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Israeli police say killed man who fired shots at Jerusalem's Al-Aqsa



A damaged vehicle is loaded on a flatbed truck at the site of a ramming attack near the town of Beit Ummar, north of Hebron city

AFP | Jerusalem, Undefined

A suspected assailant was killed by Israeli soldiers after a West Bank car ramming yesterday, the army said, in an escalation that threatens to end a relative lull during the holy month of Ramadan so far.

The Palestinian's death came less than 24 hours after an Arab Israeli allegedly snatched a gun from a police officer at Jerusalem's Al-Aqsa mosque compound and fired it before being shot dead.

The army said a "terrorist" had conducted a "ramming attack adjacent to the town of Beit Ummar" before being neutralised, with a spokesperson confirming the presumed assailant's death.

Magen David Adom medics said the three men were taken to hospitals in Jerusalem with serious, moderate and light wounds.

In a statement, the Palestinian Authority identified the dead man as Mohammed Baradyah, 23.

Early yesterday, police said they shot dead 26-year-old medical student Mohammed al-Asibi, a resident of the Bedouin village of Hura in southern Israel.

Ending conflicts top priority

Bahrain, Jordan leaders support all efforts to resolve regional conflicts



His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa receives Jordan King Abdullah II bin Al Hussein upon his arrival in the Kingdom yesterday

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and Jordan King Abdullah II bin Al Hussein yesterday put their weight behind all efforts aimed at finding permanent solutions to crises hurting the region.

Their majesties said this while emphasising the importance of consolidating the foundations of security and stability and achieving development, peace and prosperity for the people in the region.

This came as HM King and King Abdullah held talks yesterday on boosting bilateral ties at Sakhir Palace.

In this regard, HM King praised Jordan's pivotal role in defending Arab interests and advancing joint pan-Arab action.

HM also hailed Jordan for championing just causes, especially the Palestinian issue.

Discussions also focused on boosting bilateral ties, and joint works in all fields.

The meeting was in the pres-

ence of HRH Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, HM the King's Personal Representative HH Shaikh Abdulla bin Hamad Al-Khalifa, HM the King's Representative for Humanitarian Work and Youth Affairs HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, HRH Prince Hashem bin Abdulla II, and Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Isa bin Salman Charity Educational Charitable Trust, His Highness Shaikh Isa bin Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa.

The Jordanian monarch thanked His Majesty for the warm reception, stressing the pride of Jordan and its people in the firm ties it has with the Kingdom of Bahrain.

Later, HM the King hosted an Iftar banquet in honour of King Abdullah II before bidding farewell to the Jordanian monarch and his accompanying delegation.

Earlier, upon arrival, King Abdullah II, accompanied by HRH Prince Hashem bin Abdulla II, were received by HM King.

Do not bring large sums of cash, Saudi advises Umrah pilgrims



Worshippers stand around Maqam Ibrahim (Station of Abraham) as they pray around the Kaaba

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The Saudi Arabian government had advised Umrah pilgrims to avoid carrying large sums of cash and valuables while travelling to the Kingdom.

In a Twitter post, the Ministry of Hajj and Umrah has recommended a cash limit of \$16,000 (SAR 60,000) and cautioned against carrying gold bullion, precious metals, and stones.

Additionally, the ministry advised pilgrims to download banking apps from official sources, avoid sharing bank details or transferring money to unknown sources, and report suspected fraud to relevant authorities.

The advice comes after the ministry urged to perform Umrah only once during Ramadan to reduce crowding.

To perform the pilgrimages, apply through the Nusuk app to organise the entire trip ranging from applying for an eVisa to booking accommodation and flights.

Umrah can be undertaken at any time of the year, except during Hajj.

'Hijab is the law'

Iran president says hijab is legal as unveiled women face yoghurt attack

Arrest warrant issued for both attacker and women

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Two women attacked by a man for not wearing hijab in Iran have opened another war front in the country, with President Ebrahim Raisi also coming out to say that hijab was the law in Iran.

His remarks came soon after a widely shared video footage appeared to show a man pouring a bucket of what appears to be yoghurt on the two women's heads before he is confronted by the shopkeeper.

The incident comes amid nationwide protests that followed the death in September of a 22-year-old Iranian Kurdish woman in the custody of the morality police for allegedly violating hijab rules.

Authorities later issued an arrest warrant against the man



Activists from New York-based Iranian women's rights group Women Life Freedom attend a rally condemning the mass poisoning of Iranian female students, in New York

"on charges of committing an insulting act and disturbance of order", the judiciary's Mizan Online website reported.

But it added arrest warrants were also issued for the two women for "committing a for-

bidden act" by removing their headscarves.

"Necessary notices have been issued to the owner of the shop where this happened in order to comply with legal and Sharia principles according to the reg-

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EBRAHIM RAISI

ulations," it added.

Meanwhile, in live remarks on state television, Raisi said: "If some people say they don't believe (in the hijab)... it's good to use persuasion ... But the important point is that there is a legal requirement ... and the hijab is today a legal matter."

Authorities said the owner of the dairy shop, who confronted the attacker, had been warned. Reports on social media showed his shop had been shut, although he was quoted by a local news agency as saying he had been allowed to reopen and was due to "give explanations" to a court.

Under Iran's Islamic sharia law, imposed after the 1979 revolution, women are obliged to cover their hair and wear long, loose-fitting clothes to disguise their figures. Violators have faced public rebuke, fines or arrest.



HM King, Jordan King hold talks



His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa holding talks with Jordan King Abdullah II Ibn Al Hussein in the presence of His Highness the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa. Below. His Majesty welcomes HM King Abdulla II ibn Al Hussein of Jordan upon his arrival in Bahrain, accompanied by His Royal Highness Prince Hashem bin Abdulla II. His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, HM the King's Personal Representative HH Shaikh Abdulla bin Hamad Al-Khalifa, HM the King's Representative for Humanitarian Work and Youth Affairs HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, and Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Isa bin Salman Charity Educational Charitable Trust His Highness Shaikh Isa bin Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa were present.



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Public-private partnerships key to sustainable growth, HRH CP, PM

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Bahrain is committed to implementing initiatives and projects that deliver sustainable growth and development, despite current global challenges, said His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa yesterday.

In this regard, The Crown Prince and Prime Minister also emphasised the importance of establishing and nurturing public-private partnerships.

“This would ensure that Bahrain remains an ideal destination for investment,” stressed HRH also highlighting the need to adopt legislation that supports a business-friendly environment, which will create promising opportunities for citizens.

HRH was speaking as he visited the majlises of Farouk Yousuf Almoayyed and the late Ali bin Yousif Fakhro.

Prince Salman congratulated the Majlis participants, hailing the wide-ranging achievements of citizens, and describing them as a source of inspiration.

“Their creativity and innovation are the foundations of the Kingdom’s comprehensive development, led by His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa,” stressed HRH CP, PM.

His Royal Highness also emphasised the importance of Ramadan majlises in furthering cultural bonds and preserving traditions across many generations.

For their part, the majlis hosts and guests expressed their gratitude to HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister for his visit and engagement with Bahrainis in their Ramadan majlises



HRH CP, PM during Majlis visits yesterday

across the Kingdom. The Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Isa bin Salman Charity Educational Charitable Trust, His Highness Shaikh Isa bin Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Minister of Finance and National Economy, HE Shaikh Salman bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, and several senior officials accompanied His Royal Highness the Crown Prince and Prime Minister during the majlis visits.

Wife locks husband out of flat, Court orders to grant entry

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A wife who locked her husband out of the flat he owned has been ordered by the Lower Criminal Court to grant him entry while considering a case filed by the husband against the wife.

The husband also accused the wife of changing the locks of the main door, thus preventing him from accessing his own property.

According to case documents, the couple, who got married in 1998, were living together in the



Representative picture

flat since then.

"But, now, I had no access to my own home, where I lived for the past 25 years, as she suddenly changed the door locks for no reason," the husband told the court.

However, in a dramatic turn of events, the wife defended her action, claiming that she had changed the locks to evict strangers to whom her husband had leased the property.

She said that she had been living abroad for five years with her family and found this atroc-

ity only upon returning to Bahrain. "So, I had to evict them and change the door locks considering our safety."

She also told the court: "I don't mind, if he comes and lives with us."

The wife also informed the court that she had already handed over the keys to the new lock to her husband.

However, the court ruled in favour of the husband, stating that a property owner has the right to access and use their property without any obstruction.

Man gets life in jail for smuggling drugs in stomach

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A botched attempt to smuggle 100 heroine-filled capsules in his stomach has landed a man in jail here for life.

The man, who is a Pakistani national, was apprehended at the Bahrain International Airport by customs officers.

Officers said they grew suspi-



Representative picture

cious of the man's actions for he appeared increasingly nervous during customs procedures.

"We removed him immediately to the red lane for a detailed examination, as he denied having anything illegal with him.

"Despite, not finding anything suspicious, we still decided to conduct an x-ray examination

for he looked stressed and fatigued.

"The results showed that our suspicion was right with several capsules lying inside his stomach."

According to customs officers, the capsules had over a kilogram of drugs inside them.

The suspect was immediately

transferred to Salmaniya Medical Complex for the retrieval of the capsules.

Further investigation revealed the man's involvement in an international drug smuggling network operating in the Kingdom.

The Court also imposed a fine of BD10,000 on the suspect.

BD150 allowance claims on social media fake, warns Social Development ministry

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The Ministry of Social Development has dismissed rumours circulating on social media about the distribution of a BD150 financial allowance as false. In a statement released yesterday, the ministry warned that such fraudulent emails aim to deceive and steal personal and financial data from users.

Further, the ministry confirmed it had already completed the disbursement of social assistance allowances which this year were double the usual



amount to eligible beneficiaries.

Besides, the ministry also disbursed the disability allowance to low-income families for the holy month of Ramadan.



Youth Affairs Minister, Rawan Jajeeb Tawfiqi, yesterday received fashion designers, Sumaya Faisal and Talal Al-Kaabi, two award winners at the Fashion Week, organised by the French Embassy in Bahrain. The minister commended the remarkable accomplishments of Bahraini youth and congratulated the two designers for their success in the competition.

Food Festival attracted 168,000 in 14 days, says BTEA



In picture, the food festival organised by BTEA

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The Bahrain Tourism and Exhibitions Authority has hailed the Food Festival, which

recently came to a close, as a remarkable success.

The festival drew in an impressive 168,000 attendees in just two weeks, which is a tes-

tament to its popularity and appeal. The event, one of the largest in the Kingdom, allowed visitors to discover and sample diverse cuisines and explore

new flavours, ingredients, and cooking methods.

Dr Nasser Qaedi, CEO of the Bahrain Tourism and Exhibitions Authority, expressed his

satisfaction with the festival's growth, hailing it as the reflection of the progress of the Kingdom's restaurants and hospital-ity sector.

He further stressed that BTEA is keen to build on this success by expanding venues and diversifying food options by blending Bahraini and Gulf cuisines.

CAPTAINS CORNER

How to future-proof our old age



CAPTAIN MAHMOOD AL MAHMOOD

I am often told that I tend to focus on children's upbringing and youth in my writings. That is possibly because they are the future generation and if we are to "future-proof" our lives, we need to grasp every opportunity to set right the innumerable wrongs we, the older gen, have inflicted upon the world.

That said, the Gen X-ers too have their own share of issues to manage and we are often so busy caring for either the older generation of our parents or the younger generation of our children, that we leave any long-term planning of our own future till the very last. Many of us justify this lack of planning as selflessness but the truth is that it shows a complete confusion about the 21st century.

Consider these facts: going by current trends and health-care advances, most of us enjoy a natural lifespan that is at least 25 years more than our parents. And we live these years in relative good health physically. Alongside this longevity, we are faced with the challenged of managing the so-called 'lifestyle' ailments like diabetes and hypertension, joint stiffness because of too much sitting on desks. We need to balance the good fortune of our bonus years with the challenges of accompanying small setbacks and draw up a life-plan that will not make us a burden to our children.

Of course, in Bahrain, most of us have excellent free health cover and expats are mostly covered by their employers. That leaves us with the question of what we can do with our time. The idle mind is the devil's workshop and an idle older person can soon become a burden on his or her family or society. At the same time, the elderly are repositories of our heritage and our past and must be respected. In a fast-evolving society where the old joint family traditions have given way to nuclear units with husband and wife working, we have to find a meaningful role for our elderly if we are to avoid the pitfalls of care that other societies face when dealing with the aged. A proper care model will also assure us that we shall be well-cared for and can look forward to a meaningful and emotionally satisfying old age when it is our turn.

(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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Combatting smoking and tobacco



Jalila bint Al-Sayed Jawad Hassan, the Minister of Health, yesterday stressed commitment to developing strategies to combat smoking and tobacco in the Kingdom. This came as she chaired a meeting of the National Committee to Combat Smoking and All Types and Products of Tobacco, which included representatives from various ministries and official authorities. The meeting addressed key issues on the committee's agenda and approved minutes from the previous session.



Kamal bin Ahmed Mohammed, Chairman of the Electricity and Water Authority, highlighted Bahrain's commitment to resource development and sustainability in securing its energy future, during his visit to Dubai. In a series of meetings with industry leaders, including Saeed Mohammed Al Tayer, Managing Director and CEO of the Dubai Electricity and Water Authority, Raad Esmat Al-Saadi, Vice Chairman and Managing Director of Saudi company ACWA Power, and Hashim Ghobashi, CEO of the Noor Energy Project, Mohammed discussed the importance of sustainable energy practices. He also visited the Shuaa Energy 3 project, which produces solar photovoltaic energy, and met with Omar Al Hassan, CEO of the company, to learn about the United Arab Emirates' experience in solar panel technology and reducing production costs.



Dr Mohammed bin Mubarak Juma'a
Bahrain to host GHEDEX 2023
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Bahrain will host the Global Higher Education Exhibition 2023 (GHEDEX 2023) at the Exhibition World Bahrain from May 6 to 8, said Dr Mohammed bin Mubarak Juma'a, Education Minister.

Dr Juma'a, who is also the Chairman of the Higher Education Council, said the event will feature a broad range of local, regional, and international higher education establishments.

GHEDEX will also have several activities, including the technical education and vocational training exhibition, the international innovation and entrepreneurship conference, and GHEDEX prizes for excellence in higher education.

This marks the first time that GHEDEX will be held in Bahrain.

Two men arrested in Tubli for robbery and assault

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Two men, aged 25 and 28, were arrested by the police yesterday for attacking and stealing from another person in Tubli.

The suspects, police said, who are both Asian nationals, are accused of forcefully stealing from a fellow



Representative picture of Asian national while he was walking in the neighbourhood.

of Investigation and Criminal Evidence said they initiated an investigation immediately after receiving a call and identified the suspects using evidence from the crime scene and CCTV footage.

The department is now preparing to refer the case to Public Prosecution.

The General Department

Despite progress in education, women's entrepreneurship in MENA lags behind, says Wilson Centre report

Julia Cassano
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Women entrepreneurship in the Middle East and North Africa is lagging behind, despite recording significant progress in education, according to a new report by the Wilson Centre.

The report on "Women and Entrepreneurship in MENA: The Cases of Bahrain, Lebanon and Tunisia" claims that only 23% of businesses in the region are owned by women, compared to 34% globally, and the average female business participation rate is only 19%, the lowest in the world.

The report reviews cases of Bahrain, Lebanon, and Tunisia, where the range of woman-owned businesses varies from 7% in Yemen to 49% in Tunisia.

Wilson Centre claims that despite women graduating at similar or higher



Lynn Mounzer



MaryClare Roche



Faisal Hammad

rates than men at the secondary and university levels in Bahrain, Lebanon, and Tunisia, their presence in the workforce are still low.

The lead researcher in the report, Lynn Mounzer, attributed this to the "outdated curricula, sociocultural factors, and a lack of focus on entrepreneurship for women in the region."

Mounzer also emphasised that legal protections for women in the private sector are critical for their advance-

ment. A notable achievement for all these countries is the significant progress in criminalising workplace harassment, the report highlights.

However, the lack of childcare remains a critical concern for both women and men, which could inhibit women from building a lasting career or business, stressed MaryClare Roche, technology director at the Arab Barometer.

"Although men recognise

the importance of childcare, they do not recognise the importance of childcare for women," Roche said, stressing that burdening women with multiple responsibilities, including household care, while operating a business could "inhibit them from building a lasting career or business."

Gender diversity is also lacking in venture capital (VC) organisations in the MENA region, where only 1% of the USD 3 billion venture capital funding towards

businesses went to women.

In the report, Faisal Hammad, Chairman of the Equal Opportunity Committee at the Ministry of National Economy, stressed the importance of equal opportunity in promoting women's advancement and gender equality in the Bahraini workforce.

He notes that when women are allowed to enter leadership positions in small, medium, and big businesses, there is a significant spike in productivity and profitability.

To address these issues, the report calls for increasing financial inclusion, encouraging NGOs and governments to collaborate on capacity-building for women focusing on entrepreneurial skills, enhancing legal reforms with concrete enforcement mechanisms, and developing clear metrics to measure progress in supporting women.

BENEFIT gets PCI DSS certification for security

● **BENEFIT implementing controls that exceeded the standards of the previous version**

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BENEFIT, a prominent FinTech and electronic financial transactions service provider, announced it has achieved the Payment Card Industry Data



By implementing this updated version, security measures designed to protect cardholder data from a number of potential risks and attacks will be strengthened even more

ALI BESHARA

Security Standard (PCI DSS) Version 4.0 Certification, making it one of the first companies in the Kingdom to do so.

This achievement follows BENEFIT implementing controls that exceeded the standards of the previous version, PCI DSS v.3.2.1.

The new standard includes a range of enhancements, such as increased guidance on adopting security controls, stronger compliance activities, improved payment validation methods and procedures, updated password requirements, more rigorous testing procedures, a greater focus on cybersecurity activities, as well as an increased

frequency of security controls testing.

PCI DSS 4.0 aims to provide an increasingly robust and comprehensive framework for securing payment card data.

Ali Beshara, Head of Information Security and Risk Management at BENEFIT, highlighted the significance of this achievement, stating, "This new standard gives our clients the assurance that we fully comply with PCI DSS requirements and that their financial transaction data is processed securely."

"By implementing this updated version, security measures designed to protect cardholder data from a number of potential risks and attacks will be strengthened even more," he added.

PCI DSS is a globally recognised information security management standard that incorporates security policies, procedures, and technical controls to ensure that all businesses that receive, store, process, or transmit credit card information operate in a secure environment.

Iraq launches new oil refinery to reduce imports

● **Refinery has the capacity to refine 140,000 barrels per day**

● **Refinery built by South Korean firm Hyundai**

● **Could produce nine million litres of fuel a day**

● **The refinery also has the capacity to produce 200 megawatts of electricity**



Representative picture (Courtesy of AL Monitor)

Karbala, Iraq

Iraq inaugurated an oil refinery in the central city of Karbalayesterday, a project the government hopes will reduce its dependency on imports.

Oil Minister Hayan Abdel Ghani announced the refinery had begun "commercial production" after a ribbon-cutting ceremony led by Prime Minister Mohammed Shia al-Sudani.

It has the capacity to refine 140,000 barrels per day and "help meet local demand for petrol, kerosene and heating oil, while reducing imports", Abdel Ghani said.

Despite its immense oil and gas reserves, Iraq remains dependent on imports to meet energy needs.

The minister said the refin-

ery, built by South Korean firm Hyundai, can produce nine million litres of fuel a day -- equivalent to more than half Iraq's daily imports of 15 million litres.

The refinery also has the capacity to produce 200 megawatts of electricity and "60 megawatts of them will be allocated to the national grid", Abdel Ghani added.

Iraq, the second largest producer within the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), exports an average of 3.3 million barrels of oil per day.

Crude exports represent around 90 percent of the government's revenue.

Ravaged by decades of conflict, Iraq's crumbling infrastructure and endemic corruption have obstructed recon-

struction efforts.

The Karbala refinery is "the first to be built since the 1980s with such production capacity", an oil ministry official told AFP when tests were run in September.

Three other refineries in operation across Iraq meet about half of the country's demand for refined products and the rest is imported.

In March, the prime minister announced a campaign to combat the severe impacts of climate change on the water-scarce country, including by promoting clean and renewable energy.

Sudani said Iraq was "moving forward to conclude contracts for constructing renewable energy power plants to provide one-third of our electricity demand by 2030".

Long delays at UK port for travellers headed to France

London, United Kingdom

Passengers going by coach from the UK to France yesterday, the first day of the Easter holidays, experienced huge delays due to lengthy French border checks, Dover port authorities said.

Long waits for travellers at the port at the start of school holidays have become more frequent since Brexit, which ended free movement from Britain to EU member states.

Ferry firm DFDS said waiting time for coaches to board ferries on Friday evening was around seven hours.

Dover Port on Saturday coaches said were now waiting "several hours but tourist cars are getting through OK".



Lorries queue on the A20 to get to the Port of Dover in Kent, England

"The Port of Dover is deeply frustrated by last night's and this morning's situation," a statement said, adding that freight traffic had not been affected. Last summer, the UK

government blamed France for failing to adequately staff their border posts at Dover port after two days of long delays for all travellers, prompting a swift denial from Paris.

Inflation at 50-year high in crisis-hit Pakistan

Islamabad, Pakistan

Pakistan's year-on-year inflation hit 35.37% in March -- the highest in nearly five decades -- as the government scrambled to meet International Monetary Fund (IMF) conditions to unlock a desperately needed bailout.

Month-on-month inflation was 3.72%, according to government data released Saturday, while the average inflation rate for the past year was

27.26%. Years of financial mismanagement and political instability have pushed Pakistan's economy to the brink of collapse, exacerbated by a global energy crisis and devastating floods that submerged a third of the country in 2022.

The country needs billions of dollars of financing to service existing debt, while foreign exchange reserves have dwindled and the rupee is in freefall.

Poor Pakistanis are feeling the brunt of the economic turmoil, and at least 20 people have been killed since the start of Ramadan in crowd crushes at food distribution centres. The South Asian nation -- home to more than 220 million -- is deep in debt and must enact tough tax reforms and push up utility prices if it hopes to unlock another tranche of a \$6.5 billion IMF bailout and avoid defaulting.

Musk defends paid Twitter as blue tick ultimatum looms

● **Twitter Blue, costs \$8 a month or \$84 a year, or \$11 a month if bought through Apple's app store**

Washington, United States

Elon Musk on Friday defended his controversial pay model for Twitter, claiming that any social media platform that didn't follow suit would fail because they would be swarmed by bots.

Musk made his prediction on the eve of Twitter's April 1 ultimatum that verified accounts with the cherished blue tick that had not forked over cash would lose it.

"The fundamental challenge here is that it's (easy) to cre-



Elon Musk speaks during a press conference at SpaceX's Starbase facility near Boca Chica Village in South Texas

ate literally 10,000 or 100,000 fake Twitter accounts using just one computer at home and with modern AI (artificial intel-

ligence)," Musk told a question and answer session on Twitter. "That's the reason for really pressing hard on verified where

the verified requires a number from a reputable phone carrier and a credit card," Musk said.

"My prediction is that any so-called social media network that doesn't do this will fail," Musk added.

The change in system puts pressure on companies, journalists and celebrities who used Twitter as their main channel of communication and relied on the blue tick for credibility.

And it also raises the specter of imposters and jokesters paying for an officially verified, but totally fake account.

In the US, the subscription plan, known as Twitter Blue, costs \$8 a month or \$84 a year, or \$11 a month if bought through Apple's app store.

Since its creation in 2009, the blue tick or checkmark became a signature element that helped the platform become a trust-

ed forum for news makers and campaigners.

But Musk and his fans said the blue check was decided by fiat in a secretive procedure and called it a symbol of an unfair class system.

Opening the blue tick to paying subscribers was among the first decisions made by Musk when he took ownership of Twitter last year, but his overhaul backfired.

Within hours, Twitter was flooded by fake yet verified accounts impersonating celebrities, major companies and even

Musk himself.

Musk swiftly backtracked, but many advertisers fled the site, denying Twitter a major source of income that the CEO is struggling to replace.

For now, blue checks of celebrities -- including Justin Bieber and his 113 million followers or footballer Cristiano Ronaldo and his 108 million -- are tagged on the site as "legacy" accounts.

Last week Musk put the current value of Twitter at \$20 billion, less than half the \$44 billion he paid for the social media platform just five months ago.



News media companies, firms and charities already lost their blue tick and were tagged as verified business accounts under Musk's new system. According to Twitter's website, these cost a hefty fee of \$1,000 a month in the United States, and \$50 for each additional affiliated account.

News in brief

Lawyer of Suriname ex-dictator calls for his acquittal



The lawyer of Suriname's former dictator Desi Bouterse called Friday for a court to acquit him of a 20-year sentence over the deaths of 15 political prisoners. Bouterse first seized power in a 1980 coup and in December 1982 allegedly rounded up 15 political opponents -- including lawyers, journalists and businessmen -- for execution at the Fort Zeelandia military barracks in the capital Paramaribo. The 77-year-old had already been sentenced to 20 years in prison in 2019, but he has been challenging that verdict and under Surinamese law cannot be arrested before he exhausts the appeals processes.

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Fifteen people were injured Friday when two trains derailed as stormy winds lashed northwestern Switzerland, police said.

The incidents, on regional passenger rail lines, took place within 20 minutes of each other, and about 30 kilometres (18 miles) apart, north of the Swiss capital Bern. Three people were injured in the first derailment, including the driver, and 12 were hurt in the second, including one person with serious injuries. Wind speeds of 136 kilometres per hour were recorded nearby. One train carrying 16 people derailed in the lakeside village of Luscherz at around 4:30 pm (1430 GMT), police said.

Fifteen hurt as two Swiss trains derail in storm



US to open Vanuatu embassy in new Pacific boost



Joe Biden's administration, with bipartisan support from Congress, has been expanding the US role in an area that once received limited attention after a shock last year when China reached a security pact with the Solomon Islands.

The United States said Friday it planned to open an embassy in Vanuatu, its latest effort to beef up its presence in the South Pacific where China has been seeking to expand its clout. An embassy in the capital Port Vila "would allow the US government to deepen relationships" in the archipelago and to step up development assistance including on climate, a State Department statement said. President

CURIOSER & CURIOSER

Those protruding T Rex teeth? They were covered by lips: study



The skeleton of "Sue" the Tyrannosaurus rex at the Field Museum of Natural History in Chicago

AFP | Chicago

Sorry, "Jurassic Park" and toymakers everywhere. Tyrannosaurus rex probably did not have those exposed jagged teeth.

The fearsome choppers of arguably the most celebrated of dinosaurs were likely covered by lips when the mouth was closed.

It's not an open and shut case, but that's the conclusion of a team of international researchers whose findings are published in the journal Science.

"Animals like T-Rex, theropod dinosaurs, most likely had some sort of lips, like a soft tissue covering on their mouth to cover their teeth," said one of the authors of the study, Thomas Cullen, an assistant professor of paleobiology at Auburn University.

"This is different than what a lot of prior assumptions had been -- which was that they looked more like crocodiles, having the teeth exposed when

When we looked at enamel thickness on the inside and outside of the teeth in large Tyrannosaurs, they don't show that pattern like a crocodile. They show a pattern more like an animal that has lips

THOMAS CULLEN, AN ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF PALEOBIOLOGY AT AUBURN UNIVERSITY

the mouths were closed and having no lips."

To reach their conclusion, Cullen and the other researchers studied a range of different theropods from various museums and followed several lines of inquiry.

They looked at wear patterns, for example, on the enamel of dinosaur teeth and crocodilians, the most closely related animals to theropods alive today.

Deadly storms, tornado sweep through central

Tornadoes leave devastation across Arkansas, Illinois and Iowa

AFP | Washington

A major storm system bore down on the US east coast yesterday, after producing tornadoes and devastating winds across several central states that killed at least 11 people.

Multiple tornadoes swept through Arkansas on Friday, including in the capital Little Rock, killing at least five people, the state's governor said.

Dozens of others have been reported injured.

Daylight revealed extensive damage in impacted areas, with several homes torn apart, cars overturned, and trees ripped out of the ground.

Governor Sarah Huckabee Sanders has declared a state of



The damaged remains of a neighbourhood is seen in Little Rock, Arkansas

emergency and activated the national guard to help with recovery efforts.

The city of Wynne, in the northeastern part of the state, was "cut in half by damage from east to west," Mayor Jennifer Hobbs told CNN.

The National Weather Service had also issued tornado warnings for several other states, from as far north as Iowa to the southern state of Mississippi, where a twister just last week

killed 25 people and caused extensive property damage.

Calamity struck in the Illinois town of Belvidere, outside of Chicago, when severe weather caused the roof and part of the facade of the Apollo Theater to collapse while a heavy-metal band played on stage inside.

TV footage showed emergency personnel carrying out injured concert-goers on stretchers, while video posted on social

media showed rubble -- some nearly waist-high -- on the floor of the concert venue, and a gaping hole in the roof.

Belvidere Fire Chief Shawn Schadle reported one death and 28 injuries, including five people who were hospitalized with serious injuries.

In the neighbouring state of Indiana, three people were killed by a storm in Sullivan County, several US media reported, citing local authorities.



The destructive weather comes as President Joe Biden tours the aftermath of a deadly tornado that struck Mississippi a week ago

Climate activists turn landmark Rome fountain black

AFP | Rome

Climate activists in Italy turned a Baroque-style fountain at the foot of Rome's Spanish Steps black yesterday, in a protest they said evoked an "end of the world" scenario.

Three activists from the anti-climate change organisation Last Generation poured a vegetable-based carbon liquid into the landmark 17th-century fountain, known to Romans as La Barcaccia, before being escorted away by police.

The fountain, in the shape of a boat, was designed by famed Italian sculptor Pietro Bernini.

Popular tradition has it he was inspired by the discovery



The Barcaccia Fountain at Piazza di Spagna in Rome's historic centre, after the activists poured black liquid

in 1598 of a boat in the square after it was washed inland by a flooding Tiber river, Last Generation said.

Turning the water black "foreshadows the 'end of the world' scenario we are heading for, as we increasingly step on

the accelerator: drought alternating with devastating floods, which will put an end to life on Earth, along with heat waves," it said in a statement.

Last Generation began carrying out peaceful but disruptive protests in Italy last year ahead of the general election, urging politicians from all parties to make climate change their priority.

The protests in Italy are part of a series of actions across Europe to focus attention on climate change.

Activists have thrown soup, cake, mashed potatoes or washable paint at heritage and culture sites and artworks in museums.

Musk's AI letter is a 'hot mess' of hype, say critics

AFP | Washington

A letter signed by Elon Musk and hundreds of experts calling for a pause in the development of artificial intelligence is a "hot mess" of "AI hype" that even misrepresents an academic paper, critics say.

Billionaire Tesla boss Musk and other luminaries wrote that "AI systems with human-competitive intelligence can pose profound risks to society and humanity".

But Timnit Gebru, whose academic paper was cited to support that claim, wrote on Twitter that her article actually warns against making such inflated claims about AI.

"They basically say the opposite of what we say and cite our paper," she wrote.



Big tech companies like Google, Meta and Microsoft have spent years working on AI systems -- previously known as machine learning or big data -- to help with translations, search and targeted advertising



Elon Musk

hype".

The risks of AI, she wrote, were never about AI being "too powerful" but rather they were "about concentration of power in the hands of people, about reproducing systems of oppres-



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TIMNIT GEBRU

sion, about damage to the information ecosystem".

The open letter, published on Wednesday on the website of the Musk-funded Future of Life Institute, called for a six-month pause in development of powerful AI systems.

The signatories, who included academics and tech titans like Apple co-founder Steve Wozniak, argued that the pause should be used to bolster regulation and ensure the systems were safe.

1453

Turkish forces under Sultan Mehmed II begin the siege of Constantinople (Istanbul), which falls May 29



1513

Explorer Juan Ponce de León claims Florida for Spain as the first known European to reach Florida

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US President Woodrow Wilson asks Congress to declare war against Germany

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US position with Assad regime has not changed



Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs Barbara Leaf

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TDT | Manama

Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs Barbara Leaf, stressed that US position with the Assad regime has not changed.

Highlighting the new sanctions on 20th March that rely on export and production, she said, "We do not intend to normalize with the regime ourselves."

The US has already started regular discussion with their partners regarding this issue and exposed the focus of further sanctions against Syria.

These facts were revealed at a recent virtual press briefing over Zoom with Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs Barbara Leaf, about her recent travel to Jordan, Egypt, Libya, Lebanon, and Tunisia.

From March 15 to 23, Leaf has travelled among those countries to reaffirm the US commitment in the region under President Biden's vision.

Pope Francis leaves hospital, quips 'I am still alive'



Pope Francis leaves the Gemelli hospital

AFP | Rome

A jovial Pope Francis joked with well-wishers yesterday as he left hospital after a three-night stay for bronchitis, and headed back to the Vatican to prepare for Christianity's most important week.

The 86-year-old pontiff, who was admitted to Rome's Gemelli hospital on Wednesday with breathing difficulties, got out of the car transporting him and smiled and joked with the crowd.

Asked by someone how he felt, he quipped twice with a big smile "I am still alive!"

Francis will now begin preparations for Holy Week and Easter, the most important week in the Christian calendar.

The pontiff felt unwell Wednesday after a general audience in St Peter's Square, but his condition improved after he was given antibiotics.

On Friday, the pope visited the children's cancer ward at the hospital, handing out chocolate East-

er eggs and baptising a weeks-old baby boy.

As he left yesterday, he reached out to bless sick people, and stopped to hug and pray with distraught parents whose young daughter had just died.

The Argentine pope confirmed yesterday he will preside over Palm Sunday mass in St Peter's Square, the start of a busy week of events leading up to Easter.

Biden tells Russia to release US reporter

AFP | Washington

President Joe Biden on Friday called for Russia to release Wall Street Journal reporter Evan Gershkovich, who is being held on espionage charges, while rebuffing a call from the paper's editorial board to expel Russian journalists from the United States.

Asked by White House reporters what his message was to Russia regarding Gershkovich, a US citizen, Biden said: "Let him go."

The Wall Street Journal's board of opinion editors called in a piece published Thursday afternoon for the expulsion of Russia's ambassador to the United States, as well as "all Russian journalists working here," describing the move as "the minimum to expect."

"The timing of the arrest looks like a calculated provocation to embarrass the US and intimidate the foreign press still working in Russia," it added.

The Journal's editor in chief, Emma Tucker, sent a note to



US President Joe Biden

the newspaper's staff Friday, saying that "we will carry on doing everything in our power to secure Evan's release."

"Your safety and security are what matters most to me, and we will continue to protect that no matter where you may be reporting from," she added.

Speaking to reporters before leaving to view tornado damage in Mississippi, Biden said that expelling Russian journalists was "not the plan right now."

Gershkovich was detained in Yekaterinburg, around 1,100 miles (1,800 kilometers) east of Moscow, and is being held in

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The targeting of American citizens by the Russian government is unacceptable. We condemn the detention of Mr. Gershkovich in the strongest terms

WHITE HOUSE PRESS SECRETARY KARINE JEAN-PIERRE

detention in Moscow until May 29 pending trial.

He is believed to be the first foreign journalist held for spying in post-Soviet Russia, and his arrest is expected to escalate the Kremlin's confrontation with the West amid Moscow's war in Ukraine.

Kremlin spokesperson Dmitry Peskov, responding to the editorial board's demand that all Russian journalists be expelled, said "the newspaper can say that, but it should not happen. There's just no reason for this."

He said that Gershkovich had been caught "red-handed."

Andrew Tate moved from detention to house arrest in Romania

AFP | Bucharest

Controversial influencer Andrew Tate and his brother were released after three months detention in Romania and moved to house arrest while they are investigated for alleged human trafficking and rape.

Tate, a British-American former kickboxer with millions



Andrew Tate (C) and his brother Tristan Tate (L) walk out of the central arrest centre of Bucharest police

of online followers, along with his younger brother and two Romanian women, are under investigation for allegedly "forming an organised criminal group, human trafficking and rape".

Tate, 36, and his brother Tristan, 34, were arrested in late December, and have been held in pre-trial detention ever since, which was again extended last week.

However, an appeals court

"rejected the prosecution's proposal to extend the pre-trial detention" and ordered the pair be placed "under house arrest", according to a court ruling.

Accompanied by their Romanian lawyers, the brothers -- who deny all charges brought against them -- were released around midnight (2100GMT) from the police central arrest premises in Bucharest amid chaotic scenes, an AFP journalist reported.

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As part of the probe, Romanian police have raided several properties connected to the Tate brothers and seized many of their assets, including a collection of luxury cars

Mexico detains migrant accused of starting fire that killed 39

AFP | Mexico City

Mexican prosecutors said that they had arrested a migrant accused of starting a fire that killed 39 people at an immigration detention center near the US border.

Three immigration officials and a private security guard have also been detained as part of a homicide investigation into the blaze that started on Monday night.

Authorities have accused the people in charge of the facility in Ciudad Juarez of doing nothing to evacuate the detainees.

An arrest warrant was outstanding for another guard wanted in connection with the tragedy, Sara Irene Herrerias, a prosecutor specializing in human rights, told a news conference.

She did not identify the mi-



An altar is seen outside the immigration detention center where 39 migrants died during a fire in Ciudad Juarez, Chihuahua state, Mexico

grant accused of starting the fire in a cell where he was being held with 67 other men, apparently in a protest against deportations.

According to the authorities, the deceased were 18 Guatema-

lans, seven Salvadorans, seven Venezuelans, six Hondurans and one Colombian.

The injured were 10 Guatemalans, eight Hondurans, five Salvadorans and five Venezuelans.



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As we mark the 75th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, our worst enemy is complacency. The story of human rights is only half-told. We must continue to make human rights real in the lives of people everywhere. #StandUp4HumanRights
@antoniogetherres

02



#COVID19 exacerbated long-standing health workforce challenges that continue to threaten health systems. Ahead of the 5th Global Forum on Human Resources for Health, my @LinkedIn piece reflects on how to go beyond applause & really support #healthworkers.
@DrTedros

03



Congress can get us closer to a safer America and future for our kids - By banning assault weapons, expanding background checks, and eliminating gun manufacturers' immunity from liability. It's common sense.
@POTUS

04



Don't Look Up ... but AGI instead of comet
@elonmusk

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Ramadan Recipe

Za'atar roaster red potatoes



Ingredients

- 500 grams of baby red potatoes (halved)
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- Zest of one lemon
- 2 tablespoons za'atar (herb spice)
- ¾ teaspoon fine sea salt

For Garnish/Serving

- 3-4 tablespoons tahini sauce
- ¼ cup pomegranate pearls
- 3 tablespoons pistachios (roughly chopped)
- fresh parsley (chopped)

Method:

1. Preheat the oven to 200°C and line the baking sheet pan with parchment paper (or foil).
2. In a large bowl, place the red potatoes, olive oil, lemon zest, za'atar seasoning and salt. Toss well to coat.
3. Now, spread the tossed potatoes on a lined baking sheet pan in a single layer. Roasted for 30-35 minutes or until golden and fork tender (last 4-5 minutes of broiling gives nice crispy potatoes).

To serve:

1. Take it out of the oven and allow it to rest for few minutes (you can dish out the potatoes, sprinkle parsley and serve as is).
2. Transfer to a serving platter, drizzle tahini sauce, top with chopped pistachios and pomegranate pearls, sprinkle chopped fresh parsley and serve right away!

Tunisian coppersmiths bring fresh shine to Ramadan

AFP | Tunis

The eve of Ramadan is a frantic time for Tunisian coppersmith Chedli Maghraoui, who skilfully puts a new shine on families' favourite kitchenware before the Muslim holy month starts.

From couscous pots to beloved tea sets, the metalware gets a professional polish from the 69-year-old craftsman who labours away solo at his workshop in the old city of Tunis.

So great is the pre-Ramadan rush that he has to politely tell customers he is just unable to work any faster: "I can't do it -- I still have other orders and, as you can see, I'm working alone."

Maghraoui scrubs items and uses a method known as hot-dip tinning where he coats the copper with a thin layer of tin to stop metal oxidation -- a process that makes pots gleam like new.

As he reconditions one well-loved pewter piece, he fans an oven fire that heats a pot with the object inside, before brushing it and plunging it into a large bucket of water.

Maghraoui says he is proud to be among the few still practicing the time-honoured craft in the ancient North African city: "It's a tradition that has existed for centuries and it's still alive."

Tunisian women often receive copper or white copper gifts when they get married, or inherit the items from their mothers. Many bring their beloved heirlooms to Maghraoui to protect them a little longer.

"I get a special feeling when I use my shiny pot during Ramadan", said Sana Boukhris, 49, an accountant.



Tunisian coppersmith Chedli Maghraoui (L), 69, holds cooking pots being polished at his workshop in Tunis

“People prepare to have their kitchenware treated before Ramadan so it looks impeccable for the whole month, so the kitchen looks good and women enjoy their pots,”

ABDELIL AYARI

"The tradition reminds me of good times as a child, when my mother would prepare for the holy month. "There is blessing in these things I inherited from my mother."

Cracked skin

Dalila Boubaker, a housewife, said she could only afford to get two pots polished up for Ramadan this year as

households across Tunisia struggle with inflation and high unemployment.

"Everything has become so expensive," sighed Boubaker, with the cost for a polish job now ranging from 20 to 200 dinars (\$6-\$65) per item, depending on the item's size and shape.

Abdeljlil Ayari, who has worked as a coppersmith in the medina for 48 of his 60 years, said the run-up to Ramadan was intense every year.

"People prepare to have their kitchenware treated before Ramadan so it looks impeccable for the whole month, so the kitchen looks good and women enjoy their pots," he said.

Trade is also brisk for beautiful old pieces in the Souk En-Nahhas (copper market) where around 50 shops sell reconditioned coffee makers, teapots, incense burners and

small cups.

Demand is so high that "we're not taking orders anymore," said Mabrouk Romdhane, who at the age of 82 owns three such stores in the market in the heart of the medina.

Ayari said he learnt the trade from his father and started before he was even a teenager, but he now worries that few young people want to follow in his footsteps.

Maghraoui, who bought his workshop 20 years ago from someone who had inherited it but didn't want it, agreed.

"Each death among my colleagues is a loss for this profession and a step towards its disappearance," he said.

Maghraoui held out the palms of his hands, the skin cracked and blackened from his trade, and said: "This generation wants an easy job and doesn't like having this."



A man views freshly-polished cookware at a coppersmith's workshop in Tunis



A coppersmith polishes a couscoussier at a workshop in the medina (old city) of Tunis

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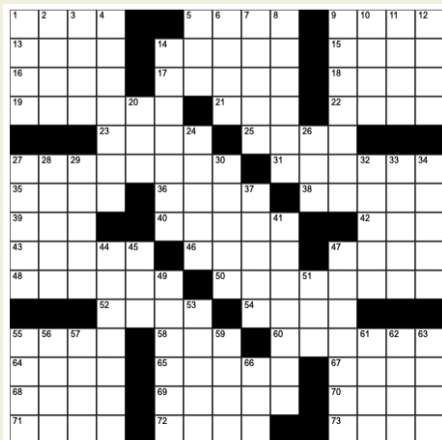
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How to play

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

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Yesterday's solution

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Kvitova downs Cirstea to reach Miami Open final



Petra Kvitova of Czechia celebrates a point against Sorana Cirstea of Romania

AFP | Miami

Petra Kvitova powered into the final of the WTA Miami Open on Friday with a straight sets victory over Romania's Sorana Cirstea.

Czech veteran Kvitova advanced to a Saturday showdown against Wimbledon champion Elena Rybakina with a 7-5, 6-4 win in 1hr 41min.

In a battle of two of the WTA's more experienced players, Cirstea, playing in her first WTA semi-final in a decade, was fastest out of the blocks, taking a 5-2 lead in the first set.

It's 1-1 so we will see tomorrow who is going to take it. She's playing very good, winning Indian Wells, returning here in the final. For sure it's a great achievement

PETRA KVITOVA

But the Romanian, who is enjoying a revival in form having also reached the last eight at Indian Wells, failed to convert on either of the two set points she had on serve at 5-4, with Kvitova breaking twice to take the set.

The Czech's momentum carried over into the second set where she broke Cirstea in the opening game, her third straight break, and from then it was smooth sailing for the 33-year-old.

The two-time Wimbledon winner lost just seven points in five service games in the second set as she advanced to the Miami final for the first time.

Sinner downs Alcaraz to set up Miami final with Medvedev

AFP | Miami

Italy's Jannik Sinner turned on the style to end Carlos Alcaraz's hopes of the "Sunshine Double" and his reign as world number one, triumphing 6-7 (4/7), 6-4, 6-2 in their Miami Open semi-final on Friday.

Sinner will meet Russian Daniil Medvedev in Sunday's final while Alcaraz will lose his number one ranking to Novak Djokovic.

Medvedev reached his fifth straight ATP Tour final with a 7-6 (7/5), 3-6, 6-3 win over fellow Russian Karen Khachanov.

The disappointment for the 19-year-old Alcaraz, the defending champion in Miami and coming off a title at Indian Wells, will be tinged with frustration after he struggled in the third set with leg cramps.

It had been an enthralling and entertaining power-hitting performance from both men in the first set, with an incredible 25-shot exchange in the seventh game, bring the crowd to their feet.

The intense, high quality



Jannik Sinner of Italy returns a shot to Carlos Alcaraz of Spain

When both players play tennis like this it is very nice to play, you can feel it with the crowds. There was just a great energy with everything. It is just nice to be part of matches like this

JANNIK SINNER

set was eventually won by the Spaniard after a tie-break, but an inspired Sinner fought back in the second. Sinner broke in the first game and although Alcaraz broke back to make it 2-2, the 21-year-old Italian sensed his moment was arriving and showed confidence in his powerful groundstrokes.

The world number one was moving with difficulty and was broken on his first serve in the deciding set. Looking in discom-

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Alonso hails best qualifying of 2023 after coming fourth

AFP | Melbourne

Veteran Spanish ace Fernando Alonso missed out on the front row in qualifying for the Australian Grand Prix on Saturday, but hailed his fourth place as the best so far this year.

The Aston Martin star, who started second in Saudi Arabia and has clocked podium finishes in the two grand prix this season, was pipped at the top of the timesheets by Red Bull's Max Verstappen.

He also finished behind revived Mercedes pair George Russell and Lewis Hamilton, but it was a tight finish and the



Aston Martin's Fernando Alonso hops in his car ahead of qualifying

41-year-old said he was very happy.

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FERNANDO ALONSO

ble temperatures and weather. We seemed to improve in every session though and the car felt

good to drive," said the two-time world champion.

"Overall, I think it was probably our best qualifying session so far this season and our closest gap to pole position.

"We will see what we can do tomorrow because our race pace seems to be one of our strengths. We are expecting it to be difficult to overtake, but in these cooler conditions it will be an interesting race with lots of unknowns."

Teammate Lance Stroll will start sixth, sandwiched between Ferrari pair Carlos Sainz and Charles Leclerc, and described the qualifying session as "fun".

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Bangladesh retain Shakib, Liton for Ireland Test despite IPL plea



Shakib Al Hasan
AFP | Dhaka

Bangladesh have included all-rounder Shakib Al Hasan and batsman Liton Das in the squad for their one-off Test against Ireland, ignoring their requests to join the Indian Premier League.

Shakib will lead the hosts in the game from April 4 to 8 in Dhaka while Liton will act as his deputy, the Bangladesh Cricket Board said.

Shakib and Liton are both in the Kolkata Knight Riders and had both requested a discharge from their national duties after Friday's conclusion to the three-match T20 series against Ireland.

"We have been told by the board they are both available for the Test match. That's why they have been included in the squad," chief selector Minhajul Abedin told AFP.

Ahli, Hala triumph in football league

Ahli battle past Budaiya, Hala edge Hidd in week 18 action of 2022/2023 Nasser bin Hamad Bahrain Premier League

● **Abdulla Jassim Al Bahraini, Jamal Rashed on target for Ahli**

● **Abdulaziz Khaled Al Mansouri fires in both goals for Hala**

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Ahli and Al Hala were both victorious last night in their week 18 games of the 2022/2023 Nasser bin Hamad Bahrain Premier Football League.

Ahli battled past Budaiya 2-1 while Hala edged Hidd with a similar 2-1 score line.

Scoring for Ahli in their win were Abdulla Jassim Al Bahraini and Jamal Rashed. Al Bahraini



Abdulla Jassim Al Bahraini, no. 9, celebrates with teammate Hassan Madan after scoring Ahli's first goal

opened their account in the sixth minute with a brilliantly hit volley from inside the box. Al Bahraini was on the receiving end of a cross from the right wing, and he showed his class with his stunning strike.

Budaiya then had a chance to equalise from penalty spot in the 29th minute, but Frederick Ofori Acheampong's spot kick was saved by Ahli goalkeeper Ebrahim Luthfallah, who made a diving stop to his right.

Standings

	P	W	D	L	+/-	Pts
Manama	16	9	4	3	15	31
Al Khaldiya	17	9	4	4	14	31
Sitra	17	8	7	2	10	31
Muharraq	16	8	6	2	15	30
Riffa	17	7	6	4	7	27
Al Ahli	18	7	6	5	1	27
Al Shabab	17	7	2	8	1	23
Al Hala	18	5	6	7	-5	21
Hidd	18	5	5	8	-11	20
East Riffa	17	4	6	7	-5	18
Bahrain Club	16	3	4	9	-8	13
Budaiya	17	1	2	14	-34	5

After the break, Rashed made it 2-0 in the 54th minute with a spectacular curling free-kick from just outside the area. His left-footed effort flew to the top-right corner of goal, past the outstretched arm of the opposing goalkeeper.

Budaiya were able to get a goal

back six minutes after the hour-mark when Acheampong scored on a one-on-one with Luthfallah in a quick counterattack.

Ahli claimed their seventh win and improved to 27 points on the league table. Budaiya suffered their 14th loss and stayed in last place.

Verstappen on pole in Australia as Mercedes bounce back

AFP | Melbourne

Double world champion Max Verstappen claimed pole yesterday for the Australian Grand Prix ahead of Mercedes' George Russell, but his Red Bull teammate Sergio Perez had a torrid time and will start last.

In overcast and cool conditions, Lewis Hamilton in the other Mercedes was third ahead of Aston Martin's Fernando Alonso in a tight session that went to the wire.

Last year's winner Charles Leclerc came seventh in the Ferrari, with his teammate Carlos Sainz fifth.

It was a huge performance from Mercedes, whose W14 has struggled for speed but is clearly improving as they bettered Ferrari.

Lance Stroll in the other Aston Martin will start sixth ahead of Leclerc with Williams' Alexander Albon a shock eighth.

Alpine's Pierre Gasly was ninth with Nico Hulkenberg in



Red Bull Racing's Dutch driver Max Verstappen reacts after taking pole position

a Haas rounding out the top 10.

It was a second pole of the year for Dutchman Verstappen, and the 22nd of his career, after the season-opening race in Bahrain, which he went on to win.

He started from 15th in Saudi Arabia a fortnight ago after mechanical problems, but sliced through the field to come second behind Perez.

The 25-year-old knocked out his rivals with a flying lap at the death of one minute 16.732,

0.236 secs ahead of Britain's Russell.

"I think the last run was very good, the whole weekend has been tough to get the tyres in the right window," said Verstappen, who has never won in Australia and will start on pole for the first time at Albert Park.

"Very happy to be on pole, already looking forward to tomorrow. I think we have a good race car but it is tricky on the tyres, so going to be an interest-



ing race for sure."

But Mexico's Perez -- one point behind Verstappen in the championship standings -- had a horror of a day, struggling with grip and balance.

He left the track four times during the third practice and it didn't get any better in qualifying when he locked up and careened into the gravel at Turn 3 on his first lap.

Mercedes will take 'huge' confidence from Australia: Russell



Mercedes' British driver George Russell in action at the Albert Park Circuit

AFP | Melbourne

George Russell said his Mercedes car was the "best" he had raced and the team took "huge" confidence from qualifying at the Australian Grand Prix regardless of what happens in the race.

The Briton will start from the front row in Melbourne on Sunday alongside dominant Red Bull champion Max Verstappen, with his teammate Lewis Hamilton third.

Their efforts, outpacing Aston Martin's Fernando Alonso and both the Ferraris, raised hopes that they could make the podium.

Team boss Toto Wolff said this week Mercedes had made

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GEORGE RUSSELL

"promising" progress since the first two grand prix of the season, and Russell said he couldn't be happier.

"I think we're learning more about this car, I don't think it is where we want it to be, but it's evolved, just for the set up, from Bahrain to Jeddah to here," he said.

"For sure, the tyres played a big part this weekend ... but just to be two-and-half tenths (of a second) off (Verstappen) when we have been a second on other occasions."

The result marked Mercedes' best Saturday this season, with significant upgrades in the upcoming break after Australia set to improve its W14 car further.

Russell said he was excited by the prospect.

"I think the feeling of the car is not the limitation, it feels pretty decent," he said.

Perez hoping Red Bull solve problem that ruined Australian qualifying

AFP | Melbourne

Dejected Sergio Perez said yesterday he was hoping Red Bull can fix the issue that wrecked his Australian Grand Prix qualifying so he can "minimise the damage" in the race.

The Mexican, who won in Saudi Arabia a fortnight ago, had a horror day in Melbourne as he struggled with grip and balance.

He joined the third practice session 20 minutes late as mechanics worked on his car, but left the track four times when he finally got on the circuit.

The problem persisted in qualifying when he locked up and careened into the gravel at Turn 3 on his first lap, beaching the car that had to be removed



Red Bull Racing's Mexican driver Sergio Perez looks on as marshals remove his car from the side of the track

by a crane.

It means he will start last on Sunday, with a mountain to

climb to get in the points on a track where overtaking isn't easy.

"I hope we are able to fix the technical issue for tomorrow, otherwise it will be really hard to race like this

SERGIO PEREZ

He told reporters the issue seemed to be brake balance, which he thought had been sorted out.

"I hope we are able to fix the technical issue for tomorrow, otherwise it will be really hard to race like this," he said.

"We are confident that together as a team we will be able to sort it out because it's very important that we do so.

Ahli clinch volleyball league bronze medals

TDT | Manama

Ahli last night clinched the bronze medals in the 2022/2023 Isa bin Rashid Bahrain Volleyball League.

Ahli secured their place on the podium after sweeping past Muharraq 3-0 (25-22, 25-20, 25-15) in the game for third place, held at the Isa bin Rashid Arena at the Bahrain Volleyball Association headquarters at Isa Sports City in Riffa.

Ahli were the aggressors from the first serve and never wavered throughout the contest. They were spearheaded by the likes of Canadian professional Jerome Cross, and local stars Naser Anan, Mohammed Anan, Abbas Al Khabbaz, Ali Al-sairafi, Sayed Mohammed Alabbar and Mahmood Abdulhussain, among others.

Muharraq were led by Nigerian Samuel Anthony Ogwuche, Abbas Ehsan, Hussain Khalifa, Hassan Al Haddad and Sayed Ali Mohammed in the loss.

Ahli through to Khalifa bin Salman Cup semis

Three-time defending champions keep hopes alive for historic "four-peat" in prestigious basketball tournament

● Subah Hussain scores 30 to lead three Ahli players with over 20 points

● Ahli next to face winner of quarter-final between Manama and Bahrain Club

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Three-time defending champions Al Ahli punched their tickets to the semi-finals of the 2022/2023

Khalifa bin Salman Cup last night following a resounding 105-82 victory over Al Ettihad.

The game was played at Zain Basketball Arena in Um Al Hassam and the result kept Ahli's hopes alive of securing an historic "four-peat" in the prestigious annual basketball tournament.

Ahli built a big lead early on and never looked back, going up by as many as 30 points the rest of the way.

Ahli are now through to the final four where they will play the winner of the other quarter-final game between league champions Manama and Bahrain Club. Ahli join Sitra as the two teams



Al Ettihad's Sayed Kadhem Majed is guarded by Al Ahli's Subah Hussain during their game last night

who have already qualified for the semis. Sitra await their opponents who will emerge from the round-of-eight clash between Muharraq and Al Hala.

Three players scored over 20 points for Ahli in their big win yesterday. Subah Hussain was their top man with 30. He also took down nine rebounds.

American professional Dakari Johnson added 24 points, 18 rebounds and six assists, while Hesham Sarhan chipped in with 23 points, including five three-pointers. Maitham Jameel also had a double-double for Ahli, contributing 14 points and 10 rebounds while also registering four steals.

Man City thrash Liverpool but Jesus keeps Arsenal eight points clear

AFP | London

Manchester City thrashed Liverpool 4-1 yesterday but remain eight points adrift of Arsenal at the top of the Premier League after Gabriel Jesus scored twice in the Gunners 4-1 win over Leeds.

In the clash between the two sides that have dominated English football over the past five years, City were a class apart despite the absence of Erling Haaland due to injury.

Liverpool went in front through Mohamed Salah's 23rd goal of the season but were blown away in the second half after Julian Alvarez brought City level before the break.

Pep Guardiola's men needed less than a minute in the second period to go in front as Kevin De Bruyne tapped home Riyad Mahrez's cross.

Ilkay Gundogan slammed home the third before Jack Grealish rounded off his best performance in a City shirt with a fine finish for the fourth.

"Now it's the Jack we thought. Aston Villa fans know this Jack," said Guardiola of Grealish, who joined for a Premier League re-



Manchester City's English midfielder Jack Grealish (R) celebrates with teammates after scoring their fourth goal

cord £100 million in 2021.

"Nothing changed, it's just a question of believing I am part of that, and I can be here."

A sobering defeat is another blow to Liverpool's hopes of a top-four finish as the Reds slip to eighth in the table.

Seventh heaven for Arsenal

Arsenal did not feel the pressure of City briefly cutting the gap before kick-off at the Emirates as Jesus marked his first

league start since November with a double.

Bukayo Saka was handed a rare rest by Mikel Arteta and Jesus took responsibility from the penalty spot in his absence to open the scoring 10 minutes before half-time.

Jesus was sidelined for three months after picking up a knee injury at the World Cup but the former City forward's return for the run-in could deny his old club a fifth title in six years.



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PEP GUARDIOLA

The Brazilian fired home his second goal of the game after Ben White doubled Arsenal's lead early in the second half.

Rasmus Kristensen pulled a goal back for Leeds, but Granit Xhaka rounded off the scoring as Arsenal made it seven consecutive league wins for the first time under Arteta.

Brighton and Brentford shared the points after a thrilling 3-3 draw.

Three times Brentford led at the Amex through Pontus Jansson, Ivan Toney and Ethan Pinnock.

But the Seagulls grabbed a deserved point thanks to Alexis Mac Allister's late penalty after Kaoru Mitoma and Danny Welbeck also equalised in the first half.

A point apiece sees both sides edge above Liverpool and within six points of the top four.

Rajapaksa helps Punjab bag opening IPL win over Kolkata



Punjab Kings' Shikhar Dhawan (L) and Bhanuka Rajapaksa run between the wickets

AFP | New Delhi

Sri Lanka's Bhanuka Rajapaksa smashed 50 to set up a seven-run win for Punjab Kings in their rain-hit opening Indian Premier League match against Kolkata Knight Riders yesterday.

The left-handed Rajapaksa's 32-ball knock and a late charge by big-buy Sam Curran, who hit an unbeaten 26, powered Punjab to 191-5 after being invited to bat first in Mohali.

Left-arm quick Arshdeep Singh led the bowling charge with three wickets to restrict two-time champions Kolkata to 146-7 in 16 overs when rain stopped play and Punjab won by the DLS method.

Rajapaksa set the tone for the team's domination with skipper Shikhar Dhawan, who made 40, in an 86-run second-wicket stand before the Sri Lankan big-hitter departed.

Curran, a left-handed all-rounder who became the most expensive IPL player when Punjab paid \$2.23 million in the December auc-



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tion, proved his worth with a 17-ball blitz including two sixes.

Punjab replaced Rajapaksa with fast bowler Rishi Dhawan under the new "impact player" rule among other innovations in the T20 tournament.

The impact player, who can only be an Indian unless the team has fewer than four overseas players in their XI, is chosen from one of five substitutes listed with the team.

Madrid's Ancelotti confirms 'exciting' Brazil interest

AFP | Madrid

Carlo Ancelotti confirmed the interest of the Brazilian national team in hiring him and his excitement at the prospect, but said yesterday he wanted to fulfil his contract with Real Madrid.

The Italian said the Brazilian Football Federation (CBF) want him to replace Tite, after the coach stepped down following the Selecao's World Cup 2022 surprise quarter-final exit, with Ramon Menezes currently in



Carlo Ancelotti

charge on an interim basis.

Ancelotti's contract with Real Madrid ends in June 2024 and the veteran Italian, 63, says he will respect his deal with the

Spanish champions.

"Yes, the reality is that the Brazilian national team want me, I love that and it excites me," Ancelotti told a news conference.

"After that, you have to respect the contract, a contract that I want to see out."

Ancelotti said he is happy at Real Madrid in his second spell at the club, but that nobody knows what could happen in the future.

"Everyone can say what they want, and then there's the real-

ity," added Ancelotti.

"In my case, it's quite simple. I have a contract and I want to see it out, because I like Real Madrid, I like this club and anything that can happen after that is in the future, and nobody knows the future."

Madrid are currently second in La Liga, trailing leaders Barcelona by 12 points.

Ancelotti's side host Real Valladolid on Sunday in the top flight before facing Barcelona in the Copa del Rey semi-final second leg on Wednesday.