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Bahrain gives 'full priority' to citizens

HM King: Bahrainis will always remain 'focus and pivot' of national development

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa affirmed that citizens will always remain the focus and pivot of national development, adding that Bahrain gives full priority to achieving people's decent living standards.

HM the King expressed pride in Bahrainis' awareness, enthusiasm and devotion in serving their country and enhancing its standing among other nations.

HM the King wished Bahrain and its people many happy returns and further security, stability and prosperity.

His Majesty was speaking as he received yesterday evening at Al Sakhir Palace – in the pres-

ence of HM the King's Personal Representative HH Shaikh Abdulla bin Hamad Al Khalifa – wellwishers from the Capital Governorate on the occasion of the holy month of Ramadan.

They expressed congratulations to HM the King on the holy month of Ramadan, wishing him abundant health, happiness and long life and the Kingdom of Bahrain and its people further progress and prosperity under his wise leadership.

The well-wishers praised landmark development achievements, hailing HM the King's royal care and constant keenness on reaching out to citizens and meeting their aspirations and needs.



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- HIS MAJESTY KING HAMAD BIN ISA AL KHALIFA

He stressed the spiritual importance of Ramadan which provides an occasion to reach out to people, reinforce solidarity and compassion and exchange visits through majlis which represent a shining mark throughout the national history.

“Goodness and solidarity are among the most important pillars that underpin national renaissance and unite the people of Bahrain, stemming from Islamic religion and our ancient heritage,” said HM King Hamad.

Capital Governorate Shaikh Rashid bin Abdulrahman Al Khalifa presented HM the King with a gift, on behalf of citizens in the Capital Governorate.

EWA Customer Service Center in Zayed Town

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The Electricity and Water Authority (EWA) announced the opening of a Customer Service Center in Zayed Town.

EWA said that pre-appointment reservations will open on April 1.

The Authority affirmed its keenness to develop higher quality services.

EWA will provide five channels to serve subscribers:

Electronic services are provided through the national portal www.bahrain.bh.

Customer services available 24 hours a day, including home visits for the elderly and special needs, via phone at the call center on the 17515555 number.

Boost for Bahrain and Iraq relations

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Foreign Affairs Minister Dr Abdullatif bin Rashid Al Zayani received a phone call from the Iraqi Deputy Prime Minister for International Relations and Minister of Foreign Affairs, Dr Fuad Hussein.

HRH Prince Salman appoints two key Mumtalakat officials

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Under the directives of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, issued in an edict yesterday, appointing Khalid Al Rumaihi to the Bahrain Mumtalakat Holding Company (Mumtalakat) Board of Directors and Shaikh Abdulla bin Khalifa Al Khalifa as CEO, effective 1 May 2023.

The Board of Directors, chaired by Finance and National Economy Minister Shaikh Salman bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, welcomed their appointments.

The board affirmed Mumtalakat's commitment to continuing to grow and diversify its portfolio within various priority sectors, which will increase Mumtalakat's contribution to the national economy in line with the goals of the national development vision of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa



HRH Prince Salman

Al Khalifa and the guidance of HRH Prince Salman.

In addition, the board praised Al Rumaihi's contributions to Mumtalakat's positive performance under his effective leadership during his tenure as Mumtalakat's CEO, and congratulated Shaikh Abdulla bin Khalifa for his appointment, wishing him success in his new role.

Al Rumaihi expressed his



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appreciation for the trust of HM the King and His Royal Highness for his appointment to Mumtalakat's Board of Directors which will allow him to continue serving as a member of Team Bahrain in the pursuit of the Kingdom's goals.

Kingdom greets new Abu Dhabi Crown Prince

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His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, yesterday held a telephone call with the newly appointed Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi, His Highness Shaikh Khaled bin Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan.

HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister highlighted the strength of relations between the Kingdom of Bahrain and the UAE, which continues

to receive the support of both His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and the UAE President, HH Shaikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan.

His Royal Highness wished HH Shaikh Khaled bin Mohamed success in contributing to the prosperity and development of the UAE.

HRH Prince Salman and HH Shaikh Khaled bin Mohamed also discussed ways to strengthen bilateral relations to benefit both countries and their peoples.

Israel and US alliance 'unshakable'

AFP | Washington

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said yesterday the alliance with the US was "unshakable" as he addressed a democracy summit called by President Joe Biden, who has voiced

alarm over explosive judicial proposals.

Netanyahu also promised to seek compromise and respect basic rights after massive protests that accused him of destroying democracy with the bid to weaken the judiciary.

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Kingdom's economic development on track

HRH Prince Salman: Citizens at the heart of plans, initiatives and strategies

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His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, highlighted the Kingdom's ongoing development across a wide range of economic sectors, which is advancing in line with the Kingdom's comprehensive development, led by His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa.

HRH Prince Salman noted that Bahraini citizens remain at the heart of the Kingdom's development plans, initiatives, and strategies.

He emphasised the country's commitment to continue implementing economic programmes that deliver for Bahraini citizens and contribute to economic growth.

His Royal Highness was speaking as he visited yesterday the majlis of Abdullah bin Hamad Al Nuaimi, Adel Al A'ali, and the Chairman of the Bahrain Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCCI), Sameer Abdullah Nass.

HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister exchanged Ram-



HRH Prince Salman during his majlis' visit

adan blessings with the hosts and guests of the majlis.

He noted the importance of Ramadan majlis in reinforcing Islamic and cultural values that guide and maintain bonds between the Kingdom's people.

During the majlis visits, His Royal Highness was accompanied by the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Isa bin

Salman Charity Educational Charitable Trust, His Highness Shaikh Isa bin Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Minister of Finance and National Economy, Shaikh Salman bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, and several senior officials.

Positive economic indicators

HRH Prince Salman under-

scored the importance of building on the Kingdom's recent positive economic indicators by advancing development efforts by implementing the 2023-2026 Government Program's goals, priorities, policies, and initiatives to benefit Bahraini citizens.

His Royal Highness further emphasised the importance of

strengthening public-private partnerships across investment projects to drive economic development.

He noted the importance of cooperation between the executive and legislative authorities, which guides the success of economic projects that benefit the Kingdom and its citizens.

Pilgrims restricted to one Umrah during Ramadan



Pilgrims perform Umrah in Saudi Arabia

Zahra Ayaz
TDT | Manama

Pilgrims are not allowed to repeat Umrah during Ramadan, according to Saudi Arabia's Ministry of Hajj and Umrah. Pilgrims only have the right to perform it once.

The announcement was made to give equal opportunity for all other pilgrims in Saudi Arabia to perform Umrah during the holy month of Ramadan, with ease and comfort.

All incoming pilgrims will be required to book the Umrah through the Nusuk app, which can't be altered after their reservation is confirmed. If pilgrims wish to change their booked Umrah date, their only option would be to delete the appointment and make a new booking.

The Ministry said that Umrah permits are available for Saudi citizens, residents, and foreigners with an active visa. Interested individuals are urged to obtain their permits early through the Nusuk app and follow the specified date to perform their Umrah.

UAE appoints vice president, crown prince for Abu Dhabi

Two deputy rulers named

Dubai

The UAE appointed a new vice president, two deputy rulers and a crown prince for Abu Dhabi yesterday.

Shaikh Mansour bin Zayed will serve as vice president alongside Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, vice pres-



Shaikh Mansour bin Zayed

ident, prime minister and ruler of Dubai.

UAE President Shaikh Mohamed bin Zayed issued two Emiri



Shaikh Khaled bin Mohamed bin Zayed

decrees appointing Hazza bin Zayed and Tahnoun bin Zayed as deputy rulers of Abu Dhabi.

An Emiri decree appointed



Hazza bin Zayed

Shaikh Khaled bin Mohamed bin Zayed as the crown prince of Abu Dhabi.

Shaikh Khaled is the eldest



Tahnoun bin Zayed

son of Shaikh Mohamed.

He is a member of the Abu Dhabi Executive Council and Chairman of both the Abu Dhabi

Executive Committee and the Abu Dhabi Executive Office.

He is also a member of Abu Dhabi's Supreme Council for Financial and Economic Affairs; a member of the board of directors of Abu Dhabi National Oil Company (Adnoc). He is also the chairman of several boards, including the UAE Genomics Council, and the Advanced Technology Research Council.

He was previously appointed as Head of National Security on February 15, 2016.

Preparations on track to host School Games 2024

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The Kingdom of Bahrain is stepping up preparations to organise the 2024 School Games, which is scheduled to be held in October.

The 2024 edition, the largest

to-date, will be held under the patronage of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa.

The 2024 School Games held a webinar with Bahrain ambassadors in Asia and discussed cooperation as part of preparations to hold the international

tournament.

Committee Deputy Chairman Shaikh Ahmed bin Abdulrahman bin Salman Al Khalifa shed light on the goals of the 2024 School Games, stressing the importance of cooperation to highlight the historic event.

Bahrain keen to enhance ICT government services



The Interior Minister chairs the IT committee meeting

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The Interior Ministry's Ministerial Committee for Information and Communication Technology is committed to reinforcing national efforts to enhance ICT government services.

It is part of the comprehensive development process led by His Majesty King Hamad

bin Isa Al Khalifa and directives of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, to achieve the strategic goal of the comprehensive digital transformation.

Interior Minister, General Shaikh Rashid bin Abdullah Al Khalifa, yesterday chaired the committee meeting, in the presence of the panel members.

After approving the minutes of the previous meeting, the Ministerial Committee reviewed several topics on the agenda, including the developments of the digital economy strategy and its reliance on e-transactions, which would enhance investments and economic activities, in terms of speed of completion and adoption of modern systems.

BDF-Finance Ministry cooperation



Bahrain Defense Force (BDF) Commander-in-Chief Field Marshal Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa received Finance and National Economy Minister Shaikh Salman bin Khalifa Al Khalifa. The meeting discussed areas of cooperation.

Over 1,100kg of illegally captured shrimp seized

Zahra Ayaz
TDT | Manama

The Fishing Harbors Department reported that it had seized more than 1,100 kilograms of illegally captured shrimp.

In a statement, the Ministry said that since the ban's implementation, more than 1,100 kilos of illegal shrimp have been confiscated and sold or traded as a result of daily monitoring and follow-up of public coasts, markets, and seafood sales.

The administration has taken all required legal actions in these situations, including submitting the offenders to the Public Prosecution and urging everyone to adhere by the law and refrain from fishing for shrimp during the ban period to protect the marine wealth.

Crab and shrimp fishing, trading, and selling are all outlawed in Bahrain for a period of two months every year during this time of year. The ban came into effect on March 15 and extended through May 15, 2023.

The ban aims to stop fishing during the breeding period to



Two-month ban covers shrimp fishing, trading, and selling

preserve marine wealth and biodiversity in the territorial waters of the Kingdom.

Marine control teams will start monitoring to prevent violation or abuses of the decision and ensure that Bahrain's marine wealth is protected.

During the yearly ban, it is illegal to have nets, equipment, or any other means of catching crabs on the decks of boats in specified crabbing areas as well as areas for docking boats.

Earlier, Ashkar Poozhitala, a trader at Central Market, told The Daily Tribune that every



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year when the authorities issue a ban, the market inevitably experiences losses because there won't be any seafood to sell. "If the weather is terrible, the prices of the seafood go up, and if

everything goes well when fishing these crabs and shrimps, the price is modest. Fishermen who sell seafood products in the central market stay in the ocean for five to six days," Poozhitala said.

Shura-NIHR cooperation



Shura Council Chairman Ali bin Saleh Al Saleh stressed the council's keenness on continuous cooperation with the National Institution for Human Rights (NIHR), voicing pride in Bahrain's honorable human rights record. He affirmed that Bahrain possesses an advanced legislation system to protect human rights, in compliance with the National Action Charter and the kingdom's constitution. The Shura Council Chairman was speaking as he received NIHR President Ali Ahmed Al Derazi.

Joint inspection campaigns



The Labour Market Regulatory Authority (LMRA) conducted two joint inspection campaigns in the Northern Governorate and the Southern Governorate that included shops and work sites. The campaigns resulted in reporting violations related to the Labour Market and Residency laws. The cases were referred for legal action. LMRA renewed its call on all members of the society to report violations via the electronic form on the authority's website www.lmra.gov.bh or by contacting call centre on 17506055.



Court stories

Man severely injures co-worker eardrum after work shifts row

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A man in his twenties caused a permanent impairment in his co-worker's eardrum after striking him several times due to a dispute over work shifts.

The altercation resulted in an impairment estimated at 5% and the defendant was referred to the High Criminal Court for trial.

The incident began when the defendant, while on duty as a

security guard, awaited his colleague to take over the shift. His coworker arrived late leading to a heated argument that ended in an altercation.

The defendant assaulted the victim and struck him several times on his face and ear, causing an eardrum injury.

Upon examination in the hospital, it was found that he suffered from a permanent impairment estimated at 5% hearing loss, as confirmed by the medical report.

The defendant confessed to assaulting the victim due to work disputes and was charged by the prosecution that on June 20, within the Muharraq Governorate Security Department, he assaulted the victim and caused the injury described in the medical report.

The High Criminal Court commenced the first session of his trial and decided to postpone the next session to the second day of April to assign a lawyer to the defendant.

Defendant jailed for insulting government official online

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The Court of Cassation approved a final ruling to imprison a defendant for a month after he insulted a government official via social media messages, using language that is prosecuted by law.

The Public Prosecution had received a report from a government official that an individual had caused offence to him as well as his workplace on Instagram by posting upsetting phrases punishable by law due to misuse of communication.

The Public Prosecution Office commenced an investigation and listened to witnesses accounts. The defendant was interrogated, confronted with



his offending words, and referred to criminal trial.

A Court of First Instance acquitted him of the charge but Public Prosecution appealed the ruling; the Court of Appeal also acquitted him, so Public Prosecution appealed the ruling again by citing legal

reasons.

The Court of Cassation accepted the appeal of Public Prosecution by annulling the contested ruling and referring the case to the original court to preside over the case once more.

The High Court of Appeal issued a ruling unanimously accepting the appeal of Public Prosecution, thereby annulling the appealed verdict which acquitted the defendant, instead sentencing him to a month of imprisonment for the charges against him. The defendant appealed the verdict before the Court of Cassation, which rejected the appeal and approved the final conviction sentence.



Final Dividend Distribution For the year 2022

Following the Annual General Assembly Meeting of the shareholders of Bahrain Telecommunications Company B.S.C held on the 29th March 2023, we are pleased to inform the shareholders that the distribution of the final dividends for the year ended 2022 will be as follows:

Cum-Dividend Date	3 April 2023
Ex-Dividend Date	4 April 2023
Record Date	5 April 2023
Payment Date	19 April 2023

Eligible shareholders shall contact the registrar Bahrain Clear: Bahrain Clear
4th Floor, Bahrain Financial Harbor, Harbor Mall
Tel: 17108834 Fax: 17228061
Email: registry@bahrainclear.com



A 'vicious cycle' of food waste during Ramadan

Tofoof AlMansoor
TDT | Manama

Arab countries produce large quantities of food waste which increases significantly during the holy month of Ramadan.

Estimates show that around 15-25% of all food purchased or prepared during Ramadan ends up disposed before even being used or consumed.

The trend indicates that during Ramadan, the demand for beef, chicken and other related meat products surges by almost 50% of the normal demand, which in itself is very high.

Similar is the fate of other food items such as vegetables, fruits and dairy products, which are emptied out of the shelves quickly in supermarkets during religious occasions.

During Ramadan, people tend to buy more than their normal necessities for self-consumption and for preparing meals for their guests, as this is the norm during the holy month.

Due to the limited quantity of food that is consumed by people, most of it goes to waste as Fatoor is not usually eaten for Sahoar. The demand for fresh food increases as most people opt for spending extra for better quality of food, and this creates the vicious cycle of food wastage.

It is environmentally and morally considered offensive that as a society we have become so casual about the basic raw materials of life.

The Ministry of Municipalities Affairs and Agriculture has called for rationalisation of food consumption during the month



Excessive food waste during the holy month (Image used for illustrative purposes only).



During Ramadan, people tend to buy more than their normal necessities for self-consumption and for preparing meals for their guests, as this is the norm during the holy month.

of Ramadan by releasing a video that encourages people to purchase food commodities in a moderate amount and adopt wiser consumption habits.

A non-profit organisation

called Conserving Bounties Society (CBS), which is licensed by the Ministry of Social Development, has been formed to combat the food waste issue in Bahrain.

It collects surplus food that has not been consumed and distributes it to families, expatriate workers and individuals in need throughout the Kingdom.

CBS reported that this initiative has helped in reducing the amount of food excess that is sent to the municipality's landfill in Askar, the only existing landfill in Bahrain which will reach its capacity soon, raising an environmental concern to the surrounding areas.



Cyberattacks in various sectors are for real!

Cyberattacks targeting Bahrainis up in second quarter of last year

● Middle East drive toward digitisation makes cyber security more relevant

Zahra Ayaz
TDT | Manama

The Middle East region has seen significant progress in the digitalisation of many sectors during the last few years.

As a result, cyberattacks started to increase again, making cybersecurity a key topic for the next decade.

Digital bank scams are becoming more complex with the onslaught of malicious bots, leading to account takeovers and financial fraud through a variety of cyberthreats.

Cyberattacks targeting Bahrainis have rocketed up in the second quarter of last year by a concerning 188 per cent, says a new report, especially by targeting people with vacation opportunities abroad, as pandemic-induced restriction eased.

In 2022, global cyberattacks climbed by 38 per cent compared to 2021, while the UAE saw an increase in weekly

attacks on the organisation by 178 per cent in Q2 2022, indicating the need for investment in cybersecurity.

A high degree of cyberthreats is expected to cause the GCC cybersecurity market to grow at a CAGR (Compound Annual Growth Rate) of 5.9% between 2017 and 2030.

Geographically, the UAE accounted for the largest market for advanced cybersecurity solutions with more than 35 per cent market share in the GCC cybersecurity market.

Saudi Arabia closely follows the UAE, accounting for 30 per cent market share in the GCC cybersecurity market, and is growing at a healthy rate on the back of a growing oil and gas sector.

Experts claim that because the majority of banking institutions provide access to their services through mobile applications, mobile devices are particularly vulnerable to cyberattacks that aim to steal customers' personal information. Effective identification and access management, as well as user personal data protection, are required. Apps with a high level of authentication can stop cyberattacks in their tracks.

NATIONAL HOTELS COMPANY B.S.C.



ANNOUNCEMENT FOR DISTRIBUTION OF CASH DIVIDENDS FOR 2022

The Board of Directors of National Hotels Company B.S.C. is pleased to invite the shareholders whose names are registered in the Share Register as of the Record Date on Wednesday 22 March 2023 to arrange a prior appointment through the Hotline indicated below or via (Skiplino) with the Company's Share Registrar and Dividend Agent, Messrs. Bahrain Clear B.S.C.(C) to receive the cash dividends for the financial year ended 31 December 2022 from Wednesday 5 April 2023. The shareholders shall carry with them on the date of the appointment their ID card, passport and original share certificates. For shareholders who have previously made arrangement for the transfer of dividends via bank transfer to their IBAN, the cash dividends shall be deposited directly into their bank accounts.

Share Registrar and Dividend Agent

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Faisal Ahmed Al Zayani
Chairman

Filipino products on display in bazaar

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The Philippine Embassy invites everyone to visit the Asean Ramadan Bazaar at the Dana Mall Sanabis every weekend of Ramadan from 3pm to 9pm starting tomorrow.

Sample the unique flavours from the Philippines and the other Asean countries like Brunei, Indonesia, Malaysia and Thailand.

The bazaar is organised by the Asean Committee composed of the Embassies of Bru-

nei Darussalam, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Republic of the Philippines, and the Kingdom of Thailand, with the support of the Capital Governorate, in partnership with Lulu and Dana Mall and in cooperation with Brand Sync.

Deal on open prison's programmes

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In the presence of Her Highness Chairman of INJAZ Bahrain Shaikha Hisa bint Khalifa Al Khalifa and the Director-General of Verdict Enforcement and Alternative Sentencing Shaikh Khalif bin Rashid Al Khalifa, both organisations have signed an agreement to provide programmes for the beneficiaries of the open prison's programmes.

The agreement signing was part of the directives of His Excellency Interior Ministry General Shaikh Rashid bin Abdullah Al Khalifa to reinforce community partnership and belonging to the nation with various organisations and members



Shaikha Hisa and Shaikh Khalif sign the agreement

of the NGOs to achieve the noble goals.

The agreement aims to enhance the skills of the beneficiaries in entrepreneurship and innovation, which gives them the opportunity to join the labour market and enhance their personal confidence and leadership. The General Di-

rectorate asserted dedication to supporting and empowering the beneficiaries by developing their knowledge and skills and creating a good environment for them through various programmes and training that meet the labour market requirements per the economic vision 2030.

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Statement of Financial Position
At December 31, 2022 (Audited)

	December 31, 2022	December 31, 2021
	BD '000	BD '000
ASSETS		
Cash and deposits with Central Bank of Bahrain	498,688	369,704
Balances with banks and financial institutions	96	211
Balances with the Head Office, other branches and affiliates	63,253	39,080
Investment at fair value through other comprehensive income	210	203
Investments at amortized cost	142,569	149,266
Derivative assets	9,586	3,159
Loans and advances	224,020	220,480
Interest receivable	3,514	4,844
Other assets	5,774	6,077
Premises and equipment	767	594
Total assets	948,477	793,618
LIABILITIES AND HEAD OFFICE FUNDS		
LIABILITIES		
Due to banks and financial institutions	438	2,630
Due to the Head Office, other branches and affiliates	487,467	386,271
Customers' deposits	415,438	372,104
Derivative liabilities	7,999	3,661
Interest payable	3,991	1,454
Other liabilities	3,854	4,524
Employees' end-of-service benefits	233	181
Total liabilities	919,420	770,825
HEAD OFFICE FUNDS		
Head Office capital	20,058	20,058
Fair value reserve	202	195
Retained earnings	8,796	2,540
Total head office funds	29,056	22,793
Total Liabilities and Head Office Funds	948,477	793,618

The financial statements and the notes to the financial statements were approved and authorised for issue on 30 March 2023 by Nadia Talhoni - Country Manager.

Statement of Comprehensive Income
For The Year Ended December 31, 2022 (Audited)

	2022	2021
	BD '000	BD '000
Interest income	35,544	25,457
Interest expense	(23,530)	(13,122)
Net interest income	12,014	12,335
Net fee and commission income	2,513	2,117
Foreign exchange gain	550	566
Other income / (loss)	107	(420)
Operating income	15,184	14,598
Staff expenses	(2,757)	(2,339)
Depreciation	(325)	(310)
Premises and equipment expenses	(856)	(892)
General and administrative expenses	(2,857)	(2,642)
Operating expenses	(6,795)	(6,183)
Operating profit before expected credit losses	8,389	8,415
Expected credit losses, net	(2,132)	(3,975)
Net Profit for the year	6,257	4,440
Other comprehensive income / (loss):		
Items that will not be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss:		
Net change in fair value of financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income	7	(20)
Total other comprehensive income / (loss) for the year	7	(20)
Total comprehensive income for the year	6,264	4,420

Statement of Cash Flows
For The Year Ended December 31, 2022 (Audited)

	2022	2021
	BD '000	BD '000
Operating Activities		
Net profit for the year	6,257	4,440
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation	325	310
Loss on write off of fixed assets	3	-
Expected credit losses - net	2,132	3,975
Provision for employees' end-of-service benefits	52	35
Fair value loss on foreclosed assets	-	708
	8,769	9,468
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Compulsory regulatory reserve with Central Bank of Bahrain	(6,505)	(162)
Balances with the Head Office, other branches and affiliates	(97)	-
Derivative assets	(6,427)	(1,986)
Loans and advances	(5,460)	(8,842)
Interest receivable	1,330	(1,244)
Other assets	303	(178)
Due to banks and financial institutions	(2,192)	1,701
Due to the Head Office, other branches and affiliates	101,196	102,185
Customers' deposits	43,334	14,595
Derivative liabilities	4,338	1,159
Interest payable	2,537	(514)
Other liabilities	(1,320)	1,554
Employees' end-of-service benefits	-	(13)
Net cash flows from operating activities	139,806	117,723
Investing Activities		
Addition to premises and equipment	(129)	(38)
Disposal / (purchase) of investments at amortized cost	6,763	(7,409)
Net cash flows from / (used in) investing activities	6,634	(7,447)
Net change in cash and cash equivalents	146,440	110,276
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 January	380,853	270,577
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 December	527,293	380,853
Comprising:		
Cash and deposits with Central Bank of Bahrain (excluding regulatory reserve)	484,098	361,619
Balances with banks and financial institutions	97	212
Balances with the Head Office, other branches and affiliates with original maturities not exceeding 90 days	43,098	19,022
	527,293	380,853

Statement of Changes in Head Office Funds
For The Year Ended December 31, 2022 (Audited)

	Head Office Capital	Statutory Reserve	Fair Value Reserve	Retained Earnings / (Accumulated losses)	Total
	BD '000	BD '000	BD '000	BD '000	BD '000
Balance at 1 January 2022	20,058	-	195	2,540	22,793
Net profit for the year	-	-	-	6,257	6,257
Other comprehensive income for the year	-	-	7	-	7
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	-	7	6,257	6,264
Balance at 31 December 2022	20,058	-	202	8,797	29,057
Balance at 1 January 2021	20,058	484	215	(2,384)	18,373
Net profit for the year	-	-	-	4,440	4,440
Transfer to retained earning	-	(484)	-	484	-
Other comprehensive loss for the year	-	-	(20)	-	(20)
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	(484)	(20)	4,924	4,420
Balance at 31 December 2021	20,058	-	195	2,540	22,793

Tamkeen backs Awal Dairy to boost productivity, exports and jobs

● Tamkeen's support comes through Business Growth Programme

● To generate jobs, raise export by 10%, says Awal Dairy

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With the backing of the Labour Fund Tamkeen, Awal Dairy Company announced plans to enhance its productivity and export capabilities while also expanding into regional and local markets.

The support through Tamkeen's Business Growth Programme, Awal Dairy said, allows it to double the production of fresh dairy products and increase long-life products by 40%.

The company said the move would also generate jobs for tens of Bahrainis and increase



Production line at Awal Dairy Company



the volume of exports by 10%.

Maha Mofeez, Chief Executive of the Labour Fund (Tamkeen) stated that their support is for increasing the company's production lines, which, in turn, will facilitate growth and expansion and contribute to creating employment opportunities

for Bahrainis.

For his part, Khalid Yousuf Abdul Rahman, Vice Chairman at Awal Dairy Company, hailed Tamkeen's support and emphasized its importance for the growth and development of the Kingdom's manufacturing sector.

"With this support, we are

looking forward to increasing our production and exports of Bahraini products through the expansion of our operations, which will also enable us to employ talented Bahrainis who can contribute with their knowledge and expertise to the productivity and growth of Awal Dairy," he added.

Reboot01 to train 100 Bahrainis in coding

TDT | Manama

The Reboot01 Coding Institute, in partnership with the Labour Fund (Tamkeen) and Economic Development Board (EDB), has launched a two-year programme aimed at enrolling approximately 100 Bahrainis in its first cohort.

With over 20 campuses worldwide, the institute aims to enable individuals to enter the world of technology, regardless of their educational or professional backgrounds, through an innovative-based approach using the 01 Edu global network, a French educational platform, of coding schools.

Graduates of the programme will become full stack developers, with access to a wide range of industries, particularly the tech industry, allowing them to join leading companies at a more senior level.

Yanal Jallad, Managing Director of Reboot01 Coding Institute, said they are the first coding school of its kind in Bahrain. "The second selection pool will commence in early May after Eid to enroll



Yanal Jallad

100 more Bahrainis and form the first cohort of 200 students," he added.

Ali Hasan, Executive Director of Programs and Partnership Development at the Labour Fund (Tamkeen) said the programme offers a unique upskilling opportunity by providing world-class training.

Munther Al-Mudawi, Executive Director - Business Development at Bahrain EDB, said that the digital upskilling and reskilling of the workforce is imperative for our economy to be able to effectively compete on a global scale, all while achieving sustainable growth in the long-term.



Chairman of the Bahrain Chamber Sameer Nass with Riyadh-based ambassador of Cote D'Ivoire accredited to Bahrain Coulibaly Drissa at the Chamber's premises on Tuesday. They discussed mechanisms to enhance bilateral trade and deliberated about enhancing cooperation between the Bahrain Chamber and its counterpart in Cote D'Ivoire. Discussions also focused on addressing logistical challenges that curb existing trade levels and means to overcome them. Present at the meeting were Bahrain Chamber's Board Members Sonya Janahi and Yaqoob Alawadhi, and CEO Dr Abdulla Alsada.



Nearly half of British workers at risk of burnout: survey

London, United Kingdom

Nearly half of British workers are at risk of burnout as the cost-of-living crisis adds to anxiety, with work-related stress costing the British economy £28 billion (\$34 billion) last year, a study said Wednesday.

The report, published by French insurer AXA and UK think tank CEBR, found that Britons took a total of 23.3 million sick days last year due to poor mental health.

Researchers quizzed 30,000 adults across 16 European, Asian and American nations. "Burnout and work-related stress is a significant issue for the UK economy," the study concluded.

Some 21 % of Britons surveyed were classed as "struggling" or in emotional distress. That compared with 17 % in the United States, 14 % in Japan and Ireland, 11 % in Belgium and ten % in China and France.

In Britain, a further 26 % of respondents were "languishing", or not in a positive state of mind.

"People in the UK are more likely to be struggling with their mind health compared to any other country surveyed," the study added.

"This means almost half of the UK are currently not in a positive state of mental wellbeing and at risk of burning out, which is having a significant impact on the economy and businesses."

Britain's cost-of-living crisis

was a key contributor to work-linked anxiety, as soaring inflation slashes the value of salaries.

Almost half of Britons surveyed felt "overwhelmed and uncertain" over the future.

Financial stress and concerns are costing UK businesses up to £6.2 billion alone in sick days and lost productivity, CEBR data also showed.

Yet the study highlighted some improvement in the UK, with "a decline in the stigma associated with having a mental health condition" and an increase in respondents with "very good" mental health compared with the previous year.

AXA UK chief executive Claudio Gienal said it's concerning that so many people in Britain are struggling with their mental health.

"Our findings show that not only does this have an impact on these individuals, it also comes at a huge cost to the economy and society as a whole," he said.

"There are positive signs... but it's clear that more needs to be done to support people at work and in their everyday life," he added.

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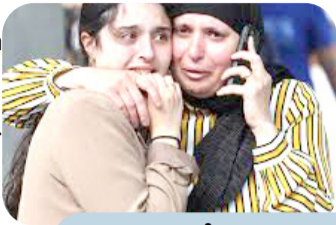


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Summary Financial Information			
SEPARATE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION			
	At 31-Dec-22 BD 000s (Audited)	At 31-Dec-21 BD 000s (Audited)	
Assets			
Property and equipment	11,555	10,959	
Investment properties	2,040	2,128	
Right-of-use assets	527	769	
Investment in a subsidiaries	36,457	36,457	
Statutory deposits	14,863	12,784	
Reinsurance assets	48,563	48,460	
Deferred policy acquisition costs	14,019	14,249	
Investments	158,743	156,380	
Deposits with banks	29,708	48,035	
Insurance and reinsurance receivables	35,726	32,595	
Prepayments and other assets	15,638	18,701	
Cash and cash equivalents	47,981	42,650	
Total Assets	415,820	424,167	
Equity and Liabilities			
Equity			
Share capital	15,000	15,000	
Statutory reserve	7,500	7,500	
Fair value reserve	(4,895)	3,492	
Contingency reserve	7,316	6,118	
Capital reserve	9,792	9,792	
General reserve	7,500	7,500	
Proposed dividend	7,540	5,655	
Retained earnings	95,572	86,473	
Total equity	145,325	141,530	
Liabilities			
Employee's end of service benefits	3,071	2,827	
Insurance liabilities	221,229	230,514	
Lease liabilities	593	843	
Accruals and other liabilities	25,234	21,491	
Insurance and reinsurance payables	15,375	22,342	
Deferred reinsurance commission	2,700	2,267	
Taxation payable	2,293	2,353	
Total liabilities	270,495	282,637	
Total equity and liabilities	415,820	424,167	
SEPARATE STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME			
	Year ended 31-Dec-22 BD 000s (Audited)	Year ended 31-Dec-21 BD 000s (Audited)	
Insurance premium earned - gross	210,206	230,997	
Reinsurers' share of insurance premium earned	(33,408)	(34,983)	
Insurance premium earned - net	176,798	196,014	
Claims incurred - gross	(131,539)	(146,631)	
Reinsurers' share of claims incurred	21,641	16,391	
Claims incurred - net	(109,898)	(130,240)	
Other technical reserve	(151)	(294)	
	66,749	65,480	
Staff costs	(23,899)	(23,270)	
General and administration expenses	(15,339)	(14,446)	
Policy acquisition cost amortised	(20,343)	(18,947)	
Reinsurance commission earned	2,867	1,655	
	(56,714)	(55,008)	
Net underwriting results	10,035	10,472	
Income from financial assets	9,197	8,825	
Dividend received from a subsidiary	2,385	-	
Realised gain on sale of available-for-sale investments	936	548	
Impairment of available-for-sale investments	(1,205)	(444)	
Income from investment properties	65	43	
Impairment of investment properties	-	(183)	
Finance costs	(132)	(122)	
Profit for the year before taxation	21,281	19,139	
Income tax	(1,059)	(1,025)	
Profit for the year	20,222	18,114	
Total other comprehensive loss for the year	(8,387)	(196)	
Total comprehensive income for the year	11,835	17,918	
Jamal AlHazeem Chairman	Paul Adamson Director		
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News in brief

◆ **A Danish man suspected** of killing three people in a Copenhagen mall shooting in July has been charged with murder and attempted murder, the prosecution service said yesterday. "The 23-year-old man is accused of killing three people, a 17-year-old boy, a 17-year-old girl and a 46-year-old man", it said in a statement. The man, whose identity has not been disclosed, has also been charged with 12 counts of attempted murder. Arrested outside the Field's shopping centre just after the July 3 shooting, the man, who has a history of mental health illness, has been detained in a closed psychiatric ward. Investigators believe the attack was planned, Danish media have reported.

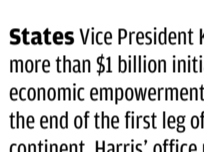


Suspect in Denmark mall shooting charged with murder

◆ **Bangladesh police** yesterday charged a reporter from a leading newspaper for producing "false news" after an article on high food prices went viral, stoking fears about media freedom. The draconian Digital Security Act under which Shamsuzzaman Shams was charged has been widely used by the

government to muzzle journalists and critics, rights groups say. Shams's newspaper Prothom Alo said he was picked up from his home in the industrial town of Savar just outside Dhaka at around 4:00 am (2200 GMT) by plainclothes police. Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan confirmed that the reporter was questioned by police for a "false story" published at the weekend. The reporter was charged with "smearing the image of the government with a false news" and for raising questions on the achievements of Bangladesh, under the Digital Security Act, according to a copy of the case file obtained by AFP.

Bangladesh journalist charged over high food cost article



◆ **The United States** Vice President Kamala Harris announced a more than \$1 billion initiative to improve women's economic empowerment in Africa on Wednesday at the end of the first leg of a three-nation trip to the continent. Harris' office revealed the programme, a mixture of US government funding and private sector commitments, while in Ghana where she was visiting before travelling to Tanzania and Zambia. The tour follows up on a December summit held by President Joe Biden in Washington with African leaders as the US seeks to balance the growing influence of China and Russia on the continent. Harris has already announced \$139 million in development and culture assistance for Ghana and a \$100 million investment in stability and peace-building for coastal West African nations, who face the threat of jihadist violence spilling over from the Sahel.

US VP unveils \$1bn for African women's empowerment



Rare pink diamond worth \$35 mn set for auction in New York



A model wears a 10.57 carat vivid pink diamond, with an estimated value of more than \$35 million US dollars

AFP | New York, United States

A rare, vividly rosy-purple diamond, called the Eternal Pink and valued at \$35 million, is set to be auctioned off by Sotheby's as part of its Magnificent Jewels sale in New York in June.

The 10.57-carat stone is being marketed as the most valuable purplish-pink diamond ever brought to auction, with the highest ever pre-auction price per carat estimate, according to Sotheby's.

"Its refined lines combined with the intensity of its color earn it a place as one of the world's most extraordinary gems," Tom Moses, executive vice president and chief laboratory and research officer at the Gemological Institute of America said of the cushion-cut diamond.

According to Sotheby's, the stone, which was mined in Botswana, is "comparable to ultimate masterpieces of art -- far rarer than a Magritte or a Warhol," thanks to its clarity and lack of imperfections.

Pink diamonds are among the rarest and most sought-after gems in the world and considered a major draw for investors.

The record for highest-ever auction price for such a stone is held by the CTF Pink Star, which was sold for \$71.2 million in Hong Kong in 2017.

The Williamson Pink Star diamond, which sold for \$57.7 million in 2022, also in Hong Kong, holds the record for the highest price per carat, at nearly \$5.2 million.

Pomp and paper crowns as German

AFP | Berlin, Germany

Charles III has visited Germany 40 times before but the monarch will never have seen anything like Wednesday's welcoming ceremony for his first foreign trip as king at Berlin's Brandenburg Gate.

Spectators lined the sides of the square in front of the Gate, waving German and British flags as a military band marched towards their position ahead of the royals' arrival.

The well-known monument served as backdrop for the first time for the military honours accorded to visiting dignitaries when they visit Germany.

The Gate is the country's most powerful symbol of unity after years of postwar division. For over three decades it stood just behind the Wall which divided the capitalist West from the communist East Germany.



(L to R) German President's wife Elke Buedenbender, Britain's Queen Consort Camilla, and German President Frank-Walter Steinmeier pose after signing the guest book at the presidential Bellevue Palace in Berlin

The British monarch, accompanied by Queen Consort Camilla, was greeted by German President Frank-Walter Steinmeier at the landmark to cheers from well-wishers, who had been standing in the cold for hours to catch a glimpse of the royal pair. Juergen Edelmann, 52, was

among those who had arrived hours ahead of the ceremony to ensure he got one of the 1,500 available spots on the square.

"It's very special to have the honour to welcome a king to Germany," said Edelmann, who works in communications at a hotel, describing the British monarch as a "friend".

Day out

The entry queue brought Edelmann together with Nico Beetz, 20, who had travelled about 100 kilometres (62 miles) from Prenzlau to Berlin for the spectacle.

"You simply must seize the opportunity. It's not often that a king comes to Berlin or Germany where you can see him so close up."

Anja Wieting, 50, who works at a clothing store, took several days off to drive five hours to Berlin with her daughter Lili, 18, for the

Denmark recovers object near sabotaged Nord Stream pipeline

Copenhagen, Denmark

Denmark has recovered a cylindrical object spotted near the sabotaged Nord Stream 2 gas pipeline that was touted as suspicious by Russia's Vladimir Putin, the Danish Energy Agency announced yesterday, adding it was a "smoke buoy".

The agency said in a statement that the object had been recovered at a depth of 73 metres (239.5 feet) and that a "representative of the owner, Nord Stream 2 AG, was present during the salvage." According to the agency, the recovery was completed on March 28.

"Investigations indicate that



An image released on March 23, 2023 by the Danish Energy Agency shows an unknown object on the seafloor next to the Nord Stream 2 gas pipeline

the object is an empty maritime smoke buoy, which is used for visual marking," it said in a statement, adding that "the object does not pose a safety risk."

Russian President Vladimir Putin, who revealed the discovery of the object earlier this month, said experts believe that it could be a signal antenna to activate an explosive in that part of the pipeline.

Nearly six months after the explosions that hit the Nord Stream 1 and 2 pipelines, it is still a mystery who was responsible for the underwater sabotage, despite criminal investigations in the countries bordering the damaged part of the pipeline -- Germany, Sweden and

Denmark. Russian energy giant Gazprom holds a majority stake in the twin pipelines, with the rest owned by German, Dutch and French companies.

German prosecutors said earlier this month that, in January, investigators searched a ship suspected of having transported explosives used in the blasts.

Confirmation of the searches came after the New York Times reported that US officials had seen new intelligence indicating that a "pro-Ukrainian group" was responsible for the sabotage. The Ukrainian government denied involvement in the action, while the Kremlin rejected the Times report as a "diversion".

Scientists have bone to pick with

● **Trinity, which is being sold by an anonymous "private individual", is expected to fetch six to eight million Swiss francs (\$6.5-8.7 million)**

Zurich, Switzerland

Curator gingerly fastens a pointy claw bone with a thin metal wire, completing perhaps the world's biggest construction kit -- reassembling a 67-million-year-old Tyrannosaurus-Rex called Trinity.

The huge skeleton will go under the hammer in a rare auction in Switzerland next month after being sent to Zurich from the United States in nine giant crates.

But palaeontologist Thomas Holtz -- who is against the sale of such specimens -- told AFP that it was "misleading" and "inappropriate... to combine multiple real bones from different individuals to create a single skeleton."



Yolanda Schicker-Siber (L) takes part in the installation of 'Trinity' a Tyrannosaurus-Rex skeleton dating back 67-million years which will be auctioned in Switzerland on April 18, 2023, marking the first such sale in Europe.

Bernard of Clairvaux preaches his famous sermon in a field at Vézelay, urging the necessity of a Second Crusade. Louis VII and Eleanor of Aquitaine are present and join the Crusade

Queen Isabella I of Castile and King Ferdinand II of Aragon issue the Alhambra Decree which expels Jews from their kingdoms



English Parliament makes the Humble Petition to Lord Protector Oliver Cromwell offering him the crown: he declines

British parliament accepts Irish Home Rule law

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Charles is known for his long and steady service as the Prince of Wales, as he carried out his official and ceremonial duties and established more than 20 charities, including The Prince's Trust, The Prince's Foundation and The Prince of Wales's Charitable Fund.

spectacle.

"It's the visit of the king in Germany. We want to celebrate it, regardless of how long the queue is," she said, adding that she finds "big ceremonies and state visits by royals great".

Silvelin Fiebig, 65, accompanied by her daughter Stefanie, 39, may make the effort to see the king more than once.

Charles has a planned visit close to the retired kindergarten teacher's home in rural Brandenburg on Thursday.

"I'm already thinking about

whether I should go," she said.

'Good feeling'

At the airport, the royal couple received a stately welcome.

Standing at the top of the aeroplane stairs, they were given a 21-gun salute and a military plane flypast.

In the visit heavy with symbolism, the colour of Camilla's dress drew the immediate comment from rolling news channel's NTV presenter who called it a "European blue".

The Queen Consort also made

an impression on the crowd by the Brandenburg Gate, where she was accompanied by the German first lady Elke Buedenbender.

"I have always wanted to see the royal family in real life," said 20-year-old Selma Tahirbegovic, a student.

"We loved it," said Kathy Robertson, 63, who comes from Britain but has lived in Germany most of her adult life.

Robertson and her friend, another British Berliner, were "coming away with a good feeling because they made the effort", she said.

On her way down the line of spectators, Camilla complimented a paper crown with a Burger King logo being worn by 19-year-old Andreina Riera from Venezuela.

"I never imagined that could happen -- her noticing me!" she said. "I'm really happy."

UK museum to surrender Courbet painting stolen by Nazis

London, United Kingdom

A British university museum has agreed to return a 19th-century painting by French artist Gustave Courbet, which was seized by the Nazis, to the descendants of its original Jewish owner.

Cambridge University's Fitzwilliam Museum, in eastern England, is acting on the advice of a government-appointed expert panel, which investigates claims for Nazi loot.

For more than a year, the panel probed the history of "La Ronde Enfantine", an oil landscape dating from about 1862 that has been lying in the museum's storage.

In a report published Tuesday, it concluded that the evidence supported the restitution claim made by the heirs of its one-time owner, Robert Bing, a French Resistance hero during World War II.

"This is a deliberate seizure by the German authorities from a Jewish citizen of



the painting "La Ronde Enfantine" (Beneath the Trees at Port-Bertaud: Children Dancing) by French artist Gustave Courbet

France with the diversion of the work of art to Nazi leaders," the 19-page review stated.

"No other reason for seizure other than the Jewishness of Mr Bing has appeared to explain this seizure."

It added that the museum had "cared for the work so that it can now be restored to the heirs of the original owners".

Saudi Arabia joins Shanghai Cooperation Organisation

Agencies

Saudi Arabia's cabinet has approved a memorandum granting the country the status of a dialogue partner in the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO), according to the state news agency SPA, as reported by Reuters.

The SCO is a political and security union of countries across Eurasia, including China, India, and Russia. Originally formed in 2001 by Russia, China, and former Soviet states in Central Asia, the organisation has expanded to include India and Pakistan.

Sources informed Reuters that during a visit by Chinese President Xi Jinping to Saudi Arabia in December 2022, joining the SCO was discussed. As a first step, the dialogue partner status will



Participants of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization summit attend an extended-format meeting of heads of SCO member states in Samarkand, Uzbekistan

be granted to Saudi Arabia before being considered for full membership in the mid-term.

Last year, Iran signed documents for full membership.

In addition, Saudi Aramco (2222.SE) announced its multi-billion dollar investment in China on Tuesday, which included a

planned joint venture in northeast China and acquiring a stake in a privately controlled petrochemical group.

Finally, the SCO member countries have planned a joint "counter-terrorism exercise" in Russia's Chelyabinsk region in August 2023.

Pope Francis in hospital for respiratory infection

Vatican City, Holy See

Pope Francis, 86, was admitted to a hospital in Rome yesterday with a respiratory infection which will require a stay of a few days, the Vatican said.

"In recent days Pope Francis has complained of some breathing difficulties," said Vatican spokesman Matteo Bruni in a statement.

The pontiff was admitted to Rome's Gemelli hospital for medical checks, which revealed "a respiratory infection... that will require a few days of appropriate hospital medical treatment", Bruni said, adding that a Covid-19 infection had been excluded.



Pope Francis is helped get up the popemobile car as he leaves at the end of the weekly general audience at St. Peter's square in The Vatican

Earlier in the afternoon, the Vatican had said Francis had been admitted "for some previously scheduled checks."

n T-Rex skeleton set to sell for millions

The Swiss sale comes only four months after Christie's withdrew another T-Rex skeleton days before it was to go under the hammer in Hong Kong after doubts were reported about parts of it.

Trinity, the Swiss T-Rex, is made up of bones from three dinosaurs excavated between 2008 and 2013 from the Hell Creek and Lance Creek formations in Montana and Wyoming.

The two sites are known for the discoveries of two other significant T-Rex skeletons that have gone to auction. "Sue" went under the hammer in 1997 for \$8.4 million, and "Stan", which took the world-record hammer price of \$31.8 million at Christie's, in 2020.

Not 'trophies'

Trinity, which is being sold by an anonymous "private individual", is expected to fetch six to eight million Swiss francs (\$6.5-8.7 million) when it goes under the hammer in Zurich on April 18, the Koller auction house es-

timates.

But Christian Link of Koller said he believed the guide price was a "pretty low" estimate.

The 3.9-metre (12.8-foot) high skeleton went on display on a red carpet under crystal chandeliers in a concert hall in the city Wednesday.

Just over half of the bone material in the skeleton comes from the three Tyrannosaurus specimens -- above the 50 percent level needed for experts to consider such a skeleton as high quality.

Link insisted Koller was being transparent about the origins of the bones.

"Hence the name Trinity. We are not hiding in any way that this specimen comes from three different dig sites," he said.

Vertebrate palaeontologist Holtz, of the University of Maryland, remained sceptical, insisting that Trinity "really isn't a 'specimen' so much as it is an art installation."

He also took issue with auctions of significant dinosaur skel-

etons and other fossils, which have raked in tens of millions of dollars in recent years.

Experts have warned such trade could be harmful to science by putting the specimens in private hands and out of the reach of researchers.

"Fossils are not, or at least should not be, considered trophies or glorified action figures," Holtz said.

But Link stressed that 95 percent of known T-Rexes are currently in museums, and said any private collector who might buy Trinity was likely to make it available to scientists and lend it out to museums.

'Very, very old'

Reassembling Trinity was no

Towering 3.9 metres (12.8 feet) in the air, the skeleton dubbed Trinity skeleton is made up of bone material from three T-Rex specimens, has been valued at between six to eight million Swiss francs (\$6.5-8.7 million), according to the auction catalogue.

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Climate justice is both a moral imperative & a prerequisite for effective global #ClimateAction. The climate crisis can only be overcome through cooperation – between peoples, cultures, nations, generations. Let's work together to get the job done.

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I've just spoken to @HumzaYousaf to congratulate him on becoming the new First Minister of Scotland. I'm looking forward to working with him to deliver on the priorities that matter most to people across Scotland - from cutting NHS waiting lists to growing our economy.

@RishiSunak

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Forgot to mention that accounts you follow directly will also be in For You, since you have explicitly asked for them

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The United States and Canada have built a close and extensive relationship – I look forward to continuing to write our shared future together.

@POTUS

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Car battery recycling market gears up for future boom

● Although graphite represents up to a quarter of the weight of the batteries, no one has yet come up with a viable plan to recycle it

Freiberg, Germany

Researcher Anna Vanderbruggen peers into a vat of dark bubbling liquid, the result of a process she has developed to recover graphite from old lithium-ion batteries.

Although graphite represents up to a quarter of the weight of the batteries, no one has yet come up with a viable plan to recycle it, according to Vanderbruggen.

The 29-year-old researcher is still fine-tuning her method but has already received an award from the European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT) for her efforts.

As Europe shifts gear from fossil fuel vehicles to electrified cars, recycling graphite as well as other elements in batteries is gradually becoming a major focus.

All the more so as the continent seeks to wean itself off its reliance on countries like China



French scientist Anna Vanderbruggen mixes chemicals with a pipette into the graphite recycling system in a laboratory of the Helmholtz Institute Freiberg for Resource Technology in Freiberg, eastern Germany

for raw materials.

"Battery manufacturers were not interested" in recycled graphite up to now because "they could get it at low cost in China", Vanderbruggen told AFP.

Her method, developed at the Helmholtz Research Institute in Freiberg, Germany, involves extracting graphite from "black mass", a powder that also con-

tains cobalt, nickel, lithium and manganese.

"You put the black mass in water and add some chemicals and air bubbles, like in a jacuzzi," Vanderbruggen, who is from France, said.

"The graphite attaches itself to the bubbles, whereas the metals are hydrophilic and therefore remain in the water."

Vanderbruggen also works as a consultant for businesses exploring the opportunities that recycling electric car batteries could bring in the future.

Rising costs

Increasing raw material costs and shortages have led to a surge of interest in the field.

The price of lithium has increased by 13 percent over the past five years, according to Philippe Barbois, a professor of chemistry at PSL University in Paris.

Lithium has not been recycled on a large scale up to now "because it was not profitable",

he said.

But that looks set to change with 350 million electric cars expected to be on the road worldwide by 2030, up from 16.5 million in 2021, according to the International Energy Agency (IEA).

"In 10 years' time, so many batteries will be manufactured that lithium will absolutely have to be recycled, otherwise there won't be enough," Barbois said.

In theory, the technology now exists to recycle almost all the materials that make up lithium-ion batteries, according to the ex-

perts interviewed by AFP.

German group Aurubis, one of Europe's largest suppliers of non-ferrous metals, claims to be able to recycle at least 95 percent of the metals that make up "black mass" at a pilot plant it has set up in Hamburg.

French mining group Eramet, Belgium's Umicore and German carmaker Mercedes have also launched similar ventures.

The majority of such projects are still in their pilot stages.

'Huge growing market'

"It's a huge growing market and we want to play a role in it," said Ken Nagayama, head of business development for battery materials at Aurubis, who is currently working on a graphite recycling process.

He believes there will be "sufficient market supply to develop a battery recycling plant in industrial scale during the second half of the decade".

Since the batteries tend to last seven or eight years, there are not yet "enough batteries at the end of their life" to feed the market, said Serge Pelissier, director of research at the Gustave Eiffel University in Lyon.

There are also many different models of car batteries, making it difficult to set up a standardised recycling system like those available for mobile phones and laptops.

The market for car battery recycling will probably not reach its full potential until the "early 2030s", according to Alex



The European Union wants new batteries to incorporate 16 percent recycled cobalt and six percent recycled lithium and nickel by 2031. It is also aiming for at least 70 percent of the weight of old batteries to be recycled by 2031.

Keynes of the Transport and Environment NGO.

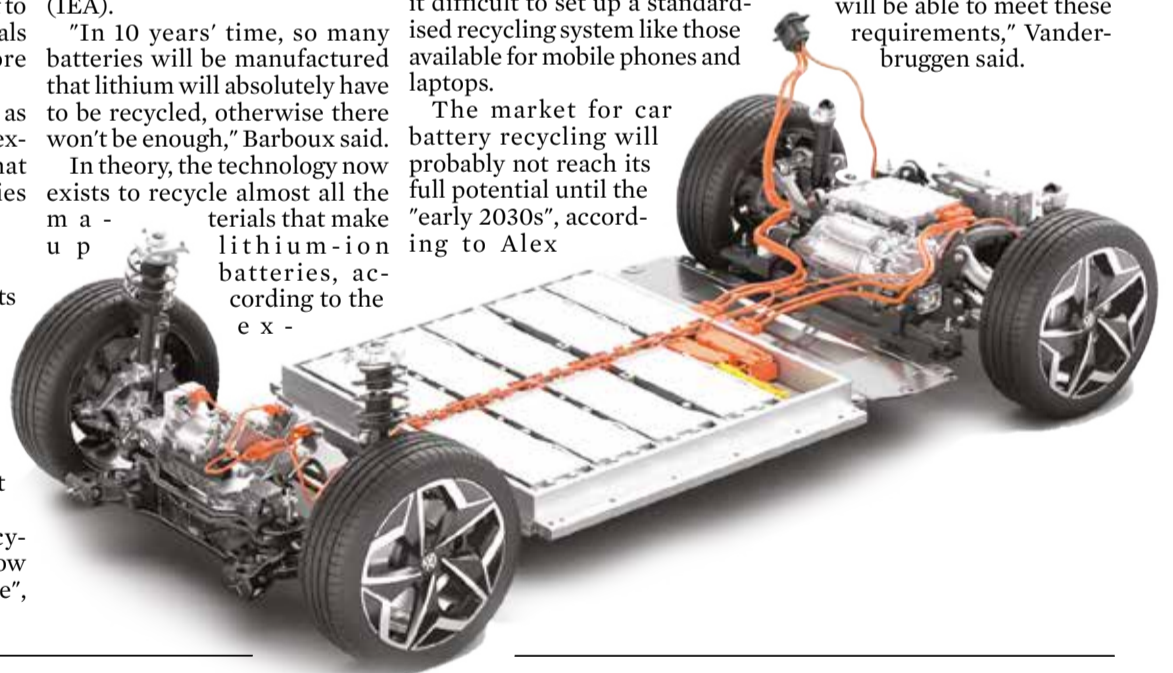
Swedish and Norwegian joint venture Northvolt-Hydro, a pioneer in the field, is aiming to recycle the equivalent of 500,000 batteries by 2030.

This would represent around half of the batteries likely to be available for recycling by that time, according to estimates from consultancies.

"If they recover new components like graphite, they will be able to meet these requirements," Vanderbruggen said.



Recycled graphite attached to air bubbles and rising to the surface of the flotation cell at the graphite recycling system in a laboratory of the Helmholtz Institute Freiberg for Resource Technology in Freiberg, eastern Germany



France poised to raise minimum age to 14 for electric scooters

Paris, France

France is set to raise the minimum age to use an electric scooter from 12 to 14, its transport minister said on Wednesday, ahead of a weekend vote in Paris on whether to ban the devices.

The government is poised to unveil a new regulation plan for e-scooters on Wednesday which will propose raising the age limit and increasing fines for two people riding at the same time from 35 to 135 euros (\$150).

"We know that in one accident in five there were two users on the device," Transport Minister Clement Beaune told the 20 Minutes newspaper. "It's important that we make it clear that they are not a toy."

Free-floating e-scooters are available for rent via apps such as Lime, Dott or Tier in 200 towns across France and sharply divide opinion.

Voters in Paris are to be asked on Sunday to participate in a referendum organised by city authorities on whether to ban them. Fans view them as a fun,

affordable and emissions-free mode of transport, while critics say they are dangerous, often driven badly, and clutter up the capital's already crowded streets. Lower speed limits and dedicated parking zones have already been introduced.

Beaune, an MP for President Emmanuel Macron's ruling party for Paris and an outspoken critic of Socialist Paris mayor Anne Hidalgo, favours tighter regulation for scooters rather than an outright ban.

"It's an important consultation (on Sunday) that will be

watched by a lot of other towns in France and overseas," Beaune told Europe 1 radio station. "I find it a shame that we have caricatured and dumbed down the debate."

"Instead of a having it as 'for' or 'against', we could do 'for, with rules'," he added.

Scooter operators are set to sign a charter on Wednesday as part of Beaune's regulation plan that would see them commit to work on improving safety, extending the life of batteries to at least five years, and recycling their products in France.

Beyon AGM approves BD53.9m cash dividends



Beyon management during Annual General Meeting at the Beyon Campus in Hamala

TDT | Manama

Beyon shareholders yesterday approved a recommendation to distribute a cash dividend of BD53.9 million (US\$143.0M), at a value of 32.5 fils per share during its Annual General Meeting (AGM) at the Beyon campus in Hamala.

Out of the total dividend, 13.5 fils per share was already paid during the third quarter of 2022 with the remaining 19.0 fils announced during the meeting to

be paid in the coming weeks.

The meeting also elected Board Members for the next three-year term 2023-2026. Eight members have been appointed by the major shareholders, Shaikh Abdulla bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, Ahmad Mazhar, Daniel Ritz, and Saleh Romeih as representatives of Mumtalakat Holding Company. Khalid Taqi and Fatema Alarayedh as representatives of the Social Insurance Organization. Shaikh Ali bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, and Waleed bin Hindi as represent-

atives of Amber Holdings. The meeting included the election of two members by the general assembly, Abdulla Bukhwa and Ahmed Abdulrahman.

Beyon Chairman Shaikh Abdulla bin Khalifa Al Khalifa said, "We announced strong performance for 2022, which ensured excellent dividends for Beyon's shareholders with an increased payout of 32.5 fils per share up from 30.0 fils for 2021.

During the AGM, Beyon CEO Mikkel Vinter presented an

overview of the 2022 accomplishments, adding that the company's strong performance for 2022 was supported by solid revenues from Bahrain and across our international operations.

The meeting was in the presence of Beyon's Chairman, Board members, and executive management. Beyon's external auditor, Jamal Fakhro, Managing Director of KPMG Fakhro, representatives from Bahrain Bourse and shareholders were also present.

Stock markets climb on easing bank fears, Alibaba split

London, United Kingdom

Stock markets advanced yesterday as fears of a banking crisis fade further in investors' rearview mirror while Chinese tech giant Alibaba's breakup plans boosted most Asian shares.

Measures taken by authorities to prevent a new global financial crisis appear to have calmed the markets following the failures of three US lenders and emergency sale of European banking giant Credit Suisse.

"With banking worries put on the back burner for now, with no further stresses in the system emerging, investors' appetite for a bit more risk is returning," noted Susannah Streeter, head of money and markets at Hargreaves Lansdown.

Wall Street's main indices

were up in late morning trading, while European markets closed with strong gains and Asia finished broadly in the green. Shares in Switzerland's biggest bank, UBS, jumped as much as five percent after it announced that former CEO Sergio Ermotti would return to lead its controversial takeover of troubled domestic rival Credit Suisse.

Ermotti, who was CEO from 2011 to 2020, is credited with restoring UBS' reputation following its bailout after the 2008 global financial crisis.

Hong Kong-listed Alibaba closed up more than 12 percent after announcing that it would split its \$220 billion empire into six groups.

The Hangzhou-based firm said the changes were intended to "unlock shareholder value and foster market competitiveness".

Key figures around 1530 GMT

New York - Dow: UP 0.6 % at 32,572.51 points

London - FTSE 100: ▲ 1.1 % at 7,564.27 (close)

Frankfurt - DAX: ▲ 1.2 % at 15,328.78 (close)

Hong Kong - Hang Seng Index: ▲ 2.1 % at 20,192.40 (close)

Shanghai - Composite: ▼ 0.2 % at 3,240.06 (close)

Brent North Sea crude: ▲ 0.6 % at \$79.10 per barrel

West Texas Intermediate: ▲ 0.8 % at \$73.80 per barrel



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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

Statement of financial position (Expressed in thousands of Bahraini Dinars)		Statement of comprehensive income (continued) (Expressed in thousands of Bahraini Dinars)	
	At 31 December 2022 2021	Year ended 31 December 2022 2021	
ASSETS		Increase in net residual attributable to Head Office from operations	4,065 900
Cash and balances with banks and the Central Bank	14,647 4,524	Other comprehensive loss for the year:	
Placements with banks	59,500 41,500	Items that are or maybe reclassified in subsequent periods to profit or loss:	
Due from other offices of the Bank	15,990 7,534	Change in other reserve	(6) (3)
Financial assets at amortised cost	17,835 49,603	Other comprehensive loss for the year	(6) (3)
Loans and advances to banks	5,710 3,147	Total comprehensive income for the year	4,059 897
Loans and advances to customers	3,718 7,352		
Other assets	1,098 317		
Furniture and equipment	3 9		
Total assets	118,501 113,986		
LIABILITIES		Statement of cash flows (Expressed in thousands of Bahraini Dinars)	
Due to other offices of the Bank	251 5,720		
Due to customers	50,876 45,313		
Other liabilities	19,574 19,212		
Total liabilities	70,701 70,245	Cash flows from operating activities	
Net residual attributable to Head Office	47,800 43,741	Increase in net residual attributable to Head Office from operations	4,065 900
		Adjustments for:	
		Provision for employees' benefits - net	11 8
		Impairment on loans and advances and placements to banks (Reversal)/charge in impairment on other financial assets at amortised cost	31 2
		Reversal in impairment on loans and advances to customers	(60) 21
		Charge/(reversal) in impairment on guarantees	(2,362) (165)
		Depreciation	195 (95)
			6 11
		1,886 682	
		Changes in operating assets and liabilities:	
		Balances with the Central Bank	(232) 18
		Due from other offices of the Bank	- 50
		Loans and advances to banks	(2,594) (993)
		Loans and advances to customers	5,996 6,452
		Other assets	(781) 318
		Due to other offices of the Bank	(5,469) (3,599)
		Due to customers	5,563 (1,225)
		Other liabilities	150 473
		Net cash generated from operating activities	4,519 2,176
		Cash flows from investing activities	
		Purchase of financial assets at amortised cost	(50,345) (79,572)
		Redemption of financial assets at amortised cost	82,173 72,938
		Net cash generated from/(used) in investing activities	31,828 (6,634)
		Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	36,347 (4,458)
		Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	53,000 57,458
		Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	89,347 53,000
		Non-cash transactions	
		There were no non-cash transactions during the year ended 2022.	
		Rami Falah General Manager	Abid Hussain Chief Financial Officer - MEA

The above have been extracted from the audited financial statements. The auditors, PricewaterhouseCoopers M.E Limited, Kingdom of Bahrain, have expressed an unqualified opinion on 29/03/2023.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION 31 December 2022	2022 BD	2021 BD
ASSETS		
Cash and balances with the Central Bank of Bahrain	16,109,546	10,601,093
Investments	15,490,681	20,717,559
Amounts due from banks and financial institutions	22,053	2,826
Loans and advances	6,118	21,061
Amounts due from the Head Office and other branches	1,225,471	1,225,471
Other assets	234,760	249,400
TOTAL ASSETS	33,088,629	32,817,410
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY		
Liabilities		
Amounts due to banks and financial institutions	64,842	73,218
Customers' deposits	4,023,577	4,717,170
Amounts due to Head Office and other branches	5,229,814	5,205,446
Other liabilities	1,270,351	1,248,369
Total liabilities	10,588,584	11,244,203
Equity		
Head Office account	17,500,000	17,500,000
General reserve	243,043	243,043
Retained earnings	4,757,002	3,830,164
Total equity	22,500,045	21,573,207
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	33,088,629	32,817,410

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME For the year ended 31 December 2022	2022 BD	2021 BD
Interest and similar income	1,207,697	831,549
Interest expense and similar expense	(7,080)	(7,080)
NET INTEREST INCOME	1,200,617	824,469
Net gain / (loss) on foreign currencies	523	(2,097)
Other income	4,249	39,246
TOTAL INCOME	1,205,389	861,618
Staff expenses	(153,639)	(97,688)
Other operating expenses	(160,344)	(146,291)
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	(313,983)	(243,979)
OPERATING PROFIT BEFORE PROVISION FOR CREDIT LOSSES	891,406	617,639
Reversal of / (Provision for) expected credit losses - net	51,108	(95,121)
NET PROFIT AND TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR	942,514	522,518

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS For the year ended 31 December 2022	2022 BD	2021 BD
OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Net profit for the year	942,514	522,518
Adjustments for non-cash items:		
Depreciation on equipment	5,775	6,927
Depreciation on right-of-use assets	14,451	17,604
Interest on lease liabilities	1,256	-
(Reversal of) / Provision for expected credit losses - net on: Loans and advances	(47,530)	92,252
Amounts due from banks and financial institutions	274	(11)
Investments	(3,852)	2,880
Operating profit before changes in operating assets and liabilities:	912,888	642,170
Mandatory reserve with the Central Bank of Bahrain	(3,000)	10,000
Amounts due from the Head Office and other branches	5,230,730	(3,846,643)
Investments	62,473	5,372
Loans and advances	50,605	(43,051)
Other assets	(8,376)	(57,413)
Amounts due to banks and financial institutions	(693,593)	(615,015)
Customers' deposits	24,368	(21,777)
Amounts due to the Head Office and other branches	4,049	(8,951)
Other liabilities	4,049	(8,951)
Net cash from / (used in) operating activities	5,580,144	(3,935,308)
INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Purchase of equipment	(24,212)	(503)
Payment of lease liability	(15,302)	(17,596)
Cash used in investing activities	(39,514)	(18,099)
FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Amount remitted to the Head Office	(15,676)	(22,350)
Additional capital transferred from the Head Office	-	13,000,000
Net cash (used in) / from financing activities	(15,676)	12,977,650
NET CHANGE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	5,524,954	9,024,243
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	10,597,954	1,573,711
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT THE END OF THE YEAR	16,122,908	10,597,954

Shahlaa Ismail Yaseen
General Manager

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Jill Biden to visit Nashville after school shooting massacre

Washington, United States

US First Lady Jill Biden will visit Nashville to attend a candlelight vigil for those killed in the mass shooting at a school there, the White House said.

The massacre by a former student at the Covenant School left three children and three staff dead, and once more opened the debate over gun control in the United States, where mass shootings are agonizingly common.

Biden, a lifelong educator, "will travel to Nashville, Tennessee to join a candlelight vigil to honor and mourn the lives of the victims of The Covenant School shooting," her spokesperson Vanessa Valdivia tweeted.

Two nine-year-old girls, a nine-year-old boy, two teachers and a school custodian died in the Monday attack.

Police have said that the shooter, 28-year-old Audrey Hale, was a former student of



People pay their respects at a makeshift memorial for victims at the Covenant School building at the Covenant Presbyterian Church following a shooting in Nashville, Tennessee

the school who had been receiving treatment for an emotional disorder, but that the search for a motive is still ongoing.

Hale, who was also killed during the attack, was armed with two assault rifles and a handgun upon entering the small Christian academy of about 200 students.

Identified by police as a female who had used male pronouns on social media, the shooter had maps of the school and left a manifesto that suggested more attacks were planned.

In the wake of the shooting, President Joe Biden once again urged Congress to reinstate a national assault rifle ban, which

was in force from 1994 to 2004.

Efforts to ban the powerful weapons have run up against opposition from Republicans, staunch defenders of the constitutional right to bear arms.

The political deadlock endures despite an uproar over recurring school massacres and other mass shootings in the United States.



A heavily armed former student killed three young children and three staff in what appeared to be a carefully planned attack at a private elementary school in Nashville on March 27, before being shot dead by police. Chief of Police John Drake named the suspect as Audrey Hale, 28, who the officer later said identified as transgender.

Mexican president vows 'no impunity' for 38 migrants' fire deaths



A group of activists and migrants protest outside the Mexican Interior Ministry in Mexico City

Ciudad Juárez, Mexico

Mexico's president yesterday vowed there would be "no impunity" over the deaths of 38 migrants in a fire at a detention centre, as relatives waited desperately for news about the victims.

Authorities faced mounting scrutiny of their handling of the disaster after video surveillance footage appeared to show guards leaving as flames engulfed a cell with migrants trapped inside.

"We will not hide anything and there will be no impunity," President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador told reporters after the blaze at a detention centre in Ciudad Juarez near the US border late Monday.

Those found to have been responsible for "causing this painful tragedy will be punished in conformity with the law," he said.

In the video, whose authen-

ticity was confirmed by the government, three guards seem to hurry away leaving migrants in their cell as flames spread and smoke fills the building.

"How is it possible that the Mexican authorities left human beings locked up with no way to escape the fire?" said Amnesty International's Americas director, Erika Guevara-Rosas.

The fire was "a consequence of the restrictive and cruel immigration policies" of Mexico and the United States, the rights group said.

Lopez Obrador said Tuesday that the migrants were believed to have started the fire themselves in a protest against deportations.

"They put mats at the door of the shelter and set them on fire as a protest, and did not imagine that it would cause this terrible tragedy," he said.

Top US general warns of high ammo use in event of major war

Washington, United States

America's top military officer warned yesterday that war between the United States and another major power would see "off the charts" munitions consumption and said there is work to be done to ensure the country is prepared.

Ukraine and Russia have fired huge amounts of artillery ammunition since Moscow invaded its neighbour in February 2022, sparking concerns about the amount the United States -- which has supplied large amounts of shells to Kyiv -- has on hand.

A "big lesson learned comes out of Ukraine, which is the incredible consumption rates of conventional munitions in what really is a limited regional war," General Mark Milley, the chair-



General Mark Milley, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff

man of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, told the House Armed Services Committee.

"If there was a war on the Korean peninsula or a great power war between the United States and Russia, United States and

China, those consumption rates would be off the charts," he said.

"We've got a ways to go to make sure our... stockpiles are prepared for the real contingencies."

Milley's remarks came a day

after Undersecretary of the Army Gabe Camarillo said the United States aims to greatly expand the production of artillery shells.

"We're... investing in production capacity -- \$1.45 billion to expand the 155 mm artillery production from 14,000 a month to over 24,000 later this year, which includes a sixfold increase in production capacity by FY28 to over 85,000 units per month," he said at an Association of the United States Army symposium.

The country is also seeking to increase production of Javelin launchers and missiles as well as ammunition for HIMARS precision rocket launchers -- equipment that has played a key role in Ukraine's fight against Russian troops, Camarillo said.

FIFA strips Indonesia of Under-20 World Cup amid Israel row

Lausanne, Switzerland

FIFA announced yesterday it had removed Indonesia as hosts of this year's under-20 World Cup amid political turmoil over Israel's participation.

The decision was made "due to the current circumstances", FIFA said in a statement without specifying details.

"A new host will be announced as soon as possible, with the dates of the tournament currently remaining unchanged," it added.

The draw for 24-team tournament beginning on May 20 was due to be held on Friday in Bali, but FIFA cancelled the event last week without offering a reason



FIFA President Gianni Infantino

or setting a new date.

Indonesia and Israel do not have formal diplomatic relations, and support for the Pal-

estinian cause in the world's most populous Muslim-majority nation runs high, fuelling local opposition to hosting the

Israeli team.

As well as Bali's governor calling for Israel to be kicked out of the tournament, around a hundred conservative Muslim demonstrators marched in the capital Jakarta this month to protest its participation.

Indonesian officials earlier this week said any failure to host the tournament could result in sanctions that would leave them out of other international football competitions including qualifiers for the World Cup and the Asian Cup.

They said losing the tournament could result in trillions of rupiah (1 trillion rupiah = \$66 mn) in economic losses.

Man City owner named as new UAE vice-president

Dubai, United Arab Emirates

Manchester City's owner Sheikh Mansour bin Zayed Al Nahyan was named as vice-president of the United Arab Emirates in a shake-up of the oil-rich Gulf monarchy's top ranks yesterday.

The 52-year-old joins Dubai's ruler and UAE prime minister Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum as vice-president, nearly a year after his brother Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed was named as president.

The president also named his son Sheikh Khaled bin Mohamed bin Zayed as crown prince of Abu Dhabi, the richest of the UAE's seven emirates -- a post that has traditionally signified the next in line to the

presidency.

Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed, often known as "MBZ" and the UAE's long-time de facto ruler, was named as president last May after his half-brother Sheikh Khalifa died after ill health sidelined him for years.

His appointment prompted speculation over who would succeed him as Abu Dhabi crown prince, with either Sheikh Khaled or Sheikh Tahnoun bin Zayed, a brother of MBZ, tipped for the role.

Tahnoun bin Zayed, who is the UAE's national security adviser and chairman of the ADQ sovereign wealth fund, was named as deputy ruler of Abu Dhabi along with Hazza bin Zayed, another brother of the president.

Senate passes repeal of Iraq war authorizations

Washington, United States

US senators advanced cross-party legislation yesterday to repeal authorisations for the wars in Iraq -- 20 years after American forces invaded the country to remove Saddam Hussein from power.

Both parties supported canceling the 2002 Authorization for Use of Military Force (AUMF) that empowered George W Bush to launch the invasion, as well as the 1991 version that allowed his father, George HW Bush, to attack Iraq after Saddam's forces invaded Kuwait.

"The United States, Iraq -- the entire world -- have changed dramatically since 2002, and it's time the laws on the books catch up with those changes," said Chuck Schumer, the leader of the Senate's Democratic majority.

"These AUMFs have outlived their use. These repeals will not harm our service members abroad, nor will it hinder our ability to keep Americans safe."

The repeals passed by 66 votes to 30, with 18 Republicans crossing the aisle to back the Democratic-led initiative.

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Buelow claims double 2,000cc victory

Bahrain International Circuit hosts penultimate round of 2022/2023 BIC 2,000cc Challenge

Action from the round



● **Andreas Buelow sets both races' fastest laps en route to wins**

● **Championship now headed to season-finale, slated for April 7**

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Andreas Buelow shone brightest under lights last weekend in the fourth and penultimate round of the 2022/2023 BIC 2,000cc Challenge, held as part of National Race Day at Bahrain International Circuit (BIC) in Sakhir. Behind the wheel of a Honda CIVIC, Buelow stormed to an impressive double in the meeting, winning both 12-lap sprints



Andreas Buelow, centre, celebrates on top of the podium with other drivers

held around the 2.554-kilometre Inner Track at "The Home of Motorsport in the Middle East". The event was organised by BIC in cooperation with the Bahrain Motor Federation (BMF),

Circuit Racing Commission (CRC), and Motorsport Marshals Club. Moaz Elzahrawi kicked the evening off by setting the pace in practice with a best lap of

one minute 20.190 seconds. He then clinched pole position for race one with a fastest time of 1:18.831. But after starting the opening sprint from row two in third on

the grid, Buelow took the lead on lap one and never looked back. He held on to his advantage all throughout the 12 laps and built a huge gap from the rest of the field.

Buelow took the chequered flag in 16:10.413, with runner-up Wiebke Buelow 17.312 seconds behind. Isa Ebrahim claimed the final podium spot in third 21.320s from Buelow, while Elzahrawi had to settle for fourth 52.278s back. Majed Himmo was classified fifth 1:00.508 from the winner.

Buelow posted race one's fastest lap of 1:19.272.

In race two, Buelow was on the third row with Himmo on pole. But by the end, it was Buelow who emerged victorious in 16:23.633, enjoying a massive 40.094s gap from Ebrahim in second place. Himmo came third

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Andreas Buelow steers Honda CIVIC challenger to impressive double in both 12-lap sprints held around 2.554-kilometre Inner Track at "The Home of Motorsport in the Middle East"

1:02.518s behind the victor. Buelow was once again quickest on lap times, clocking the second race's best of 1:20.854.

Following all the action, the winners were presented their respective trophies in a podium ceremony attended by officials from BIC, the BMF and CRC.

The BIC 2,000cc Challenge is now headed for its season-finale, scheduled for 7 April at BIC, also as a night event.

Verstappen looking for reliability in Australia as Perez lurks

Melbourne, Australia

Two-time world champion Max Verstappen is banking on Red Bull ironing out its reliability issues as he targets a second Formula One win of the season at Sunday's Australian Grand Prix -- a race he failed to finish last year.

The Dutchman drove superbly in an action-packed grand prix in Saudi Arabia a fortnight ago,

slicing through the field to finish second behind teammate Sergio Perez.

But after dominating the early practice in a super-fast car, Verstappen was fuming when a driveshaft issue in qualifying forced him to start from 15th.

Conscious that an engine fire ruined his Melbourne race last year, the 25-year-old is desperate for a trouble-free weekend.

"I recovered to second which is good, and in general the whole feeling in the team, everyone is happy, but personally I'm not happy, because I'm not here to be second," he said ahead of the third grand prix of the season at Albert Park.

"It's not only about the pace of the car, we need to make sure we are reliable without any issues.

"When you're fighting for a

championship and especially, you know, when it looks like it's just between two cars, we have to make sure that also the two cars are reliable."

Perez reeled off a masterful triumph in Saudi Arabia to hold off his charging teammate and convert pole position to his first win of the season and fifth overall. Team boss Christian Horner called it his best-ever drive, and

the Mexican intends to keep the pressure on Verstappen in Australia.

With Red Bull already dominant, finishing 1-2 in both grand prix this year, they could benefit further by the introduction of a fourth drag reduction system (DRS) zone in Melbourne -- already one of the fastest tracks on the calendar.



HH Shaikh Khalid crowns East Riffa juniors

East Riffa beat Muharraq 2-1 to win title in first edition of Khalid bin Hamad Golden Generation League

● **HH Shaikh Khalid presented the shield and gold medals**

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First Deputy Chairman of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports, General Sports Authority (GSA) Chairman and Bahrain Olympic Committee President, His Highness Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa, has crowned East Riffa as champions of the first edition of the Khalid bin Hamad Golden Generation League, organised by the GSA in cooperation with the Bahrain Football Association (BFA).



HH Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa with East Riffa players and officials at the awarding ceremony

HH Shaikh Khalid presented the shield and gold medals of

the first edition of the League to East Riffa, the winners of the

final against Muharraq 2-1.

HH Shaikh Khalid bin Ham-

ad also presented silver medals to runners-up Muharraq and

bronze medals to third-placed Al Shabab. On the occasion, HH

Shaikh Khalid asserted that the GSA will continue implementing and adopting programmes and initiatives aimed at creating qualitative opportunities for Bahraini athletes to showcase their capabilities and talent, noting that the Khalid bin Hamad Golden Generation League will contribute to honing youngsters' skills and building a solid base of athletes who are capable of competing at the highest levels in the coming period.

HH Shaikh Khalid congratulated East Riffa on winning the Khalid bin Hamad Golden Generation League, and praised the performance of Muharraq, wishing the best of luck in the upcoming matches.

HH Shaikh Khalid commended the efforts exerted by BFA, alongside GSA, to ensure the success of the competition.

Al Najma, Dar Kulaib set for title showdown

● **Bahrain volleyball giants set for exciting best-of-three clash for Isa bin Rashid league title**

● **Best-of-three championship series gets underway tomorrow night**

● **Al Ahli-Muharraq to battle for bronze in single game on Saturday**

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An exciting showdown between Al Najma and Dar Kulaib gets underway tomorrow night for the coveted title in the 2022/2023 Isa bin Rashid Bahrain Volleyball League.

The Kingdom's two volleyball gi-

Dar Kulaib superstar Mohammed Yaqoob

ants will be battling it out in a best-of-three series.

The schedule for the championship round was released yesterday by the Bahrain Volleyball Association (BVA).

Game one is scheduled for tomorrow, followed by game two on Tuesday next week. Game three, if needed, will be played on April 12.

All three matches are set for 9.30pm starts and will be played at Isa bin Rashid Arena at the BVA headquarters at Isa Sports City in Riffa.

Also set to be held will be a game for third place on Saturday between losing

semi-finalists Al Ahli and Muharraq.

The bronze-medallists will be determined in a single contest, also starting at 9.30pm at the same venue.

Najma will be looking to win the league title for the first time since the 2016/2017 season, while Dar Kulaib are hoping to take the crown again since they last won it in the 2018/2019 campaign.

Ahli are the two-time defending champions.

Ahli won last season's title after defeating Al Nasser in two games in the championship series. The previous season, they defeated Muharraq in the title round, also with a two-game sweep.

Ahli were not able to make it through to the championship this time, however, having been defeated by Dar Kulaib in two games in their best-of-three semi-final clash. Dar Kulaib claimed a dominant 3-0 (25-22, 25-20, 25-17) victory in game two last week to secure their berth in the finals.

Najma, meanwhile, ousted Muharraq in their final-four encounter, held over just one game. Najma had a twice-to-beat advantage against Muharraq, but defeated them 3-0 (25-21, 25-20, 25-18) in their meet-

ing.

Najma, who finished the preliminary round and round-of-six playoffs in first place, are set to be spearheaded by their key players including Estoni-

an professional Kevin Saar and Bahraini stars Ali Ebrahim, Fadel Abbas, Hassan Dhahi, Mirza Abdulla and Mohammed Habib, to name a few.

For Dar Kulaib, they will be

relying heavily on Argentinian professional Juan Barrera, along with top local talents Mohammed Yaqoob, Ali Habib, Hassan Abbas, Hassan Alaiwi and libero Hussain Sultan, among others.

Al Najma leader Ali Ebrahim

Dar Kulaib superstar Mohammed Yaqoob

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Sitra through to Khalifa bin Salman Cup semis

Victors collapse late in regulation but recover in overtime for hard-earned win against Nuwaidrat

● **Ali Eid top scores for Sitra with 28 points, Mahdi Abdulameer adds 16 while two others have 11**

● **Sitra now through to semi-finals to take on winner of quarter-final between Al Hala and Muharraq**

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Sitra advanced to the semi-finals of the 2022/2023 Khalifa bin Salman Cup last night following a scrappy 86-83 overtime victory over Nuwaidrat.

Their tightly contested quarter-final meeting in the prestigious annual basketball tournament was played at Zain Basketball Arena in Um Al Hassam.

Sitra were well in control of the contest midway through the final quarter and went up by 14 on a three-pointer by Mahdi Abdulameer. But Nuwaidrat stormed back and forced the

extra session with a furious 12-3 run in the final two minutes of regulation to tie the game at 75-all.

In overtime, Sitra went ahead by six but Nuwaidrat were able to rally once again and tie it at 83-all.

But Sitra finally were able to separate themselves from their opponents with one of two free-throws by Mohamed Abdulla and a pair from Abdulameer that pegged the final score. Nuwaidrat had their chances to tie or take the lead over the game's closing moments, but they could not convert their field goal attempts.

Ali Eid was Sitra's leading scorer in the win with 28 points

while also taking down nine rebounds. Abdulameer added 16 while Abdulla and Ayman Kowayed each contributed 11.

For Nuwaidrat, Hassan Abbas had 26 while Abbas Jameel came off the bench to score 20 in the losing effort.

Sitra held a slim 18-16 advantage at the end of the first period but gradually extended the gap over the rest of the game. They stayed in front 39-32 heading into the break, before powering ahead by double digits in the third period. That set the stage for Sitra's end-game woes before doing just enough in overtime to eke out the win.

Sitra now move on to the final four, where they await their opponents. They will be playing the winner of the other round-of-eight contest

between Al Hala and Muharraq. Meanwhile, two first-round fixtures are set to be played tonight to determine two other teams that will be competing in the round of eight. Defending league champions Manama will be playing Isa Town at 9pm, followed by Bahrain Club and Samaheej facing off at 10.30pm.

Elsewhere in the quarter-finals, three-time defending champions Al Ahli are set

for an exciting clash against Al Ettihad on Saturday, scheduled for a 9.30pm tip-off.

This year's competition is the seventh edition of the Khalifa bin Salman Cup, which is held in honour of the late His Royal Highness Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa. Ahli are looking to add to their triumphs in 2020, 2021 and 2022 with an historic "four-peat" this season.



Sitra's Mahdi Abdulameer goes for a lay-up against the tough defence of Nuwaidrat's Abbas Jameel during their game last night

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Bahrain Autocross holds third round of action tomorrow

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The third round of Bahrain Autocross will be held tomorrow at the Bahrain International Circuit (BIC) vehicle dynamics area.

A number of top racers participated in the first two rounds, offering the audience a very competitive performance.

The Bahrain Motor Federation's Autocross and Drift Committee has completed all preparations for the third round of the season, including the race track.

The committee invited racers wishing to participate to register for the round.

It urged all participants to comply with motor sports laws and regulations to ensure the safety of the race.

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