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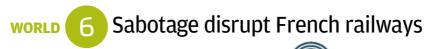
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#### **Paris welcomes** the world

SPORTS

The Paris Olympics was inaugurated with a groundbreaking opening ceremony along the iconic River Seine yesterday evening. | P12





Kate Hudson inundated with flirty messages from celebs

**BUSINESS** 

Bahrain Chamber marks 85th anniversary

### **HM King thanked** by Iran president

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Had bin Isa Al Khalifa, **T**is Majesty King Hamreceived a cable of thanks from the newly elected President of Iran, Masoud Pezeshkian, in response to his congratulatory message.

President Pezeshkian expressed gratitude for the warm sentiments and emphasised his commitment to strengthening and expanding relations between the two countries based on cooperation, dialogue, and mutual respect.

The Iranian leader noted that his government would give special importance to deepening ties with neighboring countries, including Bahrain

He wished HM the King continued health and prosperity for Bahrain.

#### 'Sabotage' hits **French trains** before Olympics **AFP** | Paris

rson attacks scrambled **A**France's high-speed rail network for tens of thousands of passengers yesterday, after what officials called premeditated acts of "sabotage" just hours before the Paris Olympics

opened.

Yesterday's attacks were launched as the French capital was under heavy security ahead of the Games opening ceremony, with 300,000 spectators and an audience of VIPs expected at the event.

The fires that affected France's Atlantic, northern and eastern lines led to cancellations and delays at a time of particularly heavy traffic for summer holiday travel. (Detailed report on World Page)

## Sri Lanka to hold elections

AFP | Colombo

📿 ri Lanka's first presiden-Stial elections since an unprecedented economic crisis spurred widespread unrest will be held in September, the election commission said yesterday.

President Ranil Wickremesinghe, 75, is running as an independent candidate.

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# HM King returns after successful UAE visit



HM the King is warmly welcomed upon arrival in the Kingdom

His Majesty King Hamad UAE.

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Al Nahyan, President of the coordination.

day returned to Bahrain fol- kh Mohamed bin Zayed dis- bin Zayed on his departure from King of Malaysia, to attend His lowing a visit to the UAE, where cussed the historical Bah- Abu Dhabi's Presidential Airhe met with His Highness rain-UAE relations and means port today.

Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed to enhance cooperation and

HM King Hamad was bid fare-HM the King and HH Shai- well by HH Sheikh Mohamed

His Majesty had also visited him ibni Sultan Iskandar, the Malaysia. in Kuala Lumpur.

During his visit, HM King Malaysia, upon an invitation Hamad met with HE Anwar from His Majesty Sultan Ibra- Ibrahim, the Prime Minister of

The two sides discussed areas Majesty's installation ceremony of cooperation and means to enhance strategic partnership.

# Go for glory!

Hopes high for Bahrain athletes to win gold at 2024 Paris Olympics

Celine Dion sings on Eiffel Tower at end of Olympics opening ceremony

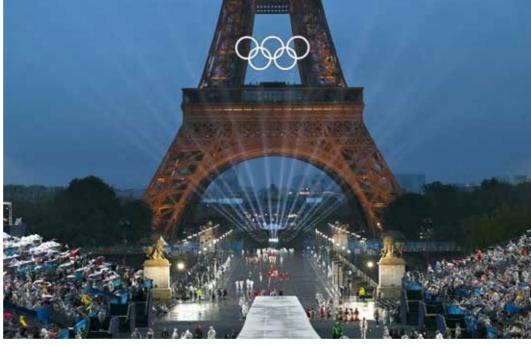
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ahrain is brimming with confidence for a spectacular showing at the 2024 Paris Olympics, with a team of 14 athletes ready to shine on the world stage.

From seasoned runners and promising swimmers to skilled weightlifters and judokas, the Kingdom is set to make waves and chase the coveted gold at the prestigious sporting event, scheduled to take place from July 26 to August 11, 2024.

In Paris, Bahrain's athletes will strive to elevate their perand add to the country's grow-Olympic success.

Thousands of Olympic comterred by persistent rain. petitors cruised down the River



formance, bring home medals, Delegations arrive on the Iena Bridge. (AFP)

For the first time in Olympic

ing legacy following a history of French history and culture to parading down the Seine past of making the traditional walk the delight of a crowd unde- the historic monuments of the around a running track. French capital.

Some 300,000 people watched In an ambitious, high-risk in person from specially built Seine in a spectacular opening history, the opening ceremony departure from past opening stands on the river banks, and ceremony for the Paris Games took place outside the main staceremonies, the athletes sailed another 200,000 from overlookyesterday that celebrated dium with up to 7,000 athletes in an armada of 85 boats instead ing balconies and apartments.

As tradition dictates, the Greek delegation had the honour of leading out the flotilla, as the cradle of the modern Olympic movement.

The show blended French culture and history while a pre-recorded cabaret-style segment from US pop star Lady Gaga featured prominently in the early stages of the parade.

Franco-Malian R&B superstar Aya Nakamura, the most listened to French-speaking singer in the world, also sang, defying criticism from far-right activists.

Critics had accused the 29-year-old singer, best known for her hit "Djadja", of "vulgarity" and disrespecting the French language in her lyrics.

Dozens of pink-skirted cancan dancers provided a stunning splash of colour on the banks of the Seine in another standout moment.

The landmarks and architecture of the City of Light featured as a backdrop both to Friday's show and will play the same role for much of the sport af-

(More reports and pictures on Page 2 and Sports Page)



Bahrain's delegation sails in a boat along the river Seine. (AFP)

