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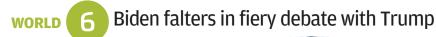
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Zelensky says preparing 'plan' to end war with Russia

AFP | Kyiv, Ukraine

Ukraine's President Vo-lodymyr Zelensky yesterday said he was drawing up a "comprehensive plan" for how Kyiv believes the war with Russia should end.

There are no public talks ongoing between Ukraine and Russia and based on public statements by Zelensky and Russian President Vladimir Putin, the two sides appear as far apart as ever when it comes to the terms of a potential peace settlement.

Zelensky hosted a major international summit in Switzerland earlier this month -- to which Russia was not invited -- to rally support for Ukraine's po-

"It is very important for us to show a plan to end the war that will be supported by the majority of the world," Zelensky said on Friday

Police arrest suspects in 35,000 **Bahraini Dinar** electrical cable theft

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Several individuals suspected of stealing electrical cables valued at approximately 35,000 Bahraini dinars were arrested by the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) of the General Department of Criminal Investigations and Forensic Evidence in separate operations.

The suspects, originating from different nations, were apprehended red-handed with stolen cables following a tip-off received by the CID.

Further investigations revealed that another group had purchased these stolen materials without verifying their origin or obtaining receipts for the transactions.

The seized items have been documented as evidence, and legal proceedings are now underway. The case will be referred to the Public Prosecution for further action.



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UAE cuts Friday sermons at mosques over sizzling heat

Sermons usually last for 20 minutes or more

Decision valid from **June to October**

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ot more than 10 minutes. mons in 10 minutes during the cool again. months of June, July, August, September and October.

change.



Worshippers listen to the Eid al-Fitr morning prayer sermon at Dubai's Eid Musalla in the Gulf emirate's old port area

Announcing the decision, the

The sermons usually last for The extraordinary decision prayers on Fridays but can run and other complications as temstems from the rising summer even longer, with large crowds peratures approach 50 degrees temperatures linked to climate gathering outside mosques at Celsius (122 Fahrenheit) in parts midday.

The decision was aimed at The United Arab General Authority of Islamic ensuring "the safety of wor-Emirates ordered Affairs said things will be back shippers... especially during the preachers there to conclude ser- to normal when temperatures summer months", the statement

> It coincides with UAE authori-20 minutes for the main weekly ties' efforts to avoid heat strokes of the country.

From June until September, the UAE prohibits work under direct sunlight and in open-air areas between noon and 3:00 pm as part of a longstanding "midday break" policy widely adopted across the Gulf.

The desert region, already one of the world's hottest, faces rising threats from high temperatures attributed to climate change

"Rising temperatures in the region, combined with high humidity, create dangerous conditions," said Karim Elgendy, as associate fellow at the Chatham House think-tank.

"This presents a serious threat to human health in outdoor environments," the climate expert told AFP.

Charity Uptick

Kingdom of Bahrain sees surge in fundraising licences

Grants 70% more fundraising licences in2024 first four months

24 licences for receiving funds abroad, 75 for sending funds overseas granted to NGOs

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tivities are experiencing four months. a notable uptick in the Kingdom, with authorities issu- allocated to charitable associ- NGOs to send funds overseas. ing multiple licences for receivations, centers, foundations, ing and sending funds abroad and private non-governmen- Fundraising for Public Purin the first four months of 2024

According to new data from the Ministry of Social Development, approximately 85 new permits were granted during this period, marking a substantial 70% increase compared to the same timeframe last year.



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In 2022, a total of 178 licences tal organisations (NGOs). The 30 days, as stipulated by Deharitable fundraising ac- were issued, averaging 59 every Ministry also reported issuing cree-Law 21 of 2013. The min-24 licences for receiving funds istry collaborates with relevant These licences are primarily from abroad and granting 75 for

Under the Law Regulating

The surge in fundraising licences underscores a growing commitment to philanthropy and community support initiatives across the Kingdom.

poses, charitable organisations are permitted to collect funds through diverse methods such as charity markets, events, donation boxes, and online platforms, among others approved by the ministry on a case-bycase basis.

Obtaining a fundraising licence involves submitting an application to the Ministry of Social Development, which evaluates the organisation's objectives and verifies its legal status and board legitimacy within government agencies to ensure

transparency in fund collection. Additionally, the Ministry provided 328 consultations in the first quarter of 2024, including legal, financial, and technical advice, benefiting numerous NGOs. Ten training courses were also conducted, benefiting 221 organisations and 378 participants, with extensive follow-up visits for institutional evaluation

Gazans living in 'unbearable' conditions: UNRWA

AFP | Geneva, Switzerland

azans are forced to live Gin bombed-out buildings or camp next to giant piles of trash, a United Nations spokeswoman said Friday, denouncing the "unbearable" conditions in the besieged territory.

Louise Wateridge from UNRWA, the UN agency supporting Palestinian refugees, described the "extremely dire" living conditions in the Gaza Strip.

"It's really unbearable," she told reporters in Geneva, via video-link from central Gaza.

Wateridge, who returned Wednesday after four weeks outside the territory, said that even in that time the situation had "significantly deteriorated".

"Today, it has to be the worst it's ever been. I don't doubt that tomorrow again will be the worst it's ever been," she said.

Nearly nine months into the war between Israel and Hamas, Wateridge said the Gaza Strip had been "destroyed".

She said she had been "shocked" on returning to Khan Yunis in central Gaza.

"The buildings are skeletons, if at all. Everything is rubble," she said.

"And yet people are living there again.

"There's no water there, there's no sanitation, there's no food. And now, people are living back in these buildings that are empty shells," with sheets covering the gaps left by blown-out

With no bathrooms, "people are relieving themselves anywhere they can".



Fighting pollution

EU to enforce fixed plastic bottle tops

AFP | Paris, France

 $P^{
m lastic}$ bottle-tops on drinks sold in the European Union from next Wednesday will have to be attached to their container under new rules aiming to stem harmful pollution.

A range of products from bottles of water and fizzy drinks to cartons of milk and juice must have a cap that stays attached to the vessel once part of a 2019 EU directive comes into force Representative picture



on July 3. Bottle caps and lids er effort to curb production of most on beaches" in Europe, the directive said.

Now, disposable plastic products can only be sold "if they fulfil specific product design tain cardboard, plastic or alurequirements that significantly minium. reduce the dispersal into the en-

The rule is part of a broad- "medical purposes".

are "among the single-use plas- single-use plastics, and has been tic products that are found the transcribed into law in EU member states.

It also applies to tops on "composite packaging" such as milk or juice cartons that con-

The regulation excludes tops vironment of beverage contain- on glass and metal containers, er caps and lids made of plastic". as well as containers used for

To wash or not to wash

Car wash licence controversy sparks debate in Muharrag

- They debated whether to allow new car washes or reject recent applications and called for an inventory of car washes operating from **2009 to December 2023**
- Mohamed Yusuf, from the First Constituency, questioned why a July 2023 car wash permit request was denied while six others were approved
- Engineer Hussain Gargour broadened the licence suspension to include car polishing, upholstery, and tailoring

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Councillors during a meeting

ning two sessions.

Finally, members recommended either allowing new car washes or rejecting all recent proposals and applications. They are traordinary meeting, the suspenalso calling for a comprehensive inventory of car washes operating between 2009 and early three activities: car washing and December 2023.

submission by Mohamed Yusuf, This decision, he explained, was the Ministry of Industry and ssuing car wash licences has a member representing the First never been this controver- Constituency, over a permit for from the Committee for Unifysial, especially in Muharraq. a car wash since July 2023. He Discrepancies in the licensing pointed out that the relevant process led councillors to hold authorities did not approved upon reviewing past licences offices.

others.

Hussain Gargour, the engision of licences was not limited polishing, car upholstery, and The controversy stems from a curtain upholstery and tailoring. ing Procedures.

an extraordinary debate span- the request while approving six in commercial areas, it became evident that these activities had contributed to various prob-50% of these establishments their designated commercial

> According to statistics from based on an internal circular Commerce, there are 87 licenced



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Home for homeless woman

During the same meeting, Daneer responsible for municipal lems, including traffic conges- laal Al Maqhawi, a member of licences, stated that in the ex- tion and environmental dam- the Muharraq Municipal Counage. He noted that more than cil representing the Second Constituency, raised the issue of an to car polishing but extended to were not operating within elderly widow whose house was demolished 15 years ago as part not require significant expenses of a project to rebuild dilapidated homes, but has vet to see any

is also suffering from health recommendation.

issues, is now living with her children.

Al Maghawi pointed out that the Ministry of Municipalities has failed to act despite having funds for the dilapidated houses project. The member also noted that rebuilding the house would due to its small size.

The Muharraq Municipal Council issued a recom-Al Maghawi explained that mendation calling for the recar wash establishments in Mu- the house was demolished un- construction of the house, harraq, with over 50% located in der the project in 2009 but was with all council members Mr. Gargour highlighted that service areas or administrative never rebuilt. The woman, who unanimously approving the

Breathing life into fading souls

A Lawyer-Turned-Writer Breaks Preconceptions About Bahrain, One Story at a Time

Mohammed Darwish TDT | Manama

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m debut\ book,\ "100\ Bahrain}^{
m ollowing\ the\ success\ of\ her}$ Stories, "Australian writer Tanzeel Jabbar-Khadir has re-released the book with expanded author notes and high-quality printed portraits, now gracing the shelves of major bookstores. This collection narrates the stories of Bahraini citizens and expatriates, capturing their varied desires, aspirations, and lived experiences.

Tanzeel offers readers intimate insights into the lives of Bahrain's vibrant and multicultural population. Academically trained as a lawyer with a passion for writing, she recognises the power of a well-crafted narrative to challenge preconceptions and illuminate the universal threads that bind us all.

We were afforded the opportunity to explore the journey of the chronicler herself, uncovering the personal experiences that culminated in this deeply moving and thought-provoking

In an interview at her home with The Daily Tribune, Tanzeel shared her initial inspiration:

When I moved from Australia to Bahrain in 2008, I began to notice how different the people here are from many preconceived ideas about Bahrain and the Gulf. I decided to turn stereotypes on their heads. I felt inspired by the notion that writing is a way to break the ice and get closer to people as they begin to speak more openly."

"Born in Australia, and grow-





ing up to Pakistani parents as a minority in Australia heightened my sense of identity from a young age. This experience was further enriched by reading the works of scholars like Edward Said. Later, when I came to Bahrain, I developed a dual perspective."

"On one hand, I felt a cultural affinity with the Islamic art and rituals in Bahrain. I was often not treated like an outsider, which gave me a sense of belonging. On the other hand, my position as an observer allowed me to see Bahrain's cultural landscape more vividly."

"This dual vision - of being both an insider and an outsider gave me a nuanced understanding of the cultural dynamics in Bahrain. I could appreciate the traditions and practices, while also maintaining an objective distance that enabled me to perceive the landscape more clearly."

"I found Bahrainis to be welcoming and kind in their treatment of expatriates, forming a lively and dynamic society," she said on her experience living in Bahrain.

evident than it is in Bahrain."

extension of a larger community, decades and more." and the feeling and reflection on identity are more evident in ments that stood out for me dur- profoundly, capturing the esimmigrants," she added.

When I moved from Australia to Bahrain in 2008, I began to notice how different the people here are from many preconceived ideas about Bahrain and the Gulf. I decided to turn stereotypes on their heads. I felt inspired by the notion that writing is a way to break the ice and get closer to people as they begin to speak more openly

TANZEEL JABBAR-KHADIR

reading the book, especially in Tanzeel believes that "each the stories of elderly Bahraiindividual in society has a mul- nis who experienced forms of ti-faceted identity, which crys- cultural diversity. You get bits and quests for meaning.' tallises in such a varied and of history about friendship bedynamic way, creating a rich tween religions and communicharacter. This couldn't be more ties, between churches, syna- portrayal of the lives of Bahrain's "During my interviews, I which reflects the high level of work rises above mere docufound that every individual is an tolerance among Bahrainis for mentation, weaving a rich nar-

"This becomes clear when when I met an elderly English in an ever-evolving world.

woman who spent her young years in Bahrain and shared a capsule of her memories the day before her departure," Tanzeel

"My daughter, who was a toddler when we moved to Bahrain, is now seventeen years old. I am fascinated by her growing sense of identity as she comes of age in a third culture. The experience of her upbringing, blending her home culture with the culture of Bahrain, has shaped her in profound ways." She added

The profits from the sale of the first release of the book were donated to local charitable organisations, allowing Tanzeel and her team to "Give back to the community in a meaningful

In her concluding remarks. Tanzeel emphasises the book's message of unity and understanding in a world increasingly divided:

"One thing I want the readers of my book to take home, especially in recent years, where people have become entrenched and polarised, is that, in the end, we are similar more than we are different, even if our cultures and values differ. We all carry deepest dreams, hidden sorrows,

In this wondrous collection. Tanzeel has rendered a clear gogues, and mosques in Bahrain, citizens and expatriates. Her rative of shared humanity and "One of the bittersweet mo- common aspirations that echo ing my documentation work was sence of our collective journey

Bakeries ask: Price or Quality - What matters most to you?

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7hat matters most to Price or product

It's an intriguing question,

Well, this is being asked by a well-known bakery in the King-

Social media posts on the notice that went viral say that this notice is hard to miss when entering the bakery.

This discussion comes amid controversy surrounding recent flour price hikes by the Bahrain Flour Mills Company, with parliamentary intervention and a



Because your opinion matters... with the price of flour nearly doubling, would you prefer reduced quality at the old price, or maintain the same quality with a price increase?"

moratorium adding to the mix. "Because your opinion matters... doubling, would you prefer re- maintain the same quality with a The bakery poses the question: with the price of flour nearly duced quality at the old price, or price increase?"

Experts point out that this highlights the dilemma facing local bakeries following significant price increases by the country's primary flour supplier. Initially proposed price hikes reached up to 100% for some products, prompting public outcry and subsequent government intervention that temporarily halted the increases.

Local bakeries say they now face the challenge of preparing for the decision that will come at the end of the three-month quality. moratorium period.

accepting reduced product consumers and businesses.

Local bakeries say they now face the challenge of preparing for the decision that will come at the end of the three-month moratorium period.

The outcome of this three-Many bakeries are active- month postponement will be ly seeking customer feedback crucial in assessing the longthrough surveys that ask cus-term impacts of the price hikes tomers to choose between and in finding solutions that accepting a price increase or address the concerns of both

Livestock farmers warn of higher chicken and meat prices amid flour price hike

Flour price increases are to push us out of business, Farmers say



Officials during the meeting

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ivestock farmers have raised BD 4.4 for 50kg bag. **∠**concerns over the new pric-

impact Bahrain's food security, study and discussions. farmers warn, saying livestock increase of 100% in one go.

increases for unsubsidised prod- credited popular bakeries. This is going to negatively ucts to three months for further

sector cannot withstand a price day farmers told a Parliamenta- most out of the situation. ry Services Committee on the

es increases by Bahrain Flour ing last week between the gov- price increases will have zero stringent actions. Mills, which they say will force ernment, the Shura Council and impact on subsidised products. many of them out of business, the Council of Representative The company said it has main. Awadhi, Chairman of the Parleading to higher meat and poul- members, had postponed price tained subsidised prices for ac- liamentary Services and Envi-

> concerned about black market- livestock farmers and traders on Sources confirm that on thurs- eers who are trying to make the thursday on ways to overcome

Some individuals are buying flour.

Bran flour prices of Bahrain need to regulate bran flour sales large quantities of bran flour, Flour Mills Company, farmers at previous prices, ensuring no known locally as "shwar" and say, hiked 100% from BD 2.2 to waste of government subsidies. hoarding it, then reselling it at Bahrain Flour Mills had told inflated prices, they claim, call-It's worth noting that a meet- the Daily Tribune that their ing for increased oversight and

Meanwhile, Mohammed Al ronment Committee, confirmed Farmers, sources say, are also that the committee listened to the price hikes, particularly bran



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three month deferment, based who wanted to cancel the price on a proposal by the Council of increases ranging from 35% to Representatives speaker Ahmed 100% across most of its flour bin Salman Al Musallam, faced products.

It earlier reported that the opposition from some members,

Four-year COVID event dispute: Woman wins court battle for refund

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fter a four-year dispute Astemming from a cancelled event during the COVID-19 pandemic, a Civil Court has ordered an event management company to reimburse a Bahraini woman

The woman had engaged the company to organise a reception was subsequently cancelled due had only refunded BD160. to the pandemic. Despite a pre-



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for her mother in 2020, which vious court order, the company lawyer, the event, including a reception and buffet totalling According to the woman's BD460, was cancelled due to

According to the woman's lawyer, the event, including a reception and buffet totalling BD460, was cancelled due to pandemic-related circumstances. The company, however, returned only BD160 despite repeated requests.

peated requests.

had fulfilled their obligations require mutual consent for terand pointed to a Consumer Promination, both parties' actions tection Department ruling in implicitly terminated the agreetheir favour, which they claimed ment, evident from the cancelled exonerated them. They stated event and partial refund. they had refunded BD160 and promised to credit the remain- favour of the claimant, granting ing BD300 for a future event.

pandemic-related circumstanc- voicing discrepancies, the dees. The company, however, refendant acknowledged handturned only BD160 despite re- written notes made by their employee. The court recognised The defendant argued they that while contracts typically

As a result, the court ruled in her entitlement to the remaining When questioned about in- balance of the payment.



Her Royal Highness Princess Sabeeka bint Ibrahim Al Khalifa, Consort of His Majesty the King and President of the Supreme Council for Women (SCW), the Royal University for Women (RUW) held its graduation ceremony for bachelor's and master's degree students. Her Highness Shaikha Nayla bint Hamad bin Ibrahim Al Khalifa, Wife of His Highness Shaikh Khalifa bin Hamad Al Khalifa, President of the Royal Rescue and Safety Foundation of Bahrain, and Dr. Diana Abdulkarim Al Jahrami, Secretary General of the Higher Education Council (HEC), were present. During the ceremony, Shaikha Nayla bint Hamad presented the certificates to 112 students, including 66 graduates from the Bachelor's programme at the College of Business and Law, 4 graduates from Master's programmes, 28 female graduates from the Bachelor's programme at the College of Arts and Design, 3 female graduates from postgraduate Master's programmes, and 11 graduates from the Bachelor's programme at the College of Engineering and Technology.

Multi-vehicle crash disrupts traffic, injures drivers in Manama



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ing towards Manama caused resulted in injuries among the drivers.

The crash, which occurred during rush hour, brought traf- vestigation into the incident, fic to a standstill and required aiming to determine the cause immediate attention from of the collision and hold reemergency services.

drivers sustained injuries and as the cleanup and investigawere quickly attended to by tion proceed.

paramedics on site.

Authorities swiftly respond-A major accident involving ed to the accident, deploying several vehicles on Sheikh traffic police to manage the Isa bin Salman Street head- congestion and ensure the safety of those affected. They a significant traffic jam and worked to clear the wreckage and restore normal traffic flow as soon as possible.

Police have launched an insponsible parties accountable. Witnesses reported a cha- In the meantime, motorists otic scene with damaged ve- were advised to seek alternahicles across the road. Several tive routes and remain patient

Court cancels BD4m 'Sale and Redemption' deal as usurious loan under Islamic Law

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n a significant court decision, a property transaction valued at 4 million dinars has been annulled after being deemed a disguised loan with excessive interest by the High Appeals Court.

The court ordered the buyer to return the property to the seller, who must refund the 4.5 million dinars received. Initially denied in lower courts, the ruling can be appealed to Bahrain's Cassation Court.

This verdict is expected to Representative image



across the Kingdom, as the con- which was classified as a "Sale tract, labelled a "Sale and Re- and Redemption" agreement, demption" agreement, involved involved the sale of a property settling bank debts through by a debtor to settle his debts property sale.

The sequence of events leadtially higher amount than the interest, thus declaring it void.

impact real estate transactions original sale price. The contract, with a bank.

The court found the ing to the ground-breaking ver- agreed-upon repurchase price dict started when a man, bur- of over 6 million dinars to videned by financial challenges olate Islamic Sharia law, citing and a bank loan, decided to sell it as "riba" (interest), which is his property to another individ- prohibited. The court declared ual. As part of the agreement, that a "Sale and Redemption" the seller retained the option to arrangement is forbidden under repurchase the property within Islamic law, as it viewed it as a four years by paying a substan- disguised loan with usurious

Bahrain joins Interpol in combatting online child abuse



Officials during a photocall **TDT** | Manama

ual exploitation of children by aimed at leveraging regional database. This database will safeguarding children in digto effectively address cases of for this effort is provided by sexual and digital exploitation Chief of Public Security, Lieuof children, enabling sharing tenant-General Tariq Al Hasof information and expertise san. Furthermore, the Direcamong member states.

database. Brigadier General techniques such as reconnaisruption and Economic and batting online sexual exploita-Electronic Security, empha-tion of children.

sised that this initiative follows directives from General Bahrain has intensified its Sheikh Rashid bin Abdullah Al Khalifa, Minister of Interior, joining Interpol's international and international expertise in enhance the Kingdom's ability ital environments. Oversight tor-General highlighted that The Cyberspace Child Pro-several unit members recently tection Unit of the General completed a comprehensive Directorate of Anti-Corrup- training course at Interpol's tion and Economic and Elec- headquarters in Lyon, France. tronic Security will utilise the This 14-day course covered Bassam Mohammed Al Miraj, sance, data downloading, and Director-General of Anti-Cor- result analysis specific to com-

BCICAI explores corporate tax landscape

The Bahrain Chapter of the Institution of Chartered Accountants of India (BCICAI) conducted an enriching session on Corporate Tax introduction in Bahrain at Diplomat Radission Blu, Manama.

The session, earlier this week, which saw 100+ members in attendance, was aimed at providing the audience an overview of the Corporate Tax landscape in the kingdom, which is expected to be introduced soon.

Meera, Chairperson of BCICAI, point.



Sthanumurthy Viswanathan Meera. Chairperson BCICAI

who welcomed the speaker for The session was inaugurated the evening Mr. Naveen Jeddy, and insights. by Sthanumurthy Viswanathan Corporate Tax expert from Key

The session covered a wide Rajagopalan, Excommember of gamut of topics ranging from BCICAI, who expressed his gratstructure, advising the board speakers for their enlightentimelines in the kingdom, identifying the high risk transactions, setting up risk mitigation strategies.

session, where the participants with over 450 members. It proraised various queries for which vides a forum for the members the speaker shared his thoughts

a vote of thanks by Arunkumar sonally.

reviewing entity's corporate itude to all the distinguished of governance on tax liabilities ing and engaging speech. He and tax planning, likelihood also thanked the sponsors, the introduction of corporate tax hospitality partner (Diplomat Radisson Blu), the media partners, and the members for their support and participation.

The Bahrain Chapter of ICAI The key note speech was folisthe largest body of professionlowed by an interactive Q&A als in the Kingdom of Bahrain, of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) to The session concluded with develop professionally and per-

Indian School plans new girls' toilet block in infrastructural upgrade

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structural improvements follow- two levels. ing the approval of a proposed of existing facilities.

The Indian School is gear- and Netaji block, will feature Block. **⊥** ing up for significant infra- approximately 80 toilets across

budget to create a new girls' the relocation of current porta for Arabic and art and craft ac- Extraordinary General Body precedes plans for a ballast-type website.

nil Varughese highlighted that campus. This initiative necessitates these developments are made The new toilet block, positivities, to a new site between Meeting (EGM), held at the Jash-solar panel installation aimed

Chairman Adv. Binu Man- for waterproofing at the Riffa integrity.

tioned between the RP block the old admin block and Nehru anmal Auditorium, unanimous- at harnessing renewable ener- Chairman Adv. Binu Mannil Varly approved financial measures gy without compromising roof

This repair work, overseen by attending parents and school mittee members Mithun Mopossible through community an authorised consultant and officials, will undergo open ten- han (Projects & Maintenance) toilet block and the relocation cabin facilities, including rooms philanthropy. Additionally, the backed by a 10-year warranty, der processes via the school's and Mohammed Nayaz Ullah

Key attendees included ISB VR Palaniswamy.

ughese, Secretary V. Rajapandian, Assistant Secretary Ranjini The proposals, approved by Mohan, and Executive Com-(Transport), alongside Principal

EU imposes sanctions on Hamas financiers

AFP | Brussels, Belgium

he European Union yesterday imposed asset freezes and visa bans on several firms and individuals accused of helping to finance Palestinian Islamist group Hamas, Brussels said.

The sanctions were the second round to be imposed by the EU on the Hamas and Palestinian groups after their attack on Israel on October 7.

Overall the bloc has so far blacklisted 12 individuals and three entities linked to the militants. Among the latest targets were three front companies



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used by key financier Hamza from Lebanon. Abdelbasit to funnel funds to the group, including Spanish Rebhi Obeid "responsible for real estate firm Al Zawaya directing Hamas' terrorist op-Group, and two others based eratives in the West Bank" was in Sudan, an EU statement said. also put on the list.

Also hit were the head of Hagroups "Charitable Institutions Association", it said.

ran's links to Palestinian groups Palestinians in the West Bank.

Top Hamas official Maher

EU diplomats said that followmas' "foreign investment ac- ing the latest sanctions on Hativities", a money changer enamas the bloc should now impose bling transfers from backer Iran a second round of measures tarand the official in charge of the geting violent Israeli extremists in the West Bank.

The 27-nation EU -- which The EU said in addition it was has struggled for a united posiimposing sanctions on Ali Mor-tion on the Gaza war -- in April shed Shirazi, a senior Iranian imposed sanctions on four "ex-Islamic Revolutionary Guard tremist" Israeli settlers and two Corp official overseeing Teh- groups over violence against

IMF downgrades Ukraine's growth outlook

Washington, United States

The IMF executive board ■ voted yesterday to approve a \$2.2 billion payout for Ukraine under an existing loan program, and lowered its growth outlook following "devastating" Russian attacks against the country's energy infrastructure.

The much-needed funds will be used for "budget support," Ukraine's President Volodymyr and bring the total amount dis- Zelensky bursed under the 48-month loan agreement to around \$7.6 ued adaptability of households billion, the International Mon- and firms," she added. etary Fund said in a statement announcing the decision.

skillful policymaking by the met more or less on time. Ukrainian authorities as well as substantial external sup- Ukrainian economy had been port," IMF managing director more resilient than expected Kristalina Georgieva said in the statement.

silient, reflecting the contin- ously predicted.



The IMF said all quantitative performance criteria had "Despite the war, macroeco- been met through the end of nomic and financial stability March, and that all the struchas been preserved through tural benchmarks had been

The IMF said that the in the first quarter of this year, but warned that the future was "The economy remains re- less positive than it had previ-

Jassim Al-Shirawi elected 6th **Secretary-General of IEF**



Executive Council meeting of the International Energy Forum

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rum (IEF) has elected Bahraini in me to serve as the next Secnational Jassim Al-Shirawi as retary-General of this esteemed the organisation's sixth Sec- organisation." retary-General. The meeting,

Al-Shirawi is set to begin his and North Africa region. tenure on 1 January 2025, suc- IEF is the world's largest meaningful dialogue between ceeding the incumbent, Joseph gathering of energy ministers energy consumers and produc-McMonigle, whose term will from producing, consuming, ers and help achieve our coldraw to a close at the end of and transit countries, repre- lective goals of energy security,

In his acceptance speech, gas supply and demand. Al-Shirawi expressed his grat-**L** International Energy Fo- honoured by the trust placed

Upon assuming office, presided over by Mohammed Al-Shirawi will make history ergy congratulated Al-Shirawi Kurdi of Saudi Arabia, took as the first Secretary-General on his election, expressing enof the IEF from the Middle East thusiasm for the opportunity to

senting 90% of global oil and access, and transition."

In his new role, Al-Shiraitude for the Executive Coun- wi will serve as the Chief Ex-The Executive Council of the cil's confidence, saying, "I am ecutive Officer and Head of Mission for the organisation, headquartered in the Diplomatic Quarter of Riyadh, Saudi

The US Department of Enwork with him "to encourage

UK exits recession with strongerthan-expected growth



Britain's Prime Minister and Conservative Party leader, Rishi Sunak delivers a speech in Leeds, northern England

AFP | London, United Kingdom

showed Friday, lifting embat- polls due next Thursday. tled Prime Minister Rishi Su-

(ONS) said, upgrading the prior living crisis. for no change.

services sector, with slightly led by Sunak since 2022.

stronger activity in the professional services, transport and storage.

Britain's economy emerged The upbeat news comes as Sunak's Conservatives are sion in the first quarter with badly trailing the main opposistronger-than-anticipated tion Labour Party, led by Keir growth, upwardly revised data Starmer, ahead of nationwide

The economy contracted nak beforenext week's general slightly for two quarters in a row in the second half of 2023, Gross domestic product meeting the technical definigrew 0.7 percent in the first tion of a recession that was three months of this year, the caused by elevated inflation Office for National Statistics that has prolonged a cost-of-

growth estimate of 0.6 percent. Britain votes on July 4 in an Market expectations had been election widely expected to be won by Labour, a victory that The surprise modest im- would end 14 years of rule by provement was driven by the Conservatives, who have been

Tata threatens to shut steelworks early ahead of strike

London, United Kingdom

Tata Steel UK has threatened to close its two blast furnaces in Port Talbot in south Wales earlier than planned due to an upcoming strike, sparking concern among politicians before next week's general election.

The Indian-owned giant had planned to start shutting the first furnace in late June and the second by September as part of an overhaul as it transitions to greener production of steel.

However, the Unite trade union announced one week ago that Tata staff will begin an indefinite strike from July 8 in protest over the company's job-slashing

Britain's main opposition Labour party, widely expected to beat the governing Conservatives in a general election on July 4, has meanwhile urged Tata to avoid action before the vote outcome.

Empowering women entrepreneurs: ILA hosts inaugural event on entrepreneurship

TDT | Manama

The Empowering Wom-en Entrepreneurs (EWE) sub-committee of the Indian Ladies Association (ILA) held its inaugural event, 'An Introduction to Entrepreneurship - 2024,' at the ILA premises on Thursday.

Spearheaded by co-coordinators Smitha Jensen, Usha Asher, and Vani Chandran, the event aimed to equip aspiring women entrepreneurs with essential skills and knowledge, focusing on skill enhancement, financial literacy, networking, mentorship, and various government support services



available in the Kingdom of Participants during a group photo opportunity

University of Technology Stephen Chellakan, Dr. Reem topics: Bahrain, including Dr. Nidhi Abbas, and Dr. Saubhagyalaxmi

Faculty members from the Menon, Dr. Surjith Victor, Dr. Misra, addressed several crucial launching a business • Unique challenges faced by system for female leaders

• Basic understanding of women in business

Fostering a supportive eco-

Bridging the gender gap in community."

entrepreneurship

• Government support for women entrepreneurs

A standout session on consumer engagement by Dr. Saubhagyalaxmi Misra offered innovative strategies and expert advice, which were highly appreciated by the attendees.

President Kiran Mangle expressed her excitement about the event, stating, "Our commitment to empowering women in business is at the heart of ILA's mission. This event marks a significant step towards achieving that goal, and we are thrilled with the positive response."

Dr. Tejender Kaur Sarna, Vice President of ILA, remarked, "We look forward to hosting more impactful sessions and continuing to empower our

Court cleared the

Theatre in London, burns down during a performance of "Henry VIII"

1964

Vietnam War: US planes bomb the North Vietnamese capital 1964 passes after an 83-day filibuster Hanoi and the port city of in the US Senate Haiphong for the first time

News in brief

In narrow ruling, US Supreme Court allows emergency abortions in Idaho

experiencing medical emergencies to obtain abortions in Idaho, but the uling's narrow scope meant it was a muted victory for reproductive rights activists. The decision comes two years after the conservative-majority bench dismantled the nationwide right to terminate a pregnancy, making it a pivotal

issue in November's presidential election ♦ A Myanmar ethnic

Myanmar ethnic fighters battle minority armed group junta in ruby mining hub was battling junta troops in a ruby and gem-mining hub yesterday, the group and residents told AFP, with reports of civilian casualties in shelling and air strikes.

The Ta'ang National Liberation Army (TNLA) launched attacks on junta troops earlier this week in Mandalay region and neighbouring Shan state, shattering a ceasefire brokered by China in January. Its fighters were inside Mogok, a town surrounded by hills rich with rubies, sapphires, spinel, aquamarine and other

semi-precious stones. General Tar Bhone Kyaw said, without giving details.

Japan firm probing 76 more



it was probing 76 more deaths possibly linked to its tablets containing red yeast rice, meant to lower cholesterol. t deepens a scandal that erupted earlier this year when the company said it was looking into five deaths potentially linked to the over-the-counter products after dozens of customers reported kidney problems.

supplement maker Kobayashi

Pharmaceutical said vesterday

Fermented with a mould culture, red yeast rice, or "beni koji", has been used in food, alcoholic drinks and folk medicines for centuries around East Asia.

CURIOSER & CURIOSER

King Charles III's sister Anne released from hospital after horse accident



Britain's Princess Anne, Princess Royal, rides a horse during a procession following the coronation ceremony for Britain's King Charles III (file photo)

Princess Anne, the sister of Britain's King Charles III, has been discharged from hospital where she was treated for concussion after being struck by a horse at her country es-

Anne, 73, suffered concussion and minor head injuries at Gatcombe Park in southwestern England on Sunday evening and was taken to hospital in Bristol.

It is believed she was struck by a horse as she was walking within the protected perimeter of the sprawling estate, which hosts equestrian events. The princess's medical team

has a reputation as the hard- to Canada. est-working royal.

during his cancer treatment. wife.



she is also known, is a skilled horsewoman who competed at the 1976 Montreal Olympics, and has a reputation as the hardest-working royal

said at the time her injuries and rode at his official birthwere consistent with a potenday parade earlier this month. to withdraw from an appear-

tial impact from a horse's head But the accident forced her The Princess Royal, as she is ance at a state banquet on also known, is a skilled horse- Tuesday evening for visiting woman who competed at the Japanese Emperor Naruhito, 1976 Montreal Olympics, and and cancel an upcoming trip

Her husband Tim Laurence She has stepped in to rep- was seen earlier in the week resent Charles while he post- leaving Southmead Hospital poned public engagements in Bristol after visiting his

Biden falters in fiery debate with Trump

President's shaky performance raises concerns as candidates trade personal attacks

Biden struggles with delivery, raising age concerns

Trump aggressive, criticizes Biden's record and coherence

No new policies discussed, focus on personal attacks

Democrats express worry over Biden's debate performance

AFP | Washington

gled Thursday to allay each the oldest president when "You have the morals of an alley "Slow start" concerns he is too old first elected, even accused each cat," Biden said.

Biden looked to hit back, but his spoke stared open-mouthed.

I'm friends with a lot of people. They cannot to the United States of America. We're no longer respected DONALD TRUMP

His performance, after he spent the week secluded in preparation, sparked new concern within his Democratic Party as polls show Trump is tied or ahead for the November election. It was the first debate ever be-

each other of being history's halting Joe Biden strug- Trump and Biden, who were House.

viewers that Trump would be the at the end of that sentence. I don't formance.



president -- and each accused US President Joe Biden and former US President and Republican presidential

first convicted felon in the White think he knows what he said ei-

A bombastic Trump lashed out to their podiums at the CNN head- "I'm friends with a lot of peo- we did well." at his successor, calling him a quarters in Atlanta. There was ple. They cannot believe what The White House was clearly failure on the economy and the no live audience and their micro- happened to the United States of in damage-control mode. ed," Trump said.

candidate Donald Trump participate in the first presidential debate of 2024 elections

House in a fiery debate with Don- argued over their golf swings. reality television, spoke loudly restaurant to pick up food after president. ald Trump marked by personal Biden, 81, and Trump, 78, did as he ran through a long list of the debate, Biden told reporters "I don't think there is any other not shake hands as they walked complaints about Biden's record. he had soar throat but "I think

> had won phones were muted as the other America. We're no longer respect- Vice President Kamala Harris,

in a live interview on CNN, said name Biden as their candidate "He doesn't want to do it. He's delivery was faltering as he spoke Biden hit Trump with clear- Trump sought to seize on Bid- Biden's record was "extraordi- in August in Chicago, with little become like a Palestinian -- but rapidly in a raspy, trailing-off ly rehearsed lines as he sought en's delivery, saying at one point, narily strong" but acknowledged way to change course unless the they don't like him because he's a voice, stumbled on his words and to remind millions of television "I really don't know what he said concerns about his debate per- president himself withdraws. very bad Palestinian, he's a weak

Princeton University, said Biden's supporters would be "extremely concerned." "Biden fueled the basic percep-**YO**U tion that has continued to overshadow him," he said. At a watch party in San Francisco, Hazel Reitz said she would

still vote for Biden but added: "I This debate marked can't understand a word that he says. Isn't it sad?" the first-ever face-Neither candidate laid out off between a sitting new policies, with most of the president and a former exchanges consisting of attacks president, with both on the other's record. candidates accusing each other of being the worst in history and

In one of the most personal moments, Biden cited accounts that Trump had described soldiers who died in the Normandy landeven arguing over their ing as "suckers" and noted his golf swings own son Beau, who served in Iraq "Yes, there was a slow start, but and later died of cancer. it was a strong finish," Harris said. "My son was not a loser, was not Kate Bedingfield, a former a sucker. You're the sucker. You're

Biden communications director, the loser," Biden said. said on CNN that "it was a really Trump denied the remarks and for a second term in the White other of being childlike as they Trump, a veteran of rallies and Stopping by a Waffle House disappointing" evening for the repeatedly accused Biden of not

being coherent. On foreign policy, Trump ac-

cused Biden -- who faces a back-A CNN poll found 67 percent of lash from parts of his Democratic debate watchers thought Trump base over his support for Israel -- of not helping Israel "finish the Democrats are set formally to job" against Hamas.

But Julian Zelizer, a historian at one," Trump said.

Delhi airport terminal roof collapse kills one, injures eight

The roof of a terminal **⊥** building at New Delhi's international airport partially collapsed in heavy rains early yesterday, killing one person, rescuers said, months after a refurbishment project was inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Images posted online showed vehicles crushed under giant steel girders at the departure forecourt of the airport's Terminal 1, one of several projects formally launched by Modi in March ahead of the country's general election.

The terminal is used for domestic flights only and airport authorities said all flights departing from it had been cancelled until early afternoon.

"Due to heavy rain since early this morning, a portion of the canopy... collapsed around 5 am," they said in a statement posted online.

"Emergency personnel are working to provide all necessary assistance and medical aid to those affected."

Other terminals were operat

and punishingly high temperatures

building inaugurated by PM

Narendra Modi is on the other

side and the building that col-

lapsed here is an old building

A section of roof at Jabalpur

airport in Madhya Pradesh also

collapsed yesterday, reports

Delhi has been hit by heavy

rains in recent days as the an-

and was opened in 2009."

said, with no one injured.

Rescuers work at the collapsed terminal roof of New Delhi's international airport after heavy rains in New Delhi

Delhi has been hit by heavy rains in recent days as the annual monsoon reached the Indian capital after a long stretch of heatwaves

ing as normal, as were arrivals the Delhi airport -- named after of heatwaves and punishingly his assassinated predecessor high temperatures.

"Eight people have been Indira Gandhi -- is one of the The downpours have brought injured, one person is dead. country's flagship projects. Rescue operations have been At the scene, civil aviation images shared by the city's completed," Atul Garg, director minister Ram Mohan Naidu police showing personnel

wider and wider, and will never

Xi has touted the promise of

significant reform several times

this year, and the government

has already enacted measures

in key sectors such as real estate

On Thursday, it was an-

nounced that the delayed

Third Plenum -- a meeting

historically watched for signs

on economic policy direction

mid-July. The key meeting of

top officials, originally expect-

ed last autumn, is highly an-

will take place in Beijing in

to try to address critical issues.

be closed."

nual monsoon reached the Indian capital after a long stretch

the city to a standstill, with of Delhi Fire Services told AFP. Kinjarapu told reporters: "We clearing trees and helping res-Infrastructure spending has are taking this incident seri- idents stuck in waterlogged been a priority under Modi, and ously... I want to clarify that the areas.

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Bolivia president denies conspiracy after failed coup

AFP | La Paz

D olivian President Luis Arce **D**on Thursday denied conspiring with his former army chief, who was arrested after deploying troops and tanks to the heart of the capital La Paz, where they tried to break down a door of the presidential pal-

Fourteen civilians who opposed the coup were wounded by gunfire, according to the authorities. Some had to be hos-Arce told the press.

Authorities paraded handcuffed detainees in front of the government buildings a day af- shortages of dollars and fuel, chief Juan Jose Zuniga, and riot tion have been rising in recent former president Evo Morales police kept close watch over weeks over surging prices, ahead of the 2025 election.



 $pitalized\ and\ operated\ on,\ Luis \quad \textbf{Suspects}\ \text{are}\ \text{escorted}\ \text{by}\ \text{policemen}\ \text{following}\ \text{their}\ \text{arrest,}\ \text{following}\ \text{an}$ attempt to seize the government palace by force in La Paz

Russia says US drone flights over Black Sea risk direct clash

AStates yesterday its reconnaissance drone flights over the Black Sea raised the risk of "direct confrontation" between Moscow and NATO, days after the Kremlin blamed Washington for a deadly missile strike A drone is launched towards the on Crimea.

Tensions between Moscow destroyed by a Patriot rocket the Kremlin accused Ukraine of (file photo) people including two children. Crimea.

attacking the Russian-annexed strategic unmanned aerial vehi-said. Crimean peninsula with a US cle flights over the waters of the The United States routinely

ons planning to strike Russian "This demonstrates the increasing involvement of the

Such flights "increase the risk

missile on Sunday, killing four Black Sea", which surrounds carries out drone flights over the Black Sea, operations that ministry said it had "observed rying out reconnaissance" and tral airspace and in accordance an increased frequency of US providing information to West- with international law.

7.2 magnitude earthquake strikes off Peru, eight injured



A damaged road is seen in Peru after a **AFP** | Lima

magnitude 7.2 earthquake Astruck off the southern coast of Peru early yesterday, injuring eight people and prompting brief

tsunami fears. The United States Geological Survey said the tremor hit 8.8 kilometers (5.5 miles) from the southern region of Atiquipa.

The quake was felt in Lima and a large part of the southern and central coast of Peru. The earthquake left eight people

injured, the Peruvian health ministry wrote on X. The mayor of southern Yauca, Juan Aranguren, told local media that walls came down in his town.

A major highway running

"The children were crying, the earthquake was felt strongly," said a villager from the area.

Speaking to RPP radio, Prime

Minister Gustavo Adrianzen: "I

want to convey calm. The earth-

quake has passed, we are making the first evaluations, and so far The Pacific Tsunami Warning Centre had earlier said "hazardous tsunami waves are forecast

AFP | Beijing

way to slice it," she said.

hinese President Xi Jinping said yesterday that the ruling Communist Party was planning and implementing "major" reforms, ahead of a closely watched political conclave that is expected to put economic re-

health curbs in late 2022. The world's second-largest

high vouth unemployment.

Agencies | New Delhi

Chinese President Xi Jinping greets guests as he arrives for a ceremony at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing sistently low consumption and implementing major measures ket-oriented, legal and internaticipated in the hopes it might

policymakers "are planning and "We will... form a more mar- "China's door will only open economy.

to further deepen reform in a tional business environment," resolve the uncertainty that has weighed on the country's

The ratio of India's international financial assets to its international financial liabilities improved, reaching 74 per cent in March 2024, up from 71.4 per cent in March 2023.

to the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) at current market prices, both India's reserve assets and the overseas financial assets and liabilities of residents increased during the financial year 2023-24.

and loans were the main reasons for the increase in foreign liabilities. The over-

MSF to halt medical work in Myanmar's northern Rakhine



People rest in a monastery that has turn into a temporary shelter **AFP** | Yangon

The charity Doctors **▲** Without Borders will halt medical activities in Myanmar's northern Rakhine state due to an "extreme escalation of conflict" between an ethnic armed group and the military, it

Clashes have rocked Rakhine state since the Arakan Army (AA) attacked security forces in November, ending a ceasefire that had largely held since a military coup in 2021.

AA fighters have seized swathes of territory, piling further pressure on the junta as it battles opponents

elsewhere in the country. MSF was suspending "medical humanitarian activities" in northern Rakhine due to the "extreme escalation of conflict, indiscriminate violence, and severe restrictions on humanitarian access," it said

on Thursday. The suspension would affect 14 mobile clinics in the townships of Rathedaung, Buthidaung and Maungdaw, it said.





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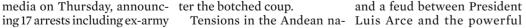




or where you come from, you're a part of the Canadian story. #MulticulturalismDay

@JustinTrudeau

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Black Sea to be intercepted and

United States and NATO coun-

ern-supplied Ukrainian weap-

tries in the conflict in Ukraine on the side of the Kyiv regime." of a direct confrontation between the alliance and Russia" and the army has been instructand Washington soared after launcher system during an army drill ed to prepare an "operational response", the defence ministry

through the area also suffered cracks, he said.

> there are no fatalities." for some coasts," but later said the threat had passed.

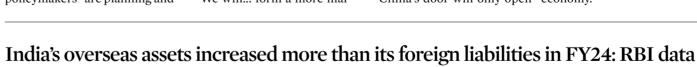
Xi says China planning 'major' reforms ahead of key political meeting



covery high on the agenda. Chinese policymakers have struggled to reignite growth since the end of strict pandemic

economy is beset by a debt crisis in the property sector, per-

In a speech yesterday, Xi said comprehensive manner". he added.



India's financial position with the rest of Lthe world improved over the year. The country increased its overseas assets more than it increased its foreign liabilities, largely due to a rise in reserve assets, according to a data by Reserve Bank of India. During the financial year 2023-24, the net

USD 109.8 billion, which was more than the increase in its external financial liabilities, which grew by USD 104.3 billion. seas financial assets held by Indian res- office in Mumbai idents came from reserve assets, which



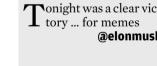
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dian rupee compared to other currencies also affected the change in liabilities when these were valued in US dollars.

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Investments coming into India in the A significant part of the increase in over- A general view outide the Reserve Bank of India head form of portfolios, direct investments,







To matter who you are

Kristen Bell created 'most brilliant card game ever' when she was high but can't remember the rules

Bang Showbiz | Los Angeles

risten Bell created the ment, and I made K"most brilliant card game up the most brilliant ever imagined" when she was card game ever im-

The 43-year-old 'Frozen' actress - who has produced the Spades, better new revival of 'Reefer Madness: than Hearts, The Musical' after starring in anything. I the original 1999 production put differ-- has opened up on her own ex- ent marker periences with cannabis, and numbers and recalled an "enlightenment mo-shapes on all ment" when she came up with the cards and I an innovative new game.

She told Deadline: "When I rules." discovered reefer, I remember getting stoned in my college when she woke dorm room one night, and after up the next my friends left, I was shuffling day she realized a deck of cards and I had an everything she'd jot-

enlightenment mo-

"Better than wrote down the

However,

Kristen Bell

ted down was "absolute feeling very enlightened." nonsense", and she has never been able to remember

the rules. night?'

"And it was absolute made more sense to me.

"So, the world just won't liant card game because I and we're high on cartoons. can't interpret it.

anytime soon. But I remember hangover."

Indeed, Kristen - who has daughters Lincoln, 11, and Delta, nine, with husband Dax She added: "I went Shepard - admitted while she to bed. The next morn- "smoked a lot of reefer in coling I said, 'Oh my God, lege" because of her sensitivity didn't I do something to alcohol, she has continued to with these cards last limit her intake since becoming a mother.

She said: "To be honest, I have nonsense. But the night not partaken in cannabis minus before, nothing had ever maybe a gummy or two in the last 15 years.

"But that's because I spend get to experience this bril- every night with my children,

"But I smoked a lot of reef-"It's been too long and I'm er in college. I can't and don't probably not going to smoke drink, it gives me too much of a

and younger women, that's just

Jessica Alba 'spent months preparing for Trigger Warning'

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Tessica Alba spent "a few J months" training for her role in 'Trigger Warning'.

The 43-year-old actress returned to the movie business to star in the new action thriller film, and Jessica has now revealed how she prepared for her role.

The brunette beauty - whose previous film, 'Killers Anonymous', was released back in 2019 - told 'Extra': "I would say [the training] was very humbling in the beginning. Just, like, moving around and learning choreography. And then I worked with many dif-

hand-to-hand combat and fight with knives and I'm so fight this negative energy or literal.

"I'm like, 'Where exactly am I hitting?' or 'Where is this stabbing?', like, 'What organ is this piercing? or 'What tendon is this taking out?' For me, I need to know what it was doing in order to feel connected to it."

Jessica hopes her female fans will be able to see a bit of themselves in Parker, her on-screen character.

The actress said: "I think any woman or man who feels like there are these like bigger powers that control everything and can get away with doing bad stuff, being able to have

Jessica Alba

I would say [the training] was very humbling in the beginning. Just, like, moving around and earning choreography. And then I worked with many different knives. Just learning how to do hand-tohand combat and fight with knives and I'm so

> literal JESSICA ALBA

a hero and just knowing how "Just learning how to do capable we are and if everyone sort of works as team, you can this darkness.

"So, I think that's kind of the metaphor here is good people can win in the end."

Jessica

stepped down from her role as the chief creative officer of Honest Company, her beauty and baby brand, in order to refocus on her acting career.

Speaking about her return to the movie business, Jessica previously told Us Weekly: "It's been 12 years, so I think it's time to get back into entertainment and also think about what else I want to create or do.

Zac Efron felt 'nervous' working with Nicole Kidman

Bang Showbiz | Los Angeles

7 ac Efron felt "very nervous" When he first worked with her for the new rom-com. Nicole Kidman.

alongside Nicole, 57, in 'The Paperboy' back in 2012, and Zac has admitted to feeling anxious about working with his award-winning co-star. Zac - who has re-

united with Nicole to make 'A Family Affair' - told PEO-PLE: "We had so much fun doing that, but it was crazy."

The Hollywood star has fond memories of working

with Nicole and he jumped at the opportunity to reunite with shared: "It's really helpful

Zac said: "I'm still so enam-The 36-year-old actor starred ored with Nicole.

> nounced during 'The incredibly trusting Paperboy' because of Zac.' I was a lot younger. I was very nervous Zac's on-screen

back then." perience of a breath of working to- fresh air. gether be-

Nicole Kidman

The Oscar-winning star from way back with older men

when you're doing this sort of work together that you've already got "There's a part of me that a history together, bepinches myself when I cause it's easy. You're realize who I'm work- not working to create a ing with a lot. I think history. So I'm not like, that was more pro- 'Can I touch you?' I feel

> Nicole plays love interest in Nicole feels the new movie, they've both and the actress benefited considers the from the ex-script to be

> > She said: "We've had it



"[Zac] came in and makes the film because he was like, 'I'm here to have fun, to play, and to very much be a part of this and be there

for you."

Ben Affleck admits he 'doesn't like attention' as he opens up on Jennifer Lopez' crazy level of fame



Ben Affleck Jennifer Lopez

Bang Showbiz | Los Angeles

30' actress Jennifer Garner and somebody has their camera and has Violet, 18, Seraphina, 15, and sticking to my face. 12-year-old Samuel with her but tied the knot with pop superstar picture about a club, a premiere, Jennifer Lopez in 2021 - admit- whatever. My wife, I don't give where with [Jennifer]—I can't just moving. ted that he can be "a little shy" a f***. Go ahead. Knock yourself remember because she's so when strangers take his photo, out. I don't notice you. although he ultimately doesn't mind unless his children are in-thing. volved.

"I don't mind you taking my street.

The 'Tender Bar' also not-Speaking on Kevin Hart's ed that because his wife is "so

Ben Affleck "doesn't like a lot myself as a director, but I'm a big difference in how fans aplittle bit shy. I also don't like a proach him and how they re- "I was like, 'Oh my God.' There little bit shy. I also don't like a proach him and how they re- "I was like, 'Oh my God.' There The 51-year-old Hollywood lot of attention. This why people act when they spot the 'Waiting was a lady, she was smoking actor-turned-director - who was see me [and] they're like, 'Well, For Tonight' hitmaker - who weed, in a full purple skintight initially married to '13 Going On this dude always mad...' Because has 16-year-old twins Max and suit—she's a heavy lady—and Emme with ex-husband Marc she starts running backwards Anthony - walking down the filming, going 'J-LO!!' Like a her-

> He added: "We went somefamous, and she creates this— "My children, that's a different people love her. And she really represents something important to people

"We get out with her, all the face on!"

'Hart to Heart', he said: "I see famous", sometimes there is a kids, through Times Square, and

ald. Then gets everyone else, they're all tourists, whatever,

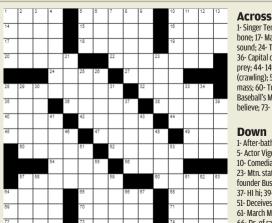
"Then I'm moving. We got, like, our five kids, me and Jen, and it's, it's like, it feels like hundreds of people and now screaming. That's why I put my b****

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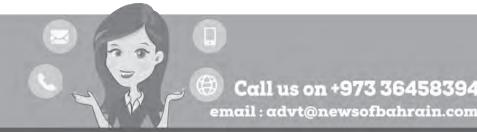
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US battling for Copa survival after Panama upset

Weah's Red Card **Proves Costly as USA Suffers 2-1 Defeat** in Copa America

Uruguay thrashes Bolivia 5-0 in other **Group C match**

AFP | Atlanta

moment of madness **A**from Timothy Weah left the USA's Copa America campaign hanging by a thread on Thursday as the hosts crashed to a shock 2-1 defeat to Panama.

Juventus winger Weah was sent off in the 18th minute after an off-the-ball clash with Panama's Roderick Miller in a stormy Group C battle at Atlanta's Mercedes-Benz Stadium.

Although Folarin Balogun fired the US into the lead four minutes after Weah's dismissal, Panama's extra man advantage ultimately took its dug in and we were close to toll and the Central Americoming out with a point. But cans hit back with goals from it's a shame, because there Cesar Blackman and Jose was more in this game, and Fajardo to seal victory.

The defeat means the United States will almost certainly have to win or draw against social media to apologize for to leave it at 1-1. group leaders Uruguay in their final group game next Monday to have any chance led to an irreversible con-maining, Fajardo swept in an of advancing to the knockout sequence, and for that, I am emphatic finish from Abdiel

themselves of a place in the our fans," he wrote on Inslast eight with a thumping tagram. 5-0 win over Bolivia in East Rutherford on Thursday.

In Atlanta, meanwhile, US coach Gregg Berhalter said everyone. My love for this after his team's defeat that team goes beyond just foot-Weah's red card had been ball and I'm so sad and anthe decisive moment of the gry at myself for putting my match, describing the send- brothers through what they ing off as "silly."

"The match-changing event is obviously the red have snatched the lead in afterwards. card and it puts us in a tough the 81st minute after Westspot but we expected that on McKennie's fine run and

going down a man. The guys arms of Panama goalkeeper tain situations.



Panama's Jose Fajardo (17) celebrates after his winner against the USA

Despite being a man down, the USA nearly snatched a draw when Ricardo Pepi had a chance to equalize in the 81st minute, highlighting the team's resilience even in adverse circumstances

a silly decision by Timmy leaves us shorthanded."

his red card.

deeply sorry to my team-Uruguay all but assured mates, coaches, family and

Weah 'sad and angry'

"I sincerely apologize to went through tonight."

Berhalter's team might from them," Berhalter said. cross found substitute Ricar- the result. Obviously, I think "I can't fault the effort of do Pepi at the far post. Pe-moving forward, we need to the group, especially after pi's tame header fell into the control our emotions in cer-

I can't fault the effort of the group, especially after going down a man. The guys dug in and we were close to coming out with a point. But it's a shame. because there was more in this game, and a silly decision by Timmy leaves us shorthanded

US COACH GREGG BERHALTER

Weah, meanwhile, took to Orlando Mosquera, however,

That miss proved costly, "A moment of frustration as with seven minutes re-Ayarza's low cross to put Panama 2-1 ahead.

A fractious finale saw Adalberto Carrasquilla sent off after a cynical hack on US captain Christian Pulisic in the dying minutes as Panama hung on for the win.

"That's soccer at the end of the day. We know what we signed up for and playing in a Copa America, we knew it was going to be a fight," US midfielder Tyler Adams said

"Credit to Panama, they did their job and they got

Bronny James, LeBron's teen son, picked by Lakers in NBA Draft

AFP | Los Angeles

 ${f B}$ ronny James, the 19-year-old son of Los Angeles Lakers superstar LeBron James, was selected 55th overall by the Lakers in Thursday's second round of the NBA Draft, setting up the first father-son combination in NBA history.

It's a dream come true for four-time NBA Most Valuable Player James, who said for years he dreamed of playing alongside his son.

there has never been a father NBA basketball court," Lakers Vegas. general manager Rob Pelinka

join the Lakers in NBA Sum- Watching Bronny suit up for combine.



"In the history of the NBA, Bronny James, left, with father, LeBron James, right

and a son that have shared an mer League games in Las the @Lakers during Summer

"Congratulations to Bronny see TV!" said. "That feels like some- James on being drafted by the

League in Vegas will be must-

Bronny James, a guard thing that could be magical." Los Angeles Lakers!" Lakers for the University of South-LeBron, a 39-year-old legend Magic Johnson said. ern California, averaged 4.8 Lakers playmaker and four- "This is a historic moment points, 2.8 rebounds and 2.1 time NBA champion, will be because LeBron and Bronny assists for the Trojans last busy on the US team at the are the first father-son duo to season after a stellar high Paris Olympics next month play in the NBA at the same school career and also imwhile son Bronny is set to time and on the same team. pressed scouts at an NBA

India, South Africa chase T20 glory

Unbeaten teams clash in T20 World Cup final, seeking to end trophy droughts

First senior men's final for South Africa since 1998

India aims to overcome recent World **Cup disappointment**

AFP | Bridgetown

nbeaten throughout almost a month of cricket across the USA and the Caribbean, India and South Africa will face off at the Kensington Oval on Saturday in the T20

World Cup final both looking to end long waits for glory. A tourwhich has been bag in

of quality, entertainment and attendances, has certainly succeeded in setting up a final between the two best teams in the shortest format.

India crushed defending champions England by 68 runs in Guyana on Thursday, the day after South Africa thrashed Afghanistan by nine wickets in Trinidad to end a long and agonising wait for a title game.

This will be South Africa's first senior men's final since the inaugural Champions Trophy in Bangladesh in 1998 when the Proteas beat the West Indies in the title match.

Over the years they have been labelled 'chokers' by their critics and had many question how a nation that has produced so many talented players, hasn't n a m e n t been able to make a final for 26 sonal and individual motiva- D with a 100% record

> Skipper Aiden Markram was part of the team which were beaten by Australia in the ODI World Cup last year but says the players haven't reflected



Despite being cricket's epicenter with the IPL, India has only won this T20 competition once, 17 years ago, and hasn't secured any major trophy since the 2013 Champions **Trophy**

much on the years of near-misses and disappointments.

to be honest. I think it's a per-

opportunity to Afghans. "So you reflect back

for a long time now as a white ball group, both formats. We feel and we believe that we can compete with the best in the world and we can win trophies. And it's nice for us to now have that opportunity," Markram said.

winning close games and potentially winning games that you thought you weren't going to win. It does a lot for your changing room and the vibe

So, we'll take a little bit of confidence from that and see if we can put it to

India's Jasprit Bumrah celebrates with teammate Rohit Sharma

We haven't spoken about it to be honest. I think it's a personal and individual motivation that you get to a final; to earn the opportunity to hopefully lift the trophy

SOUTH AFRICA SKIPPER AIDEN MARKRAM

months ago we couldn't get over the line in that semi-final and you look at (here) a few things went our way. We managed to win the game and we found ourselves in the final."

Certainly there has been no hint that South Africa have "We haven't spoken about it lacked belief in this tournament -- they topped group tion that you get to including wins over Sri a final; to earn the Lanka and Bangladesh.

Then in the Super hopefully lift Eights, they won all three the trophy," he games with victories over said after the England and co-hosts West win over the Indies and the USA.

Belief

"This team's been together

You do get belief though from

in the changing room. any use in the final," he added.

India have the chance to banish the memory of their loss to Australia in the final of the 50over World Cup on home soil last year.

Despite India being the epicentre of the T20 game, through the hugely successful Indian their only triumph in this competition came 17 years ago.

India's last trophy of any kind was the Champions Trophy in

But the team have taken care of their business with little drama, beating arch-rivals Pakistan in New York and going on to

win their group before

win over Australia in the Super Eights.

'We've been very calm," said captain Rohit Sharma.

"We understand the occasion of the final. It's important we stay composed, because that helps you make good decisions. We have been very steady, calm, Premier League competition, and that has been the key for us,"

> It was India's spinners who were the heroes against England with left-armers Kuldeep Yaday and Axar Patel taking three wickets each.

> But they also possess one of the most effective quick bowlers in the format in Jasprit Bumrah.

Rohit, 37, and fellow opener Virat Kohli, 35, came into this tournament

looking for glory in what could well be their final tournament. While Rohit has made more

runs, 248, than any player in the final, Kohli has disappointed with just 75 runs in seven innings but has the perfect stage on which to

make that form irrele-The historic home

cricket, should produce the right atmosphere with a large contingent of Indian supporters, as always, expected at the game.

South Africa's captain Aiden Markram plays a shot

Rohit says struggling Kohli 'saving it for the final'

AFP | Providence

Tndia captain Rohit Sharma **⊥** suggested fellow star batsman Virat Kohli's run-drought could well end in the T20 World Cup final against South Africa after his opening partner fell cheaply once again on Thursday.

Kohli's run of low scores at the tournament continued when he was dismissed for just nine in a semi-final win against defending champions England in Guyana.

He pulled Reece Topley for six but two balls later the leftarm paceman bowled Kohli you have played for 15 years, as he knocked over the leg

Former captain Kohli, 35, has now scored just 75 runs in seven scored 248 runs, including innings this tournament at an three fifties, at an average of average of 10.71.

But Rohit was convinced it would not be long before Kohli, 57 -- which followed one of the outstanding batsmen a blistering 92 of his generation, was back to

"Virat is a quality player," he

said. "Any player can go through that. We understand his class. When

Virat is a quality player. Any player can go through that. We understand his class. When you have played for 15 years, form is never a problem. He's probably saving it for the final

form is never a problem. He's probably saving it for the final." Rohit, by contrast, has over 41 at the tournament.

ROHIT SHARMA

And on Thursday his against Australia last time out -- was the cornerstone of

That total proved far too

many for England as India won by 68 runs after the title-holders collapsed to 103 all out, with spinners Kuldeep Yadav (3-19) and Axar Patel (3-23) doing the bulk of the damage.

India will now face South Africa in Saturday's final in Barbados, with the



India's Virat

Kohl during

training

Kensington Oval a clash of the tournament's two unbeaten

runs have only been

scored by Virat Kohli

in seven innings this

tournament at an average

of 10.71

"We've been vervcalm," said Rohit, also the skipper when India suffered an agonising loss on home soil to Australia in last year's 50-over World Cup

We understand the occasion of the final. It's important we stay composed, because that helps you make good decisions. We have been very steady, calm, and that has been the key for us.

> "We'll try our best. All I can hope is to put in another good show come the final."

Malaysia to redesign 'ugly' Olympic kit after fan backlash

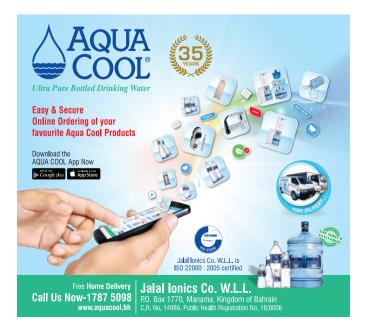
AFP | London

Malaysian officials agreed Friday to redesign some of the country's kit for next month's Paris Olympics after fans derided the outfits as "ugly" and "cheap looking".

the Olympic Council of Malaysia (OCM) unveiled the gold- cluding tracksuits, polo shirts themed outfits featuring a ti- and T-shirts quickly became a ger-stripe design last weekend. target of public derision.



Touted as symbolising Ma-Controversy erupted when laysia's "relentless pursuit for gold medals", the garments in-



Verstappen on pole for Austrian sprint race

AFP | Spielberg

Three-time world champion hordes of his vociferous supporters yesterday when he secured pole for Saturday's sprint

best lap in one minute and 4.686 needed a few adjustments so all seconds to outpace nearest rival Lando Norris of McLaren by 0.093 seconds in hot conditions things and feel relaxed. Let's at the Red Bull Ring circuit, see what happens tomorrow." owned by Verstappen's team.

the second McLaren ahead of Leclerc had a problem in the pit George Russell of Mercedes, lane and was unable to cross the

Carlos Sainz of Ferrari and seven-time champion Lewis Hamilton, a disappointing sisth for Mercedes.

Sergio Perez was seventh for Red Bull ahead of

Esteban Ocon and his Alpine it to count, leaving him down in team-mate Pierre Gasly.

"It's good to be first here in Max Verstappen delighted front of all my home fans and in and the anti-stall switched off," our home Grand Prix," said the 26-vear-old Dutchman.

"It's been a good day so far know." race at the Austrian Grand Prix. and it's nice to drive the car. It The Red Bull driver clocked a feels well balanced and we only is going well.

In a frantic, final few minutes, Oscar Piastri was third in luckless Ferrari driver Charles start line for his flying lap

in time for

10th place.

"I don't know what happened said Leclerc. "I haven't spoken to the team yet so I just don't

On a hot afternoon in the Stvrian Alps, with temperatures touching 28 degrees Celsius and rain threatening, Hamilton was 'I'm not concerned about first out on track ahead of Yuki Tsunoda and Valtteri Bottas, the Turn One and an 'off' at Turn Six on his opening lap.

His time was disqualified for exceeding track limits 1:05.690 to stay ahead of Russell before he resumed on by 0.074 seconds.



It's been a good day so far and it's nice to drive the car. It feels well balanced and we only needed a few adjustments so all is going well

MAX VERSTAPPEN

Briton surviving a lurid slide at dium tyres after falling to 19th without a lap while Verstappen soared to the top ahead of Russell, the Dutchman clocking

On his second run, Hamilton Logan Sargeant of Williams.

was 12th, barely

com-

fortable, and he slipped to 13th as others improved, but enough to avoid joining both Saubers, Alex Albon of Williams, Nico Hulkenberg of Haas and Daniel Ricciardo of RB in taking an early exit.

The SQ2 session saw Verstappen stay on top ahead of Russell and Hamilton taking sixth behind Piastri, Sainz, and Leclerc with Norris and Perez seventh and eighth.

Out this time went Kevin Magnussen in the second Haas ahead of Lance Stroll and twotime world champion Fernando Alonso of Aston Martin together with Yuki Tsunoda of RB and

The top ten shootout began with Hamilton leading Russell down the pit-lane while late drama saw Leclerc halt before

recovering in a race to join the fray within the time limit.

Max Verstappen in action

HH Shaikh Khalid congratulates HM King, HRH CP, PM on Bahrain's victory in GCC Esports League, qualification

TDT | Manama

Sports (SCYS), Chairman of the the Tekken 8 competition of the Work and Youth Affairs. General Sports Authority (GSA), inaugural GCC Esports League

bin Isa Al Khalifa, and His Roy- Championship in Riyadh. al Highness Prince Salman bin

His Highness Shaikh Khalid 「is Highness Shaikh Khalid Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown bin Hamad also congratulated First Deputy Chairman of the the victory of Bahrain's national Hamad Al Khalifa, HM the King's support for youth and sports has petition. Supreme Council for Youth and esports player, Hashim Khalil, in Representative for Humanitarian created the ideal environment

His Highness Shaikh Khalid and President of the Bahrain Championship, held in Riyadh on bin Hamad attributed this won the final matches against Championship in Riyadh, with Olympic Committee, congratu- June 27-28. This victory has qual- achievement to the exceptional competitors from Saudi Arabia, a total prize pool exceeding 60 lated His Majesty King Hamad ified him for the Esports World support provided by His Majesty Kuwait, and the United Arab million USD.

the King and the backing of the Emirates, defeating the UAE 3-0

Crown Prince and Prime Minis- in the final. Nine players from ter, as well as the follow up of HH nine Gulf clubs and national His Highness Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad. This teams participated in the com-

With this victory, the Bahrain for achieving such a milestone. national esports team secures Player Hashim Ahmed Khalil its place in the Esports World

Bagnaia sets new lap record in Dutch MotoGP qualifying at the 'Cathedral'



Francesco Bagnaia in action

AFP | Assen

ouble world champion Francesco Bagnaia stuck his marker in the sand at the start of the Dutch MotoGP weekend, setting a new track record in qualifying yesterday.

Looking for a hat-trick win after claiming top podium spots at Catalunya and Mugello, Bagnaia broke the lap record clocked by fellow Italian rider Marco Bezzecchi in Assen last year.

With his best time of 1min 31.340sec, Bagnaia on a factory Ducati, led the way from veteran rider Maverick Vinales (Aprilia) and Marc Marquez (Gresini Racing Ducati).

Aleix Espargaro (Aprilia), suffered a heavy crash in the latter stages of yesterday's qualifying race, but was still fourth-fastest in his last-ever outing at Assen.

Murray, Djokovic cleared for Wimbledon

Former champions enter Wimbledon draw despite recent health concerns

Murray faces Machac, who beat him twice this year

Djokovic aims to "fight for the title" despite knee injury

Top seeds Sinner and Swiatek face challenging draws

AFP | London

d champions Andy Murray and Novak Djokovic shrugged off lingering injury concerns yesterday to take their places in the draw for Wimbledon.

Murray, the 2013 and 2016 champion, had ap-

peared certain to miss out on ter undergoing a back operation last weekend.

Fellow former number one rious knee injury at the French

However, yesterday, the two 37-year-olds, career-long rivals, took their places in the draw for the third Grand Slam tournament of

the

starts on Monday. Murray will face 38th-ranked Tomas Machac of the Czech Republic who has defeated

year which

the British star twice this Djokovic, seeded two, will take on 123rdranked Vit Kopriv,

also of the Czech Republic, who will be mak-Wimbledon debut. Novak Djokovic

Murray, now at 115 in the what will be his farewell appear- world, underwent an operaance at the All England Club aftion on a spinal cyst and said Thursday he was unlikely to be fit enough to play in the singles.

The Scot, who plays with a Djokovic, the seven-time chammetal hip, went under the knife pion, also needed surgery earlier after experiencing weakness and this month after suffering a se- a loss of coordination in his right leg while playing at Queen's, forcing him to pull out of that tournament.

On Thursday Murray and brother Jamie were awarded the final wildcard for the Wimbledon men's doubles.

Murray is planning for the Olympics in Paris next month to be the final event of his career.

Machac defeated Murray in Marseille and Miami this year.

The 23-year-old also stunned Djokovic in the semi-finals in Geneva on the eve of the French

Djokovic will play Wimbledon despite concerns over his fitness.

'Fight for title'

The Serbian star was forced to pull out ahead of his quarter-final at the French Open against Casper Ruud after tearing the medial meniscus in his right

would only play at Wimbledon if he was fit enough to "fight for



This Wimbledon marks Murray's farewell appearance at the All **England Club, with the British star planning** to end his career at the Paris Olympics next month

"I didn't come here to play a few rounds," he told the BBC.

"If I know I can play close to my maximum or at maximum, in her opener. then I'll play. If not, then I'll give somebody else a chance to play. it past the quarter-finals at Wim-

title, so that's the condition.

Djokovic, who has won 24 Grand Slams, has reached the 19-match win streak, Swi-Wimbledon final for the past five atek is slated to face deyears, losing a thrilling five-set-fending Wimbledon cham-He said earlier this week he ter last year to Carlos Alcaraz.

He will attempt to win an the last-eight. elusive Olympic gold medal at

Jannik Sinner, who succeeded Djokovic as Australian Open champion in January, is top seed for Wimbledon and starts his campaign against Germany's Yannick Hanfmann.

could face Italian compatriot the tournament for the first time and 2021 runner-up Matteo Berrettini in the second round.

same half of the draw as Sinner. The Spaniard tackles 262nd-

ranked Mark Lajal of Estonia on na Bektas of the United States. Centre Court on Monday.

Swiatek v Kenin

In the women's draw, world number one Iga Swiatek, who recently won a fourth French Open title, meets 2020 Australian Open champion Sofia Kenin

Swiatek, who has never made "I really will only play if I bledon, has former All Engknow I am in a state which is land Club champion Angelique good enough to go far in the Kerber and 2017 Roland Gartournament and fight for the ros winner Jelena Ostapenko in her section of the draw.

Riding high on a pion Marketa Vondrousova in

US Open champion Coco the Paris Games, which start on Gauff, the second seed, starts

against compatriot Caroline Dolehide, ranked at 52.

Four-time major winner Naomi Osaka looms in Gauff's section of the draw. The Japanese former world

number one, who faces Diane If he gets through that, Sinner Parry in her opener, is playing since 2019.

Third seed and Australian Alcaraz, seeded three, is in the Open champion Aryna Sabalenka, a two-time semi-finalist, starts against 106th-ranked Emi-

> A potential last-16 opponent is Russian teenager Mirra An-

dreeva who defeated Sabalenka in the French Open quarter-finals this



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