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#### ChatGPT can now search for latest data on internet

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The generative AI platform ChatGPT can now fetch data directly from the internet and gather upto-date information in real-time, its creator OpenAI said Wednesday, in a major milestone for the software.

Until now, ChatGPT's responses to user queries were based on a vast database, which did not contain information from after August 2021.

"ChatGPT can now browse the internet to provide you with current and authoritative information, complete with direct links to sources," OpenAI said in a post on X, formerly Twitter. "It is no longer limited to data before September 2021."

#### **Germany and Israel** sign 'historic' \$3.5b missile shield deal

AFP | Berlin

₹ermany yesterday Signed a deal to acquire the Israeli-made Arrow 3 hypersonic missile system that will become a key part of Europe's defence against air attack.

The signing of the deal was a "historic day" for both countries, German Defence Minister Boris Pistorius said at a press conference alongside his Israeli counterpart Yoav Gallant.

Worth around \$3.5 billion (3.3 billion euros), the sale is the biggest ever deal for Israel's military industry.

#### Russia defence spending up by 70% next year

AFP | Moscow

Russia is set to hike defence spending by almost 70 percent in 2024, a finance ministry document published yesterday showed, as Moscow pours resources into its full-scale offensive in Ukraine.

Since the conflict began last year, Russia has ramped up arms manufacturing and pumped massive funds into its military machine, despite persistently high inflation and a weaker ruble.

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## Bahrain greets Kuwait's Amir on accession to throne

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Tis Majesty King Hamad bin HISA Al Khalifa and His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, sent cables of congratulations to Kuwait's Amir His Highness Shaikh Nawaf Al Ahmed Al Jaber Al Sabah on his accession to the throne.



**HM the King** 



**Kuwait Amir** 

HM King Hamad and HRH Prince Salman wished HH Shaikh Nawaf Al Ahmed abundant health and happiness and to the people of Kuwait further progress and prosperity.

HM the King and His Royal Highness praised the deep longstanding Bahraini-Kuwaiti relations and their development in various sectors.

# Pride for Bahrain's fallen serviceman

HRH Prince Salman pays tribute to brave sacrifices of BDF's 'fallen hero'

Armed Forces Deputy **Supreme Commander** offers condolences to family and relatives

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is Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces and Prime Minister, expressed his pride in the honourable sacrifices of the Bahrain Defence Force's fallen serviceman, which will be etched forever in the Kingdom's history.

This came as HRH Prince Salman vesterday offered his condolences to the family and relatives of fallen serviceman, First Warrant Officer Adam Salem Naseeb, who passed away following injuries that he sustained during his honourable and loyal participation in Operation Restoring Hope, as part of the Saudi-led Arab Coalition



HRH Prince Salman meeting the family of the fallen serviceman

"The BDF officers continue to be a source of pride and inspiration through their sacrifices, courage, and commitment to achieving justice."

- HRH PRINCE SALMAN BIN HAMAD AL KHALIFA, THE CROWN PRINCE, DEPUTY SUPREME COMMANDER OF THE ARMED FORCES AND PRIME MINISTER

Forces at the southern border of Saudi Arabia.

His Royal Highness emphasised that the BDF officers continue to be a source of pride and inspiration through their sacrifices, courage, and commitment to achieving justice.

Officer Adam's family expressed Salman's condolences and expressed their pride in First War-



For their part, First Warrant The body of the martyr being carried by the crowd after a prayer ceremony

their gratitude for HRH Prince companied by the Chairman of Mohammed bin Salman bin the Board of Trustees of the Isa Hamad Al Khalifa, and the Minbin Salman Education Charita- ister of Finance and National rant Officer Adam's sacrifices ble Trust, His Highness Shaikh Economy, HE Shaikh Salman bin while fulfilling his national duty. Isa bin Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa Al Khalifa.

His Royal Highness was ac- Khalifa, His Highness Shaikh

#### China wants to be 'dominant power' in the world: Blinken

**TDT** | Washington

top power in the world, US Sec- ly, diplomatically." retary of State Antony Blinkwarned on Taiwan.

Successive US presidents have called China the top long-surprise. There's an extraorditerm challenge to the United nary history in China," he said States, but some US analysts at the event organized by The have seen Beijing's ambitions Atlantic magazine. as more focused on reduc-

Asked at a forum about Chi- in the world."

na's intentions, Blinken said, "I think that what it seeks is to hina is seeking to surpass be the dominant power in the ✓ the United States as the world-militarily, economical-

"That's what Xi Jinping is en said yesterday, as he again seeking," Blinken said of China's president.

"And in a sense, that's not a

"I think if you look and listen ing Washington's influence to Chinese leaders, they are in Asia than about a global seeking to recover what they believe is their rightful place

#### Fish kill



Dead fishes due to low volume of water are seen at the Lago do Piranha Sustainable Development Reserve in Manacapuru, Amazonas State, northern Brazil. Amazonas is facing a severe river drought, making it difficult to navigate and supply food and fuel to the interior. Governor Wilson Lima has declared a State of Environmental Emergency because of the fires and the drving up of the rivers. (AFP)

# news of bahrain

# A royal praise for solid bilateral ties

HRH Prince Salman receives credentials of 18 newly appointed ambassadors to Bahrain

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is Royal Highness Prince Salman bin -Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, commended the strength of the bilateral relations between the Kingdom of Bahrain and friendly countries, which are witnessing further progress and prosperity at all levels.

HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister emphasised the Kingdom's commitment to continue building on what has been achieved by furthering bilateral relations and cooperation to benefit all.

HRH Prince Salman made the statements as he received the credentials of the 18 newly appointed ambassadors to Bahrain, on behalf of His Majesty during a ceremony held at Sakh-

His Majesty the King's greetings Ambassadors' heads of state. to their heads of state and His the Kingdom and the ambassadors' respective countries.



King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, HRH Prince Salman receives a salute from Lieutenant-General His Highness Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, National Security Advisor and Royal Guard Commander

ing bilateral relations at all the Republic of Chile, HE Patri- the Ambassador of the Bolivar-

During the ceremony, HRH the levels. HRH the Crown Prince cio Diaz Broughton; the Ambas-Crown Prince and Prime Minis- and Prime Minister further con- sador of Romania, HE Octavian ter extended to the ambassadors veyed his own greetings to the Bogdan Badica; the Ambassador of Ukraine, HE Dmytro Senyk; HRH Prince Salman wished the Ambassador of the Republic Majesty's best wishes for suc- the ambassadors success in per- of Malawi, HE Younos Abdul cess in their diplomatic duties to forming their diplomatic duties Karim; the Ambassador of the strengthen cooperation between to achieve mutual aspirations. Kingdom of Lesotho, HE Boomo HRH the Crown Prince and Frank Sofonia; the Ambassador Prime Minister received the of the Republic of Guatemala, The ambassadors extended to credentials of the Ambassador HE Willy Alberto Gomez Ti-His Majesty King Hamad their of the Republic of North Mace- rado; the Ambassador of the heads of states' greetings, wish- donia, HE Abdulkadar Memedi; Republic of Slovenia, HE Nataing the Kingdom and its people the Ambassador of the Republia Al Mansour; the Ambassafurther progress and prosperity lic of Uganda, HE Isaac Biruma dor of the Republic of Peru, HE Political Affairs at the Ministry while commending longstand- Sebulime; the Ambassador of Carlos Rodolfo Zapata Lopez; of Foreign Affairs, Dr Shaikh

ian Republic of Venezuela, HE David Velasquez; the Ambassador of the Republic of Mali, HE Boubacar Gouro Diall; the Ambassador of the Lao People's Democratic Republic, HE Boun Inthabandith; the Ambassador of the Republic of Portugal, HE Nuno Mathias; the Ambassador of the Republic of Burundi, HE Nahayo Jacques Ya'coub; the Ambassador of the Kingdom of Tonga, HE Akau'ola; the Ambassador of the Republic of Nicaragua, HE Mohamed Lashtar; and the Ambassador of Cambodia, HE Manan Sman.

The ceremony was attended by the Personal Representative of His Majesty the King, His Highness Shaikh Abdullah bin Hamad Al Khalifa, HM the King's Representative for Humanitarian Work and Youth Affairs, National Security Advisor and Royal Guard Commander, Lieutenant-General HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Isa bin Salman Education Charitable Trust, His Highness Shaikh Isa bin Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, His Highness Shaikh Mohammed bin Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Minister of the Royal Court, HE Shaikh Khalid bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, the Chief of Royal Protocol, Major-General Khalifa bin Ahmed Al-Fadhala, and the Undersecretary for



#### **Japan condemns** Houthis' attack on BDF soldiers

Tokyo

Japan yesterday condemned Monday's attack on Bahrain Defense Force (BDF) soldiers in southern Saudi Arabia that left military personnel dead and several others wounded.

In a statement, the Japanese Foreign Ministry said: "The government of Japan condemns this attack and expresses its concern that it could run counter to the ongoing efforts of the political dialogue in Yemen to bring about a permanent peace from the current de-facto ceasefire."

"The government expresses its condolences to the victims and their families and prays for the early recovery of the injured."

#### **Grief and sympathy**



Field Marshal Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, Commander-in-Chief of the Bahrain Defence Force (BDF), offered condolences to the family of fallen serviceman First Warrant Officer Adam Salem Naseeb. The BDF Commander-in-Chief said that the noble sacrifice of the fallen serviceman had earned them the highest ranks of honour, and that they will always be remembered in the history of Bahrain. He prayed to Allah Almighty to rest the souls of the fallen servicemen in eternal peace, give their families patience and solace and for the injured a speedy recovery.

# **HRH Prince Salman** receives condolences from US Secretary of Defense on phone call

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and Prime Minister, yesterday led by the Armed Forces of the received a telephone call from Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, stathe US Secretary of Defense, tioned at the southern border Lloyd J. Austin III.

During the telephone call, the US Secretary of Defense injured a speedy recovery. extended his heartfelt condolences to the Supreme Com- tin further reviewed the Bahmander of the Armed Forc- rain-US strategic partnership, es, His Majesty King Hamad and the importance of further bin Isa Al Khalifa, and to His strengthening relations to Royal Highness for the fall- achieve joint aspirations.

en servicemen of the Bahrain Defense Force who were hon-**T**is Royal Highness Prince ourably and loyally performing His Royal Highness Finite outdon, and to July Institute in Oper-Khalifa, the Crown Prince, ation Restoring Hope, as part Deputy Supreme Commander of the Arab Coalition Forces of Saudi Arabia.

Austin further wished the

HRH Prince Salman and Aus-

#### HH Shaikh Nasser, HH Shaikh Khalid attend funeral prayer for fallen BDF serviceman

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ieutenant-General His Lieutenant-General III bin Hamad Al Khalifa, National Security Advisor and Royal Guard Commander, and Colonel His Highness Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Royal Guard Special Force Commander, and Chief of Staff Lieutenant General Theyab bin Sager Al Nuaimi, performed the funeral prayers for the fallen serviceman First Warrant Officer Adam Salem Naseeb of the Bahrain Defence Force (BDF), which was held at Hamad bin Isa Al Khali-Budaiya cemetery.

to injuries he sustained in the al Highness Prince Salman fallen servicemen who were Prince, Deputy Supreme Comkilled on the Saudi borders mander of the Armed Forc-Arab Coalition leading opera- bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, Com-



HH Shaikh Nasser and HH Shaikh Khalid at the funeral prayer

fa, Supreme Commander of Serviceman Naseeb died due the Armed Forces; His Royline of duty, alongside the two bin Hamad A Khalifa, Crown while participating in the BDF es, and Prime Minister; and taskforce, which is part of the Field Marshal Shaikh Khalifa tions Decisive Storm and Re- mander-in-Chief of the BDF and those of their own to the They extended the condo-serviceman's family, wishing lences of His Majesty King the injured a speedy recovery.

#### Edict issued appointing new director at PMO office

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bin Mubarak Al Khalifa, based on a proposal from the Director General of the Prime Min- Maraghi shall replace Dr. Amister's Office (PMO).

Article (I)

Al Musallam shall be appoint- visory Committee of the NQF ed as Director of the Admin- at the BQA. istrative Affairs and Services Directorate at the PMO.

Article (II)

The Director General of the PMO shall implement the be published in the Official Gazette.

HRH Prince Salman yester- in the Official Gazette.

day issued Edict (91) of 2023, His Royal Highness Prince replacing a member of the Salman bin Hamad Al Advisory Committee of the Khalifa, the Crown Prince National Qualification Frameand Prime Minister, yester- work (NQF) at the Education day issued Edict (90) of 2023, and Training Quality Authorappointing a Director in the ity (BOA), based on a proposoffice of the Special Repre- al from the Chairman of the sentative of His Majesty King Board of Directors of BQA, fol-Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, His lowing the recommendation Highness Shaikh Mohammed of the BQA Board of Directors.

Article (I)

Dr. Farzana Abdullah Al ina Mohamed Buallay as the representative of the Higher Hamad Khaled Mohammed Education Council in the Ad-

> The period of her term will continue until the end of the term of her predecessor.

Article (II) The Chairman of the Board provisions of this edict, and it of Directors of BQA shall imshall come into effect from the plement the provisions of this date of its issuance and shall edict, and it shall come into effect from the date of its issuance and shall be published

#### **HM King receives HRH Prince Edward, Duke** of Edinburgh

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 $\mathbf{H}$ is Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa received His Royal Highness Prince Edward, Duke of Edinburgh. His Majesty welcomed HRH Prince Edward, who conveyed the greetings of His Majesty King Charles III of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and Head of the Commonwealth.

HM King Hamad relayed his greetings to HM King Charles III, wishing him abundant health and happiness.

HM King Hamad praised the long-standing Bahrain-UK relations and cooperation in various sectors.

He commended the efforts of HM King Charles III in developing bilateral relations between the two countries.

The Duke of Edinburgh offered his condolences to HM King Hamad over the fallen servicemen.

HRH hailed HM the King's efforts in further developing relations between Bahrain and the UK. Meanwhile, the Duke of Edinburgh's International Award Foundation, which has over 160,000 volunteers globally, hosted a prestigious event at the British School of Bahrain (BSB) Campus, in Hamala.

The school was honoured to welcome His Royal Highness Prince Edward, The Duke of Edinburgh, for this special occasion, and together with high level dignitaries, they celebrated the positive impact of the Award within the Kingdom over the past, present and future.

# **Bahrain committed to** bolstering Saudi ties

Praise for Saudi-Bahraini **Coordination Council** 

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is Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, expressed their pride in the deep-rooted relations between Bahrain and Saudi Arabia, and their historical development milestones.

They stressed Bahrain's keenness to continue enriching these bilateral relations to achieve the common aspirations of the two countries.

Salman were speaking as they received yesterday the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, His Highness Prince Faisal bin Farhan bin Abdullah Al Saud, at Riffa

His Majesty praised the sincere efforts made by the Sau-Mohammed bin Salman bin Ab-

HM King Hamad also praised Bahrain. the pioneering role of Saudi Arabia under its leadership in serv- the Saudi Foreign Minister and



HM the King and HRH Prince Salman receive the Saudi Foreign Minister

expressed his gratitude to HM and Saudi Crown Prince, and the King for the generous hospihis appreciation for their noble HM the King and HRH Prince tality, and his pride in His Maj- sentiments in offering condoesty's efforts to consolidate the lences over the loss of the fallen Bahraini-Saudi bonds.

#### Greetings

HH Prince Faisal conveyed the dian of the Two Holy Mosques, man and Saudi Crown Prince dulaziz Al Saud, Saudi Crown Hamad and King Salman. and Prime Minister HRH Prince Prince and Prime Minister, and

His Majesty the King thanked

The Saudi Foreign Minister todian of the Two Holy Mosques servicemen.

#### **Longstanding relations**

HRH the Crown Prince and greetings of King Salman bin Prime Minister highlighted the Abdulaziz Al Saud, the Custo- longstanding relations between the two Kingdoms, which have di-Bahraini Coordination Coun- and His Royal Highness Prince been strengthened thanks to cil, headed by HRH Prince Sal- Mohammed bin Salman bin Ab- the efforts of His Majesty King

HRH Prince Salman nottheir sincere wishes of further ed Bahrain's commitment to progress and advancement to strengthening relations to furprosperity.

He also commended the ongoing GCC, Arab and Islamic issues. relayed his greetings to the Cusing efforts made by HRH Prince ed Saudi Arabia's influential role also attended the meeting.

Bahrain-Saudi Arabia partner-

Prime Minister greeted the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques and HRH Prince Mohammed, bin Farhan extended his gratiwishing Saudi Arabia and its tude for the opportunity to meet people continued progress and prosperity.

#### Condolences

the Saudi leadership for their condolences regarding the King- HE General Shaikh Rashid bin dom's fallen servicemen, who honourably took part in the Saudi-led Arab Coalition Forces at Abdullatif bin Rashid Al Zayani, ther joint development and the southern border of Saudi and the Minister of Finance and Arabia.

Mohammed in furthering the in championing the causes of GCC, Arab and Islamic nations.

He then hosted a luncheon in HRH the Crown Prince and honour of HH Prince Faisal bin Farhan's visit to the Kingdom.

For his part, HH Prince Faisal with His Royal Highness, commending HRH's role in strengthening bilateral relations and cooperation across various fields.

The Deputy Prime Minister, His Royal Highness thanked HE Shaikh Khalid bin Abdulla Al Khalifa, the Minister of Interior, Abdullah Al Khalifa, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, HE Dr National Economy, HE Shaikh HRH Prince Salman highlight- Salman bin Khalifa Al Khalifa,

# Vow to enhance Bahrain-UK partnership

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m ahrain}$  is committed to furthering the Bahrain-UK partnership, which continues to expand joint development to benefit both countries and their people.

This was emphasised by His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, as he met with His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh, Prince Edward, at Gudaibiya Palace.

He welcomed The Duke of Edinburgh and the accompanyof Bahrain.



HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister meets with the Duke of Edinburgh

HRH Prince Salman highlight- ing history of cooperation and ing delegation to the Kingdom ed the depth of Bahrain-UK ties, coordination, in line with the Juma, also attended the meetwhich are based on a longstand- Kingdom's comprehensive de- ing.

velopment, led by His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa.

Regional and international issues of common interest were also discussed.

The Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Isa bin Salman Education Charitable Trust, His Highness Shaikh Isa bin Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, His Highness Shaikh Mohammed bin Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Minister of Finance and National Economy, HE Shaikh Salman bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, and the Minister of Education, HE Dr Mohammed bin Mubarak



#### Saudi Foreign Minister arrives

The Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, His Highness Prince Faisal bin Farhan bin Abdullah Al Saud, arrived in Bahrain yesterday. The minister was received upon arrival by Foreign Affairs Minister Dr. Abdullatif bin Rashid Al Zayani, Dr. Mohammad Ali Behzad. Undersecretary for Consular, and Administrative Affairs at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Saleh bin Falah Al Otaibi, Deputy Saudi Ambassador to Bahrain.

#### Teenage girl killer jailed for life in 'Sanad murder' case

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35-year-old man accused Ass-year-old man degirl has been spared execution and instead received a life sentence in prison.

In the penultimate hearing before the verdict was an-lmage used for illustrative purposes nounced, the defendant made a desperate plea to the court, stating that he killed her be- ing in the dock during the for those clips.

appealed for understanding clips." of the circumstances around the murder, emphasising the killed her after hitting her on alleged blackmail that influ- the neck, causing her to faint. enced the accused's actions. She bled from her mouth and However, the public attorney nose. Then I strangled her and strongly urged the court to im- kept her in my car for a whole pose capital punishment.

Throughout the trial, the prosecution built a solid case details of his crime while cryagainst the accused, present- ing, mentioned that the next ing his detailed confession as day he placed a piece of iron a central pillar of evidence. around the victim's neck to en-Testimony from the investigat- sure her death. He continued, ing officer further confirmed "I headed to the coast of Santhe accused's involvement in ad with the victim's body and the premeditated murder and other related crimes.

The forensic doctor's report, based on thorough investiga- after the girl's decomposed tions, aligned perfectly with body was found hidden. Police the accused's statements.

burst into tears while stand- arrest of the defendant.



only

cause she had blackmailed him first hearing of the trial, saywith photos and videos, de- ing, "I killed her because she manding money in exchange was blackmailing me with photos and clips, and she was His lawyer passionately demanding money for those

> He added, "I unintentionally day."

The defendant, narrating the placed it under a tree before leaving the area."

The defendant was arrested officers launched intensive in-Shockingly, the defendant vestigations, which led to the

# news of bahrain

# Bahrain plans strategies on food pricing, security and regulation

Policies to establish single food regulatory in the Kingdom

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ahrain is 'coming up' with new strategies that will include food pricing, as well as policies to establish a single food regulatory in the Kingto the media.

"Everybody now wants to focus on food security. The chalregulating everything," Mr Al Amin said.

"There are no new announcements on these strategies, but Bahrain is coming up. The strategy will be there in time and the Minister of Industry will announce it, which will focus on food pricing, food supply and food security," he stated.

#### **Bahrain and Qatar**

dom, BCCI Food Sector Commit-relations between Bahrain and tee chairman Khaled Al Amin Qatar and how logistics would said yesterday when speaking move ahead, Al-Amin stated that countries must move ahead to

lenge is to put all the food affairs project has to move ahead. If "For the food supply they should current challenges between food, Al Amin highlighted that finery to launch the project at under one ministry or under one the project doesn't move ahead open the containers at the im- countries Egypt and India. Egypt Bahrain's supply and market is Bahrain International Investbody, so there is one authority there's no progress. We trust porter warehouse, instead of has been facing food security stable, and there are no prob- ment Park (BIIP).



When asked a question about our leadership in Bahrain and on the port as opening at the the government will ban export

#### Challenges

Speaking on current issues "If you want to progress, the that face Bahrain, Al Amin said,

port would lead to a reduction

"The food supply and

chain are there, and

we are building our

food security step by

- KHALED AL AMIN, BCCI FOOD SECTOR

step.

#### **Egypt and India**

in quality."

challenges for years as it heav- lems currently. ily relies on imported wheat to meet domestic demand.

grains to cover needs, and Rus- we want to continue from there," sia's recent withdrawal from the the chairman of the Food Sector Black Sea grain-export initiative, Committee at BCCI stated. as well as India's restrictions on concerns for Egypt.

"It's a political problem. Usually when the election is close of the most important food."

#### Bahrain's market is stable

Even though Bahrain imports

"The food supply and chain are there, and we are building The country also imports a our food security step by step. large amount of rice and other We have started with Bafco and

He stated during the meetrice exports have caused grave ing that Bahrain is also working to implement its sugar refinery that is now in progress to be re-

Last December, a multi-million-dinar agreement had been signed by the Industry and Commerce Industry to set up a sugar manufacturing project at Salman Insustrial town. The deal would Al Amin also spoke about the 96 per cent to 98 per cent of its lease a plot to Bahrain sugar re-

#### Government Hospitals obtains key global accreditation

Important in boosting healthcare services provided for all in Bahrain

TDT | Manama

overnment Hospitals Gobtained Institutional Accreditation from the Saudi Commission for Health Specialties after evaluating the training-related facilities, based on the standards approved by the commis-

This achievement is represented by the ability of government hospitals, represented by the Salmaniya Medical Complex (SMC), to obtain programmatic accreditation for a number of new medical specialties from the Saudi Commission for Health Specialties.

#### Status

Shaikh Hisham bin Abdulaziz Al Khalifa, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Governmental Hospitals, affirmed the importance of these accreditations in enhancing the status of government hospitals and health services provided in

He also noted the importance of medical training as the basic building block for qualifying medical personnel to achieve quality services to patients.

Dr. Ahmed Mohammad Al Ansari, Government Hospitals CEO, affirmed the keenness of government hospitals to provide an educational environment for trainers and trainees based on the foundations of health education, to provide high quality training in all specialities.

# **Information Minister takes** part in Arab Media Forum

Abu Dhabi

 ${f I}$ nformation Minister Ramzan bin Abdullah Al Noaimi participated in the 21st Arab Media Forum, which was held under the patronage of His Highness Shaikh Mohamed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, the UAE Vice President, Prime Minister and Dubai

The forum was attended by over 3,000 influential media personalities, ministers and heads of leading local, Arab and international media organisations, as well as thought leaders, intellectuals and writers

The minister took part in a session on "Dialogue Between Arab Information Ministers", media tools.



Mr. Al Noaimi speaks at the forum

He recalled the fallen serwhile performing their national duty on the Saudi borders while vicemen in eternal peace, bless sional, and accurate.

their relatives with patience and fortitude and grant the injured a speedy recovery.

He said that the Houthi aggression was carried out during the United Nations' truce without considering Yemen's interests or peace efforts in the

Al Noaimi affirmed the importance of media in supporting the efforts of Arab countries to achieve stability and development, as well as the importance of developing a media vicemen who lost their lives that is aligned with Arab development plans.

He noted that the Arab media participating in the Bahrain De- today possesses all the necesfence Force (BDF) taskforce, sary capabilities and compewhere he highlighted that Arab which is part of the Arab Coatencies to keep pace with the countries are having a direct lition leading operations Deci- current regional and internaconfrontation with extremism sive Storm and Restoring Hope, tional changes, which makes it and hate speech, in light of the praying to Allah Almighty to essential that the information multiplicity of unconventional rest the souls of the fallen ser- we receive is credible, profes-

#### Focus on ways to enhance Bahrain-India relations



Mr. Humaidan and India Ambassador Jacob holds hold a meeting

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abour and Social Develop-Labour and Social Zerond Muhammad Ali Humaidan and Indian Ambassador to Bahrain Vinod Kurian Jacob met to discuss Bahrain-India relations and ways to develop them.

forts to improve the labour eration.

market, which included modernising labour legislation to meet international standards and enhancing social protec-

He praised the Indian workforce and its participation in Bahrain's development pro-

The ambassador praised the Humaidan, also Labour Kingdom for establishing an Market Regulatory Authori- investment-friendly environty (LMRA)'s Chairman of the ment and preserving workers' Board of Directors, briefed the rights, stressing his country's ambassador about national ef- keenness to strengthen coop-

#### **Bahrain-Pakistan ties**



Field Marshal Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, Commander-in-Chief of the Bahrain Defense Force (BDF), received Group Captain Raheel Shaukat, Naval and Air Attache of the Republic of Pakistan, resident in Riyadh and accredited in Bahrain. The Commander-in-Chief commended the Bahraini-Pakistani relations, wishing the Naval Attachø success in performing his

#### 'Green Tourism and Investment'



Mr. Abdullah bin Adel Fakhro, Minister of Industry and Commerce and Acting Minister of Tourism, met with Shripad Yesu Naik, Indian Minister of Culture and Tourism, on the sidelines of his participation in the World Tourism Day ceremonies and events in Riyadh, which was held under the slogan "Green Tourism and Investment" and organised by the Ministry of Tourism in the Kingdom. Fakhro stressed the Kingdom of Bahrain's keenness to continue complementary efforts in the tourism sector between the Kingdom and India. The two sides praised the growth and development witnessed by the tourism sector in the two countries.



#### RHF praises Ambassador

Dr. Mustafa Al Sayed, Royal Humanitarian Foundation (RHF) Secretary-General, received Muhammad Ayub, outgoing Pakistani Ambassador to Bahrain. Dr. Al Sayed expressed appreciation for the ambassador's efforts during his tenure in promoting cooperation between the two countries, especially in the humanitarian and relief work. He wished the ambassador success in his upcoming tasks. Ambassador Ayub expressed his gratitude to His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa for the humanitarian efforts undertaken by the Kingdom to the Pakistani people during the recent floods in Pakistan.

# German recession will be worse than feared: economic institutes

The economy will shrink 0.6 percent in 2023, the institutes said

AFP | Frankfurt, Germany

recession in Germany this year will be worse Lthan previously feared, leading economic institutes warned yesterday, as high inflation and an industrial slowdown hit Europe's top economy.

The economy will shrink 0.6 percent in 2023, the institutes said in their latest joint forecast. They had all flagged in recent is worse than those previously mentioned.

for this revision is that industry record eurozone interest rates. just the latest gloomy signal in and private consumption are recovering more slowly than we my, and in particular a slow expected," said Oliver Holtemo- recovery from the pandemeller, from the Halle Institute ic in Germany's top tradfor Economic Research, one of ing partner China, are also the five groups behind the fore- weighing on the exporting cast. German policymakers face powerhouse.



The economy fell into recession around the turn of the year, and has struggled to recover since

months that a downturn was challenges on multiple fronts --

Problems in the global econo-

There were positive signs at expected, although the figure from still-high inflation that be- the start of the year that Gergan surging after Russia invaded many may have weathered the Ukraine, to weakness in man- energy crisis better than expect-"The most important reason ufacturing and the impact of ed, but Thursday's forecasts are

> recent months. The economy fell into recession around the turn of the year, and has struggled to recover since, with growth stagnating in the second quarter.

The last joint economic

forecast released in April had forecast growth of 0.3% in 2023. However, since then some of the institutes involved had separately forecast a contraction this year, although their predictions were less gloomy than the latest joint forecast.



The IMF has predicted that Germany will be the only major advanced economy to shrink this year. The **European Commission** earlier this month said it expects the German economy to contract by 0.4% this year. compared to a previous forecast of 0.2% growth.

#### Hyundai, Kia recall 3 million cars in US over fire risk

**Washington, United States** 

🗬 outh Korean car manu-Ofacturers Hyundai and Kia are issuing recalls for 3.3 million vehicles in the United States due to their risk of suddenly catching fire, regulators announced Wednesday. "Until these recalled vehicles have been repaired... the safest place to park them is outside and away from homes and other structures," the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) said in a statement.

"Fires can occur whether the vehicle is parked and turned off or while driving."

The vehicles in question include 1.64 million from Hyundai and Genesis, concerning 2010 to 2015 models, and 1.73 m Kias, ranging from 2010 to 2017.

The problem comes from an issue with the vehicles' anti-lock brake systems (ABS), "which could leak brake fluid internally and cause an electrical short," the NHTSA said.

"Hyundai plans to notify owners to bring their vehicles to the nearest dealership to replace the ABS module fuse," the agency said. "Kia is still working on a remedy." Neither company knows of "any crashes, injuries or fatalities associated with this defect.'

Hyundai has recorded 21 vehicle fires linked to the default in the United States, as well as "22 thermal incidents," including visible smoke, burning and melting. Kia has recorded one engine compartment fire, "three fires in the unit, and six instances of melting components."

# Portugal launches sale of 51% in state-owned airline TAP

AFP | Lisbon, Portugal

sale of a majority stake in flag after the Socialist-led govern- Minister Joao Galamba. carrier TAP, expected to attract ment's weekly cabinet meeting. the interest of European rivals job cuts and plane sales in order raise from the sale. to secure EU approval of a 3.2 ital injection for the debt-lad- half of this year, compared with owns Spanish airline Iberia.

adopted today the decree on the period last year. The Portuguese government privatisation of TAP," Finance "The outlook for 2023 is even on Thursday opened the Minister Fernando Medina said better," said Infrastructure

including Air France-KLM, at least 51 percent of TAP, with jor stake in Italy's ITA in May, Lufthansa and British Airways at least five percent of shares owner IAG. TAP had to be res- reserved for employees, he while Air France-KLM chief cued and renationalised in added, without specifying how Ben Smith reiterated his in-2020, which was followed by much the government might terest in July. TAP flies several

en airline. "The government a loss of 202 million euros in the

Analysts say Germany's The government wants to sell Lufthansa, which took a mamight be interested in bidding, routes to North America and The airline posted a profit Brazil, which could also be a billion euro (\$3.4 billion) cap- of 23 million euros for the first good fit for IAG, which also

### \$3.5 bn Germany deal the biggest yet for Israeli arms sector

AFP | Tel Aviv, Israel

▼srael's \$3.5-billion sale of Lits Arrow 3 missile defence system to Germany, sparked by security fears after Russia's Ukraine invasion, is the biggest vet for the small country's outsized arms sector.

With its armed forces steeled is now the ninth largest export- location in Alaska. er of military equipment and out of the sky. Berlin's purchase lion people, has fought multiple Research Institute.

a new record of \$12.5 billion (IAI) and US aerospace giant West Bank and blockades dollars last year, double the Boeing. amount from three years ear-

lier, says its defence ministry.



by a tragic history of war, Israel The launch of the Arrow-3 hypersonic anti-ballistic missile at an undisclosed

system was jointly developed then Palestine. Israeli arms exports reached by Israel Aerospace Industries

> The system aims to shield Germany and its neighbours

Israel's fears of attacks from from ballistic missiles that can Iran and other foes have led it, carry nuclear warheads by in- ry since the 1973 Arab-Israeli together with its top ally the tercepting them as far as 2,400 United States, to develop hi- kilometres (almost 1,500 miles)

tech systems designed to knock away, outside the atmosphere. by the sharply heightened ten-

technology, according to the of Arrow 3 had to be approved wars with Arab states since its Stockholm International Peace by Washington because the foundation in 1948 in what was

Its army now occupies the the Gaza Strip, fuelling anger across the Arab and Muslim world.

As Israel marks a half-centuwar, its arms industry is earning billions, much of it now driven 

### **Aramco announces** first global LNG deal



Dhahran oil plants, in eastern Saudi Arabia

Aramco reported record profits totalling \$161.1 billion last year

Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

Caudi Aramco on Thursday Dannounced its first global investment in liquefied natu- dent Nasir K. al-Naimi said in ral gas, part of a broader bid by the energy giant to expand beyond oil.

jewel of the Saudi economy said it would acquire a minor- Energy "is currently in the proity stake worth \$500 million cess of acquiring interests in in MidOcean Energy, which is four Australian LNG projects, managed by the US investment firm EIG.

"We anticipate strong demand-led growth for LNG as the world continues on its energy transition journey, with gas being a vital fuel and feed- dom to notch up its first anstock in various industries," Aramco CEO Amin Nasser said in a statement.

be important in meeting the accessible and more sustaina- ro" carbon emissions by 2050. ble energy."

owns 90 percent of Aramco's es.

shares and is depending on its revenue for Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman's sweeping economic and social reform programme known as Vision 2030, which aims to shift the economy away from fossil fuels.

Aramco wants to become "a leading global LNG player", the firm's upstream presi-Thursday's statement, adding that it sees "significant opportunities in this market, which The company seen as the is positioned for structural, long-term growth". MidOcean with a growth strategy to create a diversified global LNG business," the statement said.

Aramco reported record profits totalling \$161.1 billion last year, allowing the kingnual budget surplus in nearly a decade, though year-on-year performance fell during the "We believe that gas will first two quarters of 2023.

Aramco has pledged to world's rising need for secure, achieve "operational net-ze-

That applies to emissions He noted that the deal that are produced directly by "marks Aramco's first inter- Aramco's industrial sites, but national investment in LNG". not the CO2 produced when Saudi Arabia, the world's clients burn Saudi oil in their biggest crude oil exporter, cars, power plants and furnac-

#### ChatGPT can now search for data on the internet



OpenAI CEO Sam Altman New York, United States

The generative AI platform L ChatGPT can now fetch data directly from the internet and gather up-to-date infor- already offers Bing Chat, an mation in real-time, its crea- integration of GPT-4, the lantor OpenAI said Wednesday, guage model used to develin a major milestone for the op ChatGPT, with its internet software.

Until now, ChatGPT's responses to user queries were Bard. based on a vast database,

with current and authoritative trols.

information, complete with direct links to sources," OpenAI said in a post on X, formerly Twitter. "It is no longer limited to data before September

It also said that the latest feature would allow sites to control how ChatGPT interacts with them.

OpenAI launched the update for its paying subscribers in June, but suspended it after users managed to bypass pay-

walls on internet content. The feature, dubbed "Browse with Bing", is also reserved for paying subscribers of ChatGPT Plus and Enterprise services, but OpenAI said it would soon

be available to all users. OpenAI partner Microsoft search engine, as does Google with its conversational robot

ChatGPT will provide direct which did not contain infor- sources alongside its responsmation from after August 2021. es, which will no longer be "ChatGPT can now browse based on the single database the internet to provide you the program's publisher conFrance's Macron

proposes 'autonomy'

for island of Corsica

MAHATMA GANDHI

#### **News in brief**

**♦** French President

**Emmanuel** Macron yesterday proposed to give a form of autonomy to the Mediterranean island of Corsica, a region that often chafes at rule from Paris. "We should have the courage to establish a form of autonomy for Corsica within France," Macron told the island's parliament in Ajaccio.

which is currently controlled by nationalists. "We would all be failing if we left things as they are," he added. Corsica shot to the top of the French political agenda last year when widespread violence broke out over the killing in a mainland prison of Yvan Colonna.

The independence fighter -- jailed for life over the 1998 murder of the region's prefect Claude Erignac -- was stabbed to death by another inmate. Colona's killing triggered "unbelievable violence that brought Corsica to the brink of widespread conflict", the island's executive Gilles Simeoni told the president. Corsicans have long wanted more say on their own affairs, as well as official status for their language and protection from outsiders buying up land -- two thorny requests that Paris is reluctant to grant.

Karabakh separatists to disband after surrender to Azerbaijan

◆ **Ethnic** Armenian separatists in Nagorno-Karabakh on Thursday agreed to dissolve their government by the end of the year and become a full part of Azerbaijan in the wake of Baku's lightning offensive. The dramatic announcement came moments after it became clear that more



rounds of talks. But it also raised the levels of anger in Yerevan.

Britain's ruling Conservatives gather this weekend for their annual conference, with Prime Minister Rishi Sunak bidding to revive the party's flagging fortunes with an apparent reset. The four-day event from Sunday in Manchester, northwest England, comes with a general election expected next year that Sunak's Tories -- in power since 2010 -- look set to lose to the main Labour opposition. The UK leader, whose keynote speech next Wednesday will close the conference, appears to be shifting his beleaguered party onto an election footing by trying to refocus attention onto a broader policy agenda.





#### CURIOSER & CURIOSER

#### One of Britain's most famous trees 'deliberately felled'

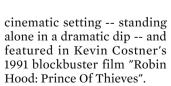


Pictures of the tree before and after **London, United Kingdom** 

ne of the UK's most photographed trees, located next to the Roman-era Hadrian's Wall in northeast England, has been "deliberately felled," the authority responsible for the local National Park said yesterday.

"Northumberland National Park Authority can confirm the wall. Northumbria Police that sadly, the famous tree at said they had launched an in-Sycamore Gap has come down vestigation and that they were overnight," it said in a state-trying to establish if a criminal ment. "We have reason to be- offence had occurred. lieve it has been deliberately felled. "We are working with it "a heartbreaking act of the relevant agencies and part- mindless vandalism of a much ners with an interest in this loved, famous landmark in the iconic North East landmark North East. "A very sad day and will issue more details for the iconic Sycamore Gap, once they are known."

ancient wall, but also for its added.



Pictures posted on social media show the sycamore, which won the Woodland Trust's Tree of the Year in 2016, reduced to a short stump, with the rest of the tree dumped on

Local MP Mary Foy called which will upset so many peo-The tree was notable not ple around the country -- and only for being next to the even across the world," she

#### Soldier back in US after release by North Korea

AFP | Washington, United States

merican soldier Travis Aking has returned to the United States after being freed by North Korea, a Defense Department official said yester-

"I can confirm that he has landed in the US," the official told AFP, without providing further details.

A US official previously said King would be taken to the Brooke Army Medical Center in Texas upon his return to the United States -- the same place that American basketball star Brittney Griner was evaluated after being released by Russia.

incident with police and a stay in South Korean jail, Private Second Class King was being taken to the airport in July to fly back to Texas.

to Fort Bliss for disciplinary illegally intruded into the terhearings, he snuck away, ritory of the DPRK, under the joined a Demilitarized Zone sightseeing trip and slipped over the border.

Last month, Pyongyang conformal acronym.



firmed it was holding him, saying King had defected to North After a drunken pub fight, an Korea to escape "mistreatment and racial discrimination in the US Army.'

But after completing its investigation, Pyongyang has "decided to expel Travis King, But instead of travelling a soldier of the US Army who law of the Republic," the Korean Central News Agency said Wednesday, using the North's

#### Poland says missile that killed two in 2022 was Ukrainian

Two workers at a grain drying facility died in the blast in Przewodow

AFP | Warsaw, Poland

missile that killed two Apeople in a Polish village in November, raising fears of a dangerous spike in the Ukraine conflict, belonged to Kyiv's forces, Warsaw said yesterday.

Two workers at a grain drying facility died in the blast gretted that "for months, in Przewodow, some six kilo- there was no cooperametres (four miles) from the tion" from Ukraine over the Ukrainian border, raising fears probe. of an escalation in the war between Moscow and Kviv.

military alliance, of which Po- the incident.

land is member, later said the explosion was likely caused by a Ukrainian air-defence missile launched to intercept a Russian barrage.

Polish Justice Minister Zbigniew Ziobro on Thursday said an "investigation carried out by Polish prosecutors led to ... an unequivocal opinion... that this missile was Ukrain-

He said the finding was based on the "place where the missile was fired from", adding that the projectile was of Soviet production.

Ziobro also said he re-

Poland's far-right Confederation party has said Kyiv But Warsaw and the NATO should pay compensation for

#### China, Saudi **Arabia to hold** joint naval drills next month: **Beijing**



China's defence ministry spokesperson Wu Qian

AFP | Beijing, China

China and Saudi Arabia will hold their second-ever joint naval drills next month, Beijing's defence ministry announced yesterday, as China forges deeper ties with the Middle Eastern power.

The drills, dubbed "Blue Sword 2023", will take place in China's southern province of Guangdong in October, Beijing said.

"This joint training focuses on overseas maritime counter-terrorism operations, conducting exercises on sniper tactics, boat driving, helicopter landing, and joint rescue," defence ministry spokesperson Wu Qian told a press briefing.

The two countries previously held joint naval drills in 2019, according to the official Saudi Press Agency.

They are "aiming to deepen practical and friendly cooperation between the two militaries and improve the level of practical training for the troops", Wu said.

The exercises come as Beijing forges deeper ties with Riyadh and plays peacemaker in the Middle

This year, China brokered a deal that saw longtime regional rivals Saudi Arabia and Iran agree to restore ties and reopen their respective embassies.

#### • The boy, who has not been named, allegedly stabbed them repeatedly shortly after classes started at the school

Spair stabs

AFP | Madrid, Spain

14-year-old stabbed three teachers and two students in a school in Spain yesterday, sparking soul-searching in a country where violent crime is fairly rare.

The boy, who has not been named, allegedly stabbed them repeatedly shortly after classes started at the school in Jerez de la Frontera in the southern Andalusia region, police spokesman Adrian Dominguez told reporters at the scene.

"Police located the suspect on the third floor. He had in his pos-

#### Farm scientist be

 Time Magazine ranked him as one of the three most influential Indians of the 20th century,

AFP | New Delhi, India

 ${f I}$ ndia yesterday mourned the death of scientist Monkombu Sambasivan Swaminathan, the architect of the 1960s "green revolution" that brought an end to the chronic food shortages then plaguing the country.

The plant geneticist died at the age of 98 in Chennai after an illustrious academic career that garnered him 84 honorary doctorates from some of the world's top universities.

His work breeding wheat and rice strains with improved yields, and training farmers to cultivate them, helped transform India from a starving nation into a food exporter.

"At a very critical period in our nation's history, his groundbreaking work in agriculture transformed the lives of millions and ensured food security for our nation," Prime Minister Narendra Modi wrote on X, formerly

"His passion to see India pro-

#### Two 'catastre

AFP | Geneva, Switzerland

wo consecutive years of ext warming in the Alps have oblite 10% of Swiss glacier volume -- the amount lost in the three decades pr 1990, a report revealed yesterday.

Amid growing concerns over the toll of climate change, the study b Cryospheric Commission (CC) of Swiss Academy of Sciences show

#### Taiwan unveils first domestically built submarine

AFP | Kaohsiung, Taiwan

■aiwan unveiled its first do-Talwan unvened to mestically built submarine vesterday as the massively outgunned island seeks to bolster defences against China, which slammed the strategy as "idiotic nonsense".

China claims self-ruled Taiwan as its territory, and has in the past year stepped up military and political pressure, ramping up the number of warplane incursions around the island while diplomatically isolating it. Taiwan has increased defence spending -- allotting a record \$19 billion for 2024 to acquire military equipment, to obtain a submarine has faced obstacles.



Taiwan's first locally built submarine "Narwhal" is seen before Taiwan's President Tsai Ing-wen unveils it at the CSBC Corporation shipbuilding company in Kaohsiung

strongly opposed by Beijing sels. The first prototype, named of Kaohsiung.

particularly from its key ally for her refusal to accept Chi- "Hai Kun" in Chinese, meaning the United States, but its quest na's authority over the island "mythical sea creature", and -- launched a submarine pro- dubbed "Narwhal" in English, gramme in 2016 with the aim was unveiled Thursday at a cer-President Tsai Ing-wen -- of delivering a fleet of eight ves- emony in the southern port city



The first units of the London Metropolitan Police appear on the streets of the British capital, the city's 1st modern police force **Dow Jones Industrial Average falls 777.68** points, its largest single-day point loss, following the bankruptcies of Lehman **Brothers and Washington Mutual** 

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verified information.

Access to information in

the digital era enables in-

formed decision-making

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Deeply saddened by the demise of Dr.

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# 1 shocked as 14-year-old s five people in school



Several students told Spanish media the pupil first stabbed members of his class

session the two knives used to police station. Four of the injured attack three teachers and two stu- were treated in hospital, includdents," Dominguez said, adding ing a teacher who will need surgathering outside the gates which quires us to reflect." the suspect had been taken to a gery to her eye after being stabbed were cordoned off by police, im-

by the pupil, the regional government's eduction minister, Patricia del Pozo, told reporters. Several students told Spanish media the pupil first stabbed members of his class and the teacher who suffered the eye injury before he ran to another classroom and continued his attack.

One student, who was not idenpack on the floor and pulled out of the day off. the knives before shouting 'I'm going to kill you!""

ple, everyone went out into the could hug their children," Jerez vision, in the movies, in games. playground," he added.

"a look on his face like he wanted disarm the suspect. to stab everyone.

'Devastating and dramatic'



Spain has a low crime rate -- especially of violent crime -- compared to other European countries. Excluding 2020, when incidents of crime were especially rare because of pandemic-induced lockdowns, 2021's crime rate of 41.4 incidents per 1,000 people was the lowest in recent history, according to the government.

"It was devastating and dramat- and elsewhere. ic because all the parents were "He was running, chasing peo- outside the school wishing they role played by violence on telede la Frontera mayor Maria Jose The violence which we very often Another unnamed student told Garcia-Pelayo told reporters, add- see on social media, gratuitous, Canal Sur television the pupil had ing that the teachers managed to sometimes extreme violence," he

protect the children...what hap- Francisco Cesar Garcia Mogan, Parents rushed to the school, pened is very serious and it re- called for "urgent reflection" and

The head of Andalusia's re- cation.

tified, told private television La ages broadcast on Spanish TV gional government, Juan Manuel Sexta the attacker ran to the back showed. Students were evacuated Moreno, said the trigger for the of the class, "dropped his back- from the school and given the rest attack was not clear but flayed "extreme violence" on television

"We should all reflect on the added. The head of the Spanish "They acted very diligently to bishops' conference, Archbishop a focus on mental health in edu-

hind India's 'green revolution' dies



The UNESCO ecotechnology director, known as the father of the "Indian Green Revolution". Monkombu Sambasivan Swaminathan

gress was exemplary."

his doctorate in genetics from colades. Cambridge University in 1952 "serve the nation".

the Bengal Famine of 1943 at the Tagore. twilight of British colonial rule, when up to 3.8 million people died ly serve as a member of India's of hunger.

whose own contributions to im- reports said.

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proving world food supply won him the Nobel Peace Prize.

After prime minister Indira Gandhi took office in 1966, Swaminathan was given free rein to implement a new agricultural programme.

At the time, India's economy was hobbled by chronic food shortages that left it dependent on foreign aid, but by the early 1970s the new techniques had made it self-sufficient.

"Crisis is a mother of invention. We faced a crisis in the 1960s and we succeeded," he told AFP in 2008.

Swaminathan was the 1971 recipient of the Ramon Magsaysay Award, popularly known as Asia's equivalent of the Nobel, along Swaminathan was awarded with a laundry list of other ac-

Time Magazine ranked him as but turned down a US profes- one of the three most influensorship after resolving to return tial Indians of the 20th century, to post-independence India and alongside independence hero Mahatma Gandhi and the revolution-Memories were still fresh of ary poet and artist Rabindranath

His later career saw him briefparliament. He was survived by He began collaborating with his three daughters following the US agronomist Norman Borlaug, death of his wife last year, media

#### Japanese scientists find microplastics are present in clouds

AFP | Washington, United States

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m esearchers}$  in Japan have confirmed microplastics are present in clouds, where they are likely affecting the climate in ways that aren't yet fully understood.

In a study published in Environmental Chemistry Letters, scientists climbed Mount Fuji determine their physical and a statement Wednesday. chemical properties.

ferent types of polymers and exposed to ultraviolet radiaone type of rubber in the air-tion from sunlight, they deborne microplastics -- ranging grade, contributing to greenin size from 7.1 to 94.6 microm- house gasses, added Okochi. eters. Each liter of cloud water contained between 6.7 to 13.9 plastic particles under 5 millipieces of the plastics.

or water-loving polymers were tires, personal care products abundant, suggesting the par- and much more. ticles play a significant role in rapid cloud formation and been discovered inside fish thus climate systems.

pollution' is not addressed ice and blanketing the snows proactively, climate change on the Pyrenees mountains and ecological risks may be- between France and Spain.



The team identified nine types of polymers and one type of rubbe

and Mount Oyama in order to come a reality, causing irrecollect water from the mists versible and serious environthat shroud their peaks, then mental damage in the future," applied advanced imaging lead author Hiroshi Okochi of techniques to the samples to Waseda University warned in

When microplastics reach The team identified nine difthe upper atmosphere and are

Microplastics -- defined as meters -- come from industrial What's more, "hydrophilic" effluent, textiles, synthetic car

These tiny fragments have in the deepest recesses of the "If the issue of 'plastic air ocean peppering Arctic sea

#### **Ukraine says 31** 'massive' attack

AFP | Kyiv, Ukraine

The Ukrainian military yesterday said that Russia had launched a "massive" drone attack overnight and that it had destroyed 31 out of the 39 aircraft.

Russian unmanned aerial vehicles were intercepted over Black Sea coastal regions and further inland, said Nataliya Gumenyuk, spokeswoman for the Ukrainian southern military command.

Russia "does not stop the pressure and searching for new tactics: namely, with the use of mass attacks", Gumenyuk said on the messaging platform Telegram.

"Tonight, several groups of strike UAVs were launched... air defence worked along almost the entire southern direction -in Odesa, Mykolaiv regions. Also, much higher north -the enemy aimed its attacks on central Ukraine," she said, adding that Ukraine was still assessing the dam-

# drones downed in

From training thousands of troops to providing long range missiles, the UK has stood with Ukraine from the beginning.

@RishiSunak



Me at 3am watching him explain



@elonmusk

Disclaimer: (Views expressed by columnists are personal and need not necessarily reflect our editorial stance)

# ophic' years melt away 10% of Swiss glacier volume: study



 $\hat{f}$  the  $\hat{f}$  Insulating foam covering a part of the Rhone Glacier to prevent it from melting, and exposing small

 $\operatorname{ved}\,\mathrm{a}\,$  glacial lakes on its surface due to the ice melting.

dramatic glacial retreat, and warned the decline since measurements began". situation would only get worse.

"Swiss glaciers are melting at a rapidly increasing rate," it said in a statement. 2022 marked the worst year on record it said. for glacier melt in the Swiss Alps, with

another four percent of ice volume de- thias Huss, head of Glacier Monitoring in stroyed, "representing the second largest Switzerland (GLAMOS), told AFP.

"The acceleration is dramatic, with as much ice being lost in only two years as was the case between 1960 and 1990,"

The result of two consecutive extreme six percent of the total ice volume lost. years had been collapsing glacier tongues The glaciers have not fared much bet- and some smaller glaciers vanishing all ter this year, the CC report showed, with together. "All glaciers melted a lot," Mat-

# Angelina Jolie: I haven't felt like myself for a decade

**Celebretainment** | Los Angeles

like herself "for a dec-

her life, and Angelina admits a person. that she's still struggling to find her own sense of style.

who was married to Brad Pitt don't want to get into." between 2014 and 2019 - told through something where I was ing" process. hurt, I had a therapist ask if I would try wearing a flowing garment. Sounds silly, but I assumed finding our footing." that pants and boots projected a

'tougher' look, a stronger me.

"But was I strong enough to be ngelina Jolie hasn't felt soft? At the time, no. I felt vulnerable. Now I wonder if I don't know what my style is because The 48-year-old actress feels I'm still understanding who I am she's in a transitional period in at 48. I guess I'm in transition as

"I feel a bit down these days. I don't feel like I've been myself The Oscar-winning star - for a decade, in a way, which I

Angelina also revealed that Vogue magazine: "After I went she's still going through a "heal-

The actress said: "We had a lot of healing to do. We're still

Meanwhile, Angelina also Angelina Jolie



After I went through something where I was hurt, I had a therapist ask if I would try wearing a flowing garment. Sounds silly, but I assumed that pants and boots projected a 'tougher' look, a stronger me

ANGELINA JOLIE

confessed that motherhood has changed her life.

The Hollywood star - who has Maddox, 22, Pax, 19, Zahara, 18, Shiloh, 17, and twins Vivienne and Knox, 15, with Brad - admitted that her children have "saved" her.

She said: "I was 26 when I became a mother. My entire life changed. Having children saved me - and taught me to be in this world differently.

"I think, recently, I would've gone under in a much darker way had I not wanted to live for them. They're better than me, because you want your children to be."

### Shakira charged with tax evasion for the second time

**Celebretainment** | Los Angeles

Shakira has been charged with tax evasion for a second time.

The 'Hips Don't Lie' hitmaker has been accused by prosecutors in Spain of having defrauded the state of state of 6.7 million in 2018 after she allegedly failed to declare millions in advance payments for her 'El Dorado' world tour, amongst other payments.

The charges are due to the fact Shakira was living with then-partner Gerard Pique and their two sons in Barcelona in 2018 and therefore was required to tax her international revenue there, but she is accused of having instead

divert her money to "companies domiciled in countries with low taxation and high opacity".

The investigation was opened in July 2023 but the details have only just been released.

The news comes ahead of Shakira going on trial over six separate alleged tax crimes in the Spanish city this November, having been accused of failing to pay 14.5 million in tax between 2012

and 2014.

She has denied the charges against her.

A representative for Shakira said in a statement when the case first made headlines: "Shakira has always cooperated and abided by the law, demonstrating impeccable conduct as an individual and a taxpayer, and faithfully following the counsel of Price-Waterhouse Coopers, a prestigious and globally recognised

tax firm. "Unfortunately, the Spanish Tax Office, which loses one out of every two lawsuits with its taxpayers, continues to violate her rights and pursue yet an-

other baseless case. "Shakira is confident that her innocence will be proven by the end of the judicial process."

Earlier this month, the 46-year-old pop star expressed her belief she would be exonerated.

She told Spain's Elle magazine: "I am confident that have enough proof to support my case and that justice will prevail in my favour."

Shakira

#### 'Harry Potter' actor Michael Gambon dies aged 82

AFP | London

 ${f B}$ ritish-Irish actor Michael Gambon, best known for playing Albus Dumbledore in six of the eight "Harry Potter" films, has died in hospital aged 82, his family announced

Gambon won four television BAFTAs and an Olivier award bedside, following a bout of during a decades-spanning pneumonia.' acting career across television, film, radio and theatre, which was capped by his beloved role as the headmaster of the wizarding school Hogwarts in the Potter series.

"We are devastated to an- capital Dublin in 1962. nounce the loss of Sir Michael on behalf of his family said.

"Beloved husband and fa-Anne and son Fergus at his "The Singing Detective".



Michael Gambon

Gambon, born in Ireland, began his illustrious acting career in theatre, making his first appearance on stage in a production of "Othello" at the Gates Theatre in the Irish

He became well known in Gambon," a statement issued Britain for playing a French detective in the ITV series "Maigret", and for his 1986 ther, Michael died peaceful- role as Philip Marlow in ly in hospital with his wife screenwriter Dennis Potter's

#### Leonardo DiCaprio was being eyed to play Riddler in The Dark Knight Rises

**Celebretainment | Los Angeles** 

eonardo DiCaprio was being eyed to play Riddler in 'The Dark Knight Rises'.

ro movie, however, director away from him." Christopher Nolan decided on Bane (Tom Hardy) instead.

David S. Goyer - who co-wrote the 'Dark Knight' trilogy with Nolan - has revealed that the Oscar winner was the actor wanted to portray the supervillain.

Appearing on the 'Happy Sad Confused'

podcast, he spilled: "We had all these pitches...I remember at The Dark Knight [premierel, the head of Warner Bros said, 'You gotta do the Riddler. Leo [DiCaprio] as the Studio executives were keen for Riddler to be the primary Riddler.' That's not the way we villain in the 2012 superhe- work - not to take anything

Goyer also revealed that Jake Gyllenhaal was considered for the role of Batman

He said: "We would chat about all sorts of things...There were a number of peo-

> ple who had screen-tested, and I had advocated for Gyllenhaal. I mean, Gyllenhaal is amazing, Christian Bale is amazing, so who knows what."

Leonardo DiCaprio

### Gwen Stefani: I'm supposed to be with Blake Shelton

**Celebretainment | Los Angeles** 

♥ wen Stefani feels she's "sup-Tposed to be" with Blake

The 53-year-old singer - who has been married to Blake, 47, since 2021 - has never had any doubt that he's the perfect man

The chart-topping star - who met Blake on 'The Voice' in 2014 Blake Shelton and Gwen Stefani - told PEOPLE: "I didn't see any was an amazing gift to experiwas just a big old 'What?' It time.



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The blonde beauty - who was

"He's changed my life ... when

previously married to musician Gavin Rossdale - shared: "I am not really a dirt person, a bug person, I don't like that much humidity. But it's so beautiful [in Oklahoma], and you kind of feel like you're going into this vortex. Nature - and God - is all when I felt home, like, 'Oh, this right there."

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#### Axed Bangladesh ex-skipper Tamim 'childish', says Shakib



Shakib Al Hasan (R) and Tamim Iqbal (L) of Bangladesh celebrate a wicket (file photo)

AFP | Dhaka

Bangladesh cricket captain Shakib Al Hasan said teammate Tamim Iqbal's "totally childish" behaviour prompted his exclusion from the World Cup squad, the latest sign of simmering frustrations with the star batsman.

Tamim, 34, was left off the roster for the showpiece 50over tournament starting in India next week, officially because of concerns over the back injury that has plagued him through the year.

He had just returned to the later. side for a home series against New Zealand after a twomonth absence following his shock resignation in July, rescinded a day later after the personal intervention of Bangladesh's prime minister.

selectors to skip the opening to make a name for yourself?"



SHAKIB AL HASAN

match and bat down the order

"It is totally childish," Shakib told local broadcaster T-Sports yesterday evening, hours after Tamim's comments.

"A player should bat at any position for the team. Team first. It doesn't make any dif-Tamim said after the World ference if you have made 100 Cup squad was announced or 200 and the team loses. that he was fit enough to play What can you do with perbut had refused a request by sonal achievement? You want

#### Labuschagne in for Agar as Australia finalise World Cup squad

**AFP** | Sydney

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arnus Labuschagne has Marnus Labuschug...
been drafted into Australia's Cricket World Cup squad with spinner Ashton Agar left out on Thursday after picking up a calf injury.

Labuschagne comes into the squad in the one change to the provisional 15-man group announced by Australia earlier this month as Travis Head keeps his place despite being ruled out for the start of the tournament after breaking his hand.

Five-time champions Australia will head to India with just one specialist spinner in Adam Zampa. Fellow leg-spin- end of the warm-up matches with the squad until at least the Short.



Australia's Marnus Labuschagne (2nd-L) celebrates with Australia's Cameron Green (C) after a wicket (file photo)

Labuschagne is rewarded fol-

aging 60 across eight innings while scoring a century and two

South Africa and India, aver-

He gives Australia extra batting cover in the absence of Head, whose left hand is expected to be in a cast for at least four more weeks.

"We have made the decision to carry Travis through the early stages with the aim of him being available around the mid-part of the tournament," said chief selector George Bailey.

"He has been a really important player in this ODI team and we are hopeful his return can provide a positive impetus as it ner Tanveer Sangha will stay along with all-rounder Matt lowing his rich vein of form in gets to the business end of the the recent ODI series against tournament."

#### Miami, without Messi, lose US Open Cup final to Houston

The Houston Dynamo defeated Inter Miami 2-1 to win the US Open Cup yesterday with an injured Lionel Messi watching from the stands at DRV PNK Stadium.

Without Messi and his former Barcelona team-mate Jordi Alba, Miami struggled to compete with an enterprising Houston and could have little to complain about the outcome.

Miami co-owner David Beckham, who watched the game with his former Real Madrid team-mate Zinedine Zidane, had hoped for another night Leagues Cup triumph last of celebration after the team's month.



Inter Miami's Argentine forward #10 Lionel Messi speaks to his wife Antonela Roccuzzo prior to the 2023 US Open Cup final football match

But Miami lacked intensity remain for Miami in the MLS and ideas as they were given regular season.

the runaround by Ben Olsen's impressive Houston team.

No clear explanation has been given for Messi's injury with references to "muscle fatigue" followed by talk from coach Gerardo Martino of "scars" from an old injury.

"It was not prudent for him to play, we couldn't even consider playing him for a few minutes because we would be taking risks," said Martino after the match.

The former Barcelona and Argentina coach said he expected Messi to feature at some stage in the upcoming five games that

# **BIC launches 2024 Bahrain Darts Masters**

The World Series of Darts, featuring the best players on the planet, returns to Bahrain on 18 and 19 January, 2024

Three of world's top players already confirmed, including **Michael Smith, Peter** Wright and Gerwyn Price

Limited time 20 per cent Early Bird discount on tickets now available, along with VIP Hospitality

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ahrain International Circuit (BIC) and sports promoter CBX today announced vesterday the return of the Bahrain Darts Masters, supported by Bahrain Tourism and Exhibitions Authority (BTEA), featuring the world's best players right here in Bahrain next

year, the Bahrain Darts Masters a two-day pass, with premium Three of the game's icons have nowned sports championships will return on 18 and 19 January seating - including stage-side already confirmed their partici- across the UK and worldwide 2024, with three of the top darts players in the world already condusys. VIP hospitality is also availthe first-ever Bahrain Darts the Kingdom's Tourism Strategy firmed as participants for the able for the event. opening stage of the Professional Darts Corporation's World Series of Darts global tour.

a limited-time 20% Early Bird discount is for a limited time in due course, including details placing Bahrain at the forefront discount. Tickets for next year's only and the event is expected to on the Bahrain qualifying tour- of the region's fastest-growing competition start from 20BD sell out, based on the popularity nament.



Michael Smith celebrates as the first-ever Bahrain Darts Masters champion last vear (File photo)

After its incredible debut last (after Early Bird discount) for of the 2023 tournament. tables - from just BD 32 for two pation in the event; they include

ble online at bahraingp.com or and former World Champions main pillars. This will increase by calling the BIC Hotline on Peter Wright and Gerwyn Price. interest in the Kingdom and its Tickets to this incredibly pop- +973-17450 000. Fans are urged The remainder of the competing distinctive tourism initiatives ular event are now on sale, with to act quickly, as the Early Bird darts stars will be announced and capabilities on a global scale,

Masters winner and reigning (2022-2026), which prioritis-All ticket options are availa- World Champion Michael Smith es sports tourism as one of its

The Bahrain Darts **Masters is a unique** event. which showcases the best darts talent in the world, within the unmistakable electric atmosphere that only a global darts tournament can bring. We were delighted in the way that fans in Bahrain embraced the inaugural event and we will ensure that the 2024 edition is an even more incredible experience

#### SHAIKH SALMAN BIN ISA AL KHALIFA

The 2024 Bahrain Darts Masters will once again take place in BIC's beautifully set-up dome and resorts, offering an unfor- er eight of Asia's best players. tent, which will host the event's fun and electric atmosphere.

Bringing one of the most reto Bahrain comes in line with the Bahrain Tourism and Exhi-rience. bitions Authority (BTEA), statramping up its efforts to host I would urge fans to buy their the successful first version last spectacle." year. This prestigious event is an integral part of BTEA's steady Darts Masters will be able to strides to promote Bahrain as an show off their flair for colourful international tourism hub and costumes and fancy dress, while enhance tourism product diver- enjoying two days of the highsification through focusing on est level of darts competition sports and recreation tourism in in a venue specially designed to relation to the tourism strategy replicate the famed Alexandra (2022-2026) goals.

showcase Bahrain to a huge holiday."

Shaikh Salman bin Isa Al Khal- broadcast live to a TV audience ifa, Chief Executive of Bahrain across the world. International Circuit, said: "The Bahrain Darts Masters is a ters is being supported by the unique event, which showcases BTEA. BIC and leading sports the best darts talent in the world, promoter CBX have teamed up within the unmistakable electric with the PDC to bring the World atmosphere that only a global Series of Darts to Bahrain, in darts tournament can bring.

"We were delighted in the way the inaugural event and we will Hotline.

Commenting, Dr. Nasser Qa- ensure that the 2024 edition is edi, Chief Executive Officer of an even more incredible expe-

"Without doubt, next year ed: "We are delighted to see BIC will be even more popular, so the second version of the Bah- tickets now, as we build up to rain Darts Masters, building on this phenomenal global sporting

Those attending the Bahrain Palace in the UK, the home of "This major sports event will the World Darts Championship.

The inaugural Bahrain Darts global audience as a favorable Masters attracted large crowds tourism destination with plenty on both nights. There were 16 of historical monuments, mu- of the world's biggest names in seums, retail centres, beaches, darts, consisting of eight of the water sports, numerous hotels game's juggernauts and anothgettable experience for all types Michael Smith claimed the title of travelers seeking a unique with a masterclass display in an exciting final, where he defeated Commenting on the launch, Gerwyn Price 8-6. The event was

> The 2024 Bahrain Darts Maspartnership with the BTEA.

For more information, visit that fans in Bahrain embraced bahraingp.com or call the BIC

Al Hala stun Manama

Manama's Ebrahim Al Khattal looks to keep possession as he is challenged by

in football league

### Najma get tough group for handball Super Globe

Bahrain and Asian champions in Group D with Industria **Kielce of Poland** and San Francisco Calheat from the US

Prestigious competition to take place November 7 to 12 in Dammam with 12 champion teams from across the globe

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preliminary round of the 16th IHF Men's Super Globe.

The prestigious global com- they were seventh. petition, organised by the In-



ber 7 to 12 in Dammam, Saudi Calheat from the US.

ternational Handball Federation D along with Industria Kielce Saudi and University of Queens- heart-stopping final.

(IHF), will be held from Novem- of Poland and San Francisco land from Australia.

The annual event is to be con- Egypt, Al Noor of Saudi and ing crowned champions of the Bahrain and Asian champions tested between 12 champion Barcelona from Spain; Group B 25th Asian Men's Club League Includes Kuwait SC of Kuwait, Championship, held last June drawn in a tough group for the ations, and Najma will be par- San Fernando HB of Argentina in Isfahan, Iran. ticipating for the second time, and Fuchse Berlin of Germany; following the 2018 edition when while Group C comprises detitle with a come-from-behind fending champions SC Magde- 31-30 victory in double overtime The Bahrainis are in Group burg of Germany, Khaleej from against Al Duhail of Qatar in a

Najma secured their place in Group A features Al Ahly of this year's Super Globe after be-

Najma clinched the coveted

#### Hala's Jumai Jallow Mohammed **Abdulwahab** Shaaban fires in late

winner for Al Najma

against Al Shabab

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l Hala posted a stunning A<sup>1</sup> Haia posted a standard 2-1 victory over Manama last night in their week two Shabab. match of the 2023/2024 Nas-Football League.

get for the victors before the outside the box.

in the 26th minute with a shot fered their second loss. from outside the penalty box. a goal on a quick counterattack the card. East Riffa play Bustoppage time.

tal fired in with a volley from close range. But it wasn't enough to prevent Hala from coming away with their second straight win of the new campaign. They now have a full six points on the table, while Manama were dealt their first loss following a victory from week one.

In last night's other league fixture, Al Najma came away with a late 3-2 win over Al

Mohammed Abdulwahab ser bi Hamad Bahrain Premier Shaaban fired in the winner with a minute remaining in Mahmoud Al Haiki and Ju- regular time. He scored with mai Jallow were both on tar- a brilliant free-kick from just

Najma won for the first time Al Haiki opened the scoring this season while Shabab suf-

League play continues to-Jallow doubled their lead with night with three matches on in the third minute of first-half saiteen, Al Ahli take on Sitra and defending champions Al Manama scored their lone Khaldiya go up against Muharconsolation in the 82nd min-rag in a mouth-watering clash ute, when Ebrahim Al Khat- between two top contenders.

#### Ashwin replaces injured Axar in India World Cup squad

**AFP** | New Delhi

ff-spinner Ravichandran Ashwin replaced left-arm spinner Axar Patel on Thursday in India's squad for the Cricket World Cup on home soil after he failed to recover from a thigh

The 37-year-old Ashwin impressed against Australia earlier this month, taking four wickets in two games as he returned to the ODI team for the first time in over 18 months.



Ravichandran Ashwin

off-spinner in India's 15-man pionships. It's about looking Cup campaign against five-time squad, and one of just two play- after the body and try and stay champions Australia in Chennai

Kohli who featured in India's months." 2011 World Cup-winning run.

15 we are very clear what we the semi-finals of the 2015 want," India captain Rohit Shar- World Cup in Australia, but he ma said Wednesday after the 2-1 was not selected for the 2019 series victory over Australia.

"We are not confused, we know where we are headed as ceps strain in the recent Asia

everyone to come and play their a result. part - that's how we win cham-He is the only specialist ers alongside star batsman Virat fresh for the next one and half on October 8.

Ashwin claimed 13 wickets in "When we talk about the eight matches as India reached edition in England.

Axar sustained a left quadri-Cup and the spin-bowling "It's a team sport and we want all-rounder missed the final as

Hosts India begin their World

# Bahraini shooters just short of bronze

Tammar Alwatt, Maryam Alasam lose podium chance with defeat to Qatari counterparts in skeet mixed team competition

 Bahraini pair just eight points shy of skeet mixed team bronze

Kingdom's paddlers bow out of singles, doubles competitions

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ahrain narrowly missed gold-medallists out yesterday on secur- Kazakhstan, ing their first medal at the silver-medal-19th Asian Games in Hangzhou, lists Kuwait and

The Bahraini tandem of Tam- medallists China mar Alwatt and Maryam Alasam on the podium. came eight points shy of securing the bronze medals in the qualification skeet mixed team competition round, Alwatt in shooting.

Alwatt and Maryam were facing the Qatari duo of Rashid Al Athba and Reem Al Sharshani in the first of two bronze medal matches. Alwatt and Alasam finished with a 37 total, while Al Athba and Reem had a 44 score.

The Qataris thus joined fellow-bronze

Earlier, in the and Maryam were

total to book in their bronze medal contest. Alrashidi and Eman Al-

shamaa were the top qualifiers, but they then lost to Ka- 32, Bahrainis Salman Mohamed zakhstan's Eduard Yechshenko and Sayed Murtadha lost 0-3 and Assem Orynbay in the final. Meanwhile, in table tennis action yesterday, Bahrain's paddlers lost all seven of their (5-11, 5-11, 8-11) to Hong Kong's matches in singles and doubles.

In the women's singles round 4-11) to Yubin Shin of South Ko- Korean tandem of Eunhye Lee rea, while Maryam Alaali fell to and Ha Eun Yang. Bahrain's Tammar Alwatt in action during the skeet mixed team competition yesterday

Suthasini Sawettabut of Thailand 0-4 (3-11, 2-11,

On the distaff in the men's fifth with a 141 singles round of 32, Bahrain's Rashed Rashed fell to Yew En their place Koen Pang of Singapore 0-4 (0-11, 5-11, 9-11, 1-11), and Alyas Alyassi bowed to Chun Ting Kuwait's Abdullah Wong of Hong 0-4 (2-11, 7-11, 2-11, 4-11).

> In the men's doubles round of (4-11, 8-11, 5-11) to Singaporeans Pang and Izaac Quek Yong, while Alyassi and Rashed bowed 0-3 Wong and Kwan Kit Ho.

In the women's doubles round of 32, Bahrain's Amruta Phad- of 32, Marvam and Amruta lost ke bowed 0-4 (2-11, 1-11, 4-11, 0-3 (2-11, 3-11, 9-11) to the South



The skeet mixed team bronze medal match was Bahrain's second chance so far to step onto the podium at the 19th Asian Games in Hangzhou, China. Bahraini Askerbii Gerbekov earlier this week came up just short in his under-81kg bronze medal contest in men's judo

### Basketball team suffer defeat to Jordan

Mustafa Hussain scores 16 points to pace nationals in second straight loss

Nationals face must-win against Thailand tomorrow to advance to next stage

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 $\mathbf{B}$ ahrain's senior men's national basketball team suffered their second successive loss in the men's basketball preliminary round at the 19th Asian Games in Hangzhou, China.

The Bahrainis bowed to Jordan 60-84 in their Group C affair. It followed their opening defeat to the Philippines on Tuesday.

The nationals now need to win their final game of this stage against Thailand tomorrow at 12.30pm, Bahrain time, at Zhejiang University Zijingang Gymnasium. The Thais succumbed terday's other Group C game.

Jordan and the Philippines being held to just single digits in the rest of the way.



to the Philippines 72-87 in yes- Bahrain's Wayne Chism is fouled by the Jordanian defence as he goes for a basket during their game yesterday

face off in tomorrow's other di- the first quarter and going down the nationals had a tough start, trailing by as many as 24 points med Buallay chipped in with Saturday next week.

visional fixture, scheduled for a 8-28 heading into the second. points to lead the Bahrainis scheduled for Thursday; and similar tip-off time at a different They raised their efforts over while Mohammed Ameer add- then the gold and bronze medal the ensuing three periods, but ed 11 to go with nine rebounds. In Bahrain's loss yesterday, could not make up the deficit, Maitham Jameel and Moham- tion contests, will be held on

#### **GROUP C STANDINGS**

	Р	W	L	+/-	Pts
Jordan	2	2	0	58	4
Philippines	2	2	0	43	4
Thailand	2	0	2	-49	2
Bahrain	2	0	2	-52	2

eight markers apiece, while Ali Ageel had six and Wayne Chism five points.

Rondae Jefferson paced the Jordanians with 17 points, while John Bohannon had 13.

Both Jordan and the Philippines are unbeaten in Group C heading into their head-to-

Bahrain must win their game against the Thais in order to secure a place in the next round.

There are 16 nations competing in men's basketball at Hangzhou, divided into four groups for the preliminaries. After a single round-robin, the top teams in each group will qualify directly for the quarter-finals on Wednesday next week. Meanwhile, the second and third-ranked sides will play each other in a play-off round on Monday for the right to determine the four other quarter-finalists.

The semi-finals and fifth-to-Mustafa Hussain scored 16 eighth ranking games are then games, plus the final classifica-

### Bahrain athletics team begin medal hunt

Bahrainis Violah Jepchumba, Bontu **Rebitu and Noora** Salem Jasim to go for gold today in respective events

Former world champions Salwa Eid Naser, Kemi Adekoya and Edidiong Odiong in action in opening heats

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Bahrain's national athletics team get their medal bids underway today at the 19th Asian Games in Hangzhou, China.

The Kingdom's delegation features 32 track and field bas will also be in action, comstars, who are considered to be Bahrain's best hopes for winning medals at this year's are three heats in all, with first Asiad.

were responsible for winning medal race. all but one of the total medals at each of the previous two their respective first round editions of the Asian Games in heats are Edidiong Odiong, 2014 and 2018.

Korea, elite

track and field talents came away with 18 of the 19 medals, including nine gold, six silver and three bronze. Then, in 2018 in Jakarta and Palembang in Indonesia, Bahrain's athletes clinched 23 of the 24 medals, with 10 gold, seven silver and six bronze medals.

Going for gold today in the women's 10,000m final at Hangzhou Olympic Sports Centre Stadium will be Bahrainis

Violah Jepchumba and Bontu Rebitu. Their race is scheduled for a 3.05pm start, Bahrain time.

Bahrain's Noora Salem Jasim will also be vying for a podium place in the women's shot put final, starting at 3.45pm, Bahrain.

Meanwhile, former world champions Salwa Eid Naser and Kemi Adekoya are also set to hit the track in the women's 400 metres.

Salwa, the event's 2019 world champion, will be running the first of three heats in the distance's first round. Kemi, the event's world indoor champion in 2016, will be contesting heat two. Only the first two in each heat along with the next two fastest advance to the final.

Bahrain's Abbas Yusuf Abpeting in heat one of the men's 400m opening round. There two in each and the next two Bahrain's athletics squad fastest going through to the

Others set to compete in another former world champi-In 2014 in Incheon, South on, and fellow-sprinters Hajar the Kingdom's Alkhaldi and Saeed Alkhaldi.

> iong, women's 200 m under-20 world champion in 2016, will be in heat one of the women's 100m, while Hajar will be running heat two. The first two in each of the three first-round heats, along with the next two fastest, move on to the final. Saeed will be running

heat four of the men's 100m opening phase. There are five heats in all, with the first four in each heat and the next four fastest advancing to the semi-finals. Bahrain's Hajar Alkhaldi (File photo)



Bahrain's delegation head at the Hangzhou Asian Games and Bahrain Olympic Committee (BOC) vice-president His Highness Shaikh Isa bin Ali bin Khalifa Al Khalifa held a dinner ceremony in honour of the Kingdom's athletes participating in the multi-sport event. Among those in attendance were BOC secretary general Faris Al Kooheji, BOC board members Shaikha Hayat bint Abdulaziz Al Khalifa and Ali Issa, Bahrain Esports Federation president Hussain Al Kooheji, Bahrain's Chef de Mission Ahmed Abdulghaffar, and the athletes and other delegation officials. Above, officials and athletes at the gathering