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## **World Series of Darts set for Bahrain debut**

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The Kingdom of Bahrain will be hosting its first-ever event in the World Series of Darts early next year, it was announced yesterday by Bahrain International Circuit (BIC).

BIC will be staging the inaugural Bahrain Darts Masters on January 12 and 13 at its facility. It is part of a global tour of the world's best darts players.

BIC and sports promoter CBX have teamed up with the Professional Darts Corporation (PDC) to bring the World Series of Darts to Bahrain.

The 2023 Bahrain Darts Masters will comprise two days of competition, with eight top players - set to include reigning World Champion Peter Wright and world number one Gerwyn Price - taking on eight regional representatives, including Bahrain's best.

BIC chief executive Shaikh Salman bin Isa Al Khalifa said: "The sport is a spectacle that has to be seen to be believed and the atmosphere at PDC events is something that we expect will be a unique experience for fans in Bahrain.'

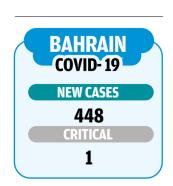
### **Snowden is now** 'Russian citizen' Washington

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m resident\,Vladimir\,Putin}_{
m yesterday\,granted\,Rus-}$ sian citizenship to former US intelligence contractor Edward Snowden, nine years after he exposed the scale of secret surveillance

Snowden has been living in Russia since 2013, after the US charged the former intelligence analyst contractor under the 1917 Espionage Act for leaking highly classified documents about government surveillance

programs.

operations by the National Security Agency (NSA).



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## HM King returns from successful Saudi visit



Bahrain and Saudi **Arabia bilateral relations** are strengthened further

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 $\mathbf{H}$ is Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa returned to Bahrain following a successful visit to Saudi Arabia.

His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, led the well-wishers as they welcomed HM the King at the airport.

Highlight of His Majesty's visit was his meeting with the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques



HM the King is welcomed back by HRH Prince Salman and senior government

ing relations between Bahrain two countries. and Saudi Arabia and reviewed regional and international de- cere efforts exerted by the Cusvelopments.

Saudi Crown Prince, Deputy of the nation, as well as the ded-Prime Minister and Defense icated commitment to defend Minister, His Royal Highness the interests of the Arab and Prince Mohammed bin Salman Islamic countries and to prebin Abdulaziz Al Saud.

In a cable to King Salman, HM prosperity. King Hamad thanked him for ed to the Bahraini delegation.

talks the two leaders had and Prince Mohammed.

King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al stressed they would deepen the Saud that focused on enhanc- strong relations between the

HM the King lauded the sintodian of the Two Holy Mosques HM King Hamad also met the for the sake, unity and solidarity serve their security, stability and

HM King Hamad wished King the gracious hospitality accord- Salman abundant health and Saudi Arabia further progress His Majesty expressed deep and prosperity under his rule gratitude for the constructive and with the support of HRH

# Team Bahrain 'vital' for economic growth

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eam Bahrain's efforts to implement the Economic Recovery Plan were commended by the Cabinet, noting its positive contribution to the Kingdom's economic growth.

The Cabinet thanked those who contributed to the Kingdom's economic success and urged them to continue development efforts with the same determination.

This came as His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, yesterday chaired the weekly Cabinet meeting at Gudaibiya Palace.

The Cabinet discussed a memorandum submitted by the Mine economic growth driven by ister of Finance and National the strong performances of Economy on Bahrain's quarterly economic report for Q2 of 2022. The report outlined the outcomes of implementing the Economic Recovery Plan, as Bahrain recorded remarkable growth during the second quarter of the outcomes of the meet-2022 YoY.

that the total Real GDP grew the Custodian of the Two by 6.9% in Q2, the highest YoY Holy Mosques, King Salman



HRH Prince Salman chairs the weekly Cabinet meeting

non-oil sector grew by 9%. It also revealed positive the non-oil sectors thanks to the Economic Recovery Plan.

## **Positive outcomes**

The Cabinet highlighted ing held by His Majesty King The quarterly report shows Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and growth rate since 2011, while the bin Abdulaziz Al Saud.

It lauded the meeting for strengthening the everlasting mediation led by HRH Prince relations of cooperation and co- Mohammed bin Salman is a ordination between both coun-leading diplomatic and humani-

ed the meeting held between diplomatic means and support HM the King and the Crown regional and global peace and Prince, Deputy Prime Minister stability. and Minister of Defence of Saudi Arabia, His Royal Highness noted the success of the Saudi Prince Mohammed bin Salman mediation in releasing 10 prisbin Abdulaziz Al Saud. In this oners as part of the prisoner exregard, the Cabinet noted Saudi change process between Russia Arabia's pivotal role in consoli- and Ukraine. dating regional security, stability, and peace.

The Cabinet noted that the tarian initiative to settle regional The Cabinet also highlight- and international disputes by

In this regard, the Cabinet

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