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Israel's 'horrifying' strike in Gaza leaves 100 dead

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An Israeli air strike on a single residential block killed nearly 100 people yesterday, Gaza's civil defence agency said, leaving rescuers scrambling for survivors as Israel pursued its offensives in Gaza and Lebanon.

Israel's key ally and backer the US called the strike - which killed a large number of children - "horrifying".

The bombing came with Israel facing an international backlash after its parliament voted overwhelmingly to ban UNRWA, the main United Nations aid agency working with Palestinians in Gaza and the occupied West Bank.

Palestinian rescuers and desperate family members gathered around the demolished five-storey block in Beit Lahia in northern Gaza.

A charred body with long hair hung from an upper-storey window and bodies in blankets were lined up in the street as stunned relatives sought to identify loved ones.

Focus on tourism, priority draft laws and development project



His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, chaired the 494th meeting of the Coordination Committee. The Committee was briefed on the progress of the Tourism Sector Strategy (2022-2026) and reviewed the latest updates on priority draft laws. Discussions also focused on the ongoing government services development project.

Raising the bar

MPs approve proposal requiring tighter rules for expats seeking public sector jobs

Travel agent held over deception and fraud claims

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A 31-year-old travel agency owner has been detained by the Northern Governorate Police Directorate over claims of trickery and fraud.

Officials said the man enticed customers with offers of overseas trips, pocketing their payments but failing to provide the promised holidays, according to the Ministry of Interior.

After a surge of complaints from frustrated clients, police began a probe, tracking down the suspect and obtaining a warrant for his arrest.

The suspect has been handed over to the Public Prosecution.



H.E. Ghanim Al Buainain

Mohammed Darwish
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MP Abdulla Al Rumaihi

tor roles by setting high qualification standards and tighter contract terms for expatriates.

Foreign hires will also be expected to share their expertise with Bahraini colleagues as part of a broader effort to expand job opportunities for nationals and prepare them for key positions within government.

Al Rumaihi, however, raised concerns about the plan, especially regarding its impact on expatriates' retirement options.

He said, "As the legislative body, we need to play our role in keeping watch and ensuring the government puts this law into action, so that Bahrainis can eventually take over roles



MP Jaleela Al Sayed

currently held by expats for a limited time."

Al Rumaihi highlighted the importance of practical skills, noting that some foreign professionals bring up to 20 years of experience, even without a master's degree.

Needs

He cautioned that rigid academic standards might overlook the unique needs of each department and the value of hands-on expertise.

The government echoed concerns that strict requirements could reduce hiring flexibility, potentially limiting the candidate pool for specialised roles.



MP Dr Mahdi Al Shuwaikh

A government memorandum suggested that making these standards part of law, rather than flexible guidelines, may hinder departments from adapting to market changes.

The Minister of Parliamentary Affairs, His Excellency Ghanim Al Buainain, reported that the number of foreign workers in the public sector has decreased by 17 per cent, with October figures showing 5,800 expatriates.

He noted that requiring a master's degree for all foreign hires could be impractical, as a bachelor's degree is generally the standard.

Al Buainain also highlighted that 28 roles, which do not re-



MP Hassan Ebrahim

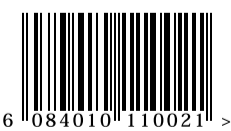
quire a master's, remain unfilled as no Bahrainis have applied.

MP Jaleela Al Sayed criticised the continued reliance on expatriates, arguing that current policies allow foreign workers to stay longer than necessary, often at the expense of Bahraini candidates.

MP Dr Mahdi Al Shuwaikh pointed out that "foreigners make up over 16 per cent of the government workforce", excluding entities outside the Civil Service Bureau.

MP Hassan Ebrahim advocated for firmer restrictions on foreign hires, saying this would "ensure citizens have fair access to work and a dignified life."

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Diplomatic glamour

Her Excellency Ambassador Esin Cakil leads grand celebration of Turkiye's 101st Republic Day

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The 101st anniversary of the Proclamation of the Republic of Turkiye was celebrated last night at the Diplomat Radisson Blu Hotel in a grand event graced by the Ambassador of the Republic of Turkiye to the Kingdom of Bahrain, Her Excellency Esin Cakil.

The evening marked a significant moment as it was the Ambassador's final event before concluding her diplomatic mission in the Kingdom.

The Undersecretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for Political Affairs, Dr. Shaikh Abdullah bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, and H.E. Lieutenant General Dr. Shaikh Mohammed bin Abdullah Al Khalifa, Chairman of the Supreme Council of Health, who represented the Bahraini government at the event.

The celebration began with an opening address by Ambassador Cakil, where she underscored the importance of an immediate ceasefire in Gaza, a reminder of Turkiye's continued call for peace in the region.



H.E. Dr. Shaikh Abdullah bin Ahmed with Ambassador Cakil



H.E. Dr. Shaikha Rana bint Isa bin Duaij Al Khalifa, Director General of the Institute of Public Administration and member of the Supreme Council for Women, with the Turkish Ambassador

The Ambassador's remarks resonated with the ongoing challenges in the Middle East, emphasising the need for hu-



H.E. Dr. Shaikh Abdullah bin Ahmed Al Khalifa and H.E. Lieutenant General Dr. Shaikh Mohammed bin Abdullah Al Khalifa with H.E. Turkiye Ambassador Esin Cakil and other government officials. (Pictures by Ashen Tharaka)



Cake-cutting ceremony

manitarian efforts.

The event culminated in a traditional cake-cutting ceremony, where all the dignitaries,

including Bahraini officials and members of the diplomatic community, participated. The ceremony symbolised the

strong ties between Turkiye and Bahrain, with attendees lauding Ambassador Cakil's contributions during her tenure in the Kingdom.

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Lyra Restaurant

A new Greek culinary experience elevates Bahrain's gastronomy scene

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Bahrain's vibrant culinary scene has just welcomed an exciting new addition: Lyra Restaurant, which officially opened its doors on October 19th, 2024.

Nestled along the serene Marassi Beach at Vida Beach Resort, Lyra introduces a fresh, sophisticated, and authentic taste of Greek-Mediterranean cuisine to the heart of Bahrain, blending the allure of the Mediterranean with the warmth of Greek hospitality.

Named after the ancient lyre, a symbol of wisdom and harmony in Greece, Lyra draws inspiration from its blend of music and poetry, which embodies balance and artistry.

This powerful harmony is reflected in the restaurant's approach, where culinary craftsmanship harmonizes with a vibrant yet relaxed ambiance, offering an experience that is both refined and authentic.

A proud member of the renowned Amriya Group — known for its iconic home-grown dining concepts such as Masso, The Orangery, Circa, Secret Garden, and Palm Yard Hotel — Lyra reflects the Group's commitment to delivering exceptional culinary experiences, driven by passion and meticulous attention to detail.

Inspired by a two-year exploration/journey of Greece, Lyra's concept captures the essence of Greece's rich culinary heritage, reimagined for the modern palate.



Lyra Restaurant offers authentic Greek-Mediterranean dining experience

Each dish, crafted by renowned Greek Chef Ilias Tasioulas, transports guests to the sun-soaked landscapes of the Aegean, offering a truly unique and immersive dining experience.

A Journey of Flavors and Experiences

More than just a restaurant, Lyra is a journey. Showcasing the freshest Mediterranean seafood and locally sourced ingredients from Greece's abundant lands, Lyra masterfully blends traditional recipes with

contemporary finesse.

Each dish is a tribute to the rich tapestry of Mediterranean flavors, thoughtfully crafted to elevate the dining experience.

The ambiance, as inviting as the cuisine, is meticulously designed to evoke the refined elegance of the Mediterranean coastline, creating a seamless blend of sophistication and warmth.

"We are excited to introduce Lyra to Bahrain," shared Mr. Khalid Al Rumaihi, Chairman and CEO of Amriya Group.



Push for 35-year housing loan repayments

● A positive step amid rising cost of living in Bahrain

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Homeowners may get a 10-year breather under a Parliament-backed call to extend housing loan repayments to 35 years – an overdue lifeline for low-income families grappling with rising living costs.

The proposal, which received Parliament's approval yesterday, includes the 'Mazaya' scheme, extending repayment options for beneficiaries.

MPS argued that the rising cost of living is particularly harsh for low-income citizens, who struggle under the weight of monthly instalments taken directly from their earnings.

With instalments set to rise every two years, many beneficiaries could find it increasingly difficult to keep up with payments.

Amendment

The proposal, introduced by MPs Bader Al Tamimi, Ahmed Qaratah, Mohammed Al Balushi, Waleed Al Doseri, and Jaleela Al Sayed, seeks to amend Decision No. 909 of 2015.

The suggested changes would introduce a flexible payment scheme tailored to each beneficiary's income and situation, allowing for repayment periods exceeding 25 years.

MPS believe this step would ease the strain on low-income citizens, enabling them to access housing services without the heavy financial burdens they currently endure."

Protecting digital privacy and safety

Parliament vote unanimously to impose tougher penalties for 'tech theft'

Mohammed Darwish
TDT | Manama

Parliament voted unanimously yesterday to impose tougher penalties for tech theft, introducing up to two years in prison or BD500 in fines for stealing phones and laptops.

According to the proposal, if a thief intends to sift through the data on these devices, they could face both prison time and a fine.

This new law, backed by the Foreign Affairs, Defence, and National Security Committee, imposes stronger penalties for theft aimed at accessing personal data, mandating a minimum of three months in jail for thefts involving digital devices.

The law updates parts of the 1976 Penal Code to protect modern gadgets, acknowledging the growing risks associated with the misuse of personal and financial information stored on them.

Serious threat

"Modern devices hold large amounts of personal information," said MP Abdullah Al Rumaihi, the committee's former head. "Misusing this data poses a serious threat to privacy and safety, necessitating a robust legal framework to tackle the severity of this crime."

Rashid Bu Najma, Undersecretary for Legislative Affairs at the Ministry of Interior, emphasised the importance of the new penalties, noting, "Phones today are much more than just



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“While device theft rates in Bahrain are lower than in some other countries, it remains crucial to enforce stricter regulations given the sensitive information often stored on these devices.”

- MP AHMED AL SALLOOM

gadgets; they're mobile databases for every citizen and resident."

He argued that the previous penalty of a BD60 fine was insufficient to deter such crimes.

Proactive approach

Bu Najma highlighted the government's proactive approach, stating, "We met with

the committee four times to discuss all details, and these verbal assurances are just as valid as written documentation," assuring that all inquiries were addressed.

Parliament first reviewed the draft of this legislation in February and returned it to the committee in April for further consideration.

The proposal stresses the necessity of keeping laws in step with today's digital dangers.

The law stipulates at least three months' imprisonment for stealing phones, laptops, or tablets, escalating to a minimum of one year if the intent was to access personal data.

Sensitive information

MP Ahmed Al Salloom pointed out that while device theft rates in Bahrain are lower than in some other countries, it remains crucial to enforce stricter regulations given the sensitive information often stored on these devices.

Notably, similar laws were enacted across Europe to address these challenges.

The General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), introduced in 2018, sets stringent standards for data protection and privacy, giving individuals greater control over their personal information.

Laws

As Parliament introduces tougher penalties for tech theft, it is crucial that our laws keep pace with technological advancements.

With digital devices commonplace in daily life, effective protections against tech theft are essential for safeguarding personal and financial information.

By implementing these updated penalties, Parliament aims to deter crime and improve public confidence in the legal system's ability to address the challenges of the digital age.

Stricter rules eyed for mobile phone line sales

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Proposed stricter regulations on mobile phone line sales aim to enhance public safety in Bahrain by mandating identification checks for residents and visitors.

The initiative, brought forth by Basima Mubarak and co-signed by MPs Mohammed Salman Al Ahmed, And Hanan Al Fardan seeks to tackle the alarming misuse of unidentified SIM cards, often exploited for criminal activities.

This proposal was submitted yesterday to the Council of Representatives and addresses the pressing issue of mobile lines being sold without adequate identification checks.

The proposers emphasise that security and safety are fundamental rights enshrined in the Constitution, highlighting the alarming number of unidentified mobile lines being used to conceal identities and evade law enforcement.

The initiative aims to curtail the sale of these unidentified SIM cards, which have reportedly found their way into the hands of individuals with questionable motives. By ensuring that mobile phone lines are sold only to identifiable individuals, the proposers contend that public safety in Bahrain will be significantly enhanced.

While acknowledging the essential role of mobile phone services in daily life – almost every household and vehicle relies on them – Mubarak raised concerns about the misuse of these services for personal gain, extortion, and other unlawful activities.

Fund to fix unsafe homes for low-income families

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Run-down homes for low-income families could soon get the repairs they badly need as MPs, led by Hassan Ebrahim, push for a new fund with backing from both the government and banks.

The plan aims to tackle long-ignored problems that have left some families living in unsafe conditions.

Ebrahim and MP Khalid Buanaq are leading this effort, pulling together resources to cover the cost of repairs for those who can't afford them.

The proposal was put forward at the Council of Representatives yesterday but was delayed due to a packed schedule.

Fair hearing

Supporters hope it will get a fair hearing soon.

"This isn't just about fixing houses," said Ebrahim. "It's about giving families a sense of safety and peace that they've been missing for too long."

The fund would focus on finishing off old repair jobs left undone and setting up new checks to spot homes in urgent need of work.



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- MP HASSAN EBRAHIM

The Ministry of Municipalities and Agriculture will work closely with local councils to find homes at risk, while banks joining in will chip in each year as part of their duty to the community.

Constitution

The proposal is rooted in Bahrain's Constitution, which says, "The State shall work to provide housing for citizens with limited income."

It also points out that family is the backbone of society, pressing the country to look after and support families.

This plan builds on that duty, making clear that the state has a duty to stand by these values for its people.

Outburst on the floor

Members of Parliament take 45-minute prayer break to ease tensions amid social media posts controversy

● Beach behaviour row

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The Council of Representatives stopped for a 45-minute prayer break after MP Hamad Al Doy's outburst over complaints linked to his social media posts about beach behaviour on Amwaj Island.

The Amwaj Islands Central Owners Association had formally objected to his posts, which accused people on the island's beaches of inappropriate conduct.

Al Doy's confrontation with other MPs escalated when he accused MPs Ahmed Al Salloom and Khalid Buanaq of filing a case against him.

Given permission to speak by Speaker Ahmed bin Salman Al Musallam, he declared, "This is a matter of honour to me, and you refuse to hear the truth; set the record straight."



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“This is a matter of honour to me, and you refuse to hear the truth; set the record straight ... I won't sit; I will speak and finish.”

- MP HAMAD AL DOY

Tensions

As tensions rose, the Council Chairman urged Al Doy to "sit down".

Al Doy refused, stating, "I won't sit; I will speak and finish," which further stirred the chamber.

Newly elected MP Abdulwahid Qaratah then called for a pause and, along with other MPs, led Al Doy out to ease the situation.

Outside, the Chairman announced the prayer break.

Duty

Before leaving, Al Doy vowed to return and resolve the issue, saying he had a duty to the public and his conscience.

Earlier, it was revealed that a request had been made on Monday to lift Al Doy's parliamentary immunity due to the association's complaint.

They later issued a statement, saying their legal advisor would pursue a defamation suit.

Al Doy responded by accusing the association of hiding the truth and twisting his words.



Focus on government restructuring proposal



His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, chaired the 28th meeting of the Civil Service Council. During the meeting, the Council reviewed a comprehensive report on human resources within the government sector and discussed a proposal to restructure several government agencies. The restructuring aims to enhance performance and boost operational efficiency across the public sector.



Skills for success

HRH Prince Salman: Upskilling workforce aligns with Bahrain's development goals



HRH Prince Salman with members of the PM Fellowship Program 10th intake
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It is important to upskill the national workforce and create opportunities to enhance their capabilities, aligning with the goals of the Kingdom's comprehensive development, led by His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa. This was emphasised by His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, as he met yesterday with the 10th intake of the Prime Minister's Fellowship Program at Gudaibiya Palace. HRH Prince Salman affirmed that the national workforce's dedication and passion for achievement drive government

progress through the implementation of various development initiatives, plans, and programmes. He congratulated the Fellows on their selection and wished them success, encouraging them to make the most of the practical and technical trainings offered by the Program. **Trainings** His Royal Highness emphasised that these trainings will enrich and refine their abilities, enhancing their contributions to government workstreams. HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister affirmed that investing in workforce development and enhancing their capabilities is a priority, as it plays a crucial role in improving

“Investing in workforce development and enhancing their capabilities is a priority, as it plays a crucial role in improving performance across all sectors.”
- HRH PRINCE SALMAN BIN HAMAD AL KHALIFA, THE CROWN PRINCE AND PRIME MINISTER

performance across all sectors. He expressed his gratitude to those leading the Prime Minister's Fellowship Program for

their tireless efforts and commitment to ensuring its success and achieving its goals of developing the national workforce. **Gratitude** The members of the 10th intake expressed their gratitude and appreciation for HRH Prince Salman's commitment to creating quality opportunities for the national workforce and empowering employees to achieve their aspirations. The Fellows affirmed their commitment to fully utilise the diverse skills and experiences offered by the Prime Minister's Fellowship Program. The Minister of Cabinet Affairs, His Excellency Hamad bin Faisal Al Malki, also attended the meeting.

Young man jailed for cryptocurrency investment fraud

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A young man has been sentenced to three years in prison and ordered to repay BD65,000 after defrauding several individuals through fraudulent cryptocurrency investments. The man, who operated without the necessary licenses, solicited investments promising returns on digital currency trading platforms. According to lawyer Mariam Al Khaja, her client and others filed a lawsuit against the defendant after he failed to return their investments and subsequently avoided contact. **Trading** The defendant, operating in 2023 and 2024, collected a total of BD65,000 from multiple investors under the pretense of investing in cryptocurrency trading. He lacked the necessary licenses from the Central Bank of Bahrain or other relevant authorities to conduct such

activities. During the investigation, the defendant admitted to receiving the funds with the intention of investing them in cryptocurrency trading, acknowledging his lack of the required license. **Repayment** He claimed that he lost all the invested funds due to trading losses, making repayment impossible. The court heard arguments from the defense, who claimed the elements of the crime were not present, citing the defendant's ignorance of the Central Bank of Bahrain's regulations and the implausibility of the events. However, the court found the defendant guilty based on the thorough investigation, the testimonies of the victims, the statements of the investigating officer from the Ministry of Interior, and the defendant's confession to the Public Prosecution. These were deemed sufficient evidence to support the conviction.



Royal boost for sports



His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, met yesterday with the Minister of Education, Chairman of the Supreme Organising Committee for the International School Games (ISF) Gymnasiade Bahrain 2024, His Excellency Dr. Mohammed bin Mubarak Juma, and the members of the Executive Organising Committee for the ISF Gymnasiade Bahrain 2024, at Gudaibiya Palace. The International School Games (ISF) Gymnasiade Bahrain 2024 is being hosted by the Kingdom of Bahrain under the patronage of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa. HRH Prince Salman noted that the Kingdom continues to adopt initiatives that strengthen its capabilities to host international competitions, in line with the far-reaching vision of HM the King.

Friendly football match turns into violent 'foot-brawl'

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A friendly football match at a private pitch turned violent, resulting in a broken tooth and a 0.5% permanent disability for one of the goalkeepers involved. The incident, which began as a verbal altercation between two goalkeepers, escalated into

The incident began with a verbal argument between the victim and the third defendant. Both were goalkeepers during the friendly game.

a brawl involving several individuals. Three defendants appeared before the High Criminal Court, denying the charges against them. The court adjourned the case until November 3rd for further

investigation and responses. The charges allege that the first defendant assaulted the victim, causing a 0.5% permanent disability without intent to do so. The second and third defendants are accused of assault resulting in injuries that did not cause illness or incapacity for more than 20 days.

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BisB organises Pink October campaign



Bahrain Islamic Bank (BisB), a leading provider of innovative Islamic financial solutions in the Kingdom of Bahrain, has organized a series of impactful initiatives throughout the month to raise awareness about breast cancer. The Bank partnered with key stakeholders and rolled out various activities to engage employees and the wider public on this important cause. In partnership with the American Mission Hospital, the Bank introduced special screening and consultation packages for its female customers, available throughout October. Additionally, BisB provides its female employees with free annual medical examinations to help prevent this disease, underscoring its commitment to facilitating high-quality and accessible healthcare.

BBK becomes Official Banking partner of Cityscape Bahrain 2024



Yaser Alsharifi, Group Chief Executive of BBK



Alexander Heuff, Exhibition Director of Cityscape Bahrain

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Bank of Bahrain and Kuwait (BBK), the leading retail and commercial bank in Bahrain, becomes the official banking partner for Cityscape Bahrain, the region's leading real estate event, set to take place from 26 to 30 November at Exhibition World Bahrain.

Throughout the event, BBK will present exclusive mortgage offers and showcase its flexible financing solutions, tailored for both citizens and residents aspiring to own their ideal homes. Visitors can also explore BBK's diverse range of financing options, available in collaboration with leading real estate developers.

"BBK is proud to be the official and exclusive banking partner of the prominent "Cityscape Bahrain" exhibi-

tion. We are delighted to leverage this platform to present our extensive range of financing solutions, empowering our valued customers to acquire their dream homes," commented Yaser Alsharifi, Group Chief Executive of BBK.

Alsharifi affirmed BBK's eagerness to participate in this significant event, aiming to engage with leading real estate developers and investors at "Cityscape Bahrain" and establish strategic partnerships to broaden the Bank's real estate services and facilities.

Alexander Heuff, Exhibition Director of Cityscape Bahrain, stated, "We are delighted to have BBK as part of Cityscape Bahrain 2024 as the "Official Banking Partner" of the exhibition. We share the same values, objectives, and aspirations for the future of the real estate sector and Bahrain's economy."

Zain Bahrain hosts bake sale to support breast cancer awareness



Zain Bahrain organized a charity bake sale for its employees as part of its holistic wellbeing program BE WELL. The initiative aimed to raise funds and awareness for breast cancer. In just three hours, Zain Bahrain employees raised a total of BDI390, which will be donated to a local breast cancer organization. Zain Bahrain also hosted a breast cancer awareness session for its female employees with Dr. Amal Al Rayes, a consultant general surgical oncologist & breast cancer surgeon

India Festival kicks off at Al Jazira Zinj Supermarket

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The vibrant India Festival 2024 has officially commenced with a grand inauguration ceremony held earlier today at the Al Jazira Zinj Supermarket. The festival, which celebrates the rich culture and traditions of India, will run from October 29th to November 10th, 2024.

The festival was inaugurated by the Chief Guest Vinod K. Jacob (Ambassador of India to the Kingdom of Bahrain) alongside distinguished guests including Abdul Rahman Juma (Chairman, Bahrain India Society), Prof. Dr. Nandita Sengupta (Head of IT Dept, University College of Bahrain), V K Thomas (Chairman, ICRF Bahrain), Abdul Hussein Khalil Dawani (Chairman - Al Jazira Group),



Inauguration of India Festival at Al Jazira Zinj Supermarket

Ujjal Kumar Mukherjee (CEO - Al Jazira Group).

Visitors can indulge in a variety of delicious Indian cuisine, featuring from savoury street food to delectable sweets from Madura. Many other tradition-

al Indian food products have been specifically imported for the event to showcase India's vibrant food culture.

The India Festival 2024 aims to bring the community together to celebrate and experience

the diverse and vibrant culture of India. The festival is filled with exciting activities and delicious food, promising a memorable experience for all ages.

The Offers are available at all Al Jazira supermarkets.

GOPIO Bahrain hosts breast cancer awareness event

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In recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness, GOPIO Bahrain, in partnership with American Mission Hospital organised awareness and educational session for ladies and young girls on the critical link between cancer and mental health on 26th October 2024.

"Highlighting the importance of cancer awareness, early detection, and screening is essential," states Dr. Bhanu Vasudevan, Obstetrician & Gynecologist at AMH Manama.

"It's vital that we promote open discussions about these issues and encourage individuals to seek support," emphasized Asma Mohammed.

After the sessions, all ladies got free examination and check-up were done. All attendees were given giveaways from our sponsors VMB Bros and Al Aujan Group.

"AskGopio" was introduced to the participants. Helping to



unlock the future by integrating wellness, nutrition, and AI for Breast Cancer Awareness and Mental Health Support.(AskGopio - <https://askgopio.com> is an intelligent and free AI search engine designed by GOPIO Bahrain.

Present were AMH officials and GOPIO committee member including its President Tina Mathew, Vice President Samuel Paul, GS Roshan George, Asst.



GS Sunitha Vivek, PR Secretary Aameena Rahman, Admin Secretary Manisha and other officials from AMH.

Oasis Mall Juffair celebrates Pink Saturday



Oasis Mall Juffair hosted a special event, "Pink Saturday", dedicated to raising awareness about breast cancer. The event, held in alignment with the global focus on breast cancer awareness, welcomed all attendees with a pink rose and provided FREE medical checkups conducted by expert consultants from KIMS Medical Centre. The event featured a variety of engaging activities, including a customized pink scented candle-making workshop where participants could create personalized candles promoting relaxation and mindfulness, and a handmade ceramic ribbon painting workshop

MENA Angel Investment Summit opens registration

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Bahrain's first Business Angel Investing Company "Tenmou", has announced the opening of registration for participants wishing to attend the MENA Angel Investment Summit 2024.

This event is held in collaboration with the Labour Fund "Tamkeen," aimed at foster-

ing the growth of the entrepreneurial ecosystem and supporting start-ups across the region.

The MENA Angel Investment Summit 2024 is anticipated to gather approximately 300 attendees, including investors, startups, venture capital firms, family business owners, entrepreneurs, and industry specialists from Bahrain and

beyond. Maha Mufeez, Chief Executive of the Labour Fund Tamkeen, emphasized the significance of investing in enterprises of all sizes, particularly start-ups.

Suhail Algozaibi, Chairman of Tenmou, said, "The ongoing support from Tamkeen is vital to the summit's success in realizing its strategic objectives."

celebs



Gwyneth Paltrow's life feels 'very different' since her children left home

Bang Showbiz | Los Angeles

Gwyneth Paltrow has experienced "waves of grief and sadness" since her children left home. The 52-year-old actress has daughter Apple, 20, and son Moses, 18, with her ex-husband Chris Martin, and Gwyneth has revealed that she's struggled to adjust to her children

Gwyneth Paltrow

leaving home to attend college. During a Q and A with her fans on Instagram, Gwyneth was asked: "How's life as a free bird?" In response, the Oscar-winning star replied: "Thank you for asking. It's very different. I have waves of grief and sadness." On the other hand, Gwyneth acknowledged that there are some positives to her kids leaving home. The Hollywood star said: "I am kind of getting back in touch with this part of myself that I haven't felt like since I was in my 20s before I had kids. Like, a little more space and imagination, maybe. A little

more inner space for what I might want to do that day, stuff like that. "So, it's evolving. It's interesting." Earlier this year, Gwyneth admitted that she felt anxious about her kids going to college. She said at the Goop Health Summit: "It's kind of giving me a nervous breakdown. "If I'm honest, I started being like, 'Oh, my God, and I need to quit my job and I need to sell my house and I need to move.' It's sort of putting things into turmoil." Gwyneth has enjoyed significant success with her Goop brand in recent years - but the actress always

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made her kids her number one priority. Gwyneth shared: "My identity has been being a mother. "Apple's going to be 20 in May. So I've oriented my whole life around them and their schedules and when school starts. "You start to let go in increments when they're driving themselves around or doing certain things. It is a slower process. "I feel really lucky because I have a close group of mom friends, and we all raised our kids alongside one another. So we're kind of in it together."

Billie Eilish fears she's been 'stunted' by fame

Bang Showbiz | Los Angeles

Billie Eilish fears she's been "stunted" by finding fame as a teenager. The 22-year-old pop star admits she's having a "hard, weird time" now she's in her 20s and puts it down to being thrust into the spotlight when she scored her first hit single at the age of 14 - and Billie worries she's been "frozen in time". She told the Los Angeles Times newspaper: "I'm finding I'm having kind of a hard, weird time being in my 20s. I just didn't ever think about

how I wouldn't be the youngest person in the room forever. "At the same time, fame really stunts you. So I find myself acting like a kid sometimes because I'm like, 'Yeah, I got frozen in time.' When I see other pop stars, I see that they're still 16 a little bit. It's kind of depressing." She added: "I'm a different person - I just didn't really grow. I didn't really become an adult." In the interview, the singer discussed her difficult relationship with life in the public eye, admitting she worries be-

ing famous ruined her life. She said: "I thought, this is just how my life is gonna be. I'll never get to go outside again, and I'll never feel like a person ever again. "Every room is gonna be, 'It's Billie Eilish!' and that's gonna make me eventually kill myself." It comes after Billie admitted she felt incredibly isolated after becoming famous because she was deserted by all of her friends. Speaking on the BBC pod-

Billie Eilish



George and Amal Clooney refuse to explain the idea of fame to their kids



George and Amal Clooney

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George Clooney doesn't want his kids to know about fame. The 63-year-old actor - who has twins Ella and Alexander, seven, with his wife Amal Clooney - explained that while the little ones are aware of what their mother's profession is, they are yet to see any films from his film career and he refused to explain to them anything about his Hollywood stardom when they asked. He told E! News: "They know what a lawyer is. I don't want them to [see my work] for the most part. But they did say to me one day when they came home from school, 'What's famous?' Which we didn't want to explain."

Amal - who tied the knot with the former 'ER' star in 2014 but has been a human rights lawyer for more than 20 years - clarified that the children seem aware that their father is an actor, and

then seem to be "intrigued" by the concept of such a career. She said: "They know you're an actor. I think. They find it intriguing." George also revealed that his son had grasped the idea of putting on a costume to play a character a little while ago as he decided to play Batman for the day. He said: "My son dressed up as Batman not long ago. And he said, 'I'm Batman.' I told him I was Batman. He goes, 'Not really.'" "And I was like, 'You have no idea how accurate you are.'" The 'Wolfs' actor also noted that he and his wife are both "lucky" in that they are able to work remotely as much as possible in order to retain as much of a family life as they can. He said: "We both work from home as much as possible and we try not to spend too much time apart when we're traveling, so we basically follow each other around the globe. We're lucky."



Scarlett Johansson reveals desperate method she turned to try to get rid of a pimple: 'Big regret'

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Scarlett Johansson once got a cortisone shot in the hopes of clearing her skin. The 39-year-old actress recalled a time when she so desperately wanted to get rid of a pimple on her face that she went against the advice of a makeup artist, who knew of an ill-fated Hollywood star who had

made things "much worse" by taking an injection of the steroid hormone. She told E! News: "Never get a cortisone shot to get rid of a pimple. I was warned by a make-up artist about this years ago. She told me about an actress who had a big scene coming up but had a pimple she needed to get rid of. So, she went to the dermatologist to get a cortisone shot to get rid of it and it left a huge crater, which looked much worse." The 'Black Widow' star admitted she was "stupid" in not listening to

the makeup artist, and urged others to "avoid" the unorthodox method of skincare. She said: "Stupidly, I didn't follow this advice and a year later got it done myself - and I can confirm it does leave a hole! So, avoid it if you can. I've managed to massage it away over time but it's probably one of my biggest beauty regrets." Scarlett instead advised others to "develop a routine" that is realistic and that they can stick by in order to take care of their skin.

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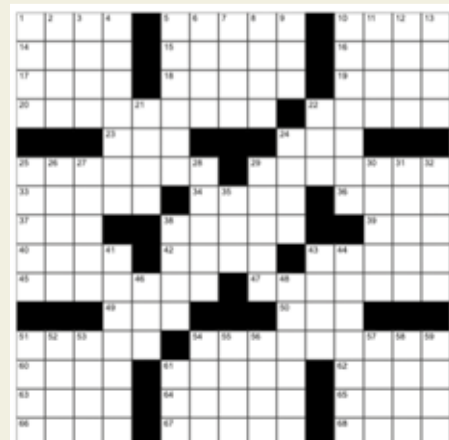
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REHC introduces night racing, expands endurance championship for 2024-2025 season

● **HH Shaikh Isa bin Salman chairs REHC High Committee meeting**

● **King's Cup elevated to Group 3 international status**

● **2024/2025 racing season to feature 30 races**

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His Highness Shaikh Isa bin Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Isa bin Salman Education Charitable Trust, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Labour Fund



Action from a race at REHC

(Tamkeen), and Chairman of the Rashid Equestrian and Horse Racing Club High Committee (REHC), chaired a REHC High Committee Meeting yesterday at Riffa Palace.

HH Shaikh Isa bin Salman emphasised that advancing the Kingdom's horseracing and

Prime Minister.

During the meeting, the REHC High Committee welcomed the introduction of night races in the upcoming seasons for the first time in the Kingdom following the completion of the Night Lighting project.

The Committee emphasised that the night races would help attract more international participants, building on the successes of previous international horseracing competitions held in the Kingdom. These races saw the active involvement of international owners and trainers.

The REHC High Committee reviewed the Asian Pattern Committee's report, which elevated the King's Cup to Group 3 Level. Additionally, the HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa Cup and the HH Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa Cup have been granted Listed

The introduction of night racing is a significant development for Bahrain's horse racing scene, aiming to attract a wider audience and enhance the overall experience

status internationally.

The REHC High Committee commended the new status promotion, recognising it as an international achievement that reflects the Kingdom's prominent position in the global equestrian sector.

The Committee reviewed the 2024/2025 racing season calendar and approved several development initiatives aimed at enhancing the REHC's status as a premier international destination for horseracing.

Bahraini Stars Rise at ISF Gymnasiade 2024: A Historic Medal Haul for the Kingdom

Hussain Almaskati
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Bahrain's youth have continued to dominate at the 2024 International School Sport Federation (ISF) Gymnasiade. The kingdom's medal tally has surged with a flurry of impressive performances across multiple disciplines.

Track and Field

Alaa Sami clinched silver in the boys' 200m sprint, proving Bahrain's growing strength in track events. Not to be outdone, Aisha Abdullah mirrored this success in the women's 200m, securing another silver for the host nation. The boys' 4x100m relay team added to the athletics haul with a silver medal, demonstrating Bahrain's depth in sprinting talent. In a heartening display of inclusivity and competitive spirit, Ahmed Nooh powered his way to a silver medal in the wheelchair racing 3000m event, highlighting Bahrain's commitment to para-sports.

The success extended beyond



the track, as Bahrain's handball team notched a convincing 28-19 victory over regional rivals Saudi Arabia. This win further cemented the kingdom's reputation as a sporting powerhouse in the making.

Taekwondo Achievements

The taekwondo arena has been a particular hotbed of Bahraini success. Haleema Al-Busaeedi's gold medal performance set the tone, with her teammate Thajba AlBusaeedi securing silver. Fadi AlThawadi

added to the tally with a silver medal, while Juan Karlos and Abdulrahman Al Qasimi both claimed bronze, showcasing the breadth of Bahrain's taekwondo talent.

A Statement of Intent

Perhaps most emblematic of the team's success was the women's 4x100m relay team, who electrified the home crowd with a golden performance that will be etched in the annals of Bahraini sporting history. Their win was also a statement of intent



from a nation rapidly ascending in the world of athletics.

Firas Al-Halwaji, a key figure in the organizing committee, praised the Bahraini youth for their exceptional hosting efforts and competitive spirit. "This Gymnasiade is not just about medals," Al-Halwaji stated. "It's a testament to our ability to nurture talent and stage world-class events. The success we're seeing is the fruition of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa's vision and the unwavering support of our leadership."

Looking Ahead

As the Gymnasiade enters its final stages, Bahrain stands tall, not just as hosts but as competitors making their mark on the global stage. The legacy of this event will likely be felt for years to come, inspiring a new generation of Bahraini athletes to dream big and reach for gold. As the sun sets on each day of competition, it rises on the promise of Bahrain's sporting future — a future that, if this Gymnasiade is any indication, is blindingly bright.

Rodri wins men's Ballon d'Or as Real Madrid boycott

AFP | Paris

Manchester City and Spain midfielder Rodri was awarded the men's Ballon d'Or on Monday after winning a fourth consecutive Premier League title and Euro 2024, but Real Madrid boycotted the ceremony.

The decision to award the prize for the world's best player to the midfielder came as a surprise, with Real Madrid's Liga and Champions League double winner Vinicius Junior widely seen as the favourite.

Hours before the ceremony

in Paris, the Spanish club announced its delegation would not attend the ceremony at Chatelet Theatre because of what it perceived as a snub of Vinicius.

Rodri, 28, played a key role as City held off Arsenal to win the Premier League title last season and was named player of the tournament at Euro 2024 as unfancied Spain emerged triumphant in Germany.

Rodri was diplomatic when addressing the question of Real's no-show in his post-award press conference.



Barcelona's Spanish midfielder Aitana Bonmati (L) and Manchester City's Spanish midfielder Rodri pose with their Ballon d'Or award

"They have their decision, they didn't want to be here for

their reasons," he said. "I just focus on my club and my teammates."

Despite the French organisers insisting that the identity of the winner was a closely-guarded secret this year, the news appeared to have leaked ahead of the festivities.

Barcelona and Spain star Aitana Bonmati earlier won her second successive women's Ballon d'Or, after leading her club to a historic continental quadruple of titles and claiming the Nations League with her country.

McLaren to accelerate next chapter of growth as Mumtalakat and CYVN explore partnership

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Bahrain Mumtalakat Holding Company (Mumtalakat), the sovereign wealth fund of the Kingdom of Bahrain, and CYVN Holdings, an investment vehicle based in Abu Dhabi which invests in smart and advanced mobility solutions, announced that they have entered into a non-binding agreement to explore a potential partnership to accelerate the next chapter of McLaren's growth.



The potential partnership would see CYVN Holdings acquire full ownership of McLaren's automotive business in addition to a non-controlling stake in

McLaren Group.

This transformative investment by CYVN Holdings would bring access to additional capital, advanced engineering expertise and pioneering technology, particularly in the field of electric vehicles. CYVN Holdings' cross-industry experience, highly specialized team and existing strategic investments in NIO Inc., Forseven and Gordon Murray Technologies also bring potential synergies to complement and enhance McLaren's

product strategy.

This partnership would look to build on McLaren's highly successful track record in elite motorsport and grow one of the world's most prestigious range of high-performance vehicles, with an expanding network of over 110 retailers in 30 global regions.

The deal would also align with Mumtalakat's strategy to optimise, enhance and grow its portfolio, to deliver sustainable long-term financial returns.



His Royal Highness the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa meets with the Chairman and members of the Supreme Organising Committee, and members of the Executive Organising Committee for the International School Games (ISF) Gymnasiade Bahrain 2024, and commends the event's outstanding organisational efforts

Top drivers gear up for WEC finale

Stacked 36-car grid of Hypercars and LMGT3 contenders to bring the heat at WEC season-finale this weekend at BIC

● High-profile drivers like Jenson Button, Valentino Rossi, and Robert Kubica to compete

● LMGT3 class makes its debut at Bahrain International Circuit

● The 8 Hours of Bahrain will crown the 2024 WEC champions

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A packed 36-car grid featuring some of the world's best racing drivers and their teams will be putting on a show at the highly anticipated 2024 WEC 8 Hours of Bahrain, powered by Bapco Energies, taking place this weekend at Bahrain International Circuit (BIC) in Sakhir.

The star-studded field – split evenly between the FIA World Endurance Championship's (WEC) top-tier Hypercar class and lower-rung LMGT3 category – is set to bring the Spirit of Le Mans to life on Friday and Saturday at 'The Home of Motorsport in the Middle East'.

Headlining the cast of WEC, Formula 1, and other FIA series World Champions are former F1 World Champion Jenson Button, MotoGP legend Valentino Rossi, grand prix-winner Robert Kubica, and other popular drivers including Mick Schumacher, Sebastian Buemi, Kamui Kobayashi, Antonio Giovinazzi, Daniil Kvyat, Mike Conway, and Paul Di



Cars are seen at the pit lane at BIC

Resta, to name only a few.

All fans attending the WEC 8 Hours of Bahrain, powered by Bapco Energies will get to enjoy a unique, day-to-night racing experience with ultra-quick, technologically superior motorsport machines lighting up BIC's 5.412-kilometre track.

The weekend marks the WEC's 2024 finale, with plenty still to fight for amongst the series' crews in Saturday's endurance racing spectacle, which is scheduled to get underway at 2pm, with the chequered flag coming down at 10pm.

The 18-contender Hypercar field will be spearheaded by defending FIA Hypercar World Endurance Drivers Champions Buemi, Brendon Hartley, and Ryo Hidakawa in the #8 Toyota GTO10-Hybrid of Toyota Gazoo Racing.

They were also last season's winners in Bahrain, and will once again be facing some stiff competition from the rest of the pack, led by the Porsche Penske Motorsport #6 team of Andre Lotterer, Kevin Estre, and Laurens Vanthoor.

Sharing the duties in their Porsche 963 Hypercar, they triumphed in the WEC season's penultimate round in Fuji, Japan in September, and in doing so took a significant step closer towards stealing away title glory from the holders.

Others looking to make their presence felt amongst the Hypercars are the #50 Ferrari AF Corse trio of Antonio Fuoco, Miguel Molina, and Nicklas Nielsen, who are currently second in the Hypercar drivers' championship fight, along with the other crews of Toyota Gazoo

Racing, Porsche Penske Motorsport, Ferrari AF Corse.

Completing the Hypercar entries are Cadillac Racing, Hertz Team JOTA, BMW M Team WRT, Alpine Endurance Team, Lamborghini Iron Lynx, AF Corse, Peugeot TotalEnergies, and Proton Competition.

Porsche leads the FIA Hypercar World Endurance Manufacturers' Championship while Hertz Team JOTA have already clinched the FIA World Cup for Hypercar Teams trophy heading into the finale.

There have been six different winning Hypercars from the seven WEC rounds leading up to Bahrain – signifying the highly competitive nature of the category.

Meanwhile, the LMGT3 category will be making its debut runs at BIC. Having replaced the



Crew members work on the cars ahead of the race



This year's WEC 8 Hours of Bahrain marks the sixth time the event will run in its eight-hour format, with a record 36-car grid and a star-studded lineup of drivers competing for championship glory

LMP2 and LMGT3 classes from seasons past, this all-new GT class boasts some of motoring's most iconic brands, including Aston Martin, BMW, Corvette, Ferrari, Ford, Lexus, Lamborghini, McLaren and Porsche.

The teams in their 18 challenges that will be battling it out are Heart of Racing Team, Vista AF

Corse, United Autosports, Iron Lynx, Proton Competition, Akkodis ASP Team, TF Sport, Iron Dames, Manthey EMA, Manthey PureRxcing, D'Station Racing, and Team WRT, who will be featuring Rossi in one of their cars.

The FIA Endurance Trophy for LMGT3 Drivers and a similar trophy for LMGT3 teams will be awarded at the end of racing on Saturday.

This year's WEC 8 Hours of Bahrain, powered by Bapco Energies will be the 13th time the WEC will be putting on a show on the island. It will also be the sixth time the event is taking place in its current eight-hour format.

It is the only eight-hour challenge on the WEC calendar, and the series' newest champions will be officially crowned this weekend in Bahrain.

Fans wishing to attend this year's WEC 8 Hours of Bahrain, powered by Bapco Energies, can purchase their grandstand tickets for the weekend at BD5.5 for adults and BD2.75 for children for the two days.

Family entertainment galore to bring excitement off the track this WEC weekend at BIC

A wide array of fun, family-oriented attractions await fans this weekend in the 2024 WEC 8 Hours of Bahrain, powered by Bapco Energies, taking place at Bahrain International Circuit (BIC) in Sakhir.

The highly anticipated FIA World Endurance Championship (WEC) season-finale will be bringing the Spirit of Le Mans to 'The Home of Motorsport in the Middle East' this Friday and Saturday. And while the racing will be the main draw, the stellar entertainment programme offers plenty more to see and do all throughout the two-day

event.

They can be enjoyed from when BIC gates open to fans at 10.30am on both days until the night. Gates are scheduled to close at 6.30pm on Friday and at 10pm on Saturday.

Space Jam: A New Legacy Experience

Headlining the engaging offerings will be the 'Space Jam: A New Legacy Experience', which celebrates the Warner Bros Pictures film of the same name.

Fans will need to get ready for a whole new jam as they are



treated to a high-energy experience like no other, created in partnership with Warner Bros Discovery Global Experiences and Eventbox.

Kids' stage shows

Young children attending the WEC weekend with their families will have even more to keep

busy with in a series of delightful kids' stage shows.

These include the Dance Dollz sing-along show, the Pirate Adventure Show, the You Can't Stop the Beat party dance show, and the Messy Magic Adventure show.

Furthermore, youngsters will get to enjoy all kinds of exciting activities, such as LED bumper cars, miniature-train rides, a jumping castle, a balloon twister, a live graffiti wall, face painting, and much more.

Roaming acts

Fans will get to engage with

an army of the most talented and colourful performers from around the world who will be roaming around the BIC vending area and interacting with spectators.

Aside from these, all those attending will be able to step into the Giant Ferris Wheel – a favourite at BIC's major international events, feel the rush in life-like racing simulators, test their reflexes in a Batak reaction game used by professional drivers, and be amazed in a classic car show featuring some of the rarest and most vintage automobiles.