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**US detains five Somali 'pirates', says Pentagon**

AFP | Washington

The US detained five people believed to be Somali nationals after they boarded a tanker ship off Yemen, the Pentagon said yesterday.

The five armed individuals left the M/V Central Park tanker, which is linked to an Israel-affiliated company, after a US destroyer and allied ships responded and demanded the vessel's release.

"Five armed individuals... attempted to flee via their small boat. The Mason pursued the attackers, resulting in their eventual surrender," Pentagon spokesman Brigadier General Pat Ryder told journalists, referring to the USS Mason destroyer.

**N. Korea spy satellite for 'self-defense'**

AFP | United Nations

North Korea told the UN Security Council yesterday that its launch of a spy satellite was legitimate self-defense, rejecting denunciations led by the United States.

Western powers, Japan and South Korea said North Korea violated Security Council resolutions by launching last week's satellite, which the totalitarian state said has already provided images of major US and South Korea military sites.

**Russian teen trial for spreading 'lies'**

AFP | Odintsovo, Russia

The trial of a Russian 18-year-old accused of spreading "false information" about Russia's military opened in a closed court session outside Moscow yesterday.

Maxim Lypkan, who faces up to 10 years in prison if convicted, is one the youngest people to have been arrested and charged with violating Moscow's strict censorship laws on coverage of its full-scale military offensive on Ukraine.

Lypkan was arrested shortly after turning 18 in February, after he said he planned to stage a protest in Moscow against the Kremlin's military campaign in Ukraine.

**HM King hails AMH's quality medical care for all**

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa commended the American Mission Hospital's efforts in providing the best medical care to citizens and residents and the excellent reputation it maintains, making it the region's first leading hospital with over 120 years of experience in the field.

HM the King was speaking as he received Minister of Health, Her Excellency Dr. Jaleela bint Al Sayed Jawad, CEO and CMO of American Mission Hospital, Dr. George Cheriyan, and Ms. Julia Tovey, AMH Group CEO.

HM King Hamad received a model of the newly opened hos-



HM King receives HE Dr. Jaleela, Dr. Cheriyan and Ms. Tovey



pital from Dr. Cheriyan, along with a book titled "A Journey Through Time", a book written by Ms. Tovey documenting the

history of the American mission since 1902.

His Majesty hailed the historic Bahrain-US relations in vari-

ous sectors, including in health and medicine.

Dr. Cheriyan thanked HM the King for his ongoing support,

which reflects the long-standing cooperation between the two countries.

**Feeding the future**

Cabinet affirms Bahrain's commitment to developing agriculture to achieve food security

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The Cabinet reiterated the government's commitment to developing agricultural, livestock, and mariculture sectors through plans and initiatives aimed at bolstering food security.

This follows the Cabinet's review of a report submitted by the Minister of Municipalities Affairs and Agriculture, noting the organisational efforts made by the Ministry and the relevant government agencies, which contributed to the success of the event.

The Deputy Prime Minister, HE Shaikh Khalid bin Abdullah Al Khalifa, yesterday chaired the weekly Cabinet meeting held at Gudaibiya Palace.

The Cabinet commended the opening of the sixth edition of the Bahrain Animal Production Show (Mara'ee 2023), held under the patronage of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa.

The Cabinet congratulated Her Royal Highness Princess Sabeeka bint Ibrahim Al Khalifa, Wife of HM the King and President of the Supreme Council for Women (SCW), on Bahraini Women's Day. It commended the efforts of the SCW in empowering Bahraini women and highlighted Bahraini women's achievements across various fields.

**Congratulations**

The Cabinet congratulated the president, government and people of the UAE on their 52nd



HE Deputy Premier

Union Day.

It noted the UAE's ongoing development, led by the President, HH Shaikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, with the support of Vice President and Prime Minister and Ruler of Dubai, HH Shaikh Mohammed bin Rashid

The Cabinet commended the efforts of the Supreme Council for Women (SCW) in empowering Bahraini women and highlighted their achievements across various fields.

Sheikh Mansour bin Zayed Al Nahyan, wishing them further growth and prosperity.

**COP28**

The Cabinet affirmed the importance of the 28th United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP28), which will be hosted by the UAE. It wished the UAE success in hosting this global event.

In this regard, the Cabinet approved a memorandum submitted by the Ministerial Committee for Legal and Legislative Affairs on documents related to the COP28.

The Cabinet also discussed and approved several important memorandums during the meeting.

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Hopes high for peace

**Israel, Hamas 'agree' to extend truce by 48 hours**

**11 hostages released**

AFP | Jerusalem

A truce between Israel and Hamas in the Gaza Strip will be extended by two days, the Palestinian group and mediator Qatar said yesterday, opening the way for further releases of hostages and prisoners.

With just hours to go before the so-called "humanitarian pause" was to end early today, Hamas said that an agreement had been reached to prolong it by 48 hours under the existing terms.

There was no immediate confirmation from the Israeli side of the extension, which

was nevertheless hailed by UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres as "a glimpse of hope and humanity in the middle of the darkness of war".

Qatar - with the support of the United States and Egypt - has been engaged in intense negotiations to establish and prolong the truce in Gaza.

Qatari foreign ministry spokesman Majed Al Ansari announced that "an agreement has been reached to extend the humanitarian truce for an additional two days in the Gaza Strip."

Hamas, which runs Gaza and triggered the latest round of fighting by launching a bloody cross-border raid last month, said it was drawing up a new list of hostages for release.

Meanwhile, the office of Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said it had informed families of the identities of hostages to be released yesterday, the last day of the initial four-day truce. Israel has been clear that the pause is designed to allow Hamas to free more of the hostages it is holding since the October 7 attack, which killed 1,200 Israelis including many women and children, according to Israeli officials.

But both sides are under pressure to build on the break in hostilities to allow humanitarian aid to reach civilians in Gaza, where Israel's campaign against Hamas has left almost 15,000 dead, mostly Palestinian civilians, according to Gaza's Hamas government.



Palestinians walk amid debris of buildings hit in Israeli strikes, near Al-Zawiya market in Gaza City, yesterday. (AFP)

# HM King highlights Bahrain's rich history and culture

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa said Bahrain's distinguished global status was the outcome of its historical and cultural connections with other civilisations, as well as cultural and social landmarks which stand witness to the richness of the history of Bahrain and its people.

HM the King was speaking as he received, at Al Sakhir Palace yesterday, HE Shaikh Ali bin Abdulla Al Khalifa, the Advisor at the Royal Court, who presented His Majesty with a book entitled "Explore Beyond", covering various aspects of the kingdom's history and culture.

Shaikh Ali bin Abdulla was accompanied by Jani Lotric, the author of the book, which was



published by Diplomatic Protocol Communications in partnership with National Geographic. HM King Hamad highlighted the importance of the book's content as it sheds light on Bahrain's civilisation, as well as its historical, cultural, geographical, and environmental landmarks.



HM the King is presented with a book on Bahrain's history and culture by Mr Lotric as HE Shaikh Ali bin Abdulla looks on

# Allies in friendship, partners in progress

Deputy Prime Minister hails solid Bahrain-UK relations and cooperation

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The longstanding and strong friendship between the Kingdom of Bahrain and the United Kingdom is built on solid foundations of strategic partnerships in various domains.

This was affirmed by the Deputy Prime Minister, His Excellency Shaikh Khalid bin Abdulla Al Khalifa, while receiving UK Ambassador to Bahrain, HE Alastair Long, whom he wished



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HIS EXCELLENCY SHAIKH KHALID BIN ABDULLA AL KHALIFA, DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER



HE Shaikh Khalid bin Abdulla with HE Ambassador Long

a happy stay in the Kingdom, and every success in carrying out his diplomatic duties.

Shaikh Khalid bin Abdulla asserted that Bahrain attaches utmost importance to enhancing its cooperation and coordination with the UK, by building on the previous joint achievements, which will benefit the two kingdoms and their

peoples.

He stressed that reason and wisdom should be prioritised internationally so that peace prevails in the region and the world.

### Global peace and stability

The Deputy Prime Minister commended the role played by the UK, along with brotherly

and friendly countries, in safeguarding and establishing global peace and stability, the pillars of sustainable development.

The two sides also reviewed the latest regional and international developments.

They also discussed issues of mutual interest, and ways to broaden bilateral cooperation.

# Congratulations for Mauritania, Albania

TDT | Manama

His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, sent cables of congratulations to Mauritania President Mohamed Ould Cheikh Ghazouani on his country's Independence Day.

HM King Hamad and HRH Prince Salman wished the people of Mauritania of further progress and prosperity.

They praised the strong re-

lations between the two countries and peoples and their steady progress.

HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister sent a similar cable to Prime Minister, HE Mohamed Ould Bilal.

His Majesty also sent a cable of congratulations to Albanian President Bajram Begaj on the occasion of his country's Independence Day.

HM the King extended his greetings and best wishes on the occasion.

# HM ratifies law to amend Shura Council bylaw article

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa yesterday ratified and promulgated Law (23) of 2023, amending Article (180) of Decree-Law (55) of 2002 regarding the Bylaw of the Shura Council, following its approval by the Shura and Representatives councils.

Article (I):

Article (180) of Decree-Law (55) of 2002 regarding the Bylaw of the Shura Council shall be amended as follows:

"The Secretariat General shall prepare the final account of the Shura Council and submit it to the Chairman after its auditing within three months

after the end of the fiscal year. The Chairman shall refer it to the Council's Bureau to examine it ahead of its referral to the Council to discuss it and approve it.

"The Council's Bureau may refer the final account to the Financial and Economic Committee to discuss it and submit a report on it to the following Council's meeting.

"The approval and issuance procedures of the Council's audited final account shall be similar to those followed in approving and issuing the Council's budget."

Under Article (II), the law shall take effect one day after its publication in the Official Gazette.

## Culture and research cooperation



Foreign Affairs Minister, His Excellency Dr. Abdullatif bin Rashid Al Zayani, yesterday received HE Shaikha Mai bint Mohammed Al Khalifa, the Chairperson of the Board of Trustees of the Shaikh Ebrahim bin Mohammed Al Khalifa Centre for Culture and Research. They discussed aspects of joint cooperation between the Ministry and the Centre in the fields of culture and research, as well as ways to expand and develop them, which would enhance the position of the Kingdom as a scientific, civilisational and cultural centre, advance its cultural movement, and open up more constructive horizons to achieve common goals.

# Deputy Premier hails India's cooperation efforts

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Deputy Prime Minister, His Excellency Shaikh Khalid bin Abdulla Al Khalifa, commended India's efforts to highlight the importance of cooperation among countries of the Global South and addressing urgent challenges by establishing and strengthening effective intra-partnerships.

Shaikh Khalid bin Abdulla was speaking as he received Indian Ambassador to Bahrain, HE Vinod K. Jacob.

The Deputy Prime Minister emphasised Bahrain's keenness on advancing the least devel-



HE Shaikh Khalid bin Abdulla with HE Ambassador Jacob

oped economies through international cooperation.

He hailed India's efforts to organise the second edition of

the Voice of Global South Summit (VOGSS) and its virtual closing session, including heads of state and government, under the theme "Global South: Together for One Future", earlier this month.

Shaikh Khalid bin Abdulla commended the outcomes of the summit and affirmed the importance of taking action towards the Global South and its condition.

Ambassador Jacob thanked Shaikh Khalid bin Abdulla for his participation in the summit, praising his keenness on developing relations between the two countries.

# Reducing penalties for 'violating employers'

MP Jalal Al Mahfoud advocates employer-friendly amendments to Labour Market Law

TDT | Manama

In a bid to foster a more employer-friendly legislative landscape, Representative Jalal Al Mahfoud has proposed a significant amendment to Clause (A) of Article (36) of Law No. (19) of 2006, which regulates the labour market.

The proposal, as outlined in the explanatory memorandum, seeks to streamline and moderate penalties for violating employers. The key focus is on reducing the prescribed penalty to a manageable fine, aiming to rectify legal discrepancies without unduly burdening employers.

The revised penalty structure requires the violating employer to transfer the worker promptly by issuing a work permit within 15 days of detecting the violation. This innovative approach emphasizes the dual goals of penalising the employer while facilitating the legal transition of the worker.



MP Al Mahfoud

According to the memorandum, the proposed fine is set at BD100 if the employer commits to transferring the worker and securing a work permit. This reduction is strategically designed to encourage employer compliance with laws, acting as a deterrent against illegal employment practices. The underlying philosophy is to correct

violations and make them legal, recognising employers as integral contributors to economic development.

## Fines and suspension

The proposal extends its reach to paragraphs (D) and (D) and articles (28) and (30), aiming to cap fines at a maximum of BD500. Additionally, the amend-

ment suggests a 15-day suspension of the establishment's work activity to further enforce legal rectifications.

Highlighting the economic implications, the memorandum underscores the potential financial losses incurred by businesses facing work suspension. By compelling employers to abide by laws and acquire necessary permits and licenses, the proposal aims to strike a balance between enforcing legal norms and considering the economic role of employers.

In essence, MP Al Mahfoud's proposal aligns with broader objectives — acknowledging the crucial role of employers in economic development and prioritizing the correction of legal conditions. As this legislative initiative takes centre stage, it aims to create a more equitable and conducive environment for both employers and the workforce in Bahrain.

## Cabinet approves key memorandums

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The Cabinet discussed several memorandums during the meeting, approving the following:

1. A memorandum submitted by the Ministerial Committee for Financial and Economic Affairs and Fiscal Balance on updating the performance indicators of the 2022-2026 Industrial Sector Strategy, which falls under the priority of developing promising sectors within the Kingdom's Economic Recovery Plan and strengthen them with initiatives that achieve environmental security.

2. A memorandum submitted by the Ministerial Committee for Legal and Legislative Affairs on a draft decree naming the relevant Minister and Ministry responsible for implementing the decree-law on regulating fishing, exploitation, and protection of marine wealth.

3. A memorandum submitted by the Ministerial Committee for Legal and Legislative Affairs on a draft decision regarding the establishment of functional requirements and controls for urban heritage.

4. A memorandum submitted by the Ministry of Municipalities Affairs and Agriculture regarding a draft re-issuing a decision on classifications in regulatory requirements for modern construction.

5. A memorandum submitted by the Ministerial Committee for Legal and Legislative Affairs on the government's response to 3 proposals submitted by the Council of Representatives.

The Cabinet reviewed a memorandum submitted by the Ministerial Committee for Financial and Economic Affairs and Fiscal Balance on the economic outcomes of the recent events hosted by Exhi-



hibition World Bahrain, during the month of November. The Cabinet expressed its gratitude to all parties who have helped organise these events.

In addition, the Cabinet noted the following ministerial reports:

1. Outcomes of the Kingdom's participation in the 11th session of UAE-Bahrain Joint Higher Committee.

2. Outcomes of the Kingdom's participation in the First meeting of the Bahraini-Egyptian Governmental Committee for Trade, Economic, Scientific and Technological Cooperation.

3. Outcomes of the Kingdom's participation in The 5th Islamic Conference of Labour Ministers.

4. The Kingdom's participation in the Dubai Airshow 2023.

5. Outcomes of the Kingdom's participation in the 25th Meeting of Committee of Undersecretaries of Ministries of Transport in the GCC.

6. The Kingdom's participation in 2023 World Radiocommunication Conference.

7. The Kingdom's participation in the 17th meeting of the executive office of the Arab Water Conference, 15th session of the Arab Ministerial Water Council and the fifth Arab Water Conference.

8. Outcomes of the Kingdom's participation in the Shenzhen Global Innovation and Entrepreneurship Conference 2023.

9. The external participations of various ministers and visits of foreign delegations to the Kingdom of Bahrain in December 2023.

## Man ordered to repay wife \$150,000 loan

TDT | Manama

A landmark ruling from the High Civil Court has added a dramatic twist to an ongoing legal saga, as a Bahraini man is now mandated to reimburse his wife a staggering USD150,000 (approximately BHD56,530). The court's decision centers on the unsettled balance of a USD200,000 loan, of which the husband had only repaid a fraction, igniting a contentious dispute that has captivated legal circles.

The legal tussle unfolded when the wife, armed with a copy of the loan agreement, approached the court seeking justice. The court, in a meticulous hearing that involved witness testimonies, meticulously examined the case and ultimately held the defendant accountable for the remaining sum.

According to the plaintiff's representative, the wife extended a loan of \$200,000 to her husband for investment purposes. However, despite her hus-

band reimbursing \$50,000 via a bank transfer, he adamantly refused to settle the remaining \$150,000. In response, the plaintiff insisted on precautionary measures, urging the court to sign a seizure order on the defendant's Bahraini bank accounts, substantiated by the loan agreement and the husband's declaration received by mail.

## Investigation

The court, recognising the gravity of the dispute, opted to launch an investigation to establish the defendant's liability concerning the outstanding amount. During this phase, the plaintiff's brother stepped forward as a witness, confirming that the defendant had indeed received a \$200,000 loan for investment. While \$50,000 had been returned, the defendant refused to honour the remaining debt, despite the plaintiff's repeated requests.

In an unexpected turn of

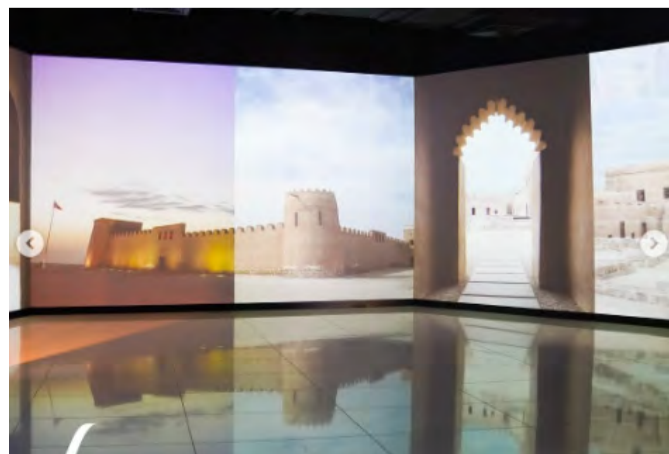


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events, the defendant chose not to attend the proceedings or present any witnesses, leading the court to reserve the case for judgment. Upon scrutinising the loan agreement document central to the dispute, complete with the defendant's signature, it became irrefutably clear that the defendant was indebted to the plaintiff in the sum of \$200,000. The document's fifth clause explicitly stated the defendant's obligation to repay the entire loan.

Satisfied with the evidence and witness testimonies, the court, in the defendant's absence, ruled in favour of the plaintiff. The defendant is now mandated to settle the remaining \$150,000, or its equivalent in Bahraini dinars, and bear the brunt of expenses and attorneys' fees. The court's decisive action serves as a testament to the significance of adhering to legal obligations, even within the confines of marital relationships.

## Bahrain's artistic heritage



Embark on a visual journey before your flight at Bahrain International Airport! Engage in an immersive experience that unveils the rich tapestry of Bahrain's artistic heritage at the Art Gallery. You can also check out the extensive collection from the Bahrain National Museum at the Archaeology Gallery.

## Six Asians jailed for kidnapping over financial disputes and loan

TDT | Manama

The High Criminal Court sentenced six Asians to one-year imprisonment and deportation for kidnapping another Asian due to financial disputes and a loan the victim received from one of them and he was unable to return it.

Details indicated that the victim had borrowed an amount of BD540 from one of the accused and was unable to return the amount. The accused and others came to the victim and forced him to ride with them in a car.

They took him to a workshop in the Hamala area, they detained him inside a warehouse and beat him, threatening to kill him if he did not pay the borrowed amount. They have also contacted his wife in her Asian country via video call in order to force him to pay the borrowed amount.

One of the defendants told the victim that his wife's brother has reported the whole case to the police. They felt terrified and they allowed him to leave and took him to Riffa area and asked him not to submit a report.

## 50-year-old challenges 10-year prison terms over money laundering

TDT | Manama

A courtroom spectacle unfolded at the High Criminal Court as a fifty-year-old man vehemently contested the imposition of consecutive 5-year prison terms, amounting to a decade of incarceration. The charges stem from his alleged engagement in fraudulent activities and money laundering, resulting in a hefty BD 180,000 gain. The legal clash promises a riveting courtroom drama, adding intensity to the unfolding proceedings.

The saga unfolded when the defendant, tempting fate, enticed a woman into parting with her hard-earned cash under the guise of lucrative real estate investments. The victim, having faced setbacks in her previous financial ventures due to economic downturns, handed over a substantial sum of BD180,000 to the defendant. However, as time elapsed without the promised returns, she became suspicious and promptly filed a report.

Subsequently, the Public Prosecution took decisive action, issuing orders to reveal and freeze the defendant's accounts. The investigation revealed that the defendant, during the years 2015 and 2016,

received the sum of BD180,000 from the victim through two cheques.

He, in turn, manipulated banking operations to feign the legitimacy of the funds. The court, ruling in absentia, sentenced the defendant to a five-year imprisonment, levied a BD100,000 fine, and mandated the return of the initial BD180,000.

## Five-year jail sentence

In a separate but equally severe case, the court, once again in absentia, slapped the defendant with another five-year prison term, a BD5,000 fine, and ordered the confiscation of BD180,000 from his assets.

The court's verdict held that the defendant not only fraudulently obtained the victim's funds in the first case but also engaged in unauthorised investment, thereby facilitating money laundering.

The Public Prosecution's charges detailed the defendant's involvement in money laundering during 2015-16.

Investigations showed the defendant's cunning scheme of transferring BD180,000 obtained through fraudulent cheques to various accounts, including those belonging to his son and wife, to conceal the illicit source of the funds.

## Second-week camping season winners honoured

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His Highness Southern Governor Shaikh Khalifa bin Ali bin Khalifa Al Khalifa has honoured the two winners of the best camp award of the second week of the camping season.

The award is an initiative of His Highness Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, HM's Representative for Humanitarian Work and Youth Affairs, to allocate weekly cash prizes

for the best camp for the 2023-2024 camping season.

The two winners, Shareefa Abdulkareem and Waleed Muflih, were honoured by officers and officials.

On this occasion, he extended his profound thanks and gratitude to HH Shaikh Nasser for the initiative, which raised awareness among campers to follow security and environment protection rules. He said the award would continue every week until the end of the

season on 29 February 2024.

Those wishing to participate in the award should download the Southern Governorate app, select the (Tents) initiative, and complete the participation form. He said that the award's organising committee had previously visited several camps to ensure that they met the security, organisational and environmental standards, which are the requirements that participants must adhere to be eligible for the prize.



HH Southern Governor with a second-week camping season winner

## 67 illegal workers held, 183 violators deported

LMRA conducts 1,656 inspection campaigns and visits

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The Labour Market Regulatory Authority (LMRA) has conducted 1,656 inspection campaigns and visits during the week of 19 to 25 November 2023, which resulted in the arrest of 67 violating and irregular workers, while 183 violators were deported.

The inspection campaigns and visits also resulted in the monitoring of a number of violations related to the provisions of a number of regulating laws, especially the Labour Market Regulatory Authority Law and the Residency Law in Bahrain, noting that legal measures were taken regarding the observed violations.

The Authority explained that 1,656 inspection visits were carried out on various shops in all governorates, in addition to 23 joint inspection campaigns, that included 13 campaigns in the Capital Governorate; four campaigns in Muharraq Governorate; three in campaigns in the Northern and Southern Governorate.

The Ministry of Interior, represented by the Nationality, Passports and Residence Affairs, (NPRA) the General Directorate of Criminal Investigation and Forensic Evidence, the General Directorate for the Enforcement of Sentences, the Security Directorates in the governorates, as well as the



An expat's status being checked by LMRA inspection team

Ministry of Labour.

### Joint coordination

The Authority affirmed the continuation of joint coordination with government agencies to intensify inspection campaigns in all governorates of the Kingdom, and to address any violations or practices that negatively affect the stability and competitiveness of the labor market or harm economic and

social security of the Kingdom.

The LMRA renewed its call on all members of the society to support the efforts of government agencies in addressing illegal labour practices, by reporting violations via the electronic form on the authority's website [www.lmra.gov.bh](http://www.lmra.gov.bh) or by calling the authority's call centre on 17506055 or via the government's Suggestions and Complaints System (Tawasul).

## UoB's 20th Career Fair opens new avenues for graduates

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In a significant event anticipated by students, graduates, and employers alike, the University of Bahrain is gearing up for the twentieth edition of its Career Fair, set to kick off today.

The inauguration, under the auspices of His Excellency Dr. Mohammed bin Mubarak Juma, Minister of Education and Chairman of the University's Board of Trustees, promises a dynamic convergence of academia and industry.

A total of 43 institutions and companies from diverse sectors in the Kingdom of Bahrain are actively participating in this annual three-day event, underscoring its pivotal role in creating employment opportunities, fostering connections between graduates and potential employers, and aligning academic offerings with the evolving needs of the labour market.

Dr. Fuad Mohammed Al-Ansari, President of the University of Bahrain, emphasised the integral role of the Career Fair as a cornerstone in the university's annual calendar. Beyond a mere event, it has become an academic tradition, carefully orchestrated to prepare students and graduates for the realities of professional life.

Dr. Al-Ansari noted that the fair serves as a bridge, connecting the aspirations of University of Bahrain students with the dynamic requirements of the local and global job markets.



HE Dr. Mohammed bin Mubarak Juma

Dr. Fuad Al Ansari

### Multi-faceted initiative

The exhibition, extending over three days, is a multi-faceted initiative designed to foster meaningful connections between students and a spectrum of industries.

Dr. Al-Ansari highlighted its broader objectives, emphasizing the university's commitment to showcasing opportunities and expanding horizons for students to seamlessly transition into the labour market.

In line with this vision, the Career Fair facilitates direct interactions between institutions, companies, and the university. It goes beyond job announcements, providing students with valuable insights into labour regulations and laws. The fair also serves as a platform to encourage students to explore approved job

opportunities within various sectors and familiarise them with training and development programs offered by participating institutions.

The diverse sectors represented at the Career Fair play a pivotal role in developing students' relationships with companies. By showcasing career options and announcing available job vacancies, companies aim to engage with potential candidates, offering a unique platform for dialogue and mutual exploration.

As the curtains rise on the twentieth edition of the Career Fair at the University of Bahrain, the anticipation is high, echoing the institution's commitment to nurturing well-rounded graduates and fostering partnerships that contribute to the advancement of Bahrain's workforce.

## Bahrain-India ties



HE Shaikh Ahmed bin Mohammed Al Khalifa, Auditor General of the National Audit Office (NAO), received HE Vinod K. Jacob, the Indian Ambassador to Bahrain. Shaikh Ahmed praised the Bahraini-Indian relations, noting the importance of enhancing cooperation, especially in the auditing field. He wished Ambassador Jacob's success in performing his new diplomatic duties. The ambassador affirmed his country's keenness to strengthen cooperation, wishing Bahrain further progress and prosperity.

## 'Dhoom Dhalaka Season 5'



Bahrain Keralaeya Samajam will conduct its much-anticipated annual entertainment program "Dhoom Dhalaka Season 5" on 1st December, Friday, starting at 7pm. The event promises more than two hours of non-stop entertainment, featuring a spectacular blend of songs and dances tailored to attract the youth audience. The event details were given at a press meet called by BKS officials. BKS President, PV Radhakrishna Pillai, stated that the event has evolved into a pivotal annual occurrence over the past five years. General Secretary Varghese Karakal commended the dedicated efforts of the organising committee, with 100 members under the leadership of BKS Entertainment Wing Convenor, Devan Palode. Talents of more than 350 artists from Bahrain along with renowned artistes from India including violinist and musician Francis Xavier, playback singer and Sarigamapa winner Ashwin, Sarigamapa contestant Pavithra Padmakumar, the rhythmic prowess of Mohanlal Linulal on drums, and the expertise of keyboardist Linus Lijo will be featured in the event. BKS Entertainment Secretary, Sreejith Feroke, extended a warm invitation to the public which is free for all.

## Alba first smelter in GCC to attain 4-star British Safety Council rating

TDT | Manama

Aluminium Bahrain (Alba) has become the first smelter in the GCC to attain the 4-star audit rating after successfully completing the Five Star Occupational Health and Safety Audit conducted by the British Safety Council (BSC).

Alba underwent a 12-day



Ali Al Baqali

comprehensive and robust evaluation in September 2023 and had its performance measured against leadership, stakeholder engagement, risk management, organisational health, safety culture, and continual improvement.

Alba's Chief Executive Officer Ali Al Baqali stated: "This recognition is a reflection of

our Safety culture where every person takes responsibility for their actions and looks out for one another."

The BSC Five Star Occupational Health and Safety Audit allows businesses to test their health and safety performance against the latest legislation, recognised standards and best practices.

## Beyon Cyber is security transformation partner for AICS



Beyon Cyber CEO Dr Shaikh Khalid bin Dajj Al Khalifa and Faalyat Managing Director & Board Member Amal Almurabati, signed the deal at the Beyon campus in Hamala.

TDT | Manama

Beyon Cyber, part of the Beyon Group, is the Security Transformation Partner for the Arab International Cybersecurity Conference & Exhibition (AICS) for the second successive year. AICS is taking place under the patronage of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces and Prime Minister, at Exhibition World Bahrain on 5th and 6th December.

The Conference and Exhibition, organised by Faalyat, is set to bring together more than 10,000 stakeholders from across the world, including cybersecurity experts, policy-

makers, and researchers, with the conference featuring an international lineup of delegates and speakers. AICS is co-hosted by The National Cyber Security Center.

The partnership agreement was signed by Beyon Cyber CEO Dr Shaikh Khalid bin Dajj Al Khalifa and Faalyat Managing Director & Board Member Amal Almurabati, at the Beyon campus in Hamala.

Dr Shaikh Khalid said: "The AICS conference and exhibition will present the ideal arena to showcase our state-of-the-art cybersecurity services and capabilities, while also providing an invaluable platform for networking and knowledge sharing."

## Bahrain All Share Index marks 1,950.21 pts

TDT | Manama

Bahrain All Share Index closed at 1,950.21 points, marking a decrease of 0.56 points below the previous closing. This decrease was due to the fall in the financial sector.

Bahrain Islamic Index closed at 745.98 points, marking a decrease of 2.55 points below the previous closing.

Results indicated that 56 equity transactions took place

with a volume of 1,918,169 worth BD 386,842.

Investors traded mainly in the financial sector representing 93.17% of the total value of securities traded.



## Biden to miss COP28 climate summit: US official

Washington, United States

President Joe Biden will miss the latest UN climate summit in Dubai, after two years of attending the talks in hopes of highlighting US leadership, a US official said Sunday.

Some 70,000 people including national leaders and Pope Francis are expected at COP28 as it opens Thursday, in what could be the largest United Nations climate summit ever. Schedules released by the White House for Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris showed neither heading to Dubai this week. Biden's engagements include a trip to Colorado to highlight US investment in wind energy, a meeting with the president of Angola and the lighting of the national Christmas tree. Biden was not planning to attend COP28 this week or during a second window close to the end of the talks on December 12.

# Markets on hold as US inflation comes into view

AFP | London, United Kingdom

Stock markets were mostly in wait-and-see mode yesterday as investors eyed the release this week of key US inflation data that could guide Federal Reserve plans for interest rates going into the new year.

Oil prices slid nearly two percent before cutting their losses as dealers awaited a delayed meeting of OPEC and its allies to decide over output levels.

With Wall Street seeing little action at the back of last week owing to the Thanksgiving break, traders had few catalysts to drive action, though analysts were upbeat about the end of the year.

The Dow edged higher at the open, while the S&P 500 and Nasdaq drifted lower.

The retreat in equities comes

### Key figures around 1430 GMT

New York - DOW: ▲ less than 0.1% at 35,403.40 points

London - FTSE 100: ▼ 0.2% at 7,473.93

Paris - CAC 40: ■ at 7,293.86

Frankfurt - DAX: ▼ 0.1% at 16,009.52

EURO STOXX 50: ▼ 0.1% at 4,367.07

Tokyo - Nikkei 225: ▼ 0.5% at 33,447.67 (close)

Hong Kong - Hang Seng Index: ▼ 0.2% at 17,525.06 (close)

Shanghai - Composite: ▼ 0.3% at 3,031.70 (close)

West Texas Intermediate: ▼ 0.3% at \$75.33 per barrel

Brent North Sea crude: ▼ 0.3% at \$80.32 per barrel

after a recent run-up across world stock markets fuelled by bets the US central bank has finished lifting interest rates as inflation comes down and the jobs market comes off the boil.

Expectations that the Federal Reserve is done with hiking rates continued to weigh on the dollar Monday.

The main focus this week is the release Thursday of the

personal consumption expenditures (PCE) price index, the Fed's preferred gauge of inflation.

Crude prices have fallen in recent weeks as demand is seen coming down owing to slowing economies, particularly China's, and the Middle East conflict appears to not have expanded to include other countries in the region.

# Kenya offers 11 state companies for sale

AFP | Nairobi, Kenya

Kenya's finance ministry said on Monday it will offer stakes in 11 state-owned companies to raise funds for depleted government coffers as tax revenues continue to fall below target.

The East African economic powerhouse is struggling to contain skyrocketing inflation and a plunging currency that has sent debt repayment costs soaring.

The 11 companies, including Kenya's oil and gas corporation, pipeline operator, various agri-



Kenya's President William Ruto

cultural businesses and a book publisher, are among 35 firms that President William Ruto announced last week were ready for privatisation.

The move "is geared towards government's efforts for fiscal consolidation and spurring economic development," the Treasury said, noting that four of the companies were making losses.

The Kenya Pipeline Company was profitable but its sale "will encourage more private sector participation hence improve efficiency and competition," it added.

The oil firm has more than 1,300 kilometres (800 miles) of pipeline running from the Indian Ocean port city of Mombasa to remote corners of the

country.

Investors will also be able to buy one of the country's main convention centres in the capital Nairobi -- Kenyatta International Conference Centre -- an iconic building which also has offices for members of parliament.

The cost of servicing public debt, mainly to China, has soared as Kenya's currency has slumped to record lows with the shilling now trading at around 152 to the dollar. Kenya also has a \$2-billion eurobond repayment due next year.

## MGD opens 335th global showroom in Canada



Malabar Gold & Diamonds' First Showroom in Canada and 335th Global showroom was inaugurated by the Associate Minister of Business for Ontario, Nina Tangri. Shamlal Ahamed, MD-International Operations, Malabar Gold & Diamonds; Ameer CMC, Director of Finance & Administration, Malabar Gold & Diamonds; Joseph Eapen, Regional Head - North America, Malabar Gold & Diamonds, other management team members, customers and well-wishers were present for the occasion. With the new showroom launch, Malabar Gold & Diamonds has expanded its operations into the 12th Country, becoming the First Indian International Jewellery brand to expand into Canada.

## AMH holds 24th AMH Island Classic Gala dinner



Guests and officials during a group photo opportunity

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The American Mission Hospital held their Annual Gala dinner at The Diplomat RadissonBlu Hotel & Spa on Sunday to honor the organizations for their kind support to the Island Classic event this year.

The dinner is part of the AMH's Island Classic charity

golf tournament held under the Patronage of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa.

Corporate CEO Dr George Cheriyan updated guests on the various developments of American Mission Hospital including the opening of the King Hamad American Mission Hospital in A'ali, which is a futuristic one-of-a-kind hospital in Bahrain.

Golfers of the winning teams were presented with their trophies and gifts and sponsors were honored with mementoes.

Julia Tovey, AMH Group CEO commented, "We are here today at the Diplomat RadissonBlu to recognize the sponsors who play an important role in making this event possible."

QUOTE OF THE DAY  
SUCCESS IS FALLING NINE TIMES AND GETTING UP TEN  
JON BON JOVI

TODAY IN HISTORY  
1520 Portuguese navigator Ferdinand Magellan begins crossing the Pacific Ocean



1814 The Times of London first printed by automatic, steam powered presses built by German inventors Friedrich Koenig and Andreas Friedrich Bauer - makes newspapers available to a mass audience

1814

1893 Women vote in a national election for the first time, in the New Zealand general election

1893

1967 1st radio pulsars detected by British postgraduate Jocelyn Bell Burnell and her supervisor Antony Hewish at Cambridge University

1967

News in brief

Six teenagers went on trial in Paris yesterday for their role in the 2020 beheading of teacher Samuel Paty, the first of two trials in a case that horrified France. The suspects, some wearing sunglasses and surgical masks, arrived holding their coats over their faces to disguise their identities before entering the juvenile court. The trial is being held behind closed doors given the young ages -- between 13 and 15 years old -- of the defendants at the time of the events. Only people directly affected by the case can attend the hearing. The press does not have access to the courtroom, guarded by police officers, and it is banned to report what is said during the hearings, even by quoting lawyers. Members of Paty's family were admitted to the courtroom, as were around 10 of his teacher colleagues who said they hoped to join the plaintiffs in the case. The 47-year-old history and geography teacher was stabbed and then beheaded near his secondary school in the Paris suburb of Conflans-Sainte-Honorine on October 16, 2020.

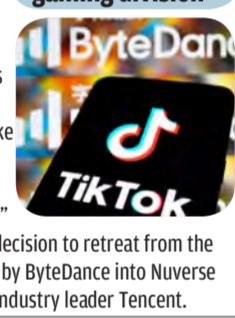


Six teens on trial over 2020 beheading of French teacher

Finland will close last Russian border crossing if necessary: PM  
Finland is ready to close its last border crossing with Russia if Moscow keeps pushing migrants across. Prime Minister Petteri Orpo said yesterday as migrants continued to make the treacherous journey through the Arctic. "We have closed all our border stations on the eastern border except for one and we are ready to close the last one if needed," Orpo told reporters in Helsinki. "Finland is protecting the European Union's external border and NATO's border. We will not let this phenomenon continue," he added. Finland has seen a surge in asylum seekers entering without a visa across its 1,300-kilometre (800-mile) border with Russia, with around 800 crossing since August.



TikTok owner ByteDance cuts hundreds of jobs in gaming division



Chinese tech giant and TikTok owner ByteDance is slashing hundreds of jobs in its gaming unit, a source familiar with the matter told AFP yesterday. The move marks a retreat from the competitive video gaming sector. Nuverse, a video game publisher that is a subsidiary of Beijing-based ByteDance, is currently conducting a round of layoffs that will affect "several hundred people", said the source. "We regularly review our businesses and make adjustments to center on long-term strategic growth areas. Following a recent review, we've made the difficult decision to restructure our gaming business," a ByteDance spokesperson said in a statement. The decision to retreat from the video game sector comes despite major investments by ByteDance into Nuverse over the past several years in a bid to catch up with industry leader Tencent.

CURIOSER & CURIOSER

UK gov't says no change to Parthenon Marbles stance



The Parthenon Marbles collection on display at London's British Museum

Prime Minister Rishi Sunak has "no plans" to facilitate the return of the Parthenon Marbles to Athens, his spokesman said Monday, as the British leader prepared to meet his Greek counterpart. The sculptures, also known as the Elgin Marbles, were taken from the Parthenon temple at the Acropolis in Greece in the early 19th century by British diplomat Thomas Bruce, the earl of Elgin. Athens maintains the marbles were stolen, which Britain denies, and the issue has been a source of contention between the countries for decades. Greece's prime minister Kyrriakos Mitsotakis said Sunday he would push for their return when he meets Sunak in London this week. But Sunak's spokesman told reporters that the UK leader has been "robust" in his view that the marbles are a "significant asset" to Britain, which has "safeguarded" the treasures "for generations". "I think the prime minister's on the record that the Parthenon Sculptures in the British Museum were legally acquired under the laws at the time," he said. "They're legally owned by the trustees of the British Museum. We fully support this position -- indeed the British Museum Act prohibits the removal of objects from the museum's collection. "We have no plans to change the law," he added, claiming "the world comes to the UK regularly to see the marbles". In his comments Sunday, Mitsotakis likened the collection being held at the museum to the Mona Lisa painting being cut in half. Athens had been lobbying London for a deal that would return the sculptures under some kind of loan arrangement, he told the BBC.

Prisoner releases send Hamas support rocketing in West Bank

AFP | Ramallah, Palestinian Territories

In Palestinian cities in the occupied West Bank, long the turf of president Mahmud Abbas's Fatah party, the green flag of Islamist rival Hamas is flying ever higher thanks to prisoner-hostage exchanges. For three nights, Palestinians have celebrated the return of dozens of detainees freed from Israeli jails, in exchange for women and children seized during October 7 attacks by Hamas fighters. That has seen the popularity of Hamas soar in the West Bank, run by Abbas's Ramallah-based Palestinian Authority (PA). Ahmed Abdelaziz, 63, joined the celebrations on Sunday. "I'm here in solidarity, and because I appreciate what Hamas has done. Seeing these young people get out of prison thanks to the resistance, I'm overjoyed," he said. "The joy of the prisoners' families, the mobilisation of the people, all that is pushing me towards



Palestinian prisoner Khalil Zama (R) hugs a relative after being released from an Israeli jail in exchange for Israeli hostages released by Hamas from the Gaza Strip, at his home in Halhul village north Hebron in the occupied West Bank

the agreement, plus 19 foreign nationals in additional releases, out of the roughly 240 people it snatched during the deadliest attack in Israel's history. The cross-border raids left 1,200 people dead, mostly civilians, according to Israeli officials. In response, Israel vowed to destroy Hamas, launching air strikes and a ground offensive into Gaza that the Hamas government says have killed nearly 15,000 people, mostly civilians and including thousands of children. In Ramallah, freed prisoners carried on the shoulders of their supporters and draped in the Hamas flag said they prayed for "God to give strength to the resistance" -- referring to Hamas and the other armed groups in Gaza. "They say Hamas are terrorists, but we are all Hamas," shouted the crowd. "Attacked every day" In Al Bireh, a Ramallah suburb where the elected Hamas mayor was detained by Israel at the start

EU diplomacy chief urges 'long lasting' truce

Barcelona, Spain  
The EU's top foreign policy official Josep Borrell called for an extension of the truce in the Gaza Strip, which is due to end today. "The pause should be extended to make it sustainable and long lasting while working for a political solution," he said on Monday in Barcelona, at the start of a meeting of the intergovernmental organisation Union for the Mediterranean. Borrell called for a "political solution that should allow us to break the cycle of violence once and for all." "Nothing can justify the indiscriminate brutality Hamas unleashed against civilians on seven of October," he said. "But one horror cannot justify another horror."

China's top diplomat to visit UN for Israel-Hamas talks

Beijing, China  
China's top diplomat Wang Yi will visit New York this week to hold a United Nations Security Council meeting on the Israel-Hamas conflict, Beijing's foreign ministry said on Monday. "As it holds the rotating presidency of the United Nations Security Council this month, China will hold a high-level meeting on the Palestinian-Israeli issue on November 29," spokesman Wang Wenbin said. Wang Yi will preside over the meeting, he added. Beijing hoped this week's UN talks would achieve "a ceasefire and an end to the fighting" and make "contributions to alleviating the humanitarian crisis in Gaza", Wang Wenbin said. But for marcher Tareq al-Omla, Hamas -- listed as a terrorist or-

ganisation by the United States, Israel and the European Union -- has more legitimacy than Fatah. The group was acting on "behalf of the Palestinian people who are attacked every day by Israeli soldiers and settlers", he said. Asked about the violence against civilians at Israeli kibbutzim and a rave during the Hamas attacks, demonstrator Jihad Ayuch told AFP: "The story started before that, and the real question is what Israel has been doing to the Palestinians before October 7?" Observers expect the crowds marching in the West Bank to swell in coming weeks. Hamas still holds around 200 hostages, among them soldiers who are excluded from the exchange agreement, and will want to use them to secure the release of all or some of the more than 7,000 Palestinian prisoners still detained in Israel, many of them far more prominent than the youngsters and women freed so far. The agreement in force since Friday effectively only concerns

women prisoners and those under 19 years of age, almost all of whom are unknown to the wider public. In 2011, more than 1,000 Palestinians were exchanged for Israeli soldier Gilad Shalit, who had been taken prisoner by Hamas five years earlier. Among those released was Yahya Sinwar, Hamas's leader in Gaza, who is suspected of masterminding the October 7 massacre and is now being lauded in the West Bank. "The prisoners are what have always united all Palestinians," said Qaddura Fares, head of the PA's commission for prisoners. The PA has itself been largely silent on the subject of the releases and, like the image of its president Abbas, conspicuously absent from the recent celebrations. It is a political choice, according to one of its officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity. "The Authority doesn't want to be associated with what Hamas is doing."

TOP 4 TWEETS



01 The dialogue that led to the release of hostages held by Hamas & Palestinian prisoners from Israeli jails must continue. Countries must use their influence for a humanitarian ceasefire & support irreversible steps towards the only sustainable future for the region: a two-state solution.

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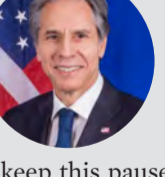
Kashi is synonymous with Dev Deepavali and this year as well, the celebrations have been grand. Equally gladdening is the august presence of diplomats from several nations, who have got a glimpse of India's cultural vibrancy.

@narendramodi 03



In the past days, the sound of war has quieted, giving millions of children and adults the chance to look to the sky without fear of rockets streaking their way. I add my support for this desperately needed respite in the conflict in #Gaza to continue.

@DrTedros 04



To keep this pause in fighting going beyond tomorrow is our goal -- so that we can continue to see more hostages come out and surge more humanitarian relief to those in need.

@SecBlinken

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Musk tours site of Hamas attack with Israeli PM



Elon Musk and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu donned body armor as they toured a kibbutz ravaged by Hamas

Tech tycoon Elon Musk visited the site of a Hamas attack in southern Israel Monday with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and the two discussed artificial intelligence with defence chiefs, officials said. Musk and Netanyahu held a brief interview on the billionaire's online platform X, formerly Twitter, following their tour of Kfar Aza, one of the kibbutzim -- communal farms -- in southern Israel attacked by the Palestinian militant group on October 7. "We have to demilitarise

Deadly storm cuts power to nearly two million in Russia, Ukraine

AFP | Moscow, Russia

Almost two million people in Russia and Ukraine were left without power yesterday, after hurricane force winds, snowfall and heavy rain cut electricity lines and caused widespread flooding. Huge waves crashed over beachside areas of Russia's Black Sea coast, video from social media showed, as wind speeds reached over 140 kilometres (about 90 miles) per hour in some places. In Ukraine, severe snowstorms left over a thousand towns and villages in the dark, while four people were reported to have died in Russia and Crimea due to the adverse weather. Two bodies were found in Russia's southern Krasnodar region, while state media said a sailor was killed in the Kerch Strait between



Local residents are seen evacuated from the flooded village of Pribrezhnoe in Crimea

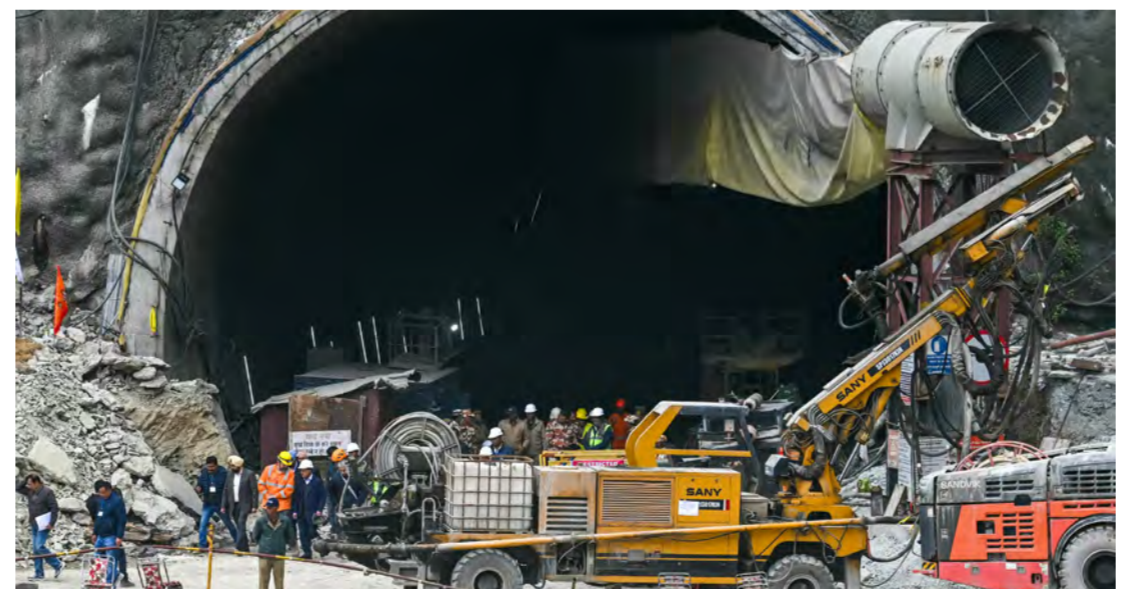
Crimea and Russia. One man on the Russian-annexed Crimean peninsula's southern coast was also killed, according to Oleg Kryuchkov, an adviser to the region's Russian-installed governor Sergei Aksyonov. "The man went out to look at

the waves and, unfortunately, tragically died," he said. Russia's energy ministry said about 1.9 million people were affected by power cuts in the southern regions of Dagestan, Krasnodar and Rostov, as well as the occupied Ukrainian territories of Donetsk, Lugansk, Kherson, Zaporizhzhia and Crimea. In Crimea, one of the worst affected regions, Aksyonov said rescue workers hoped to restore electricity over the next two days. Crimean lawmaker Vladimir Konstantinov said on state television that the peninsula had experienced an "armageddon"-like scenario. "Old-timers can't remember this kind of wind and waves," he said.

Indian army digs by hand to free 41 trapped tunnel workers

AFP | Silkyara Tunnel, India

Indian military engineers were preparing to dig by hand yesterday to reach 41 workers trapped in a collapsed road tunnel for 16 days, a rescue operation hit by repeated setbacks. Soldiers plan to use a so-called "rat-hole mining" technique, digging by hand to clear the rocks and rubble over the remaining nine metres (29 feet), with temperatures plummeting in the remote mountain location in the Himalayan state of Uttarakhand. Last week, engineers working to drive a metal pipe horizontally through 57 metres (187 feet) of rock and concrete ran into metal girders and construction vehicles buried in the earth, snapping a giant earth-boring auger machine. "The broken parts of the auger (drilling) machine stuck inside the tunnel have been removed," senior local civil servant Abhishek Ruhela told AFP on Monday, after a specialised superheated plasma



Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister of India, Pramod Kumar Mishra (6L) arrives to review the rescue of workers trapped beneath the collapsed under construction Silkyara tunnel in the Uttarakashi district of India's Uttarakhand state

said he was optimistic the soldiers will be able to dig through. "It depends on how the ground behaves," he told reporters, saying they may yet have to cut through heavy-duty girders that had been meant to hold the collapsed roof up. "We are confident that we can overcome it". "Challenging" In a separate effort, vertical drilling has reached more than a quarter of the 89 metres down to the men, a risky route in an area that has already suffered a collapse. A drilling machine was brought up to the forested hill above the tunnel on a specially-constructed track. "Vertical drilling is going on at a fast pace," with teams having reached 19 metres (63 feet) by late Sunday, said Mahmood Ahmed, a top official in the national roads ministry. "Work is ongoing at 'full speed but with caution'", he added.

Digging, blasting and drilling have also begun from the far side of the road tunnel, a much longer third route estimated to be around 480 metres. Hopes that the team was on the verge of a breakthrough on Wednesday were dashed, with a government statement warning of the "challenging Himalayan terrain". For the distraught relatives of the trapped men, it has been an ordeal without an imminent end in sight. But Uttarakhand chief minister Pushkar Singh Dhami vowed Monday that all the men would be rescued. "Do not worry, all the labourers will be taken out safely," he said on X, formerly Twitter. The workers were seen alive for the first time on Tuesday, peering into the lens of an endoscopic camera sent by rescuers down a thin pipe through which air, food, water and electricity are being

delivered. Though trapped, they have plenty of space in the tunnel, with the area inside 8.5 metres high and stretching about two kilometres in length. The 41 construction workers have been trapped in the Silkyara road tunnel since November 12. Efforts have been painfully slow, complicated by falling debris and repeated breakdowns of drilling machines.



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# CAMPUS

## BIS shine at Khalid bin Hamad Chess Championship



Students of Bhavans-Bahrain Indian School (BIS) exhibited a brilliant performance at the Khalid bin Hamad Championship. Pranav Bobby Sekhar of Grade 10 clinched the gold medal in 13-15 age category while Sahana Karthik of Grade four secured second position in the 6-9 age category. This was the third edition of the championship and the winners were honoured by HH Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa. School Directors Himanshu Verma and Ritu Verma and Principal Saji Jacob congratulated the students and the Physical Education Teachers for the commendable performance

## ISB student duo win bronze in karate championship Japan



Ganesh Anoj, a grade V student at Indian School Bahrain (ISB), secured a bronze medal in the Kumite Championship at the 16th World Shotokan Karate Federation World Championship in Tokyo, Japan. Representing Bahrain, Ganesh showcased exceptional skill, following in the footsteps of Aditya Sanil Kurup, a grade VI student at ISB, who had previously won a bronze medal in Kata in the World Karate Championship. ISB's management and Principal VR Palaniswamy praised the students for their outstanding performances

## ISB Riffa campus marks Children's Day



The Indian School, Bahrain (ISB) Riffa campus celebrated Children's Day under the theme 'One World One Family.' Assemblies, storytelling sessions, greeting card designing, and face painting were the main attractions of the day. ISB Chairman Prince S Natarajan, along with Secretary Saji Antony and members of the Executive Committee, extended heartfelt congratulations to the students for their brilliant display of talents and skills

## Indian School celebrates Urdu Day



The Indian School Bahrain (ISB) celebrated Urdu Day, also known as Yaum-E-Urdu, with a special assembly at the Jashanmal Auditorium in the Isa Town Campus. The event featured an array of competitions held throughout the week for students from classes IV to X. These included drawing and colouring contests for younger students, as well as Urdu poem recitation, story-telling, poster-making, and speech competitions for the older ones. The program was dedicated to mothers, acknowledging their pivotal role in preserving and passing on cultural heritage. Patriotic songs, poem recitations, an action song and a skit added an entertaining and cultural flair to the celebration

## New Millennium School hosts Ninth Model United Nations Conference



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The New Millennium Model United Nations Conference (NMMUN), hosted over 450 attendees, from 9 Indian and British Curriculum schools across Bahrain, providing a platform to discuss and debate the issues plaguing the present-day world.

The conference hosted 14 councils like the United States House of Representatives, Indian Premier League, United



Nations Security Council, and many more.

Following the theme "Zeroth Hour: Breaking the Silence" delegates debated over different issues such as Effects of Over

Tourism, Green Protectionism and Neo-colonialist Exploitation. A variety of important resolutions were passed by the Councils.

The conference began with

Meenakshi Mathur, the Director of NMMUN, welcoming the chief guests, renowned toastmasters, Khurram Salman and Anil Pachlangia.

This was followed by the Director General, Deputy Director General and the Secretary General delivering their opening speech. The conference was officially declared open by the Secretary General with the introduction of the chairs to the delegates.

While addressing the gathering, Principal, Arun Kumar Sharma, reiterated the importance of being focused in life.

Chairman Dr Ravi Pillai and Managing Director Geetha Pillai congratulated the students and the staff for successfully conducting the grand event.

## American University of Bahrain concludes Career Fair

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The American University of Bahrain recently concluded its second Career Fair, in partnership with Etijah Coaching.

The Fair aimed at introducing students to the job market by bringing together more than 30 industry representatives on campus.

This event aimed at providing students with networking opportunities with potential employers, getting their CVs

reviewed, practicing their interviewing skills, and learning about job opportunities in their respective industries.

The fair also provided expected-to-graduate students with valuable opportunities to connect with industry professionals and present their CVs for possible internship and job opportunities.

14 companies agreed to participate with the potential to offer student internships and jobs upon graduation. These

included Zain Bahrain, GARMCO, Calo, Al Zayani Investments, Hope Talents, and many more.

Dr. Amal Al Awadhi, Dean of Students, said, "The feedback we received from students, faculty, and professionals motivates us to host more events that aim to upskill our students with the relevant skills for today's market. We wish our students a successful journey ahead post-graduation and we are confident

in their ability to reach new heights."

Dina Shabib, Managing Director from Etijah Coaching and Consulting Services, said, "This opportunity allows us to convey a powerful message to the Bahraini youth — that their potential knows no bounds when it comes to choice of major. Through this collaboration, we aim to inspire them to explore diverse industries, recognizing their ability to make a significant impact on the world."



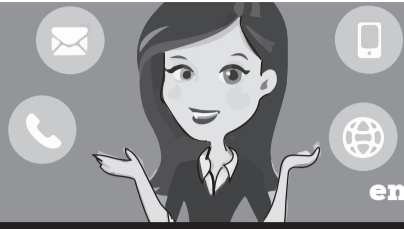
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## ISB Riffa campus holds Cubs and Bulbuls Camp



The Indian School Bahrain (ISB) Junior section held its Annual Training Camp for the Bharat Cubs and Bulbuls at the Isa Town Campus on November 18. The inaugural ceremony was attended by Principal and President of the Bharat Scouts and Guides, VR Palaniswamy, Riffa campus Principal Pamela Xavier, and Vice-Principal and Vice-President of the Bharat Scouts and Guides, Vinod S. A total of 131 Cubs and Bulbuls from classes 1 to 3 participated in the camp. The students exhibited great enthusiasm and excitement throughout the camp, earning certificates for their active participation. ISB management commended the students for their enthusiastic involvement in the camp

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**KINGDOM BUILDING PAINTING CONSTRUCTION** has a vacancy for the occupation of LABOURER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39471323 or KBPC2004@GMAIL.COM

**MAQ Marine Services** has a vacancy for the occupation of ELECTRICIAN, suitably qualified applicants can contact 36266658 or MAQMARINE@GMAIL.COM

**AL KHAJA DECOR W.L.L** has a vacancy for the occupation of CARPENTER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39677155 or INFO@ANMARCOUTURE.COM

**ATLAS ALUMINUM W.L.L** has a vacancy for the occupation of LABOURER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 34130996 or S.HUSSAIN.ISMAIL@ATLAS-ALUMINUM.COM

**ALHASSANAIN B.S.C CLOSED** has a vacancy for the occupation of TECHNICIAN, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17559999 or JAAFAR@ALHASSANAINCO.COM

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**ALTHEYAB MENS BARBER SHOP** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 35119952 or FATIMA.A.AZIZ1985@GMAIL.COM

**NEW GRIFFIN CARGO HANDLING W.L.L** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 33171008 or muhammadarshad76900@gmail.com

**AL SULTAN MOTORCYCLE REPAIRING W.L.L** has a vacancy for the occupation of MECHANIC, suitably qualified applicants can contact 33451461 or SULTANMALIK3379@GMAIL.COM

**MIAN CLEANING SERVICES W.L.L** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 33043053 or mian8bh@gmail.com

**ALHIKMA INTERIOR DECORATION W.L.L** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39403830 or ALHIKMACARPENTRY75@YAHOO.COM

**THE ISLAMABAD W.L.L** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 33867547 or ATIQPAKBAHRAIN@GMAIL.COM

**WE INVISION DESIGN AND EXECUTION W.L.L** has a vacancy for the occupation of MASON, suitably qualified applicants can contact 38103110 or TALAL.HAJI@HOTMAIL.COM

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**SPEARACT LOGIC CO W.L.L** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 33149586 or ANWARULLAH.BAH@GMAIL.COM

**LAL CONTRACTING W.L.L** has a vacancy for the occupation of LABOURER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 33229998 or LALLALBAHRAIN@GMAIL.COM

**PRESTIGE PRINTING COMPANY W.L.L** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 33770166 or SHAHIDRAO10@GMAIL.COM

**AL GHOUSIA CONTRACTING BAHRAIN PARTNERSHIP COMPANY** has a vacancy for the occupation of HEAVY DRIVER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 33228104 or CALIBERBAH@GMAIL.COM

**FISH TOWN FRESH FISH** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 33282845 or J.KALLERY@GMAIL.COM

**DAR SANAD FOR HOME MANPOWER RECRUITING** has a vacancy for the occupation of CLEANER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 37222122 or DARSANAD.BH@GMAIL.COM

**SHAHAKAR GULF CONSULTANCY CO W.L.L** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 33961064 or BAITAZLANFACILITIES@GMAIL.COM

**ICONS FASHION W.L.L** has a vacancy for the occupation of SALESMAN, suitably qualified

applicants can contact 66656744 or MISA@TAMIMIMARKETS.COM

**NAJMAT ALNAJAH TRADING W.L.L** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39100597 or honourbusiness.bh@gmail.com

**MOHAMMAD SHOAB CARGO HANDLING W.L.L** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 32002908 or VISIONDYNAMICS150@GMAIL.COM

**FAISAL AHMED JUMA CONTRACTING** has a vacancy for the occupation of HEAVY DRIVER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 33880076 or FAISALAHMEDBH2@GMAIL.COM

**EMERALD VENTURES W.L.L** has a vacancy for the occupation of GENERAL MANAGER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 32003990 or TAWFIKALLOUSH@GMAIL.COM

**LUPIN TRADING AND MAINTENANCE W.L.L** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39676747 or LUPIANTRADINGBH@GMAIL.COM

**BAHRAIN SERVICES & MAINTENANCE COMPANY B.S.C. (CLOSED)** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39468574 or aqeel@basma.com.bh

**JEEVAN W.L.L** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 35661304 or MUHAMMADAHTSHAM7055250@GMAIL.COM

**STYLING SPACES INTERIORS W.L.L** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 38842795 or AGMEDJUWEL3884@GMAIL.COM

**HOPE CITY BUSINESS CONSULTANCY W.L.L** has a vacancy for the occupation of SALESMAN, suitably qualified applicants can contact 77916333 or ALI-ALHAKEEM@HOTMAIL.COM

**Manar Alomran Scaffoldings Contracting W.L.L** has a vacancy for the occupation of SCAFFOLDER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 36992388 or bahrain@manar.com.sa

**Al Helli Supermarket B.S.C Closed** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17877209 or hanan@ALHELLI.COM

**ALHASSANAIN B.S.C CLOSED** has a vacancy for the occupation of SUPERVISOR, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17559999 or JAAFAR@ALHASSANAINCO.COM

**ALHASSANAIN B.S.C CLOSED** has a vacancy for the occupation of TECHNICIAN, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17559999 or JAAFAR@ALHASSANAINCO.COM

**STAR GROUP COMPANY W.L.L** has a vacancy for the occupation of CLEANER (GENERAL), suitably qualified applicants can contact 17300013 or ahmed@stargrouphb.com

**ERNST & YOUNG - MIDDLE EAST** has a vacancy for the occupation of AUDITOR, suitably qualified applicants can contact 38899982 or SARA.EBRAHIM@BH.EY.COM

**JAHECON W.L.L** has a vacancy for the occupation of MASON, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17244111 or JAHECON@BATELCO.COM.BH

**MOHAMMED AHMADI CO W.L.L** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17268111 or HRD1@macbh.com

**QUICK ZEBRA SERVICES** has a vacancy for the occupation of CLEANER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 36094012 or hrd@dreamgroup.bh

**SILVER CITY CONTRACTING W.L.L** has a vacancy for the occupation of LABOURER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39188855 or SILVERCITYCONTRACTING@GMAIL.COM

**ALHAJ HASSAN GROUP B.S.C CLOSED** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17551111 or VIJESH.NAIR@HAJIHASSAN.COM

**EBRAHIM KHALIL KANOO CO. B.S.C.CLOSED** has a vacancy for the occupation of TECHNICIAN, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17262262 or HR.S@EKKANOO.COM.BH

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**NASSER ABD MOHAMMED B.S.C(CLOSED)** has a vacancy for the occupation of RIGGER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17700888 or NASSERAB@BATELCO.COM.BH

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**JOZ CONSTRUCTION** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39999887 or JOZGROUP@BATELCO.COM.BH

**ESMAELY LENZOHM ELECTRICAL CO. W.L.L** has a vacancy for the occupation of DRIVER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17830330 or info@esmaelylenzohm.com

**BAHRAIN MECHANICAL & DIVING SERVICES W.L.L** has a vacancy for the occupation of DIVER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39600924 or info@bmds.co

**MIDAL CABLES B.S.C C** has a vacancy for the occupation of CO-ORDINATOR, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39653315 or EBTEHAL@MIDALCABLE.COM

**BAHRAIN AIRPORT SERVICES COMPANY (BAS) B.S.C Closed** has a vacancy for the occupation of AIRCRAFT ENGINEERING TECHNICIAN, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17321777 or BASLMRA@bas.com.bh

**AHMED HAMAD JASSIM ALJOWDER CONTRACTING** has a vacancy for the occupation of CONSTRUCTION WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17673922 or HAMAD691@HOTMAIL.COM

**HAJIS CAFE** has a vacancy for the occupation of WAITER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39938893 or MUSILAHAL@GMAIL.COM

**SEVENTIES KARAK** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39664667 or KARAK1977.BAHRAIN@GMAIL.COM

**KARAK WADI SAFA** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39536003 or WADI.ALSAFA@YAHOO.COM

**TYLOS PUBLISHING & PRESS** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER(HAND WRAPPING), suitably qualified applicants can contact 17405333 or tylospublishing@gmail.com

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**AJEEB FRESH FISH CENTRE** has a vacancy for the occupation of SALESMAN, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39602040 or zakkayjaffar@gmail.com

**RAMSIS LAUNDRY** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER(LAUNDRY), suitably qualified applicants can contact 36856868 or rajsain524@gmail.com

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**ALQANATER CAFETERIA** has a vacancy for the occupation of SANDWICHES MAKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 66344994 or Shemeemaziz@gmail.com

**ISFAHANI RESTAURANT** has a vacancy for the occupation of KITCHEN AIDE, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17742428 or admin@isfahanigroup.com

**MASKATI BROTHERS & COMPANY** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17464646 or jobs@maskatibros.com

**Shamal electro mechanical contracting company WLL** has a vacancy for the occupation of ELECTRICIAN, suitably qualified applicants can contact 33348546 or yaqoobi@hotmail.com

**Manar Alomran Scaffoldings Contracting W.L.L** has a vacancy for the occupation of SCAFFOLDER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 36992388 or bahrain@manar.com.sa

**LIBEIRUT CAFETERIA AND RESTAURANT** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 66664555 or SASJSMN@GAMELI.COM

**Al Helli Supermarket B.S.C Closed** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17877209 or HANAN@ALHELLI.COM

**MILESTONE DYNAMIC COMBINED SERVICES W.L.L** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 38881547 or lee\_hyuna@yahoo.com

**BLUE LINE FACTORY W.L.L** has a vacancy for the occupation of LABOURER, suitably qualified

applicants can contact 39666439 or INFO@BLUELINEBH.COM

**NONA ABAYAT** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39455506 or ASHOORSTYLE@HOTMAIL.COM

**FALCON ISLAND CLEANING EST** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 33454414 or falcon-i@hotmail.com

**CIRCLE INTEGRATED SERVICES W.L.L** has a vacancy for the occupation of CLEANER (GENERAL), suitably qualified applicants can contact 17822218 or INFO@CIRCLE.BH

**GFH Financial Group B.S.C.** has a vacancy for the occupation of CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17538538 or info@ghf.com

**WAAD CAFITARYA** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39857572 or HIND.ALTHAWADI@GMAIL.COM

**COMSIP AL A ALI W.L.L** has a vacancy for the occupation of LABOURER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17773006 or AURELIEN.CHAUSSY@VINCI-ENERGIES.COM

**MOHAMED ISA SHAHEEN ALI MOHAMED AL DOSERI / WALD ALJAZIRI 10370** has a vacancy for the occupation of SEAMAN, suitably qualified applicants can contact 36906645 or ALDOSERI\_79@HOTMAIL.COM

**COOL KIT CENTRAL AIRCONDITIONING PLANT REPAIRE** has a vacancy for the occupation of ASSISTANT TECHNICIAN, suitably qualified applicants can contact 77088800 or SERVICE@COOLKITSERVICE.COM

**BAHRAIN ASPHALT ESTABLISHMENT B.S.C CLOSED** has a vacancy for the occupation of CIVIL ENGINEERING TECHNICIAN, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17551111 or hr.admin@hajihassan.com

**MECHANICAL CONTRACTING & SERVICES COMPANY W.L.L** has a vacancy for the occupation of TECHNICIAN, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17623723 or msc@mscswll.com

**FLORA CONTRACTING MAINTENANCE SERVICES W.L.L** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17623882 or accounts@florabh.com

**MODERN MECHANICAL ELECTRICAL & TRANSPORT CO. W.L.L** has a vacancy for the occupation of LABOURER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17708888 or lmra@mmetc.com

**PRINCESS ZOZ BEAUTY & SPA** has a vacancy for the occupation of BEAUTICIAN, suitably qualified applicants can contact 33323533 or NOOR5544@GMAIL.COM

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**ALDALEEM CONTRACTING W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of WELDER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17252256 or ALDALEEM@HOTMAIL.COM

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**SAYACORP HOSPITALITY W.L.L** has a vacancy for the occupation of COOK(GENERAL), suitably qualified applicants can contact 33637004 or kathrina.nisnisan@conradhotels.com

**QURET SERVICES CO W.L.L** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 38957634 or QURETBAH@GMAIL.COM

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**NABEA AL SAFA CLOAKS TAILORING AND SCARFS** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 36755177 or Y\_ALTHAWADI@HOTMAIL.COM

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**QUEEN GARDEN** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17793181 or ABBAS78@BATELCO.COM.BH

**METRO GENTS SALON** has a vacancy for the occupation of BARBER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 33429009 or SALMAN\_BAHRAIN@YAHOO.COM

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**ELLIOTT EBARA MIDDLE EAST MAINTENANCE COMPANY W.L.L** has a vacancy for the occupation of TECHNICIAN(MAINTENANCE), suitably qualified applicants can contact 17293829 or msalehijuma@elliott-turbo.com

**Al Hilal Multi Specialty Medical Center -Manama** has a vacancy for the occupation of EXECUTIVE EMPLOYEE, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17824444 or HRD@ALHILALHEALTHCARE.COM

**Westin Hotel Bahrain City Centre** has a vacancy for the occupation of TRAINEE, suitably qualified applicants can contact 38885874 or Ali.alqattan@maf.ae

**SILVER CITY CONTRACTING W.L.L** has a vacancy for the occupation of LABOURER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39188855 or SILVERCITYCONTRACTING@GMAIL.COM

**BDC MANPOWER SERVICES W.L.L** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER/PACKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17180530 or mona.alnokhedha@bas.com.bh

**ALFARES FOR CUSTOM CLEARING FORWARDING & STEVEDORING AND PACKAGI** has a vacancy for the occupation of HEAVY DRIVER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17292372 or ALFARESEST.BH@GMAIL.COM

**MODERN MECHANICAL ELECTRICAL & TRANSPORT CO. W.L.L** has a vacancy for the occupation of LABOURER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17708888 or lmra@mmetc.com

**MARSA ALBUSAITEN COLD STORES - BAHRAIN PARTNERSHIP COMPANY** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39867872 or HASH2H2@HOTMAIL.COM

**Jaser Construction** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 34349799 or JASERCONT@GMAIL.COM

**PUNJAB CITY CONSTRUCTION** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39252020 or SHAREF.WORKS@GMAIL.COM

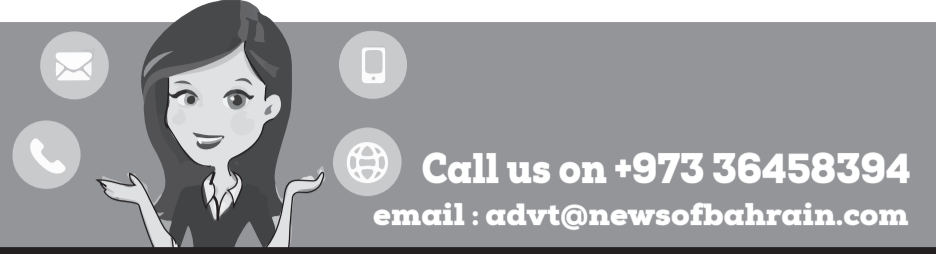
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**Lucid Solutions Co. W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of LABOURER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 38806242 or sas@lucid.com

**GRAND LAND REAL ESTATE W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 38856057 or OXFORDBAH@GMAIL.COM

**BACON RESTAURANT** has a vacancy for the occupation of COOK(GENERAL), suitably qualified applicants can contact 66666354 or M.ALMAHMOOD94@GMAIL.COM

**RAMSIS ENGINEERING CO. W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of MECHANICAL HELPER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17830801 or HR@RAMSIS.COM.BH

**EBRAHIM HAMAD ALTHAWADI TRADING & CONT.** has a vacancy for the occupation of MASON, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17274404 or deepupathepparampil@gmail.com

**COMSIP AL A ALI W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of LABOURER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17773006 or AURELIEN.CHAUSSY@VINCI-ENERGIES.COM

**ALMOAYYED CONTRACTING GROUP W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of PAINTER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17400407 or proffice@almoayyedgroup.com

**KINGDOM ASPHALT COMPANY W L L** has a vacancy for the occupation of SECURITY GUARD, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17466776 or ABDULLA@KINGDOM.BH

**ALJAMEEL CONSTRUCTION WLL** has a

vacancy for the occupation of WATCHMAN / GUARD, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17213003 or husain@jcgrouppglobal.com

**Bahrain Al Arabi International Decoration Co. W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of GYPSUM CARVER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17715919 or daaij@alarabi-bh.com

**MOHAMED RADHI AHMED MOHAMED** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 37737739 or ORLEANS.GR.BH@GMAIL.COM

**MOHAMED HASSAN SALON W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of BARBER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 38868476 or BAYADA11389@GMAIL.COM

**AL BRAR FISH SHOP W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 33268512 or BRARSINGH964@GMAIL.COM

**ALFAL ALHASSAN** has a vacancy for the occupation of ACCOUNTANTS, suitably qualified applicants can contact 34020245 or ALNAHDA.BH@GMAIL.COM

**SALAH AHMED ALI SALMAN(NORANH/8361)** has a vacancy for the occupation of SEAMAN, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39955095 or abdukat2015@gmail.com

**ALMASAR AUTO SERVICES** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 36606655 or ALMASARAUTO@hotmail.com

**MATROOK SUPERMARKET** has a vacancy for the occupation of SALESMAN, suitably qualified applicants can contact 36117747 or AZIZMATROOK@HOTMAIL.COM

**SAFARI GARAGE** has a vacancy for the occupation of PAINTER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39836099 or YOUSIF.RASOOL@HOTMAIL.COM

**Zarai restaurant** has a vacancy for the occupation of WAITER (GENERAL), suitably qualified applicants can contact 39810007 or ZARAEI.AN@GMAIL.COM

**HEALTHY STOP CAFETERIA** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 36363988 or HAMADALSAEED@YAHOO.COM

**Time Line W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of MARKETING EXECUTIVE, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17702277 or WORLD\_TODAY82@YAHOO.COM

**ALMOAYYED CONTRACTING GROUP W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of CARPENTER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17400407 or proffice@almoayyedgroup.com

**Alajjal gate tailoring** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 33169704 or WAL-AL-B@HOTMAIL.COM

**Jalip air conditioning and refrigerator repair workshop** has a vacancy for the occupation of DRIVER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 33352576 or rajaarif9123@gmail.com

**AL JABA CONSTRUCTION W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 66677740 or ALJABACONSTRUCTIONWLL@GMAIL.COM

**SYME MECHANICAL CONTRACTING W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of ERECTOR-STEEL-(CONSTRUCTION), suitably qualified applicants can contact 17456311 or SYMEASHOK@GMAIL.COM

**SHUHDI FOR GENERAL TRADE** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 33020130 or bh.atal1966@gmail.com

**SAYACORP HOSPITALITY W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of CLEANER (GENERAL), suitably qualified applicants can contact 33637004 or kathrina.nisnisan@conradhotels.com

**ORLA RESTAURANT W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of ASSISTANT MANAGER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 38883282 or YK@ORLARESTAURANT.COM

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**HAMAD 99 SERVICES W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 33878746 or HAMAD99BH@GMAIL.COM

**FIRE FIGHTER CO SECURITY AND SAFETY EQUIPMENT TRADING W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of TECHNICIAN(MAINTENANCE), suitably qualified applicants can contact 17000347 or AZIZ65211@GMAIL.COM

**WHITE DIAMOND PUBLICITY AND ADVERTISING Bahraini Partnership Com** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 33706716 or SHAMSUOKEY2@GMAIL.COM

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**MAGIC SHINE CLEANING CO. W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of CLEANER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 36509129 or info@magicshinebh.com

**BAHRAIN GUARDING SOLUTIONS W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of SECURITY

GUARD, suitably qualified applicants can contact 37722884 or GOVERNMENT@mre.co

**CIRCLE INTEGRATED SERVICES W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of CLEANER (GENERAL), suitably qualified applicants can contact 17822218 or INFO@CIRCLE.BH

**Golden Palace Falafel And Sambosa** has a vacancy for the occupation of SANDWICHES MAKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39122259 or alwani007@hotmail.com

**COOL KIT CENTRAL AIRCONDITIONING PLANT REPAIR** has a vacancy for the occupation of DRIVER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 77088800 or SERVICE@COOLKITSERVICE.COM

**Bahrain Al Arabi International Decoration Co. W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of GYPSUM CARVER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 17715919 or daaij@alarabi-bh.com

**AL HEEBA PHONE** has a vacancy for the occupation of REPAIRER(ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENTS), suitably qualified applicants can contact 36895635 or AL.HEEBA.PHONE@GMAIL.COM

**FIVE HAND BAHRAINI PARTNERSHIP COMPANY** has a vacancy for the occupation of DRIVER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 34111343 or ADHIMALGHALI1968@GMAIL.COM

**AL - KARAMA SANDWICHES CO WLL** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 39929669 or HHASSANALASSY@GMAIL.COM

**SEPCOIII BAHRAIN CONSTRUCTION COMPANY W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 66331128 or fatima@sepcos.com

**NISHMA FASHION DESIGN - BAHRAINI PARTNERSHIP COMPANY** has a vacancy for the occupation of WORKER, suitably qualified applicants can contact 32082472 or RAJKABOOR2019@GMAIL.COM

**M M WASIF SERVICES CO. W.L.L.** has a vacancy for the occupation of DRIVER(HEAVY VEHICLE), suitably qualified applicants can contact 39656645 or SALOONBEAUTY0@GMAIL.COM

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## Howden expands racing sponsorships in Bahrain and Australia

### ● Howden to be Platinum partner of Bahrain Turf Series, sponsoring two races at The Crown Prince's Cup meeting

TDT | Manama

Howden, the global insurance group, yesterday announced two new horse racing sponsorships with Victoria Racing Club (VRC) in Australia and The Bahrain Turf Club (BTC), reinforcing its commitment to the global equine market and strengthening its connection to horse racing.

Howden is an established insurance broker to the racing industry, with a market leading equine division that provides solutions to equestrian associations, racecourses, racehorse trainers, stud farms and bloodstock, riding schools, livery yards, and horse owners.

Howden will become the Official Insurance Partner of the Victoria Racing Club (VRC), its first racing sponsorship in the country, which hosts the iconic Melbourne Cup Carnival, and will be the named sponsors of the Group 1 Howden Australian Guineas (1600m), Australia's premier autumn three-year-old race.

Howden is in its third year sponsoring at The Crown Prince's Cup meeting and will become platinum partner of the Bahrain Turf Series, which includes five fixtures delivering \$880,000 in prize money and will also see Howden sponsoring two races at The Crown Prince's Cup meeting, taking place on 2 February 2024.

Howden has already made considerable investments in horse racing and supports clients from the grassroots to the elite levels. Its CEO, David Howden, has invested in British Eventing through the Howden Way, which encompasses a training programme for



Officials of Bahrain Turf Club and Howden after signing the deal

young riders of all levels along with a young horse talent pathway programme, and is the president of the Cornbury House Horse Trials. Howden

is also an official partner of Ascot Racecourse, strengthening its connection to the equine community and enabling it to better understand and respond to the risk challenges it faces.

Adam Knights, CEO, Howden Bahrain said, "Our collaboration with the Bahrain Turf Club commenced in 2021, and throughout the past two seasons we have witnessed remarkable progress in the field of horse racing in Bahrain and the GCC region. The Bahrain Turf Club and Howden share a profound enthusiasm for horse racing and its ability to unite people."

Yusuf Buheji, CEO, Bahrain Turf Club added, "As a new business in Bahrain, Howden has recognised that working with the BTC allows it to grow its presence in the region through branding opportunities and hospitality offering. The two races Howden sponsor on Crown Prince's Cup Day in February 2024 will create new business opportunities in this rapidly growing market."

## British School, East Riffa School Advance to Quarterfinals of Nasser bin Hamad School Tournament

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The British School team has successfully advanced to the quarter-finals of the Nasser bin Hamad Football Tournament for Secondary Schools, while defending champions East Riffa Secondary School for Boys secured their third win on the trot. Both teams are in Group 4 of the championship.

Being held under the patronage of HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Representative of HM the King for Humanitarian Works and Youth Affairs, and organised by the Ministry of Education, the tournament is backed by the platinum sponsor the National Bank of Bahrain (NBB), while the gold sponsors are ELM Education Fund, GMI, Ahli United Bank (AUB), First Motors.

The bronze sponsors are Sara Group, Engineer Transportation Company, Be Sport, the Palace



Action from a match

Project, Bahrain Cinema (Cinecto), Kuwait Finance House, Planera Holding, and Mena Company. Alayam newspaper is the media sponsor of the competition.

Despite already securing their qualification, East Riffa School fielded a strong starting 11 against Ahmed Al Omran Secondary School for Boys. The latter needed to win and await



Players vie for the ball during a match

the result of the British School to progress to the second round. The defending champions showcased their dominance by defeating Ahmed Al Omran School with an impressive 5-0

victory. The goals were scored by Mohammed Al Shaikhani (two goals), Nasser Awad, substitute Hamad Al Khalafi, and the standout player of the match Abdulaziz Osama Al Khatib.

Meanwhile, the British School took full advantage of the opportunity and secured their place by defeating St. Christopher School with a resounding 6-0 scoreline. Talal Fawaz Ghazal was particularly impressive, netting four goals to achieve a superb hat-trick. Additionally, Abdulkareem Deep and Omar Al Rawajah each contributed a goal to secure the British School's qualification.

As a result, the British School edged out Ahmed Al Omran Secondary School for Boys on goal difference. East Riffa Secondary School for Boys secured first place with nine points, while the British School and Ahmed Al Omran School both accumulated four points each. The decision was made based on goal difference, with the British School scoring 7 goals and conceding 6 (+1), while Al Omran scored 4 goals and conceded 6 (-2).

## Isa bin Abdullah chairs meeting of BREEF's board of directors

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In the presence of the board members, HH Shaikh Isa bin Abdullah Al Khalifa, President of the Royal Equestrian and Endurance Federation (BREEF), chaired the board of directors' meeting held at the federation's headquarters.

The meeting was attended by the board members, including Galeb Al Alawi, Secretary of the Federation, Shaikh Ahmed bin Isa Al Khalifa, Treasurer, Shaikh Nasser bin Mohammed Al Khalifa, Board Member, Shaikh Abdullah bin Mohammed Al Khalifa, Head of the Showjumping Committee; Dr. Khalid Ahmed Hassan, Assistant Secre-

tary, and Tawfiq Al Salehi, Head of the Public Relations, Media, and Marketing Committee.

HH Shaikh Isa bin Abdullah Al Khalifa commended the remarkable efforts exerted by the board members in elevating sports under the federation's umbrella.

The President and board members emphasised their commitment to implementing the directives of HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Representative of His Majesty the King for Humanitarian Works and Youth Affairs and Honourary President of BREEF. They highlighted the importance of promoting endurance racing, showjumping, dressage, and Arabian horse beauty, expressing their appreciation

for his continued support to the federation.

During the meeting, the President and members of BREEF reviewed the financial status of the federation. They also discussed the events organised in the past period, as well as the federation's preparations for the upcoming National Day Endurance Championship, scheduled for December, and the upcoming showjumping, dressage, and Arabian horse beauty competitions.

The board discussed a new marketing strategy to be implemented in the coming period, stressing the significance of engaging the private sector in supporting the federation and its events.



HH Shaikh Isa bin Abdullah Al Khalifa with board of directors of BREEF

# Saudi-backed Newcastle face Champions League reality check

Newcastle must avoid defeat against PSG to remain in Champions League contention

● Eddie Howe's team has been hit by a wave of injuries, including Sandro Tonali, Harvey Barnes, and key defenders

AFP | London

Newcastle must overcome the might of Paris Saint-Germain and a mounting injury list if the Magpies' first foray into the Champions League for 20 years is not to come to a premature end on Tuesday.

Damaging back-to-back defeats to Borussia Dortmund have left Eddie Howe's men sitting bottom of a devilishly difficult Group F, also featuring last season's semi-finalists AC Milan.

Newcastle must avoid defeat in the French capital to have any chance of reaching the last 16.

Qualification looked well within the grasp of Howe's side



Newcastle United's Sean Longstaff scores a goal against PSG (file photo)

when they humbled PSG 4-1 on Tyneside in October.

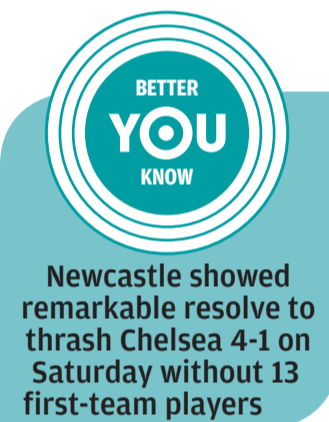
But things have since unravelled for Newcastle as an injury crisis has taken its toll despite the club being backed by the riches of the Saudi sovereign wealth fund.

Contrary to expectations, Newcastle did not splash their newfound wealth extravagantly in the transfer window by the

standards of top Premier League sides.

The club's one marquee summer signing, Sandro Tonali, has been slapped with a 10-month ban for breaching betting rules during his time with Milan.

Harvey Barnes has spent most of the campaign out injured since his switch from Leicester, while young full-backs Lewis Hall and Tino Livramento have



only been pressed into action in recent weeks due to injuries to others.

The decision to be more conservative in the transfer market is now coming back to bite, even if Newcastle showed remarkable resolve to thrash Chelsea 4-1 on Saturday without 13 first-team players.

Sven Botman, Dan Burn, Callum Wilson, Joe Willock and Sean Longstaff are among the other key players likely to miss out again at the Parc des Princes.

"You look at the players who were missing and that was a giant performance from the players we have fit," said Howe after Chelsea were swept aside at St. James' Park.

However, the fear for Howe is that his depleted squad have already emptied the tank ahead of facing a PSG side led by Kylian Mbappe with revenge and a place in the last 16 in their sights.

Howe needed to name three goalkeepers and a number of teenagers just to fill his bench at the weekend.

The demolition of the French champions in their first home Champions League match for two decades appeared a statement of intent from a coming power of European football.

### Growing pains

Newcastle are aiming to follow in the footsteps of Manchester City as a state-backed project that can go onto dominate English football and conquer Europe.

But Howe is not yet working

with a squad filled with superstars built to compete with the Champions League elite.

The likes of captain Jamaal Lascelles, Fabian Schar, Longstaff, Joelinton and Miguel Almiron were part of a side fighting relegation when Howe took over just two years ago.

City had to go through plenty of growing pains on the Champions League stage before finally lifting the trophy in June in their 12th consecutive season in the competition.

Newcastle's rise into the Premier League's top four last season came quicker than expected and they were then handed by a distance the toughest Champions League group in this season's draw.

A return to facing Europe's best may have come as a reality check for a depleted squad, but they are still in the fight for the last 16 if they can repeat the feat of keeping Mbappe quiet as they did in October and deliver another bloody nose to PSG.

## President of Bahrain Paralympic Committee receives Asian Paralympic Committee's Asian Order award

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Shaikh Mohamed Bin Duaij Al Khalifa, the President of Bahrain Paralympic Committee, received the "Asian Order" award from the Asian Paralympic Committee (APC) during the APC Conference at the Asian Awards 2023 held in Riyadh from November 23 to 24.

This award is given to individuals supporting the Paralympic movement in the Asian region and promoting the participation of Para athletes. It is a recognition of those who make outstanding efforts to raise awareness about issues faced by those with Impairments and encourage Para sports in the Asian region.

The award acknowledges his and the Bahrain Paralympic Committee's efforts in hosting various international sporting events in the Kingdom of Bah-



Shaikh Mohamed Bin Duaij Al Khalifa receives the award

rain, including the Bahrain 2021 Asian Youth Para Games, the 3rd West Asian Para Games - Bahrain 2022, Bahrain 1st International Para Badminton Tournament 2022, Bahrain 2022

World Boccia Cup and hosting the IPC General Assembly and Conference of the International Paralympic Committee that was held in September 2023.

These hosting endeavors have significantly contributed to the development of the Paralympic movement in Asia, showcasing the tangible achievements of the Bahrain Paralympic Committee in the sports sector. The Kingdom of Bahrain has established itself as a global sports hub through its successful hosting of major sporting events.

Shaikh Mohamed Bin Duaij expresses his deep gratitude to the wise leadership of the Kingdom of Bahrain for their continuous support for Para sports. He also extends his appreciation to the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports and the General Sports Authority for their ongoing efforts in supporting Para sports.

## AFC Cup match moved after Myanmar team denied Australia visas

AFP | Sydney

An AFC Cup match between teams from Australia and Myanmar has been moved to a

neutral venue in Thailand after Canberra refused to grant visas to the visiting side, Football Australia said yesterday.

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## Bahrain get tough Olympics qualifiers



Bahrain being drawn from its pot by former NBA star Luol Deng last night

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Bahrain were last night drawn in a tough Group B for their FIBA Olympic Qualifying Tournament (OQT) as they hope to claim a historic berth in the Paris Olympics 2024.

The draw was held virtually last night by FIBA, placing the 24 participating squads in their respective OQTs, which are to be hosted by four different nations from 2 to 7 July next year.

The Kingdom's senior men's national basketball team are in the OQT that is to be held in Puerto Rico. They are in Group B along with Italy and hosts Puerto Rico, while Group A in their OQT features Mexico, Ivory Coast and Lithuania.

The other OQTs are to be hosted by Spain, Latvia and Greece.

Group A in the Spain OQT includes Lebanon, Angola and the host Spaniards, while Group B is composed of Fin-

land, Poland and the Bahamas. The Latvia OQT features Georgia, Philippines and hosts Latvia in Group A, along with Brazil, Cameroon and Montenegro in Group B. Group A in the Greece OQT features Slovenia, New Zealand and Croatia, while Group B includes Egypt, hosts Greece and the Dominican Republic.

The winners of each OQT will qualify for the Paris Games, where they will join host nation France, and the seven others who booked their berths at this year's FIBA Basketball World Cup, namely Germany, Serbia, Japan, Australia, Canada, the US and South Sudan. They will form a field of 12 that will be going for gold at the Olympics.

Bahrain are making their historic first-ever participation in a FIBA OQT. They secured their berth in the FIBA Olympic Qualifying Tournaments after sweeping their five games in the Asian pre-qualifiers held in Damascus, Syria, last August.

## Riffa hit six past Nejme

Bahrainis rout Lebanese opponents to book berth in knockout stage of 2023/2024 AFC Cup

TDT | Manama

A rampant Riffa booked their berth in the knockout stage of the 2023/2024 AFC Cup following a resounding 6-1 victory over Nejme SC of Lebanon last night at the Khalifa Sports City Stadium in Isa Town.

Komail Al Aswad was on target for the Bahrainis in the first half, and then Majdi Attar, Hashem Sayed Issa twice, Joel Vinicius Silva dos Anjos and Vinicius Vargas all scored in the final 45-minute period.

The result earned Riffa their fourth win in five matches as they improved to 13 points atop the Group C standings. That, coupled with Al Arabi of Kuwait's late 1-1 draw with Al Zawra'a of Iraq, ensured Riffa the top spot in their pool and thus their place in the next phase, the zonal semi-finals, with one game still to play.

That will be on 12 December away against Zawra'a at Basra Sport City Stadium in Iraq.

In Riffa's win last night, Al Aswad netted Riffa's first goal in the 35th minute. He headed home off a brilliantly lobbed



Riffa's Sayed Redha Isa looks to make a play during their match last night against Nejme

pass from Hazza Ali from beyond a quarter-length of the pitch. Al Aswad did masterfully to beat the off-side trap and time his move towards goal, and he headed the ball in from close range over Nejme goalkeeper Ali El Sabeh. That was enough to put the Bahrainis in front at the break.

Not long after the restart, Riffa doubled their advantage. Al Aswad was once again involved, this time setting up the perfect assist for Attar, who slotted home with a left-footed effort

in the 51st minute.

It was then 3-0 just one minute later after Issa scored with a shot between two Nejme defenders from the inside edge of the penalty box, and then dos Anjos made it four for Riffa with

a short stab in the 64th minute off a low cross from teammate Vinicius Vargas.

Issa then secured his double in the 72nd minute, but Nejme's Hassan Kourani was able to net a consolation the very next minute.

Vargas then applied the final dagger in the coffin in the 83rd minute with a goal from close range.

The AFC Cup is the annual continental club competition of the Asian Football Confederation (AFC) for continent's top club teams not competing in the AFC Champions League. Riffa are the lone Bahraini outfit in this year's competition.

A total of 36 participating teams are participating, divided into nine groups across the five AFC zones. The West zone teams are in Groups A, B and C.

## Standings

	P	W	D	L	+/-	Pts
Riffa (Bahrain)	5	4	1	0	11	13
Al Zawraa (Iraq)	5	2	2	1	3	8
Al Arabi SC (Kuwait)	5	1	2	2	-3	5
Nejme SC (Lebanon)	5	0	1	4	-11	1

## Verstappen toasts Tost after 19th win completes dominant season

AFP | Abu Dhabi

It was a measure of Max Verstappen's spare capacity in a season of record-breaking success that the first person he mentioned after winning the Abu Dhabi Grand Prix was a retirement-bound F1 veteran team boss, Franz Tost.

After 18 years as the head of Red Bull's junior team, an operation that has been a conveyor belt of talent for the Milton Keynes-based outfit and others, Tost was on the Alpha Tauri pit wall for the final time.

"Thank you to everyone," said Verstappen on his in-lap after his record 19th win of the season



Red Bull's Max Verstappen performs a burnout after Abu Dhabi win

and the 54th of his career. "And thank you to Franz Tost. He has had lots of us under his wings and it is his last race - so thank you to Franz."

Verstappen's progress from "Mad Max" in his early days of impetuous aggression through

his determined arrival as a serial champion, following his controversial 2021 triumph at the Yas Marina Circuit, to his latest role as a record-breaking winning machine has been unstoppable.

On Sunday, he became the

first driver to complete a season having led more than 1,000 laps - 1,003 of the 1,325 available - to deliver a percentage rate of 75.70 per cent, a feat that surpassed the 60-year-record of two-time champion Jim Clark, who led 506 of 708 laps at a rate of 71.47 in 1963.

"It's been an incredible season," he said. "It was a bit emotional on the in-lap, the last time sitting in the car which has, of course, given me such a lot. And I am very proud to win here in the last race and I have to say a big thank you to everyone at Red Bull. It's been an incredible year -- it will be hard to do something similar again."

## Man Utd's Garnacho can be 'something special' says Fernandes



Manchester United's Bruno Fernandes and Alejandro Garnacho celebrate after a match (file photo)

AFP | London

Bruno Fernandes says Alejandro Garnacho's wonder goal in Manchester United's victory against Everton proved the Argentine teenager can be "something special".

Garnacho gave a glimpse of his vast potential with a brilliant overhead kick to inspire United's 3-0 win in Sunday's Premier League clash at Goodison Park.

Showing outstanding ingenuity and technique to conjure the breath-taking strike, the 19-year-old showed why his United team-mate Fernandes believes he has the ability to become one of the world's best players.

"It's amazing, something out of this world, I think," United captain Fernandes said.

Garnacho marked the goal by copying former Manchester United star Cristiano Ronaldo's celebration.

Fernandes cautioned that

it is too early to suggest Garnacho can emulate Ronaldo's remarkable career, but he expects great things from his young team-mate, who arrived from Atletico Madrid in 2020. "Probably he's watching too much Cristiano clips! We all know that he's a big fan. Still a long way for him to be like Cristiano but he's getting his steps," Fernandes said.

"He wants to be something special in the world of football and I think he has the capability to do that, but he has to do more than that goal!"

Garnacho was not the only impressive United teenager in action at Goodison Park, with fellow FA Youth Cup winner Kobbie Mainoo flourishing on his first Premier League start.

The 18-year-old midfielder recently recovered from the injury he sustained during United's pre-season tour and produced a performance that belied his tender years.

## Pandya returns to Mumbai, Green to Bangalore in IPL trade

AFP | New Delhi

Hardik Pandya has been traded to his former franchise Mumbai Indians from Gujarat Titans with Cameron Green moving from Mumbai to Royal Challengers Bangalore, the IPL said on Monday.

Five-time winners Mumbai got all-rounder Pandya back on his existing player fee of \$1.8 million as teams prepare their wish lists and organise their purses for the IPL auction on December 19 in Dubai.

Pandya first joined Mumbai, which is owned by Nita Ambani -- wife of India's richest man, the Reliance Industries billionaire Mukesh Ambani -- as an uncapped player in 2015 for \$11,000.

"We are thrilled to welcome Hardik back home! It's a heartwarming reunion with our Mumbai Indians family!" Nita Ambani said in a statement.



Hardik Pandya of Gujarat Titans plays a shot (file photo)

"From being a young scouted talent of Mumbai Indians to now being a Team India star, Hardik has come a long way and we're excited for what the future holds for him and Mumbai Indians."

An attacking batsman and fast bowler, Pandya led Gujarat to the IPL title in their debut season in 2022 and remained cap-

tain in their runners-up finish this year.

He led from the front with 833 runs in 30 innings and a strike rate of 133.49. Pandya took 11 wickets.

India opener Shubman Gill has been named captain of Gujarat ahead of the 2024 season.

"Shubman Gill has shown growth in stature and standing

From being a young scouted talent of Mumbai Indians to now being a Team India star, Hardik has come a long way and we're excited for what the future holds for him and Mumbai Indians

NITA AMBANI

over the last two years at the highest level of the game," said Vikram Solanki, Gujarat's director of cricket.

"We've seen him mature not only as a batter but also as a leader in cricket."

Mumbai let go of Australian all-rounder Green, who was the second most expensive buy in the auction for the 2023 season at \$2.11 million.