



**'Young people must strive to achieve their dreams'**



HRH Prince Salman during interview

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His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, was interviewed live by the Bahrain Radio FM team yesterday as a wonderful surprise to mark the launch of the private radio building.

Upon visiting the new building, HRH Prince Salman joined radio broadcasters at the station, in which he shared a message to the Kingdom's younger generation.

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remain curious and don't settle for second best. Keep pushing yourself, keep pushing others around you to achieve the goals that shouldn't just remain dreams in your head."

His Royal Highness said majority of Bahrainis are young, with an average age of less than 33 years, and that this is the stage of attaining goals.

HRH the Deputy King said: "Young people have the right to have a dream and strive to achieve it tirelessly, and I encourage them to do so."

Being the oldest English-language radio station in the Gulf region, HRH Prince Salman commended the radio crew on the new studios and facilities.

**US military aid harms Taiwan 'security': China**

AFP | Beijing

China warned yesterday that US military aid to Taiwan harmed the island's "security", after Washington approved direct military assistance to Taipei under a programme aimed at foreign governments for the first time, Wu Qian, a spokesperson for Beijing's defence ministry, told a briefing.

**Gabon strongman set to be sworn in as president**

AFP | Libreville, Gabon

The general who overthrew Gabon's 55-year Bongo dynasty will be sworn in on Monday as transitional president, the army said, as the opposition called for its candidate to be recognised as the winner of weekend elections.

The military sought to reassure donors they would "respect all commitments" at home and abroad and "phase in" transitional institutions, Colonel Ulrich Manfoumbi Manfoumbi, spokesman for the new regime, said on state television.

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**HRH Prince Salman opens Bahrain TV News Center main studio**



The Deputy King, His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, yesterday inaugurated the main studio of the Bahrain TV News Center and the private radio channels building at the Ministry of Information premises in Isa Town. The inauguration follows the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the establishment of television broadcasting in the Kingdom of Bahrain. (Full report on Page 2)

**A deadly blaze**

74 killed, including 12 children, as fire engulfs illegal Johannesburg housing block

● 61 injured overnight

AFP | Johannesburg

A fire that ripped through a five-storey building taken over for illegal housing killed 74 people including 12 children in central Johannesburg overnight, South African authorities said yesterday.

An additional 61 were injured and treated in hospital in one of the deadliest fires worldwide in recent years.

Bodies were discovered piled up at a security gate that was closed, preventing people from escaping the blaze, an official said.

Thembaletu Mpahlaza, the head of forensics services in Johannesburg's Gauteng province said a total of 74 bodies were recovered, 24 female, 40 male and 10 "burnt beyond recognition".

"We are having 12 children involved also in this tragedy," he told a press conference.



The forensic department members move bodies at the scene of a fire in Johannesburg yesterday. (AFP)

In the evening, rescuers were wrapping up search operations before handing the scene over to the police.

"This is a great tragedy, felt by families whose loved ones perished in this terrible manner," South African President Cyril Ramaphosa said at an event in the southern city of Gqeberha.

Visiting the scene later in the

evening he said authorities were working "full out" to assist those affected, adding the disaster needed to be investigated.

"It's a wakeup call for us to begin to address the situation of housing in the inner cities," Ramaphosa said.

City authorities said the municipality-owned, listed building in a deprived, crime-ridden

area had been turned into illegal housing after being abandoned.

Most of those living there were foreigners, one resident said.

"I'm grateful to be alive, there was a lot of us running, trying to find the fire exit and a lot of people eventually died because of the smoke inhalation," said Kenny Bupe, a survivor caught up in the blaze while visiting a friend.

The 28-year-old said he was in a group that managed to break open a locked fire escape gate and run to safety, while others "jumped out" of windows.

Blankets and sheets used for escape hung from the burned-out windows, after the flames were put out.

Witnesses spoke of parents throwing their babies out into the street, hoping to save them.

"There were people catching the babies and there were also mattresses laid out for (them)," said Mac Katlego, 25, who lives across the street.

**Whaling ban lifted**



A file photo shows whalers cut open a 35-tonne Fin whale, one of two fin whales caught aboard a Hvalfsjour, north of Reykjavik, on the western coast of Iceland on June 19, 2009. Iceland's government said whaling could resume from today with stricter conditions and monitoring after it decided not to extend a temporary two-month ban imposed amid animal welfare concerns. (AFP)

**Trump pleads not guilty in Georgia election case**

AFP | Washington

Former US president Donald Trump pleaded not guilty yesterday to charges that he led a criminal conspiracy to overturn his 2020 election loss in the southern state of Georgia.

The Republican presidential frontrunner, who faces 13 felony counts including racketeering, entered his plea in a court filing waiving his right to appear at an arraignment next

Wednesday.

Trump, 77, surrendered to the Fulton County jail in the state capital Atlanta last week and was the first former US president pictured in a police mug shot.

Released on a \$200,000 bond and given the inmate number "PO1135809," Trump was accused of colluding with 18 other defendants in a multi-pronged attempt to overturn his defeat in Georgia.

The billionaire - who lost the

state by fewer than 12,000 votes - has been indicted four times since April, setting the stage for a year of unprecedented drama as he juggles numerous court appearances and another White House campaign.

Trump is asking for his case to be severed from co-defendants who have sought a speedy trial, including Kenneth Chesebro, a Trump campaign lawyer due to go before a jury in October.

# Royal leadership hailed on BTV's Golden Jubilee

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, received cables of congratulations from Information Minister Dr. Ramzan bin Abdullah Al Noaimi on the 50th anniversary of the establishment of television broadcasting in the Kingdom of

Bahrain.

The minister noted that the historic milestone ushered in a chapter laden with media achievements, which were further optimised by His Majesty's directives and vision that empowered national media and supported its pivotal role in highlighting wide ranging and multi-faceted development strides.

Dr. Al Noaimi expressed his gratitude to His Royal High-



HM the King



HRH Prince Salman

ness for inaugurating yesterday the main studio of Bahrain TV News Center and the private radio channels building at the Ministry of Information.

He emphasised that the inauguration of the new facilities was a historic moment in the Kingdom's national media sector that paved the way for further development and modernisation, in line with His Majesty's vision, and the support of HRH

the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, to further develop the role of the national media.

Dr. Al Noaimi affirmed that the progress in all media sectors in Bahrain reflected His Majesty's vision that enabled media and press freedoms to flourish and thrive, and supported all forms of artistic and cultural creativity, thus earning the Kingdom an advanced standing on the Arab and international media map.

# 'Invest in Bahraini media talents'

HRH Prince Salman: Technology is an essential tool to support the Kingdom's development

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The Deputy King, His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, emphasised the importance of continuing to invest in Bahraini media talents to support creativity and excellence across media production and performance.

HRH Prince Salman noted that technology is an essential tool to support the Kingdom's development, including enhancing its media sector's global relevance and competitiveness.

HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister said that Bahraini citizens' determination has enabled the Kingdom to attain regional and international accomplishments.

HRH the Deputy King made the statements as he inaugurated yesterday the main studio of the Bahrain TV News Center and the private radio channels building at the Ministry of Information premises in Isa Town.

Information Minister Ramzan bin Abdullah Al Noaimi welcomed HRH the Deputy King's visit to the ministry.

The inauguration follows the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the establishment of television broadcasting in Bahrain.

His Royal Highness highlighted the strategic role of the Kingdom's national media in promoting Bahrain's image and its achievements, which were made possible, thanks



HRH the Deputy King tours the Bahrain TV News Center main studio and private radio channels building



to the visions of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa.

HRH Prince Salman noted that the Kingdom's rapid growth and development are supported by plans and programmes implemented by Bahraini citizens who are committed to achieving success.

He toured the main studio of the Bahrain TV News Center and the private radio channels building, which included state-



of-the-art television and radio equipment and technology.

## Competitiveness

HRH the Deputy King emphasised that the inauguration of the main studio of the Bahrain TV News Center and the private radio channels building advances Bahrain's audio-visual media sector and the Kingdom's competitiveness, in line with inter-

national best practices.

He affirmed the importance of bolstering efforts to develop the media sector based on founding principles and commitment to providing a professional and impartial media discourse that serves the Kingdom, citizens, and its residents.

HRH the Deputy King noted that the Kingdom continues to put its trust in Team Bahrain, which has produced success

stories in every field, including the media.

His Royal Highness commended the efforts, diligence, and dedication of employees at the Ministry of Information for responsibly spreading awareness and supporting the Kingdom's wide-ranging development, as part of Team Bahrain.

HRH Prince Salman concluded by noting the importance of the media's role in preserving the



The main studio of the Bahrain TV News Center is three times larger than the current studio and is equipped with state-of-the-art technology to cover local, regional, and international events creatively and efficiently. The private broadcasting studios building project has the latest electrical power systems to provide sustainable electric current for all technical devices and systems.

Kingdom's identity and societal values.

## Royal message

Upon visiting the new private radio channels building, His Royal Highness joined radio broadcasters at the 96.5 radio station, in which he shared a message to the Kingdom's younger generation.

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## Bahrain sends greetings to Uzbekistan and Slovakia

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, sent cables of congratulations to President Shavkat Mirziyoyev of Uzbekistan on his country's Independence Day.

HM King Hamad and HRH Prince Salman wished the

president health and happiness and to the people of Uzbekistan with further progress and prosperity.

HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister sent a similar cable to Prime Minister Abdulla Aripov.

His Majesty and His Royal Highness sent cables of congratulations to President Zuzana Caputova of Slovakia, on her country's Constitution Day.

## Bahrain-South Korea ties



Industry and Commerce Minister Abdullah bin Adel Fakhro received the newly appointed South Korean Ambassador to Bahrain, Heon Sang Koo. The meeting reviewed bilateral relations, and ways of cooperation in various fields, especially in the industrial and trade fields. Fakhro pointed out to the role that the private sector can play in both friendly countries, which can contribute significantly to achieving common goals. The minister wished the new ambassador success in performing his diplomatic duties, stressing the importance of continuing to develop bilateral ties and boost them to broader horizons.

# 'Use newest technologies to boost education system'

## Royal call to develop creativity, innovation

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The Deputy King, His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, emphasised the importance of using the newest technologies and developing education policies with the latest methods to support the education system on par with global developments.

HRH Prince Salman directed Education Minister Dr Mohammed bin Mubarak Juma to ensure public schools foster an educational environment that encourages students to advance and excel.

HRH the Deputy King was speaking as he met yesterday with Dr Juma at Gudaibiya Palace.

His Royal Highness highlighted the importance of advancing the Kingdom's education system by fostering a creative and innovative educational environment that enables citizens to contribute to the wide-ranging development.

He emphasised His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa's ongoing support for the Kingdom's education sector.

HRH the Deputy King directed for the introduction of a parent induction day to be held across public schools to brief guardians on the new academic year.

HRH Prince Salman concluded



HRH the Deputy King meets with the Education Minister

by wishing students, academic, and administrative bodies from all institutions and educational levels a successful new academic year.

Dr Juma expressed his gratitude for the opportunity to meet with His Royal Highness and highlighted his commitment to furthering the education sector.

He added that HRH the Deputy King's support motivates the Ministry's employees to double efforts to advance the education sector and serve the Bahraini citizens.

His Highness Shaikh Mohammed bin Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa and the Minister of Cabinet Affairs, Hamad bin Faisal Al Malki, also attended the meeting.

## Bahrain promotes creativity

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Bahrain is capable of developing and supporting national competence, as well as creating an environment that promotes creativity and involves people in the national development process.

This was affirmed by Dr. Shaikha Rana bint Isa Bin Duaij Al Khalifa, Director General of Bahrain Institute for Public Administration (BIPA), while attending the opening of the 32nd edition of Kawader leadership programme.

The programme serves jobseekers, businesses, and various organisations, providing a set of advanced methodologies and practices for managing teams, clients, partners, and effective communication to enable participants to maximise their creativity and productivity at work.

Dr. Shaikha Rana highlighted the importance of BIPA's role in setting up training programmes that will enhance national competencies and advance their performance in the public sector.

She noted that the national programme contributed to the development of institutional initiatives ranging from government policies to reengineering institutional processes, in turn contributing to the development of Bahrain's government work system.

## Arrested for suspicious money transactions

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The National Financial Intelligence Centre announced yesterday the arrest of an Asian employee of a financial company for exploiting IT methods to hide sources of suspicious money.

An investigation into the received information led to identifying and arresting the suspect.

# #WaterForDeliveryBoys

'Companies irresponsible', say netizens amid public call to ensure riders' safety and proper hydration

Julia Cassano  
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Even as online food delivery apps are nudging customers through notifications to provide drinking water to delivery personnel, customers say they are happy to oblige but point out that it is the primary responsibility of the companies.

A debate on the topic ensued after a user recounted his recent experience in an anonymous public chat room. The delivery driver requested a cool drink from him; however, not having one on hand, he offered a room-temperature beverage instead, he said.

Other netizens joined in the discussion as they, too, are frequently requested by delivery drivers for a cool drink during



Offering cold drinks to delivery people is a kind gesture

the warmest hours of the day, and may be unprepared, which is why many in the Kingdom have begun stocking cold beverages to offer to riders.

A netizen shared, "Bahrain has some of the most extreme temperatures in the world, and

we should definitely help delivery drivers where we can, as most of these drivers are driving across Bahrain to deliver our orders in the sweltering heat."

He, however, said that though the public has a responsibility to provide refreshments when re-

"Though the public has a responsibility to provide refreshments when receiving our orders, the company should also hold responsibility to ensure safety and proper hydration of riders."

- NETIZEN

ceiving our orders, the company should also hold responsibility to ensure safety and proper hydration of riders.

When noting the recent pop-up in delivery app that suggests for customers to ask riders if they need water, users shared

that they find it infuriating.

"I find it infuriating that huge delivery companies are requesting customers to provide water to their delivery drivers through the app instead of spending the minuscule amount of money to keep them hydrated," the user said.

### Alleviating hardship

To alleviate hardship on delivery drivers, many users in the chatroom stated that they have ceased ordering on delivery apps, particularly during the warmest hours of the day.

Instead of ordering meals during the boiling hours, netizens recommended that ordering in the evening can assist in relieving the load of heat on the drivers, making their trips easier to bear.

## Academy praised for training Foreign Ministry employees on diplomatic work

Dr. Al Zayani commends board members' efforts

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Foreign Affairs Minister Dr. Abdullatif bin Rashid Al Zayani praised the role of Mohammed bin Mubarak Al Khalifa Academy for Diplomatic Studies (MBMA) in preparing and training employees of the ministry in the field of diplomatic work.

Also Chairman of the MBMA Board of Trustees, Dr. Al Zayani expressed his appreciation for the efforts made by the board members in supporting the training programmes organised by the academy.

The minister was speaking as he chaired yesterday the virtual meeting of the academy's board of trustees.

He stressed the keenness of the ministry continuing to build on what has been achieved at advanced levels in training



Dr. Al Zayani chairs the online MBMA board meeting

and development of diplomats, under the directives of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa with the support of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, as well as their vision for an active Bahraini diplomacy.

Dr. Shaikha Muneera bint Khalifa bin Hamad Al Khalifa, MBMA Director General, expressed her gratitude to Dr. Al Zayani and all board members for the support and continuous interest in supporting the academy training programmes and its activities which contributed to achieving the goals and objectives.

She gave a presentation on the developments of the academy in the year 2023, and its plan and priorities for the development of diplomatic cadres in the fourth quarter of the year 2023 by offering a set of training and language programmes, to enhance the capabilities of the diplomatic and administrative staff in the Foreign Affairs Ministry, both within Bahrain or in the kingdom's missions abroad.

The board members expressed their gratitude to MBMA for their role in preparing diplomats and preparing them according to international standards, and wished the academy affiliates success.

## Ministry introductory day for parents set

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The Education Ministry has begun coordinating with all government schools to hold an introductory day for parents.

The meeting between the educational and administrative bodies in government schools and the parents will give an overview of the new academic year.

This came under the directives of His Royal Highness



Dr. Juma

Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, to provide an encouraging educational environment in public schools.

Education Minister Dr. Mohammed bin Mubarak Juma said that the introductory day will be held on 4-5 September for open periods from morning to evening, which will include a reception and an introductory tour to learn about the educational and study plans, and the scheduled school activities for the new academic year, as well as answering all inquiries.



Coordination meetings with all government schools are underway.

# Stage set for 'AI Reshaping Industries' forum in October

**Major boost for national media**  
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● **Venue: Exhibition World Bahrain**

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The 10th Bahrain International eGovernment Forum is set to take place from October 9 to 11 at Exhibition World Bahrain at the Grand Hall.

Organised by the Information & eGovernment Authority (IGA),

the event is held under the patronage of HE Gen. Rashid bin Abdullah Al Khalifa, the Minister of Interior and Chairman of the Ministerial Committee for Information and Communication Technology (MCICT).

The forum's central theme, 'AI: Reshaping Industries', will explore how artificial intelligence stands at the forefront of advanced technologies, playing a pivotal role in accelerating progress, stimulating innovation, and fos-



Interior Minister

tering growth across diverse sectors.

The discussions will cast a wide-ranging spotlight on the applications of AI, spanning domains such as financial technology, education, and government operations.

High-ranking government officials, representatives from the private sector, technology enthusiasts, and experts from public and private entities, civil society organizations, and academic institutions will partici-

pate in the forum.

The event will feature distinguished international speakers specialising in AI and Information Technology (IT). Additionally, it will serve as a platform to showcase initiatives, projects, and cutting-edge solutions, while highlighting international best practices.

This year's forum features a comprehensive agenda that will delve into various aspects of AI and its impact on the future of business.

The inauguration of the Bahrain TV News Center and the private radio channels building at the Ministry of Information by the Deputy King, His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, represents a major boost for national media under the leadership of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa.

This was emphasised by Bahrain Journalist Association (BJA) chairman Isa Al Shaiji. He congratulated Information Minister Dr. Ramzan bin Abdulla Al Noaimi on the inauguration and the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the beginning of official television broadcasting in Bahrain.

## Bahrain takes part in GCC customs meeting



Brigadier Al Kubaisi heads Bahrain's delegation

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Bahrain participated in the fifth meeting of the Board of Directors of the Customs Union Authority of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) countries, which was held in the city of Salalah in the Sultanate of Oman.

Brigadier Abdullah Hamad Al Kubaisi, Director General of the General Administration of Customs Inspection and Security at Customs Affairs, headed the Kingdom's delegation.

During the meeting, a number of topics on the agenda were discussed, the most important of which was taking note of the results of the relevant ministerial meetings, following up on the implementation of the decisions of the Board of Directors of the Customs Union Authority, in addition to following up on the implementation of the requirements of the basic stage of the Authority.

The meeting also discussed the updated timetable and the



The meeting discussed the requirements of the customs union.

executive action plan to complete the requirements of the customs union, the proposed solutions and the executive action plan to complete the customs union, in addition to the 14th meeting of the Gulf Authorized Economic Operator Committee and the project office management working group meeting, and the authority's memorandum on the lists of prohibited goods, and restricted.

## Ports Directorate receives global award for airport services quality

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The Ports, Search and Follow-Up Directorate won first place in the airport services quality reports by Airports Council International (ACI) for fast inspection of passports and facilitation of travel procedures in the second quarter of 2023.

Shaikh Hisham bin Abdulrahman Al Khalifa, Interior Ministry Undersecretary for Nationality, Passports and Residence Affairs (NPRA), congratulated the Ports Directorate for this achievement.

This came as Shaikh Hisham received Brigadier Abdulaziz Al Dosari, Assistant Undersecretary for Ports, Search and Follow-Up.

Shaikh Hisham attributed the achievement to the development



Shaikh Hisham receives Brigadier Al Dosari

and modernisation strategy of Interior Minister General Shaikh Rashid bin Abdullah Al Khalifa.

He emphasised on the importance of continuing to develop the skills of its employees by

providing specialised courses and benefiting from international expertise.

## Awareness campaign to protect society from electronic fraud

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Northern Governor Shaikh Ali Abdul Hussain Al Asfoor stressed the importance of raising awareness through various available channels on the dangers, methods and types of fraud and electronic phishing to fortify and protect members of society.

He praised the efforts made by all concerned parties to prevent fraud crimes.

This came as the Northern Governor received Dr. Meshal Nasser Al Thawadi, economic researcher and human resource-



Shaikh Ali Abdul Hussain receives Dr. Al Thawadi, in the presence of Colonel Maantar

development expert, in the presence of the Deputy Govern-

nor, Colonel Abdullah Maantar. Shaikh Ali Abdul Hussain

praised the efforts made by Dr. Al Thawadi in spreading awareness.

He stressed the governorate's readiness to cooperate by organising a series of dialogue and awareness sessions in cooperation with the relevant authorities, in a way that contributes to creating an environment aware of the dangers of phishing and electronic fraud.

Dr. Al Thawadi presented a summary of the "Fortify Yourself Against Electronic Fraud" campaign, which is concerned with educating the community from fraudsters.

### Anti-drug awareness campaign



The General Directorate of Criminal Investigation and Forensic Science has participated in an anti-drug awareness campaign for the Good Imprint Association. The participation was part of efforts to promote community partnership and encourage youth to avoid drug addiction.

# India records strong 7.8% growth in June quarter

● Highest in four quarters

● Inflation edged up to 4.81% in June

AFF | New Delhi, India

India's GDP grew by 7.8% in the June quarter, official figures showed yesterday, despite government fears over the impact of higher consumer prices on household budgets.

Its growth has rebounded since the Covid-19 pandemic -- up 7.2% for the year to March



A labourer carries a sack of vegetables at a wholesale market in Hyderabad

-- and has remained near the top of the pack among the world's biggest economies.

Thursday's figure was the highest in four quarters, with official statistics showing on-year growth of 12.2% for the financial,

real estate and professional services sectors.

But, like other countries, India has been buffeted by global headwinds including tightening global financial conditions, the war in Ukraine and geopolitical

tensions.

India's central bank warned this month that higher food prices had hit household budgets and were expected to get worse.

Inflation edged up to 4.81% in June, still down from a peak of 7.79% last year that prompted a series of rate hikes.

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman told parliament this month that the government was taking steps "to contain high prices which are hitting common citizens".

Chief among the government's concerns is rising food prices, with inclement weather and pest attacks in major production belts hitting staple crops such as



India overtook Britain last year to become the world's fifth-largest economy, and recently surpassed China to become the most populous country.

tomatoes.

Sitharaman said the government had stepped up food imports and loosened import restrictions to ease price pressures.

India's headline growth has improved despite residual global uncertainty, with the World Bank's India country director Auguste Tano Kouame saying in

April the country "continues to show strong resilience to external shocks".

The International Monetary Fund forecasts 6.1% GDP growth for India this year.

"India is a country with growth -- very strong and continuing to be strong," IMF research department division chief Daniel Leigh said last month.

## Startups key to economic growth, job creation, says Industry Minister

● Minister honours StartUp Bahrain Pitch series winners

● Mame Pod crowned fifth edition winner

● Five local startups took part in the 5th edition

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The Ministry of Industry & Commerce yesterday affirmed the Kingdom's full support to Bahraini entrepreneurs to turn their ideas into successful commercial projects, citing it as key to boosting economy and creating quality jobs.

Bahrain, Minister Abdullah bin Adel Fakhroo said, has become a hub for promising businesses to grow and flourish, thanks to the presence of attractive business infrastructure as well as incentives.

The minister made the remarks as he met the winners of the StartUp Bahrain contests held in collaboration with the Labour Fund (Tamkeen), the Bahrain Economic Development Board, and Bahrain Development Bank.

He said the event, now in its fifth edition, serves as a platform for startups to connect with potential investors and



Minister Fakhro meets StartUp Bahrain contest winners

gain recognition for their innovative solutions.

### Fifth edition

Mame Pod was winner of the recently concluded fifth edition of StartUp Bahrain pitch series that had the presence of five emerging local startups.

Fedaa Bouhssine, the founder of the "Mami Pod", said the company specialises in making and serving Japanese appetisers.

"Winning the fifth edition of StartUp Bahrain Pitch is surreal as much as it's an honor for myself and my team," expressed Fedaa on their win.

The winning company was selected by a panel of judges including, Mokhtar Ibrahim, Principal of BECO Capital, Mohammed AlMunifi, Venture Capitalist at Faith Capital Holding, and Christina Andreassen, Director of Programs at AstroLabs, and Tariq Sanad, the Chief Financial

Officer at Tarabut Gateway.

Other fifth edition contestants were Oream Delivery, an application that enables customers to order anything from anywhere in Bahrain under one umbrella; Sakani, a real estate application that allows customers to find property and contact agents and banks to receive approval for purchasing property; Kyan Jewelry, which specializes in creating 18k gold jewelry inspired by art and nature; and lastly, Lunchy, a food tech app dedicated to providing personalized healthy lunch subscriptions for school children. The meeting was in the presence all previous Startup Bahrain contest winners Eman AlSabah, the founder of "Fablemill, a film production house that aims to amplify Arab stories, Othman Al Kooheji Co-founder of Codot that connect clients with creative freelancers, Aida Al-Mudaifa, founder of "Early Riser",



a family business specialised in handcrafted granolas and nut butters, and Eman Sharaf, founder of the "Rokn" which specialises in special education tools.

Separately, Ali Hasan, Executive Director of Programmes and Partnership Development at the Labour Fund (Tamkeen) highlighted Tamkeen's unwavering commitment to nurturing Bahrain's ecosystem through bespoke support programs and initiatives. "At Tamkeen, our foremost focus is to help startups overcome the challenges of securing funds, which is among some key challenges facing startups worldwide," he emphasized.



On Monday, Sameer Nass, Chairman of the Bahrain Chamber, engaged in discussions with Steven C. Bondy, the US Ambassador to Bahrain, along with Cheryl Collins, the Economic Officer, at his office. The meeting underscored the potential to enhance economic connections and promote trade activities between Bahrain and the United States. Also present were Mohammed Al Kooheji, Second Vice Chairman of the Bahrain Chamber, Waleed Kanoo, Vice-Treasurer, and Executive Committee members Basim Al Saie and Ahmed Al Saloom. Additionally, board members Sonia Janahi and Yaqoob Al Awadhi.

## BSB welcomes back students



John Maguire with students

Ashen Tharaka  
TDT | Manama

The British School of Bahrain (BSB) welcomed students back to school on August 31, 2023, with a sense of excitement and anticipation.

The school said it has had a busy summer, investing in new facilities and programs, and the staff have been undergoing professional development to ensure that they are ready to provide the best possible education for their students.

"The school is buzzing with children and it's so nice to see and hear the corridors full of laughter and excitement as they rejoin the school," said Mr. John Maguire, Executive Headmaster of BSB. "It's going to be a fantastic year and I think it will rival our best ever year last year where we were the best again for A level and GCSE results, but also some fantastic events already

planned for this year. So I'm looking forward to the year and welcoming everyone back."

Parents were also excited about the new school year. "Actually as a family, we choose BSB to be the school for my daughter because of the word of mouth, all my friends and all my colleagues," said one parent. "They said that the level of education is perfect and the kids are making good friends in the school, the teachers are friendly and the culture of the school is very healthy. That's why we choose based on the reputation and Lord of mouth of our colleagues."

Another parent said, "We chose BSB because of its high quality education. We heard from other parents as well. That is a good atmosphere for my daughter to grow up and to have good friends, to have a multicultural experience as well. And she's super excited."

## Trump inflated net worth up to \$2.2 bn per year from 2011 to 2021

New York, United States

Donald Trump routinely overvalued his net worth by billions of dollars each year between 2011 and 2021, New York's attorney general alleged on Wednesday.

In documents filed in support of an ongoing \$250 million civil suit against the former president, state Attorney General Letitia James claimed that Trump and some of his associates submitted "grossly inflated" numbers to banks and insurers

"to secure and maintain loans and insurance on more favorable terms."

The scheme resulted in "hundreds of millions of dollars in ill-gotten savings and profits," the documents alleged.

James' lawsuit against the current Republican frontrunner dates back to last year, when she accused Trump, some of his children and the Trump Organization business of tax and financial fraud.

Trump and his children also stand accused of deflating the value of certain Trump Organization assets -- including golf clubs, luxury hotels and other properties -- to reduce taxes.

The trial is due to start October 2, with a preliminary hearing September 22, though James, a Democrat, is seeking to have the court resolve the case before it goes to trial based on the documents submitted Wednesday.

They allege Trump overstated

his wealth each year between 2011 and 2021, including the years he was president, between 17 and 39 percent -- amounting to \$812 million and \$2.2 billion each year.

"Based on the undisputed evidence, no trial is required for the Court to determine that Defendants presented grossly and materially inflated asset values," to help them conduct "business transactions and defraud banks and insurers," prosecutors argued.

**QUOTE OF THE DAY**  
**LIFE ISN'T ABOUT FINDING YOURSELF. LIFE IS ABOUT CREATING YOURSELF.**  
 GEORGE BERNARD SHAW

**TODAY IN HISTORY**

**1715**  
 King Louis XIV of France dies after a reign of 72 years—the longest of any major European monarch.

**1939**  
 World War II starts when Germany invades Poland by attacking the Free City of Danzig



**1941**  
 Jews living in Germany are required to wear a yellow star of David

**1969**  
 Colonel Muammar Gaddafi deposes King Idris in the Libyan revolution

**News in brief**

◆ **Grant Shapps** was yesterday appointed UK defence secretary, succeeding Ben Wallace who formally stepped down after a key role shaping the country's military backing for Ukraine against Russia. Wallace, a popular lawmaker once tipped as a potential leader of the ruling Conservative party, was the longest-serving Tory defence secretary since Winston Churchill. He had announced in a newspaper interview in July that he would step down before the next government reshuffle and not contest the next general election, which is expected in 2024. Prime Minister Rishi Sunak's office announced Shapps's appointment, around an hour after he was seen entering 10 Downing Street.



**UK names Grant Shapps as new defence secretary**

◆ **China's President Xi Jinping** is not expected to attend the G20 summit in India next week and will send Premier Li Qiang in his stead, a senior EU official said Thursday. "My last information... was that Xi didn't intend to travel, it would be the prime minister," the official told reporters in Brussels ahead of the September 9-10 summit in New Delhi. Xi and Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi held rare face-to-face talks at the BRICS group summit in South Africa last week, but tensions remain high between the Asian giants.

◆ **China's Xi to skip G20 summit, EU official says**

◆ **Jailed former separatist commander Igor Girkin** said Thursday he wanted to run for Russian president in an election next year and piled fresh criticism on leader Vladimir Putin. The 52-year-old -- better known by his alias Igor Strelkov -- was detained on extremism charge in July for criticising Russia's leadership. Girkin was arrested following a series of posts critical of Putin and he faces up to five years in prison if convicted. Russia is expected to hold a presidential election in March 2024.

◆ **Jailed Russian Nationalist Declares Presidential Bid**

◆ **Greek summer wildfires will burn over 150,000 hectares: PM**

◆ **Devastating wildfires** in Greece will ravage more than 150,000 hectares (370,600 acres) by the end of the summer, Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis estimated yesterday, blaming the climate crisis for the disaster. Like many countries around the Mediterranean, Greece has been plagued by wildfires since the start of the summer, with 26 people dying in forest fires fanned by dry, windy and hot conditions. A massive blaze in Dadia forest, which the EU has branded the largest ever wildfire recorded in the bloc, was still burning for a 13th day. The area burned by fires "will exceed 1,500,000,000 square metres (150,000 hectares) including the fire in the Dadia forest", Mitsotakis told parliament.



**CURIOSER & CURIOSER**

**US envoy feasts on Fukushima fish, slams China water 'dumps'**



US Ambassador to Japan Rahm Emanuel (L) and Soma mayor Hidekiyo Tachiya have lunch at the Takohachi restaurant

AFP | Soma, Japan

The US envoy to Japan feasted on fish from Fukushima on Thursday, saying that water discharged from the crippled nuclear plant was safer than that "dumped" by Chinese atomic facilities.

China banned all seafood imports from its neighbour last week after Japan began releasing wastewater from Fukushima into the Pacific Ocean, accusing Tokyo of treating the ocean like a "sewer".

"Japan over the decade has done exactly the right things in the right way. International scientific rigour, fully transparent, and inviting the international community to monitor their process cleaning the water," ambassador Rahm Emanuel said as he visited the area devastated by the 2011 tsunami and nuclear catastrophe.

"Water from this area is safer than (the water which) the four plants in China dumps untreated into the ocean," he said.

The water being released from Fukushima has been filtered of all radioactive elements except tritium, according to plant operator TEPCO.

Tritium levels are within safe limits and below that released by nuclear power stations in their normal operation, including in China, TEPCO says.

Emanuel, 63, ate a plateful of raw slices of flounder, tuna and bass at a local restaurant before buying more fish and locally grown peaches from a supermarket.

**Gabon coup leader to be sworn in as president ending Bongo era**



Head of Gabon's elite Republican Guard, General Brice Oligui Nguema (R), is decorated by Gabon Prime Minister Alain Claude Billie Bie Nze (L) in Libreville on August 16, 2023 during celebrations ahead of Gabon Independence day

AFP | Libreville, Gabon

The general who led the overthrow of the 55-year Bongo dynasty will be sworn in on Monday as transitional president of the west African state, the army announced.

The military sought to reassure donors they would "respect all commitments" at home and abroad and "phase in" transitional institutions, Colonel Ulrich Manfoumbi Manfoumba, spokesman for the new regime, said on state television.

The swearing in of General Brice Oligui Nguema would take place at the constitutional court.

President Ali Bongo Ondimba, whose father Omar held power for more than four decades, was toppled moments after being declared outright winner in bitterly disputed weekend elections.

Amid scenes of joy in the oil-rich state, the coup leaders had named the head of the elite Republican Guard, General Brice Oligui Nguema, as Gabon's "transitional president."

They also restored internet access and broadcasts by three influential French media that had been cut off by Bongo's government on Saturday evening.

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**BETTER YOU KNOW**

Five other countries in Africa -- Mali, Guinea, Sudan, Burkina Faso and Niger -- have undergone coups in the last three years, with their new rulers resisting demands for a short timetable for returning to barracks.

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**Sweden rocked by four blasts in one night**

AFP | Stockholm, Sweden

Bomb squad experts have been called in after Swedish cities were rocked by four explosions in just over an hour, police said, with the country struggling to rein in a surge of gang-related violence.

Just after 1:00 am local time (2300 GMT), police in Gothenburg received reports of two explosions at separate addresses, just 10 minutes apart.

"Both sites have been cordoned off and technical investigations are ongoing," police said, adding that the national bomb squad had been called to the scene.

"There are no reports of people being injured, only material damage," police added.

An hour later another two explosions were reported minutes apart in Norsborg -- a suburb south of Stockholm -- and in Nykoping, about 100 kilometres south of the capital.

In both cases, police said no one was hurt. All four blasts were at residential buildings.

The country registered 391 shootings in 2022, 62 of them fatal, up from 45 the previous year, according to police data.

**EU police seize 25 tonnes of endangered eels headed for Asia**

AFP | Madrid, Spain

Police across Europe have seized 25 tonnes of eels and baby eels destined for Asia in a huge operation targeting smugglers of the critically endangered creatures, Spanish police said yesterday.

Officers arrested 256 suspected smugglers as part of the "historic" operation coordinated by the European Union's police agency Europol that involved 32 European countries including France and Portugal, Spain's Guardia Civil police force said in a statement.

The bulk of the eels, 18 tonnes, were seized in Spain where police



Representative picture smashed three separate organised crime groups involved in the trade of the creatures with the arrest of 30 people, the statement added.

**YOU KNOW WHAT**

European eels have been protected since 2009 by the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES).

ated products," the statement said.

Spanish police released nearly two tonnes of baby eels, and over a tonne of eels, which were confiscated alive as part of the operation back into the wild.

The rest of the eels -- prized as a delicacy in Spain and parts of Asia -- were found had not been subject to any food safety checks.

Baby eels can fetch up to 9,000 euros (\$9,800) per kilo (2.2 pounds) on the black market, the statement said.

Smugglers often put the tiny fish in plastic bags and hide them in luggage where they can survive up to 42 hours, it added.

**US approves first arms to Taiwan**

AFP | Washington, United States

President Joe Biden's administration has for the first time approved direct US military aid to Taiwan under an assistance program aimed at foreign governments, officials said Wednesday, as worries grow over China.

The State Department informed Congress on Tuesday of the \$80 million package, which is small compared with recent sales to Taiwan but marks the first assistance to Taipei under the Foreign Military Financing programme, which generally involves grants or loans to sovereign countries.

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Taiwan's defense ministry expressed gratitude. "The aid will help in regional peace and stability," it said in a short statement.

China's defense ministry, asked about the aid at a regular briefing, warned that US military aid to Taiwan would harm the island.

"US military aid and sales to Taiwan only nourish the US military-industrial complex while harming the security and well-being of Taiwan compatriots," spokesperson Wu Qian told a briefing.

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**French porn violence suspects on trial**

AFP | Paris, France

Seventeen men have been ordered to stand trial in France on charges of rape and other crimes committed in the production of online pornography, sources close to the case told AFP yesterday.

Accusations against the men include rape, gang rape, human trafficking and aggravated pimping, committed during video production for the "French Bukkake" platform, according to prosecution documents. Four of the men are currently in prison.

The accused include the top manager of the platform, his associate, a talent recruiter and around 10 porn actors. Investigators believe the women were told the videos would be accessible only on private Canadian websites. In fact, the films were viewable in France and the producers demanded large sums of cash from the women to remove them -- only for the images to continue to circulate online.

**Chile launches plan to trace over 1,000 disappeared under Pinochet**

AFP | Santiago, Chile

Chile on Wednesday launched the first-ever government project to determine the fate of more than a thousand people who disappeared during the dictatorship of Augusto Pinochet, who grabbed power in a coup 50 years ago.

Until now, the burden of searching for the 1,162 people who remain unaccounted for decades after the arrival of democracy, has been borne mainly by bereaved loved ones -- with information on the fate of only 307 -- out of an original 1,469 -- found to date.

A major obstacle has been recalcitrance from former soldiers, accused by next-of-kin of having forged a "pact of silence" to keep their crimes hidden.



Students of the University of Chile stage a peaceful protest with pictures of missing people to mark International Day of the Victims of Enforced Disappearance, in Santiago

**British climber's remains found in Swiss Alps, 52 years on**



Representative picture AFP | Geneva, Switzerland

The remains of a climber discovered in the Swiss Alps last year have been identified as a British mountaineer who went missing 52 years ago, local police said yesterday.

It is the latest in a series of discoveries of remains of long-missing climbers revealed as the Alp's glaciers melt and recede because of global warming.

The climber was reported missing in July 1971 but search teams at the time turned up nothing, said police in the canton of Valais, southwest Switzerland.

Then on August 22, 2022, two climbers found human remains on the Chessjenglet-scher glacier near Saas-Fee, an Alpine village in the Saas Valley.

It took a year to identify the person, as experts worked their way through the case files of missing climbers.

Finally, with the help of Interpol Manchester and the police in Scotland, a relative was found and a DNA sample allowed them to identify the British mountaineer, police said in a statement.

The climber was formally identified on August 30.

Increasing numbers of human remains, some of them of climbers missing for decades, have been discovered in recent years as glaciers in the Alps melt because of global warming.

**Brazil's Bolsonaro faces questioning by police over jewels**

AFP | Brasilia, Brazil



Brazilian ex-president Jair Bolsonaro and his wife face questioning by federal police yesterday over allegations of trying to embezzle pricey jewelry and other official gifts from foreign countries.

Bolsonaro, former first lady Michelle Bolsonaro, and six former aides and other alleged accomplices will face questioning in separate, simultaneous interrogations.

Police are investigating allegations the group conspired to sell off diamond jewelry from Swiss luxury house Chopard, a diamond-encrusted Rolex and other official gifts for Bolsonaro's "illicit enrichment."

Bolsonaro's lawyer and former communications chief, Fabio Wajngarten, one of the suspects, told AFP the group had been summoned to report for questioning at 11:00 am (1400 GMT). An AFP photographer saw multiple vehicles arrive at federal police headquarters in Brasilia shortly before 11:00.

The case triggered a scandal in March, when newspaper Estado de Sao Paulo reported that customs officials had seized a set of diamond jewels -- a present from Saudi Arabia -- from a government aide who tried to bring them into Brazil undeclared in his backpack after a trip to the Middle East in 2021.

**TOP 4 TWEETS**

**01**

The @UN stands by the people of Gabon. I firmly condemn the on-going coup attempt as a means to resolve the post-electoral crisis in the country. I call on the national army & security forces to guarantee the physical integrity of the President of the Republic & his family.

@antonioguterres

**02**

India achieves another milestone. The first largest indigenous 700 MWe Kakrapar Nuclear Power Plant Unit-3 in Gujarat starts operations at full capacity. Congratulations to our scientists and engineers.

@narendramodi

**03**

Video & audio calls coming to X: Works on iOS, Android, Mac & PC No phone number needed X is the effective global address book

@elonmusk

**04**

Today, on Overdose Awareness Day, I grieve with every person that has lost a child, sibling, parent, or friend to an overdose. Let's find hope in the 20 million brave Americans recovering from substance use disorder who show us what's possible when people receive the care and support they need.

@POTUS

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

# celebs



## Miley Cyrus claims she worked demanding 12-hour schedule at '12 or 13 years old'

Fox | Los Angeles

Miley Cyrus is candidly speaking out about her demanding work schedule when she starred on the Disney Channel series "Hannah Montana" as a young teenager.

The former Disney star detailed her grueling itinerary as an early teen during Part 12 of her "Used to Be Young" TikTok series.

"5:30 a.m.?" Cyrus exclaimed, reading a list of one day's engagements. "I'm probably 12 or 13. Friday, January 5, 5:30 a.m. — hair and makeup in my hotel. 7 a.m. — we get picked up. 7:15 a.m. — I'm on the news. 7:45 — I have another live interview. 8:15 — another interview. 8:45 — another interview. 9:30 to 11 a.m. — meeting with editors, back to the hotel."

The "Flowers" singer continued to read off her busy schedule on a tablet and shared she had several more interviews after her previous ones until 6:00 p.m., along with additional

photo shoots.

After her booked Friday, Cyrus, now 30, had to fly back home, only to fly back in time to resume filming "Hannah Montana" on Monday.

"I'm a lot of things but lazy ain't one of them. So, I do think this girl deserves a little endless summer vacation," she added on social media.

Another person in the video background is heard saying, "that truly was the next four years of your life."

The comments section poured in with support for Cyrus.

"That schedule was INSANE for anyone specially for a kid," one user wrote.

Another comment read, "no wonder she was so DONE when Hannah Montana ended."

Miley Cyrus

## Adele says she is "ready to be a mom again"

ANI | Los Angeles

Singer Adele, who is the smother of 10-year-old son Angelo with her former husband Simon Konecki, is ready for baby no.2.

Speaking to her fans at "Week-ends With Adele" residency show in Las Vegas, Adele expressed her desire to have another child soon, Page Six reported.

She told fans that she's "ready to be a mom again soon" — and even has a list of baby names picked out.

In a TikTok video shared on social media, the singer was asked for advice about a fan's baby name for her daughter

that was set to arrive soon.

"I really want to be a mom again soon," Adele said during the sweet exchange.

"I've actually been writing lists," she said of baby names.

"So every time I see a name that I like, I write it down in my phone."

Adele is currently dating sports agent Rich Paul.

Adele and Paul, 41, have been dating since 2021 and are reported to be living together in Los Angeles.

The pair went Instagram official in September 2021 when Adele accompanied Paul — whose client list includes LeBron James — to NBA star Anthony Davis and Marlen's wedding.



Adele

## Zac Efron 'crushed' after travel show axed

Celebretainment | Los Angeles

Zac Efron is "crushed" after The CW pulled his travel show off air after only two episodes.

'Down to Earth with Zac Efron's second episode attracted only 232,000 viewers — the second lowest ever recorded by the network — and The CW made the decision to take it off the air.

A source told the National Enquirer: "To find out so few people were interested was crushing. He's taking it really hard. That is the biggest blow about getting cancelled — Zac enjoys travelling."

'Down to Earth With Zac Efron' originally premiered on Netflix in 2020, with a second season in 2022.

It followed Zac as he travelled the world, and explored nature and sustainable living.

Zac previously described travel as "one of [his] greatest passions in life".



Zac Efron

## Communication is key to a happy marriage, says Jessica Alba

Celebretainment | Los Angeles

Jessica Alba thinks "communication" is key to a happy marriage.

The 42-year-old actress has been married to Cash Warren since 2008, and Jessica has revealed the real secret to their romance.

The Hollywood star — who has Honor, 15, Haven, 12, and Hayes, five, with her husband — told 'Entertainment Tonight': "I think sometimes it's over communication, sometimes it's under communication."

"Sometimes it's, 'I need my space I'll talk to you [later].' When I need [you, I'll say], 'I miss you, will you come back?' [It's about] always communicating how you feel."

Despite this, Cash recently admitted that their romance isn't always easy.

The 44-year-old producer conceded that their relationship goes through "cycles".

During an appearance on the 'Whine Down' podcast, Cash shared: "You can go months when your energy is just off. It's not like you're actively fighting over those months, but your energy is off. Just having the patience to know that



Jessica Alba

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JESSICA ALBA

eventually it starts to come back together and your energy starts to get back aligned.

"Going through a few of those

cycles, I no longer get as nervous and kind of start looking at the door. I no longer get as nervous when you're drifting apart or your energy's off."

Cash and Jessica have developed a really good understanding of each other over time.

The producer explained that the loved-up couple have different ways of resolving their issues.

He said: "She's aligned there, so when we're going through those times we either give each other the space that we need, we talk it out, we maybe go on a date night.

## Frozen star Idina Menzel almost didn't pursue a showbiz career after being bullied as a child

Celebretainment | Los Angeles

Idina Menzel didn't know if she wanted to pursue a singing career after being bullied as a child.

The 52-year-old star is known around the world for having originated the role of Elphaba in the smash-hit Broadway musical 'Wicked' and for providing the voice of Elsa in Disney's 'Frozen' franchise but revealed that she was "always torn" over her love for singing and the bullying she endured when she got on stage.

She told The Times: "There was a young girl who never liked me. She liked to sing as well but wasn't getting the same attention as me. The more compliments I received the more she hated me. I was always torn between my love for singing and the bullying I would endure when I chose to be seen."



Idina Menzel

Meanwhile, the 'Move' songstress follows the Jewish religion and went on to reveal that the first book to "have an impact" on her was 'The Diary of a Young Girl' by Anne Frank — who kept a record of her time in hiding from the Nazis during World War II before eventually being caught and dying in a concentration camp at the age of 15 — as she noted that the historical classic gave her an "understanding" of her faith.

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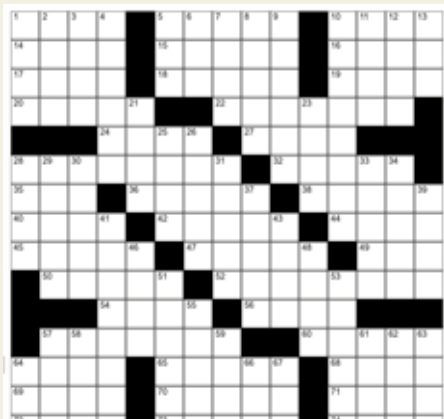
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Yesterday's solution

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# Djokovic ramps up US Open bid

Iga Swiatek and Coco Gauff win their second-round matches to set up a potential quarter-final clash

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**N**ovak Djokovic sailed into the US Open third round Wednesday in his quest for a 24th Grand Slam triumph as Iga Swiatek and Coco Gauff stayed on a quarter-final collision course in New York.

Djokovic climbed through the gears against 76th-ranked Bernabe Zapata Miralles, winning 13 of the last 15 games to ease through 6-4, 6-1, 6-1 on Arthur Ashe Stadium court.

"At 36 years of age, after 20 years of coming to New York, I still have the hunger to play my best tennis on this court," said Djokovic, a three-time US Open champion.

Next up for the Serbian star is compatriot and 32nd seed Laslo Djere after Djokovic preserved his record of always reaching at least the last 32 in New York.

"I'm pleased with the way I'm feeling, playing on the court," said Djokovic, who missed last year's tournament due to his refusal to be vaccinated against Covid-19.

"Can always be better, but first two rounds didn't spend too much time on the court and played very solid and hopefully I can keep building."



Coco Gauff hits a return to Mirra Andreeva

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**Zhang Zhizhen is the first Chinese man to make the third round of a Grand Slam in the Open era**

aggressively with a lot of intensity and I'm just happy to be in the third round," said Swiatek, aiming for her fifth Grand Slam triumph.

Swiatek will now play Slovenia's Kaja Juvan on Friday for a place in the last 16.

Gauff, 19, brushed aside 16-year-old Mirra Andreeva, the youngest player in the draw, 6-3, 6-2 to continue her strong run on hard courts this summer after titles in Washington and Cincinnati.

The sixth seed, viewed as one of the favourites in New York, takes on Belgium's Elise Mertens for a place in the last 16 after getting the better of Andreeva for the second time in three Grand Slams.

"I just learned to be aggressive, because if you give her

something she is going to take advantage," said Gauff, who overcame Andreeva in three sets at Roland Garros in June.

"She has a great future in front of her - I think she is going to be back on this stage many more times."

Mertens, the 32nd seed, battled back from the brink by saving two match points in the second-set tie-break to knock off Collins 3-6, 7-6 (9/7), 6-1.

## Historic Zhang upends Ruud

Zhang Zhizhen made history as the first Chinese man to defeat a top-five player, dumping out last year's runner-up Casper Ruud in five sets.

The 67th-ranked Zhang avenged his loss to the Norwegian fifth seed at the French Open, where he also reached the third round, advancing 6-4, 5-7, 6-2, 0-6, 6-2.

Zhang, 26, will next play Australian wild card Rinky Hijikata. No Chinese man has made the fourth round of a Grand Slam in the Open era.

Ruud's exit left just two other top-10 seeds in Djokovic's half of the draw after Stefanos Tsitsipas' US Open misery continued.

**At 36 years of age, after 20 years of coming to New York, I still have the hunger to play my best tennis on this court**

NOVAK DJOKOVIC

The Greek crashed out to 128th-ranked Swiss qualifier Dominic Stricker in five sets, and has still not gone beyond round three in six visits to New York.

Tsitsipas served for the match at 5-3 in the fourth set but the 21-year-old Stricker rallied to prevail 7-5, 6-7 (2/7), 6-7 (5/7), 7-6 (8/6), 6-3 in just over four hours.

Dominic Thiem, plagued by injury since his 2020 US Open victory, retired early in the second set against Ben Shelton after losing a tie-break.

Frances Tiafoe, a semi-finalist last

year, barged past Austria's Sebastian Ofner 6-3, 6-1, 6-4 and 14th seed Tommy Paul recovered from two sets down to outlast Russia's Roman Safiullin.

Ninth seed Taylor Fritz routed Peru's Juan Pablo Varillas as 17-year-old Czech qualifier Jakub Mensik, ranked 206th, became the youngest man to reach the third round here since 1990.

Two-time runner-up Caroline Wozniacki prolonged her US Open comeback by bundling out 11th seed Petra Kvitova 7-5, 7-6 (7/5) -- her first win over a top-20 player since the 2018 WTA Tour Finals.

"If you'd asked to me three years ago I'd have said, I'll never be back here playing on this court," said mother-of-two Wozniacki, playing her first Grand Slam since the 2020 Australian Open.

"But to be back and to beat to the world number 11 feels very, very special."

Elena Rybakina, seeded fourth, received a walkover when Australian Ajla Tomljanovic withdrew from their night session clash because of injury.

Czech 10th seed and French Open finalist Karolina Muchova sailed past Magdalena Frech.

Meanwhile, former Australian Open runner-up Jennifer Brady -- sidelined for two years by injury -- took down 24th seed Magda Linette.



Novak Djokovic hits a return to Bernabe Zapata Miralles

## Blow for Messi, Miami MLS playoff hopes as Cincinnati clinch

AFP | Miami

**F**C Cincinnati led the way into the Major League Soccer playoffs on Wednesday as the slim post-season hopes of Lionel Messi's Inter Miami took a hit with a goalless draw against Nashville.

Second-half goals from Luciano Acosta and Brandon Vazquez lifted Cincinnati to a 2-1 victory at

Atlanta, where Colombian Edwin Mosquera's first MLS goal had put the hosts ahead in the 10th minute.

The victory was Cincinnati's first at Mercedes-Benz Stadium and took the Eastern Conference leaders to 57 points and the first berth in the MLS Cup playoffs with eight matches remaining in the regular season.

Miami, meanwhile, made little headway in their unlikely bid to make the playoffs as they were held scoreless for the first time in the 10 games of the Messi era.

The Argentine star had scored 11 goals in nine appearances since joining Inter Miami -- including their run to the Leagues Cup crown, in a US Open Cup semi-final and in his regular-season de-

but off the bench in New York on Saturday.

The workload may have finally caught up with him on Wednesday as he was unable to work the magic again in front of another star-studded crowd at a blustery DRV PNK Stadium, where boxing great Floyd Mayweather and FIFA chief Gianni Infantino were among the spectators.



Inter Miami's Lionel Messi and Nashville defender Jack Maher vie for the ball

# Bahrain all set for U23 qualifiers

Kingdom to host Group D matches in qualification competition for AFC U23 Asian Cup 2024

● **Bahrainis open campaign on Wednesday against Palestine**

● **Two qualifiers to be held each evening over three matchdays**

TDT | Manama

The Kingdom of Bahrain is all set to host starting Wednesday next week the Group D qualifying matches for the AFC U23 Asian Cup 2024.

Bahrain are one of four under-23 Olympic teams in their division, with the others being Palestine, Pakistan and Japan.

There are 11 groups in all in the qualifiers, being supervised by the Asian Football Confederation (AFC), with one featuring just three teams. Each group is holding their matches at a centralised venue.

Following a single round-robin, the 11 group winners and four best second-placed teams qualify for next year's AFC U23 Asian Cup, which will be held in Doha. They join tournament hosts Qatar, who have received automatic qualification, to form a final cast of 16 in the competition, which is to be played between 15 April and 3 May, 2024.

Bahrain open their qualifying campaign against Palestine on



Dario Basic conducting a training session at their camp

Wednesday night. The match is scheduled for a 6.30pm kick-off, and it will be followed at 9.30pm by the Japanese taking on their Pakistani counterparts.

On Saturday next week, Bahrain and Pakistan face off and then Japan play Palestine; and then on 12 June, Japan and Bahrain clash while Palestine and Pakistan lock horns.

All the games will be played at Shaikh Ali bin Mohammed Al Khalifa Stadium at Muharraq Club in Arad.

The Bahraini under-23s are coached by Dario Basic from Croatia. They conducted a training camp in Thailand in recent weeks as part of preparations for the qualifiers.

The Bahrain Football Association have yet to announce Basic's final squad list for the upcoming games.

Bahrain have qualified just once in the previous five editions of the AFC U-23 Asian Cup. That was in the 2020 event held in Thailand, when they did not make it past the group stage.

Group A of qualification will take place in Amman with hosts Jordan, Syria, Oman and Brunei. Group B will see 2020 champions and group hosts South Korea, Myanmar, Kyrgyzstan

## AFC U23 ASIAN CUP GROUP D QUALIFIERS SCHEDULE

(All matches at Shaikh Ali bin Mohammed Al Khalifa Stadium)

**Wednesday, 6 September:** 6.30pm Bahrain vs Palestine; 9.30pm Japan vs Pakistan

**Saturday, 9 September:** 6.30pm Pakistan vs Bahrain; 9.30pm Palestine vs Japan

**Tuesday, 12 September:** 6.30pm Japan vs Bahrain; 9.30pm Palestine vs Pakistan

Republic and Qatar contesting, with Qatar's qualifiers considered as friendlies.

Group C will see hosts Vietnam, Singapore, Yemen, and Guam; while in Group E are 2018

champions and group hosts Uzbekistan, Iran, Hong Kong and Afghanistan.

In Group F are 2013 winners Iraq, hosts Kuwait, Timor-Leste and Macau. In Group G are the UAE, India,



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Maldives and group hosts China; while Group H features group hosts Thailand, Malaysia, Bangladesh and the Philippines.

Group I will see Australia, group hosts Tajikistan, Laos and North Korea; Group J consists of AFC U23 Asian Cup defending champions and hosts Saudi Arabia, Cambodia, Lebanon and Mongolia; and finally Group K comprises just three teams with Turkmenistan, group hosts Indonesia and Chinese Taipei.



Bahrain Olympic team players during a friendly match in their recent training camp in Bangkok

## BRAVE CF 74's Eliezer Kubanza vows to break Levy Carriel: 'I will stop you'

TDT | Manama

Fighting out of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Eliezer Kubanza hasn't been handed a single thing in his life. He's had to scratch and claw in order to get to where he is today, and he's ready to make a statement when he ventures to Nantes, France for BRAVE CF 74.

On September 7, he will go to war with Frenchman Levy Carriel in the main card opener. Both men will be walking into H Arena with an unbeaten record, but someone's '0' has got to go when the cage door shuts behind them.

Kubanza made his presence known back in June with a phenomenal debut knockout win over Rayan Atmani and it took him just 70 seconds to get the job done. While it may take a little

**“I've been waiting, right? In Africa. I've been training so hard to get here. So, I'm not going to give you a chance to take food off of my table or to crush my dream to be the world champion in this organization. I will stop you. That's it.”**

ELIEZER KUBANZA

longer if he secures the victory this time around, you can bet that he isn't going in there for a decision.

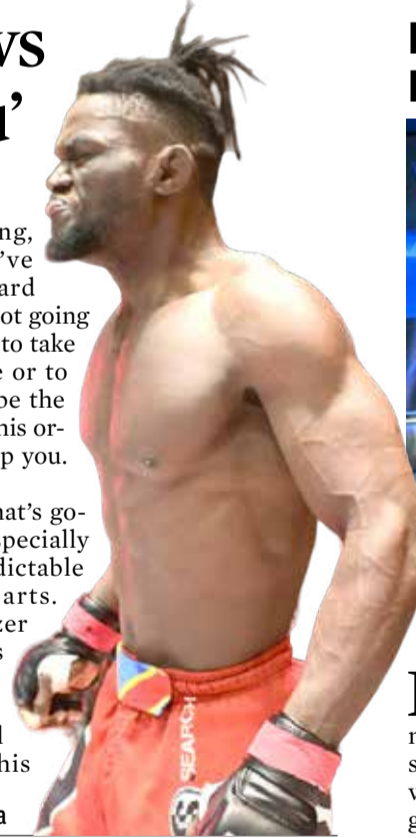
In a recent interview, Eliezer laid out his plans for the future quite clearly, putting all other super welterweights in BRAVE Combat Federation

on notice.

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Nobody knows what's going to come next, especially in a sport as unpredictable as mixed martial arts. In the eyes of Eliezer Kubanza, though, he's destined to become a world champion, and he won't stop until he has the gold in his hands.

Eliezer Kubanza



## Bayern to face Man Utd in Champions League group stage, Newcastle draw PSG



A screen displaying the fixtures for the group stage of the UEFA Champions League football cup is seen after the draw

AFP | Monaco

Manchester United will face the Bayern Munich of Harry Kane in this season's Champions League while Thursday's draw for the group stage also placed Paris Saint-Germain and Newcastle United together.

Bayern and United will be favourites to advance from Group A which also includes Danish champions FC Copenhagen and Galatasaray, the Turkish champions.

Group F, in contrast, looks to be the toughest of all with Saudi-owned Newcastle facing AC Milan and Borussia Dortmund as well as Qatar-backed PSG.

Newcastle are appearing in the Champions League for the first time in 20 years and their lack of recent pedigree in Europe's elite club competition meant they were left lurking dangerously among the sides in pot four for the draw.

Having held on to Kylian Mbappe, French champions PSG will be expected to ad-

vance to the last 16 but Newcastle will hope to finish ahead of Dortmund and a Milan team that got to the semi-finals last season.

Holder Manchester City, meanwhile, could hardly have asked for a kinder draw as they will take on RB Leipzig, Red Star Belgrade and Young Boys in Group G.

Pep Guardiola's side can be expected to rack up the goals against the champions of Serbia and Switzerland, while City hammered Leipzig 8-1 on aggregate in the last 16 last season.

Back in the Champions League for the first time since 2016/17, Arsenal will face Europa League winners Sevilla, former European Cup winners PSV Eindhoven and Lens of France in Group B.

Real Madrid, the record 14-time champions who won the trophy in 2022, were drawn with Italian champions Napoli in Group C, which also features Braga of Portugal and Champions League debutants Union Berlin.

## Japan take pole position in Basketball World Cup's Olympic race

AFP | Okinawa

Japan took a giant step towards Olympic qualification at the Basketball World Cup on Thursday, while South Sudan and Egypt also gave themselves a chance of a Paris Games berth.

Half of the World Cup's 32 teams have already been eliminated from title contention, but seven Olympic places are still up for grabs at the tournament.

The highest-placed finishers from each of Asia, Africa and Oceania will all qualify for Paris, along with the top two teams from both Europe and the Americas.



Japan's Yuta Watanabe in action

World Cup co-hosts Japan were the only one of the six Asian teams to take a win into the classification round and they ended the day with two after roaring back to beat Venezuela 86-77 in Okinawa.

Japan were trailing by nine points heading into the fourth quarter and head coach Tom Hovasse said "it took guts" for them to keep going.

"Great win for Japan basketball," he said.

"We're still learning and getting better but these are the games that it takes to continue on this process and continue getting better and better."

# Winfred triumphs in Zurich meet

Bahrain's recently crowned world champion powers to fantastic finish in Diamond League race

● **Winfred Yavi takes race lead with decisive kick in back straight**

● **Bahraini leads same athletes into top three as athletics worlds**

TDT | Manama

Bahrain's recently crowned world champion Winfred Yavi continued from where she left off earlier this week at World Athletics Championships 2023 in Budapest.

Just four days after capturing the women's 3,000 metres steeplechase world title, Winfred last night stormed to a fantastic victory at the Weltklasse Zurich Diamond League meeting in Switzerland.

Winfred was competing against a number of the same top-class elite athletes that she faced at the Hungarian capital, and she once again came out as the winner in thrilling fashion.

"This is all I wanted and what I was working for," Winfred said after the race. "I have been



Winfred, centre, clears the water jump as she competes in Zurich last night

working hard and training hard to be a world champion. And to win the Diamond League in Zurich, that was my next dream.

"I am very excited; it felt almost like the same race as in Budapest, so I wanted to confirm my victory. I am enjoying my vic-

tory today as the crowd is cheering so much and the stadium is full; it is an honour to be here.

"Now, this is giving me a big motivation and I know I can be better than this. I have dreamed about this for a long time and it makes me feel that I have to

believe in myself and to keep on believing.

"My program is still full. I have the final in Eugene and then the Asian Games. Still a long season to go, but I feel strong."

The 23-year-old Bahraini started things off amongst

the leading four in last night's 14-athlete field. After the pace-maker dropped out, Winfred found herself in familiar territory, contending with the Kenyan pair of Beatrice Chepkoech and Faith Cherotich—the two athletes who joined her on the

podium at this year's worlds.

Chepkoech led most of the way including at the bell, until Winfred kicked into top gear down the back straight and into the final bend. Chepkoech put in a strong fight and the pair were running shoulder to shoulder as they cleared the final hurdle, but Winfred was too good on the night and crossed the finish around two metres ahead of Chepkoech, winning with a time of nine minutes 03.19 seconds.

Chepkoech finished in 9:03.70, while Cherotich came third in 9:07.59, completing the same top three from Budapest in the same order.

Luiza Gega of Albania came fourth with a new national record of 9:09.64, while Tunisian Marwa Bouzayani finished fifth in 9:11.98. Zerfe Wondemagegn of Ethiopia rounded off the top six in 9:13.73, while her compatriot Lomi Muleta (9:14.66) and Germany's Olivia Gurth (9:21.82) completed the top eight.

Winfred was the lone Bahraini in Zurich last night. She is next scheduled to race at this season's Diamond League finale in Eugene, Oregon, in the US on 16 and 17 September.

## Verstappen 'not fixated' on snatching win record at Monza

AFP | Monza

Max Verstappen insisted Thursday that he is not putting himself under pressure to break the record for consecutive Formula One wins as the world champion prepares for the Italian Grand Prix.

Dominant Dutchman Verstappen is red-hot favourite to break in Monza the record of nine straight GP wins he shares with four-time world champion Sebastian Vettel after winning a dramatic race on home soil in Zandvoort last weekend.

"I mean I never thought that I would win nine in a row, first of all. But yeah, now that we are here of course I'm trying to win 10 but it's more that I want to just win. It's not about the num-

ber 10 in my head," Verstappen told reporters.

"I think it helps to just want to focus on the weekend. It's already difficult enough... we'll just get out there and see what happens.

"It's a crazy number but I'm also not really too fixated on it."

Verstappen delighted an army of home fans last Sunday by beating not just his rivals but also a powerful deluge to extend his lead at the top of the drivers' standings over Red Bull teammate Sergio Perez to 138 points.

The 25-year-old rated that victory the best of his nine-race winning run which has him on the cusp of making history.

"Last weekend, the rain. I mean it's so easy to make a mistake or go off the track... I was



Max Verstappen

happy that we stayed calm and that we still won the race," he said.

Verstappen has overtaken seven-time world champion Lewis Hamilton in the past two years after controversially snatching the title from the Briton in the

final race of 2021.

That campaign was one of the most exciting of recent times thanks to their fierce rivalry, and Verstappen said that Hamilton staying in F1 past his 40th birthday will be "good for the sport".

"At the end of the day it's good for himself and Mercedes because they've already been teamed up for a long time and for them to continue that partnership is of course great," said Verstappen after Hamilton penned a new Mercedes deal on Thursday.

"As for battles (between them) we just need to wait and see what happens between the teams and how everyone is going to perform next year as well."

## Pathirana-inspired Sri Lanka beat Bangladesh in Asia Cup



Sri Lanka's Matheesha Pathirana (L) celebrates after taking a wicket

AFP | Kandy

### Scorecard

**Sri Lanka 165 for 5 (Asalanka 62\*, Samarawickrama 54, Shakib 2-29) beat Bangladesh 164 (Shan-to 89, Pathirana 4-32, Theekshana 2-19) by five wickets**

Fast bowler Matheesha Pathirana returned impressive figures of 4-32 to help Sri Lanka to a comprehensive five-wicket win over Bangladesh in the Asia Cup match on Thursday.

Spinner Maheesh Theekshana struck early before Pathirana joined forces to dismiss Bangladesh for 164 in the opener of the Sri Lanka leg of the 50-over tournament, a precursor to October's ODI World Cup in India.

Sadeera Samarawickrama, who made 54, and Charith Asalanka, unbeaten on 62, guided the chase in their key stand of 78 after Sri Lanka lost their openers early and slipped to 43-3.

Samarawickrama registered his fourth ODI half-century to raise the noise of the sparse crowd at the scenic venue.

He finally fell stumped off spinner Mahedi Hasan and Shakib Al Hasan soon sent back Dhananjaya de Silva, but the left-handed Asalanka pulled the team home in 39

overs with a winning boundary.

Asalanka reached his 50 in 85 balls to play a patient knock on a pitch where run-scoring did not seem easy. Skipper Dasun Shanaka stood unbeaten on 14.

The bowlers set up victory with Pathirana, whose yorkers have earned him comparisons to Lasith Malinga, picking up key wickets including skipper Shakib and wicketkeeper-batsman Mushfiqur Rahim.

Top-order batsman Najmul Hossain Shanto made 89 to play a lone hand in Bangladesh's innings after they elected to bat first but lasted for only 42.4 overs.

Theekshana struck first when he trapped debutant Tanzid Hasan lbw for nought while De Silva soon sent back fellow opener Mohammad Naim for 16.

## Haaland and Bonmati win UEFA Player of the Year prizes

AFP | Monaco

Manchester City's Erling Haaland and Spain's World Cup-winning star Aitana Bonmati won the UEFA Men's and Women's Player of the Year prizes respectively at a ceremony in Monaco on Thursday.

Norway striker Haaland scored 52 goals in 53 games to help City win the treble of Champions League, Premier League and FA Cup, while Bonmati inspired Spain to World Cup glory earlier this month.

Haaland's achievements in his first season at City after joining from Borussia Dortmund saw him take the men's award, for which his club colleague Kevin De Bruyne and Lionel Messi were also shortlisted.

Messi was at Paris Saint-Ger-



Manchester City's Norwegian striker Erling Haaland (L) and FC Barcelona's Spanish midfielder Aitana Bonmati (R) pose with their season 2022/2023 men's and women's player of the year awards

main last season but has since left to join Inter Miami in Major

League Soccer.

"I am kind of living a dream.