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UAE judicial bodies to crack down on money laundering
 AFP | Dubai

The UAE announced plans yesterday to establish judicial bodies to prosecute money laundering and financial crime following increased monitoring by a global watchdog dedicated to battling illicit cash flows.

The official WAM news agency reported that the UAE has approved a "proposal to establish federal prosecution entities specialised in economic crimes and money laundering".

It said the move "represents a first step towards investigating and cracking down on" shady financial transactions.

Sudan fighters evict residents
 AFP | Khartoum

Sudan's paramilitaries have ordered civilians to vacate homes in the capital's south, several residents said yesterday, as fighting between the forces of rival generals raged in the western Darfur region.

"Members of the Rapid Support Forces (RSF) told me I had 24 hours to leave the area," Khartoum resident Fawzy Radwan said.

He had been guarding his family's home since fighting began in the city more than three months ago between the RSF and the regular army.

Move to end Quran burning protests
 AFP | Copenhagen, Denmark

The Danish government said yesterday it would explore legal means of stopping protests involving the burning of the holy Quran, citing security concerns following backlash over such incidents.

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Overnight fighting

Six killed, seven hurt in clashes inside crowded Palestinian refugee camp in south Lebanon

AFP | Sidon, Lebanon

At least six people were killed and seven wounded yesterday in clashes in south Lebanon's restive Ain al-Helweh Palestinian refugee camp, said Palestinian president Mahmud Abbas's Fatah movement and a source at the camp.

The fighting between Fatah and Islamists in the camp, which erupted overnight, killed a Fatah military leader and four of his colleagues, the movement said.

A Palestinian source inside the camp, speaking on condition of anonymity, said an "Islamist from the al-Shabab al-Muslim group" was also killed and six others including the group's leader were wounded.

An AFP journalist said clashes at Ain al-Helweh, the largest of the 12 Palestinian refugee camps in Lebanon, were still ongoing yesterday afternoon.

Fatah in a statement confirmed the death of commander Ashraf al-Armouchi and four of his "comrades" during a "heinous operation".

The statement denounced an "abominable and cowardly crime" aimed at undermining



Smoke billows during clashes inside the Ain al-Helweh Palestinian refugee camp yesterday. (AFP)

the "security and stability" of the Palestinian camps in Lebanon.

A Lebanese soldier was also wounded, hit by shrapnel from "a mortar shell that fell in one of the military posts", the army said on Twitter, which is being rebranded as X.

His condition was reported as stable.

Lebanese Prime Minister Najib Mikati in a statement called the timing of the clashes "suspicious in the current regional and international context".

Mikati criticised "repeated attempts to use Lebanon" as a battleground for the settling of outside scores "at the expense of Lebanon and the Lebanese".

"We urge the Palestinian

leadership to cooperate with the army to control the security situation and deliver to the Lebanese authorities those who compromise it," his statement added.

A ceasefire was agreed from 6:00 pm (1500 GMT) during a meeting of Palestinian factions including Fatah, also attended by members of the Lebanese

Amal and Hezbollah movements, a joint statement afterwards said.

Fighting between rival groups is common in Ain al-Helweh, which is home to more than 54,000 registered Palestinian refugees who have been joined in recent years by thousands of Palestinians fleeing the conflict in Syria.



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Ultimatum

African leaders give Niger junta a week to cede power

AFP | Abuja, Nigeria

African leaders yesterday gave the junta in Niger one week to cede power or face the possible use of force, and slapped financial sanctions on

the putschists, after the latest coup in the jihadist-plagued Sahel region raised alarm on the continent and in the West.

In the third coup in as many years to fell a leader in the Sahel, Niger's elected president

and Western ally, Mohamed Bazoum, has been held by the military since Wednesday.

General Abdourahamane Tiani, the head of the powerful presidential guard, has declared himself leader.

Bazoum is one of a dwindling group of elected presidents and pro-Western leaders in the Sahel, where since 2020 a jihadist insurgency has triggered coups in Mali and Burkina Faso.

Former colonial ruler France

and the European Union have suspended security cooperation and financial aid to Niger following the coup, while the United States warned that its aid could also be at stake.



Dress up and cosplay!

People pose with a dressed cosplayer during the annual Animation-Comic-Game in Hong Kong yesterday. The event is a material-entertainment fair and book fair focusing on animations, manga, and games based in Hong Kong. It is held annually at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre exhibiting and selling comic books and comic-related, animation-related, and game-related products. The categories of products and services at the Animation-Comic-Game have steadily expanded over the years. (AFP)

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HM King makes new judicial appointments



HM the King
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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa issued a Royal Decree with judicial appointments.

According to the appointments published in the Official Gazette, Judge Atef Abdel Samie Ibrahim Mohamed is appointed as President of the Civil High Court of Appeal.

The royal order also decreed that Mr. Salman Abdullah Khamis Al Sulaiti be appointed as the Deputy Attorney General.

Houthis target government troops in Taiz

Al Mukalla

Yemen's military officials said yesterday that the Iran-backed Houthis had launched attacks on government troops outside the besieged city of Taiz and fired reconnaissance drones in the last 48 hours, the latest in a series of Houthi military efforts to make headway toward the city's downtown.

The Houthis had targeted Yemeni army positions on the city's eastern, northeastern, and western outskirts.

Tuareg flock to Algerian desert oasis for ancient festival

AFP | Djanet, Algeria

In a riot of colour, music and dance, thousands of Tuareg have flocked to the Sebeiba festival that marks the end of an ancient tribal feud and which once a year transforms an oasis town deep in the Algerian Sahara.

The Tuareg are a semi-nomadic people of Berber descent who practice Islam and whose traditional desert homeland stretches across parts of Algeria, Libya, Niger, Mali and Burkina Faso.

The annual Sebeiba festival, held in Djanet, 1,500 kilometres



Men and women perform a traditional dance during the Sebeiba Festival. (AFP)

(900 miles) southeast of Algiers, dates back over 3,000 years and is held to coincide with the Shi-

ite Muslim Ashura commem-



MP Al Salloum

Islamic rituals characterises the homogeneity, cultural and social identity of the Kingdom throughout history.

The lawmaker praised the

success of Ashura commemoration this year, and the high levels of discipline that preserved the essence of the commemoration, its symbolism, and its place in the hearts and consciences of the people.

MP Al Salloum stressed that the support of His Majesty the King had a great impact on preserving the memory of Ashura with its specificity and spiritual nature, and for it to clearly express one of the most important pillars of religious freedom and sectarian pluralism that Bahrain has enjoyed throughout the years.

Bahrain's success in fighting trafficking in persons praised

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Arab Parliament Speaker Adel Abdulrahman Al Asoomi has commended the efforts made by Bahrain in confronting trafficking in persons.

He thanked the sound vision of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa to consolidate human rights, protect fundamental freedoms, ensure equality before the law without distinction or discrimination, as well as provide means of redress and justice.

The Speaker emphasised HM the King's keenness to establish the rules of equality and promote human rights for the citizens and residents.

Al Asoomi made the statements the occasion of the World Day Against Trafficking in Persons, which is observed worldwide every July 30.

He said that Bahrain is a regional and international leader in combating trafficking in persons in all its forms, as it enjoys a unique and distinguished experience in this field.

This reflects the keenness of HM King Hamad to preserve human dignity and optimise Bahrain's achievements in this regard, citing the Kingdom's success in maintaining "Tier 1" status for the sixth consecutive year in the United States Department of State's 2023 Trafficking in Persons (TIP) Report,

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- ADEL ABDULRAHMAN AL ASOOMI, ARAB PARLIAMENT SPEAKER

which is the highest annual international classification in this field, in addition to the laws and agreements that the Kingdom has joined to protect human



rights and combat human trafficking, he added.

The Speaker expressed gratitude to the government, led by His Royal Highness Prince Sal-

man bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, for its unwavering efforts to institutionalise anti-human trafficking by putting in place a comprehensive development strategy based on respecting human rights, and promoting the culture of combating trafficking in persons within the work of all concerned government agencies.

Al Asoomi stressed the importance of the serious steps taken by Bahrain to hold those involved in crimes of trafficking in persons accountable and refer them to the judicial authority to achieve justice for the victims, as well as support them and help them overcome the psychological repercussions.

Pope urges Russia to resume Ukraine safe grain passage deal



Pope Francis waves from the window of the apostolic palace overlooking St. Peter's square during the weekly Angelus prayer yesterday in The Vatican. (AFP)

AFP | Vatican City

Pope Francis yesterday called on Russia to return to the agreement that had allowed the safe passage of Ukrainian grain through the Black Sea to world markets.

The Ukraine grain deal was agreed last year and allowed around 33 million tonnes of grain to leave Ukrainian ports, helping to stabilise global food prices and avert shortages.

"I am calling on my brothers, the authorities in the Russian Federation, to re-establish the Black Sea initiative so that the wheat could be safely transported", Francis said during his weekly Angelus prayer.

"We are constantly praying for martyred Ukraine, where the war is destroying

everything, including the wheat, which is a major offence to God because wheat is his gift to feed humanity and the cries of millions of our brothers and sisters suffering from hunger are lifting to the sky," he said.

Russia two weeks ago refused to extend a deal brokered by the United Nations and Turkey, under which Ukrainian grain exports passed through the Black Sea to reach global markets, including Africa, easing pressure on food prices.

Moscow withdrew from the agreement after protesting for months that the parts of the deal that allowed for the export of Russian fertiliser were not honoured.

Following Russia's pullout, wheat prices have risen.

Palestinian political rivals form 'reconciliation committee'

AFP | Cairo

Rival Palestinian political leaders meeting in Egypt decided yesterday to form a committee on intra-Palestinian reconciliation, a move that one analyst doubted would end their 17-year rift.

President Mahmud Abbas and Hamas leader Ismail Haniyeh met for rare face-to-face talks in the coastal city of El Alamein along with representatives of most Pal-

estinian political factions.

The latest attempt at reconciliation aims to bridge the gap between the parallel governments of Hamas in the blockaded Gaza Strip and of the Palestinian Authority - controlled by Abbas's secularist Fatah movement - which administers Palestinian-run areas of the occupied West Bank.

Abbas and Haniyeh were joined by the heads of other

factions, except for the powerful Islamic Jihad and two other minor groups.

Islamic Jihad had made the release of prisoners held by PA security forces a condition for sending representatives to El Alamein.

Haniyeh earlier yesterday called on Abbas to end "security collaboration" with Israel and "political arrests", according to participants at the meeting.

The Hamas leader also said "a new, inclusive parliament must be formed on the basis of free democratic elections".

Hamas, which won the Palestinians' last legislative polls held in 2006, has repeatedly called for general elections.

Abbas said yesterday "the coup d'etat and the division that befell us after... must end," referring to clashes between Hamas and Fatah that followed the 2006 vote.

"We must return to a single state, a single system, a single law and a single legitimate army," Abbas added.

National unity

To work towards this, the 87-year-old president announced "the formation of a committee to continue the dialogue... end divisions and achieve Palestinian national unity".

A later statement from Abbas said he "hopes for an upcoming meeting soon in Egypt to announce to our people the end" of the 17-year split "and the return to Palestinian national unity".

Palestinian political scientist Moukhaimeer Abu Saada told AFP that the formation of the committee was no cause for celebration.

"The best way to kill something is to form a committee for it," he said, speaking from Gaza.

Bahraini ordered to pay ex-wife BD11,000 in compensation



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A Bahraini man has been ordered by the Civil Court to pay his ex-wife BD11,000 in compensation for selling two cars that she had borrowed money to purchase.

The court also ordered the husband to pay BD500 to cover the legal fees.

According to the woman's lawyer, his client had loaned her husband BD11,000 several years ago to buy two cars. They had agreed that he could not sell the cars without her consent, but after several years of marital disputes, he sold the cars without her permission. This led to her filing a lawsuit against him.

The court heard testimony from witnesses who confirmed that the ex-wife had loaned the money to her husband to buy the cars, but he had registered them in his name and did not return the money he had borrowed. The court also noted that the ex-wife had provided evidence of the money transfer to her husband.

The court ruled in favour of the ex-wife, ordering the husband to repay her the loan amount of BD11,000, as well as pay legal fees of BD500.

'Create more green, open social places'

Citizens and residents make passionate call for more 'eco-friendly' public spaces and parks in Bahrain

Julia Cassano
TDT | Manama

Citizens and residents in Bahrain are calling for more public spaces where communities can enjoy a place where they can meet up and spend time outdoors with family and friends.

Bahrain contains various empty plots of land around residential areas, and instead of more apartment buildings or shopping malls being built, the public are calling for more green and open social places.

Public spaces are important in all communities. They help determine the relationship between people and their surroundings. And increasing the number of public spaces a community has, creates the potential of a sense of belonging, cultural vibrancy, and in turn promotes happiness and wellbeing.

"Why does each and every square inch of land available in Bahrain have to contain a shopping mall?" Alec, a Bahrain resident asked when speaking to The Daily Tribune.

"Why aren't there more parks or gardens where families, children, and communities can come together and relax after a long day?"

Another Bahrain resident



Developing idle public spaces into places for families and friends can promote a sense of community

Joanne, a mother of two, said that in the cooler months, more parks, or green spaces to walk around would be great for families with young children.

"I used to live in Saar, and there were some parks available that were great to keep the kids

entertained. But after moving closer to my husband's work in Juffair, public spaces for us to enjoy are very limited," the mother of two said.

However, residents shared that for people to properly use parks and public spaces, more trees must be planted for shade.

Joanne said: "Many people may not use the public spaces because there are not enough trees around to protect from the sunlight. I notice, people are more inclined to use public parks or areas when there are enough trees to create shaded areas for families to enjoy in the hotter months."

Ali, a Bahraini and avid reader, shared that a public library



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would be a great idea to create in Bahrain. "I usually purchase my books from Virgin in City Center, and the prices of books are very expensive."

Continuing he said that there are not many places to sit peacefully in Bahrain and read. "Creating a public library, firstly, creates a space for bookworms to pick up books as well as share a space with others who have the same interests," he said.

Young man on trial for assaulting elderly man in road quarrel

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The Lower Criminal Court is currently hearing a case involving a young man accused of assaulting an elderly man and causing him multiple injuries in a road quarrel.

Despite the victim's attempts to distance himself from the defendant by driving away, the latter insisted on overtaking the victim's car, eventually stopping and attacking him.

The Public Prosecution charged the defendant with assault causing bodily harm to another person, and he was remanded in custody. The court has adjourned the case until August 2, while the defendant remains in custody.

According to the victim's civil lawyer, his client was driving to Isa Town when the accused attempted to overtake him and forced him to move to the side of the road.

When the opportunity presented itself, the victim drove

in the slower lane, giving the accused the chance to pass, but he was surprised when the accused suddenly stopped his car in front of him, attempting to cause an accident.

The victim eventually moved to the first lane, but the accused continued to follow him, ultimately forcing him to stop and physically assaulting him, causing multiple injuries.

The incident was witnessed by a police officer who was returning home after work. When he saw the assault, he followed the accused until he stopped at a traffic light, then reported the incident to the authorities, leading to the defendant's arrest.

During the investigation, the accused admitted to the incident but claimed that the victim had provoked him. However, the Public Prosecution charged him with assault causing bodily harm and referred him to court while in detention.

Extra BD50 fees for documentation at Kingdom's embassies abroad

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Justice, Islamic Affairs and Endowments Minister Nawaf Al Maawda has issued a decision to add a BD50 fee for each documentation transaction in the Kingdom's embassies and consulates abroad, in addition to the fees currently imposed for each transaction.

The decision included the addition of Article No. (3) bis to Resolution No. (91) of 2017 regarding documentation fees, which stipulated that "an additional amount of fifty dinars is imposed in the event that any of the transactions referred to in this decision are conducted in the Kingdom of Bahrain's missions abroad."

The fees for documentation procedures are as follows:

1. Two hundred and fifty dinars, a fee for documenting contracts of joint-stock companies.

2. Thirty dinars as a fee for documenting contracts of non-joint stock companies.

3. Twenty dinars as a fee for authentication of official bonds included in the executive formula.

4. Twenty dinars as a fee for documenting contracts that create, transfer, change or remove any right in real estate.

5. Twenty-five dinars as a fee for documenting contracts for the sale of shops and ships.

6. Ten dinars as a fee for documenting agency contracts in management and management.

7. Six dinars for documenting documents other than those mentioned above.



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Al Maawda

8. Fifteen dinars in return for giving the executive formula on official papers.

9. Half of the prescribed fee for duplicate requests or replacement for lost documents shown above.

The second article of the decision states that "a fee of five dinars is imposed on authentication of signatures, proof of date, or certification of the signature of translators, and the fee is reduced to three dinars in requests for true copies and copies of the documents indicated in this article."

As for the third article of the decision, it stipulates that "an amount of twenty-five dinars is imposed in the event that the notary moves outside the documentation office to conduct any of the transactions referred to in this decision, and this fee does not apply to the work of the private notary."

Two Asians arrested for drugs possession

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The Anti-Narcotics Directorate of the General Directorate of Criminal In-

vestigation and Forensic Science has arrested an Asian man and woman for possessing narcotics in two separate cases.

An investigation into the two cases led to the man's arrest and confiscation of illicit drugs worth more than BD40,000. Meanwhile, the woman was

identified and arrested, and narcotics were seized from her. Legal proceedings were taken to refer the case to the Public Prosecution.

Be aware of 'scam' calls and messages

Experts warn public to exercise caution and not give out any personal information

● Online banking fraud cases in Bahrain are on the rise

● BenefitPay raises awareness to help people protect their bank accounts

Zahra Ayaz
TDT | Manama

The BenefitPay Company has issued a warning after observing an increase in the incidence of fake calls and SMS links asking a "OTP".

OTP or One-Time Password systems provide a mechanism for logging on to a network or service using a unique password that can only be used once.

The company has released an official statement on the subject and advises the public to confirm the veracity of sources before disseminating information or rumors.

According to sources, the BenefitPay app follows accredited technological procedures that do not allow the company's employee to contact customers asking for the PIN of their ATM cards or any OTP.

"Users of the BenefitPay app can find tips on Instagram @alibeshara and the Benefit Com-



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pany's account @benefit.bh".

The Daily Tribune office has, until now, received many calls from victims, who are at sea after losing bucks from their account.

In other cases hackers have also managed to steal from the accounts of many companies and organisations.

Many victims say banks and money wallet applications are not owing up the responsibility to safeguard their online accounts while attempting to engage in a blame game.

It was earlier reported by The Daily Tribune that the BenefitPay Company has been issuing frequent awareness campaigns on its own and in collaboration with the banking and financial sector, Bahrain TV, Radio Bah-

rain, as well as the General Directorate of Anti-Corruption, Economic and Electronic Security.

In the light of rising cases involving the hijacking of user's accounts after sending fraudulent links, the BenefitPay Company also participated in national awareness campaigns and collaborated with the Central Bank of Bahrain.

Last weekend, the Benefit Company denied what was circulated on social media regarding the penetration of the "Benefit B" application.

In the company's official Instagram account, it is stated that "Benefit Company would like to point out that what is being circulated on social media regarding the penetration of the



"The company would like to repeat the warning about fraudulent calls, and that the BenefitPay Company will not contact any of its users to request secret codes, nor will it send text messages that contain links." - BenefitPay Company statement

"Benefit B" application is completely wrong, as the application follows strict standards of security, safety, and verification of the user's identity."

"The company would like to repeat the warning about fraudulent calls, and that the BenefitPay Company will not contact any of its users to request secret codes, nor will it send text messages that contain links."

LMRA intensifies joint inspection campaign



An expat's status is being checked

TDT | Manama

The Labour Market Regulatory Authority (LMRA) confirmed the continuation of its coordination with various government agencies to address illegal practices in the labour market, noting the implementation of joint inspection campaigns with the Ministry of Interior in the Northern Governorate.

The inspection campaign included visiting a number of shops, work sites, and labour gathering places, to determine the extent of compliance with regulations and laws, especially the LMRA Law and the Residency Law in the Kingdom of Bahrain, where a number of

legal violations were recorded. The campaign was in the presence of the Nationality, Passports and Residence Affairs (NPRA) and the Northern Governorate Police Directorate.

The Authority renewed its call on all members of society to support the efforts of government agencies to address illegal practices in the labour market and informal employment to protect society as a whole, calling on everyone to report any complaints related to labor market violations and irregular employment by filling out the electronic form designated for reporting on its official website, www.lmra.gov.bh or calling the Authority's call center 17506055.

Workshop on infection control and epidemiological survey

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A workshop on infection control and epidemiological survey will be held from July 31 until August 3 at the Wyndham Hotel Bahrain.

Under the auspices of National Health Regulatory Authority CEO Dr. Maryam Athbi Al Jalahma, the event is organised by NHRA in cooperation with the Ministry of National Guard.

Dr. Maryam welcomed all the participants from the medical sector to the workshop, which comes within the framework of close cooperation between the Kingdom of Bahrain and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia through the Ministry of National Guard in Saudi Arabia and the Gulf Center for Infection Control.

She stressed the importance of the infection control and epidemiological survey workshop in providing a safe environment for hospitals and the medical sector to prevent infection and epidemiological



Dr. Maryam

investigation, indicating that NHRA is always keen to provide full protection for the medical sectors.

Lectures will be carried out by Dr. Ayman Ramadan, Epidemiological Investigation Adviser at the Ministry of the Saudi National Guard, and Areej Qudsi, Infection Control Coordinator at the Ministry of the Saudi National Guard.

Participants in the workshop will receive an accredited certificate to be infection control liaison officers in the institutions in which they work.

Ministry and NGOs cooperation essential

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Social Development Minister Osama bin Ahmed Khalaf Al Asfoor stressed the importance of cooperation between the ministry and non-governmental organisations (NGOs) in improving the quality of institutional work and delivering the best services to the citizens.

This came as Al Asfoor received Dr. Abdulkarim Al Fardan, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Jidhafs Consumer Co-Operative Society, in the presence of board members. They discussed cooperation in the cooperative and consumer fields.

Al Fardan reviewed Jidhafs Consumer Co-Operative Society's investment projects, development achievements and



Al Asfoor with Al Fardan

future plans. He also highlighted its efforts to promote cooperative and social work.

Al Asfoor lauded the Jidhafs

Consumer Co-Operative Society's initiatives in the fields of voluntary and social work, affirming the role of such soci-

eties in supporting development projects through community partnership that benefits all social segments.



Talks on global cybercrime and cybersecurity

The Executive Committee of the Parliamentary Working Group on Technology, Innovation and Digital Transformation of the Arab Parliament in Tunisia met in the presence of the representative of Bahrain in the committee, Representative Muhammad Yousef Al Maarafi, a member of the Bahraini Parliament. The committee discussed a number of important issues related to cybersecurity, which is one of the most important challenges facing humanity. They also discussed the cost of cybercrime of various kinds to the global economy.

ECB could hike rates or pause at next meeting

● ECB is due to release its latest forecasts

● Inflation has been slowing but still came in at 5.5% in June

AFP | Frankfurt, Germany



There could be a further hike of the policy rate or perhaps a pause. A pause, whenever it occurs, in September or later, would not necessarily be definitive

PRESIDENT OF THE EUROPEAN CENTRAL BANK (ECB) CHRISTINE LAGARDE

The European Central Bank could hike interest rates again or pause at its next meeting and any decision will depend on the latest data, president Christine Lagarde has said.

The central bank for the 20 countries that use the euro lifted borrowing costs for the ninth consecutive time Thursday as it fights stubbornly high inflation.

But in comments after the meeting, Lagarde fuelled expectations the ECB may finally pause its historic hiking campaign soon, saying she had an

open mind about future decisions.

In an interview with French daily Le Figaro published Sunday, she stressed no decision had yet been made about what the ECB will do at its next meeting on September 14.

"I hear some people say that the final rate hike will take place in September," she said.

"There could be a further hike of the policy rate or perhaps a pause. A pause, whenever it occurs, in September or later,

would not necessarily be definitive.

"Inflation must return durably to its target."

Decisions would be based on the latest economic and financial data, she said.

The ECB is due to release its latest forecasts, including for eurozone growth and inflation, at the September meeting.

Inflation has been slowing but still came in at 5.5% in June -- well above the ECB's two-percent target.

But there have been growing concerns about the impact of rate hikes after the eurozone slipped into recession around the turn of the year, with the economy shrinking for two straight quarters.

But Lagarde said second-quarter economic growth data for Germany, France and Spain, released Friday, were "quite encouraging".

The French and Spanish economies both grew more than expected. The German economy -- Europe's biggest -- stagnated, despite expectations for a slight rebound.

She also shrugged off criticism coming from leaders of some countries, such as Italy, about the rate increases.

"As a central banker you need to have a thick skin," she said.

"And it's essential to keep sight of the objective of lowering inflation and to be as clear as possible about the tools deployed and the intended results."

Back on track: Europe's night trains make bumpy comeback

AFP | Vienna, Austria

Night trains have made a comeback in Europe thanks to their low-carbon footprint, but after years of neglect, the renaissance has had a bumpy ride.

Operators admit that the trains are outdated -- with passengers facing the occasional delays, technical problems or malfunctioning toilets -- while companies compete in an overloaded network.

Despite the challenges, national rail operators are giving night trains another chance while startups are jumping on the bandwagon as climate concerns are making travellers ditch kerosene-burning planes for cleaner modes of transportation.

Sitting at the crossroads between western and eastern Europe, Austria has been at the heart of this revival with the backing of the government even as low-cost airlines threatened to relegate sleeper trains to the history books.

Austrian rail operator OeBB, a pioneer in the sector, has Europe's biggest fleet of night trains, serving 1.5 million passengers in carriages that include bed compartments.

The state-owned company considered abandoning its overnight services at one point, but it went the opposite direction and invested in them instead.

"Our night trains are nearly fully booked," OeBB spokesman Bernhard Rieder told AFP as

summer travel is in full swing in Europe.

OeBB runs 20 routes connecting Vienna and other cities throughout Europe.

'Very convenient'

Astrid Reiter, a 27-year-old consultant, booked a night train from Vienna to Zurich.

"It's nice because you basically wake up in a different country," she said. "If everything works out well, it's a very convenient way to travel."

She added: "I do hope that other companies other than the Austrian railway company develop more night trains and make it easier to have faster night trains."

Rieder admits that the quality of its service "is not always as high these days as what we want to deliver to our customers".

In 2018, OeBB ordered 33 new night trains from German conglomerate Siemens to expand its reach and replace part of its ageing fleet.

The first trains -- with a modern design, more privacy and more shower facilities -- are expected to go into service at the end of this year.

Chris Engelsman, co-founder of the Belgian-Dutch startup European Sleep-

er, also complained about a shortage of "proper night train coaches".

Established in 2021, his company inaugurated a Berlin-Brussels link in May.

"The train is not always up to the modern standards, but despite that many people would like to travel by night train and the enthusiasm is quite big," he told AFP.

Competition from low-cost flights and a lack of coordination between different European rail operators and companies are other obstacles.

'Complex and expensive'

"Operating night trains is very difficult, complex and expensive," Kosok said, adding that the infrastructure was "overloaded" even at night when freight trains ply the rails.

There is also no centralised site to consult timetables and compare prices, with some in the industry complaining of a lack

of political will.

"There's not really a European approach to train travel at the moment," Engelsman said.

French startup Midnight Trains co-founder Adrien Aumont said his company's aim was to "reinvent" the night train "to make it a truly competitive means of transport against aviation".

Aumont had the idea to create the company when his partner "decided never to get on a plane again".

His startup is partnering with a night train maker to relaunch the once popular Paris-Milan-Venice line in 2025.

Train attendants stand on the platform in front of sleeping cars of the Nightjet train line Vienna - Venice (-Zurich) of the Austrian Federal Railways



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Sunak backs plans for new UK oil and gas exploration

AFP | London, United Kingdom

UK Prime Minister Rishi Sunak has backed plans for new fossil fuel drilling off Britain's coast, saying in a Sunday newspaper interview he would be "pragmatic and proportionate" about reaching net zero.

His government is expected to approve the development of Rosebank, near Scotland's Shetland Isles -- believed to be the UK's largest undeveloped oil and gas field -- as well as other sites in the nearby North Sea imminently.

The prospect has infuriated environmental campaigners, who argue that stopping all new fossil fuel exploitation is essential if Britain is to decarbonise by mid-century.

They accuse the British leader of lacking conviction on climate policies and playing politics with the issue, as he eyes a general election due next year amid a cost-of-living crisis.

The main opposition Labour party, well ahead in the polls, said earlier this year it will not issue any new North Sea drilling licences if it regains power after more than a decade in opposition.

"I think it makes absolutely no sense, as the Labour Party



Britain's Prime Minister Rishi Sunak

is suggesting, to ban North Sea oil and gas," Sunak told the Sunday Telegraph.

"That is just going to weaken our energy security and strengthen the hands of dictators like (Russian) President (Vladimir) Putin," he said, arguing it jeopardised 200,000 jobs and threatened £80 billion (\$103 billion) worth of tax revenue.

Sunak, who became leader last October, said his approach was "to support the UK's energy industry" and appeared to suggest that not exploiting new UK oil and gas reserves risked "the lights going out" in Britain.

"Everybody sensible recognises that we will need those fossil fuels as part of the transition to net zero," he argued.

Novo Nordisk weight-loss drug Wegovy launched in Germany

Frankfurt

Novo Nordisk has launched blockbuster weight-loss drug Wegovy in Germany, its first big European market, hoping Germans will pay hundreds of euros out of pocket for a drug that public health insurance plans are so far barred from covering.

The drug, shown to help patients reduce body weight by around 15% when used along with exercise and lifestyle changes, is already available in the United States, but in Europe is so far on sale only in small markets Norway and Denmark, Reuters reported.

"The first patients have redeemed prescriptions in



Germany," a spokesperson for Novo confirmed on Saturday to Reuters, in line with previously announced plans to launch the drug there at the end of July.

The Danish drugmaker's share price has more than doubled in the two years since the drug debuted, turning Novo into Europe's second-most-valuable listed company after LVMH.

Saudi Arabia's Ma'aden to acquire 10% of Brazil base metals firm

● Ma'aden, through Manara, its joint venture established with the Public Investment Fund

Reuters | Dubai

Saudi Arabian Mining Company (1211.SE), known as Ma'aden, has agreed to acquire a 10% stake in Brazil's base metals company Vale, it said in a bourse statement yesterday, as part of a strategy to invest in global mining assets.

Ma'aden, through Manara, its joint venture established with the Public Investment Fund, on Thursday signed a binding agreement to acquire the 10% stake in ValeBase Metals, based on an enterprise value of \$26 billion.

"Manara's investment into



Vale will play a key role in helping it expand the production of copper and nickel across its asset portfolio, which are critical to the development of new technologies that will benefit the global energy transition," the company statement said.

The transaction, which will be financed by Ma'aden's own resources, is subject to regulatory approvals and expected to be completed in the first quarter of 2024.

News in brief

Decoupling from China 'an illusion', French finance minister says



◆ **France's finance minister** said during a visit to Beijing on

Sunday that cutting all economic ties with China was "an illusion", as some Western countries question their reliance on the Asian giant. "We are totally opposed to the idea of decoupling. Decoupling is an illusion," Finance Minister Bruno Le Maire told reporters at the French embassy. "There is

no possibility of having any kind of decoupling between the American, European and Chinese economies." Le Maire nonetheless defended France's ambition to become more economically independent in certain sectors. But, he added, the concept of de-risking, which has become a byword in the West in recent months, "does not mean that China is a risk".

Saudi plans to host talks on Ukraine war



◆ **Saudi Arabia plans** to host talks next weekend to discuss a path towards peace in Ukraine, convening representatives from Kyiv, Western powers and developing countries, officials told AFP on Saturday. Russia will not attend the meeting in the Red Sea coastal city of Jeddah, just as it did not participate in a similar gathering last month in Copenhagen, said three officials based in the Gulf who have been briefed on the plans. A full list of participants was not available, although countries including Britain and Japan were expected to attend, the officials said.

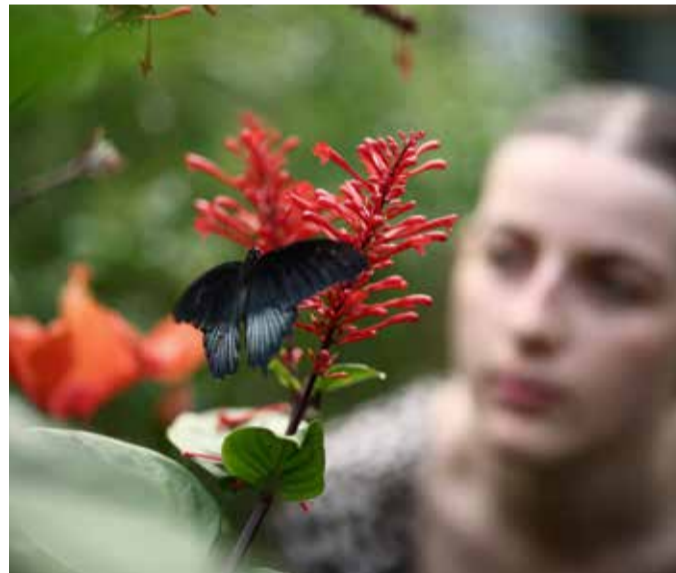
Moscow said on Sunday its forces had thwarted a Ukrainian attempt to attack Russia-annexed Crimea with 25 drones overnight. "Sixteen Ukrainian UAVs were destroyed by air defence fire," the Russian defence ministry said, referring to unmanned aerial vehicles. "Another nine Ukrainian drones were suppressed by means of electronic warfare and, without reaching the target, crashed into the Black Sea," the ministry said, adding that there were no victims. Crimea, annexed by Russia in 2014, has been targeted by Kyiv throughout Moscow's Ukraine offensive but has come under more intense, increased attacks in recent weeks.



Moscow says thwarts Ukraine attack on Crimea involving 25 drones

CURIOSER & CURIOSER

Wildlife lovers urged to join UK's annual butterfly count



A person looks at a Scarlet Mormon Butterfly resting on a flower inside the Butterfly enclosure at the Zoological Society of London (ZSL) Zoo

Abbotskerswell, United Kingdom

Wildlife enthusiasts across Britain are being encouraged to log sightings of butterflies and some moths, as the world's largest annual survey of the increasingly endangered pollinating insects returns.

The UK-wide "Big Butterfly Count" -- which this year runs from July 14 to August 6 -- helps conservationists assess the health of the country's natural environment, amid mounting evidence it is increasingly imperilled.

Volunteers download a chart helping them to identify different butterfly species and then record their sightings in gardens, parks and elsewhere using a smartphone app and other online tools.

It comes as experts warn the often brightly coloured winged insects are in rapid decline in

Britain as they fail to cope with unprecedented environmental change.

"It's a pretty worrying picture," Richard Fox, head of science at the Butterfly Conservation charity, which runs the nationwide citizen-led survey, told AFP at Orley Common, a vast park in Devon, southwest England.

"The major causes of the decline are what we humans have done to the landscape in the UK over the past 50, 60, 70 years," he added from the site, which is seeing fewer butterflies despite offering an ideal habitat for them.

A report published this year that Fox co-authored, based on 23 million items of data, revealed that four in every five UK butterfly species have decreased since the 1970s.

Half of the country's 58 species are listed as threatened, according to a conservation "red list".

Pilot lands plane in sea off France after engine breakdown

AFP | Marseille, France

A pilot landed his tourist plane in choppy waters off southern France yesterday after the aircraft's engine broke down, with all occupants sur-

living unharmed, firefighters said.

The Cessna 177 touched down 600 metres (1,968 feet) off the coast near the Mediterranean resort of Frejus shortly before 10:00 am (0800 GMT).

The local fire service said the pilot chose the location to "avoid the beach, where there were already a lot of holidaymakers".

"To pull that off, you need a lot of technical ability and a bit of luck," a spokesman said.

Firefighters rescued two women and one man, who escaped unharmed but were shaken up.

The plane sank, although no pollution has been detected in the sea so far.

Taliban create bonfire of 'immoral' music equipment

AFP | Herat, Afghanistan

Authorities from Afghanistan's vice ministry created a bonfire of confiscated musical instruments and equipment in Herat province at the weekend, deeming music immoral.

"Promoting music causes moral corruption and playing it will cause the youth to go astray," said Aziz al-Rahman al-Muhajir, head of the Herat department of the Ministry for the Promotion of Virtue and Prevention of Vice.

Since seizing power in August 2021, Taliban authorities have steadily imposed laws and regulations that reflect their austere vision of Islam -- including banning playing music in public.

Saturday's bonfire saw hundreds of dollars worth of musical gear go up in smoke -- much of it collected from wedding halls in the city.



A pile of musical instruments and equipments being set on fire by the members of Taliban on the outskirts of Herat.

It included a guitar, two other stringed instruments, a harmonium and a tabla -- a type of drum -- as well as amplifiers and speakers.

Women have borne the brunt of the new government regulations, and are not allowed in public unless wearing a hijab. Teenage girls and women

have been barred from schools and universities, and they are also prohibited from entering parks, playgrounds and gyms.

Last week, thousands of beauty salons were shuttered across the country after authorities deemed certain makeovers to be too costly, or un-Islamic.

Putin, several African leaders attend Russian naval parade

AFP | Saint Petersburg, Russia

President Vladimir Putin yesterday praised Russia's navy in an address at an annual warship parade in Saint Petersburg, which he attended accompanied by several African leaders.

The military display took part as Moscow's offensive in Ukraine stretches into its second year and three Ukrainian drones were downed over Moscow early on Sunday.

The Russian Navy has played a key role in Moscow's assault on Ukraine by pummelling the Western-backed country with ship- and submarine-launched cruise missiles, among other operations.

Without mentioning Ukraine in his speech, Putin hailed "the brave crews of ships and submarines".

"In the name of Russia, our sailors give all their strength,



Russian President Vladimir Putin and several African leaders attend the Navy Day parade in Saint Petersburg

show true heroism and fight valiantly, like our great ancestors," Putin said.

"Today, Russia is confidently implementing major elements of its national maritime policy and is consistently building up the power of its navy," he added.

Forty five ships, boats and submarines took part in the pa-

rade along with around 3,000 servicemen, the Kremlin said.

The former imperial capital hosted a Russia-Africa summit earlier this week.

Several leaders and representatives of African countries including Mali and Burkina Faso attended the parade on Sunday.

Tens of thousands evacuated as northern China hit by torrential rain

Beijing, China

Tens of thousands of people were evacuated from high-risk areas of Beijing and another northern city as much of China was lashed by torrential rain yesterday.

Deadly storm Doksuri has been sweeping northwards over China since Friday, when it careened into southern Fujian province after battering the Philippines as a typhoon.

The Chinese capital and surrounding region were drenched

over the weekend, with officials warning of potentially hazardous conditions including floods, swelling rivers, mudslides and landslides.

More than 27,000 people in high-risk areas of Beijing have been evacuated, and another 20,000 were relocated from parts of neighbouring province Hebei's capital Shijiazhuang, state media said.

Hundreds of millions of people in northern China, including in Beijing, remain under a red alert -- the highest level

-- for heavy rain through at least Monday afternoon.

The alert covers Beijing's 22 million people and Tianjin's 14 million, as well as parts of Hebei, Shanxi, Shandong and Henan provinces. It is the first time since 2011 that such a heavy rainfall warning has been issued, according to local media. Chinese authorities have been cautious about heavy downpours since severe flooding in 2021 killed more than 300 people in central China, mainly in the city of Zhengzhou.

At least 39 at Pakis

● The blast targeted the Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam-F (JUI-F) party

● No group has claimed responsibility for the attack

AFP | Peshawar, Pakistan

At least 39 people were killed and dozens more wounded yesterday by a bomb blast at a political gathering of a radical Islamic party in northwest Pakistan, officials said.

The blast targeted the Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam-F (JUI-F) party when more than 400 members and supporters gathered under a tent in the town of Khar, near the border with Afghanistan.

"I can confirm that in the hospital we have 39 dead bodies, with 123 wounded that includes 17 patients in a serious condition," Riaz Anwar, the health minister for Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province, told AFP.

Provincial governor Haji Ghulam Ali confirmed the death toll to AFP. Images from the blast site circulating on social media showed bodies strewn around the scene, and volunteers helping blood-soaked victims to ambulances. No group has claimed responsibility for the attack, but the

Zelensky says 'war' after Moscow drone

AFP | Kyiv, Ukraine

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky warned yesterday that "war" was coming to Russia after three Ukrainian drones were downed over Moscow.

"Gradually, the war is returning to the territory of Russia -- to its symbolic centres and military bases, and this is an inevitable, natural and absolutely fair process," Zelensky said on a visit to the western city of Ivano-Frankivsk.

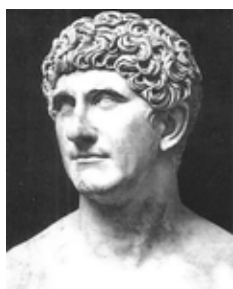
"Ukraine is getting stronger," he added, warning however that the country should prepare for new attack on energy infrastructure in winter.

"But we must be aware that, just as last year, Russian terrorists can still attack our energy sector and critical facilities this winter," Zelensky said, adding that preparations for "all possible scenarios" were discussed in Ivano-Frankivsk.

Zelensky spoke after three Ukrainian drones were downed over Moscow early on Sunday, the Russian defence ministry said.

1620

Battle of Alexandria: Mark Antony achieves minor victory over Octavian, but most of his army subsequently deserts, leading to Octavian's invasion of Egypt



1917

World War I: Battle of Passchendaele (Third Battle of Ypres) begins, goes on to cause approximately 500,000 casualties

1961

Israel welcomes its one millionth immigrant

2007

Operation Banner, the presence of the British Army in Northern Ireland, and longest-running British Army operation ever, comes to an end

Eight trapped in illegal Indonesia gold mine feared dead

Banyumas, Indonesia

Eight people trapped in an illegal gold mine on the Indonesian island of Java are feared dead, a local rescue official said yesterday, as search efforts entered a fifth day with

little progress. Unlicensed mines are common across the mineral-rich Southeast Asian archipelago and accidents are frequent. The workers were digging inside a hole with a depth of 60 metres (200 feet) in Pancurendang village in Cen-

tral Java when water suddenly flooded the illegal mine. Rescuers had deployed water pumps around the clock and worked to dam a nearby river in a frantic bid to get the water out of the mining shaft but it remained flooded on Sunday.

39 killed in bomb blast at political gathering in northern Pakistan



Men gather at the site of a bomb blast in Bajaur district on July 30, 2023. At least 16 people were killed and dozens more wounded on July 30 by a bomb blast at a political gathering of a radical Islamic party in northern Pakistan, police said

local chapter of the Islamic State (IS) group has recently carried out attacks against JUI-F.

Last year, IS said it was behind violent attacks against religious scholars affiliated with the party, which has a huge network of mosques and madrassas in the north and west of the country.

The jihadist group accuses JUI-F of hypocrisy for being a religious Islamic group that has supported successive governments and the military.

Pakistan has seen a sharp rise in attacks since the Afghan Taliban surged back to power in neighbouring Afghanistan in 2021.

Pakistan's home-grown Taliban group, the Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan, has directed its campaign against security officials, including police officers.



Pakistan's government is due to dissolve in the next few weeks expected in October or November and political parties are preparing to campaign.

Coming to Russia after attack



President Volodymyr Zelenskyy (L) posing for a picture with a serviceman during his visit in Donetsk region.

The attack damaged two office towers and briefly shut an international airport.

Separately, Moscow said on Sunday its forces had thwarted a Ukrainian attempt to attack Russia-annexed Crimea with 25 drones overnight.

The attacks reported Sunday were the latest in a series of recent drone assaults -- including on the Kremlin and Russian towns near the border with Ukraine -- that Moscow has blamed on Kyiv.

Iraq and Kuwait seek to solve contested border issue

AFP | Baghdad, Iraq

Iraq and Kuwait will work towards reaching a definitive agreement on demarcating their borders, including a contested maritime area of the Gulf, their foreign ministers said yesterday.

The de facto land and maritime borders between the neighbouring states were established by the United Nations in 1993, three years after Iraq under Saddam Hussein invaded Kuwait.

While Iraqi officials have previously expressed a readiness to recognize Kuwait's land border, the maritime border remains a point of contention.

Baghdad insists that the delineation should provide it unhindered access to Gulf waters, a lifeline for its economy and oil exports.

Because of the long-standing dispute, Kuwaiti coastguards regularly detain Iraqi fishermen and seize their vessels

for entering Kuwaiti territorial waters "illegally".

After meeting his Kuwaiti counterpart Salem Al-Sabah in Baghdad on Sunday, Iraqi Foreign Minister Fuad Hussein said that during their talks "the emphasis was placed on resolving the border issues".

He told reporters the border talks would "continue through various technical committees".

Baghdad will host a meeting of a legal committee relating to the talks on August 14.

Sabah said there was "complete consensus" between Kuwait and Iraq to "resolve outstanding problems between the two countries, particularly the demarcation of maritime boundaries".

Iraq's government under Prime Minister Mohamed Shia al-Sudani, who was appointed by pro-Iran parties, is seeking closer ties with Arab Gulf monarchies, aiming to strengthen regional economic cooperation and counter the flow of narcotics.

WIDE ANGLE

Piercing the corporate veil



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Commercial companies play an essential role in boosting, among other things, trade and investment activities. Most people incorporate or establish companies for this purpose and, herein, the companies being legal juristic bodies take their role on behalf of the natural persons who incorporated them. From this phenomenon comes the theory of "limited liability" which was called at that time by many lawyers and legislators a "big revolution" in the law.

Based on this concept, normally shareholders in companies \ corporations are not personally liable for the debts of the company \ corporation. This limited liability probably is the principal reason that people incorporate a business today. Through incorporation the owner's loss is limited to the extent of their investment in the corporation. However, in some instances a creditor may be able to persuade a Court to disregard the separateness between shareholders and corporations. If so, it is said that the Court has pierced the corporate veil. This is done by the Court in order to give the creditor a judgment against one or more of the shareholders. The shareholders held personally liable on the debt usually are only those who are active in the management of the business.

There are several situations in which a Court may pierce the veil. One is when the corporation is given so few assets by its promoters that it could not be expected to pay its dues. Some start a corporation with little money normally called "on a shoestring" or undercapitalization which is not in itself unlawful. However, it may amount to a fraud if the objective seems to be to operate a risky business while avoiding the foreseeable claims of creditors.

A number of shareholders were held personally liable where they mixed their personal dealings with corporate transactions as if all were personal. The corporation is then viewed as the alter ego of the shareholder acting as manager. The likelihood of the Court piercing the veil is greater if there is undercapitalization coupled with the absence of strict adherence to corporate formalities such as not holding shareholders and director's meetings.

Similar principles are followed by Courts in dealing with suits against corporations that operate part of their business through a "symbolic" subsidiary corporation. If the subsidiary is given very limited or few assets and most decisions are made by the parent, the parent corporation may be held liable for the subsidiary's debts.

The traditional judicial rule is that the Court will pierce the veil when two requirements are met, i.e., there must be domination of the corporation by one or more of its shareholders & the domination must result in improper purpose. The improper purpose most frequently arises when the corporation defrauds its creditors by not having sufficient valuable assets available to meet expected claims from aggrieved persons.

The corporate veil is there and gives protection to the shareholders and owners of the company. However, this protection could be pierced by Courts in certain cases. Creditors, in some instances, can rejoice and benefit from piercing the veil and open the shield to collect directly from the big pockets of shareholders.

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TWEETS

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Heatwaves already kill thousands of people every year. Without sustained investments in climate mitigation & adaptation, we are destined for a future of ever larger and deadlier heat disasters.

@antonioguterres

02



Every Indian is proud when precious antiquities and artefacts which were stolen are making their way back home. India is also grateful to the USA Government for their role in ensuring the return of these prized cultural symbols.

@narendramodi

03



Today, the FDA approved another over the counter naloxone nasal spray product -- a medicine that reverses opioid overdoses and saves lives.

@POTUS

04



Many have offered rich incentives for X (fka Twitter) to move its HQ out of San Francisco. Moreover, the city is in a doom spiral with one company after another left or leaving. Therefore, they expect X will move too. We will not. You only know who your real friends are when the chips are down. San Francisco, beautiful San Francisco, though others forsake you, we will always be your friend.

@elonmusk

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celebs

Brad Pitt, Ines de Ramon's relationship is "going very strong"

ANI | Oklahoma

Brad Pitt and Ines de Ramon are spending a romantic summer together. The couple was first seen together eight months ago, and a source close to de Ramon told People that the relationship is still "going very strong." According to the insider, "they are doing great" and have spent quality time in Europe, reported People.

"The two have been spending a lot of time together this summer as they truly enjoy each other's company and are very into each other," the insider says. "It's apparent to anyone who sees them together."

A source close to Pitt, 59, informed People that he's spent

the summer in Europe, where he was filming a Formula One racing movie until the SAG-AFTRA strike forced the production to go on hold.

"He still keeps a residence at Chateau Miravaland and has been spending a lot of time there and elsewhere in Europe," the source added. "And Ines has been flying in to see him several times."

Pitt and de Ramon were first seen together in public during a concert in November in Los Angeles. Sources told People at the time that they had been dating for "a

few months" before then.

Pitt has dated a few women previously including Emily Ratajkowski and Nicole Poturalski in the years since he and Angelina Jolie parted in 2016.

Meanwhile, de Ramon and her ex-husband, Paul Wesley, divorced secretly after three years of marriage in May 2022.

According to reports, she met Pitt through a mutual friend.

The two have been seen together at several events, including the Los Angeles Babylon premiere party and Pitt's 59th birthday party at



Brad Pitt



Ines de Ramon

a Hollywood restaurant, both in December. "They were very cute and flirty. You could tell that she makes him happy," a source told People at the time.

Pitt and de Ramon then went on to usher in 2023 with a trip to Cabo San Lucas, Mexico, where they spent New Year's Eve and the following days.

Top-of-the-line bling: Drake reveals he bought Tupac's crown ring

AFF | Los Angeles

Canadian rapper Drake revealed Friday that he is the buyer of a crown-shaped ring that belonged to slain hip-hop legend Tupac Shakur, which sold at auction this week for a record \$1 million.

Drake shared an Instagram story that showed him wearing the bauble, which sold Tuesday at Sotheby's for a total of \$1.016 million, including commission and fees.

That was well above the pre-sale estimate of between \$200,000 and \$300,000, making it the most valuable hip-hop artifact ever sold, the auction house said.

Drake -- the best-selling artist behind hits such as "Hotline Bling" and "Nice For What" -- has spent lavishly in the past, including buying a Boeing 767 for personal use and paying \$104 million for a Los Angeles home once owned by singer Robbie Williams.

The New York-born Shakur wore the ring during his final public appearance



The gold, diamond and ruby ring worn by rapper Tupac Shakur in his last public appearance

at the MTV Video Music Awards on September 4, 1996.

Widely regarded as one of the greatest rappers of all time with 75 million records sold, he was shot dead by an unidentified assailant in Las Vegas

just days later. He was 25. Shakur, whose hits included "California Love," designed the ring over the course of a few months, Sotheby's said.

He did so through his godmother Yaasmyn Fula, who put the ring up for sale.

A gold circlet studded with a central cabochon ruby flanked by two pave-cut diamonds sits atop a diamond-encrusted gold band.

Drake

Kevin Spacey 'totally accepted' losing work amid sexual assault allegations

Celebretainment | Los Angeles

Kevin Spacey "totally accepted" his career decline following the sexual assault allegations made against him.

The 64-year-old actor - who was cleared of seven charges of sexual assault, one charge of causing a person to engage in sexual activity without consent and one charge of causing a person to engage in penetrative sexual activity by a court in London on Wednesday - lost his job on 'House of Cards' and was dropped from various other projects when the claims were made but director Gene Fallaize, who made the "risky move" to cast the award-winning star in his film 'Control' in November, revealed the star understood the realities of the industry.

Gene, who never spoke directly to Kevin about the legal case against him, told Sky News: "There were indirect things as we were talking about how his life had changed.

Jamie Lee Curtis let her 'very dark imagination' run wild for her graphic novel

Fox | Los Angeles

Jamie Lee Curtis is shedding some insight on where the inspiration behind her upcoming graphic novel stemmed from.

"I wanted to know what would happen when Mother Nature fought back," Curtis said in an interview with People magazine. "It turns out I have a very dark imagination."

She described her original idea for the environmental nov-



Jamie Lee Curtis

el as being "very father knows best."

Curtis got her idea when she

was 19, but shelved the idea for decades. It wasn't until years later when she purchased a Karl Stevens illustration as a gift for her husband, filmmaker Christopher Guest, that her idea was brought up in conversation.

"Karl said, 'That's a graphic novel,'" she recalled of her conversation with the artist. "And 'graphic' is how we would describe the violence against the universe that has been perpetrated by humans."

Oscar winner Michelle Yeoh marries fiancé of almost 20 years

Celebretainment | Los Angeles

Oscar winner Michelle Yeoh and her long-time fiancé have tied the knot - almost two decades after getting engaged.

The 'Everything Everywhere All at Once' star, 60, and Jean Todt got hitched on Thursday in Geneva, Switzerland, with friends and loved ones present.

Brazilian Formula One racer Felipe Massa, 42, shared pictures of the happy couple - who got engaged in 2004 - and a letter commemorating their love story and captioned the Instagram post: "Happy marriage

#JeanTodt and #michelleyeoh love you so much."

The lovebirds met in Shanghai on June 4, 2004, and just over a month later, on July 24, 2004, he proposed.

It has taken them 6,992 days for the couple to walk down the aisle, with the gold-framed letter penned by the groom adding: "We are so happy to celebrate this special moment together!"

Michelle - who is Buddhist - previously cited her inability to have children as the reason for ending her first marriage to Dickson Poon, the owner of



Michelle Yeoh and Jean Todt

Harvey Nichols and more businesses, from 1988 to 1992.

The 'Crazy Rich Asians' star wanted to start a family and even

took a break from acting to try but had several failed attempts and returned to her movie career.

She previously told Bustle: "As it turned out, I was unable [to have children]. And if I'm being honest with myself, I didn't want for us to be bitter 10 years down the road. Because in Asian families, people want to have sons and daughters [because] they are an extension and a legacy. And when you have the realisation [that you can't have kids], you have to deal with it. You deal with the curveballs that are thrown at you."

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How to play
Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

CROSSWORD

Across

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Down

- 1- Cop ___; 2- Ledge; 3- Like a ___ bricks; 4- Not to mention; 5- Blues great Smith; 6- Dice game; 7- Shelter for honeybees; 8- Bakery worker; 9- White baptism robe; 10- Feathered fisher; 11- Killed; 12- Starbucks order; 13- Follows orders; 22- Inner drive; 23- Body of salt water; 25- "Dancing Queen" group; 28- Circumference; 29- Barbarous person; 30- Trident-shaped letter; 31- PC linkup; 32- Early bird; 34- Director Ephron; 35- Bind; 36- Hail, to Caesar; 37- Vigor; 39- Cross the goal line; 42- Basics; 45- Craftsperson; 46- Hero; 48- So far; 50- Forget it; 51- Spring up; 52- Ostentatious; 53- Kind of battery; 54- Toil; 55- Dazzling display; 56- Family tree member; 57- Out of ___; 59- Ad word; 60- Put aboard; 65- Acapulco article;

Yesterday's solution

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Top-seeded Fritz powers into Atlanta final against Vukic



Taylor Fritz celebrates after a shot against J.J. Wolf

AFP | Washington

Top-seeded American Taylor Fritz defeated compatriot J.J. Wolf 6-3, 7-5 on Saturday to book a title clash with Australian Aleksandar Vukic in the ATP Tour hardcourt tournament in Atlanta.

Fritz, ranked ninth in the world, will be chasing his second title of the season after lifting his fifth career ATP trophy in Delray Beach in February.

"It was really solid," Fritz said. "I served well the whole match."

"Whenever I was in trouble I played a lot of good points, I just did what I was supposed to do and didn't really give him much," added Fritz, who saved both break points he faced.

Vukic, the 27-year-old from Sydney, defeated Frenchman Ugo Humbert 3-6, 7-6 (7-2), 7-5 to reach his maiden ATP Tour final.

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The Australian was playing in his first ATP Tour semi-final after upsetting local favorite and Wimbledon quarter-finalist Christopher Eubanks in the quarters.

Vukic, who hit 34 winners and 17 aces, came alive in the second set tie-break and having found his aggressive style worked, he powered towards victory against the 38th ranked left-hander Humbert.

"This is unbelievable. I was getting totally outplayed. He was destroying me and I kind of just relaxed and then went for it," he said.

"I was down one nil, mini-break in the tiebreak and just went for the return and felt the momentum, felt the crowd, and just used it and then broke in the first game of the third. A little hiccup then, but recovered and I couldn't be happier," he said.



Fritz and Vukic have never met before and the Australian knows he is the clear under-dog

Colombia stun Germany at World Cup but New Zealand out in tears

Rampant Norway, solid Swiss into World Cup last 16

AFP | Auckland

Colombia scored a 97th-minute winner to stun Germany 2-1 on a night of Women's World Cup drama yesterday which also saw Norway and Switzerland into the last 16 but co-hosts New Zealand dumped out in tears.

Germany smashed Morocco 6-0 in their opener to underline why they were among the pre-tournament favourites, along with Spain and England, to snatch away the United States' crown.

But they came crashing back down to earth at the hands of a Colombia side inspired by 18-year-old Linda Caicedo and roared on by the majority of a rowdy 40,000 crowd in Sydney.

The Real Madrid attacker scored one of the goals of the tournament so far, darting past two Germany defenders before curling the ball into the top corner to open the scoring.

Germany thought they had salvaged a point in the 89th minute when skipper Alexandra Popp defied the whistles to score from the penalty spot.

But with a pulsating game deep into stoppage time and appeared destined for a draw, Manuela Vanegas popped up to head home from close range



Switzerland's forward #09 Ana-Maria Crnogorevic (R) and New Zealand's defender #07 Ali Riley (L) fight for the ball

and put Colombia on the verge of the last 16.

Going into the last round of group matches, Colombia are top of Group H on six points, Germany and Morocco have three and South Korea have zero.

Germany's fate is still in their own hands when they face the Koreans next, with Colombia against Morocco.

Morocco won a Women's World Cup match for the first time after Ibtissam Jraidi struck early to give them a 1-0 victory over South Korea.

"I would like to dedicate this victory to Morocco and all the Arab nations at large," said Jraidi.

As well as capturing a first Morocco victory at the tournament, the team made another piece of history when defender Nouhaila Benzina became

the first to play in a hijab at the Women's World Cup.

Norway through, New Zealand out

Norway and Switzerland both emerged out of an excruciatingly tight Group A.

Former champions Norway thrashed the Philippines 6-0 in Auckland to squeeze into the last 16 on goal difference from New Zealand.

A full house in Dunedin saw the co-hosts held 0-0 by a stubborn Switzerland as the Football Ferns bowed out of their home tournament in tears.

The 1995 champions Norway needed a win and they did it in style against World Cup debutants the Philippines, who themselves were still in with a chance of reaching the knockouts.

Sophie Roman Haug scored

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The Philippines, who themselves marked their World Cup debut with a famous win against New Zealand, are out too after a heavy defeat in a game they finished with 10 players

a hat-trick as the Philippines' fairytale journey came to a shuddering halt.

With Norway well ahead, New Zealand -- who were in pole position at the start of the day along with the Swiss to go through -- now needed to beat Switzerland.

The hosts had the better of the first half with a string of chances, the pick of which saw forward Jacqui Hand rattle the post on 24 minutes.

As Norway chalked up the goals in Auckland, the New Zealanders upped the intensity, knowing only a win would be good enough to advance.

The atmosphere among the sell-out crowd grew more heated as both teams pushed for a goal and New Zealand goalkeeper Victoria Esson might have won it with a header from a corner in added time that went wide.

Afghan cricketer smashes 42 runs off one T20 over

AFP | Kabul

Afghan international cricketer Sediqullah Atal smashed an astonishing 42 runs off one over Saturday in a Kabul Premier League Twenty20 match.

Cricinfo, considered a definitive record keeper, has an entry for most runs scored off a T20 over only for the Indian Premier League -- 37 by West Indian Chris Gayle in 2011 -- but Atal beat that by five.

The onslaught over came as the Shaheen Hunters were playing Abasin Defenders at Kabul's Ayobi Cricket Stadium in the country's domestic Twenty20 competition.

Atal, a 21-year-old all-rounder who has one T20 international cap to his name, was on 76 -- and his team on 158 for six -- when spinner Amir Zazai trundled in to deliver his first ball of the 19th over.

Zazai had conceded 35 runs

for one wicket off three overs at that point, but overstepped the crease and Atal smashed him for six.

The next ball was a wide -- which went through the keeper for four byes -- meaning Zazai's two deliveries had cost 12 runs, and he still had six balls to bowl.

Each of those was sent soaring over boundary ropes by Atal in an astonishing display of power hitting as he finished on 118 not out off 56 balls.



Sediqullah Atal

Liverpool fire four past Leicester in Singapore friendly

AFP | Singapore

Liverpool geared up for the start of their new Premier League campaign with an impressive display in Singapore yesterday as they thumped English rivals Leicester City 4-0 in a pre-season friendly.

Goals by Darwin Nunez, Bobby Clark and Diogo Jota in an eight-minute spell late in the first half gave the Reds a 3-0 lead at the interval.

Ben Doak then headed in their fourth midway through the second half to seal a thumping victory at the National Stadium.

With two weeks left before Liverpool kick off their Premier League season at Chelsea, manager Jurgen Klopp could reflect on a good day of preparation for his side.

"We had a lot of good moments but we can do better," said the German.

"I'm absolutely fine (with how things went). The result was good, nobody was injured – just



Liverpool's Darwin Nunez kicks the ball towards Leicester City's goalkeeper Mads Hermansen

a few knocks - and the atmosphere during and after the game was top class. So yeah, it was a good day in the office."

Liverpool face Bayern Munich in another pre-season friendly in Singapore on Wednesday while Leicester, who were relegated

from the Premier League last season, are returning to England for the start of their Championship campaign against Coventry City next Sunday.

Leicester had the first big opportunity after nine minutes when Kasey McAteer's through

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ball found Wilfred Ndidi behind the Liverpool defence but the Nigerian midfielder's attempt was smothered by goalkeeper Caoimhin Kelleher at point-blank range.

Liverpool were denied an opening goal shortly afterwards when Nunez's effort was ruled out for offside while Leicester goalkeeper Mads Hermansen

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did well to palm the ball away when Mohamed Salah attempted to find Jota with a low cross.

However, Liverpool's pressure would finally pay off on the half-hour mark. Hermansen kept out Jota's hard low shot from the left channel but he could only parry the ball to the far post where Nunez arrived to turn in for his side's opening goal.

A second arrived five minutes

later when Salah laid the ball off in the box for Clark with the 18-year-old sending a right-footed shot past Hermansen into the bottom corner of the net.

Salah also played a big part in Liverpool's third three minutes later as the Egyptian scooped the ball up for Jota to head the ball home.

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They added a fourth in the 64th minute from a well-worked set-piece as Joel Matip flicked Dominik Szoboszlai's corner to the far post for Doak to nod home.

Leicester went close to a consolation goal when Patson Daka's attempt was well blocked by Jarell Quansah while at the other end, Luis Diaz was twice left frustrated as he saw his headed goal disallowed for offside before being denied by a good save by Hermansen.

Australia openers start strongly in pursuit of Ashes glory

AFP | London

Australia openers David Warner and Usman Khawaja hit unbeaten fifties as the tourists reached 135-0 on a rain-shortened yesterday in pursuit of a mammoth target of 384 runs to win the fifth Ashes Test at The Oval.

They kept Stuart Broad waiting for a farewell wicket after the England fast-bowling great made a shock announcement on Saturday that he was retiring after the match.

Warner was 58 not out and fellow left-hander Khawaja unbeaten on 69 when rain at 2:41 pm (1341 GMT) ended play on the fourth day.

Australia need 249 more runs to complete a 3-1 series win and a first Ashes campaign triumph in England since 2001.

If Australia do manage to reach that target, it will be the



Usman Khawaja of Australia bats as Jonny Bairstow of England keeps wicket

eight-highest fourth-innings total to win any Test and the second-highest in England, behind Australia's 404-3 at Headingley in 1948 when Arthur Morris made 182 and batting great Don Bradman an unbeaten 173.

It would also be a new ground record -- the highest successful fourth-innings chase in a Test at The Oval is England's 263-9 against their arch-rivals in 1902.

Fast-medium bowler Broad has dismissed Warner 17 times

in Test cricket.

Neither he, nor the rest of England's pace attack were able to break through, however, before rain sent the players hurrying from the field, with a persistent downpour then ruling out any hope of a resumption later yesterday.

Warner, 30 not out at lunch, lofted England veteran James Anderson, who turned 41 yesterday, straight back over the paceman's head for a resounding boundary.

Two balls later Anderson, struggling to produce swing, shook Warner up with an accidental head high full-toss, or beamer, the bowler immediately apologising as the ball sped away to the boundary for four.

Khawaja, the leading run scorer in the series, went to fifty with his fifth four in 110 balls when he edged express quick Mark Wood.

Man Utd in reported deal for Hojlund, ten Hag tight-lipped



Atalanta's Danish forward Rasmus Hojlund (L) fights for the ball with Juventus' US midfielder Weston McKennie (file photo)

AFP | London

Manchester United have reportedly agreed a deal worth an initial £64 million to sign Atalanta striker Rasmus Hojlund.

The Denmark international is the third major arrival at Old Trafford during the summer transfer window after the signings of Chelsea midfielder Mason Mount and Inter Milan goalkeeper Andre Onana.

United are understood to have agreed a fee of £64 million (\$82 million) for Hojlund, with a further £8 million in add-ons.

The 20-year-old is reported to have agreed terms on a five-year deal with the option of a

“
With this squad, we built a foundation last season...now we have to find the right players to fit in and who can help to raise the bar. I think we succeeded with Andre Onana, we succeeded with Mason Mount and now we are looking for a striker

UNITED MANAGER ERIK TEN HAG

further season.

Hojlund joined Atalanta in August 2022 from Austrian club Sturm Graz for a reported 17 million euros. He scored nine goals in 32 appearances in Serie A last season.

United manager Erik ten Hag was tight-lipped about the reports when asked by reporters on Saturday ahead of yesterday's friendly against Borussia Dortmund in Las Vegas.

"I can't talk about the player who is still under contract (with) another club," said the

Barca and the woodwork defeat Real in Texas 'Clasico'

AFP | Arlington

Barcelona beat Real Madrid 3-0 in a fiercely contested friendly match on Saturday with an early strike from Ousmane Dembele and late goals from Fermin Lopez and Ferran Torres.

The result was harsh on Carlo Ancelotti's team, who struck the woodwork five times and created plenty of opportunities. But Spanish champions Barcelona's more clinical finishing proved to be the difference.

A packed AT&T Stadium, home of the NFL's Dallas Cowboys, witnessed a game which had all the passion and commitment of a real derby despite being a pre-season warm-up.

The crowd were soon on their feet when Oriel Romeu rattled



Barcelona's Ousmane Dembele (L) scores past Real Madrid's Jude Bellingham

the Real cross-bar with a thundering drive in the fourth minute but Barca soon had their fans celebrating.

A cleverly worked free-kick

saw Pedri slide a diagonal pass into the path of Dembele, who expertly drilled the ball into the far corner.

Real had a great chance to

“
The result is very favorable but it doesn't mean we played a super match. There are many things to improve. It was a very even match in which Madrid also had many chances

BARCELONA COACH XAVI HERNANDEZ

get level just five minutes later when Barcelona defender Ronald Araujo handled in the box but Vinicius Junior blasted the penalty against the bar.

The action was non-stop as Rodrygo then forced Barcelona keeper Marc-Andre ter Stegen into a fine, full-length save with a free-kick that was flying towards the top corner.

9
goals were scored by Rasmus Hojlund in 32 appearances in Serie A last season

Verstappen wins Belgian GP despite five-place grid penalty

Max Verstappen makes light of Spa penalty to secure eighth straight win

● Sergio Perez finishes second with Charles Leclerc third

AFP | Spa-Francorchamps

Max Verstappen made light of a five-place grid penalty to reel off an eighth consecutive victory for his invincible Red Bull team at the Belgian Grand Prix yesterday.

The defending double world champion and runaway series leader came home 22.305 seconds ahead of team-mate Sergio Perez.

Verstappen extended his lead in the title race over Perez to 125 points.

Pole-sitter Charles Leclerc was third for Ferrari ahead of Mercedes' Lewis Hamilton who clocked the fastest lap.

It was Red Bull's record-extending 13th win in succession,



Red Bull Racing's Dutch driver Max Verstappen celebrates in the parc ferme

and their fifth one-two of the season.

"It's mind blowing!" said team boss Christian Horner.

"We need to keep this level going, but right now everyone deserves a well-deserved break" he added.

Formula One will 'shut down' for three weeks and return at the end of August with Verstappen's

home Dutch Grand Prix, where he will seek to equal former Red Bull driver Sebastian Vettel's 2013 record of nine straight wins.

Verstappen said his latest demonstration of dominance "was really enjoyable!".

He said: "It's a new spot, that's for sure - P6. I knew that we had a great car. It was just about



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Perez, who led for much of the early part of the race, said: "It was a good race for the team. We had a great start, to get through Charles, and I was doing my own race -- but Max came through pretty fast on the second stint. There was nothing I could do."

Leclerc said: "It was pretty good for us in terms of pace, but looking at Red Bull we have a lot of work to do."

Two-time champion Fernando Alonso finished fifth for Aston Martin ahead of George Russell in the second Mercedes, McLaren's

Lando Norris, Esteban Ocon of Alpine and Lance Stroll in the second Aston Martin. Yuki Tsunoda was 10th for Alpha Tauri.

The race began under grey skies, but in dry conditions as Leclerc led from pole into La Source hairpin where, after a decent start, McLaren's Oscar Piastri was squeezed into the wall by Sainz and after limping slowly on the Australian rookie pulled up to retire at the exit of Fagnes chicane.

By then, Perez had blasted past Leclerc on Kemmel Straight, a show of power to take the lead.

Behind him, Verstappen was swiftly up to fourth from sixth, his starting slot after taking a five-place penalty for a new gearbox.

It was clear Red Bull had superior handling and pace and on lap nine Verstappen eased past Leclerc into Les Combes. It meant Perez had his team-mate in his mirrors before they had run 10 laps.

'Use your head'

After a flurry of pit stops Verstappen chose to attack on his new medium tyres and on lap 17 swept past Perez on Kemmel Straight and promptly clocked a fastest lap before rain began to fall.

"It is raining quite a lot," said Verstappen, who survived a big wobble at the bottom of Eau Rouge.

The anticipated 10-minute shower eased after only five, enabling Verstappen to pull clear by 5.3 seconds while Leclerc held a 3.5-second buffer on Hamilton.

By lap 30, Verstappen led by 27.5 seconds, gifting the Dutchman a comfortable second stop as the sun broke out.

He re-joined with an 8.5 seconds' advantage for his final stint en route to the flag only to be reprimanded by his race engineer Gianpiero Lambiase. "You used a lot of the tyre on the out lap, Max. Not sure that was sensible."

Khalifa finishes in top 10 of Arab golf

● Bahrain claim sixth overall in teams' final rankings, with hosts Morocco emerging as champions

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Bahrain's Duaij Khalifa secured a place in the top 10 on the final individual rankings in the 42nd Pan Arab Golf Championships, which took place at Casa Green Golf Club in Casablanca, Morocco.

Khalifa clinched seventh overall amongst 49 competitors after 54 holes of play.

He carded a three-over-par total of 219 to finish just eight



Bahrain national team players and officials at the tournament

shots behind winner and newly crowned champion Issa Abouelela of Egypt.

Three Moroccans were then tied-second, one shot from Abouelela, namely Hugo Mazen Trommetter, El Mehdi Fakori

and Adam Bresnu.

Soufiane Dahmane, also of Morocco, was fifth three shots behind first place, while just ahead of Khalifa in sixth was Dean Naime of Egypt, two shots in front.

Khalifa was Bahrain's only finisher in the top 10. Team-mate Ahmed Al Zayed came tied-25th after carding a 20-over 236, while Khalifa Almaraisi was tied-30th with a 27-over 243 total. Ali Alyacoub Abdulla was the fourth Bahraini in the fray, finishing tied-40th with a 36-over-par 252 score.

On the final teams' rankings, Bahrain finished sixth overall. Morocco were the champions, followed by Egypt and Tunisia.

The UAE and Qatar came fourth and fifth, respectively, ahead of Bahrain. The final teams' classification was rounded off from seventh through 13th, respectively, by Libya, Kuwait, Lebanon, Palestine, Saudi Arabia, Oman and Iraq.

Bahrain youth bag Gulf basketball bronze



Bahrain's Husain Alsamaheji runs a pick-and-roll with teammate Daniel Moosa during their game yesterday against Kuwait

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Bahrain's youth national basketball team clinched the bronze medals yesterday in the Gulf Basketball Association (GBA) qualifiers for this year's FIBA Asia U16 Championship.

The nationals secured their podium spot after defeating Kuwait 75-56 in the game for third place.

The Bahrainis took a 22-15 lead at the end of the first quarter and held on to their advantage until the final buzzer. They enjoyed going ahead by as many as their 19-point winning margin at the end.

With the result, Bahrain came away with only their second triumph in the competition. They had previously won just one of their three games in the preliminary round before losing to hosts Saudi Arabia in the semi-finals.

Daniel Moosa finished with 16 points to lead the Bahrainis, who had five players in double figures. Hasan Jameela added 14 while Ali Altoq scored 13. Husain Alsamaheji chipped in with 12 while Mujtaba Rayan had 11 off the bench.

Talal Mohammad had 18 and Mohammad Al Shammari 14 for the Kuwaitis in defeat.

By finishing third, the Bahrainis, coached by Soufiane Mrabet, came up short in their bid to qualify for the FIBA Asia U16 Championship, which takes place in September in Doha.

Only GBA finalists Saudi and Qatar booked their berths.

Bahrain have played four times in the past in the continent's under-16 tournament, first in 2009 and then again in 2013, 2015 and 2022. The Bahrainis' best finish was eighth overall in the 2013 competition held in Tehran.

Women's futsal squad set for Thailand tournament

● Bahrain to be one of six nations represented in event, with others being Australia, Japan, China, Indonesia and hosts Thailand

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Bahrain's women's national futsal team will be taking on some of the continent's top teams in a six-nation competition taking place this September in Thailand.

The NSDF Women's Futsal



Bahrain's women's futsal team

Championship 2023 is scheduled for 3 to 9 September at the Terminal 21 Shopping Centre in Nakhon Ratchasima Province.

Bahrain is one of five national teams set to compete. The others are Japan, China, Indonesia and hosts Thailand. Meanwhile, Capital Futsal Team from Australia are also in the fray.

The Bahrainis are one of the leading women's futsal squads in the region. Last year, they claimed third place overall in the West Asian Football Federation Women's Futsal Championship held in Saudi Arabia, where Iraq took the gold and Saudi claimed the silver medals.