saturday that he had ordered the Pentagon to release a shipment of 2,000-lb bombs for Israel which was blocked by his predecessor Biden. "It's literally a demolition site

Lukashenko set to extend three-decade rule in Belarus

AFP | Minsk

Belarus autocrat Alexander Lukashenko said yesterday that his jailed opponents had "opened their mouths too widely" as he voted in an election set to extend his three-decade rule in the Moscow-allied state.

Lukashenko -- a 70-year-old former collective farm boss -- has been in power in reclusive, Moscow-allied Belarus since 1994. Candidates picked to run against Lukashenko had campaigned in favour of him.

TOP 4 TWEETS

01

This year, renewables are projected to become the world's largest source of electricity generation. Meanwhile, their prices keep plummeting. This International Day of Clean Energy, let's commit to an era of clean energy with speed, justice & collaboration.
 @antonioguterres

02

THE GOLDEN AGE OF AMERICA BEGINS RIGHT NOW!
 @realDonaldTrump

03

There is massive fraud in the federal entitlements programs. Worse than you could possibly imagine.
 @elonmusk

04

My thoughts are with those affected by Storm Eowyn. Thank you to emergency responders for keeping communities safe. I've spoken with @ScotGovFM, @Moneillf and @LittlePengelly, engineers have been dispatched and we will continue to work together to support recovery efforts.
 @Keir_Starmer

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celebs

Lili Reinhart 'searching for answers' as she battles mystery illness

Bang Showbiz | Los Angeles

Lili Reinhart has been "searching for answers" as she battles a mystery illness which made 2024 the "hardest year" of her life.

The 'Riverdale' star 28, has been suffering symptoms including fatigue and hair loss as well as issues similar to a urinary tract infection (UTI) which landed her in hospital in Germany last summer - and she's since been diagnosed with interstitial cystitis - a chronic bladder condition - but she's still no closer to finding out whether she might have an autoimmune disorder too.

In a post on Instagram, she posted a picture of herself at a hospital in Germany at 5am with the words: "Day three in Germany: 5am at the German hospital. Possible bladder/UTI infection."

Lili went on to add: "I feel it's important to show an honest glimpse at what last year was like for me,

when dealing with my health issues ...

"Being diagnosed with interstitial cystitis while simultaneously searching for answers about a mysterious autoimmunity/inflammatory disease made 2024 the hardest year of my life."

The TV star went on to reveal she was inspired to talk about her health issues publicly following the death of her beloved grandmother Corine, who was diagnosed with cancer six months after she first went to a doctor with symptoms.

She added: "I was inspired to talk about this after my grandmother was ignored by doctors for months when exhibiting clear symptoms of cancer - and it was only after her own strength and advocacy for herself that she was given a blood test that diagnosed her.

"And by then, the cancer had spread. The most important thing I have taken away from this experience is the absolute need to advocate for your own health. Do not let a doctor gaslight you or diminish your pain. I hope the men and women out there struggling to find answers feel even the slightest bit seen by my experience."

Lili also opened



Lili Reinhart

Miley Cyrus 'doesn't want to be part of a family feud', says insider

Bang Showbiz | Los Angeles

Miley Cyrus "doesn't want" to be part of a family feud.

The 32-year-old pop superstar is thought to have become somewhat estranged from her father Billy Ray Cyrus, 63, in recent years after he divorced her mother Tish before tying the knot with singer Fierrose, 36, in a short-lived marriage but now insiders have claimed that she and her siblings are not finding any "enjoyment" in the apparent rift.

The source told People: "Miley and Noah and Braison and Tish, they don't want to be this Cyrus family feud. This is not enjoyable for them."

Despite this, another source claimed that Miley - who shot

Trace Cyrus posted on Instagram that he and his siblings are "genuinely worried" about their father Billy Ray, saying he's pushed them away

to fame as a teenager when she took on the title role of the Disney Channel series 'Hannah Montana' and starred in the sitcom alongside her father - has "no interest" in repairing her relationship with the 'Achy Breaky Heart' hitmaker.

The insider explained to PageSix that Miley hasn't spoken to Billy Ray "for a long time" and that her younger sister Noah is "also concerned" about

the situation.

The claims come just days after Trace, 35, took to social media to explain that he "barely recognizes" his father now and that he and his siblings are all "genuinely worried" about him.

He wrote on Instagram: "Since my earliest memories all I can remember is being obsessed with you and thinking you were the coolest person ever."

"I wanted to be just like you. The day you adopted me was the hap-

Miley Cyrus



piest day of my life.

"Sadly the man that I wanted so desperately to be just like I barely recognize now. It seems this world has beaten you down and it's become obvious to everyone but you."

"You may be upset with me for posting this but I really could care less at this point. Me and the girls have been genuinely worried about you for years but you've pushed all of us away."

Hugh Grant gave whole family 'worms' after a cooking mishap

Bang Showbiz | Los Angeles

Hugh Grant gave his family "worms" after undercooking a chicken.

The 'Heretic' actor joked he recently "started cooking for the first time" in his life, and he "can't stop barbecuing" as he embraces his newfound passion.

Speaking to 'Bridget Jones' co-



Hugh Grant

star Renee Zellweger for British Vogue magazine, he said: "I can't stop barbecuing. Can't stop buying barbecue equipment. And now that it's winter, I've moved indoors and I can't stop buying Le Creuset."

However, when Renee insisted "it's beautiful stuff", the 64-year-old star admitted things haven't entirely gone to plan.

He deadpanned: "I've poisoned my family twice, given them worms."

He explained: "Undercooked chicken. Twice. It was dark, you see. It was on the barbecue and I stuck my Heston Blumenthal prod into it."

"I couldn't quite read it. So I served it out - worms all round. And the children now beg me not to cook."

Renee asked how he didn't realise, but he quickly moved the conversation on.

Hugh recently became emotional as he discussed the joy he gets from parenting his five children - son John Mungo, 12, and daughters Lulu, eight, and Blue, six, who he has with wife Anna Eberstein as well as daughter Tabitha Xiao Xi, 13, and son Felix Chang Hong, 11,

from his relationship with former partner Tinglan Hong - even though it can be chaotic at times.



Robert Pattinson

Robert Pattinson hits out at claim 'Twilight' series damaged vampire genre

Bang Showbiz | Los Angeles

Robert Pattinson has responded to long-standing criticism from horror film fans who are convinced the 'Twilight' series damaged the vampire genre.

The 38-year-old actor found global fame playing Edward Cullen, the brooding vampire protagonist of the 'Twilight' films alongside Kristen Stewart, who played Bella Swan in the movies.

He has now told GQ Spain about how he doesn't believe claims the series damaged the bloodsucking horror genre: "I love that people keep telling me, 'Man, 'Twilight' ruined the vampire genre.'"

"Are you still stuck on that s***?"

How can you be sad about something that happened almost 20 years ago? It's crazy."

The first 'Twilight' film in the franchise debuted in 2008, marking the start of a cultural phenomenon.

Over the years, Robert has frequently reflected on the impact of the series and the polarising responses it elicited from audiences.

In a 2019 interview with Variety,

he commented on how divisive the films were.

He said: "The people who don't like it are generally people who haven't seen it, and they're like all judgmental and stuff, and cynical people."

"But I think I am a judgmental and cynical person who would just mindlessly hate it without ever having seen anything."

He also admitted to finding the

series' storyline unusual, adding: "I mean, it's a weird story, 'Twilight'."

"It's strange how people responded. They are very romantic, but at the same time, it's not like 'The Notebook' romantic."

"The Notebook' is very, very sweet and heartbreaking and stuff. 'Twilight' is about this guy who finds the one girl he wants to be with, and also wants to eat her. Well not eat her, drink her blood, whatever."

Recalling his experience during the making of the first 'Twilight' film, Robert told GQ he had approached it with a serious attitude, aiming to make it "as arty as possible".

But this approach clashed with the studio's vision for the movies.

He added: "My team sat me down and said, 'Okay, so whatever you're doing right now, after lunch just do the opposite, or you'll be fired by the end of the day.'"

"And I was like, 'Okay.' And so that was the only thing that got me to sort of smile a little bit."

"I love that people keep telling me, 'Man, 'Twilight' ruined the vampire genre.' Are you still stuck on that? How can you be sad about something that happened almost 20 years ago? It's crazy"

ROBERT PATTINSON

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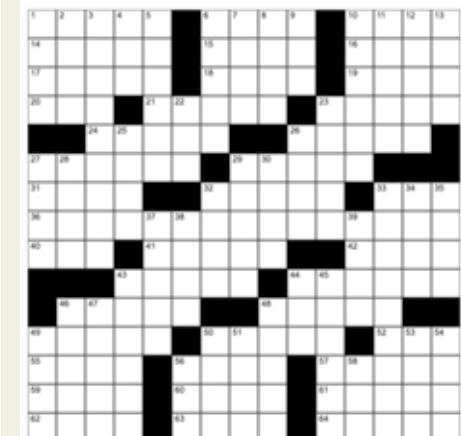
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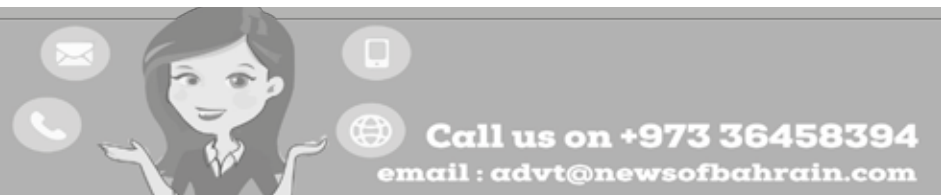
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Karters put on a show in Rotax MAX round six

● **Tariq Soofi, Shaikh Ahmed bin Saqer Al Khalifa, Nasser Nass, Gracie Rose Grantham, Oliver Kruglov, and Mohamed Almahroos amongst the winners over the weekend at BKIC**

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Bahrain International Karting Circuit (BIKC), the world-class grassroots racing facility at 'The Home of Motorsport in the Middle East', hosted another action-packed round in the 2024/2025 Bahrain Rotax MAX Challenge (BRMC), held over the weekend in Sakhir.

The Kingdom's top karters put on a show in the sixth of eight meetings this season, with plenty of excitement in each of the BRMC's various competition categories.

Taking victories were Tariq Soofi in the Micro MAX class, Shaikh Ahmed bin Saqer Al Khalifa in the Mini MAX, Nasser Nass in the Junior MAX, Gracie Rose Grantham in the Senior MAX, Oliver Kruglov in the DD2 MAX, and Mohamed Almahroos in the DD2 MAX Masters.

All the action took place along BIKC's 1.414-kilometre CIK-FIA track.

Young Tariq Soofi needed to overcome a tough fight from his fellow-competitors en route to securing his victory in the Micro MAX category.

He set the pace in free practice but then Rashid Almahroos



Winners celebrate on the podium

captured pole position in qualifying. Rashid went on to win the pre-final ahead of Abdulaziz Alsarraf, but in the nine-lap final, it was Tariq's time to shine. He took the lead on lap two and held on all the way to the chequered flag, winning in a total time of nine minutes 15.385 seconds – just 0.146 seconds ahead of Rashid in the runner-up spot. Abdulaziz completed the podium placers in third.

In the Mini MAX class, Shaikh Ahmed bin Saqer Al Khalifa topped the times in free practice but Leonard Bossi pipped him by nine-hundredths of a second for pole in qualifying.

But Shaikh Ahmed went back to first place in the pre-final and he maintained his impressive form in the nine-lap final, staying off a late challenge by Jude Andrews to win in 8:49.348. Jude crossed the finish line behind Shaikh Ahmed, but following a 10-second time penalty, dropped down the order. Austin Gray was thus promoted to second on the classification 0.524s behind the victor. Leonard came third 2.572s back.



Action from a race



The Bahrain Rotax MAX Challenge features eight meetings, with the next round scheduled for February 8 and the championship finale on February 21

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In the Junior MAX class, Nasser Nass continued his season-long dominance but needed to battle hard at the beginning. He was pipped by nine-thousandths of a second to the top of the timesheet by Khaled Najjar in qualifying, Demir Abali took pole.

But Nasser was not to be denied in the pre-final, taking the victory and then masterfully holding on to first place in the 15-lap final. He won in 13:50.958, fighting off the other competitors to finish 3.476s ahead of Shaheen Shaheen in second. Demir came third 4.870s off the pace.

The Senior MAX category featured the largest grid of the round with 13 karters vying for glory. Tye Mejia was the early aggressor, setting the pace in free practice before Musaad Albassam outgunned him by five-hundredths of a second to take pole in qualifying.

Vedant Menon was then the winner of the pre-final ahead of Mejia, but then in the final, Gracie Rose Grantham showed her class and emerged triumphant after a heated duel with Mejia on the last few laps. The pair exchanged the lead multiple times until Grantham took the chequered flag with a narrow 0.137s gap. She had a total winning time of 13:30.270, with Mejia right behind. Menon completed the podium 6.394s back in third.

In the DD2 MAX class, Abdulla Sajjad swept the first three sessions including free practice, qualifying, and the pre-final, but in the pre-final, Oliver Kruglov dramatically swooped in for the victory on the 15th and final lap. He won by 0.116s with a total time of 13:25.605. Joining him and Sajjad on the podium was Raoul Sadi, who finished 0.726s adrift.

In the DD2 MAX Masters, Mohamed Almahroos got the better of Khalifa Delaim in all four outings. Almahroos won the 15-lap final in 13:28.549, with Delaim unable to finish.

Following all the action, the winners and other podium placers were presented their trophies by officials from Bahrain International Circuit (BIC), BIKC, the Bahrain Motor Federation (BMF), and the Bahrain Karting Commission (BKC).

The BRMC is organised by BIC and BIKC in cooperation with the BMF and BKC.

The season is now headed for its final two meetings. The series' seventh and penultimate round will take place on 8 February, after which the championship finale will be held on 21 February.

BRAVE Combat Federation announces first four events for 2025

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After a historic 2024, the almost global MMA organization in the world, BRAVE Combat Federation, has announced the first four events for 2025.

BRAVE CF will kick off the action in 2025 with BRAVE CF 93, scheduled to take place in China on April 18. The event will mark BRAVE Combat Federation's return to China after its debut event, BRAVE CF 84, in 2024.

In May, BRAVE CF will head to Switzerland for BRAVE CF 94. Scheduled for May 17 in Geneva, the event will mark BRAVE CF's debut in Switzerland, making it the 17th host nation in Europe and further extending BRAVE CF's world record as the most hosted MMA organization in Europe.

| Event | Date | Location |
|-------------|------------------------|--------------------|
| BRAVE CF 93 | APRIL 18 TH | ZHENGZHOU CHINA |
| BRAVE CF 94 | MAY 17 TH | GENEVA SWITZERLAND |
| BRAVE CF 95 | JUNE 7 TH | LJUBLJANA SLOVENIA |
| BRAVE CF 96 | JULY 12 TH | BURGAS BULGARIA |

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BRAVE CF has previously hosted events in Northern Ireland, England, Romania, Slovenia, Sweden, Russia, Belarus, Ita-

ly, Poland, Serbia, Germany, France, Spain, the Netherlands, Bulgaria, and Austria. Switzerland will now join this list.

BRAVE Combat Federation will then return to Slovenia for BRAVE CF 95 on June 7 and a month later, in July, the organization will land in Bulgaria for BRAVE CF 96.

The event in Slovenia follows two record-breaking outings in the country in 2024, the latter of which saw the crowning of two new world champions. Meanwhile, BRAVE CF 96 in Bulgaria will mark the organization's second event in the country on July 12, following its debut in 2024.

More events are expected to be added to the list in the coming months as BRAVE Combat Federation continues its historic expansion across the globe.

Sinner retains Australian Open title

Italian star beats Zverev to claim third Grand Slam, extends incredible 21-match streak

● Sinner won the match 6-3, 7-6, 6-3

● Zverev falls in his third major final

AFP | Melbourne

A clinical Jannik Sinner “emptied the tank” to sweep past Alexander Zverev and retain his Australian Open title yesterday, cementing his status as the world’s dominant player in men’s tennis.

The 23-year-old Italian came through a tense final between the two highest-ranked players 6-3, 7-6 (7/4), 6-3 on Rod Laver Arena, raising his arms in the air and looking to the sky in celebration.

In doing so he became the first Italian, man or woman, to win three Grand Slams, surpassing Nicola Pietrangeli.

The emphatic victory also thrust him alongside Andre Agassi, Roger Federer and Novak Djokovic as the only men to successfully defend their Melbourne Park titles this century.

Sinner, who has a doping case hanging over his head, said he was fired up coming into the match despite his calm exterior.

“In your mind there is only one match left. You want to empty your tank a little bit. That was what I was trying to do,” he said.

“It is definitely a different feeling for sure,” he added of winning a second Melbourne crown.

“I know how much work I put into this one and having this one twice it’s amazing.”

The win proved more misery for Germany’s Zverev, who remains one of the world’s best players never to taste Grand Slam glory, falling short once again in his third big final.

“It sucks standing here next to this thing (trophy) and not being able to touch it, I’ll be honest,” said the 27-year-old.

“But congratulations to Jannik. You more than deserve it. You’re the best player in the world by far. I was hoping that I could be more competitive today, but you’re just too good. It’s as simple as

that.”

Ice-cool Sinner proved to be a tower of mental strength again in Australia, with his defence coming against the backdrop of an ongoing doping case af-

ter he twice tested positive for traces of the steroid clostebol last year.

The World Anti-Doping Agency appealed against his exoneration and is seeking a ban of up to two years. He denies knowingly doping.

A hearing is scheduled at the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) for April.

He cast all the worries aside to notch a 19th career title and extend his incredible winning streak to 21 matches, sharing words of consolation with Zverev.

“A tough day for you. You’re an amazing player. Keep believing in yourself because I think we, all the players and the coaches, whoever is involved in the sport, know how strong you are, not only as a player, but also as a person.

“So keep it up. Keep working hard because we all believe that you can lift one of these very, very soon.”

Racing clear

Last year Sinner needed five

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sets to tame Daniil Medvedev and win his first Grand Slam, but it never looked like going the distance this time.

The US Open champion opened with a statement ace and won his first two service games to love, with Zverev struggling to get himself into the contest.

The German began to find his radar, taking four points off one Sinner serve in a game that went to deuce twice as the rallies built.

But the dam burst in the eighth game.

Zverev saved three break points but had no answer to a fourth when he was beaten by a blazing passing shot to slump 5-3 behind.

Sinner took the set in 46 minutes and kept the pressure on in the second.

The Italian has a phenomenal ability to turn recovery shots

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into momentum-changing ones and he raced 15-40 clear on the Zverev serve at 1-1.

Once more, the second seed dug deep to cling on.

From then on they couldn’t be separated and it went to a tie-break where Sinner got a lucky net cord that dribbled over to break for 5-4 and he streaked to a two-set lead.

Zverev smashed his racquet in frustration at the changeover and it didn’t get any better in the third set, worn down by the relentless Italian.

Sinner broke for 4-2 when Zverev sent a forehand long and there was no way back for the increasingly disillusioned German.

Bahrain Gears Up for 2025 Asian Youth Games



HH Shaikh Khalid and other dignitaries at the launch event of the 3rd Asian Youth Games logo on Sunday evening.

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In a grand press conference held yesterday at The Ritz-Carlton, Bahrain, His Highness Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa, First Deputy Chairman of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports (SCYS), President of the General Sports Authority (GSA), and President of the Bahrain Olympic Committee (BOC), officially announced Bahrain’s plans for the 3rd Asian Youth Games, scheduled to take place from October 22 to 31, 2025.

Speaking alongside His Highness was Faris Al Kooheji, Secretary General of the Bahrain Olympic Committee, who provided an overview of the event, stating, “We’re expecting 45 countries to compete in the 3rd Asian Youth Games – Bahrain 2025. With 21 sports, encompassing 26 disciplines and 207 events, this will be a spectacle of youth talent across Asia.”

His Highness Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa expressed



HH Shaikh Khalid addressing the event held on Sunday evening.

immense pride in Bahrain’s role as host for this prestigious event. “The 3rd Asian Youth Games is a testament to Bahrain’s rising stature in the world of sports,” he remarked. “Hosting an event of this magnitude is not only a great honor but also a reflection of our commitment to fostering a vibrant sporting culture and creating opportunities for young athletes. There is so much more to come from the Kingdom as we continue to elevate our presence on the global sports stage.”

The Kingdom is pulling out all the stops to ensure the success of the games. Key venues, including the iconic Khalifa Sports City, will host a variety of events. Bahrain’s infrastructure, spanning state-of-the-art facilities, accommodation, and medical services, has been meticulously prepared to provide a seamless experience for athletes, officials, and spectators alike.

Al Kooheji highlighted Bahrain’s readiness, stating, “Our facilities are world-class, and

our team is dedicated to delivering an unforgettable event that not only showcases athletic excellence but also highlights the warmth and hospitality Bahrain is known for.”

The Sports Lineup

The 2025 Asian Youth Games will feature a diverse array of sports, ranging from traditional favorites like athletics, swimming, and basketball to emerging disciplines such as e-sports and teqball. The inclusion of weightlifting is a particularly proud moment for Bahrain, following the Kingdom’s successful hosting of the 2024 IWF World Championships.

As Bahrain prepares to welcome 45 nations, His Highness emphasized that the games symbolize more than just competition: “This is an opportunity to unite, inspire, and celebrate the power of sports in shaping the future. The 2025 Asian Youth Games will set a benchmark for youth competitions, and Bahrain is ready to lead the way.”

Soaring High: Thrills at Nasser bin Hamad falconry and hunting season



Action from a previous event

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The Nasser bin Hamad Season for Falcons and Hunting captivated audiences with electrifying falcon races at the Bahrain International Endurance Village. The event, now in its 10th edition, continues to blend heritage and sports, affirming its place as one of Bahrain’s most prestigious cultural displays.

The day featured eight competitive falcon racing rounds, highlighting the precision of professional falconers. This year’s season also expanded its

activities, offering camel races, heritage-themed contests, and a special local falcons’ round aimed at promoting falcon breeding within Bahrain and preserving traditional sports.

Marking its 10th anniversary, the Nasser bin Hamad Falconry and Hunting Season has grown into a vibrant celebration of Bahrain’s rich traditions. By blending modern competition with cultural preservation, the event serves as a bridge between the past and present, drawing participants and enthusiasts from across the Kingdom.