

Paris welcomes the world

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

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HM King thanked by Iran president
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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, received 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.

HM King returns after successful UAE visit



HM the King is warmly welcomed upon arrival in the Kingdom
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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa yesterday returned to Bahrain following a visit to the UAE, where he met with His Highness

Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, President of the UAE. HM the King and HH Shaikh Mohamed bin Zayed discussed the historical Bahrain-UAE relations and means

to enhance cooperation and coordination. HM King Hamad was bid farewell by HH Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed on his departure from Abu Dhabi's Presidential Airport today.

His Majesty had also visited Malaysia, upon an invitation from His Majesty Sultan Ibrahim ibni Sultan Iskandar, the King of Malaysia, to attend His Majesty's installation ceremony in Kuala Lumpur.

During his visit, HM King Hamad met with HE Anwar Ibrahim, the Prime Minister of Malaysia. The two sides discussed areas of cooperation and means to enhance strategic partnership.

'Sabotage' hits French trains before Olympics
AFP | Paris

A rson attacks scrambled 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

Sri Lanka's first presidential 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.

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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Bahrain 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 performance, bring home medals, and add to the country's growing legacy following a history of Olympic success.

Thousands of Olympic competitors cruised down the River Seine in a spectacular opening ceremony for the Paris Games yesterday that celebrated



Delegations arrive on the Iena Bridge. (AFP)

French history and culture to the delight of a crowd underterred by persistent rain.

For the first time in Olympic history, the opening ceremony took place outside the main stadium with up to 7,000 athletes

parading down the Seine past the historic monuments of the French capital.

In an ambitious, high-risk departure from past opening ceremonies, the athletes sailed in an armada of 85 boats instead

of making the traditional walk around a running track.

Some 300,000 people watched in person from specially built stands on the river banks, and another 200,000 from overlooking 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 afterwards.

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



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