





Public Awareness Campaign to Combat Coronavirus (COVID-19)



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Last update - 9:00 pm
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Individuals vaccinated

(First dose)	(Second dose)
1108252	1055185
(Booster dose)	141917

Ahli United Bank reveals latest MyHassad Millionaire



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Report accidents digitally

iGA launches online reporting service for mutually resolved minor accidents

- Four new services launched
- The services are available via eTraffic app

US military says it is assisting tanker that was attacked off Oman **P7**



BAHRAIN COVID-19

TOTAL TESTED
5447238

ACTIVE CASES
1006

DEATHS
1384

DISCHARGED
266796

NEW CASES
106

CRITICAL
4



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The newly introduced mutually resolved minor accidents reporting system just got digital and better, with new features.

The information and eGovernment Authority has added four new features to its eTraffic app, available for download on Bahrain.bh/app page, for reporting such accidents.

The "Report Traffic Accidents" tab allows citizens, residents, and visitors from the GCC to alert insurance companies about minor accidents.

The "View Reported Traffic Accidents" provides details of all reported accidents, while the "Traffic Accident Acknowledgment" allows a driver to admit fault.

Finally, the insurance companies locator gives information on insurance companies, their locations, and contact details.

However, understand that the features are available only if there is an agreement between parties and no injuries.

If there is an agreement, report the incident, photograph the scene and proceed to the concerned insurance company to process other formalities.

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Make sure to photograph the accident scene

● The services are available round-the-clock and throughout the week.

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Before leaving the accident scene, make sure to photograph the scene from four angles, showing the location of the accident and the involved vehicles.

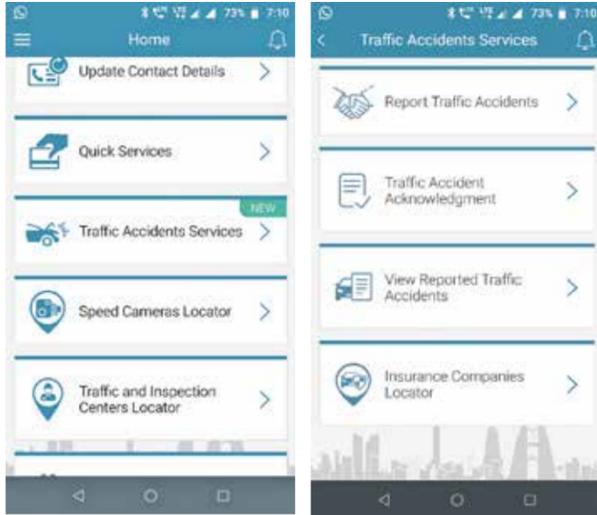
However, if the accident has resulted in injuries, report it to the General Directorate of Traffic.

Dr Zakareya Ahmed Al-Khajah, the iGA Acting Chief Executive and Deputy CE of Electronic Transformation, said, "if the affected driver reports the accident, then the other driver must admit fault by using the app or the national portal 'bahrain.bh'."

"If the driver at fault is the one reporting the accident, then this will be accepted as an admission of fault. All parties must then head to the insurance company responsible for the vehicle of the driver at fault within 48 hours," he added.

The services are available round-the-clock and throughout the week.

For those who are unable to view the new services on the eTraffic app, update to the latest version of the app, or download it from the eGovernment App Store bahrain.bh/apps.



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The move is in line with the directives of Bahrain's leaders and General Shaikh Rashid bin Abdulla Al Khalifa, the Interior Minister, to make all its services available online to save time

and effort. The General Directorate of Traffic and the Bahrain Insurance Association is providing the service jointly.

Bahraini Calendar for new Hijri year 1443 AH

Follows the "Al Zubarah and Bahrain" methodology

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An updated, more accurate version of the Bahraini Calendar for the Hijri new year 1443, based on the "Al Zubarah and Bahrain" methodology, was launched yesterday.

The Calendar, which follows the Sharia, scientific and astronomical standards, is launched as per the directives of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa.

"The "Al Zubarah and Bahrain Calendar" adopted in 1783 AD accurately determines prayer times, religious occasions and other events," said Shaikh Abdul Rahman bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Khalifa, the Chairman of the Supreme Council for Islamic Affairs and the Chairman of the Supreme Committee for Bahraini Calendar.

Prominent scholar Abdul Rahman Al-Zawawi had set the "Al Zubarah and Bahrain Calendar."

The Committee, with several religious scholars, astronomers, and specialists, worked tirelessly to enhance the accuracy of prayer timings and setting the Hijri months.

Explaining, he said, as per the Bahraini Calendar, "the real entry time for the Isha prayer occurs when the sun is at 18 degrees below the horizon, as per the methodology of the "Zubarah and Bahrain Calendar."

"Zubarah and Bahrain Calendar" calculated the entry time for prayers astronomically instead of the conventional method, which adds 90 minutes to the time of the Maghrib prayer throughout the year.

"The time difference between the Isha prayer, according to the previously established standard, and the astronomi-

cal time method (i.e when the sun is below the horizon by 18 degrees) will be at its most on the 21st of March and the 22nd of September, and will be 14 minutes."

"The difference, on the first of Muharram 1443 AH, corresponding to the 9th of August 2021 AD, will be 7 minutes," he said, adding that there will be no difference between the two timings from 8 - 29 June.

In the new version, the time of the Dhuhr prayer occurs when the sun crosses the Meridian, unlike previously when the Meridian was at the centre

of the sun disk. He pointed out that the time difference will be one minute to a maximum of two minutes from previous calculations.

Shaikh Abdul Rahman said they followed Bahrain's geographical circumferences for determining the prayer timings and also seasons more accurately.

The Supreme Council for Islamic Affairs and the Supreme Committee for Bahraini Calendar, he said, is working on a campaign to introduce the new version with other official bodies.

NMS applauds commerce topper

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New Millennium School, Bahrain yesterday congratulated Namitha Kiran of Grade 12 (2020-21) for becoming the third topper in Commerce stream in all India Senior school Certificate Examination (AISSCE), conducted by the

Central Board of Secondary Education, New Delhi.

With an overall score of 96.6%, Namitha bagged the third rank at the school level.

School Chairman Dr Ravi Pillai, Managing Director Geetha Pillai, and Principal Arun Kumar Sharma congratulated Namitha on the achievement.



Namitha Kiran

Murder trial: UK Court hears witness testimony from Bahrain via video link

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A Bahrain national, who is a witness in a murder trial ongoing in the United Kingdom, gave his testimony in the case via video conferencing.

The testimony followed approvals by the High Criminal Court, said Head of International Cooperation Section in the Attorney General's Office.

He said the UK judicial authority sought the assistance of Bahrain to hear the statements of the Bahraini citizen via video conferencing. The Bahrain na-

tional is a witness in a murder trial of a Gulf national ongoing in Britain.

The Office of International Cooperation and the British Embassy supported the process.

The testimony, via video link, was head by the court in the presence of the accused, the Defence and Public Prosecution Authority.

"Two people blocked our way with the intent of stealing as I was leaving a restaurant in London with my friend - the

victim," he told the court.

"One of them stabbed my friend in his chest and continued until he fell," he added.

The witness had also suffered stab wounds while confronting the second aggressor.

The remote judicial assistance request came in line with Law No. (7) of 2020, which authorises investigation through broadcast at all stages.

It is also in line with the law that authorises modern technology in the collection of verbal evidence.

Housing ministry cancelling 15 years deadline for structural modification!

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Housing beneficiaries in the Kingdom are to get more freedom on their units for making modifications and additions.

Up for change are laws requiring a 15 year waiting period for structural modifications and the need for signing a pledge accepting responsibility for damages, amongst others.

Al-Ayam, citing unnamed sources, reports that the discussions are between the Ministry of Housing and the Ministry of Works, Municipality Affairs and Urban Planning and various municipal councils.

The move aims at amending the building permit regulations to allow housing beneficiaries to make physical changes without compromising the structural integrity of the building.

The report says that the ministry is cancelling a 15-year waiting period for structural modifications after signing an agreement or issuing an ownership certificate.

Besides, housing beneficiaries could now add external structures without exceeding 10% of the total plot area to their units.

They are free to build on the front border of the land, given the length of the facade and the roofed car parking together not exceed 40% of the property's frontage.

The height of the new construction also should not go above the first floor and should

Key takeaways

- Ministry cancelling 15 years waiting period for structural modification after signing an agreement or the issuance of ownership certificate.

- Allows construction of external majlis without exceeding 10% area of the total size of the land plot.

- To cancel the signing of a pledge accepting responsibility for damages to the house.

- Blueprints from an accredited engineering agency are essential for modifying the main structure.

- Beneficiaries are allowed to create a door overlooking car parks.

- Construction of new structures is allowed after leaving a 1.5m setback.

- To allow adding balconies or overhead extension up to a maximum of 1.20 metres.



match the facades of other units.

No more damage responsibility pledge

AlAyam report also says that the Ministry of Housing is cancelling the requirement for a beneficiary to sign a pledge of responsibility for damages that might occur to a house during a construction process.

Instead, the ministry agreed to accept a proposal by the municipalities to commit to engineering drawing from an accredited engineering firm for constructions that affect the facades and load-bearing walls and columns inside rooms.

External doors overlooking car parks

The ministry also reportedly agreed to a proposal allowing housing beneficiaries to create an external door overlooking the car parks while rejecting a proposal allowing doors to open directly into corridors.

A setback of 1.5 m

The ministry, the report says, agreed to a proposal regarding side and rear setbacks. The new decision allows adding facilities to the original unit from the side or rear after leaving at least 1.50 metres, but through an accredited engineering firm.

3-meter space in front

The ministry also agreed to preserve the original front setback of housing units. However, it is now permissible to reduce

the setback to 3 meters if the existing area is more than 3 meters from the land border of the front overlooking the street or road. The ministry also clarified that upper projections above the ground floor are permissible up to a maximum of 1.20 meters, which requires necessary engineering approvals.

Take permits for constructions

The ministry called on beneficiaries of housing units to adhere to the construction requirements, stressing the need to obtain permits for expansion without harming the structural integrity of the housing units and the safety of the residents.

The ministry said that it is keen to include all requirements necessary to ensure the quality of housing for citizens, which takes care of the possibility of expanding the units without violating their integrity or the general view of the projects.

The constructions, the ministry said, should follow the latest building techniques and components while warning that unplanned and random changes will harm the quality of the cities and their general view.

Expansion models ready for beneficiaries to choose from

The ministry said that it had taken steps to ensure the right of the beneficiaries to expand them in a manner that guarantees the safety and quality of the units by providing them with several models of expansion at the time

of handing over itself.

"This will provide the beneficiaries several options to expand their units by using the model that safely suits their needs, and not exceeding 30% of the housing unit area," said the *Al Ayam* report.

The housing ministry also said it had worked with the Works Ministry to amend regulatory requirements for reconstructions.

The ministry said it has worked in coordination with the Works Ministry to amend requirements for reconstruction in housing areas, including cancelling the prohibition of construction.

"These amendments amid at giving beneficiaries the necessary flexibility to expand their units according to their needs, without violating construction requirements," the ministry said.

Avoid wrong engineering practices

The ministry also shed light on the wrong engineering practices in housing units that led to developing cracks in the walls, creating water leaks, fires sparked by illegal electrical connections, and blockages in sewage and rainwater drainage networks.

The ministry has earlier launched an awareness campaign calling on beneficiaries of housing units to obtain necessary permits before starting expansion and additions work on housing units, after considering architectural requirements, setback, height and building area.

Spectacular structures of the Pearling Path project

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Muharraq, the third-largest city of Bahrain and well known for its legacy, is getting its legend updated by world-renowned architects with several new structures designed.

The latest in this line and gained the attention of foreign press are the four spectacular car parks designed by Christian Kerez.

The structures, part of a project reviving the past glory of Muharraq, are nearing their completion.

The structures, according to ArchDaily, is not envisioned as just a car storage space but as a public space featuring curved slabs forming a continuous transition from one level to the other, creating a constantly changing spatial experience.



A rendering of car parks designed by Christian Kerez

company the preservation and restoration of the built heritage of Muharraq.

Christian Kerez, in collaboration

with Arsenal Engineering, is materialising the project, which, according to Bahrain Authority

for Culture and Antiquities, will provide city residents with free parking and paid parking for visitors.

Each floor of the new parking lot has a different shape and design, giving each floor a distinct character.

ArchDaily points out that the four structures follow the same concept, where slabs change from concave to convex, touch-

ing each other and creating a continuous spatial transition.

The driving sequence beings with "a sculptural tube-like extension of the lowest point of the slab, followed by an opening in the corner of the following floor, and this spatial gesture is repeated on the subsequent floors."

A visitor centre, a pedestrian bridge, public spaces, a gateway to the path and redevelopment of the oldest market are also part of the Pearl Path project.

Studio Anne Holtrop handles the restorations north of the pearling path and Studio Gionata Rize that on the south.

Holtrop's project is ongoing in collaboration with Mario Monotti, Restora SRL, Gaetano Arcobini, SGM, Ismail Khonji Engineering Consultants, and Madison Cox Landscape Architecture.

Siyadi and Murad complexes are the essential components of the northern section of the pearling path. Murad's House will be rehabilitated into a guest

house open to visitors to the city while preserving Murad's Majlis as a family council. The facade of the Siyadi House will be developed to highlight the traditional architecture and will remain inhabited by members of the Siyadi family.

Anne Holtrop is also handling the construction of Kayseri Market.

Public squares of the path and pedestrian bridge are taken care of by Kirsten Gers Dabid and Severn Office. The 3.5-kilometre trail connects many urban components of the pearling path that winds through the narrow allies of the ancient Muharraq, private lighting elements, and 16 public spaces designed by Kirsten Gers.

Valerio Olgiati is the architect of the visitor centre of the pearling path, which includes the ruins of the Yusef Ali Fakhro architecture, a historic building from the 1930s. The centre targets a wide segment of the public and will serve as a community centre.



Pearling Path visitor centre by Valerio Olgiati



Sovereign complex by Anne Holtrop Studio



Bu Maher Castle visitor centre



Pearling Path Public Squares

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Bahrain shares pulse of healthy world



CAPTAIN MAHMOOD AL MAHMOOD

When a family friend recently suffered problem requiring specialist neurosurgery and was moved to the Salmaniya Medical Centre recently, I was consoled to note that the Ministry of Health has specialist doctors who were trained in treating the patient. The complex and tricky surgery required intensive training and equipment, both of which are available at Salmaniya, a public health hospital whose top-notch facilities have played a huge role in the World Health Organization listing the Kingdom as 'Healthy City 2021'.

Starting from the 1970s, Bahrain has invested a lot in its healthcare infrastructure. Even before that, we had the American Mission Hospital, the region's first organised and dedicated private care hub for health services.

In the 1980s, an assessment found that Bahrain has excellent maternal and child health indices, meaning that infant mortality and the health of women who have delivered babies are assured of high quality care in the critical weeks and months immediately after childbirth. This lays the foundation for a long and healthy life for the infant and supports the mother in getting back on her feet and back into discharging her duties.

Today there are many private hospitals, specialist hospitals and even alternative medicine centres in Bahrain. While they are all monitored by the NHRA, they also have strict standards to adhere to and their delivery of quality care is assessed by the Ministry on a regular basis. All the care and rigid commitment to agreed upon terms does not loosen the grip of the NHRA on the quality standards.

In the critical months ahead, as the world slowly recovers from the pandemic, the Bahrain experience in designing and executive a world-class healthcare delivery system and keeping it updated with modern times will serve as a great lesson for many countries. The WHO has chosen well to open an office in the Kingdom and spread the word about healthy Bahrain to the world.

(Captain Mahmood Al Mahmood is the Editor-in-Chief of The Daily Tribune and the President of the Arab-African Unity Organisation for Relief, Human Rights and Counterterrorism)

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Bahrain enters French green list

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France has moved Bahrain onto its COVID-19 green list of countries, effective today. Besides Bahrain, Jordan had also made it to the green list.

Following the announcement, Jérôme Cauchard, the Ambassador of France, thanked His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, for adopting measures to prevent the pandemic effectively, including the free vaccination programme.

Accordingly, People travelling from Bahrain to France will be able to enter without the need to provide proof of their purpose of entry, undergo multiple tests or quarantine. Vaccinated travellers from a "green" country must prove that they have received all doses of one of the vaccines recognised by the European Medicines Agency.

For their travel, they must carry proof of their vaccination status and a sworn statement attesting that they have no symptoms of Covid-19 infection and that they are not aware of any contact with a confirmed case of Covid-19 in the 14 days before travel.

The vaccines recognised by the European Medicines Agency are Pfizer, Moderna, AstraZeneca and Johnson & Johnson.

Travellers from the green list who are not vaccinated, however, will have to present proof of a PCR or antigen test taken within the last 72 hours before their arrival to France. They are also required to carry a sworn statement.

The measures applying to vaccinated parents also apply to their accompanying minor children, whether they are vaccinated or not.

Garbage vending machines a huge hit

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The automatic garbage bag vending machines (Sahal) launched by the Southern Municipality has attracted over 130,000 users since launching its service in April 2019.

The vending unit in the Ramez Riffa market recorded the maximum number of users - 72,637, while that in the Al Inmaa commercial complex in Riffa registered 26,977 users.

Closely following was units in Muntazah markets in Isa Town with 17,357 users and that in Ramez markets in Azkar with 11,170 users.

Assem Abdul Latif Abdullah, the Director-General of the Southern Region Municipality, said the initiative allows people to receive garbage bags monthly by visiting shops in the southern region.

The service is available 24/7 in commercial complexes close to residential neighbourhoods.

The municipality, he said, aims to install new devices in the Al Nour and Zallaq, Muntazah markets and Al-Bukwara in Riffa to serve the highest possible number of citizens and residents.

"This also brings the total number of bag dispensing devices to six in vital locations," Abdullah said.

The project, he said, is a thumping success as the demand for the Sahel device is increasing. The Sahel, which translates to Easy in English, could store up to 300 garbage packages.

The dispenser allows beneficiaries to choose their language. To obtain bags, one should enter their subscriber number of the Electricity and Water Authority and personal ID number.

Focus on projects in Riffa

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Works Ministry announced launching a package of infrastructure and municipal services projects in the Riffa area, Southern Governorate.

Some of the projects, Essam Khalaf, the Minister of Works, Municipal Affairs and Urban Planning, said, are under implementation, while others are in tendering stages.

The minister said they had also completed several projects.

One of the most important projects is the development of complex 913 in Riffa. "Several roads, pedestrian sidewalks, rainwater drainage network, safety barriers and other facilities are under development here," said the minister.

On the developments in complex 917, the minister said the project includes the re-establishment and paving of several highways and secondary roads, car parks, and other necessary facilities within the complex.

The tender board had awarded the BD 863,260 road development project in complex 913 to Gasco, while Al Dour contracting is handling the BD735,175 project in area 917. The ministry is also preparing to begin the works of roads in blocks 915 and 916 in Riffa. The tender board is currently evaluating the bids received for the project expecting completion in five months.



Works are progressing

On the infrastructure projects in the Wadi El Beher region, the minister said the tender boards is to open the bids received for works in blocks 943 and 941.

The ministry also has completed the works in block 914 ahead of schedule, said the minister. Jasco and Eastern Asphalt company were the contractors of the BD160,000 project.

Works ministry had also recently completed the works of Sheikh Hamoud bin Sabah Street in Riffa in the Southern Governorate, which connects the Military museum, East Riffa Health Centre, family court, schools and several

other top facilities.

The minister further said that the ministry hopes to complete the BD521,789 Ain Al Hanina and Mohammed bin Faris Park project by the end of this year. The project's cost exceeds one million dinars, the minister said.

Besides, the minister said that they are working to rehabilitate the garden in Complex 927 in East Riffa. The BD483,948 project, on an area of 10240.3 sqm, has begun.

Badr Al-Tamimi, the head of the Municipal Council of the Southern Region, praised the ministry for the services provided to the Riffa area.

Works Ministry gets more than 3,000 requests through Tawasul

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More than 3,000 people reached the Ministry of Works, Municipalities Affairs and Urban Planning through the National Suggestion and Complaint System, Tawasul.

In total, the ministry said it received communications from 3,852 people, of which the majority, 3,300, is through Tawasul.

Breaking down further, the minister said that most of the complaints were in the road sector, mainly regarding potholes and the paving of new roads.

Requests for constructing rainwater drainage holes, sewage network opening and maintenance or replacement of manhole covers came next.

Following several complaints from Block 245 in Arad, the ministry said it launched a project to develop the roads. Construction of sidewalks, rainwater drainages, repaving of asphalt and other workers are ongoing.

In the southern governorate,



The National Suggestion & Complaint system "Tawasul" is one of the essential eChannels that enable citizens and residents to submit their suggestions and complaints to any government entity in the Kingdom of Bahrain easily at any time and from anywhere.

the ministry said most of the requests were from complex 913 and 917. Based on which the ministry said it started projects to develop both the blocks in Riffa.

Regarding the sewage sector, the ministry said the construction of rainwater drainage holes was the subject of most of the suggestions.

BD34,000 fine for COVID-19 violations

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A Bahraini court yesterday slapped a total of 34 thousand dinars fine on 22 people and six shops for violating coronavirus (COVID-19) restrictions.

The Chief Prosecutor of the ministries and public authorities said the individual fines ranged between BD1,000 and BD2,000.

The prosecutor said he received 19 notifications from the Department of Public Health in the Ministry of Health during June on COVID-19 violations from barbershops, salons, restaurants, and cafes.

The Public Prosecution initiated investigations into each of the cases before referring them for a criminal trial.

ICRF Thirst Quenchers reach 260 workers in Jannusan

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The Indian Community Relief Fund announced distributing bottled water and fruits to the workers as part of its summer programme Thirst Quenchers 2021.

More than 260 workers took part in yesterday's programme held in the Jannusan area.

The programme aims at educating workers on the importance of drinking water and remaining healthy to overcome summer. Bohra community supports the programme, now in its



fourth week.

Masks, soaps

ICRF volunteers also distributed reusable face masks and anti-bacterial soaps and flyers explaining the measures to remain safe and mentally healthy during COVID-19.

ICRF Chairman Aruldas Thomas, General Secretary Pankaj Nallur, ICRF Thirst Quenchers' Convener Sudheer Thirunilath, ICRF Volunteers Muralikrishnan, Pavithran Neeleswaram, Nisha Rangarajan and Raman Preet took part.

Bahrain's digital economy requires a collaborative approach to cybersecurity



BY JASON CAO, CEO, HUAWEI BAHRAIN

Digital transformation is the cornerstone of Bahrain's economic development. In the next three years, Bahrain is expected to spend \$2.1 billion on developing its Information and Communications Technology (ICT) sector. The country has been an early adopter of advanced technologies, enabling widespread digital transformation in its public and private sectors.

Empowered by its Vision 2030, the Kingdom is inching closer to its goal of becoming the region's ICT hub. By joining the new Digital Cooperation Organisation, Bahrain has reaffirmed its commitment to the development of its digital economy to further empower economic diversification, especially in a post-pandemic world.

However, as the Kingdom continues to build its digital economy and implements new and innovative technologies, it also faces sophisticated and complex cybersecurity challenges. The pandemic led to increased adoption of digital services across education, banking, retail, and more. Cybercriminals around the world followed this trail and exploited this circumstance for their nefarious gains. The recent remote working initiatives in Bahrain's public and private sectors have further underscored the importance of world-class cybersecurity infrastructure and security measures that are closely aligned to global industry standards.

The Bahraini government recognizes this and has taken proactive steps to ensure a safe ICT ecosystem. Bahrain is one of the few countries in the Arab region to have implemented comprehensive cybersecurity measures – drafting a cybercrime law, a data protection law, a dedicated cybersecurity strategy, and establishing a National Cybersecurity Centre. In the latest ITU Global Cybersecurity Index (GCI), Bahrain scored highly, signaling the Kingdom's high cybersecurity readiness.

Cybersecurity and privacy protection are the foundation of our digital economy. As technology becomes ever more ubiquitous, Bahraini enterprises and government entities need to take an enhanced approach to mitigate cyber threats. Hence, an all-industry, full-society approach to collaboration is essential to strengthening systematic cybersecurity governance for everyone.

To encourage industry-wide cooperation towards common security standards and verification mechanisms, Huawei recently launched the Huawei Global Cyber Security and Privacy Protection Transparency Center in Dongguan, China. At the heart of the centers' design is a concerted effort to address cybersecurity across various technology platforms. It is designed to facilitate communication, open collaboration, knowledge sharing, and trust-building between the government, partners, and customers to build an unprecedented global cyber resilience era.

As a global ICT leader, Huawei has built over 1,500 networks that connect more than three billion people across 170 countries and regions. None of these networks have ever experienced a major security incident. Our broad array of products and solutions that effectively apply to diverse scenarios in Bahrain's digital economy already incorporate cyber security management requirements. Drawing on our extensive decade-long experience in product security quality, we can help ensure the end-to-end security of the supply chain across enterprises, government, and partners in Bahrain.

As a business, we thrive on openness, collaboration, and shared success to address real needs and create real value. As Bahrain continues to build its digital economy, it needs ensure that it is laying the foundation for a robust cybersecurity infrastructure through open public-private collaborations.

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India's new airline may give Boeing a chance to regain lost ground

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Reuters | New Delhi

Indian billionaire Rakesh Jhunjhunwala's plan to launch an ultra-low-cost airline, could give planemaker Boeing a chance to regain lost ground in India after the fall of one of its biggest customers, Jet Airways, two years ago, industry executives say.

Jhunjhunwala, known as "India's Warren Buffett" for his successful stock investments, plans to team up with former CEOs of IndiGo, the country's biggest carrier, and Jet Airways to tap into demand for domestic air travel.

While Jhunjhunwala's Akasa Air comes at a time when India's aviation industry is reeling from the impact of the pandemic, with airlines losing billions of dollars, the sector's long-term prospect makes it a hot market for planemakers Boeing and Airbus.

"There will be a big fight be-



Vinay Dube, CEO of Jet Airways



President of InterGlobe Aviation Limited Aditya Ghosh



Rakesh Jhunjhunwala, Partner, Rare Enterprises

tween Airbus and Boeing," said Nitin Sarin, managing partner at law firm Sarin & Co, which advises lessors and airlines.

"For Boeing this is a great opportunity to step in and up their game, considering they don't have any other major operator for their 737 aircraft in India apart from SpiceJet," Sarin said, referring to Boeing's narrow-body aircraft.

One industry source said the new venture was already moving towards what could be one of the biggest deals of the year outside the United States to acquire purchased or leased 737s.

Boeing did not comment on Akasa's plans, but said it always seeks opportunities and talks to current and potential customers about how it can best support their fleet and operational needs.

Details of the venture, including any decision on plane orders, have not been formally disclosed, but Jhunjhunwala told Bloomberg he plans to have a

40% stake in Akasa, which will have 70 aircraft of up to 180 seats within four years.

Jhunjhunwala, valued at \$4.6 billion by Forbes, did not respond to an interview request.

Indian skies are dominated by low-cost carriers (LCCs) including IndiGo, SpiceJet, GoFirst and AirAsia India, with the majority of them operating a fleet

of Airbus' narrowbody planes. Boeing dominates India's widebody market of 51 planes but fare wars and high costs have led to casualties among full-service carriers, including Kingfisher Airlines in 2012 and Jet Airways in 2019, making LCCs and Airbus even more dominant.

Boeing's share of India's 570 narrowbody planes fell to 18% after Jet's demise from 35% in 2018, data from consultancy CAPA India shows. Jet was recently rescued from bankruptcy and is expected to fly again.

"If you have to lease an aircraft there is an abundance and lessors would be happy to provide competitive rates, even better than pre-COVID times," Sarin said.

He warned, however, that India is still a difficult place to do business, with regulatory hurdles and expensive and under-developed airports making LCCs less efficient than elsewhere.

Even as Akasa faces tough competition in a battered, post-COVID market which has pushed airlines to renegotiate terms with lessors and vendors, raise fresh funds and trim costs, starting with a clean slate and good capital will give it an advantage.

Akasa's other co-founders are Aditya Ghosh, who spent a decade with IndiGo and was credited with its early success, and Vinay Dube, former CEO of Jet who has also worked with Delta.



Indian carriers have over 900 planes on order of which 185 are Boeing 737 aircraft and 710 are Airbus, which counts IndiGo as one of its biggest customers globally.

AUB reveals latest MyHassad Millionaire

Second out of four MyHassad US\$1 million grand prizes for 2021 goes to Ahmed Ali Al-Maliki

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In a surprise ceremony held at the Sitra branch last Thursday, Ahli United Bank Bahrain unveiled the winner of its second US\$1 million prizes for the year 2021. The prize – part of the newly enhanced scheme – went to Ahmed Ali Al-Maliki.

MyHassad started the year with a great deal of anticipation, given the higher number, frequency, and size of the new prizes. Along with four grand prizes US\$1 million each, the bank is also giving away four quarterly prizes worth US\$100,000, together with 50 more monthly prizes worth US\$1,000 each.

A father and retired educator from Sitra, Al-Maliki has been a loyal AUB customer for over three decades, and a MyHassad customer for the last decade too. Having been invited to the branch without knowing the reason, he was speechless and in disbelief upon receiving the news.

He said, "I've been a happy AUB customer for as long as I can remember. I've always felt at home at their Sitra branch. It's a stone's throw away and I've always enjoyed a strong and personal relationship with their staff. They'd always go out of their way to satisfy a visitor's every need. I am extremely happy that my long relationship



The award ceremony

with them has culminated in this huge win today. I simply didn't see this coming. I believe that saving is in and of itself a healthy habit, and when you couple that with a savings scheme that could multiply your life savings many times over, I believe that MyHassad is a clear winner."

"It is a source of great joy to us to see such a loyal and long-standing client of ours enter the millionaire club through MyHassad. This year, we set

out to give back to our clientele in the form of bigger and more frequent prizes, ensuring more of them will realise their dreams this year than ever before," said Suvrat Saigal, Deputy Group Chief Executive Officer – Retail Banking. "MyHassad has also become more accessible than ever. Thanks to our new digital banking platform, customers can now open a new MyHassad account from the comfort of their homes with the only requirement being having their

CPR cards in hand. From there, they'll be able to invest and stand a chance to be the next MyHassad millionaires."

MyHassad accounts can be opened in Bahraini Dinars and several other currencies and are available to individual clients, joint accounts, as well as youth and children.

Over the past two decades, MyHassad has given away over US\$185 million to more than 17,800 lucky winners.

News in brief

Macron calls for talks to end conflict in Ethiopia's Tigray



French President Emmanuel Macron called for the opening of talks to end hostilities in Ethiopia's northern region of Tigray, the Elysee Palace said. The statement came after calls Macron held earlier in the day with Ethiopian Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed and Sudanese counterpart Abdalla Hamdok. Macron also said all restrictions should be lifted to allow the delivery of humanitarian aid in Tigray, where thousands of children could suffer life-threatening malnutrition, according to the United Nations children's agency.

◆ French President Emmanuel Macron called for the opening of talks to end

Mali's transitional government is

Mali's interim government is mindful of fixed election timeline - PM

Mali's transitional government is conscious of its commitment to a fixed deadline for arranging elections to restore democracy after last year's coup, Prime Minister Choguel Maiga said. Since a junta toppled President Ibrahim Boubarcar Keita in August 2020, political factions in Mali and foreign partners have been watching to see if the military-led interim authorities will stick to a promise to hold elections within 18 months.



◆ Malaysia extended a state of emergency in the eastern state of Sarawak

Malaysia extends emergency rule in Sarawak state to stop polls



until February 2022 to suspend regional elections amid the COVID-19 pandemic, state news agency Bernama reported. Malaysia is under emergency rule nationally to prevent the spread of COVID-19 but that is set to expire on Sunday. The emergency in Sarawak, however, will be extended until Feb. 2, Bernama reported, citing the government gazette.

The mastermind behind a 2019 attack that killed 40 Indian

Mastermind behind 2019 Kashmir attack killed in shootout

paramilitary troops has been killed in a shootout with security forces, Indian police in Kashmir said. Mohammad Ismail Alvi, the commander of militant organization Jaish-e-Mohammad was killed south of the regional capital Srinagar, Vijay Kumar, the police chief of Kashmir said.



11 killed as India's monsoon death toll swells



Eleven people were killed in eastern India after torrential rains swept away homes and triggered landslides, officials said, taking the country's monsoon death toll above 230. Rainstorms that have swept across the nation lashed the eastern state of West Bengal causing widespread destruction.

US sanctions top Cuban police for suppressing protests

AFP | Washington

The US slapped fresh sanctions on Cuban police for suppressing anti-government demonstrations this month, with President Joe Biden warning additional punitive measures were in store if the communist-ruled nation does not undertake sweeping reforms.

Thousands of Cubans took to the streets earlier in July, shouting "Freedom," "Down with the dictatorship" and "We're hungry" in the biggest protests since the revolution that brought Fidel Castro to power in 1959.

Hundreds of people were arrested and many face charges of contempt, public disorder, vandalism and propagation of the coronavirus pandemic for marching without face masks.

"There will be more unless there is some drastic change in Cuba, which I don't anticipate," Biden told reporters before hosting a group of Cuban-American leaders at the White House.

Earlier in the day the US Treasury named National Revolutionary Police Director Oscar Callejas Valcarce and Deputy Director Eddy Sierra Arias to its sanctions blacklist, which freezes any property they might have in the United States and bars US transactions with them.

"The Treasury Department will continue to designate and call out by name those who facilitate the Cuban regime's involvement in serious human rights abuse," said Andrea Gacki, director of the Treasury's main sanctions unit, the Office of Foreign Assets Control.

"Today's action serves to further hold accountable those responsible for suppressing the Cuban people's calls for free-



A man is arrested during a demonstration against the government of Cuban President Miguel Diaz-Canel in Havana (file photo)

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JOE BIDEN

dom and respect for human rights," Gacki said.

Cuba strenuously rejected the inclusion of the NRP and its directors on "spurious lists" by the United States, tweeted Foreign Minister Bruno Rodriguez.

"These arbitrary measures add to disinformation and aggression to justify the inhumane blockade against Cuba," he wrote, referring to Washington's embargo against Havana that has been in place since 1962.

Shoulder to shoulder

The Treasury said the NRP was the main unit of the Interior Ministry deployed to stifle the demonstrations and was responsible for beating a number of peaceful protesters.

On July 24 a government official said about 60 Cubans had

been prosecuted for participating in the demonstrations.

Biden on Friday stood shoulder to shoulder with Cuban American leaders at a White House meeting.

"We hear your voices. We hear the cries of freedom coming from the island," the president said.

Biden has come under fire from Republicans who criticize what they say is his weak stance against Havana.

"Biden's lack of leadership is a disgrace and undermines the cause of freedom in Cuba and around the world," the Republican National Committee said in a statement.

The White House issued a forceful defense of the president, saying Biden has been watching developments on the island closely.

"He's made clear that Cuba is led by a failed and repressive regime, and that communism is a universally failed ideology," White House spokeswoman Karine Jean-Pierre said.

On Thursday, the European Union called on Cuba to release people arrested "arbitrarily" during the protests.

Trump to declare

Notes obtained by Hou falsely claim the elect

"Leave the rest to me" and to congressional allies, the former president is said to have told top law enforcement officials

AP | Washington

President Donald Trump purged senior Justice Department officials to declare the results of the 2020 election "corrupt" in a December phone call, according to handwritten notes from one of the participants in the conversation.

"Just say the election was corrupt and leave the rest to me and the R. Congressmen," Trump said at one point to then-Acting Attorney General Jeffrey Rosen, according to notes taken by Richard Donoghue, who was then Rosen's deputy and who was also on the call.

The notes of the Dec. 27 call, released Friday by the House Oversight Committee, underscore the lengths to which Trump went to try to overturn the results of the election and to elicit the support of senior government officials in that effort. Emails released last month show Trump and his allies in the last weeks of his presidency pressured the Justice Department to investigate unsubstantiated claims of widespread election fraud, forwarding them conspiracy theories and even a draft legal brief they hoped would be filed with the Supreme Court.

COVID-19: Countries worst affected

Country	Total cases	Total deaths	Global tally
1 USA	35,689,184	629,072	198,259,318
2 India	31,619,573	423,965	
3 Brazil	19,880,273	555,512	
4 Russia	6,265,873	158,563	4,229,249
5 France	6,103,548	111,824	
6 UK	5,856,528	129,654	Recovered: 179,108,567
7 Turkey	5,704,713	51,253	
8 Argentina	4,919,408	105,586	New cases +291,631
9 Colombia	4,776,291	120,432	
10 Spain	4,447,044	81,486	New deaths +5,741
11 Italy	4,350,028	128,063	
12 Iran	3,871,008	90,630	
13 Germany	3,775,579	92,165	
14 Indonesia	3,409,658	94,119	

Figures as of closing

Middle East

Country	Total cases	new cases	Total deaths	New Deaths	Total recovered	Active cases
Egypt	284,215		16,518		229,712	
Saudi Arabia	525,730	+1,146	8,237	+11	506,089	+1,086
UAE	680,858	+1,537	1,949	+6	658,198	+1,518
Kuwait	397,098		2,314		382,826	
Oman	295,857		3,814		278,195	
Qatar	226,239	+162	601		223,732	+141

Turkey evacuates panicked tourists by boat from

AP | Istanbul

Panicked tourists in Turkey hurried to the seashore to wait for rescue boats yesterday after being told to evacuate some hotels in the Aegean resort of Bodrum due to the dangers posed by nearby wildfires, Turkish media reported.

Coast guard units were leading the operation and authorities asked private boats and yachts to assist in evacuation efforts from the sea as new wildfires erupted. Video showed plumes of smoke and fire enveloping a hill close to the seashore.

The death toll from wildfires raging in Turkey's Mediterranean towns rose to six yesterday after two forest workers were killed, the country's health minister said. Fires across Turkey since Wednesday have burned down forests and some settlements, encroaching on villages and tourist destinations and forcing people to evacuate.

The minister of agriculture and forestry, Bekir Pakdemirli, said yesterday that 88 of the 98 fires that broke out amid strong winds and scorching heat have been brought under control. Neighbor-



A man walks toward wildfires in Kacarlar village near the Mediterranean coastal town of Manavgat, Antalya, Turkey

hoods affected by the fire in five provinces were declared disaster zones by Turkey's emergency and disaster authority.

President Recep Tayyip Erdogan visited the area yesterday, inspecting the damage from a helicopter.

Speaking from the town of Manavgat, Erdogan announced that the Turkish government would cover the rents for people affected by the fire and rebuild their homes. He said taxes, social security and credit payments would be postponed for those

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RECEP TAYYIP ERDOGAN

affected and small businesses would be offered credit with zero interest.

"We cannot do anything be-



Aerial view of the wildfires in Kacarlar village

yond wishing the mercy of God for the lives we have lost but we can replace everything that was burned," he said.

Erdogan said the number of planes fighting the fires had been increased from six to 13, including planes from Ukraine, Russia, Azerbaijan and Iran, and that thousands of Turkish personnel as well as dozens of helicopters and drones were assisting the firefighting efforts.

At least five people have died from the fires in Manavgat and one died in Marmaris. Both towns are located on the Mediterranean and are tourist destinations.

Health Minister Fahrettin Koca

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Justinian I becomes the sole ruler of the Byzantine Empire



1086

Results of the Domesday inquiry presented to William the Conqueror in Salisbury (the date of compilation and the Great Domesday are historically contestable)

1774

English chemist Joseph Priestley discovers oxygen by isolating it in its gaseous state

1834

Slavery Abolition Act 1833 comes into effect, abolishes slavery throughout the British Empire

Urged Justice officials are election 'corrupt'

House oversight committee show Trump pressured officials to overturn election was not legitimate



Former President Donald Trump arrives at the Sarasota Fairgrounds to speak to his supporters during the Save America Rally in Sarasota, Florida (file photo)



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HOUSE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN REP. CAROLYN MALONEY

The pressure is all the more notable because just weeks earlier, Trump's own attorney general William Barr, revealed that the Justice Department had found no evidence of widespread fraud that could have overturned the results. Unsubstantiated claims of fraud have been repeatedly rejected by judge after judge, including by

Trump appointees, and by election officials across the country.

"These handwritten notes show that President Trump directly instructed our nation's top law enforcement agency to take steps to overturn a free and fair election in the final days of his presidency," committee chairman Rep. Carolyn Maloney, a New York Democrat, said in a statement.

She said the committee had begun scheduling interviews with witnesses as part of its investigation into Trump's effort to overturn the results. The Justice Department earlier this week authorized six witnesses, including Rosen and Donoghue, to appear before the panel and provide "unrestricted testimony," citing the public interest in the "extraordinary events" of those final weeks.

The Dec. 27 call took place just days after Barr had resigned, leaving Rosen in charge of the de-

partment during a turbulent final weeks of the administration that also included the Jan. 6 riot at the US Capitol in which pro-Trump loyalists stormed the building as Congress was gathered to certify the election results.

During the call, according to the notes, Trump complained that people were "angry" and blaming the Justice Department for "inaction" and said that "We have an obligation to tell people that this was an illegal, corrupt election." He claimed the department had failed to respond to legitimate complaints and reports of election-related crime.

The Justice Department officials told Trump that the department had been investigating, including through hundreds of interviews, but that the allegations were not supported by evidence. They said that much of the information the president was getting was "false," according to Donoghue's notes.



The demands are the latest example of Donald Trump's wide-ranging efforts to delegitimize the election results during his final weeks in office

Doctors in Saudi separate Yemeni baby from twin



The father of a Yemeni baby thanks doctors after successful surgery in Saudi Arabia to separate her from her parasitic twin

Reuters | Riyadh

A team of doctors in Saudi Arabia has separated a Yemeni baby from her parasitic twin, authorities said, marking their 50th successful operation on conjoined twins.

Aisha Ahmed Saeed was born fully developed but with an extended pelvis area and an extra pair of lower extremities, the Saudi English-language Arab News daily reported.

The procedure to separate her took seven hours and 45 minutes and involved a team of 25 medical staff including doctors, technicians and nurses, said the state-run King Salman Humanitarian Aid and Relief Center.

"The surgery went very well... the coordination between the team was excellent," Dr. Abdullah al-Rabeeah, head of the team, told Arab News.

"We managed to get the baby awake and she is opening her eyes... she even interacted with her mother just at the exit of the operating room."

"We are happy, we are celebrating the 50th success and we will continue to help those who are in need."

A parasitic twin occurs

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DR. ABDULLAH AL-RABEEAH

when a twin embryo begins to develop in the mother, but ultimately does not separate. This results in a semi-formed twin adjoined to the body of the developed twin.

The official Saudi Press Agency said Aisha is from Al-Mahra province in war-torn Yemen, where a Saudi-led military coalition is backing the government against the Iran-backed Huthi rebels.

Yemen has been mired in a devastating war for over six years which has left it on the brink of famine and with a healthcare system in ruins.

m wildfires



said 400 people affected by the fires in Manavgat were treated at hospitals and released, while 10 others were still hospitalized for fire injuries. In Marmaris, 159 people were treated at the hospital and one person was still undergoing treatment for burns.

In southern Hatay province, flames jumped into populated areas but were later apparently brought under control.

Wildfires are common in Turkey's Mediterranean and Aegean regions during the arid summer months. A heat wave across southern Europe, fed by hot air from Africa, has led to wildfires across the Mediterranean.

US military says it is assisting tanker that was attacked off Oman

Reuters | Dubai

The US Navy is assisting an Israeli-managed petroleum products tanker that was fatally attacked on Thursday off the coast of Oman, the US military said yesterday, adding the ship was most likely hit by a drone strike.

The Mercer Street, a Liberian-flagged, Japanese-owned vessel, is currently being escorted by the aircraft carrier USS Ronald Reagan, the US Central Command said in a statement.

"US Navy explosives experts are aboard to ensure there is no additional danger to the crew, and are prepared to support an investigation into the attack," said the Central Command, which oversees American military operations in the Middle East and Central Asia.

"Initial indications clearly point to a UAV-style (drone) attack," it added.

Israel's foreign minister blamed Iran on Friday for the attack, which killed two crewmen, a British and a Romanian.

US and European sources familiar with intelligence reporting said on Friday Iran was their



Sailors prepare a helicopter in response to a call for assistance

leading suspect for the incident, which a US defense official said appeared to have been carried out by a drone, but stressed their governments were seeking conclusive evidence.

Al Alam TV, the Iranian government's Arabic-language television network, cited unnamed sources as saying the attack on the ship came in response to a suspected, unspecified Israeli attack on Dabaa airport in Syria. There was no immediate of-

ficial reaction from Iran to the accusation that it may have been responsible.

The vessel is managed by Israeli-owned Zodiac Maritime. The company said on Friday the vessel was sailing under the control of its crew and own power to a safe location with a US naval escort.

Iran and Israel have traded accusations of attacking each other's vessels in recent months. Tensions have risen in the



Israel is pressing for international action against Iran over a deadly attack, branding Tehran an "exporter of terrorism"

Gulf region since the United States reimposed sanctions on Iran in 2018 after then-President Donald Trump withdrew Washington from Tehran's 2015 nuclear deal with major powers.

The United Kingdom Maritime Trade Operations (UKMTO), which provides maritime security information, said vessel was about 152 nautical miles (280 km) northeast of the Ommani port of Duqm when it was attacked.

According to Refinitiv ship tracking, the medium-size tanker was headed for Fujairah in the United Arab Emirates, from Dar es Salaam in Tanzania.



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01



Huge congratulations to @TeamGB for their world record-breaking win in the pool and win in the triathlon mixed relay. Fantastic!

@BorisJohnson

02



Sustainable and reliable transportation is critical for our economy and our families. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Deal will make the largest federal investment in public transit in history.

@VP

03



As the eviction moratorium deadline approaches tomorrow, I call on all state and local governments to take all possible steps to immediately disburse these funds given the imminent ending of the CDC eviction moratorium.

@POTUS

04



Great to see United Kingdom announce that it will start donating #COVID19 vaccines. Millions will go via #COVAX to health workers and others at risk. But the world needs more and faster action on #VaccineEquity. We call on all countries to donate doses to COVAX ASAP.

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Wife of slain Haiti leader says killers left her for dead



Martine Moise grieves during the funeral for her husband

AFP | Washington

The wife of Haiti's murdered president, seriously wounded in the very attack that killed her husband, listened in terror as the gunmen ransacked their home, she said in her first interview since the assassination.

The killers eventually found what they were looking for in president Jovenel Moise's residence, and made cursory efforts on their way out to see if first lady Martine Moise was still alive.

"When they left, they thought I was dead," she told the New York Times in an interview published Friday, weeks after the July 7 assassination that heaped a fresh crisis on the fragile Caribbean nation.

She survived and was rushed for emergency treatment to the United States, where she spoke to the newspaper while flanked by security guards, diplomats and family.

Martine is left wondering what happened to the 30 to 50 men usually posted to guard her husband at the house. None of those guards were killed, or even wounded.

"Only the oligarchs and the system could kill him," she said.

Haitian police have arrested the head of Jovenel Moise's security, as well as some 20 Colombian mercenaries, over the plot they say was organized by a group of Haitians with foreign ties.

"The only thing that I saw before they killed him were their boots. Then I closed my eyes, and I didn't see anything else. They were looking for something in the room, and they found it. When they left, they thought I was dead"

MARTINE MOISE

Jovenel Moise had been ruling the impoverished and disaster-plagued nation by decree, as gang violence spiked and Covid-19 spread.

His widow told the New York Times that the couple had been asleep when the sound of gunfire woke them.

He called his security team for help, but soon the killers were shooting in the bedroom. She was struck in the hand and elbow.

As she lay bleeding, her husband dead or dying in the same room, she felt like she was suffocating because her mouth was so full of blood.

The killers spoke only Spanish -- Haiti's languages are Creole and French -- and were communicating by phone with someone while they carried out the attack.

She said she doesn't know what the assassins took, but that it came from a shelf where her husband kept his files.

Haiti police say former Supreme Court judge suspect in president's killing

AFP | Washington

Haitian police outlined fresh accusations against a former Supreme Court judge over her links to the assassination of President Jovenel Moise earlier this month, saying she had met with some Colombian mercenaries accused of killing him.

The assassination of Moise has plunged the Western hemisphere's poorest nation deeper into chaos, and launched an international manhunt for mercenaries and the murder masterminds across the Americas.

Haitian police had earlier this week issued an arrest warrant for Wendelle Coq-Thelot, a former Supreme Court judge who was ousted with two other judges earlier in February when Moise alleged a coup was being planned against him.

Coq-Thelot's whereabouts are unknown and she could not be reached for comment.

Colombian mercenaries and Haitian-Americans arrested in the wake of Moise's murder said they had met Coq-Thelot,



A person holds a photo of late Haitian President Jovenel Moise, who was shot dead earlier this month, during his funeral at his family home

according to Inspector General Marie Michelle Verrier, the spokesperson for the National Police of Haiti.

"Several of them have indicated that they have been to Mrs. Coq's home twice," Verrier told reporters. "These people gave to (police) details of documents signed during the meetings at Mrs. Coq's home."

Police have raided Coq-Thelot's main home as well as other residences in the countryside, Verrier said. A wanted poster for Coq Wandelle has also been launched.

Many questions remain over who was behind the assassination this month and how the killers gained access to the president's home. Haitian officials

BETTER YOU KNOW
Wendelle Coq-Thelot, a former Supreme Court judge who was ousted with two other judges earlier in February when Jovenel Moise alleged a coup was being planned against him

blamed a squad of mostly Colombian mercenaries, three of whom were killed by police.

A top Moise security official was arrested on suspicion of involvement on Tuesday.

Earlier in the day, Colombia called on Haiti to guarantee the legal and medical rights of 18 Colombians detained on the Caribbean island for alleged participation in Moise's assassination.

UN compound attacked in western Afghanistan, at least one guard killed

AFP | London

"Anti-government elements" in Afghanistan attacked the main UN compound in the capital of the western province of Herat and at least one security guard was killed, the UN Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA) said.

The attack, involving rocket-propelled grenades and gunfire, happened hours after Taliban fighters penetrated deep into Herat city, and there were heavy clashes with Afghan security forces near the UNAMA provincial headquarters, officials said.

It also came as US-led foreign forces near a complete withdrawal of troops and Afghan security forces struggle to hold back Taliban fighters in three major provincial capitals.

In a statement following the attack, the United Nations said it was urgently seeking to establish a full picture of the assault and was in contact with the relevant parties.

It was not immediately clear who attacked the compound,



British troops with NATO-led Resolute Support Mission forces drive in Kabul

but a Western security official told Reuters all diplomatic compounds in the city were put on high alert.

"The United States strongly condemns the attack on the United Nations compound in Herat," White House national security adviser Jake Sullivan said in a statement, reiterating a US call for reduction in violence in Afghanistan.

UNAMA said the attack was against the entrances of the compound that were clearly marked as a UN facility.

"This attack against the United Nations is deplorable and we condemn it in the strongest terms," said Deborah Lyons, the UN Secretary-General's Special Representative for Afghanistan.

UNAMA said no UN personnel were hurt.

BETTER YOU KNOW
The Taliban, seeking to reimpose strict Islamic law after their 2001 ouster, have made swift territorial gains over the last two months but have not yet captured any provincial capitals

The Taliban put the incident down to possible crossfire.

"It is possible that guards could have sustained harm in crossfire due to close proximity of the office to the fighting," the insurgents' spokesman, Zabihullah Mujahid, said on Twitter.

He added that Taliban fighters had "arrived at the scene" and that the compound was "not under any threat".

Hamilton defies boos to take Hungarian pole

Hamilton roars to pole, as Bottas denies Verstappen front-row start

● Lewis Hamilton aims for 100th win

AFP | London

Seven-time world champion Lewis Hamilton shrugged off boos and accusations of gamesmanship to secure the 101st pole position of his career yesterday as he defied the heat and championship rival Max Verstappen to set the quickest lap in qualifying for Sunday's Hungarian Grand Prix.

Hamilton, who is aiming for his 100th Grand Prix victory and his ninth in Hungary, will be joined on the front row by Mercedes teammate Valtteri Bottas with Verstappen starting third alongside his Red Bull teammate Sergio Perez.

Hamilton brushed off the boos that came from a section of Verstappen supporters during the post-qualifying interviews.

"I have never felt so great with the booing," Hamilton said. "If anything it just fuels me, so I don't really mind it."

He also rejected suggestions of gamesmanship when his slow out lap at the end of the session prevented Perez from getting in a second fast lap.

"I was not playing any tactics, I don't need to, I know what I'm doing in the car and am fast



Mercedes' British driver Lewis Hamilton waves from his car as he celebrates winning the pole position

enough," he said at a testy press conference.

"Those making the comments do not know about the job that we're doing, which is why they are not driving."

AlphaTauri's Pierre Gasly and Lando Norris of McLaren took the third row of the grid with the Ferrari of Charles LeClerc, the Alpines of Esteban Ocon and Fernando Alonso, and Sebastian Vettel in the Aston Martin rounding out the top 10.

Hamilton, who began the weekend eight points behind Verstappen in the championship, was quickest during the final practice session yesterday

morning.

However, the Briton bided his time in the afternoon and, unlike his rivals, stuck to the longer-wearing medium tyres in P2 which saw him land just the sixth-quickest time.

Switching to the softs for P3 he produced a blistering lap of 1min 15.419sec, over three-tenths of a second faster than Bottas, who had also used the mediums.

"It was an amazing qualifying lap and it has been amazing teamwork from everyone, Valtteri included, trying to push the car forward," said Hamilton.

"The guys at the factory have

101st

pole position has been secured by Lewis Hamilton

left no stone unturned.

"The soft tyre is worth something like five metres into turn one. It was surprising to see everyone in the top 10 on the softs apart from us."

Verstappen, who crashed out of the last race at Silverstone after a first lap collision with Hamilton, had to make do with third, 0.106secs behind Bottas.

"The whole weekend we've been a bit behind and it showed in qualifying," said the Dutchman who has now made a remarkable 20 consecutive top three qualifications.

"It's not what we want but we're still there in P3 and will see what we can do."

"It's going to be really hot so a soft tyre will not last as long as the mediums but we should be good off the line."

The Hungarian GP is the last before the summer break with racing resuming at Spa for the Belgian GP on August 29.

Mir hits hat-trick to send Spain into Olympic semi with Japan



Pedri Gonzalez of Spain in action with Youssouf Dao of Ivory Coast

AFP | London

Substitute Rafa Mir hit a hat-trick as Spain finally saw off Ivory Coast 5-2 in extra time in the Tokyo Olympics men's football yesterday to set up a semi-final with hosts Japan.

Brazil defeated Egypt 1-0 thanks to a first-half strike by Matheus Cunha and will play Mexico in the other last-four clash. Both matches are on Tuesday.

The Spaniards are one of the gold medal favourites after naming a strong squad featuring six members of the team that reached the Euro 2020 semi-finals.

But they suffered a major fright before reaching the last four at the pandemic-delayed Games, even if the scoreline suggested otherwise.

Spain were just minutes from going out when forward Max Gradel's deflected strike made it 2-1 to the Ivorians in the 91st minute of normal time.

But the Spaniards responded almost immediately, Wolves forward Mir lashing in from close range to force extra time, just a minute after coming on.

Manchester United defend-

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Japan are the only team to maintain a perfect record in the group stage and are now just one win away from securing a first medal in men's soccer since claiming bronze at the 1968 Games

er Eric Bailly then conceded a penalty for handball after the intervention of VAR, with Mikel Oyarzabal stroking the ball in for a 3-2 Spain lead in the 98th minute.

Mir struck twice in the dying minutes to put extra gloss on the scoreline and claim the match ball for himself.

Japan's quarter-final with New Zealand was a far tighter affair with the score deadlocked at 0-0 after 120 cagey minutes. New Zealand had only two shots on target all match.

Fighters make weight ahead of BRAVE CF 52

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It's official! BRAVE Combat Federation will be crowning a new Light Heavyweight World Champion this Sunday, August 1st in the beautiful city of Milan after its headliners made weight for their monumental clash.

BRAVE CF Middleweight World Champion Mohammed "The Latest" Fakhreddine is slated to take on Mohamed "L'Ambiance" Said Maalem for the vacant BRAVE CF Light Heavyweight World Championship in the main event of BRAVE CF 52: Bad Blood.

Fakhreddine stepped on the scales at 92.3 kilograms, while his opponent Said Maalem checked in at 91.6 kilograms.

This bout was originally penciled to take place at BRAVE CF 50 in the Kingdom of Bahrain this past April, but Fakhreddine had to withdraw from the title tilt after backstage doctors on standby at Arad Fort deemed him unfit to compete due to illness.

However, Fakhreddine's last-minute pullout didn't sit well with Said Maalem, who went on a social media tirade by branding the Lebanese stand-out "disrespectful, eventually turning the competitive rivalry into a personal feud.

Both men have the chance to settle the score at BRAVE CF 52: Bad Blood, with the winner being guaranteed to walk out with an intricately-crafted belt



Mohammed Fakhreddine during the Weigh In

around his waist.

In the co-main event, the passionate Italian crowd will see their very own Enrico "The Killing Machine" Cortese in action against Rustam "The Russian Bear" Chsiev in a pivotal middleweight match-up.

Cortese weighed 84.3 kilograms to get the green light to face Chsiev, who posed and flexed his muscles in front of the camera at 83.9 kilograms.

The rest of the historic card will also serve as a showcase

for a host of the very best international talents in the sport, including Elias Boudegzame and Abdoul Abdouraguimov.

BRAVE CF 52: Bad Blood will be broadcasted to more than 150 countries worldwide, and fans can watch via television, computer or mobile device. The full event stream will be available on the BRAVE CF TV website—with some regions excluded. Check your local listings for time and availability. Don't miss the action!

BRAVE CF 52 Weigh-In Results

BRAVE CF Light Heavyweight World Championship: Mohammed Fakhreddine (92.3kg) vs. Mohamed Said Maalem (91.6kg)

Middleweight: Enrico Cortese (84.3kg) vs. Rustam Chsiev (83.9kg)

Catchweight: Abdoul Abdouraguimov (80.5kg) vs. Nursulton Ruziboev (81kg)

Lightweight: Valeriu Mircea (70.4kg) vs. Ayub Gaziev (70.7kg)

Bantamweight: Gamzat Magomedov (61.7kg) vs. Mochamed Machaev (61.6kg)

Super Lightweight: Ahmad Labban (75.2kg) vs. Virgiliu Frasinac (74.6kg)

Super Lightweight: Benoit St. Denis (75.3kg) vs. Arkaitz Ramos (75kg)

Featherweight: Elias Boudegzame (66.2kg) vs. Brice Picaud (64.8kg)

Machaev makes Bantamweight for the first time for BRAVE CF 52

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After competing as a featherweight for nearly four years, unbeaten Austrian phenom Mochamed "The Beast" Machaev opted to switch things up as he makes his fourth appearance under the BRAVE Combat Federation banner.

The 21-year-old standout from Vienna, Austria is set to make his bantamweight debut at BRAVE CF 52: Bad Blood in Milan, Italy this Sunday, August 1 against Russian spitfire Gamzat Magomedov.

Machaev, the 2020 BRAVE CF Breakout Fighter of the Year awardee, has never had an issue making weight at the Featherweight division, however going down a weight-class increased the level of difficulty of his weight-cut journey. The Beast made several changes to his process, and admitted to going vegan, something he has always wanted to do, to make weight. "Plant-based food is better for you," he said.

After what seemed like a daunting and frustrating weigh-ins process, Machaev was able to make weight as he tipped the scales at 61.6 kilograms. Meanwhile, his opponent, Gamzat Magomedov, checked in slightly heavier at 61.7 kilograms.

Holding a pristine professional record of 10-0 with five victories via knockout and one



Mochamed Machaev

It's actually easy. I will strike with him (Magomedov), I will defend his takedowns, and I will get the finish, as planned in the very first minute of the fight

MOCHAMED MACHAEV

win by way of submission, Machaev bared that this is no one-off stint at bantamweight. "I'm planning to stay at bantamweight. Bantamweight is my division," he said.

A decisive victory over a high-profile opponent such as

Magomedov will further bolster Machaev's stock in the division and could land him a chance to vie for the vacant BRAVE CF Bantamweight World Championship.

Machaev believes the striking aspect of the match-up against Magomedov can be the difference-maker.

"He's a typical wrestler, that's it. In technical striking, he's not on my level. He comes from a wrestling background, so he has good wrestling. But we will see how good he really is," he stated.

"It's actually easy. I will strike with him, I will defend his takedowns, and I will get the finish, as planned in the very first minute of the fight."

Thompson-Herah crowned sprint queen

Jamaica's Elaine Thompson-Herah pulled off an unexpected victory to retain her Olympic 100 metres crown

● **Herah-Thompson took control of the race in the later stages**

AFP | Tokyo

Jamaica's Elaine Thompson-Herah equalled the second-fastest time in history to retain her women's Olympic 100m title yesterday.

Thompson-Herah blazed to an Olympic-record 10.61sec, well ahead of crestfallen two-time winner Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce, with Shericka Jackson completing an all-Jamaican podium.

"I am really excited to come back and retain my title. My chest hurts, I am so happy," said Thompson-Herah, whose time has only been bettered by world record holder Florence Griffith-Joyner.

Fraser-Pryce, the 2008 and 2012 champion, was attempting to become the first woman to win an individual athletics event three times but she floundered in Thompson-Herah's wake.

A spectacular light show lit up the track in the Olympic Stadium, devoid of fans because of coronavirus risks, and Thompson-Herah then provided the fireworks, pulling away in the later stages.

Nigeria's Blessing Okagbare, who had won her 100m heat, was thrown out of the event for failing a drugs test -- the first doping incident of the Games. Kenyan men's 100m runner Mark Odhiambo was also suspended for testing positive for steroids.

There was heartbreak for Britain's Dina Asher-Smith, who missed out on the 100m final and then pulled out of the 200m competition because of a hamstring injury.

American Trayvon Bromell, who owns the fastest time this year of 9.77sec, scraped into the men's 100m semis after timing 10.05 to finish fourth in his heat.

Sweden's Danel Stahl hurled 68.90m to win the men's discus ahead of teammate Simon Pettersson, sparking uproarious celebrations by the pair in the largely empty stadium.



Elaine Thompson-Herah of Jamaica celebrates winning the gold medal next to Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce of Jamaica who won the silver medal and Shericka Jackson of Jamaica who won the bronze medal

Biles's Olympics hanging by thread



Simone Biles, of the United States, waits to perform on the vault

Gymnastics superstar Simone Biles further slashed her Tokyo Olympics schedule over a crippling mental block yesterday.

Biles, the four-time Olympic champion widely considered the best that gymnastics has seen, dropped another two events after earlier pulling out of the team competition and the women's all-around.

The 24-year-old is struggling with the "twisties", a temporary

condition where gymnasts lose the ability to orientate themselves in mid-air.

After withdrawing from the vault and uneven bars yesterday, she has just two events left on her schedule: the floor on Monday and the beam on Tuesday.

"We remain in awe of Simone, who continues to handle this situation with courage and grace," a USA Gymnastics statement said.

Swiss Bencic beats Vondrousova to win women's singles gold

World number 12 Belinda Bencic dug deep to overpower the Czech Republic's Marketa Vondrousova 7-5 2-6 6-3 yesterday and win the Tokyo Games women's singles title, becoming the first Swiss woman to earn an Olympics tennis gold.

The 24-year-old Bencic, who prevailed in two hours and 30 minutes, can now complete a set of gold medals when she and Viktorija Golubic face Czech No. 1 seeds Barbora Krejčíková and Katerina Siniakova in the doubles final on Sunday.

Bencic is also the first Swiss to win a singles gold since Marc Rosset won the men's Olympic final in 1992, and could become just the fourth woman in history to claim the title as well as victory in the doubles.

Yesterday's final began with a nervy battle as both players struggled to hold their serve before Bencic finally edged the



Belinda Bencic of Switzerland reacts after winning her gold medal match against Marketa Vondrousova of Czech Republic

42nd-ranked Czech to take the first set.

Vondrousova went up a gear in the second, going up a double break to force the match into a decider.

Bencic took a medical timeout for a toe blister while leading 4-3 in the final set, but returned to break the Czech and serve out the victory, collapsing to the court in joy when Vondrousova sent a backhand return long.

Djokovic goes home empty-handed

Novak Djokovic smashed a racquet against the net post and hurled another into the empty stands in a spectacular meltdown as he lost the bronze medal match to Spain's Pablo Carreno Busta.

The Serbian world number one, who missed out on his chance at the first men's Golden Slam -- winning all four majors and the Olympics -- when he went down to Alexander Zverev in the semis, threw away a one-set lead to lose 6-4, 6-7 (6/8), 6-3.

Djokovic then pulled out of the mixed doubles bronze-medal match citing a left shoulder



Novak Djokovic, of Serbia, reacts during the bronze medal match

injury, raising concerns over his US Open campaign in month's time.

Ledecky and Dressel surge in swimming

In swimming, Katie Ledecky and Caeleb Dressel added to their medal haul and took some sting off what has been a disappointing Games so far for the US swim team, whose eight golds are just half their tally from Rio.

Ledecky, who lost her 200 and 400 metre titles to Australia's Ariarne Titmus before beating her in the 1,500, yesterday became the first female swimmer to win six individual golds, cruising home in the 800 metres.

Taking control from the start, Ledecky increased her lead over Titmus from the 500 mark and came home more than a second ahead of her rival, winning the event for a



Caeleb Dressel, of the United States, swims in the men's 100-meter butterfly final

third straight Games, another first.

"She made it tough and so it was a lot of fun to race," Ledecky said.

World champion Dressel stormed to the 100m butterfly title in world record time, picking up his second individual gold to add to the gold he won in the 4x100 freestyle relay.

Taiwan scores two major wins in Badminton; India's Sindhu taken out

Taiwan beat China to the badminton men's doubles gold medal in one of several big moments yesterday that included India's PV Sindhu getting knocked out in the



Tai Tzu-Ying of Taiwan celebrates winning the match against P.V. Sindhu of India

women's singles semi-finals and an upstart from Guatemala making it into the men's.

Lee Yang and Wang Chi-Lin of Taiwan crushed China's Li Junhui and Liu Yuchen 21-18 21-12 in a match that lasted less than 35 minutes. Malaysia's Aaron Chia and Soh Wooi Yik beat Indonesia to the bronze.

That wasn't Taiwan's only major win of the day.

In a clash between two of badminton's best players at the Tokyo Games, world number one women's singles shuttler Taiwan's Tai Tzu-Ying played a skilled game against Rio silver medallist Sindhu's powerful smashes.

OLYMPIC MEDAL TABLE				
				TOTAL
China	21	13	12	46
Japan	17	5	8	30
USA	16	17	13	46
ROC	11	15	11	37
Australia	10	3	14	27
Great Britain	8	9	11	28
South Korea	5	4	7	16
France	4	9	6	19
Netherlands	4	7	5	16
New Zealand	4	3	3	10
Germany	3	4	10	17
Canada	3	4	5	12
Czech Republic	2	1	6	9
Croatia	3	1	2	6

Team Bahrain



Aminat clocks season's best

Bahraini sprinter sets her fastest time of 2021 in the Women's 400m Hurdles heats at the Tokyo Olympics, but it was not enough to advance to the next round

● **Aminat Jamal has strong showing but finishes seventh from eight runners in her first round heat**

● **Bahrain continue athletics campaign today with Winfred Yavi in Women's 3,000m Steeplechase heats**

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Bahrain's Aminat Jamal clocked her season's best time in the Women's 400m Hurdles heats yesterday but could not book her qualification to the next round at the Tokyo Olympic Games.

Aminat finished her race in 55.90 seconds, her best of 2021 so far, but was classified seventh from the eight competitors in her heat, which was the first of five.

Only the first four from each race plus the four fastest losers advanced to the semi-finals. Moving through from her heat were Viktoriya Tkachuk of Ukraine, who finished first in 54.80s, Melissa Gonzalez of Colombia (55.32s), Anna Cockrell of the US (55.37s) and Sage Watson of Canada (55.54s).

American Dalilah Muhammad was the fastest qualifier among the 40 athletes entered in the 400m Hurdles. Competing in the fifth heat, she clocked 53.97s.

Jessica Turner of Great Britain had the slowest time from all who advanced of 56.83s, but she finished fourth in heat four. Aminat has wrapped up her participation in the Tokyo Olympics.

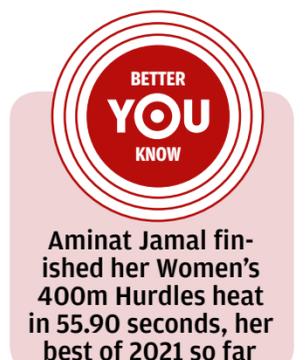
Bahrain's elite athletes are back on track today with Winfred Yavi in the Women's 3,000m Steeplechase heats. She will be running in the first of three races in the round, scheduled for a 3.40am start, Bahrain time, and must finish among the top three or be one of the six fastest losers to book a place in the final.

Winfred is one of the Kingdom's top hopes for a medal at the Games. She is one of the favourites in her heat, as she has the best time of nine minutes

02.64 seconds amongst the field of 14 athletes. Her mark is also her personal best.

Should Winfred advance, the final is slated for Wednesday.

Winfred is part of Bahrain's 13-member athletics team in To-



Aminat Jamal

kyo, and she will be the third to race, following Aminat and John Koech who dropped out with an injury in the Marathon among the men; while the other women are Kalkidan Gezahegne in the 10,000m, and the pair of Eunice Chebichii Chumba and Tejitu Daba in the Marathon.

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Bahrain Olympic chief meets Tokyo 2020 Organising Committee head



From left, HH Shaikh Isa bin Ali bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, Seiko Hashimoto and Mohammed Al Nusuf

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Bahrain Olympic Committee (BOC) vice-president and the Kingdom's delegation head at the Tokyo Olympics His Highness Shaikh Isa bin Ali bin Khalifa Al Khalifa met yesterday with Tokyo 2020 Organising Committee president Seiko Hashimoto.

HH Shaikh Isa praised the efforts and capabilities of Japan in putting together the

Olympics, particularly amidst the exceptional circumstances being experienced worldwide. HH Shaikh Isa stressed that holding the games under these conditions is a victory in itself for the Olympic movement.

HH Shaikh Isa wished Japan and its friendly people further success and prosperity.

Also at the meeting was BOC secretary general and delegation deputy head Mohammed Al Nusuf.

Bahrain handball set for crucial Egypt challenge

● **Senior men's national handball team's hopes of advancing to quarter-finals to be determined today**

● **Bahrainis can either advance with a win against the Egyptians, or with a loss and if Japan beat Portugal while keeping a superior goal difference**

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Bahrain's senior men's national handball team have their Olympic dreams in their hands as they play their final preliminary round game today in Tokyo against African cham-

Group B standings

(*Qualified for quarter-finals)

	P	W	D	L	+/-	Pts
Denmark*	4	4	0	0	+38	8
Egypt*	4	3	0	1	+10	6
Sweden*	4	3	0	1	-1	6
Bahrain	4	1	0	3	-10	2
Portugal	4	1	0	3	-12	2
Japan	4	0	0	4	-25	0



Bahrain players after their win against Japan

pions Egypt.

The game is scheduled for a 5am throw-off, Bahrain time, at Yoyogi National Gymnasium and it is the Bahrainis' fifth and last fixture from Group B.

Bahrain will be in their red

uniforms while Egypt will have white jerseys and black shorts.

The nationals need to beat Egypt to boost their chances of making it through to the quarter-finals. If they lose, they must hope that Japan defeat Portugal and that they maintain their superior goal difference on the group table.

Bahrain currently have a goal difference of negative-10 while Portugal have negative-12.

Denmark, Egypt and Sweden are already assured their berths in the last eight from this pool.

France leads Group A with an unblemished record after

four games, followed by Spain, Germany, Norway, Brazil and Argentina.

Only the top four teams from each group march through to the quarters.

Bahrain, coached by former Iceland international Aron Kristjansson, will rely on Hussain Al Sayyad, Mohammed Habib, Mohammed Mirza, Ali Mirza, Mohamed Mohamed, Ali Eid, Hasan Ali, Hassan Al Sama-heeji, Mohammed Abdulredha, Ahmed Fadhul, Ahmed Almaqabi, Mahdi Saad, and goalkeepers Mohammed Abdullhussain and Hussain Mahfoodh.

Bahrain and Barcelona set to host 2022 F1 pre-season testing

Autosport | London

Formula 1 is close to finalising the pre-season 2022 testing schedule with sessions set to be split between Barcelona and Bahrain.

In addition there is a possibility that promotional events or "filming" days – often used by teams to shakedown their new

cars before the first official test – could be extended from the traditional 100km length.

In 2021 testing was restricted to just three days in Bahrain before the opening race in order to cut costs and because many elements of last year's cars were frozen for this season.

With brand new cars coming for 2022, teams wanted more



Drivers group photo with a 2022 F1 car

testing days, with some asking for eight before it was agreed to have a pair of three-day sessions.

Teams also wanted to focus on Barcelona, in essence to be closer to home for the transport of parts and to make travel easier for personnel, especially with COVID-19 restrictions still likely to be in place.

However, Formula 1 was keen

to run both tests in Bahrain in the build-up to the first race of the season, likely to be held at Sakhir on 20 March.

The Bahrain test is set for March 11-13, the weekend immediately before the first race. By scheduling the second test so late it becomes a single trip, with personnel staying out for the Bahrain GP.